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New housing director at work in Northville

Tracey Emmanuel is the new housing director at Allen Terrace, a city-owned residential complex for senior citizens in Northville.

Emmanuel, who previously worked for the Livonia Housing Commission, manages the apartment building, oversees the work of the office and maintenance staff and handles the day-to-day operations of providing fully functioning



Emmanuel

apartments for 109 people.

She takes over from Sherry Necelis, who recently retired. The job pays about \$63,000 a year.

Emmanuel started just before the holidays, when property maintenance and bud-

get planning are typically high priorities, and had to deal right away with several urgent maintenance issues. "It's different every single day," she said.

She meets monthly with both the resident council, which consists of 10 people who live at the complex, and the Northville Housing Commission, which oversees the budget needs, maintenance and capital improvements.

The resident council keeps seniors engaged and interacting with others by planning games, friendly competitions, movies and parties.

Emmanuel said it's the people who make the job most exciting. "It's a population that I get along with well," she said.

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Schlack announces campaign for state House seat

Gary Schlack of Plymouth, a U.S. Army veteran, former substitute teacher and small businessman in the logistics industry, has announced his bid for the Democratic nomination for the 20th District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives. The district, represented by first-term Rep. Jeff Noble R-Plymouth, includes the communities of Plymouth and Northville and part of Canton. Schlack has been on the campaign trail since last April.

"I am running because I believe in helping those who can't defend themselves and, as an expecting father, I want a better life for my son," he said. "We need an economy that gives everyone a fair shot, that protects public education, that rebuilds our crumbling infrastructure, that provides public safety and makes sure no one has to make the choice between filling their grocery cart or filling their prescription."



Schlack

Schlack is hosting a campaign launch fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the Canton Brew Works, 8521 Lilley Road. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Growing up in southwest Detroit, Schlack was class president during his senior year of high school and was president of his fraternity. Before the start of his junior year, Schlack temporarily left college and joined the U.S. Army, earning the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

"The army taught me about the importance of selfless service to our country and gave me the moral courage to always stand up for what you believe in,"

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Harminder Singh wraps a Sikh turban on student Mahdi Khalife's head. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Religious diversity project links students, Sikhs

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Raman Singh, addressing a diverse group of seventh-graders visiting a Sikh place of worship in Plymouth Township, had a strong message of religious unity.

Sikhs, Hindus, Christians, Muslims and Jews may worship in different ways, but their similarities — their yearning for a better world — outweigh their differences.

"There should be no barriers between us," Singh said. People of all faiths should vow to better understand one another, to improve the world and to help others "without discrimination," she said.

Singh's message is at the core of Religious Diversity Jour-

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Sikh community members serve lunch to students. The meal is traditionally served before worship services begin. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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he said.

After returning home, Schlack graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Michigan State University and began serving the community as a substitute teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Northville Public Schools districts. After exploring different career paths, Schlack chose to work in logistics.

Schlack held an internship for the then-U.S. Sen. John Kerry's campaign for president in 2004 and was a volunteer for both President Barack Obama's re-election campaign in 2012 and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2016. Schlack is married to his wife Bridget and an expectant father to the couple's first child.

For more information, go to www.GarySchlack.com or on Facebook.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will re-open each Sunday starting in June 2018. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 1:15-3:15 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

Lecture Series: Great Lakes Light-house Preservation: 7 p.m. March 28.

New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

Fairy Garden Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. April 21.

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Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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Emmanuel

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When she first arrived, she said, "The residents were so welcoming. They are so engaging and positive. They like living here and it shows."

Emmanuel plans to seek out more grant money to keep up with the continuous improvement needed at the building, which has 98 one-bedroom units and two, two-bedroom units. Revenue comes primarily through rents.

High on her list of things to do is visiting assisted-living centers and long-term care facilities in the Northville area to identify those that would be well-suited for Allen Terrace residents who require a facility that offers assistance with personal care and health matters.

"Everybody wants to age in place, but you can't necessarily do that in an apartment community designed for independent living," said Emmanuel, who plans to become certified in senior housing.

"Because Northville is a compact community with a lot of walkable streets and businesses, the residents can get around pretty easily," she added. "It helps that there is a Kroger on Center Street." The store is about three blocks from Allen Terrace.

Emmanuel served in the U.S. Army for four years in the mid-1980s. She has a bachelor's degree in business ad-



Allen Terrace is a Northville-owned housing complex for senior citizens with 100 apartments. FILE PHOTO

ministration from Eastern Michigan University.

She and her husband Mike live in Livonia and have three adult daughters.

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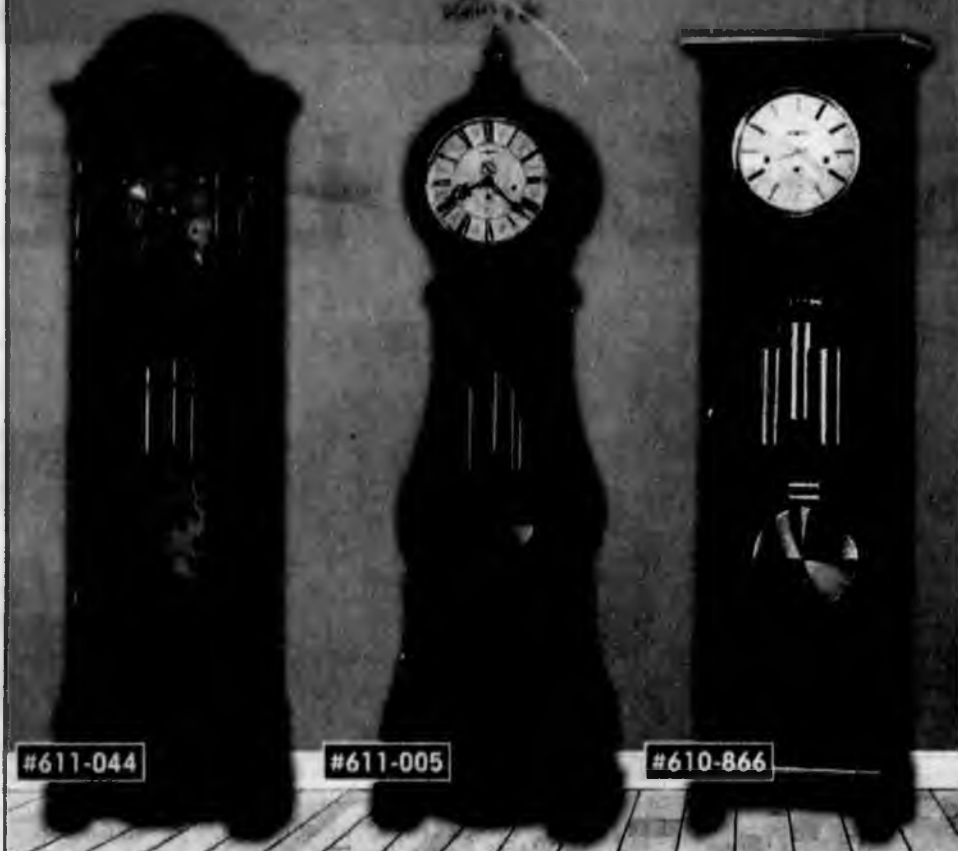
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State Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, participated recently in the seventh annual legislative polar plunge on the state Capitol lawn. This was his second year participating. As a part of a polar plunge tradition of jumping in a costume, Noble dressed as an ancient Roman. All donated funds support year-round sports training and athletic competitions for more than 23,000 adults and children with intellectual disabilities in Michigan.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Woman reports theft of clothing from porch

Clothing worth \$144 was reported stolen from the front porch of a house on Highland Lane, in the area of Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The clothing had been ordered from Amazon and was to have been delivered via UPS, the complainant told police, a Northville Township Police Department report said.

The woman reported the theft Feb. 19, telling police she had only recently remembered that she hadn't yet received her order. UPS confirmed the package had been delivered on Jan. 19, she said.

Amazon provided a refund, the woman said.

Pothole trouble, no license

A 25-year-old Southfield woman, her Ford Escape disabled by a pothole, was arrested Feb. 17 for driving with a suspended license.

The woman already had 11 suspensions on her record, as well as four outstanding arrest warrants, a police report said.

Police found her on northbound Haggerty, north of Five Mile, shortly after 10 a.m. She told police she had run into a pothole; police said the Escape's rear left wheel was heavily damaged.

She was later released on a \$700 bond with a driving-while-suspended citation and is to appear in court Wednesday, March 14, to answer the charge.

— By Matt Jachman

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Once your tour is finished, you are invited to warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center, where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove. Pure Michigan maple syrup will be available for purchase and free recipes are offered for you to try with your maple syrup at home.

The maple syrup tours are scheduled for 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through March 31. The cost is \$7 per person; children age 2 and under are free. Space is



Find out how maple syrup is made with a tour at Maybury Farm. SUBMITTED

limited, so arrive early to reserve your spot. To schedule a private tour for groups of 15 or more, call 248-374-0200.

Maybury Farm is at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. For more information, go to www.mayburyfarm.org.

City failed to collect \$50K in fees

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

When someone wants to construct a building, needs a rezoning or some other work that requires a review by consultants, a city is supposed to collect fees that will cover those expenses and put the money into an escrow account.

South Lyon hasn't been doing that for reasons that are somewhat unclear. Police Chief Lloyd Collins, serving as interim city manager, reported to the city council Feb. 26 that at the end of the last fiscal year, City Manager Lynne Ladner had directed the city auditors to write off \$50,000 that wasn't billed or collected for various review fees. Those fees were viewed as uncollectable, which means the city had to cover the expense.

During the current fiscal year, Collins said there is \$38,406 in fees that haven't been billed or collected. Asked why those fees were collected and placed in the escrow account, Collins said that was his question.

As part of trying to determine why the fees weren't be collected or billed accordingly, Collins said he had spoken with former employees such as the administrative assistant to the city manager and it appears that, when people left, no one was directed to take over those duties.

"That's the problem with the city. A 21st century workforce shouldn't need to be told that," Councilwoman Margaret Kurtzweil said.

Under further questioning from Kurtzweil about the uncollected fees, Collins said he notified council of the issue as soon as he discovered it and pointed out that he had been interim city manager for only two months.

Ladner was initially expected back to work in late February or early March, but now isn't scheduled to return until sometime in June.

Contact LeAnne Rogers at lroggers@hometownlife.com or 734-883-9039.

Asner to appear in Village Theater production

Ed Asner will take the audience on a comedic journey of pain, laughter and anatomy — not necessarily in that order — during his one-man show, "Ed Asner: A Man and His Prostate," coming to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

Audiences will watch as Asner brings to life the true story of screenwriter and television producer Ed Weinberger's Italian vacation that takes an unexpected turn, one that scares the life out of him and, at the same time forces self-reflection and appreciation for what he has.

Asner has been an enduring presence in television, film and stage for 60 years. Developing his craft in Chicago and New York, Asner established himself as a solid and versatile performer, regularly featured in roles on the big screen and in such landmark television series as "The Outer Limits," "Gunsmoke," "The Wild



Asner

Wild West," "Ironside," and "Mission Impossible," totaling more than 100 television credits.

In the '70s, his role as Lou Grant in the long-running hit sitcom "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" catapulted him to stardom. He then cemented himself as an "actor's actor," perpetuating his character in the dramatic series "Lou Grant." Asner is the only actor to have won an Emmy for the same role in both a comedy and a drama (five total as Lou Grant). He went on to win two more Emmy Awards for roles in the miniseries "Roots" and "Rich Man, Poor Man."

"Ed Asner: A Man and His Prostate" is written and produced by Weinberger. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Weinberger began his TV career after he dropped out of Columbia University to

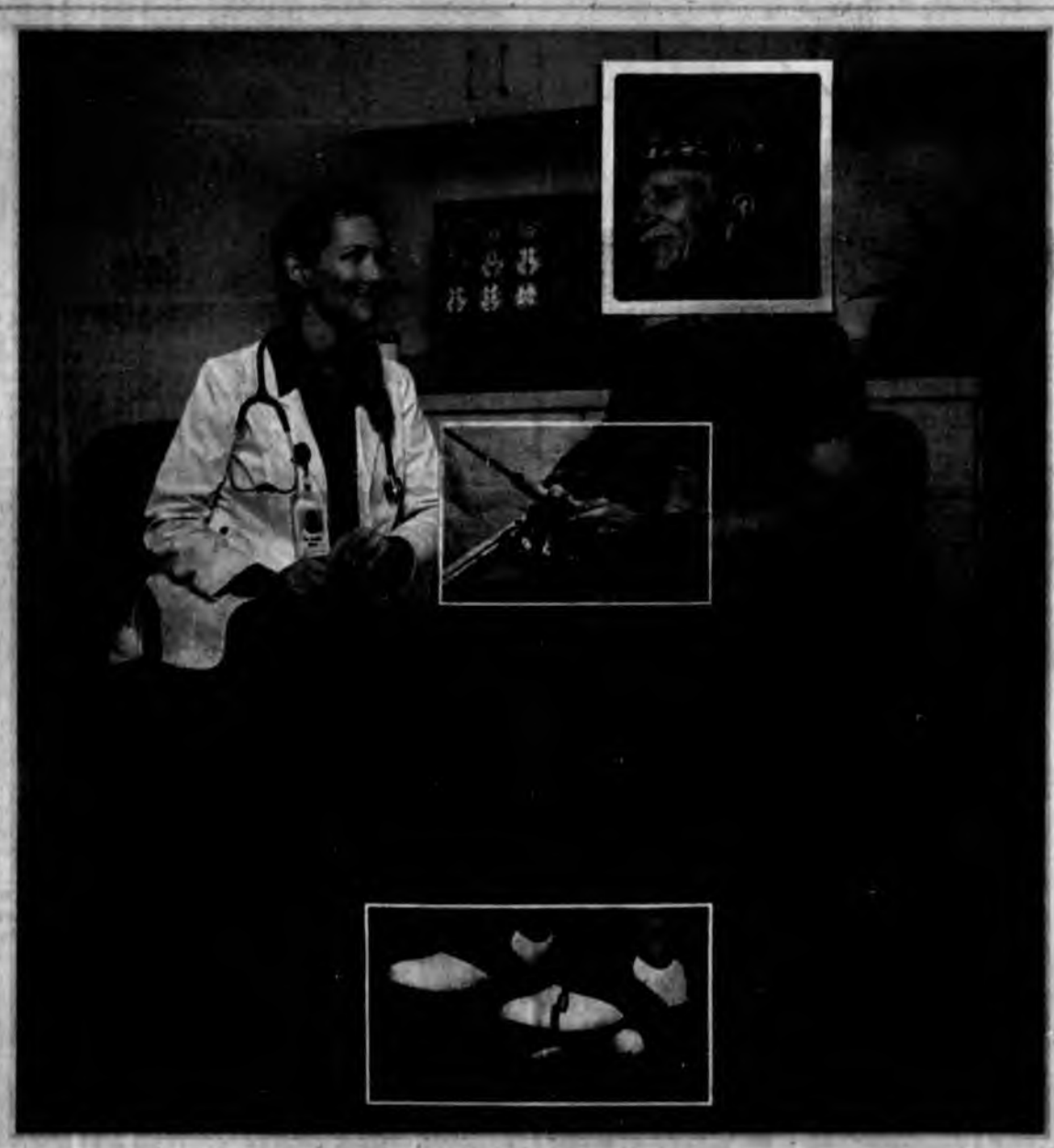
begin a writing career for stand-up comedians Dick Gregory and Richard Pryor. His first job in television was writing for "The Tonight Show" starring Johnny Carson. He was also a contributing writer for Bob Hope, "The Dean Martin Variety Hour" and "The Cosby Show," which ran for eight years, receiving nine Emmy nominations.

