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Lilley Road bridge construction underway

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Following a two-year closure, Canton's bridge over troubled waters is finally getting replaced.

Work was scheduled to start June 10 to replace the Lilley Road bridge, which

is a pathway for traffic over the Lower Rouge River — or, at least, was until the span was closed by the Wayne County Roads Commission after a routine inspection in 2017 found troubling structural flaws.

The replacement bridge is expected to be completed on Oct. 31, 2019, which

will bring long-sought-after relief to residents who live by the area affected by the bridge's closure.

Neighbors in the four subdivisions that branch off Lilley Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road forced to take circuitous routes on a daily basis.

Also, "short-cut" traffic funneling through the Wood Creek subdivision so drivers can get from Haggerty Road to Lilley Road faster is wearing down the neighborhood's primary east-west street at such an accelerated rate that

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Bartender Poco Kernsmith pours a beer at Arbor Brewing in downtown Plymouth. The taproom joins Bigalora Cucina, a restaurant that opened earlier this year, in the former Box Bar space. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Arbor Brewing opens in downtown Plymouth

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It appears the first customers at the new Arbor Brewing Company taproom in Plymouth came a really, really long way to get a Strawberry Blonde.

Amber Miller, who was up from Austin, Texas, with her fiancé, said she was the first person to set foot in the new taproom. She left pretty pleased with the service and the beer.

"I talked to multiple employees here and they gave me suggestions on what their drink was. I thought that was interesting," she said. "Everybody had their own favorite drink that they pushed on me."

After many months of renovations in the space formerly occupied by the Box Bar, Arbor Brewing opened its third pub, this one at 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. It's a vision, head brewer Jon Wagner said, that's become

an incredible reality since they began renovating after the Box Bar closed at the end of 2017. The space joins Bigalora Cucina in the former bar space, a restaurant that opened earlier this year.

The pub features many of the regular beer fans of Arbor Brewing can expect, including Euchre Pils, Buzzsaw IPA and Strawberry Blonde. It also features a few Plymouth-only brews right now, including:

- Anecdotal Truth, a New England IPA
- Grand Excursion, a west coast IPA
- 7 Decades, a stout and
- Anderson's Amber, an amber

"This brewery's going to afford us an opportunity to let our brewers expand and try some fun things," Wagner said. "I intend to use this brewery as an R-and-D brewery, so we can try pilot beers."

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The taproom on Ann Arbor Trail offers indoor and outdoor seating.

Multi-tenant building planned for Hayden's site

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It's been more than a year since Hayden's abruptly closed on Ford Road in Canton. Now, a developer hopes to bring some new life into that space on the east side of the township.

Bingham Farms-based Alrig USA came before the Canton Planning Commission on June 10 for a site plan review of the former restaurant at 39895 Ford Road. The proposal calls for some renovation of the building, complete with some new material, and would allow for up to three separate businesses to operate at the space.

It's the developer's hope that by doing so, the site can see better business than it has in the past.

"This site has had some difficulty as it relates to succeeding," said Bryan Amann, an attorney representing the developer. "We think we addressed that by diversifying and dividing up the building by creating the possibility of having 2-3 tenants in there."

Hayden's operated on the corner of Ford and Lotz for nearly eight years.

Amann said some possible tenants looking at occupying the building include a dentist office and at least one restaurant, though another could also sign a lease as well.

The site plan received recommended approval from the planning commission, and will go to the township's board of trustees later this month for approval. Once approved, developers hope to begin work as soon as possible and open as soon as complete.

The commission voted unanimously on the recommendation, though chairman Greg Greene did ask if there was concern over opening another restaurant at the site since there had been two that did not make it.

"The prospect of that becoming another restaurant is not an alarming or alerting kind of thing?" he said. "That's two restaurants that have not continued."

Amann said the type of restaurant that would locate there, which could be both a sit-down restaurant or a fast-casual chain, would fit well into the site the way it's being designed.

"There are various national brands still looking to locate around here," he said.

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The Art Van Furniture building reopened Monday after having been closed all weekend to complete cleanup after a small fire caused by a recliner. FILE

Art Van reopens after recliner fire

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It's back to business for the Art Van Furniture's Canton location, which kept its doors shut over the weekend because of a small fire.

The Ford Road doors reopened Monday after two days of cleanup work.

Store personnel declined comment. They learned Saturday morning a recliner with electri-

cal components had com-busted.

Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein said firefighters were dispatched to an alarm at the store around 5 a.m. Saturday.

Upon arrival, they saw some light smoke inside the building.

They made a forced entry and discovered a sprinkler system had put out the fire.

They worked on miti-gating the smoke damage and turning off the sprin- kler system.

Stoecklein said the small blaze was probably an electrical fire, causing about \$30,000 in damage to the recliner and its sur- roundings.

Art Van's Canton store opened in early 2018. It was the first completely new store the furniture business built in 20 years.

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homeowners have been required to ramp up the funding to fix the crumbling asphalt.

"Not only is it a major inconvenience when it comes to taking different routes to get to Michigan Avenue for us, but it's having financial consequences for the residents of Wood Creek, who have to maintain their own roads," said Wood Creek subdivision resident Dennis Hussey.

"The increased traffic caused by people taking a short-cut through Wood Creek is taking a toll on the roads' surface."

The bridge will remain closed to traffic during the replacement project.

Access to all businesses and residences along Lilley Road will be maintained along with existing detours.

