

### Canton business example of pandemic's challenges

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# Gin joint turns to TP



Denise Jennings came from Whitaker, Ypsilanti, to buy disinfectant from U12 Bar and Grill in Wayne on April 28. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Bars, restaurants have become sellers of household goods

Colin Gay and David Veselenak

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At 11 a.m. April 28, five cars lined up on Michigan Avenue in Wayne in front of U12 Bar and Grill.

While the light inside the restaurant matched the ambiance of a normal bar at its opening hour - daylight seeping through the windows of a dark room the tables were loaded with hand sanitizer, disinfectant and masks.

The bar is just one of many similar establishments that have changed their business model to accommodate shoppers in need and keep their doors open during the coronavirus pandemic.

After it was forced to shut down its dining room to in-person customers the day before St. Patrick's Day - the busiest day of the year for the bar - owner John Goci got a call from the Detroit representative of Sysco, a restaurant wholesale company, about opening up an essential items pop-up shop.

"She said, 'People are running out of toilet paper and basic essentials, which

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Customers wait outside U12 Bar and Grill on April 28 to purchase disinfectant and other PPE gear. The bar limits the number of customers for safety's sake.

### Teen murder case will go to MI high court

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The Michigan Supreme Court will hear the case of Muhammad Al-Tantawi, an 18-year-old accused of killing his mom on their Farmington Hills property more than two years ago.

This might be his last chance to have potenincriminating tially DVR material and statements made to police suppressed. The Michigan Court of Appeals denied a similar request Al-Tantawi



last autumn. The state's highest court ordered oral arguments April 21.

Al-Tantawi's defense team must file a brief "addressing whether the juvenile defendant was subjected to a 'custodial interrogation' without being advised of his Miranda rights.'

Because the coronavirus pandemic has interrupted the normal flow of cases, court representatives don't anticipate the case being argued before state justices until December.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Martha Anderson already has ruled there's no legal reason to suppress the video and police interview from trial evidence.

Al-Tantawi is charged with first-degree murder. His parents, Bassel Al-Tantawi and Nada Huranieh, were separated when police found her dead early Aug. 21, 2017, at the family's Howard Road residence. The teen was an International Academy West student.

Police were told Huranieh, 35, fell from an upper-floor window to the patio, but an autopsy analysis indicated she was fatally smothered. Prosecutors have said an apparently accidental death was actually a homicide.

According to court records, police returned to the Howard Road residence the next day to confiscate video that would portray shadows and evidence of a man's presence in the sec-

ond-story guest room. At least three armed police officers interviewed Muhammad, then 16, that same day. His attorney has said a search warrant wasn't issued and no

clear consent was given. svela@hometownlife.com

### Clinics start to test patients for coronavirus antibodies

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Michigan's stay-at-home order is set to expire May 15, and people are thinking about going back to work.

As communities around the country make attempts to reopen, health experts say coronavirus antibody tests can be a useful tool in seeing how many people have contracted COVID-19 and, consequently, have some immunity.

"They're trying to open up the economy and get people back to work," said Dr. Nabil Suliman with Premier Medicine in Livonia. "So this test, I think, is going to be important to identify people who had the exposure and who have the immune response.

Premier Medicine, on Middlebelt just south of Eight Mile, is one of many local urgent cares, doctor offices and clinics conducting antibody testing along with coronavirus antigen testing.

Suliman, a board-certified internist working in primary care since 1995, said his team is doing 25 to 30 antibody tests daily and hopes to expand that in the coming weeks.

We believe that we need to do more testing and that's what we are doing," he said. "Right now, basically of course, first responders, health care workers and people who were exposed to a CO-VID-19-like illness in the past month or two (could or should get a test). Also, for high risk people with other conditions, it's important to know their status."

Premier's antibody tests are done by drawing blood and generate results in two or three days. Suliman said Premier is looking at doing "rapid" tests as well that use a drop of blood and take about as long as a pregnancy test to generate results. But, he said, the longer method seems to provide more reliable results.

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### **Masked driver** may have stolen money in Canton

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

An armed pickup driver wearing a medical face mask seems to have robbed someone of \$1,200 in Canton Township last month.

Township police said in a March 28 report they responded to a possible armed robbery at 1:21 a.m. near Michigan Avenue and Interstate 275.

Police talked to someone who said he was approached by a person in a white pickup with a light bar. The complainant said a bus dropped him off but he still needed to get to Ypsilanti.

He had cashed a check and stuffed the money into his bag as he walked. The driver asked if he wanted a ride before threatening him with a gun.

The complainant dropped his bag and ran. The driver got out of his vehicle, grabbed the bag and drove away.

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### Wayne police seek help identifying suspect

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Wayne police are requesting help identifying a man who apparently used a BP fuel nozzle to shatter a gas pump display screen.

The suspect visited the BP gas station at Michigan Avenue and South John Hix Road around 6 a.m. April 6

and argued with the clerk, according to a police report.