Weinberger also wrote for the TV series "Taxi," for which he was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series.

Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$22 for seniors. VIP tickets are \$37 and will include a post-show meet-and-greet opportunity with Asner. Tickets are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, one hour prior to show time.

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Local officials: Be safe venturing out onto the ice



Lt. Larry Gauthier
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In consideration of the recent fluctuating temperatures, the Farmington Hills Fire Department wants to ensure that all residents give consideration prior to venturing onto frozen ponds.

When it comes to judging whether a frozen pond or lake is safe, there really is no sure answer. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature or whether or not the ice is covered with snow.

Strength is based on all of these factors, plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice and local climatic conditions.

Some cold facts about ice:

- New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially thawed ice may not. Ice formed by melted and refrozen snow appears milky, is porous and is also very weak.

- Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two thick just a few feet away.

- Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current. Ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is further from the shore.

- The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support; it should be considered unsafe.

- Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

Checking ice thickness

Ice thickness should be checked prior to beginning any activity. If you have not done so, consider yourself in harm's way. This can be done easily by using any of the following tools:

- Ice chisel
- Ice auger
- Cordless drill
- Tape measure

For new, clear, solid ice, the following general guidelines may be used:

- 2 inches or less — stay off
 - 4 inches — ice fishing or other activities on foot
 - 8 inches — snowmobile or ATV
- Final considerations:
- Never venture onto the ice alone or without telling your plans to a responsible adult.

- Avoid crossing frozen bodies of water in a single file.

- Look for large cracks or depressions in the ice.

- Never drive a car or truck on the ice.
- Avoid standing or walking in areas with a group of people.

- Always wear a life jacket when on the frozen surface of a lake or river.

- Learn and practice rescue techniques by using ropes, boats, ladders, etc.

- Consider carrying a pair of ice picks. These are designed for a self-rescue and are two handles with a nail device in one end attached to each other by a length of rope.

- If your pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue it, call 9-1-1.

- Do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 immediately if you or someone else is in need of help. Firefighters are trained in utilizing special equipment for ice rescue.

Sources: Michigan DNR, Minnesota DNR, Haddams-Killingworth Patch.

Lt. Larry M. Gauthier is a fire and safety educator with the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Contact him at 248-871-2820 or LGauthier@fhgov.com.

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Danielle Stislicki (far right) at the wedding of her brother Matthew and wife Nicole, which took place Feb. 28, 2016, Danielle's 28th birthday. STISLICKI FAMILY PHOTO

Family waits for closure in missing woman's case

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com
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Because their birthdays are so close, Chris Paliewicz and his niece, Danielle Stislicki, would routinely celebrate them together.

This year, as happened last year, that celebration went on as always, but with a major part of it missing.

Danielle Stislicki's 30th birthday passed Wednesday, with her family and friends stuck in limbo, praying, waiting and hoping for some closure in the case of the missing Farmington Hills woman, who disappeared Dec. 2, 2016, and hasn't been seen since.

"There's a big hole," Paliewicz posted

on his Facebook page. "We have all stuck together to cover that empty space, but it's still there. You can't avoid it ... but what you can do is fill it with all the great memories Danielle gave to us."

It's a big hole for everyone. Stislicki was last seen leaving work Dec. 2, 2016. By now the details are well-known: Her car turned up at her Farmington Hills apartment complex the next day. Police have conducted dozens of searches and continue to investigate.

Floyd Galloway, who pleaded guilty in an unrelated case to kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-assault with intent to commit sexual penetration and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder by strangulation



Danielle Stislicki

in a Livonia courtroom last November, has been identified as a person of interest in the Stislicki disappearance.

Galloway was sentenced to 16-35 years in the Livonia case. So far, he has not been charged in the Stislicki case and Farmington Hills police are mum on any possible evidence.

For family and friends, life without Danielle has become a grim reality, one her mother, Ann Stislicki of Howell, said they are "learning to cope with."

"Grief is a tremendous challenge we face daily, with emotions that vary frequently," Ann Stislicki said. "Our employers have been patient and empathetic as we attempt to manage daily activities outside the comfort zones of our

homes since her disappearance."

As they have for more than a year now, Stislicki family members have relied on support they've gotten through family, friends and even complete strangers, largely via social media.

There have been shows of support through the distribution of #finddani bracelets, websites (finddani.org) and Facebook pages (Find Danielle Stislicki). Countless people have had #finddani adorn car windows. Word of mouth has helped keep Danielle's name and case in the forefront.

"We have been very blessed to have the support from our family, friends, co-workers and country-wide followers," Ann Stislicki said.

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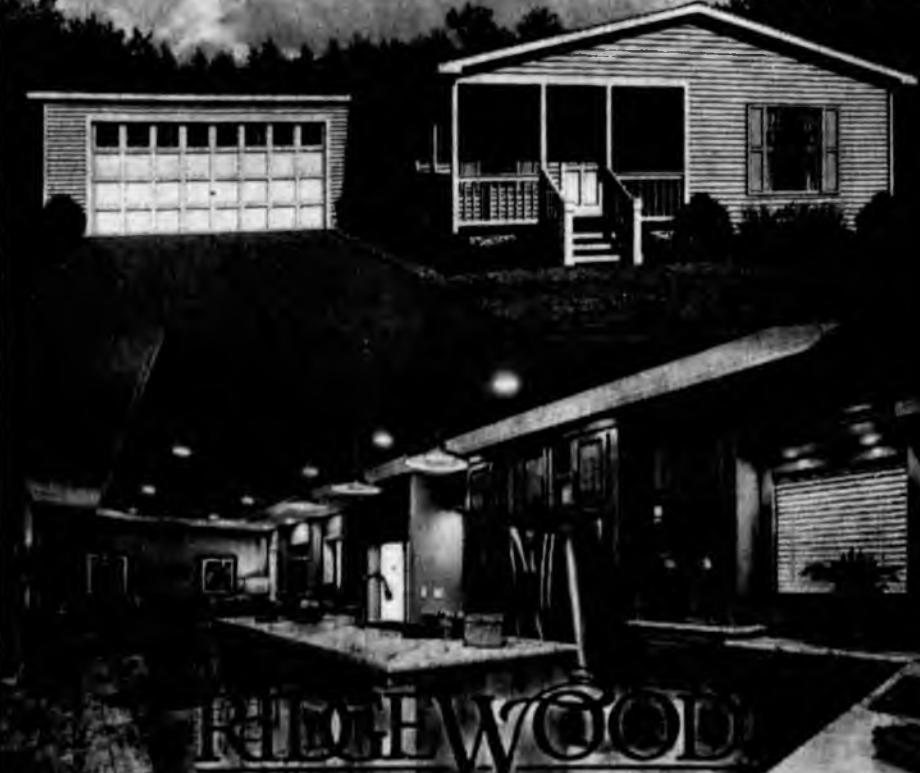
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A crowd estimated at some 500 people turned out for a candlelight vigil for Danielle Stislicki shortly after her disappearance. BRAD KADRICH

Stislicki

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Now, the family is hoping people will do one more thing in honor of Danielle's 30th birthday: Pay it forward.

"We are asking Facebook followers to do an act of kindness in recognition of (Danielle's) birthday and share that she continues to be missing," her mother said. "Our family will always continue to recognize her birthday, as many do when their loved one is no longer with them."

It's not like the case has gone cold. In the 15 months since Danielle disappeared from that Southfield office building, the Farmington Hills Police Department has initiated 78 search warrants. Officers have searched Galloway's Berkley home multiple times, while a search last summer of Hines Park in Livonia turned up nothing.

Police Chief Charles Nebus won't name a suspect. "We don't offer information on suspects unless someone is charged," he said. But thanks to DNA related to both cases, Galloway remains a person of interest.

"I believe there is someone out there who can help," Nebus said. "Sometimes the person does not know the information they have is important, sometimes the person is afraid to come forward and sometimes the

person does not come forward because they choose to protect a killer or because they believe the person is innocent.

"(But) I still do believe the case will be solved, but I can't say when," he added. "I do know that no one at the Farmington Hills Police Department will rest until justice is served."

Ann Stislicki understands and supports the police attitude — "Law enforcement agencies continue to work on her case, remain silent on the details and we understand that process," she said — and continues to focus her attention where it's always been — on Danielle.

"We talk about Danielle frequently, laugh out loud with the thoughts of her silliness and enjoy our memories as this attempts to soften the heartache that she has not been located," Ann said.

As for that big empty space in the lives of Danielle's family, her uncle believes Danielle is filling that hole.

"Her spirit has occupied that space since she has been gone," Chris Paliewicz said. "She is with us, every day, all day and all night. She never leaves us. She is in our dreams, daydreams and songs. She's in our funny stories, our movie quotes, our family photos. She is truly in our hearts."

Contact Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @bkadrich.

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Runestad welcomes residents

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, March 9, at the following times and locations:

- 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake
- 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland
- Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

SLAYA recognition program

The South Lyon Area Youth Assistance will hold its 19th annual youth recognition program Monday, May 21, for youths in grades 6-12 in the South Lyon Community Schools district. The group is looking for nominations for this recognition.

Nominees will be selected on the basis of a commitment to volunteer services performed within the past year. Any individual or organization is eligible to submit nominations. SLAYA will receive nominations for consideration through Thursday, April 12. The students and nominators will be invited to attend the youth recognition program.

SLAYA will again be awarding two scholarships for the Julie Berz Outstanding Youth Volunteer to exceptional youth who will be continuing to college or trade school. The Lyon Area Rotary Club will also be awarding two Lyon Area Rotary Scholarships.

The awards from both organizations are reserved for graduating seniors who have exhibited exceptional leadership and character within the area of community service and volunteerism. If you nominate a student for the either the Julie Berz Scholarship or the Lyon Area Rotary Scholarship, you do not need to also nominate them for a Youth Recognition Award.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Call the South Lyon Area Youth Assistance office at 248-573-8189

or to request nomination forms.

AAUW meetings

The American Association of University Women-Northville Novi affiliate exists to promote equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 9. Learn about the Walled Lake Casino where Detroiters once came to dance.

For meeting details and reservations, send an email to rlYork03@gmail.com. For information about AAUW-NN and membership, go to www.aauwnn.org.

Poetry Art Night at SHAC

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to an evening of art, poetry readings and live music at its 26th annual Poetry Art Night Celebration 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, in Milford. This exhibit pairs original art and poetry that is judged for awards, including a people's choice award that everyone can vote for. Open to the public and free of charge, donations are welcome.

Finger food and beverages will be served and all proceeds benefit programs of the VFAA, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The exhibit will also be open through April 24 during SHAC hours. For more information, email contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call 248-797-3060.

Northville Art House young artist fair

The Northville Art House will present its second annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street. More than 30 young artists, in grades 2-12, will showcase their diverse talents and be selling their original artwork. Featured work will include acrylics and watercolor paintings, photography, illustrations and drawing, sculpture, jewelry, fiber art and more.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase to support the First Presbyterian Youth Group's mission trip to Puerto Rico this July. Suggested donation is \$3 at the door. Children under age

12 get in free.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

Flamenco concert at HVCA

The Huron Valley Council for the Arts will present *Compañeros de Flamenco* at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, guitarist featuring Bill Doub and dancers Holly Matthews and Michelle Millman and showcasing the exciting, rich musical history of Flamenco Espana.

The concert will be held at 205 W. Livingston Road in Highland and also features visual works from local artists. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by visiting the HVCA, by calling 248-889-8660 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at Main Street Art, 432 N. Main Street, in Milford or at www.huronvalleyarts.org.

Death and Dying series

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., in Milford is offering a Lenten series that is open and free to the community called Death and Dying: The Practicality and Spirituality of the End of Life. The program begins at noon and will run for about an hour each Sunday during Lent through March 18.