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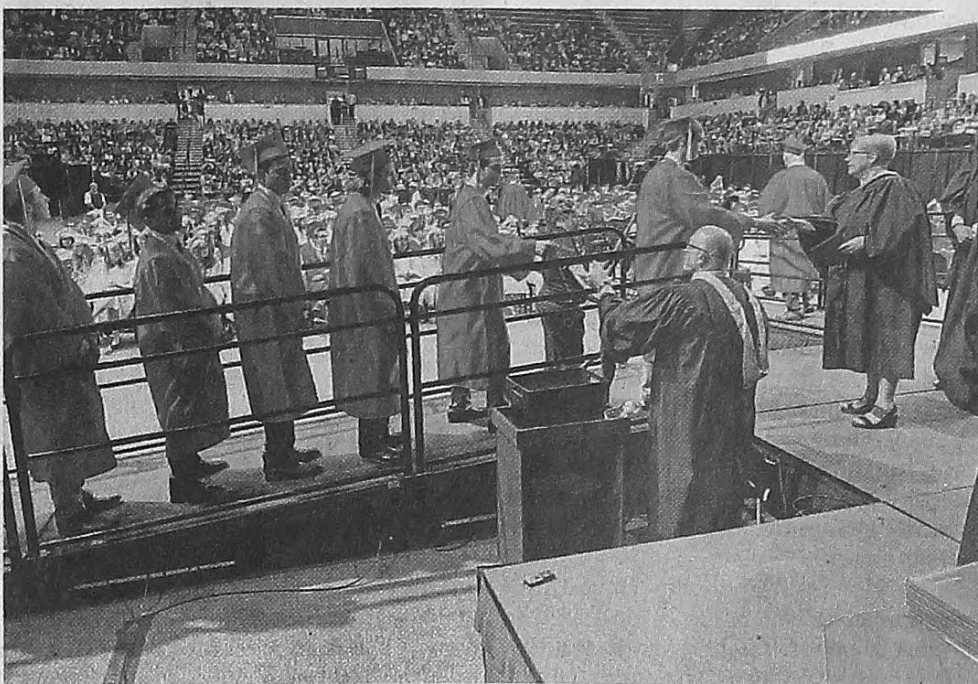
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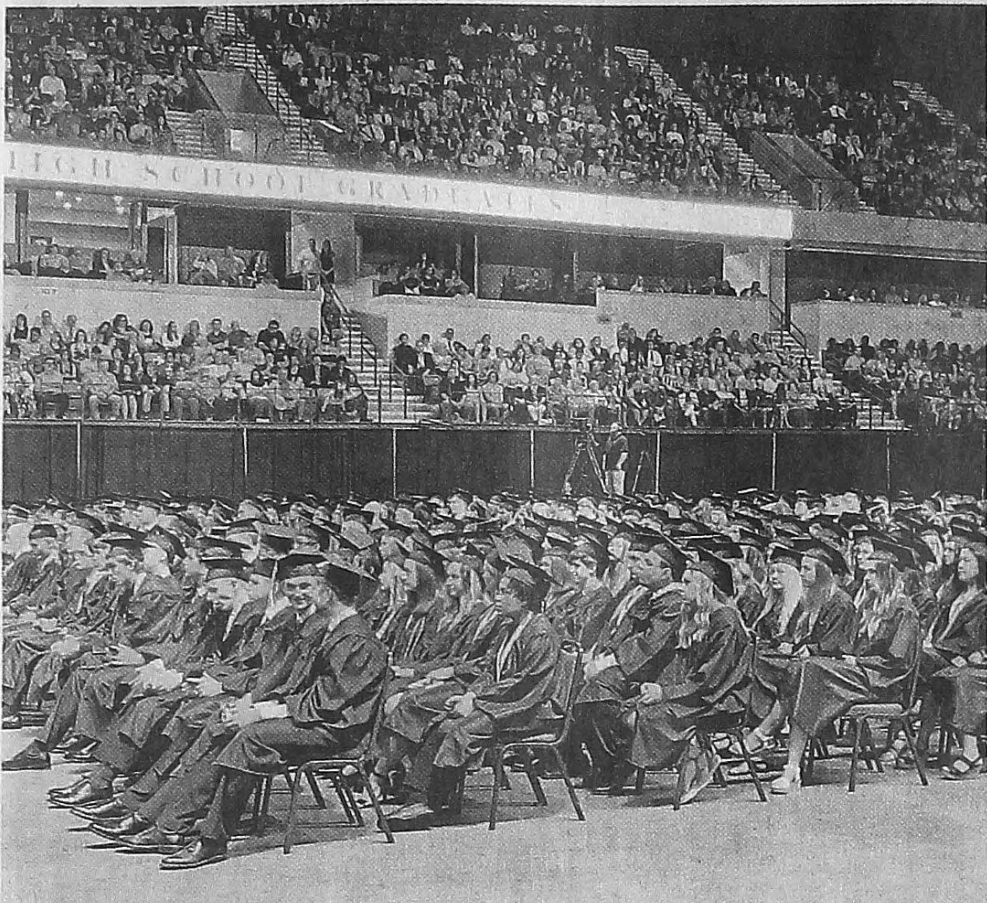
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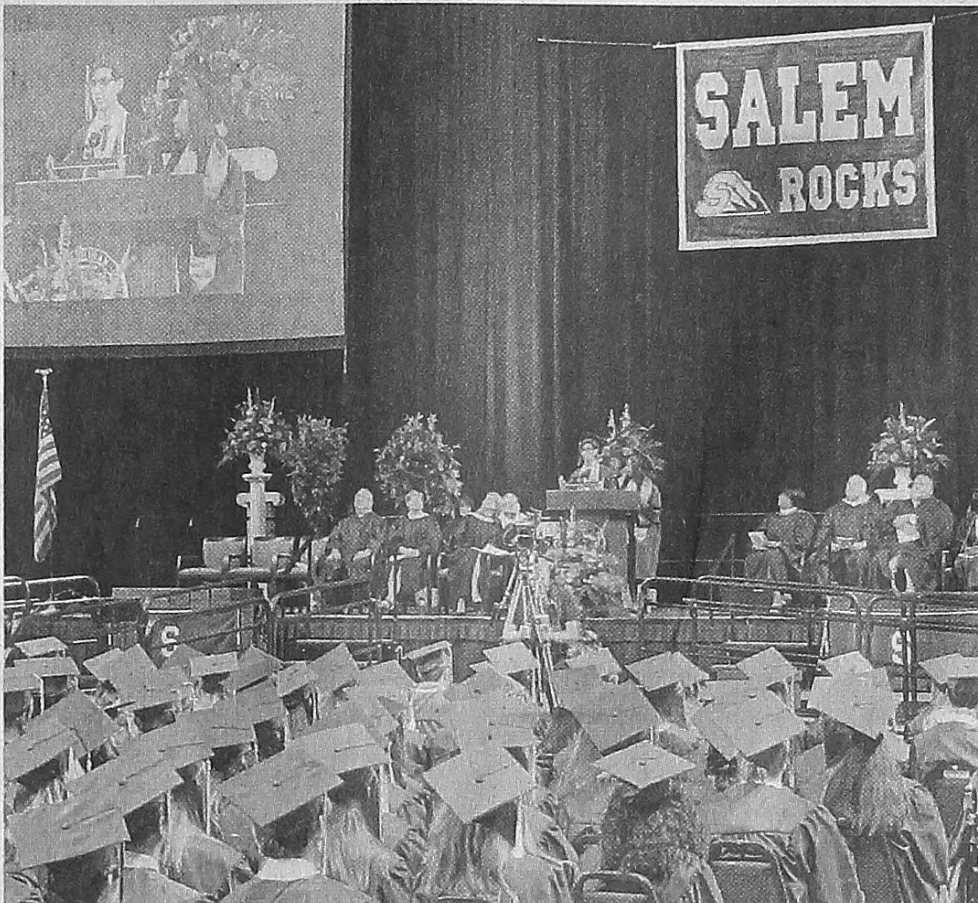
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Keeping its roots

Despite being the new kid in town, Arbor Brewing is still recognizing the area's roots and has touches of the former Box Bar inside. Hanging from the ceiling is the former Box Bar sign (now all lit up), and the 7 Decades stout pays homage to the length of time the Box Bar existed in downtown Plymouth. Some of the booths from the Box Bar made their way to the Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti as well.

Having those local touches of history was crucial for the brewery to keep, said Luciano Del Signore, one of the partners of the brewery.

"It was a no-brainer. We looked at that sign when we came in and said, 'that has to be refurbished and that has to stay on this property,'" he said. "That means something to this community. We didn't want to take that away from them."

Much of the food menu is pub fare, with some dishes unique to the Plymouth location. Some barbecue, made using the Box Bar's Southern Pride smoker that was left behind will also eventually join the menu. Sandwiches, salads and other appetizers will be served, and patrons who love the pizzas in both Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor will be in luck in Plymouth.

"We've created an incredible flat-bread pizza that we cook in a deck oven," Del Signore said. "We were so successful with this at the other two Arbor's, that there was no way we couldn't bring it here as well."

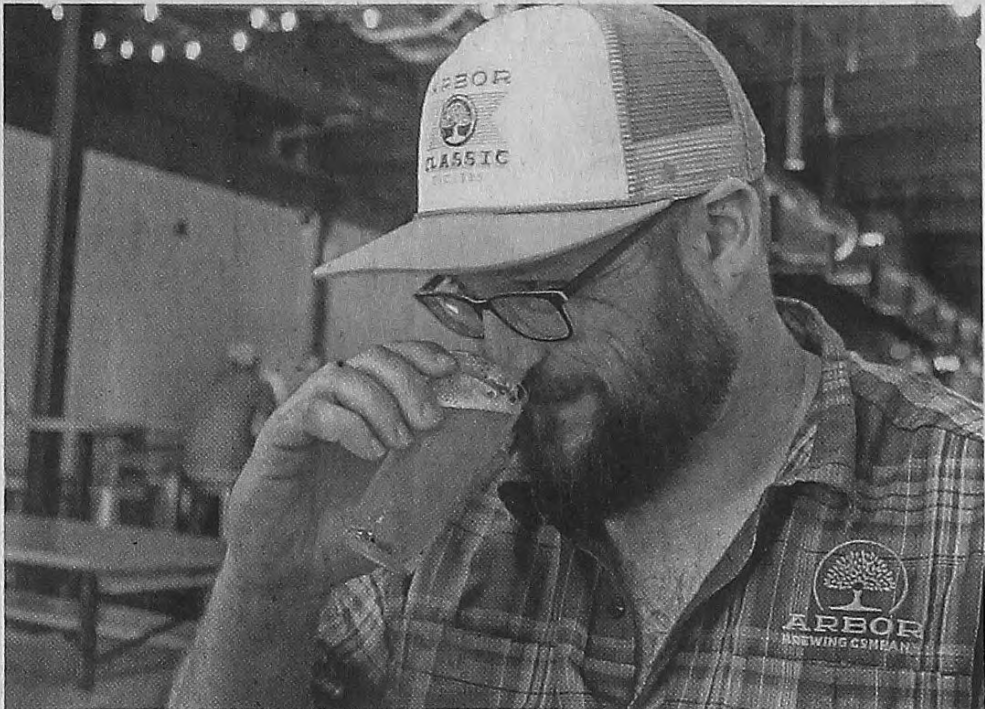
The bar is open 11 a.m. every day and closes at 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. Sunday, with the kitchen closing an hour before.

The community has been incredibly welcoming as well, said Mike Messink, another partner of Arbor Brewing. Especially on the outskirts of Kellogg Park, he believes Arbor Brewing will mesh well with the city.