He damaged the gas station's property before leaving.

If you have information, contact the detective bureau, at 734-721-1598.

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police are trying to identify this property damage suspect. **COURTESY OF** WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Canton PD seeks 2 suspected in retail fraud

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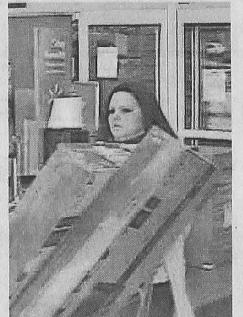
Canton Township police are seeking the public's help in identifying two people suspected of committing felony retail fraud at the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue earlier this month.

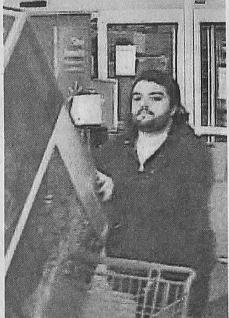
Police said the couple walked out April 9 with stolen goods and drove away in a light-colored four-door sedan, later described as an older model Mercury Sable or Ford Taurus.

The male suspect was described as having wavy, dark hair; a beard and mustache. The female has long, straight dark hair. Both seemed to be in their late 20s to early 30s.

Anyone who may recognize either person is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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Canton Township police are seeking help identifying this woman and man. COURTESY OF CANTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Man reported missing found dead at hospital

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Andrew Fontaine went missing more than two weeks ago and died at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit as friends and family tried to find out his

He died from an unknown medical condition April 6, the day after he went

**Fontaine** 

vonia police. Police said they learned of his death April 21.

Police issued a recent Facebook alert saying Fontaine, 26, left his Livonia home April 5 to

walk to a nearby gas station.

missing, according to Li- moving a white mountain bike from a Redford Township friend's backyard at 12:30 a.m. that day.

> Detroit paramedics, later in the morning, transported him to the hospital from the West McNichols and Telegraph roads area.

> 'It's not a crime or a suspicious death," Livonia's Lt. Charles Lister said.

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### Bars

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we have tons of in our warehouse supply chain because of our restaurants being closed," Goci said. "'We can provide you with this stuff."

Goci, a Northville native who also works as a real estate agent in Plymouth, saw an opportunity to keep money flowing into the bar.

However, Goci realized quickly that U12 Bar and Grill was gaining more than just a steady cash flow again. He said when the pop-up shop started, there was a line down the block, and some people said they had driven more than an hour to buy supplies there.

Denise Jennings, of Whittaker, south off Ypsilanti, came to U12 Bar and Grill with her mother to buy hand sanitizer.

"It shows that this bar cares about the community," Jennings said. "It shows that they took time enough to find somewhere they could partner with and that they can provide for people, not just in their community. People come from all over.

"I can't thank them enough and appreciate the fact that they are doing this."

Working with his wife and two children and his brother's family, Goci has found an equal opportunity to provide for both himself and for the community.

"It's like a war. That's how I'm treating it," Goci said. "People need basic supplies, you know, to stop this thing, to protect their families."

### Big Boy opens the pantry

One of the first eateries to open its cupboards was Big Boy. The Southfieldbased restaurant group began offering pancake mix, soup, coffee and pie for sale at its restaurants that remain open.

"People seem to be loving that aspect of it," said Frank Alessandri, the company's director of training.

Alessandri said among the most popular items is Big Boy's own ketchup, made locally at its Warren commissary.

Area company restaurants that remain open to sell pantry items in addition to carryout food orders include the Livonia restaurant at 37123 Six Mile and the Southfield restaurant at 26400 Tele-

Alessandri said other locations that



Big Boy has opened its pantry doors to sell items such as ice cream, soup and condiments while many people stay at home. COURTESY OF BIG BOY

are franchises, such as the Big Boy at 28340 Ford Road in Garden City, plan to open again soon.

### **Blue Canary provides** more than just bread

On 14 Mile Road in Birmingham, Blue Canary Confections is completely surrounded by a residential area, with an elementary school behind it, a church across the street, and houses everywhere else.

In the past 14 months since she opened the bakery, Annie Dennis said she feels right at home in the Birmingham community. To give back for that warm welcome, Blue Canary Confections rolled out another resource for the community it serves.

The bakery is selling limited quantities of flour, eggs, milk and butter, along with normal menu items, such as bread and cookies, to help customers put off a trip to the grocery store.

Before starting this small pantry menu two weeks ago, Dennis said she received requests from customers on the bakery's "note to seller" part of an online order, asking for a few eggs or some

We realized there is a need out there, there are people who are interested," Dennis said. "Once we added it on to our offerings, it's been super popular and it's just another nice way to help people out a little bit.'

During a time of uncertainty for many small businesses, Dennis said it is important, not only for her bakery, but for the community, to stay open as a re-

"It really does feel like our neighbors are actually our neighbors, not just customers," Dennis said.