Each session will be facilitated by professionals from a variety of disciplines, including a funeral director, a priest, a hospice chaplain, a financial adviser and an attorney. You may decide to sign up for the whole series or decide to attend sessions that interest you most. The schedule:

■ March 11 - Financial matters (Thomas Forbes, Morgan Stanley)

■ March 18 - Estate planning and other legal affairs (Ralph A. Castelli Jr., Kemp Klein Law Firm)

To sign up or for any questions, call 248-684-0495 or email office@stgeorgesmilford.org.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will be meeting noon Monday, March 12, at the Cady Inn in Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Street. Members will gather for lunch, followed by the monthly meeting and program. "Vegetable Gardens in Michigan" will be presented by Joe Bar-

son of Barson's Greenhouse of Westland.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

Huron Valley Audubon Society

The Huron Valley Audubon Society will start the 2018 season at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, featuring Dana DeBennham of the Howell Nature Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation Department, at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center on Highridge Drive. The program is open to the public, but there is an entrance fee into the park.

Huron Valley Audubon Society meets the second Monday of each month from March through December. The group also sponsors bird counts at Kensington and have field trips during the year. For more information, go to Facebook/[huronvalleyaudubonsociety](https://www.facebook.com/huronvalleyaudubonsociety) or email hvas@att.net.

St. Patrick's Day at VFW

VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main Street, of Northville welcomes the community to enjoy St. Patrick's Day with their veterans Saturday, March 17. It will offer a corn beef sandwich, pickle and cold slaw for \$7 starting at 2 p.m. until the supply runs out.

The Saddle Rock Band will be entertaining, playing '50s and '60s rock from 8 p.m. until midnight. No cover charge or admission.

Northville Marketplace event

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for the annual Northville Marketplace event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. The Marketplace will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses.

The early bird registration fee of \$75 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, setup assistance and four tickets to the event. The Northville Marketplace application form is available on the chamber web-

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site at www.northville.org or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640.

MOMS sale

A South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon.

Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards. Admission is \$1.

Candy sale for disabled

Members of Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 Knights of Columbus will conduct the 43rd annual State M.I. Drive to assist those with intellectual disabilities. Member will be at both Kroger and Busch's and on public streets in their yellow vests Friday through Sunday, March 23-25, to take accept donations in exchange for a Tootsie Roll.

In previous years, the money donated has gone to South Lyon Community Schools district special education, Special Olympics South Lyon Special Stars, St. Louis Center in Chelsea and Special Olympics MISO Area 27.

K. of C. fish fry

The Knights of Columbus, Council 7586, will sponsor a fish fry during Lent 4-7 p.m. each Friday through March 23, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. Carry outs are available 4-6:30 p.m.

Salem Historical Society dinner

The Salem Area Historical Society will host its annual dinner and auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Fox Hills Golf Course clubhouse, 8768 N. Territorial Road. Tickets are \$42 or \$37 for SASH members.

Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, sports memorabilia,

historical items and restaurant gift certificates. Contact Terry at 248-486-0669 to donate items for auction. All proceeds go to support SAHS.

Reservations can be made at www.sahshistory.org, via PayPal at www.sahshistory.org or by email at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Art House members' exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, announces the 12th annual members' exhibition, showcasing the talents of current member artists through original works of art created in a variety of media and styles. The exhibition runs through Saturday, March 24, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthhouse.org.

Support children in foster care

Parents of African-American Students in Novi will host a volunteer event at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. PAASN and partners Novi Rotary and HAP will be making a difference by funding, packing and decorating new duffel bags filled with supplies like a hygiene kit, a teddy bear and a blanket. Registration is required at <http://bit.ly/2FAVpxx>.

K. of C. fish fry

The Knights Of Columbus, Council 7444, will sponsor a fish fry during Lent 5-7:30 p.m. each Friday through March 30, at St. Mary Our Lady Of The Snows Church, 1955 E. Commerce, in Milford. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$7 for teens, \$6 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 6 and under. Carryouts are available.

AAUW members to read in March

The American Association of University Women-Northville Novi affiliate will celebrate both National Reading Month and National Women's History Month by reading to Northville and Novi K-5 students in March. Member volunteers will read from age-appropriate biographies about women.

To learn more about AAUW-NN, go to www.aauwnn.org.

Annual creek clean-up

South Lyon's 14th annual creek clean-up will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Volunteers meet at 400 McMunn Street (Michigan Seamless Tube and Pipe truck parking lot). They will remove trash and debris from area creeks and streams.

Plan on mud and water. Please bring rubber boots, and gloves. Wear warm clothing, hats and sunscreen. Also needed are pickup trucks to haul trash to dumpster. Sponsored by: Michigan Seamless Tube and Pipe, South Lyon Area Boy Scouts and the city of South Lyon Storm Water Management Planning Program.

Road rally scavenger hunt

The American Legion Auxiliary of Ernest E. Oldenburg Post 216, 510 W. Commerce Road, in Milford is sponsoring a road rally scavenger hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Cost is \$10 per person and includes prizes and dinner. RSVP to 248-684-9919.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, has a rotating exhibit of its member artwork in the library community room. The current exhibit features the artwork of Pam Siegfried. Her work is also currently on display at Heritage Park in Farmington. Siegfried's artwork will be displayed until April, after which another artist will have a turn.

Artists interested in participating should contact Linda Onderko of the VFAA at 248-842-6789. The free exhibit is open during regular library hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To learn more about the VFAA and the Suzanne Haskew Arts Center, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Operation Injured Soldiers golf outing

Operation Injured Soldiers will be hosting its ninth annual golf outing Friday, May 18, at the Links of Novi, 50395

W. 10 Mile Road. Operation Injured Soldiers is a nonprofit organization based in South Lyon that provides recreational opportunities to wounded military veterans of all eras.

Golfers and sponsors can register online at www.injuredsoldiers.org/golfouting. For more information, call 248-437-3130.

Salem Historical Society yard sale

The Salem Area Historical Society will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, on the grounds of Jarvis-Stone School Historic District, 7991 North Territorial Road. This will be a community-wide yard sale featuring flea market and resale items. You can buy a space to sell your items or you can donate items to SAHS, with all proceeds from the sale going to SAHS general fund.

Vendors welcome. Reservations will be accepted until May 10. Cost for a 15-by-15-foot space is \$15 for non-members and \$10 for SAHS members. This is for space only; tables and space coverings are not provided. There is no electricity.

For more information, go to www.SAHShistory.org or email SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

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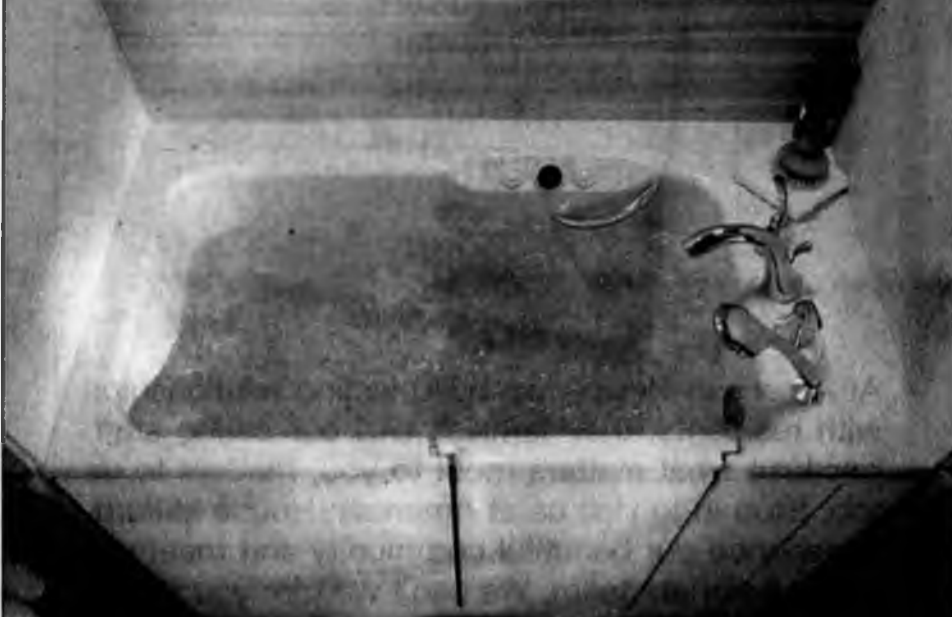
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Money Matters
Rick Bloom
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It's that time of year, when many of you are about to receive your 2017 tax refund. Many people look at tax refunds as a bonus or as found money and look for ways to spend it frivolously on themselves. I, on the other hand, would encourage you to look at your tax refund not as a bonus, but rather an opportunity to help get yourself in better financial shape.

In 2017, the average tax refund was nearly \$3,000. Although \$3,000 is not going to radically change your life, it is enough to make an impact on your fi-

ancial affairs. You don't want to miss an opportunity to better your financial situation. Here are some ideas for your tax refund that could help with your overall finances.

For those who have charge card debt, one of the best financial moves you can make is to take your tax refund and pay down that debt. The average charge card interest in America is about 20 percent and is not tax-deductible. By paying down charge card debt, you're getting an after-tax return of about 20 percent. I can assure you no investment can guarantee you a higher rate of return. In addition to the rate of return, when you pay down debt, you are also significantly improving your financial health.

For those who do not have debt, a tax

refund can go a long way in helping you build an emergency fund. We all need money set aside to handle unexpected expenses such as a new air conditioner or repairs on your car. As opposed to going into debt for these items, it's nice to have an emergency fund you can tap into.

Another option is to invest the money. If you qualify, you can make a Roth IRA contribution and have that money grow tax-free for your future. If you don't qualify for a Roth IRA, you can add this money to your current investment or use it to further diversify yourself.

Another potential opportunity is to use the money to save for your child or grandchild's college education. Using a 529 plan such as the Michigan Education Savings Plan allows you to invest

money tax-free for a loved one's education. We all know how expensive college is and anything you can save to help a loved one with their education will be greatly appreciated.

One last note: If you are receiving too large of a tax refund, it may mean that you have too much money withheld from your paycheck. If that is the case, you may want to adjust your withholding so that your weekly paycheck will be a little bigger and your refund a little smaller. If you get too large of a refund, it means you've given the government an interest-free loan — not a good financial move.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Trump, guns

To voters who were duped into voting for the current illegitimate president and to those citizens and legislators at all levels, especially in Congress who continue to support and enable him. When is enough?

This TV con man is ego-driven, unqualified, semi-literate, a racist, liar, emotionally unstable autocrat who instills hate and fear.

Informational warfare occurred in the November, 2016 Presidential election. The Mueller team of investigators will prove this. The public will know enough is enough.

For now I suggest we exist to resist.

Wayne LaPierre, leader of the N.R.A., has and has had a nervous condition in the past. He was unable to carry a gun in the Vietnam War. For 30 years he has been the main spokesman for the organization which misinterprets the Second Amendment by omitting the meaning of the word militia. That word refers to a group of defenders during war.

The majority of N.R.A. members agree reasonable gun regulations are necessary. La Pierre lacks concern and empathy for human beings.

How sad greed and power take precedence over human lives.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Where did the money go?

I live in Northville. I just had my taxes done and I took note that on my property tax, at the bottom, were the words RESA ENHANCEMENT.

My total for this RESA enhancement was \$329.86 and \$332.82 for a grand total of \$662.68 for last year.

I am not happy about this. Your article talked about Plymouth. So, Plymouth got \$5.9 million. Well, what did Detroit get? What did Westland get? What did Taylor get? What did Garden City get? What did Northville get?

I am not into collecting money and then redistributing that money. This is socialism. And of course it passed as it was to the advantage of people in many districts as their home values are less than in Northville or Plymouth. I am fairly sure that Detroit made out well.

Carol Maynard
Northville

United we protect

Another morning spent crying over the news compels me to write. Another mass school shooting compels me to act.

But while my actions alone may not

make a difference, if we unite we can make America a safer place for our children. Here are three easy steps:

1. Contact your representatives in Washington and Lansing, and demand they act to protect our children. Ask them to do their jobs!

2. Vote in all elections. The Nov. 6, 2018, election is critical. If our current representatives won't do their jobs and protect our children, they must be replaced.

3. Vote only for candidates who will stand up to the National Rifle Association (NRA) and support common-sense gun regulations.

Our children deserve a country where they are safe at school. Together we can make that happen.

Lisa DiRado
Northville

Teaching American values

We teach best by example. While our hearts are wrenched by horrific violence in Parkland, Fla., we learn of the possibility of a potential similar event here in South Lyon. A courageous student alerted authorities.

There was a fundraising dinner planned to support the South Lyon football team, an admirable endeavor. Following the dinner was to be an auction of firearms, including an AR-15 assault-

style rifle. Why? Wouldn't football or sports memorabilia be more appropriate?

The tenets of sports is to do the very best you can, revel in victory, accept loss as a good sport. A tenet of democracy is belief in the common good. The human psyche longs for fairness. Young people should experience adults giving guidance in democratic principles of justice, not just in civics classes but everyday life. You go young people.

Delphine Palkowski
South Lyon

Plan mass transit without Oakland

Wayne and Washtenaw counties must move on with a well thought out regional transit plan without support from Oakland and Macomb counties. Voters in Wayne and Washtenaw supported the RTA millage in 2016 and I feel they would do it again if given another opportunity.

It is time to move on and do what is best for the residents of Wayne and Washtenaw by showing the rest of the area how successful a coordinated, well-run and efficient public transportation system can be.

Mary Edwards
Livonia



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Sikhs

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neys, a project of the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, of which Singh is president. A program Tuesday brought 150 seventh-graders from seven schools to the Sikh Gurdwara Sahib Mata Tripta Ji (Hidden Falls).

In all this school year, 700 seventh-graders from 11 public school districts and seven private schools are participating, along with teachers and parents, in an initiative Singh said began 15 years ago. Their journeys also teach them about Judaism, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism as they visit synagogues, mosques, churches and temples.

Nevaeha Roberts, 12, who came from Holbrook Elementary in Hamtramck, reflected on her journeys Tuesday as students took a lunch break at Hidden Falls to sample Sikh cuisine such as chole, made with chickpeas and spices, and naan flatbread.

"You can learn a lot about other religions," she said, adding that students have opportunities to ask questions about the different faiths.

Students tour houses of worship, enjoy a meal with those of different faiths, have an opportunity to ask questions of clergy and meet peers their age.