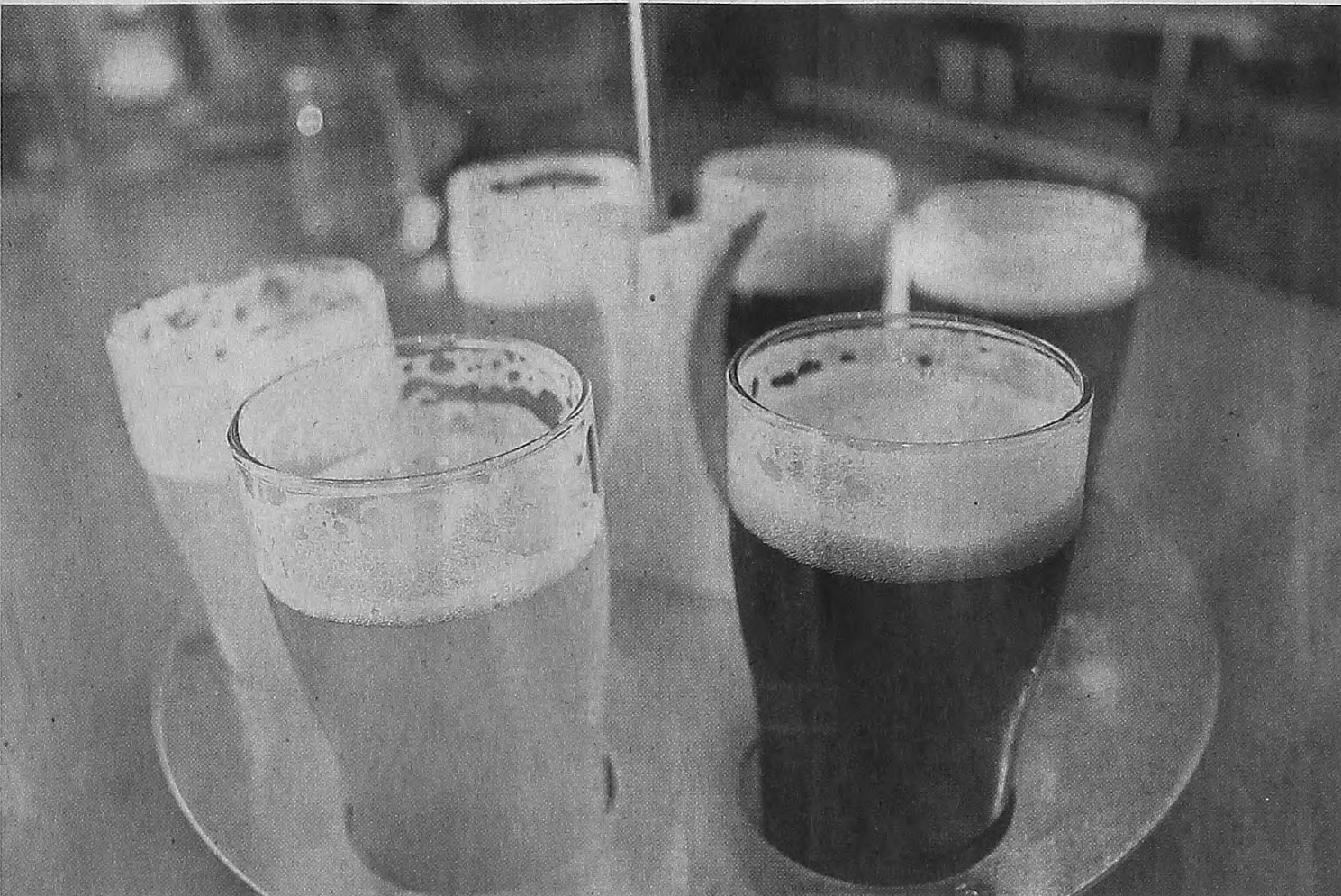
"It's huge. We're looking to steadily expand our reach and I think Plymouth shares a lot in common with Ann Arbor and Ypsi where we already have locations," he said. "It's really a natural synergy."



Austin, Texas resident Amber Miller drinks a Strawberry Blonde. Miller said she was the first person to enter the newly-opened Arbor Brewing taproom.



Arbor Brewing's head brewer Jon Wagner smells a taster of beer in the new Plymouth taproom on Ann Arbor Trail. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Arbor Brewing will serve several Plymouth-only brews in addition to standbys brewed by the Washtenaw County brewery.

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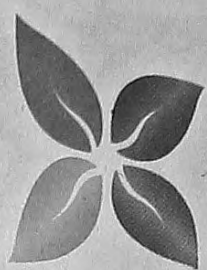
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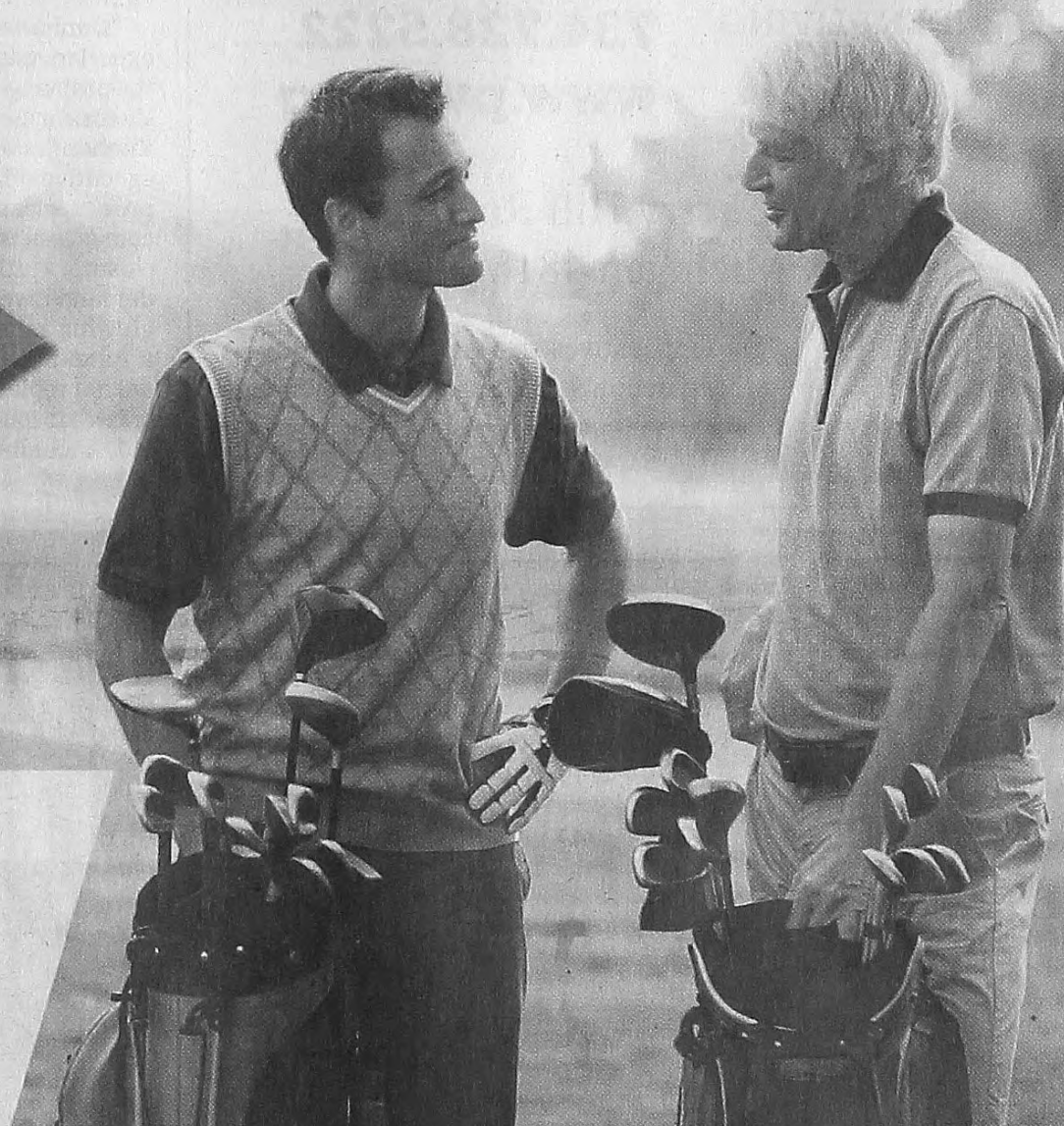


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CBL Properties, the parent company for Laurel Park Place, announced via a news release that Dunham's Sporting Goods would replace some of the space in the former Carson's at the north end of the mall. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Dunham's officially on way to Laurel Park Place

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The worst-kept secret surrounding Livonia's lone shopping mall was made official Thursday morning.

CBL Properties, the parent company for Laurel Park Place mall, announced via a news release that Dunham's Sporting Goods would replace some of the space on the north end of the mall where Carson's formerly was. Dunham's will occupy 43,000 square feet of the space, which includes the lower level of the store.