### 'We've never done anything like that before'

Among the hardest-hit businesses during the pandemic are banquet halls. No one knows that better than Sam

The owner of Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia, had a full banquet hall just days before the state restricted gatherings of more than a few hundred people.

The hall had even hosted Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for an event attended by several hundred people, hosted by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce on March 9.

But now, Mass has no parties or events. Instead of trying to set up a take-out food or catering business on the fly, he decided to use the space as a pseudo-"pop-up shop," selling items

that have been difficult to find in stores such as gloves and toilet paper.

The idea came to him after he saw area residents posting on Facebook that they could not find certain items.

'We're just trying to be an additional resource," he said. "It's a weird thing for me, because we've never done anything like that before."

He began offering the service earlier this month and isn't sure how long it will

Anyone interested in purchasing items, which also include hand sanitizer and bottles of wine, can visit the hall's website at burtonmanor.net.

Providing those items for sale, Mass said, is just one way to keep the banquet hall going during the pandemic. Mass said he knows the hall will most likely be one of the last businesses to reopen considering the nature of the coronavi-

"It's going to hurt for a while, I'm sure," he said. "We just hope the community will ... continue to try and support us."

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### **Antibodies**

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"The blood draw is a very reliable test and we're running it by a national company, national lab. ... We feel very com-

Suliman said one way the tests can be especially useful is to build a clearer picture of how many people have had coronavirus. Suliman said, among his patients, children commonly had very mild cases or family members of positive patients who never developed

said this could mean positive coronavirus cases are higher in number than statistics show.

"We have limited access to results as of yet because we just started this week, but even the initial testing we've been getting so far (shows) some positive serology testing even with ones who tested for the antigen and were negative," Suliman said while noting he doesn't yet have the data to make any general as-

"... this test, I think, is going to be important to identify people who had the exposure and who have the immune response. ... This will be like having a firewall for our community..."



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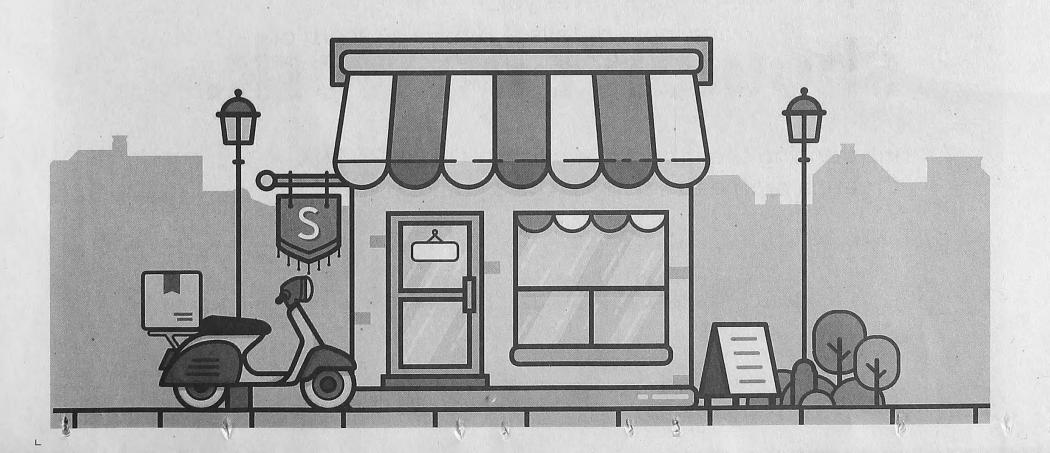
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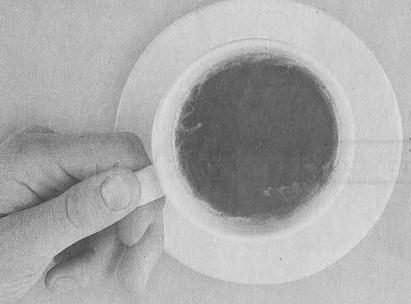
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### Oren J. Hensley III

LOUDON - Oren J. Hensley III (Jack), age 79, of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away on April 15 from complications related to a stroke.

Jack was born outside Huntington, WV. The son of a Methodist preacher, Jack's family moved throughout West

Virginia and Central Illinois as they served various congregations. Jack graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and went on to earn degrees from the University of Illinois and Central Michigan University.

He met Diane while working at Ford Motor Co. in Chicago, they married, and in 1976, Jack was transferred to Livonia, MI, where they raised their family, before retiring to Tellico Village in 2002.

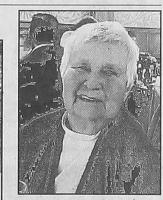
Jack was a conversationalist and a collector who enjoyed golfing, country music, line dancing, boating, soccer, vodka martinis and watching all sports.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Diane, his parents Verna and Oren J. Hensley II, and his sister Darlene.