Naseem Alhalimi of Kosciuszko Middle School in Hamtramck was among the students who learned that Sikh men grow their hair and wear turbans because gurus teach it as a way to show respect and love to-



Naseem Alhalimi says he learned that Sikhs want to protect others. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ward God. He learned about iron bracelets, or kada, worn by Sikhs.

"They wear it to do good things for other people," Naseem said. "They want to protect people."

Religious Diversity Journeys was started through a grant obtained by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. Now, the IFLC oversees the project, which has reached an estimated 2,500 students, along with their teachers and 150-200 parents.

Atekeh Qazweeni, who teaches religious studies and social studies, accompanied students from an Islamic school, Wise Academy in Dearborn Heights. She said Islam teaches followers that they should work to understand other religions.

"We're all human," she said, "and we have to learn from each other."

Qazweeni said Religious Diversity Journeys helps to dispel miscon-

ceptions and stereotypes.

Harminder Singh, Sunday school principal at Hidden Falls, said the program can help seventh-graders learn why Sikhs wear turbans and grow their hair and beards due to religious teachings. He wore on his arm several of the bracelets, or kada, that Naseem had mentioned.

Raman Singh said Religious Diversity Journeys gives students a chance to immerse themselves in other religions and learn firsthand that all faiths should not be divisive, but uniting. She is hopeful the effort can help dispel misconceptions that youngsters learn, often in their own homes, and enrich them with knowledge.

"They can take it back to their schools and share," she said. "This breaks down barriers and builds bridges. It opens hearts. It opens minds."

Singh said the project, which also has a separate

adult component, also can help to reduce bullying as seventh-graders learn respect toward peers of other cultures.

"A lot of them come from homogeneous school districts," she said. "They get to experience this diversity and religious diversity as a positive thing."

Parent Susan Bryant accompanied her son Ethan from the Waterford Montessori Academy.

"I think this program has broken down a lot of barriers," she said. "It dispels a lot of misconceptions. It's a very good program."

For more information about the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit and its programs, go to <https://detroitinterfaithcouncil.com/>.

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PREP WRESTLING

CC claims five individual titles

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It was another performance for the record books Saturday for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team at the MHSAA Division 1 individual state finals at Detroit's Ford Field.

The Shamrocks boasted five champions, a pair of second-place finishers and had 13 placers out of their 14 state qualifiers.

CC is 26-3 in the individual finals over the last six years.

"Overall, a very satisfying day," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, who guided the Shamrocks to a Division 1 team state championship the previous week in Kalamazoo. "Anytime you set a record

with 13 state placers, you're happy with that. Almost the entire lineup placed. Fourteen state qualifiers, five champs ... another CC record. That's four times we've had that and three in a row."

Three-time winners

Ben Kamali (119 pounds): The senior, headed to wrestle at the University of Virginia, defeated Waterford Kettering's Mark Brado, 9-4, in the finals to finish 35-1 on the year while winning his third straight state title.

"I don't know if I've seen a light-weight wrestle through positions as good as he does," Hancock said. "It doesn't matter what position he's in, he just wrestles really hard in every position. I think that's what separates him

from a lot of other individuals. He never shuts down, never quits in any positions."

Kevon Davenport (145): The junior went 41-3 overall to also claim his third individual state title as he defeated Bay City Western's Vic Schoenherr in the finals, 7-1.

"Just the confidence level that he has is remarkable," Hancock said. "When he steps on the mat, there's no doubt he's going to win in his mind and that's impressive."

New champions

Easton Turner (215): The junior finished 39-1 overall, capped by a 4-2 vic-

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Catholic Central's Ben Kamali (left) won his third state title in the 119-pound final against Kettering's Brad Brado. SCOTT CONFER

BOYS BASKETBALL

PCA's Malcolm looks to end his career on a high note

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When Matt Malcolm first stepped on the basketball court at Plymouth Christian Academy, he tended to stay away from traffic and launch long shots.

Although the senior more often than not found the range from behind the 3-point line, his game has evolved into more of a two-way threat — able to still shoot it while taking the basketball to the rack.

And as Malcolm, 17, closes out his four-year varsity career with the Eagles, he is ensconced in the school record book with a career points total around 1,300 as the Class D districts begin.

"I think I'm just attacking the rim now, I've been doing a better job," Malcolm said about how his game has evolved. "(PCA head coach Matt Windle) has forced me to become more of a slasher rather than a 3-point shooter. Freshman year, I was kind of intimi-

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PCA's Matt Malcolm (left), shown from earlier this season, is planning on pursuing academics in college. He doesn't plan to play basketball at the next level. TOM BEAUDOIN

BOYS HOCKEY



Churchill's Zach Vendittelli celebrates one of his three goals during Saturday's win over Allen Park. The victory gave the Chargers the Division 3 regional championship. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

EXTRA INCENTIVE

Churchill's Vendittelli the hero in triple-overtime victory

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A long, skipping shot bounced past Livonia Churchill senior goalie Chris Sergison, enabling Allen Park to tie Saturday's Division 3 boys hockey regional final 3-3 with about six minutes to play in the third period.

But when Churchill teammate Zach Vendittelli realized what had happened, he turned to other players on the bench and delivered a message.

"I really felt bad for (Sergison)," Vendittelli said. "I was, like, 'Man we own him one' because he bailed us out so many times."

That's exactly what happened, with Vendittelli's goal at 1:54 of the third overtime at Allen Park Ice Arena giving Churchill a 4-3 victory. Sergison needed a bit of luck (a shot hit the crossbar in the

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Conor Burnette raises the Division 3 regional trophy for Livonia Churchill. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





Churchill's Adam Sinclair (right) can't quite get the puck past Allen Park goalie Jarod Potasnik. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Churchill

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first OT), but he was strong with several big-time stops to keep the Chargers alive.

Advice pays off

On the winning goal — the third of the game for the 5-5 Vendittelli — he rushed down the right wing, cut in on Allen Park senior goaltender Jarod Potasnik and remembered something his cousin told him.

"I was looking to where (Potasnik) was sliding to, where he kind of dipped his shoulder, he dropped early," Vendittelli said. "I thought I'd try shooting right here."

Vendittelli pointed to the space between the arm and body. "My cousin's a goalie and he said if you can put it right here, it's really hard to see."

When the red light flashed, the entire Churchill bench stormed onto the ice and mobbed Vendittelli along the opposite side of the rink. Moments later, Chargers head coach Jason Reynolds gave Sergison a big, long bear hug.

"Chris has been with us since his freshman year," Reynolds said. "He waited patiently as a backup behind Andrew Broyles, when he was our starter. Andrew was a regional championship goaltender last year and I really wanted to see Chris win this one."

"Chris has never complained, he's the first one on the ice most days and he's the last one off the ice most days. And there's maybe nobody who deserves this more than Chris. I'm really happy for him."

Shaking it off

Sergison said his coaches and teammates were quick to back him up after the long, bouncing goal scored by junior forward Dylan Alchin.

"It was a bad goal to give up. Just had to shake it off, keep my head in it," Sergi-

"It was a bad goal to give up. Just had to shake it off ... I knew my team was going to battle for me and they ended up prevailing in the end. It's great."

Chris Sergison
Churchill goalie

son said. "I knew my team was going to battle for me and they ended up prevailing in the end. It's great."

And what did Reynolds say to him during the emotional postgame hug? "He said, 'This one's for you.' It's my first year starting," Sergison said. "I had shoes to fill (Andrew Broyles) and it's great to be able to fill those."

Vendittelli was the spark-plug all night for the Chargers (14-11-3), who advanced to Wednesday's scheduled D-3 quarterfinal against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

After Allen Park's Mathews opened the scoring on a shorthanded breakaway, the Chargers responded at 14:57, when senior forward Josh Friend knocked in a rebound.

On the play, sophomore defenseman Keith Peterson's point shot was tipped on goal by senior forward Carter Swider and the puck caromed over to Friend on the right side of the Jaguars net.

Churchill then took a 2-1 lead midway through the second on Vendittelli's first goal. He picked up a pass that Peterson banked off the half-wall and got past the defenseman before ripping a shot past Potasnik.

"(Vendittelli) has enough heart to fill this entire arena," Reynolds said. "He is the exception to every rule in hockey when it comes to size and how you should play. He is absolutely fearless. He's bound to be a future captain on this team."

Vendittelli then scored early in the third, stripping the puck from an Allen Park defenseman and snapping a shot

into the cage.

Jags respond

But less than a minute later, the Jaguars answered to get it to within 3-2. Josh Donigian one-timed a shot past Sergison.

Then came the flip shot by Alchin that suddenly sent the game into an emotional back-and-forth through two eight-minute overtimes and into the third extra period.

"We just knew coming in we had to keep battling," Churchill senior forward and co-captain Conor Burnette said. "We've been through so many overtimes. We just had to keep trucking. We knew our goalie had our back."

"That one went in, it wasn't his fault, it took a bad hop. He jumped right back in the there and started making great saves again. He did a great job."

Allen Park coach Jeff Mason, whose team finished 14-10-4, wasn't surprised his team responded after falling behind, 3-1.

"Our third periods have been our best period all year," Mason said. "Even being down one goal, we were still confident going into the third."

"When we got that tying goal, from that point on, I thought we controlled a lot of the game. But a few bounces here and there don't go our way. That's the game of hockey."

Mason said the game very easily could have ended with the home team enjoying a wild celebration.

"It came out in the slot there and our guy, it kind of jumped on him," Mason said. "At that point, we already had two guys deep and he got caught once it jumped over his stick — odd-man rush the other way. We told our boys from the third period on, just throw a puck at the net and see what happens. That's exactly what happened on the winning goal."

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Malcolm

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dated and content to stay behind the 3-point line."

Malcolm's changing style of offense also gives him the occasional chance to rise up and dunk it.

"Five (dunks) this year," said the always-smiling son of Greg and Annie Malcolm, who now sports a neat goatee and perfectly coiffed hair. "You think you're too tired to do it, but the adrenaline just lifts me up there."

A grand milestone

Also lifting up Malcolm was the sequence of events that enabled him to reach the coveted 1,000-point mark, during a home game this season against Lansing Christian.

"It was a half-court shot, actually, at the end of the third quarter," Malcolm said. "I just kind of chucked it up there and it went in. In my head I was thinking, 'I think that was 1,000, on the dot,' and it was."

"Coach didn't realize it, but I was fine with that. I didn't want a big deal. My mom told me later."

In the several weeks since, he has helped the Eagles end the regular season on a 7-2 run to even their record at 9-9 entering the district. Malcolm is averaging 18.5 points per contest.

"That killer instinct doesn't come naturally to him," Windle said. "And over the years, he's really developed into looking to get the buckets we need him to get and being more aggressive and attacking the rim, shooting shots under pressure. I've seen that mentality grow, develop and really improve over the years. Now he's starting to create shots off the dribble, getting to the rim."

It remains to be seen whether PCA can follow the postseason script that the school's volleyball team did on its way to the 2017 Class D state championship.

"I'm feeling very confident and, yes, the volleyball team has motivated us to step it up and, hopefully, bring a state championship in basketball, too," Malcolm said.

Turning the page

Regardless of how the postseason plays out, Malcolm said he is certain his career as a competitive basketball player is ending once that final game has been completed.

Malcolm, who carries a 3.9 grade-point average, is leaning toward attending Hillsdale College to pursue academics — not accolades on the basketball court.

"A lot of smaller colleges contacted me, but I realized that I think it's just time to focus on school," Malcolm said. "It's got to end sometime. I still love playing, but not enough for college."

He then broke into a wider grin than usual and went out on the floor to practice some free throws.

His coach also was smiling a little bit, talking about what Malcolm has meant to the PCA boys basketball program.

"I'm really glad we've had him the last four years. He's really a great example of a student-athlete to have here at Plymouth Christian," Windle said. "I'm just proud to have coached him the last three years."

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Wrestling

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tory over Blake Wingate of Temperance Bedford in the final.

"Just a blue-collar, hardworking young man," Hancock said. "He's worked extremely hard all year and has had a fantastic season, despite a shoulder issue that he might have to have surgery on pretty soon. He persevered after a few difficult times during the season, was able to stay healthy and win a state title. We're excited for him."

Derek Gilcher (135): The sophomore rallied in the final to defeat Oxford's Sergio Borg, 8-5, and finished 35-9 overall.

"His tenacity is impressive and his ability to overcome obstacles," Hancock said. "He was down in that match 3-0, but I don't ever think he (had) doubt in himself or the work he's put in. He works extremely hard and has a bright future."

Josh Edmond (130): The sophomore, a transfer from Orchard Lake St. Mary's who became eligible at the semester break, went 24-0 this season, capped by



Catholic Central's Kevon Davneport (top) decisively won Bay City Western's Vic Schoenherr, 7-1, for the 145-pound state title. SCOTT CONFER

a 7-4 win in the final over Jenison's Jarred Riggins.

Edmond was a Division 2 state-runner-up a year ago.

"Very, very talented young man and just a likeable kid, too," Hancock said.

"He's got a great sense of humor off the mat. He's just a well-rounded young man and I'm just happy to see him win his first title."

Runners-up

Cameron Amine (152): The junior, who finished 43-3 overall, was denied his third state title by Davison freshman Alex Facundo in the final, 4-2.

"I think Cameron wrestled extremely well," Hancock said. "Alex Facundo is very good. I give Cameron a lot of credit. He was ranked No. 1 at 160 a majority of the year and, had he really wanted to, he could have gone up to 160 and won his third title, but Cameron is a guy who feeds off competition."

Facundo went undefeated this year (25-0), which included a win over Davneport in the team state finals.

"So I give (Amine) a lot of credit staying put at 152 and wrestling Facundo," Hancock said. "Both guys are ranked in the top 10 nationally. I think it says a lot of who he is and his character. In these days, you see guys avoid match-ups, but not him, so that's pretty cool."

Steven Kolcheff (285): The sopho-

more was 37-8 overall, after losing to Temperance Bedford's Austin Emerson in the final, 5-1.