"Dunham's will bring a new shopping experience to the strong mix of users at the property, including Von Maur, H&M, Victoria's Secret and California Pizza Kitchen," said Stephen Lebovitz, chief executive officer of CBL Properties, in a press release. "This announcement comes less than one year after Carson's closure, further illustrating the strong demand we are experiencing from growing retailers and other users. We are making tremendous progress on our anchor replacement program with nearly two dozen of these projects committed, including six already open, and

many others in various stages of negotiation."

The announcement confirms the news many people in Livonia already expected. Plans already published on CBL Properties website earlier this year indicated Dunham's was coming to the mall, though mall officials would previously not discuss it when reached for comment.

Carson's closed last summer after its parent company filed for bankruptcy. The storefront on the north end of the mall has been vacant since, though there's been work in recent weeks.

There's no word on whether the Dunham's would replace another Dunham's in the area or would be a completely new store. A message was left with the company but was not returned by press time.


Dunham's already operates stores in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Canton. It joins Von Maur as one of the anchor stores at the mall.

There's no word yet on what else may occupy the space on the upper level of the store. The company said it would announce the plans for the rest of the space once plans are finalized.

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Protesters stand outside the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center on June 6.
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Group protests sale of Hines Park mills

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Those looking at getting their morning workout in June 6 at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center in Livonia were welcomed by protesters holding signs.

The protesters, more than a dozen of them, were there expecting to see potential developers interested in redeveloping two historic mills in Hines Park in both Livonia and Plymouth.

The group, part of Save Hines Park, hopes to steer Wayne County away from selling two of the historic mills once used by Henry Ford in Hines Park and keep them within the county parks portfolio.

"What we're trying to say is, we have no problem of re-adaptive use of the mills. In fact, we proposed that in 1989 with the master plan," said Nancy Darga, the former chief of design for Wayne County Parks who was at the protest with the group. "What we're saying though is, we don't want to lose ownership of the mills and we can make more money through federal and state grants."

"A private person can't access environmental cleanup funds."

The group expected to see developers for a supposed meeting at the rec center,

though they said it may have been canceled.

It has been against the plan since it was announced late last year. Wayne County officials seek to sell the Newburgh Mill at Hines Drive and Newburgh in Livonia and the Wilcox Mill at Hines Drive and Wilcox Road in Plymouth. The county's hope, officials say, is that the structures can be revitalized and developed into usable, public spaces such as breweries, coffee shops or other uses.

A third mill, Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township, has been sold and closed on to a private developer seeking to construct a banquet facility and restaurant. The closing on that property took place earlier this spring.

The group, which has been vocal on Facebook over the last few months, has been out speaking its message and holding signs out in front of the mills. It's a process they expect to continue as the county moves forward on the sale of the mills.

The protest attracted a variety of Wayne County residents, including at least one who doesn't live near Hines Park.

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Police: Livonia man arrested for peeping

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A Livonia man is accused of being a peeping tom in Holland Township.

According to a Holland Township police report, David Angelo Roberts, 27, was arrested June 4 at his address there.

Police said he was the man window peeping May 30 in the 1700 block of 104th Avenue, near Zeeland.

Several residents had called regarding a man looking into the windows of occupied homes, and an investigation pinpointed Roberts, who had been driving a burgundy 2008 Hyundai Sonata.

"It is now thought that the suspect is involved in several other window peeper complaints over the last four months in Ottawa County," the report



Roberts

said. "It was also learned that Roberts may be involved in similar cases in the Livonia, Michigan, area where he has family."

Holland Township police arrested him for disorderly window peeping and two counts of resisting arrest.

Wayne County court records indicate a warrant has been issued because Roberts, who has a Livonia address, is accused of a May 5 aggravated indecent exposure incident.

The Holland Township incidents remain under investigation and anyone with information is asked to call Silent Observer at 1-877-88-SILENT.

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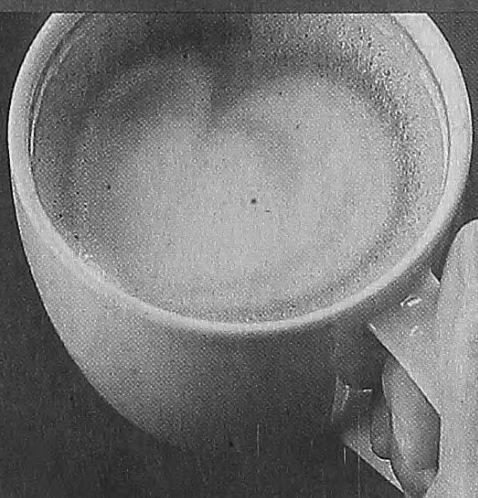


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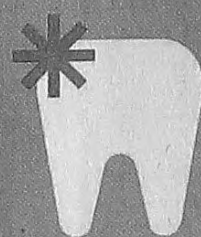
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The top 5 communities for first-time home buyers

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Rising prices and slimmer inventories of for-sale houses have made it tough for many first-time home buyers in metro Detroit to find affordable places in their first or even second-choice communities.

Real estate agents insist there are still good options for would-be buyers, so long as they expand their geographic horizon and right-size their expectations.

There also are a variety of low-down-payment mortgage programs available to help buyers who lack the ready cash for a traditional 20% down payment.

For example, Troy-based Flagstar Bank recently introduced its new Destination Home program that offers the option for a zero-down, 30-year fixed mortgage with no required private mortgage insurance to borrowers with 600-plus credit scores.

“There are a lot of programs out there that can help first-time buyers — and not only first-time buyers — get into a property with little to nothing (down),” said Chris Terry, a sales manager at Flagstar.

A recent survey of agents and analysis of listings data by Re/Max of Southeastern Michigan produced a list of five cities and townships in metro Detroit that are well-suited for first-time buyers. The factors considered were affordability, neighborhood amenities and recent popularity with buyers.

The median home sale price for each community was obtained by Re/Max with data from the Realcomp multiple-listing service.

“The good news for buyers and sellers is that our local housing market remains healthy,” said Jeanette Schneider, vice president of Re/Max of Southeastern Michigan.

1. Hazel Park, median price \$105,000

Forget your uncle’s old “Hazelucky” jokes, Hazel Park above 8 Mile has emerged as southeastern Oakland County’s newest hot entry-level home market. Many newcomers become attracted to the city’s housing prices after



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finding themselves priced out of neighboring Ferndale.

Ted Reithel of RE/MAX Vision said it is common for house-hunters to get approved by mortgage lenders to borrow up to \$200,000, only to find nothing in their price range in Royal Oak, then surprisingly little in Ferndale. So those buyers come check out Hazel Park.

“Hazel Park was a little slower to come out of the recession, and Royal Oak and Ferndale had such high prices that people have kind of rediscovered Hazel Park,” Reithel said.

A sizable number of Hazel Park houses on the market are being sold by investors who purchased them to rehab and flip, he said. So overall prices are rising, even though they are still below those in other real estate hot spots.

The city also has gained a new hipness factor with the arrival of several trendy restaurants, bars and coffee shops. As for the schools, there is the Hazel Park Promise Zone, which offers free tuition or scholarship dollars for Hazel Park High School graduates.

2. Westland, median price \$135,000

Westland has been popular for years with home buyers seeking a reasonable deal. The city has a plethora of shopping and restaurant options, plus easy access to major freeways.

“Westland is always a great opportunity

for a first-time home buyer,” said Realtor Jason Matt of Keller Williams in Plymouth. “The taxes are relatively low, the community offers a lot and you get a really solid home for a lot of value.”

Recently, many first-time buyers in Westland and other communities have been putting down far less than the traditional 20% on their home loan.

“I would say 75% to 80% of the first-time home buyers that we work with are not putting down more than 10%,” Matt said. “That’s just because of the programs that are out there, and the way they are getting qualified with some of the lenders. When I see a first-time home buyer that is putting down 20%, I ... make sure it’s not a typo.”

3. Waterford, median price \$187,500

Many neighborhoods in this Oakland County community come with beach and lake access, a popular amenity with residents who don’t need to own a \$500,000-plus home to belong.

“What is attracting the buyers to Waterford is it is surrounded by the lakes, it has good schools and it’s an easy commute,” said Tina Zudell of RE/MAX Encore, who also resides in Waterford.

Prices in Waterford, not too long ago around \$150,000, have jumped in the past year, yet are still below those in other Oakland County markets known for lakes and waterfront homes.

The main frustration now among would-be buyers is the slim inventory of for-sale homes, Zudell said, a situation that often leads to bidding wars.

“What’s happening this year is seven or eight buyers will look at one house priced at \$150,000,” she said.

Still, Waterford offers a wide variety of houses at very different price points.