Jack leaves behind three children, Marci Hensley (Ryan) of Birmingham, MI, Karin Hensley (Jacob) of Brentwood, TN, and Bill Hensley (Kathleen) of Chicago, IL, and six grandchildren, Connor and Delaney; Reagan, Zach, and Emma; and Kameron; as well as brothers David (Janice), and Tim.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=6617786&fr\_id=39300&pg=personal. A private family service was held on April 19 at the Tellico Community Church. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Jack Hensley. www.clickfuneralhome.com



Maxine Helene Norden

LIVONIA - Maxine Helene Norden, 82, Livonia, MI died March 28, 2020. She was born June 3, 1937 in Maple Ridge Township, MI.

Maxine is survived by her children, Mark (Robin) Norden, and Rocelle (Mark) Ranta; four grandchildren, Scott (Kylie) Ranta, Lauren (Steve) Abernethy, Bridget (Sean) Murphy, and Jeremy Norden; three great-grandchildren, Logan, Colton, and Levi.

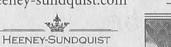
She is preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Helvi (nee. Lampinen) DePuydt; husband, Charles Norden; brother, James DePuydt.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at a later date. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneral-home.com



Mary F. Rogers

LIVONIA - Age 82, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Paul (Phillip) Rogers; loving mother of Susan Share, Michael (Laurie) Rettell, Kathy (Joseph) Sparks and Karen (James) Dennis; dear grandmother of 6; great grandmother of 5; wonderful sister of Marilyn Clemons, Marie Gray, Carol Chapman, and Janet Graves. Mary was preceded in death by her brother, George Barry and her parents, Edward and Lorene Barry. A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Mary when the country returns to better health. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, (248) 474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com





Carol A. Sample

CANTON - April 28, 2020, age 75. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Brian (Amy), Christopher (Kelly Honecker), Douglas, and the late Karen. Proud grandmother of Anneli, Emma, Hannah & Joshua. Dear sister of Mary Hertslet, and Daniel Smith. A private Graveside Service will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. A public "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date. In honor of her many years as a volunteer, memorials may be made to Meal on Wheels – Wayne County, 30712 Michigan Avenue, Westland, MI 48186. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com





Hannelore Turner

Turner, age 79, resident

of Wayne, passed away

4-11-2020 in Detroit,

Michigan. She was born

in Erlangen Germany.

by Meier Wohnhaft:

Father and Der Selma:

Survived by her

Step-son Michael

Ayers (Becky). Grand-

children: Christopher

Mother.

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WAYNE - Hannelore



### John Francis McClintock

### FARMINGTON HILLS

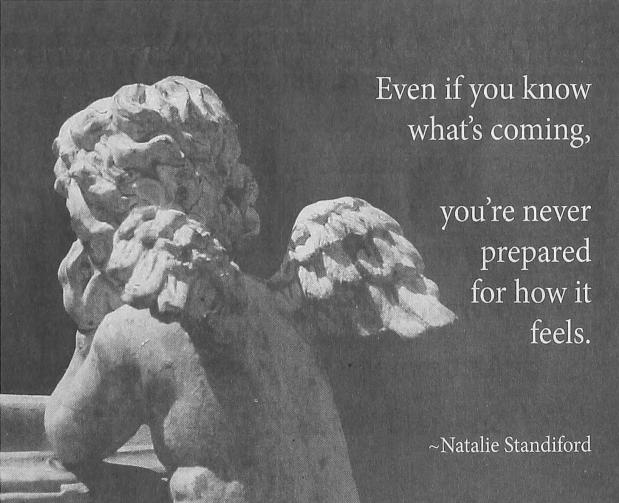
- John Francis McClintock, of Farmington Hills, peacefully passed away on April 20, 2020 at the age of 84 due to complications from COVID 19. John was born May 17, 1935 in Fort Wayne, Indiana; the son of William and Emma (Studer) McClintock. Preceded in