"If you had told me eight weeks ago that Steven would have been in the state finals, I would have told you that you were wild," Hancock said. "So that's how far he's come in eight weeks. You've got to give credit to our coaching staff for preparing him the right way. He just never stopped believing."

More placers

The Shamrocks placing were freshman Dominick Lomazzo (38-10), who took third at 125; senior Stone Moscovic (37-9), seventh at 125; senior Aidan Wagh (38-10), seventh at 171; senior Rory Cox (39-7), seventh at 189; sophomore Logan Sanom (40-10), eighth at 140; and sophomore Brendin Yatooma (34-12), eighth at 189 (losing 2-1 to Cox in the final blood round).

CC junior Joe Urso (35-12) went 1-2 at 145 and was involved in three one-point decisions.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson dominates South Lyon Unified in final

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It's the month of March and Livonia Stevenson's boys hockey team is on the march once again.

The Spartans spotted South Lyon Unified an early goal and then reeled off nine unanswered to capture their fourth straight Division 2 regional title with a 9-1 victory Saturday at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Top-ranked Stevenson (23-5) moved into the quarterfinals scheduled for Tuesday at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena against Trenton.

Stevenson, which ended the game after two periods because of the eight-goal mercy rule, won its fifth regional crown in the past six years.

"It's been great. It's probably the best team we've had out of all my three years," Stevenson senior defenseman Connor Jakacki said. "My sophomore year was great, too, and last year was great, too. But this time of year, we always seem to clutch up and just find a way to win, survive and advance."

South Lyon Unified (13-12), the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference champion, struck first on Anthony Joseph's goal from Jack Marchand and Jake Heffernan.

But the Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions quickly answered, getting a goal from Josh Suzio (from Seth Lause) at 7:15, followed by Jack Williamson's unassisted short-handed goal at 10:59 of the first period after the Spartans successfully fought off a South Lyon five-on-three power play.

"We were happy we were up 2-1 and understood we didn't play our best hockey and so we knew we had our best hockey in front of us," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "The message wasn't to panic. We didn't suddenly need to flip switches, we just needed to stay the course, clean up our details, play an honest game and play the right way."

"It was a slow start, but we weren't worried though," Jakacki said. "With Will (Tragge) in net, we're always confident."

The Spartans stormed out of the first intermission, scoring seven times, with junior Jaydon Spears notching on a



Stevenson players and fans celebrate after capturing the Division 2 regional trophy with a 9-1 win over South Lyon. BRAD EMONS

power-play goal from Easton Schlatterbeck and with only 51.1 seconds left in the second period to make it an eight-goal margin and a running clock.

During the period, Stevenson scored four times on the power play after SLU took five penalties.

"Just more pucks to the net, more shots... more end zone time, obviously," Jakacki said of the first intermission message by Mitchell. "The power play, we really stepped it up from the last two games. We struggled the first two games of the playoffs, but the power play definitely picked up in the second period."

Senior defenseman Jake Beaune had a pair of second-period power-play goals to raise his season total of 22, while Adam Hillebrand, Brendan Preiss, Lause (power play) and Pat McGowan also found the back of the net.

Other Stevenson assists went to Williamson (two), Beaune (two), Decina (two) Steven Hunt, Jakacki, Schlatterbeck, Spears, Preiss and Austin Adamic.

Here are some other takeaways:

SHOT DIFFERENTIAL

Stevenson outshot South Lyon, 40-10, as South Lyon changed goalies at the 8:33 mark of the second when Nolan Smith came on for starter Andrew Lowen following Lause's power-play goal.

"We took some penalties that we didn't need to take," South Lyon coach Bill McCreary said. "Their speed took control and it kind of snowballed from there. But I was proud our guys, they competed. They just let it slip away. You give them an opportunity and they're going to put it in the net. That's a very good hockey team."

INJURY REPORT

Two of the Spartans' top players, senior defenseman Kevin Stefanick and senior forward Julian Decina, were in street clothes with injuries.

"Injuries are part of the game and it provides other people opportunities to step up," Mitchell said. "And right now,

guys are doing that. Everybody battles it at this time, but we'll see what happens come (the quarterfinal)."

"Two of our main players are out, but we've played without them for like five games now. I think we're ready and ready for whatever else comes," Jakacki said.

LOOKING BACK

South Lyon Unified graduates nine seniors: Ryan Bigler, Alex Coutts, Gavin Ross, Adam Zebley, Ashton Jones, Gavin McPherson, Charlie Assemany, Jake Heffernan and Brendan Stanfield.

"I'm excited," McCreary said. "Certainly we're losing some good guys, but we have a lot of good guys coming back and the feeder system is solid and always excited for next year."

South Lyon went 9-1 this year to win the Lakes Valley Conference.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Grand Blanc stymies Novi again in KLAA final

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Thanks to a player named Goliath, Grand Blanc made a giant exit Friday in its final boys basketball game in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Bobcats, who will be leaving to join a new conference next year after being voted out of the newly configured 14-school KLAA, got a team-best 25 points from Robert Goliath Mitchell in a 69-64 victory before a spirited home crowd against Novi.

Mitchell had only two points in the first half, but there was a reason.

"I came late to practice and that's why I didn't start the game," the 6-foot-1 senior guard said. "I had only two points, but I wasn't worried about it. I was trying to get my team the win. I was just thinking to do whatever you have to do to get it done. I had a 'got to get it' mentality."

Mitchell heated up in the third quarter, scoring 13 of his team's 17 points, including three triples.

"I sat out the whole first quarter and it was a learning experience," Mitchell said. "I felt I let my team down and I got to go out to show we're brothers and teammates. I had to come back and show them."

Under first-year coach Mike Thomas, who guided Kalamazoo Central to a pair of Class A state championships (2010-11), Grand Blanc won its 12th straight to improve to 17-3 overall.

"It feels good, because I've been out of the game for six years and just playing in March is something special," Thomas said. "I got up this morning and got on my knees and thanked God for allowing me to be able to coach as a head coach in March."

The Bobcats, who got off to a slow start against Novi's zone defense, trailed 8-5 after one quarter, but pulled ahead 25-17 with a late first-half flurry.

Novi got as close as one to end the



Novi players (from left) Trendon Hankerson, Tariq Woody and Traveon Maddox Jr. watch Grand Blanc collect the first-place KLAA trophy. BRAD EMONS

third quarter, 42-41, thanks to junior guard Giovanni Miles's nothing but net 50-foot shot from beyond the half-court line for a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

But the Wildcats (12-8) couldn't get over the hump in the final quarter as Grand Blanc kept the Wildcats at arm's length by making 15-of-26 foul shots.

It was the third time Grand Blanc had beaten Novi this season, following 71-53 and 68-63 wins in KLAA Gold Division play.

"They're aggressive, they've been an aggressive team all year," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of the Bobcats. "Again tonight, they were more aggressive than we were, especially on the offensive glass. We had a hard time in that first half and then it continued in the second. I think that was the biggest difference. The match-ups are good, but they're just hungrier each time we played them."

Only four players scored for Novi, with the 6-3 Miles and the 6-4 senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. leading the way with 25 and 24 points, respectively.

Senior center Tariq Woody added eight and senior point guard Trendon

Hankerson contributed seven.

"I think we missed too many easy ones," Sinawi said. "I thought we had a good game plan. We got to the basket with Tariq, Traveon and Trendon... it's just we didn't make the ones. And it wasn't just missing them, it was the times that we missed them. I thought Giovanni hit some big shots for us, Traveon at times, but we came up short in that category."

Grand Blanc had more balanced scoring, with 6-5 senior forward Jackarus Smith adding 18 points and 6-4 senior Lonnell Martin contributing nine.

Here are some other takeaways:

CLOSE CALLS

In the two previous KLAA playoff games, Grand Blanc escaped with a 62-60 overtime win over Wayne Memorial and a 66-61 double-OT victory against Westland John Glenn.

"They've bought into all the things we've preached about," Thomas said. "This was a team that was 9-12 last year... just to be able to change the culture that fast. We have eight seniors and usually it takes a little time. You could

tell they were special right away, just by the way they bought in."

ZONE PRINCIPLES

After losing the previous two meetings, Novi decided to come out in a zone defense and it worked during the first quarter as Grand Blanc made only 2-of-16 field-goal attempts to trail, 8-5.

"We just thought we'd throw them a curve ball a little bit," Sinawi said. "They scored only five in the first and then we went away from it. That's the decision I take. If I had it back, maybe we would have stayed in it a little longer or maybe go back to it at a different time. But hats off to them. They were the better team tonight. They've been a great team all year, so congratulations to them. We got to gear up for next week."

Grand Blanc outscored Novi in the second quarter, 20-9, hitting 9-of-17 shots from the floor.

"We've been prepared for it," Thomas said. "It just seems like a tradition in the KLAA. They watched film on us and Westland John Glenn gave us a 1-2-2 and Wayne gave us a 1-2-2. We've been working on it for the last week or so. I didn't expect them to play it that early, but we were prepared for it."

SPLIT ALLEGIANCES

Novi assistant coach Kevin Hankerson, father of Wildcats senior point guard Trendon, had to miss a special performance Friday by his oldest son in the first round of the Horizon League tournament at Little Caesars Arena.

Kameron Hankerson, sophomore guard at Wisconsin-Green Bay, put on a show with a career-high 36 points, including seven 3-pointers, in a 93-81 win over the University of Detroit-Mercy.

While the KLAA championship game was starting, Kevin Hankerson's wife watched the game on her iPad in the bleachers.

"I'll watch the replay on ESPN3," Kevin said.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Waves of Catholic Central skill bury Rocks

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From wire to wire March 1 — and that was only about 36 minutes worth of hockey — Novi Detroit Catholic Central displayed some slick and sick moves against Salem.

The uber-talented Shamrocks walked the line, dangled and connected on tape-to-tape saucer passes while dominating as though they were continuously on the power play.

Catholic Central (23-3-1) scored five times in the second period and ended an 8-0 mercy rule win when senior forward and co-captain Brendan West scored just 90 seconds into the third period at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"Actually, it was a little bit lucky but I got a stick on it," West said about the game-ending goal. "It was a really good pass, I got a stick on it and it went five-hole, but it was a good play by (senior linemate Dylan) Montie to get it to me."

Indeed it was. Montie floated a soft pass from the bottom of the right circle over to West (two goals, assist), stationed near the left post. He quickly put the puck past Salem junior goalie Austin Goleniak to make it an eight-goal spread and conclude the evening's proceedings about 15 minutes early.

West was one of seven players with multiple points; a total of 10 got on the score sheet. Also scoring twice was junior forward Zach Borchardt, while junior defenseman Brendan Hill (one goal, two assists), junior forward Mitch Morris (goal, assist), senior forward Jared Lee (goal, assist), junior defenseman Luke Collins (two assists) and Montie (two assists) garnered two points each.

Catholic Central outshot Salem, 26-3, playing a flawless, totally engaged game. On a night when the Rocks (11-13-1) couldn't generate much of an attack, Shamrocks players protected junior goalie Zach Allan (who posted the shutout) by diving and sliding to block sporadic Salem shots.

"That's what it takes to win a championship," West said. "We lost that last year, I think we took the little things for granted."

"This year we're concentrating on those little things and it's going a long way for us, and I believe if we keep doing that we can bring home another state championship."



Catholic Central's Dylan Montie (right) battles against Salem's Colin Goleniak. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Those words must be music to the ears of Catholic Central head coach Brandon Kaleniecki, who chuckled when asked if he can't help but some-

times turn into a fan to marvel at the immense skill his players display night after night.

"We try not to, we try to keep focused

on improving areas," Kaleniecki said. "They're doing a great job, we've been on a great run. My job is to make sure we keep focused and keep pushing."

Kaleniecki said the win over Salem was similar to the 8-0 mercy over Northville; both the Rocks and Mustangs have enjoyed time in the top 10 rankings for D-1 this season.

"Obviously the result was the same, it seemed like the flow of play was the same," Kaleniecki said. "We'll take it. They're a good hockey team and we got off on the front foot. So that when you get up a goal or two early that makes a huge difference."

"And we're fortunate with our depth, that if we get a lead, force the other team to kind of push back, we're able to take advantage of some things."

Veteran Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said his team knew exactly what it was up against in facing the Shamrocks.

"They're a fantastic hockey team, they're one of the better high school teams I've seen since I've been around," Ossenmacher said. "I'm not disappointed in our guys at all. I thought we competed pretty well. Obviously, we didn't generate a lot of opportunities."

Catholic Central opened the scoring with 13:08 left in the first period, when Morris weaved through Salem defenders and deked Goleniak before sliding the puck into the goal.

It took about 10 minutes for the lead to be doubled. With 3:47 remaining, sophomore forward Kyle Gaffney roofed a shot from between the circles.

Hill's wrist shot from the left circle snuck inside the far post just 55 seconds into the middle stanza, and that jump-started CC's five-goal frame which blew the contest open.

"I thought we did a decent job of limiting quality opportunities or second-chance opportunities," Ossenmacher said. "But when they get an opportunity to put the puck in the net they're going to. They can all score, they can all shoot, they can all skate."

"There's not much of a letdown between their first and fourth lines. That's one of the big differences between them and some of the other teams in the state."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING March 27, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider the rezoning of a vacant parcel on Marilyn Avenue (Parcel ID#77-051-99-0002-701) from Multi-Family (MF) to Single Family Residential (R-4). The parcel is located on the North side of 5 Mile Road, East of Haggerty.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Township office hours are 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair, Planning Commission

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE CHAPTER 37 - WOODLANDS PROTECTION, 18-125.24, TO MAKE THE WOODLAND TREE REPLACEMENT CHART MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND TO ALSO AMEND THE REFORESTATION CREDIT TABLE TO RESTRICT THE PERCENTAGE OF CREDITS THAT CAN BE GAINED WITH GROUND COVER SEEDING.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The draft Woodland Ordinance Amendment documents are available for examination and review by contacting the City Manager's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours. Any written comments for the public hearing must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

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Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND WATER AND CONSERVATION FUND GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Land Water and Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Application Proposal for shoreline improvements of parcels 50-22-03-405-009, 50-22-03-405-010, 50-22-03-405-007, 50-22-03-455-007, 50-22-03-476-001 and 50-22-03-476-002 at Lakeshore Park, 601 S. Lake Drive. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2018, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on shoreline improvements to those six parcels.