“You can go from the Pontiac side (of Waterford) for a \$60,000 houses, all the way to the White Lake/West Bloomfield side for an \$800,000 to \$1 million,” Zudell said. “And I’m on the Clarkston side, where our houses are around \$200,000.”

4. Clinton Township, median price \$190,694

This Macomb County community offers close access to good shopping along Hall Road and at The Mall at Partridge Creek. Many families also enjoy the township’s popular library and recently redone George George Memorial Park, which has walking trails and a duck pond.

For everything residents get, the housing prices are a great value, said Realtor Sandra Hall with Re/Max First.

“We have strong schools, and our median prices are on the lower end in this area,” Hall said, who also lives in the township.

Yet like other communities in the region, the township’s inventory of for-sale homes is tight right now, and houses that do come up for sale attract multiple bids.

To help her clients’ offers, Hall recommends they write personal letters to sellers that share details about their background and interest in the house.

“Real estate is a very emotional thing for buyers and sellers,” Hall said, “and putting your emotions up front can sometimes help you.”

5. Livonia, median price \$215,000

Livonia has one of the lowest tax rates in Wayne County plus many starter-size homes, as well as several public parks.

Prices are a bit higher in Livonia than in neighboring Westland, and the inventory is a bit tighter at the moment, according to Jason Matt of Keller Williams.

Because Livonia houses tend to attract multiple bids and sell quickly, he counsels would-be buyers to be ready to make an offer on a desirable property within minutes of walking through it.

“You may need to write on this home that you’ve only been in for 10 minutes,” Matt said. “I give the analogy, if you want to sleep on it, you’re not going to sleep in it.”

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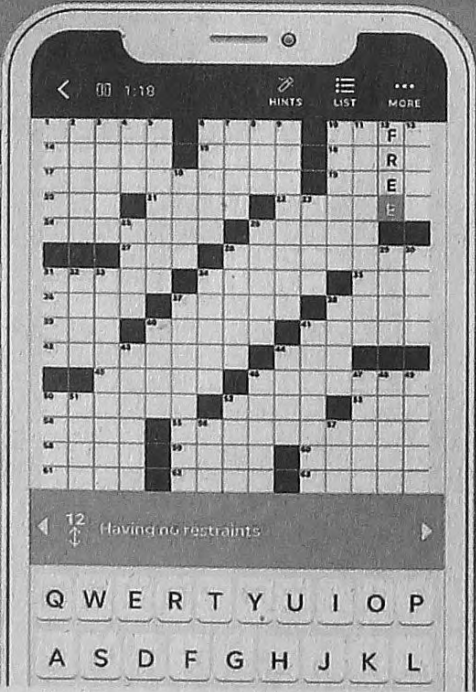
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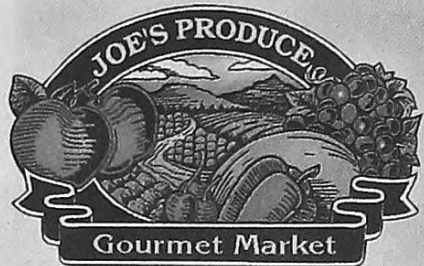
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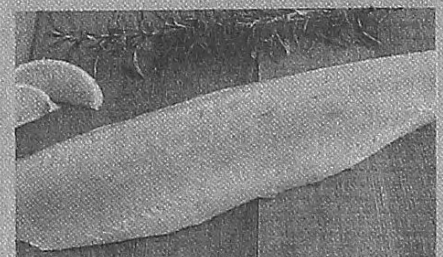
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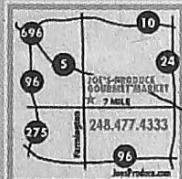


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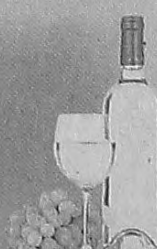
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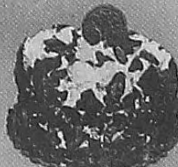
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Brother Rice defeats CC in final second

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For most of the afternoon it felt like Detroit Catholic Central was going to capture its second consecutive state championship — but luckily for Birmingham Brother Rice, the only score that matters is the one on the score-

board when the clock hits triple zeros. With just one second remaining in the game, Brother Rice senior captain Justin Glod fired a shot past Catholic Central goalie Jakob Hemme, who by all accounts played a great game, giving Brother Rice a 14-13 lead. It was the team's first lead since the middle of the second quarter and would hold as the final score in the state title game at Howell's Park Middle School. The Warriors fan section exploded and the team's sideline jumped for joy, shouting and hugging all-around. Brother Rice was back on top as the Michigan state champions, one year after falling to the Shamrocks in the title game. It's Brother Rice's 14th state championship in the last 15 years, a dynasty ri-

valed by nothing else in Michigan high school sports. "It's pretty awesome," Brother Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "I wasn't wanting to get into a shootout like we did today, but ending like that is a hell of an ending. It was a fun game — more so to watch than it was to coach I'm sure. It's

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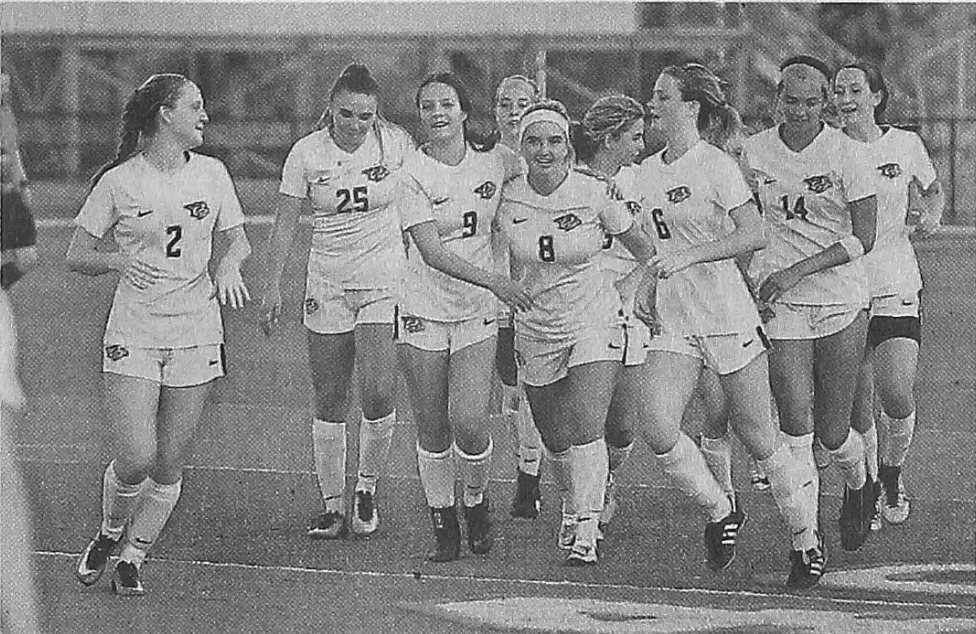
Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich holds up the Wildcats' Division 1 regional soccer trophy as his team celebrates.
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Plymouth girls team headed to Final Four

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Plymouth's girls soccer team is crushing the notion that life gets tougher the further you advance in the state tournament. On Friday at Dearborn High, the Wildcats bolted to a 2-0 lead in the opening 14 minutes of their Division 1 regional final match against Ann Arbor Huron before posting a never-really-in-doubt 3-1 victory. Plymouth hammered Dearborn, 3-0, in Wednesday's regional semifinal — six nights after engineering an epic comeback in its district final match against Canton. Now 18-4-1, Plymouth earned a state semifinal date with Troy played Wednesday at Troy Athens High School.

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Plymouth players rejoice seconds after the clock hit zeroes Friday night. The Wildcats beat Ann Arbor Huron 3-1, then went on to beat Dearborn High 3-0.

GIRLS SOCCER

Novi blasts Grand Blanc in rematch

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In the last meeting between Novi and Grand Blanc, it took 77 minutes before either team scored a goal. This time, Novi pounced on the Bobcats twice in the first half, building an early lead en route to a 4-0 victory last Thursday night at West Bloomfield High School. The win sent Novi to the state semifinals, where it was scheduled to play Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central on Wednesday at Holt High School. Forest Hills Central beat Midland 2-0 in the regional finals to get there. Find the latest scores online at hometownlife.com.

After playing teams for the second or third time this season to this point in the playoffs, the Wildcats were excited to play a team for the first time this season, which Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer says may have helped the team have the outstanding game it did. "I think that was definitely our most complete game," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "We finally saw someone we haven't seen before ... so I think that that helped too. It was refreshing. We knew how bad they wanted this, Grand Blanc, they're phenomenal. Greg (Kehler) is such an awesome coach. ... We knew it was going to be a great game and had to step it up." Novi junior Avery Fenchel got the scoring started. She dished a nice pass to senior Julia Stadtherr who stopped the ball, turned and placed a through ball right to Fenchel who had run by the defense. She shot it low and past Grand Blanc goalie Madison McKay and celebrated with a fist pump as she gave her team the lead with 18:59 left to play in the half.