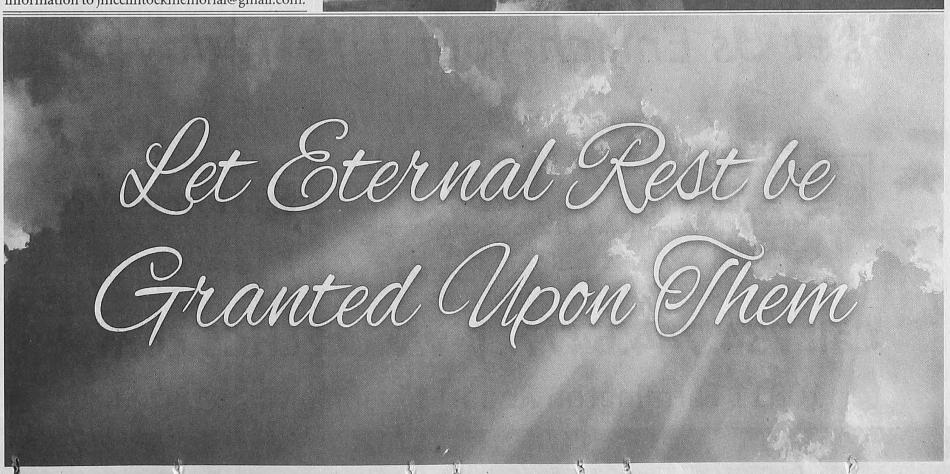


death by siblings William, Vincent, Jim, and Mary

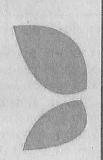
Surviving John is his beloved wife of 63 years, Roberta; children, Vincent (Connie) McClintock, Catherine (Russ) Forman, Michael (Carol) McClintock, Theresa (Craig) Hale, Robert (Sally) McClintock, and William (Dawn) McClintock. John was also a wonderful and cherished grandfather to Michael, Michael, Matthew, Jeremiah, Jaclyn, Elizabeth, Victoria, Brian, Kristen, Natalie, Samantha, Vincent, Jacob, Ashley, Joseph, Katie and Jon. Great-grandfather to Jackson, Luke and Landry.

Memorial service for John will be at St. Fabian Catholic Church on a later date. For future details of memorial service, please send your contact information to jmcclintockmemorial@gmail.com.



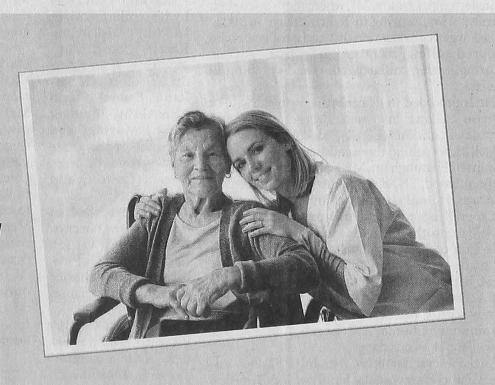






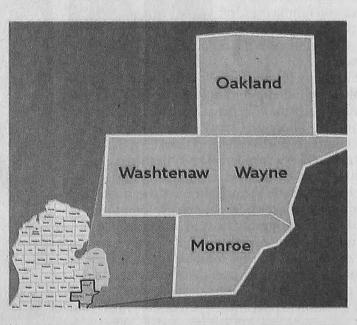
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# Sports

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC** 

# It's time to go to work'

Former Detroit Mercy lacrosse player works as a nurse in ICU at **Henry Ford Hospital** 

Colin Gay

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Jessica Snyder wanted to play lacrosse because it was different, it was

The Northville resident watched her brother play when she was in seventh grade, already having tried softball, tennis, volleyball and basketball. She said it was easy to catch on, playing with her sister in both high school at the nowclosed Ladywood and college.

Snyder knew that she was going to attend University of Detroit Mercy, calling it a "double-whammy," when she earned a roster spot on the women's lacrosse team. But she did not know what she was going to study.

Again, Snyder turned to something different, something new.

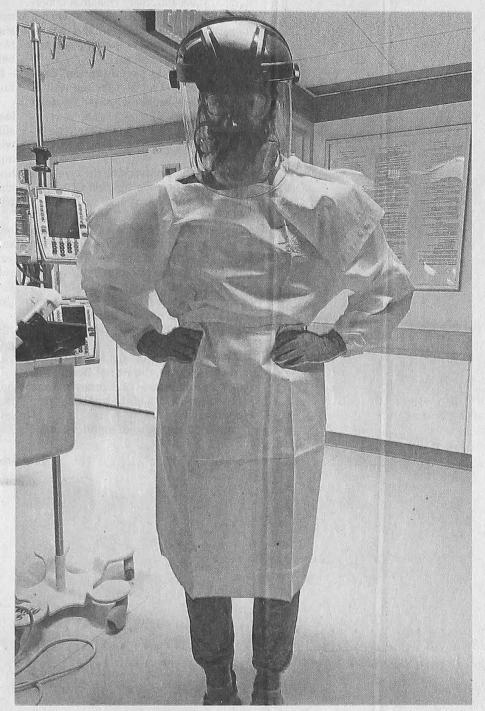
"It was just different," Snyder said. "No one was a nurse in my immediate family. I had no idea what the profession was really about. I always knew nurses take care of patients just like doctors treat patients, but I never really knew exactly what nursing was."

While both lacrosse and nursing were both new experiences for Snyder, both have prepared her for where she is now: working as a nurse in the ICU at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, working to help fight the coronavirus.

Each day, prior to the start of her shift, while she puts on the personal protection equipment, Synder's mindset reverts back to when she would put

on her Titans jersey: "It's time to go to work."

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Northville resident Jessica Snyder is working as a nurse at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit during the COVID-19 pandemic COURTESY OF JESSICA SNYDER

HOCKEY

### Red Wings' Larkin, Abdelkader donate to local health care professionals

**Shelby Tankersley** 

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Under especially stressful working circumstances, employees at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland got surprises from two of Hockeytown's most well-known play-

Detroit Red Wings alternate captains and Michigan natives Justin Abdelkader and Dylan Larkin made separate donations to the health system.