All interested citizens are requested to attend these hearings. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office - City of Novi, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5 p.m. March 12, 2018. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Dawn Spaulding at 248.347.0456 for special services.

DAWN SPAULDING
ACTING CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Recreation Passport (RP) Grant Application Proposal for playground renovation at parcel 50-22-31-300-002 at ITC Community Sports Park, 51000 Eight Mile Road. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2018, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on playground renovation at parcel 50-22-31-300-002.

All interested citizens are requested to attend these hearings. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office - City of Novi, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5 p.m. March 12, 2018. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Dawn Spaulding at 248.347.0456 for special services.

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NOTICE to the electors of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ONE POSITION OF TRUSTEE on the BOARD OF TRUSTEES Partial Term: November 20, 2018 to November 20, 2020 For the Primary Election to be held on AUGUST 7, 2018

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a partial term for Trustee on the Board of the Charter Township of Northville is available. A candidate who wishes to seek the position is required by law to file nominating petitions and a notarized Affidavit of Identity. The partisan nominating petition shall contain a minimum of 50; and a maximum of 100 valid signatures of township electors to qualify for placement on the primary ballot (168.544f).

Candidates can pick up the nominating petitions, affidavit of identity form and candidate information at the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours. The completed petitions are required to be submitted to the Township Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Petitions submitted or received after the deadline of 4:00 p.m. April 24th will NOT be accepted.

To be eligible for election to a township office, a person must be a United States citizen, a registered and qualified elector of Northville Township by the filing deadline of April 24, 2018 (168.542) and has lived at least 30 days in Northville Township. A person who has been convicted of a violation of Section 12a of 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412a, shall not be eligible for election to a township office for a period of 20 years after conviction. (168.342)

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Harrison's Walker is heading for KSU

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Trey Walker is one of those rare three-sport athletes.

The 6-0, 175-pound senior has played football, basketball and baseball ever since entering Farmington Harrison four years ago. When Walker graduates this spring, he will leave the Hawks athletic program with nine varsity letters.

While he enjoys all three sports, baseball is Walker's passion.

Walker will play Division II baseball next year at Kentucky State University, which competes in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He will tell you playing multiple sports ultimately helped him get to the Frankfort-based university.

"I don't really believe in specializing in one sport," said Walker, who signed his national letter of intent last December. "I just feel like you should play all sports and then let it dictate, based on how well you play those sports, what you want to play in college."

"Even when I was in eighth grade going into high school, I knew I was going to play all three sports for four years. That was my goal. The idea was to be a top athlete in anything you do. I'm glad I did that and it was probably one of the best decisions I made, athletic-wise."

"I feel it definitely helped me out, with things like speed and jumping, moving around quicker, strength, especially from football," he added. "Weight lifting in football, I think, helped me hit the ball harder and farther in baseball and throw harder and faster. It really helped me out a lot."

Walker decided in spring his junior year that he really wanted to concentrate on baseball and his talent eventually caught the eye of KSU head coach Robert Henry. Walker entertained other baseball offers from Alabama State, Jackson State, Radford University and U-M Dearborn, but Kentucky State was his choice.

"I had a couple coaches looking at me, but I went down and had a personal



Trey Walker, who played three sports at Farmington Harrison, elected to play collegiate baseball next year at Kentucky State University.

workout with coach Henry and I took a little visit around the school," Walker said. "I loved the campus and I really love what coach Henry is trying to do with the program. He is really all about developing baseball players and trying to get the best out of you. I just thought it was the best fit for me."

Walker has proven to be a versatile baseball player for Harrison head coach Dominic Carino.

Last year, for instance, Walker not only expertly handled his shortstop duties, but was asked to fill in at outfield on occasion and did a standout job on all fronts with a .919 fielding average. Offensively, he finished with an excellent .385 batting average and a .501 on-base percentage.

An honorable mention all-district player last spring, Walker's strength is his hitting and speed. When he gets on base, he's always a threat to steal. He also plays travel baseball with the Michigan Bulls and batted .405 last summer.

Walker plans to see where his college baseball experience takes him. Whatever happens, Walker will still have that coveted degree — he plans to major in accounting — to fall back on.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Lowen stars as South Lyon Unified ousts Novi

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Novi's Mitchell Grinshpun scored with the extra attacker late in the final period to cut South Lyon Unified's lead to one and goalie Andrew Lowen suddenly found himself under siege.

Bodies were flying all around him Feb. 27 during the frantic final 1:38 at Novi Ice Arena, but the sophomore goaltender stood tall as SLU (13-11) held on for a 4-3 Division 2 pre-regional boys hockey win.

Lowen was nothing short of stellar, making a total of 37 saves on the night.

"All the hard work we put in at the beginning of the season paid off in the end," Lowen said. "I think it was just because my team helped me out when I needed it. And they helped block shots that I couldn't get to."

There was not much Lowen could do when Novi pulled goalie Ethan Hunsinger for the extra attacker. The Wildcats stormed the net repeatedly and had a few late opportunities.

"I was just hoping that they would hit somebody in front of me or I'd end up making the save and shoot it wide," Lowen said. "I really couldn't see the puck well. I tried to look in between people's armpits or, like, down by their knees to try and find the puck."

South Lyon took a 1-0 lead with 35 seconds left in the first period on Luke Turowski's goal from Ryan Bigler.

Ashton Jones, who had a hat trick, gave SLU a 2-0 lead with 14:06 left in the second, assisted by Jake Heffernan, but Novi countered with Alec Giragosian's goal with 13:00 remaining in the same period, with Chris Martin assisting.



Lowen

Martin's unassisted goal with 12:29 to play in the third tied it at 2-2, but South Lyon countered with a pair of goals from Jones, the first on a power play with 7:58 left off an assist from Bigler, followed by his third with 4:27 to play, from Adam Zebley and Turowski.

Grinshpun's goal from Martin with 1:38 remaining, however, gave Novi new life. But the Wildcats were unable to score the equalizer against Lowen.

"Their goalie won them the game and no doubt about it," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "We outshot them and I think we mostly outplayed them. They capitalized on the few mistakes that they did, couple of bad pinches ... it seemed like when we made a mistake, they capitalized. And if they did, their goalie was there to back them up."

South Lyon Unified won the inaugu-

ral Lakes Valley Conference championship this year.

"It's by far our goaltender's best effort this year," SLU coach Bill McCreary said. "He's worked his tail off all year and it's fun to see him enjoy that success. Thirty-seven saves and a lot of those were quality. They weren't perimeter shots."

Novi ended its season 9-17.

"It's tough for our seniors right now, because four of the six were three-year players," Vellucci said. "Tough loss, but we have a lot of guys coming back. We're starting a prep team up next year and we'll go from there."

"But it was tough for Alec Giragosian. He broke his knee cap, our captain last year. He came back and is just our heart-and-soul player. We played hard. Not much we can do."

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BOYS HOCKEY



Hartland's Joey Larson scores one of his three goals in a 9-0 victory over Lakeland. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Hartland routs Lakeland in state tourney opener

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His hat tricks have come against two of the weakest teams on Hartland's hockey schedule, but that doesn't mean Joey Larson feasts only against lower competition.

Eventually, the Division 2 state tournament road will get much tougher for Hartland than it was in a 9-0 two-period rout of Lakeland in the opener Feb. 27 at Hartland Sports Center.

When those difficult battles come, the third-ranked Eagles expect Larson to have a significant impact.

He has multiple-point efforts in wins over seven state-ranked opponents and scored one of Hartland's two goals in its first of two victories over Brighton.

His hat tricks came against Grand Blanc, the last-place team in the KLAAG Gold, and Lakeland.

"You watch Joey Larson play this year and the way he's just stepped it up every day from day one," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "The player he was in February is going to continue through February into March. We look for him to score goals, absolutely."

"When you look at the big picture and you're scouting individuals, you look at what players do when the competition rises. Joey's a guy who answers the bell; he does. He plays stronger as the game gets stronger."

Larson has 22 goals and 18 assists in 26 games, tying him with linemate Jake Behnke for second on the team. Larson and Behnke are one point behind team leader Josh Albring.

As a sophomore in his first season with Hartland, Larson put up 16 goals and 10 assists in 29 games to finish sixth in team scoring.

"Now I've got a little bit more ice time," Larson said. "I've been playing with Jake and (Brenden) Tulpa. It's been fun playing with them. They know how to get the puck to you. Tulpa's an awesome playmaker. Behnke's also a good

goal scorer and playmaker."

With Lakeland lining up as the first tourney opponent, nobody could blame Larson and the rest of the Eagles if their eyes were lighting up at the opportunity to pad their numbers.

Hartland (19-6-1) came into the game having been shut out by Livonia Stevenson and Detroit Catholic Central in its final two games of the regular season. Those losses followed a nine-game winning streak.

Although Hartland was hardly tested, the Eagles did recapture the feeling of having success on offense.

"That's what tonight's about," Gadwa said. "As we move forward through the playoffs, we want to try to get it back. We had a good nine-game stretch. We got knocked back to reality for two games there. Now it's about trying to build it back up again. Tonight was a good start."

It took Larson just 1:45 to get Hartland on the scoreboard. Behnke scored the next two goals, Larson scored a shorthanded goal and David Gawronski scored with four seconds left to give Hartland a 5-0 lead after one period.

Kieran Carlile, Albring and Jake Gallaher built the lead to 8-0 before Larson completed his hat trick with 6:48 left in the second period. Games end after two periods when a team leads by at least eight goals.

Lakeland (16-10) has historically been a tougher tourney match-up for Hartland. Hartland holds a 9-4 advantage in the postseason series, with eight of the games decided by two goals or less. Hartland has eliminated Lakeland four of the last five seasons.

"We had a good record, but that's all relative," Lakeland coach Tim Royane said. "Our goal is to eventually be able to play with Hartland and the likes of that. That's what we look for; that's what we strive for. We just come up short."

Brett Tome needed to make only three saves for the shutout.

BOYS HOCKEY

Catholic Central ends Northville's season

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central got off to a rip-roaring start in the MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state tournament.

The Shamrocks, last year's state runner-up, skated to a convincing 8-0 mercy rule victory over Northville in the pre-regional opener Feb. 26 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"We had contributions from every line throughout the course of the night," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "That's a good thing to have. We like our forwards, we like our (defense) and like our goalie. We like our team and, when we're playing the right way, we're going to be able to wear some teams down and that's what we're going to keep pushing and try to do."

There was no Miracle on Ice for the Mustangs, who were unable to test No. 1-ranked Catholic Central, which improved to 22-3-1 while remaining undefeated against teams from Michigan.

CC's only three defeats this season have come against national power Culver (Ind.) Academy and its tie against Lake Forest (Ill.) Academy.

The Shamrocks took advantage of a three-on-two breakaway as Joe Borthwick popped home a rebound, with assists going to Jared Lee and Brendan West, at 4:28 of the opening period to make it 1-0.

Mitch Morris then rifled a shot over the right shoulder of Northville goalie Owen Moruzi to put CC up 2-0 at 8:08 of the first.

"The key is Thin Mints before the game and it seems like my lucky thing," said Morris, a speedy 5-foot-7 junior winger who had four goals in an 8-0 victory five days earlier over Hartland.

And at 15:52 of the first, CC made it 3-0 on Ryan Marra's goal from Mitch Smith and Dylan Bachalo.

The Mustangs then took their first two penalties of the game as Noah Eckler took a two- and a 10-minute mis-

conduct. Just 21 seconds later, Tyler Balok went off for tripping, giving CC a five-on-three power play.

CC outshot the Mustangs in the opening period, 13-2.

After the Shamrocks fought off a penalty, sophomore defenseman Brendan Miles took a shot from the blue to score unassisted at 7:31 of the second.

Catholic Central's Kyle Gaffney scored on a power play from Brendan Hill and Ryan Hausman 15:52 of the second to increase the margin to 5-0.

Northville took four penalties during the final 2:30 of the second, including a pair of back-to-back double minors to end the period.

Northville coach Clint Robert switched goalies to start the third period, as Nate Williams replaced Owen Moruzi.

Gaffney notched his second to make it 6-0 at 4:24 of the third from Rylan Clemons and Morris, while Brendan West added the seventh goal at 10:37 from Austen Gawronski and Montie.

The game ended with three minutes left on West's second goal of the game from Montie and Borthwick.

"We just kept going to the end, we just kept fighting," Morris said. "And we did what we had to do to finish them. We just went in there and did what we had to do. I feel our team as a whole has stayed pretty consistent. I'd say our team, the second half, is getting better for sure."

The Mustangs were outshot, 41-6.

"We had a good push at the beginning and you're just thinking maybe you could pop one in there early ... and what could happen," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "I would have liked to see us stay out of the box a little bit more, obviously. You don't want to give a team like that too many opportunities on the power play. But the guys kept battling, kept fighting and I'm proud of their fight."

Northville ended its season 13-13.

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Catholic Central's Austen Gawronski avoids the pile-up during the Division 1 pre-regional against Northville. MARK HICKS | WESTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC

PREP SKIING

Milford girls, Lakeland boys fourth at state finals

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Conditions were less than ideal Feb. 26 for the MHSAA Division 1 skiing state finals at Boyne Mountain, but both the White Lake Lakeland boys and Milford girls earned top four team finishes.

Marquette won both the boys and girls titles with 56 and 48 points, respectively.

Rounding out the top five teams in the boys were Traverse City Central (80.5), Rochester Adams-Stoney Creek (124.5), Lakeland (153) and Brighton (158.5).