"It was great teamwork getting the ball up the field," Fenchel said. "I was able to see Julia wide, we'd talked about her staying wide for the ball and I saw a gap between the defenders and I ran through and she gave me a perfect ball, so credit to her." About 12 minutes later, senior Jessica Bandyk hit senior Lexi Whalen with a pass, who chipped it over the head of McKay and into the net. "The chemistry (with Stadtherr and Bandyk) is great," Fenchel said. "We've been playing together since my freshman year so we have the experience. ... I think that Jessie gives great balls to me and Julia same thing, it's a great connection between us."

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Rematch

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It was a dominant first half by the Wildcats, who held Grand Blanc without any real scoring chances. The Bobcats had an occasional shot, but nothing that caused too much of a problem for the Wildcat defense.

“We talked about starting quickly because we know how great of a team they are,” Pheiffer said. “We told them if we can get one early and get them back on their heels, and we were able to do that. I think that kind of relieved a little of the pressure of knowing a trip to the state semis was on the line.”

The second half didn’t go any better for Grand Blanc.

Just under 10 minutes into the half, Fenchel struck again. The goal was assisted by Bandyk, her second of the game.

With 20:46 remaining, Fenchel was awarded a free kick and connected, giving her a hat trick. She now has 24 goals this season — a team high for the All-American.

“When you think about 24 goals in the conference that we play in, playing Hartland three times, Brighton three times, Northville twice, Plymouth twice, Canton twice, Salem twice, Grand Blanc now, Stevenson twice — it’s just a credit to how hard she has to work, because everybody knows what she’s done all season and tries to mark her,” Pheiffer said. “She does a great job moving up top to pick and choose her spaces.”

Pheiffer added that Fenchel continues to stand out as an elite player not just because of her stats but because of everything that she brings to the offense.

“A lot of it is just the passion,” Pheiffer said. “There’s a lot of good forwards and people that score a lot of goals, but a lot of hers are because she wants to score. A lot of forwards would like to score, she wants to score. She’ll crash the goal, make those runs through the back defense, she’ll pick and choose. She has a very high soccer IQ.”

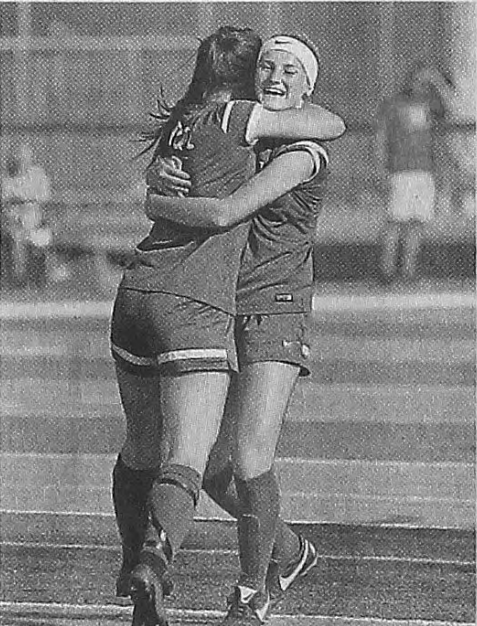
Novi, which is ranked No. 1 in both the state and the entire country, improves to 24-0-1 overall and has shut out opponents in 22 of its 25 games — an unbelievable feat.

The last time the Wildcats lost was during last year’s regular season, when they fell to none other than Grand Blanc. Grand Blanc ends the season with a record of 20-3-1.

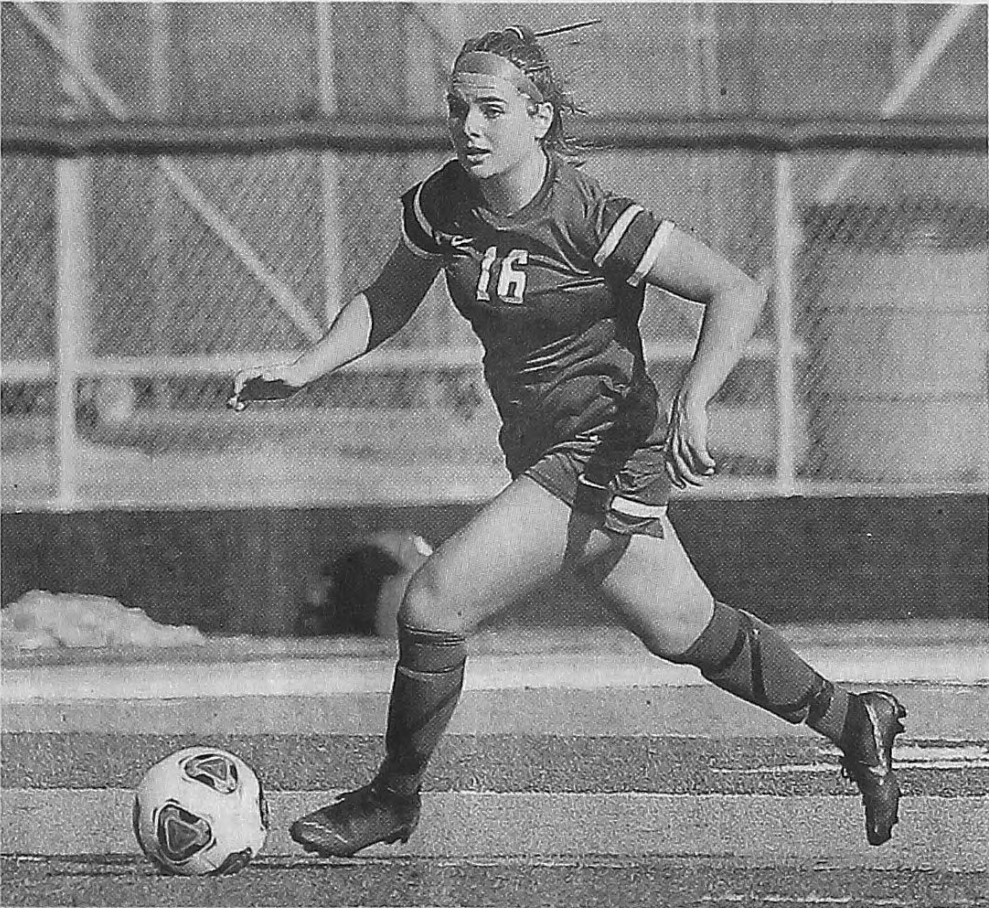
“(Making the state semifinals) is a great accomplishment for our team,”



Novi teammates celebrate after winning the regional championship. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Novi’s Avery Fenchel, right, hugs a teammate after scoring a goal.



Novi’s Jessie Bandyk dribbles up the field against Grand Blanc.

Fenchel said. “We’re really motivated to win this again, so we’ll just keep going out strong. Grand Blanc was a great opponent for us, great rematch from last year. I think we’re gaining some confidence and moving forward.”

Plymouth

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The Colts edged the Wildcats, 2-1, back in March.

Plymouth’s depth and versatility were both on display against Huron.

Coach Jeff Neschich rotated players frequently throughout the first half, but the winners’ controlled the play regardless of who was on the pitch.

“Until it cooled off, we had to keep fresh legs out there,” Neschich said. “I gained confidence in the kids we had out there and I let them stay out there a little longer.”

Among the Plymouth reserves who gave Huron fits were defenders Grace Brooks and Mackenzie Osgood, and forward Megan Wu.

Senior two-way standout Rebecca Przybylo supplied the versatility, excelling at goal-keeper in the first half before moving to forward for the final 40 minutes.

Przybylo made one sterling save, diving to her left to rob Huron’s Minna Tremonti of a goal one minute before half-time. Thirty minutes later, she widened the Wildcats’ lead to 3-0, settling a pass from Eve Davis 10 yards from the goal line before lasering a shot past Huron keeper Dana Decan.

“Becca brings a spark to us in our attack; she’s so aggressive up there,” Neschich said. “I always want her on the field and we have a strong backup keeper in Ashley Bowles. She’s really good.”

Przybylo said she savors Friday’s victory for a variety of reasons.

“We hadn’t been this far in the tournament since my sophomore year when we got beat, unfortunately, by Saline,” she said. “Coming in this year, we knew we were going to be good, we thought we could go a long way.”

“I’m just happy that I’m not done playing, I get to keep playing my senior season and I get to keep practicing and playing with my teammates. We love going to every practice and every game. It’s a big family.”