Larkin and his father, Kevin Larkin, donated 25,000 gloves to health care professionals in Livonia in early April.

"My dad and I saw on the news that hospitals, including St. Joe's, had a big need for medical-grade gloves," Larkin said in a release. "We're just trying to do our part to keep the doctors, nurses and front-line workers safe. They're the ones putting their own lives on the line every time they go to work right now, and we felt it was important to help."

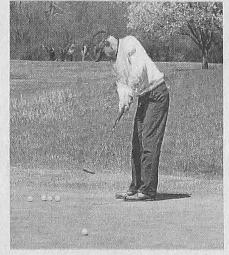
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Dylan Larkin (71) and Justin Abdelkader (8) made separate donations.

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GOLF



Craig Dzouigian practices on the putting green at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club on April 27. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### **Golfers flock** to reopened local courses

**Andrew Vailliencourt** 

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Much to the relief of Michigan golfers, many of the state's golf courses are now open following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's April 24 updated order, which allowed the opening of courses.

Popular Livonia golf courses Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld all opened up April 25 and Canton's Pheasant Run reopened Monday. Oakland County Parks planned to open Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills and White Lake Oaks Golf Course in White Lake Friday and its three other courses - Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Lyon Township, Red Oaks Golf Course in Madison Heights and Springfield Oaks Golf Course in Davisburg – Monday.

While golf is back, courses have some new restrictions in place so golfers and staff are able to maintain social distancing.

Golf carts are not available at any course. The Livonia courses had single rider carts available over the weekend, but reversed that decision Monday morning and switched to walking only.

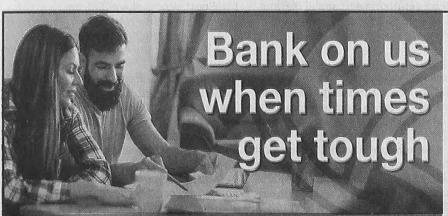
Rentals of any kind are not available, meaning anyone going to golf will need to bring the necessary equipment themselves. Driving ranges and restaurants are closed as well, with only takeout food available, depending on the course.

"The overall safety and health of golfers and staff on our course remains our top priority," Paul Simpson, Pheasant Run General Manager and PGA Head Golf Professional said. "We're taking the necessary steps to protect

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Pheasant Run staff members in face masks set up a portable tent outside the clubhouse to safely deal with visitors to the complex.



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Jessica Snyder played lacrosse for Ladywood and Detroit Mercy.
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### **Snyder**

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When Snyder was at Detroit Mercy, she admits she did not have much of a social life.

As an attackman with the women's lacrosse team studying in a four-year nursing program, life was constant, trying to find time between practice and games to study.

In December 2016, Snyder started her nursing career, earning an externship at Henry Ford Hospital working in the ICU – the same ICU where she would eventually be hired full time.

In this process, Snyder figured out that she does extremely well under pressure and with a lot on her plate. But in her four years of school, she learned that no matter the situation, or how she felt, she was expected to perform.

"You don't really have an option," Snyder said. "If you are not feeling well or you just don't feel like it, you really don't have an option."

### Go to work

Snyder was not working the weekend her ICU unit became the first COVID-19 unit in the area.

On March 14, the unit became the first COVID-19 unit at Henry Ford, turning the largest private rooms in the hospital into the required 16-bed unit for proper droplet plus airborne isolation.

Snyder said this was before Michigan or any other state really got hit. This was back when she did not think this coronavirus would be that big of a deal.

Then, things changed.

"We got slammed," she said.

As of April 28, the city of Detroit has 8,811 confirmed cases of coronavirus and 988 deaths – 27.7% of the total deaths in the state

For Snyder, a wave of emotions came

with the wave of COVID-19 patients. With all of the pressure, everything was changing: There were different guidelines and regulations for patient care that changed on a week-by-week basis.

While things may have not settled down in the hospital, Snyder said everyone is accustomed to "the new normal," never changing the mentality that encourages her to put on her personal protective equipment each and every day.

"I go to work, I treat patients day in and day out, and that, for me, never changed," Snyder said. "In my head, I was like, 'This is my job. Anyone, if they were a nurse, I feel like they would be doing the same thing.'

"'It just so happened that I work during the middle of a pandemic.'"

Snyder works more shifts than normal each week, but it's something that she wants. She said, when home in Northville, it's been tough quarantining, being forced to stay away from her sister – who is pregnant – due to fear of the unknown.

But one of the things Snyder has learned during this pandemic is how resilient the nursing profession is, as a whole. Knowing that each have family and friends to protect from the virus, Snyder and her co-workers have no choice but to treat positive coronavirus patients.