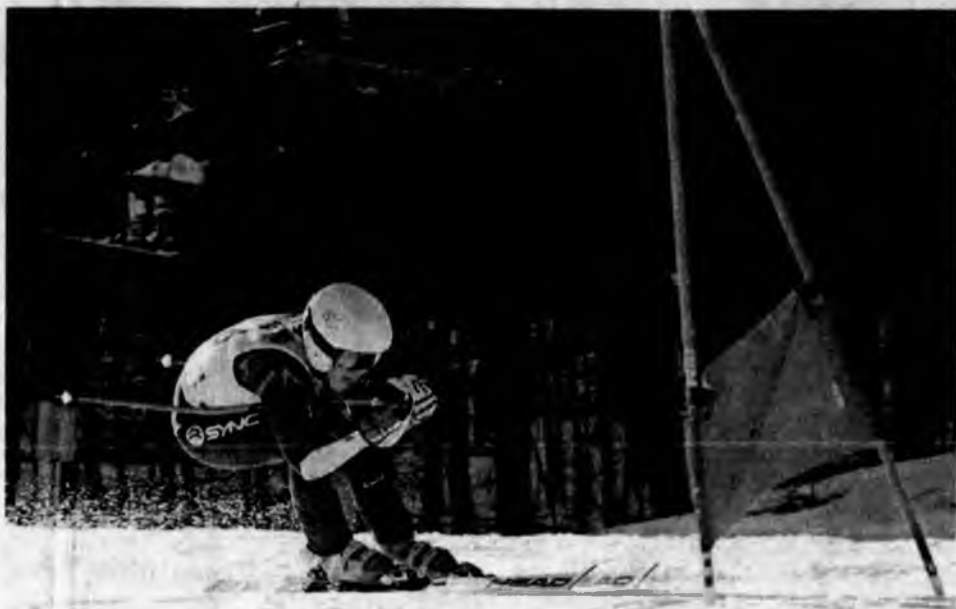
Lakeland's James Wenzloff earned first team all-state honors by taking fourth in the slalom (60.64 seconds) and third in the giant slalom (66.42). Marquette's Aaron Grezlak took first in 57.96.

"James has skied great and consistent all season and worked hard throughout the year on his skiing and fitness and that has shown in his successful race results," Lakeland coach Sue Wiberg said.

Other Lakeland slalom finishers included Dillon Massey, 19th (68.69); Drew Massey, 26th (70.18); Kenny Rosol, 46th (84.54); and Tommy McCarthy, 47th (98.08). Zach Massey did not finish.

Other area individual slalom placers included Brendan Clancy (South Lyon Unified), 24th (69.80); Jack Grove (Novi), 25th (70.00); Sawyer Reed (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 29th (71.66); and Nate Wood (Novi), 36th (74.44).

Rockford's Nick Rupert was the individual winner in the giant slalom with a time of 64.67.



Lakeland's James Wenzloff was third in the giant slalom and fourth in the slalom at the Division 1 state finals. LYDIA ARMSTRONG

Other Lakeland finishers included Dillon Massey, 11th (68.64); McCarthy, 31st (71.35); and Drew Massey, 38th (71.99). Zach Massey and Jacob Wagner did not finish.

"I know these boys gave it their all and had some disappointments in the day, but they stayed tough and finished well and I could not be more proud of their awesome accomplishments at the final and throughout this season," Wiberg said. "Their sportsmanship is top-notch and they have really done a great job of working together and helping each other resulting in an excellent season."

Other individual area GS placers in-

cluded Grove (Novi), 21st (70.45); Nolan Bailey (Milford), 25th (70.66); and Wood (Novi), 54th (75.49).

Watts leads Mavs

Rounding out the Division 1 girls top five teams were Traverse City West (78), Traverse City Central (109), Milford (160) and Clarkston (172).

Lakeland was eighth with 216.

"Many girls in the field went down on the ice, but the remaining four were determined and skied solid and clean to keep us in the race," Wiberg said. "The girls worked hard all season to achieve their goal of making it to the state final

and they were all smiles, despite the tough hills and challenging conditions.

Milford's Morgan Watts earned first team all-state by placing sixth in the giant slalom (69.67), while also taking 12th in the slalom (76.80). Birmingham Marian's Olivia Weymouth (68.11) was first overall.

Other Milford finishers in the slalom included Alexandria Youngblood, 18th (80.80); Sierra Staman, 43rd (99.47); Riley Watts, 44th (100.07); Megan Bow, 49th (101.79); and Ashleigh McFall, 54th (115.42).

Lakeland slalom finishers included Olivia Racine, 30th (90.18); Abbey Kunselman, 38th (95.86); Kelly Wagner, 45th (100.40); Jade Schanen, 46th (100.49).

Other area individual slalom placers included South Lyon's Natalie Aulicino (22nd, 84.81) and Trinity Glover (93.14).

In the GS, Marquette's Ainsley Kirk was the overall winner (67.81).

Other Milford finishers included Youngblood, 25th (73.38); Riley Watts, 35th (76.95); McFall, 38th (79.29); Staman, 43rd (80.72); and Bow, 58th (87.99).

Katie White was Lakeland's top finisher in 17th (72.01) followed by Brooke White, 30th (75.24); Racine, 42nd (80.59); Sarah Armstrong, 49th (82.71); Chloe Lynch, 52nd (83.46); and Kunselman, 56th (85.45).

"I could not be more proud of this girls team and their season accomplishments and grit to push through difficult situations," Wiberg said.

Aulicino also placed 29th (74.96) in the slalom for South Lyon.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hartland wins seventh district in nine years

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For girls basketball teams engaged in the annual struggle to beat Hartland, the collection of players in the gym represented the ghosts of Eagles past, present and future.

The past: Lexey Tobel and Michelle Moraitis, 2017 Hartland graduates currently playing college basketball, returned to cheer on former teammates in their quest for another district championship.

The present: Whitney Sollom had one of her most dominant performances with a triple-double and senior Graysen Cockerham scored 11 points while winning her third career district title.

The future: It includes Sollom, of course, since the two-year starter is only a sophomore. But it also includes freshman guard Kamryn Gerecke, who was a revelation in her first career varsity game.

Put it all together and Hartland has seven Class A district championships in nine seasons Friday after a 61-21 rout of South Lyon East at Howell.

With no let-up in sight.

"I had it last year, this year," Sollom said. "I want it all four years."

Who is going to deny the 6-foot-4 center when she's in beast mode like she was Friday, scoring 18 points, blocking 10 shots and grabbing 10 rebounds in only three quarters?

Who is going to deny the Eagles more championships when Sollom is surrounded by reinforcements from an undefeated junior varsity team?

That group is led by Gerecke, who was called up from the JV for the state tournament, but didn't come off the bench for Hartland's close victories over Brighton and Howell.

Gerecke didn't get the opportunity to make her varsity debut in mop-up duty, as is customary for players promoted from the JV. Hartland was losing when she entered the game early in the first quarter to replace Abby Ratkowiak, who was sick.

The daughter of Milford's No. 2 all-time scorer — who was also coached by Hartland's Don Palmer — scored six points in the first half to help the Eagles quickly gain control of the game. She finished with eight points.

"I wasn't expecting to go in that early," Gerecke said. "I was expecting to go in in the second half. It took me a little



South Lyon East's Jasmine Joseph and the rest of the Cougars had difficulty shooting past the height of Hartland's Whitney Sollom, who blocked a number of shots. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

bit to put the nerves aside. I figured I'll be fine and I made it through. I've been playing basketball for a long time; it's kind of my thing now."

Palmer planned to get Gerecke in the game, but the time line was moved up when Ratkowiak was unable to continue.

"I didn't know how she was going to respond, but I knew this: I wasn't going to throw her in that Brighton and Howell fire, because she's a young kid," Palmer said. "No disrespect for South Lyon (East), but they're not as good as those two teams. This is a better fit for her tonight."

Gerecke didn't look out of place, meshing with a team that has won 12 of its last 13 games after some early growing pains. When Cockerham fired a pass her way for an open 3-point attempt, there was no hesitation as she sank a shot that was part of Hartland's 19-0 run that followed an early 6-0 deficit.

"For her to come up and just step up like that, that was huge for us," Cockerham said. "I was so happy for her. She's

a great player and she really deserved that. She was nervous, but for her to do that is just special."

What Sollom accomplished in three quarters was also special. Her 18 points and 10 blocks were season highs. She kick-started the Hartland offense, which didn't score until 2:32 left in the first quarter. Sollom scored 14 of Hartland's 25 first-half points.

"I really got a lot of passes into me, so I just took that as an advantage and was just scoring," Sollom said. "There wasn't really that much height on the other team, so I kept on scoring."

East finished 14-8, losing in the district to Hartland for the third time in five seasons.

"They're a very good team," Cougars coach Robert Leadley said. "They play well together. Every one of their kids seems to be able to put the ball in the basket. We've got a few players that can shoot well. That's something we need to work on as a program."

Rachel Waranauckas led the Cougars with six points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northville rules Class A district

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The free-throw line was kind to the Northville girls basketball team during Friday's Class A district final against rival Novi.

The host Mustangs made 23-of-26 from the foul stripe en route to a 39-29 win over the Wildcats in the district championship game.

The victory moved Northville (14-8) into the regional semifinal scheduled for Tuesday against host Walled Lake Western (21-1), the Lakes Valley Conference champion.

Senior guards Kendall Dillon and Jasmin Prince paced Northville with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

It was Northville's second district crown in three years.

"I thought we had a lot of quality chances at the rim, we just didn't make a lot of baskets," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "But our kids were fantastic at the foul line. It was huge down the stretch and we really never gave Novi a chance to kind of rally back."

Novi senior point guard Ellie Mackay, the school's all-time leading scorer who has signed with Michigan Tech, scored 21 points in her career finale.

Junior Anna Biberstein chipped in four points and six rebounds for the Wildcats (14-9).

It was a defensive struggle during the first half, as Northville led, 13-11. The Mustangs were clinging to a 19-11 advantage after three quarters before outscoring the Wildcats in the fourth, 20-11.

Novi, meanwhile, went 7-of-10 from the free-throw line.

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The Northville girls basketball team won the Class A district title over Novi.



The Milford boys and girls snowboarding teams just completed a successful season.

Milford's Hughes is girls state champion

Milford's Evan Hughes (middle), flanked by coaches Steven Jesionowski and Brian Saunders, was the girls snowboard individual state champion.



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It was a season to cherish for the Milford snowboarding teams.

The Mavericks made a strong showing Feb. 16 at the Michigan High School Snowboard Association championships at Mt. Brighton as the boys squad placed third, while Evan Hughes became state champion in the girls individual race.

Members of the boys squad included Kyle Seabert, Jacob Bowyer, Weston

Hughes, Hunter Castle, Vince Parrack, Josh Burr, Justin Callahan, Erik Kramar, Aiden Wilson, Mike Coffey, Sam Colone, Andrew Byndas, Ryan Wyskiel, Nick Oslin, Sebastian Burbano and Henry Ginsbach. In addition to Hughes, members of the girls team were Harper Overall, Julia Garris, Natalie Deland, Isabel Ryska and Chloe Wyborski.

The Mavericks are coached by Brian Saunders and Steven Jesionowski.

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Obituaries

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William A. Dayton

NORTHVILLE - 47 year resident of Northville, Michigan, passed away March 2 of multiple illnesses compounded by dementia. He was 81. He is survived by his wife, Joann, son Scott (Lauren), daughter Ann Turnbull (Brian), six wonderful grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Next to his family, Bill loved cars and received a scholarship to the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles, where he majored in automotive design, and graduated "with great distinction" in 1958. Bill worked in the Ford Design office from 1958 to 1962, when he joined Chrysler. He was promoted to Chrysler Product Design Chief-International in 1967. There he was responsible for all international design activities for Chrysler in Europe, Australia, Japan (MMC) and Brazil. From 1975 to 1984 he served as Product Design Chief - Domestic Programs, directing the exterior design of vehicles such as the Dodge and Plymouth minivans and the 1987 LeBaron Coupe and Convertible. From 1984 to 1988, Bill served as International Design Chief and moved with his wife to Sant Agata, Italy. As a Design Executive with Lamborghini Automobili from 1988 to 1990, he directed the revised interior and exterior executions of the Lamborghini Diablo. Bill returned to the United States and continued to work for Chrysler. Much of the design of the PT Cruiser came from his last studio. He retired in 1998 and spent much time in Charlevoix, Michigan and Peoria, Arizona. No funeral services are planned. Donations can be made in Bill's name to Reverence Home Health and Hospice, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi, Michigan.



Agnes Manter

WHITE LAKE - Agnes Manter, age 88 of White Lake, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018. One of nine siblings, she was born to the late William and Agnes Harvey on August 7, 1929 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 1963, she immigrated to Toronto, Canada before settling in Michigan in 1965. Always hard-working, strong and independent, her favorite pastime was making people laugh, with her wit and her many stories from the old country. Agnes is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Linda Prenda and her husband Frank, her three sisters Masie, Francis and Margaret, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends in the US, in Canada and in Northern Ireland. At her request, there will be no service. The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her over the past year. Donations may be made to Community Sharing Outreach Center, 5061 Duck Lake Road N, Highland, Michigan 48356.



Matcats wrestler Wesley Honiss (right) took third in the MMWA South Regional. STEPHANIE HARDESTY

Matcats boast record number of state qualifiers

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The Michigan Matcats came away with 17 Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association South Regional titles March 3 at the Howell High School Fieldhouse.

And in the 28-year history of the youth wrestling club, it was the highest number of qualifiers who will compete Sunday, March 11, at the MMWA state finals at the Dort Federal Event Center in Flint.

"We have always made this tournament our focus point of the season as we attempt to qualify as many as we can to the MMWA finals," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "From our veteran leadership to our new and first-year wrestlers, our club was prepared and ready to compete at the highest level in the toughest regional in Michigan."

All-state Matcats who earned regional titles were Connor Dolmyer, Peyton Searing, Mason Aluia, Gavin Boller, Carter McGlinch, Drake Pollins, Ethan

Smith, Anthony Madafferi, Tayden Plave, Aidan Garcia, Ryan Henderson, Easton Hardesty, Travis Richardson, Jonah Koilpillai, Aiden Smith, Daniel Russell and Antonio Nauss.