Plymouth’s Sophie Zelek elevates to win a 50-50 ball from a Huron defender. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Senior forward Kennedy White was her usual crowd-pleasing, unselfish self, scoring the ‘Cats’ second goal — and her school-record 31st of the season — from a nearly impossible angle near the goal line from 15 yards out, while drawing double-teaming attention from Huron, opening lanes for her teammates.

Plymouth’s Energizer Bunny — junior Lily Tiplady — was in the middle of the action more than she wasn’t, fearlessly throwing her 5-foot-2 (maybe), 90-pound frame into the fray regardless of

the size of her Huron counterparts.

“I play aggressive, I guess, and fast,” Tiplady said, when asked to describe her style of play. “This team is like a family. Everyone likes each other and we talk well together.”

Friday’s momentum-starter was junior Sophie Zelek, who broke a scoreless tie at the 31:56 mark when she deposited the ball into the net following a frenetic blast of pressure that was triggered by a well-placed corner kick.

Huron’s lone goal was tallied by Tremonti, who answered Przybylo’s goal

with a net-finder at the 10:16 mark.

“I thought Huron had some dangerous players,” Neschich said. “They just couldn’t get organized against our defense. They never got their attack going.”

“We’ve made it to the regional final three or four times the past several years, but we hadn’t won a regional since 2010, so this feels good. I’ve been coaching so long, I really don’t feel the highs and lows like I used to, but this one definitely feels good.”

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Lacrosse

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a sweet victory. It led us to a perfect season, and that was our goal from the first day that we stepped onto the field."

Brother Rice finishes the season an unblemished 22-0, while Catholic Central ends up 20-4. Three of those losses came to Brother Rice.

"It's been an incredible ride," Glod said. "Ever since last year's state championship game, the day after that we were back to work. ... We had this in mind the whole year. We knew we were going to get back here and we knew that we had to do everything we could to win this game and we did."

"Coming into this season, our only goal was the go undefeated. We knew that we could beat a lot of teams and we had the schedule to do it. Going undefeated is huge. We're one of four teams in school history to do it."

The comeback

The first quarter was all Catholic Central. The Shamrocks got out to a 6-2 lead and held it until Brother Rice stormed back in the second quarter with five straight goals. CC finished the half strong, however, taking a 10-7 lead into halftime.

The third quarter saw just three combined goals, before a back and forth final period.

Senior Joseph Kamish scored six goals for the Shamrocks, while senior Ryan Birney added four. The furious Shamrock attack put the Warriors on their heels, but Glod said they didn't let it faze them.

"We came together and said we can do this, it's no big battle for us, we've come back from worse," Glod said. "These guys aren't as good as us, flat out. We can beat them on any side of the field, that's pretty much how it was."

Glod backed up his talk on the field, scoring three goals, including of course the game winner. Brother Rice also had hat tricks from senior Dylan Braddock, junior Pat O'Hara and junior DJ Dixon.

With 2:29 left in the fourth quarter, Catholic Central took a 13-12 lead after Kamish's sixth goal of the game. It allowed a Brother Rice goal just over 30 seconds later and the game was tied with 1:55 to play.

A critical faceoff went the Warriors way, and the rest is history.

"We knew once we won that faceoff, we wanted to hold for the last shot," Chawla said. "Their offense had been scoring today, they were on and we knew we had to hold for the last shot. We have a lot of faith in our offense. We knew if we had the possession at the end of the game and had the ability to shoot and score it was going to happen. We ran through a play and missed the shot with eight seconds left and at that point you have to put it in the hands of the guy you trust."

There was one guy that Chawla knew needed to get



Brother Rice senior captain Justin Glod goes in for a shot in front of Catholic Central's Keegan Koehler.

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the ball — Glod.

"We knew we had to put it in Glod's hands," Chawla said. "He's been there before, he's a senior, he's a leader, he's a hell of a good player and you guys saw what happened, it was awesome."

Glod recognized the situation and as a senior captain, knew he had to make the most of the opportunity. He ran around from behind the net and to Hemme's left and put the ball in the back of the goal. He'll remember the aftermath for the rest of his life.

"I went into shock pretty quickly," Glod said. "I turned back at the crowd and put my hands up, it was probably the best feeling in the world. Seeing my teammates run after me, it's got to be one of the top five moments of my life."

A year in the making

After losing to Catholic Central on June 9, 2018 in last year's state championship game, Brother Rice became ultra motivated to get back to its winning ways.

The team was right back on the field the next day. "They came out with a lot of fire this year," Chawla said. "They came out June 10th last year with a lot of fire. The leadership on this team may be the best I've seen on any program I've played in or coached at. Our

three captains were unbelievable. Everybody fed off that."

Glod, senior Mike Cosgrove and senior James Donaldson were the team's three captains.

It's fitting that the best rivalry in Michigan high school sports finished with a bang. It was the sixth straight season the two Catholic League clubs met in the state final.

"When you realize your goals, there's something really special about that," Chawla said.

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CC beats Stevenson, falls to Fenton in regionals

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Until the fourth inning, things were looking good for Livonia Stevenson. Starting pitcher Nick Olsen was cruising, and the Spartans held a one run lead.

That good feeling didn't last much longer than that, however, and Detroit Catholic Central went on to win 6-1 at Catholic Central High School to advance to the regional finals.

It all started with CC's Ryan Marra, who led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a single. That brought Joe Hardenbergh to the plate, who hit a ground ball to second base, which was flipped to the shortstop Jacob Townley in an effort to get the lead runner out and possibly turn a double play.

Marra slid hard into the bag and took out Townley in the process as he slid into and just beyond the base. He was called safe.

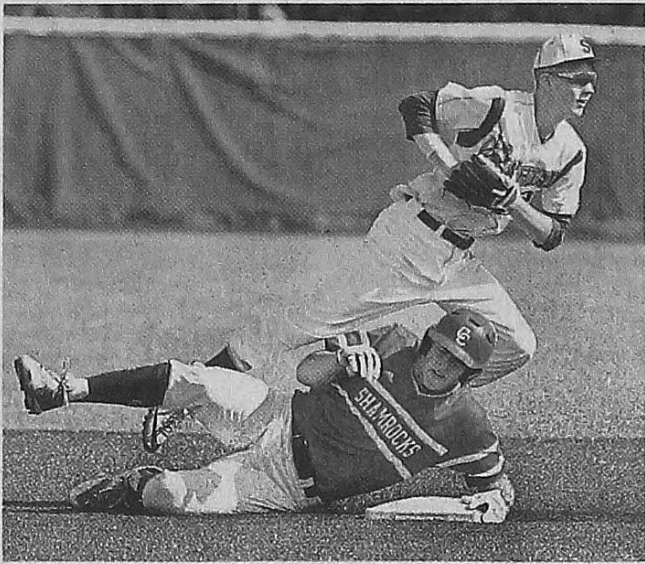
Four batters later, Catholic Central took a 3-1 lead after a suicide squeeze by Jake Zeeb and a two-run single by Regan Paulina. The Stevenson staff was furious — and their gripe was legitimate.

According to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rule 2-32, Marra should've and could've been called out for taking out Townley with his slide.

The rule states that the runner is out if he slides beyond the bag and "makes contact with, or alters, the play of the fielder."

"We got a horrible call at second base on what I perceived as interference," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "The umpire misinterpreted the rule, and as a result, instead of it being double play, it's not and they come back and get the momentum. We just couldn't get anything (after that). I'm not criticizing him, the guy just didn't know the rule."

Berryman went on to say that you can't say turf because if you slide into the kid and knock him down, he's out and you can't say intent because you can't



Stevenson was upset that Shamrock Ryan Marra was called safe on this play at second after he slid through the bag and wiped out Jacob Townley, top. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

read somebody's mind.

"I'm not taking away any credit though," Berryman said. "The young man that pitched for Catholic Central did a fine job. He mixed his pitches, he was up, he was down and he changed speeds. He did that well and kudos to him."

That CC pitcher was senior Thomas Sylvester, who was absolutely dominant.

He pitched a complete game and struck out nine batters while allowing only one run. He had four 1-2-3 innings, including the final two and gave up only two hits. Several runners reached on fielder's choices and errors, but no harm came of it outside of an RBI single by Evan Bradford in the second inning.

"Thomas Sylvester was unbelievable," Catholic

Central coach Dan Michaels said. "He threw almost 70 percent strikes and probably should've had a shutout. I can't say enough about him."

He added that Sylvester probably hit the 86 and 87 miles per hour mark a few times during the game.

"Everything felt good, everything was working really well. I got a few changeups over in the beginning and the curveball was really working late. I got a lot of swing and misses," Sylvester said. "I felt good early, a couple quick innings to start off and felt like that kept going."