"I don't really think anything of it. It's my job, it's what I have to do," Snyder said. "But when you take a step back and you see from the outside community and you hear, 'Oh my gosh, you're a hero,' I don't think I'm a hero in any way. I just think I'm doing my job."

To her, it's that lacrosse mentality: It's time to put on the uniform, it's time to go out onto the field. It's time to go to work.

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### Courses

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our employees and golfers from coming into contact with the coronavirus, so that this sport can remain available for everyone during these difficult times."

Canton's Director of Leisure Services, Greg Hohenberger said Pheasant Run is trying to eliminate all community touch items and are taking as many precautions as they can.

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, temporary measures will be implemented that align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Players are asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before scheduled time. Flagsticks are to remain in the holes at all times. Players are not to touch flagsticks or other objects that may have been touched by any other players (i.e. fellow players' golf balls, clubs, bags, tees, etc.). Golf hole cups will be installed upside down, elevating holed golf balls and eliminating the need for golfers to put their hands in the hole.

"Overall, it's been going really well," Hohenberger said. "Golfers are excited to get back out on the course and we're happy to have them. We're certainly having to adjust our operations, normally Pheasant Run is carts only. We don't typically allow walkers, but with the governor's orders, we're not allowed to let carts go out so we're allowing walkers only."

Similar measures are being taken at the three Livonia courses as well.

"We've taken all the necessary precautions, we have a lot of signage up in the clubhouse," Fox Creek assistant golf pro and marketing coordinator Terry Welsh said. "We've removed all the touchable objects, people are touching a lot of things out there, like rakes, flag sticks, etc. We've removed a lot of those things. Anything that is out there and touched by the general public we disinfect on an hourly basis."

Tee times are being spaced out to 12 minutes from the usual nine at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows and credit card payments over the phone are strongly recommended. Pheasant Run will not accept cash payments at this time.



A quartet finishes up on the 10th hole at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton, which opened on April 27 with strict social distancing protocols to keep staff and golfers safe. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### **Enjoying sports again**

Golfers were out enjoying the warm weather Tuesday afternoon at Pheasant Run, as temperatures climbed into the low 70s. Steve Shuster, a West Bloomfield resident who works in Livonia, said he typically golfs about three times a week and was excited to be back out on the course.

"Everything about it is strange, carrying a bag for 18 holes is something I haven't done in a long time, but I'd rather try it than not play," Shuster said. "They're doing everything they can, reworking the building, which is phenomenally quick of them since they've only had a few days. I'm sure the course is perfect because they've haven't had a bunch of guys like me hacking it up."

Canton resident Kyle Drake made it out to Pheasant Run on Tuesday as well, making an afternoon trip with his fo the ov

"I trust that they wouldn't have opened unless the right precautions were in place," Drake said. "Trust elected officials and do your best to stay as safe as possible."

An avid golfer who usually goes out a couple times a week, Drake said it's an activity that he's done with his dad for years and that they both felt comfortable going out to the course. He said the memories of golfing with his dad are what make the sport so enjoyable.

"It's something we've done together for years and enjoy doing," Drake said. "He's the one who taught me how to golf, this is the course that we've gone to for years, we're both in leagues here."

In order to golf, you must schedule a tee time online. You can visit Pheasant Run's website at www.golfprc.org.

"We are following all the governor's orders on sanitizing and social distanc-

ing," Hohenberger said. We're modifying our operations to make it as safe as possible and we're excited to get golfers back out and enjoying the outdoors when they can't be doing indoors activities. It's a great way to get out and get your mind off the craziness in the world right now."

Welsh said reopening has been both exciting and a whirlwind given the circumstances. You can sign up for a tee time at any of the three Livonia courses by visiting www.golflivonia.com.

"We're happy to have people out here, we're glad that golf is one of the first things that's back on the menu," Welsh said. "We're going to try to be as safe as we can."

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### Donations

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Livonia is Wayne County's second most hit city with coronavirus. The city passed 100 deaths April 25.

The Livonia hospital has also received large donations from Domino's Pizza, the DTE Foundation, Ford Motor

Company, General Motors and Little Caesars.

At one of the system's other nearby hospitals, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, Abdelkader and his wife, Julie, gave 1,200 meals from the Detroit Wing Company. The food was enough to feed all of the day and night workers at the hospital

"Julie and I are ever-grateful to the staff on the front lines who are keep-

ing us safe," Abdelkader said in a release. "We know the team at St. Joe's is working hard to combat this outbreak and we wanted to show our gratitude."

As the community rallies around health care workers in a number of ways, St. Mary Mercy interim President and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland President Shannon Striebich said her staff is thankful.

"To receive food donations from these amazing athletes proves they are leaders both on and off the ice," Striebich said in a release. "Their support gives our staff a much-needed boost and lifts our spirits at a challenging time for all of us."