Placing second for the Matcats were Ella Hardman, Gunnar Pollins, Jaxon Moe, Drew Williams, Brogan Haas, Beck Yurkunas, Bronson Shinkonis, Jaxton Kimling, Cole Schwelger, Sullivan Haas, Isabella Cepak, Skylar McGlinch, Duke McDonlad, Tyler Swanigan and T.J. Swanigan.

Placing third were Colton Hardesty, Wesley Honiss, Alexander Ehrman, Carter Yurkunas, Tanner Adam, Hunter Oliver, Peerless Schlusler, Luke Whitehouse, Jace Garcia and Kailyn Garrett.

Mason Rakoski, Kaleigh Kiesgen, Mason Melcher and Daniel Long took fourth, while Knox Plave, Conner Long, Odyssues Schlusler and Dean Smith placed fifth.

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Edward Hines, Jr.

HIGHLAND - died February 25, 2018 in Munising, MI.

He graduated from Milford in 1947 and worked for Ford.

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Signs your co-worker might be toxic

 BY ERIC TITNER
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There's nothing quite as stressful as a toxic co-worker — and if you've been a victim of one you know precisely how difficult a situation he or she can create. They can be toxic for a variety of reasons, from a negative energy that they give off to a detrimental effect they have on your team. The effects can be wide ranging, from making your work environment uncomfortable to seriously impacting productivity.

Inc. recently published an article that covers eight signs you should look for to determine if your colleague is toxic. Use this information to help you navigate this tricky situation:

1. They're "secret" know-it-alls.

Do you work with someone who's perfectly pleasant and agreeable — even a team player — when the boss is paying attention but quickly reverts to an annoying know-it-all who won't allow room for any opinions but their own? This sort of toxic co-worker can be impossible to work with collaboratively.

2. They act as if they've already paid their dues.

Most of us have experience



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with this kind of person: They think that the sheer fact that they've been at the workplace longer gives them a pass to behave in any way they wish. Often, they get by doing as little as possible and expect newer employees who are currently "paying their dues" to shoulder a greater amount of the work.

3. They like to say, "That's not my job."

This type of colleague has a very narrow and rigid view of what their job entails and leaves little or no room for flexibility or taking one for the team. They treat everything that they don't want to do like a "hot potato" that they quickly pass along to others.

4. They think experience is a tangible commodity.

Some people wrap themselves in the vague notion of their perceived "experience," without it pointing to any clearly defined skill set or measurable contribution to the team. These people often fail or refuse to learn new skills, grow and adapt.

Experience is great — but in a fast-paced, constantly evolving workplace, it's not the sole commodity that some toxic teammates make it out to be.

5. They love gossip.

Who hasn't had a co-worker who seems to spend more time gossiping than getting actual work done?

They can talk endlessly about a wide range of useless subjects to anyone who will listen. Their work output is minimal as a result, and they're often a drain on others.

6. They use peer pressure to hold others back.

To these people, the workplace is like a reality TV show in which they create alliances and enemies and manipulate others around them to achieve their goals.

Often peer pressure is their tool of choice, and they use their perceived influence with their co-workers to manipulate and hold others back.

7. They're quick to grab the glory.

Rather than view successes as the result of teamwork and collaborative effort, these people like to hog the spotlight and pretend that every success is the sole result of their own influence and contributions.

8. They're even quicker to throw others under the bus.

Consider this the flip side to the previous point: They'll just as quickly point the finger at others and assign blame when things go sour.

These toxic personalities keep everyone on edge and on their toes at work — and not in a good way.

If you recognize any of the signs mentioned above, you might just have a toxic co-worker.

If so, recognizing it is the first step. Consider your options for following up — sometimes a simple talk with your colleague can make a world of difference.

Aim to be the co-worker you wish you had.

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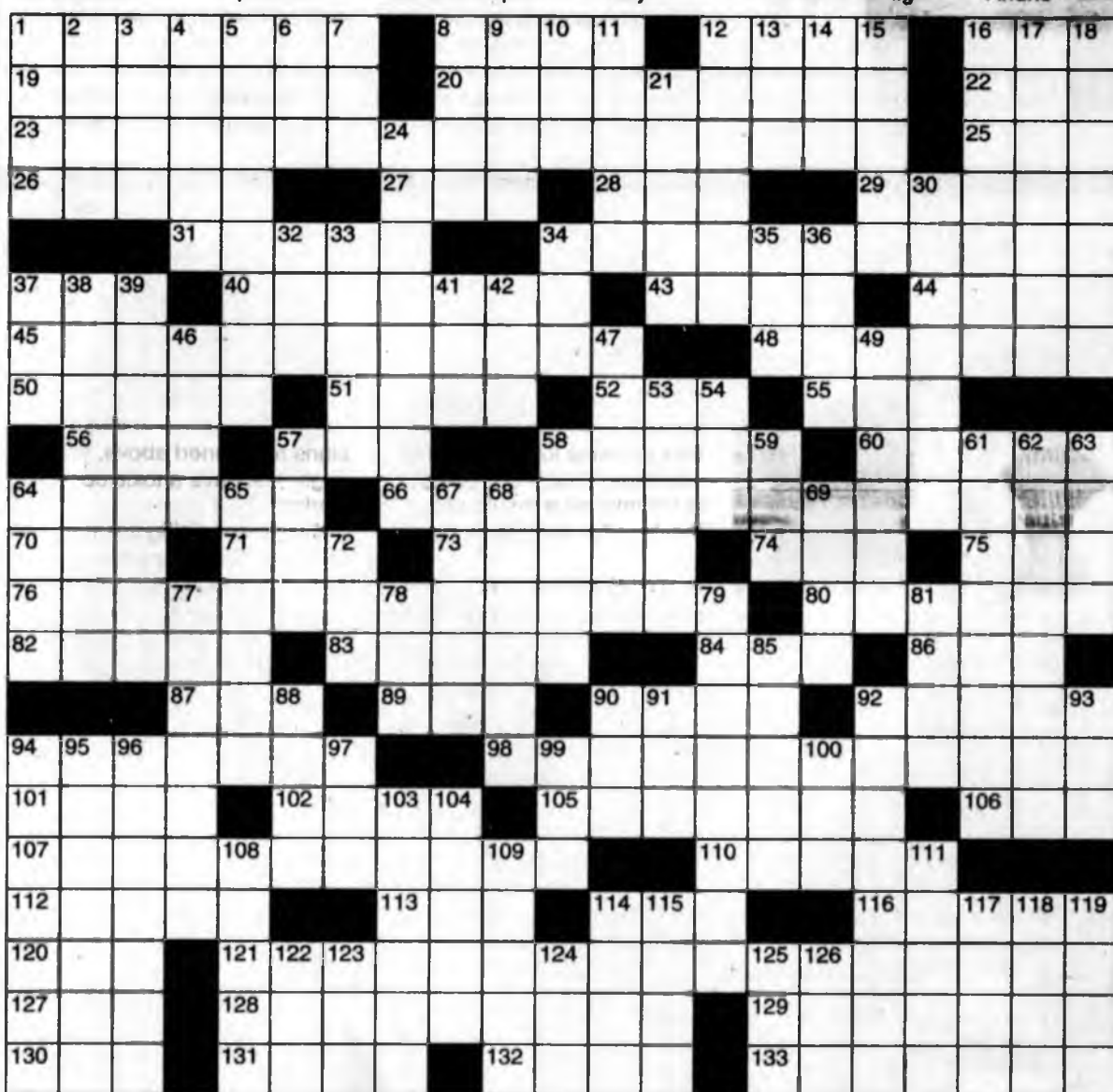
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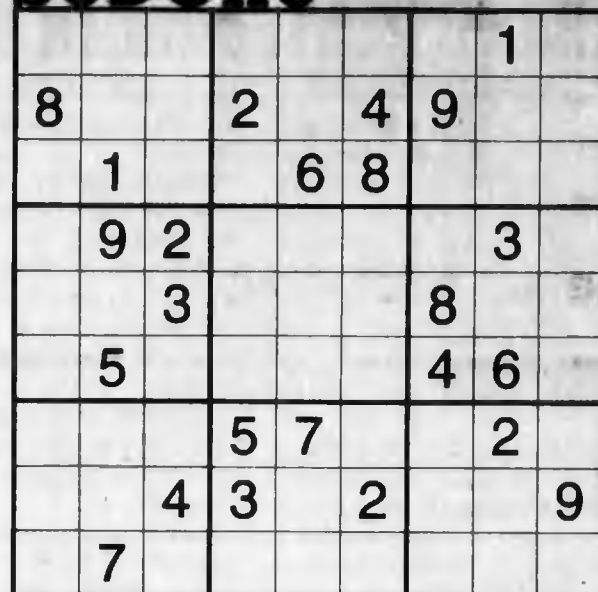
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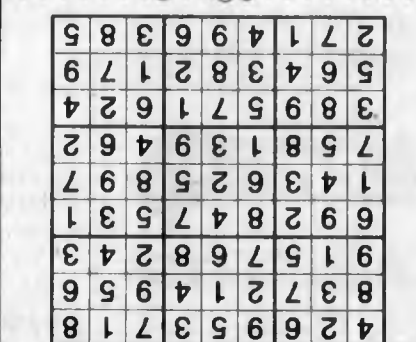
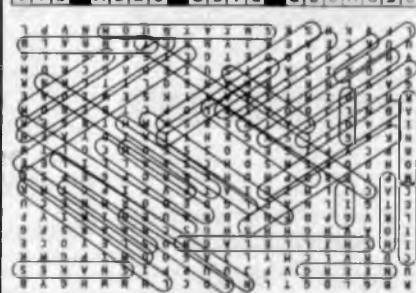
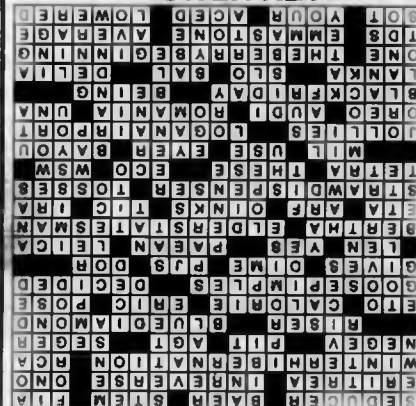
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Car Report

TOYOTA GETS OFF TO GREAT START WITH 'START YOUR IMPOSSIBLE' BRAND PLATFORM, IN OLYMPICS AND EVEN IN ITS DEALERSHIPS



By Dale Buss

Toyota has put on quite a display of marketing over the last few months, initially by announcing its first global brand, "Start Your Impossible," and then fleshing out what that slogan means in blowout advertising efforts around the Super Bowl and Winter Olympics. Those efforts, in turn, are part of casting Toyota in a wider sense as a "mobility," not just an "automobility," brand.

The brand's efforts ranged from commercials featuring real people doing seemingly impossible things, to ads that featured Toyota's unique approach not only to automation but to human mobility, to various ways of highlighting Olympic and Paralympic athletes with whom Toyota partners,

ranging from snowboarder Amy Purdy to PyeongChang skiing sensation Chloe Kim.

"This was the first time with a global campaign," Ed Laukes, group vice president of Toyota Division marketing, told me. "It was a true labor of love for the organization, building a campaign that has an essence that would work in every single corner of the earth."

Laukes took time for a Q&A:

What are your takeaways from your huge — let's say olympian — effort at the Olympics?

It's too early to get some solid data back to the reaction to the brand messaging. [But] we learned a lot about people, culture, laws and, we think, the campaign. The reaction within the organization and externally, both what we follow on social media and what we've received from an outpouring of people into the call center, and the dealer reaction in their communities, has been completely overwhelming.

I've been with the company 29 years and this is the first time we've had a campaign 100 percent without a car in it; we were nervous about that and reaction from the general public and our retailers. They expect us to showcase their products.

Will we see this "Start Your Impossible" positioning manifested more in products going forward, as the closings of your ads seemed to suggest? And is this a way of talking about autonomous driving as well?

Yes, right now we are testing a lot of different products. Some will come to the marketplace someday, some will be just a prototype based on an idea — similar to when you go to an auto show and see a prototype. Sometimes these are design experiments or technology experiments, and it will be the exact same thing about mobility: things built around an idea and hopefully some will come to market in some form or fashion.

[Autonomous driving] is a little bit of a stretch. Autonomous driving is in its early stages for many different organizations. One of the first things that has to happen is different levels of autonomy need to be vetted out and explained. [When you talk about mobility,] people immediately think about full autonomy. There are a lot of different factors that would say we have



Toyota's first global brand campaign has made for a big marketing season.

to make some decisions as a society in order to make that happen. It will happen over time.

How do you sell sedans in a market that appreciates them less and less?

First you have to look at the root cause. Maybe the sedan market has been ignored a little bit from a styling and features perspective and when you show up with a new Camry with an unbelievably styled vehicle with great features and benefits, you see that it arrests the erosion in the marketplace. If we bring great styling and great package at great price, we think some folks who've gravitated to SUV will come back to a sedan.

How are you improving the customer experience, which seems to be increasingly important?

It's the cornerstone of this organization. I started in '89 with Lexus; I was the first district sales manager in Chicago. The DNA of Toyota and the

customer experience translated into Lexus and it was built from the ground up in Lexus. It's something at Toyota we work on every day and we put head and shoulders above everything else we do. When we don't deliver on that experience we work really hard to make sure that experience is improved.

When we introduced Toyota Care a few years ago — no-cost maintenance for the first two years of ownership — that was a big one. We saw a lot of people not bringing cars to the dealership or even maintaining their cars. They weren't in a [social environment anymore] where they learned about maintaining cars. We thought that Toyota Care would impact that and it's had a huge impact as far as people coming back to the store and maintaining cars and having a relationship with dealers which translates into greater purchase intent.



Toyota athlete Chloe Kim won a celebrated medal.

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