CC piled on two more runs in the fifth inning on a two-run single by Blake Salamon before Marra tacked on another in the sixth with an RBI single. The Shamrocks' bottom three hitters, Salamon, Zeeb and Paulina combined for five RBIs.

"Every one of those guys can get a hit," Michaels said. "When I'm standing down there at third base and they come up, I know we have a chance because they can hit. It was a great squeeze bunt by Zeeb. I wanted to get that run and I knew Rick knew I was going to do it. I think they tried a little pitch-out and Zeeb is probably our best bunter and got it down."

It was the second time the teams have played this season. They played during the first week of the season and CC squeaked out a win. Both teams grew much stronger as the year went on, leading to this moment.

"This was great," Michaels said. "We played Rick and the boys in the second game of the year, they're a good team. First five or six batters in the game we played in March, it was 4-0 (Stevenson lead). They threw a four-spot on us so I kept thinking about that the whole game, knowing it wasn't over. That catcher and first baseman, they can mash."

It's the first time CC has reached the regional finals since 2016. Catholic Central lost, 6-1, to Fenton in the regional finals. The Shamrocks finished the season 22-8-1 overall.

Stevenson finishes with a record of 23-12.

Livonia Franklin to hold summer baseball camp

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Livonia Franklin head coach Matt Fournier and the rest of the coaching staff is holding a pair of summer baseball camp for area players.

The "Future Stars" camp is open to boys and girls exiting grades two through eight. Each camp will spend two days focusing on sport specific skills.

The first camp, which will be for campers exiting

grades 5-8, will be held June 24-25. The second camp, for grades 2-4, will be June 26-27. Both will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Franklin High's baseball and softball fields.

The cost is \$50 per student and includes a t-shirt. The registration deadline is Friday, June 21.

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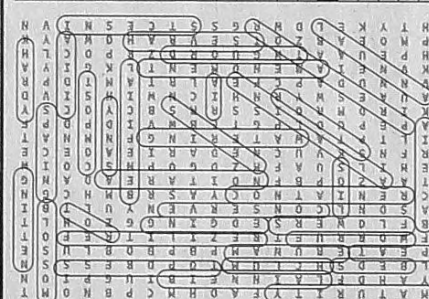
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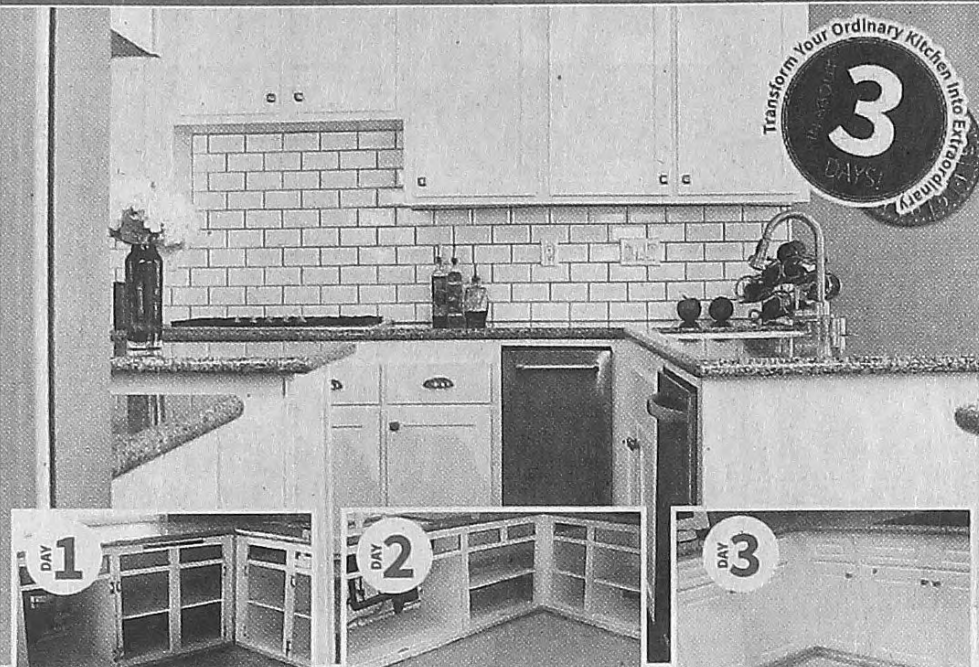
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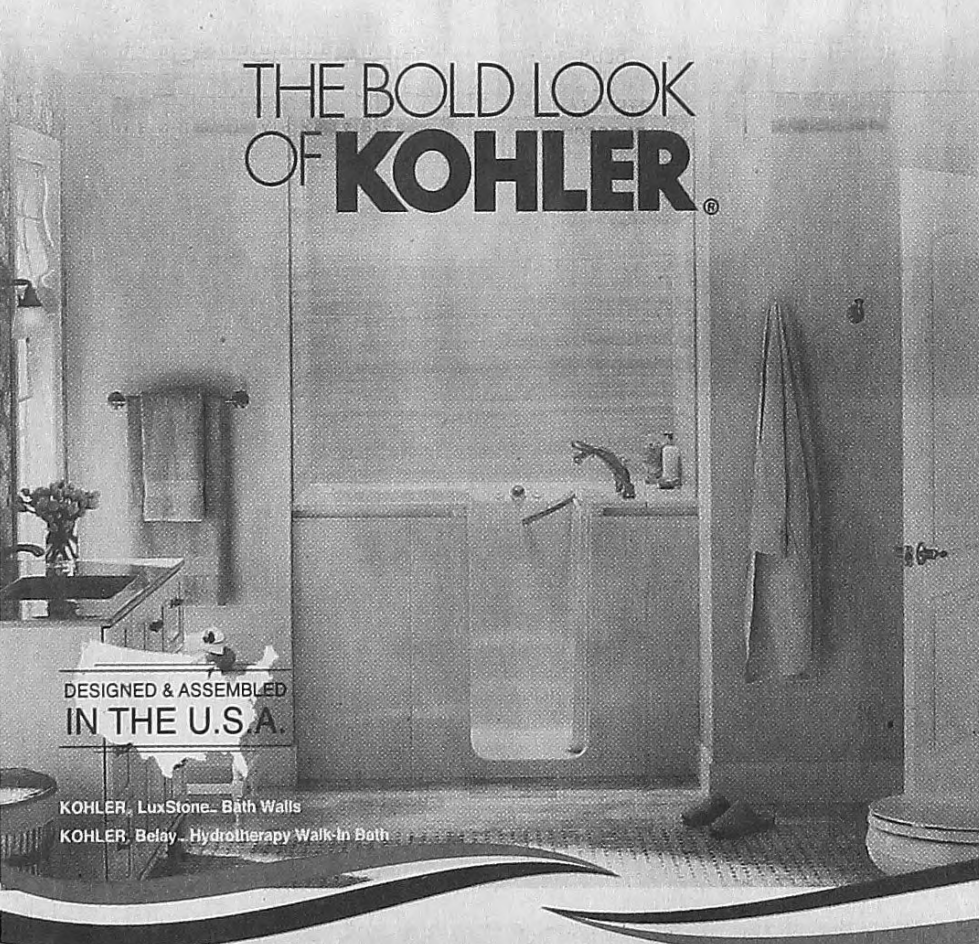
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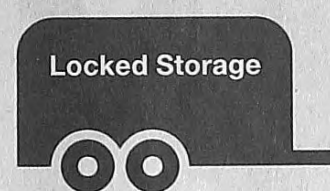
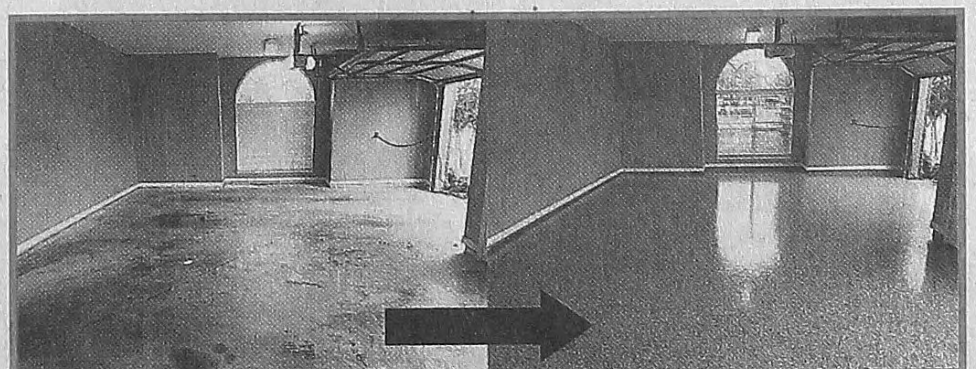
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