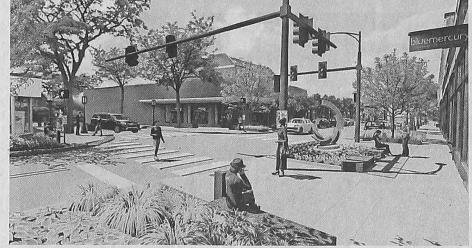
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### Maple Road project in Birmingham underway

Birmingham is continuing its program to improve downtown infrastructure with the Maple Road project, which was scheduled to begin Friday.

As with the Old Woodward project, Maple Road will get new underground infrastructure, street lighting and electrical systems. The project kicked off with installation of barriers to maintain the pedestrian walkway along the construction route and heavy equipment is

This month the project will move forward with materials procurement including traffic signal mast arms and signals, electrical conduit and fiber, water mains and granite, city officials said. Site work will include removal of streetlights and pavement and replacement of water and sewer lines. The project will run from Southfield to Woodward and, although the timeline is still being finalized, construction is expected to continue through the summer months. Maple Road is closed to traffic and motor-



A rendering of the Maple Road reconstruction project in Birmingham. COURTESY OF CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

ists are being directed to detours during the construction period.

to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of downtown Birmingham and im-The Maple Road project is intended prove overall walkability. Mirroring Old Woodward, the finished project will feature improved landscaping and onstreet parking, granite bench seating and cellphone charging stations.

The City of Birmingham continues to observe Michigan's "shelter in place" guidelines, and initiatives are underway to support the business community when they reopen in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, residents can continue to support businesses. Many retailers are offering retail-to-go remote sales of products for delivery or pick-up. Contact your favorite retailer (visit www.allinbirmingham.com/shop) to check on participation. And, please continue to support Birmingham restaurants offering take-out. A full list of restaurant options is available on the City's website at www.bhamgov.org.

To stay current on all the latest information regarding this project, sign up for the Maple Road Reconstruction Constant Contact groups at http://bit.ly/

# Canton business a prime example of shutdown's devastation

**Ed Wright** 

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Since it first opened in 2003, Jungle Java has been one of the happiest, endorphin-producing spaces in Canton Township.

Stocked with a giant jungle-themed maze of tunnels and slides toward the back of the 6,700-square-foot business, play space for its youngest guests and spacious seating areas for parents and grandparents sipping java while the kids played, the place was a magnet for young families in the fast-growing community.

"It's kind of like Starbucks meets Chuck E. Cheese," explained Laurel Hess, who owns the small business with husband Eric.

"It was so unique during the first few years that people would drive up from Toledo or all the way over from Grosse Pointe to visit Jungle Java," Eric Hess

As recently as March 10 - Presidential primary election day in Michigan business was booming at Jungle Java. No school that Tuesday translated into a steady stream of customers, explained the Hesses, who have been outright owners since 2010.

Then came March 11, the day ominous clouds started forming over most small businesses in the United States.

"That was the day the NBA suspended play, Tom Hanks announced he and his wife had been infected," Eric Hess said. "We had a feeling then that this was going to get bad."

The Hesses had secured reservations for 15 birthday parties for the ensuing weekend, a booster shot of roughly \$15,000 or more for the business.

But one by one, they started calling and canceling the parties," Laurel Hess

All but one of the parties was canceled. The parents of a 3-year-old girl said they had talked to most of the people who had been invited - 20 kids and their families -and as of Saturday morning, most of them were still planning to attend.

Ultimately, the only attendees were the 3-year-old birthday girl and members of her family.

"I told the mother that there was no way we were going to let her pay the entire bill of \$500," Laurel Hess said. "We only charged her for the food that we purchased for the party and told her to come back once everything has passed over and we can have another party for her daughter."

Two days later, Jungle Java was ordered to temporarily shutter its doors by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay home executive order to help contain the spread of coronavirus.

"Realistically, it didn't matter if we were open or closed; it was fear (of the virus), not the executive order, that kept

people away," Eric Hess said. The sole income for the Hess family, which includes two college-age sons,



Friends of the owners helped clean Jungle Java in the days after the shutdown. COURTESY OF JUNGLE JAVA



The normally jam-packed Jungle Java was eerily quiet during its final birthday party on March 14. COURTESY OF JUNGLE JAVA



Jungle Java owners Laurel and Eric Hess say the business has been hit hard by the lockdowns created by the coronavirus pandemic. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

David and Steve, had dried up - and there is no oasis in sight.

Eric Hess said he felt "a pang of fear" in February, when it was reported that the coronavirus was spreading across the globe.

"I remember going through the Swine Flu (April 2009 through August 2010), which caused a little bit of a slowdown for businesses. I thought, as a country, we're not ready for anything like this."

"I'm a serial pessimist," Laurel Hess said, grinning. "I was like, 'This is it. We're done.' Then they started talking about these programs to help small businesses and it gave me some hope."

As of April 17, the Hesses had not received any funding from the three programs they applied for.

The federal government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which authorized up to \$349 billion in forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis, has dried up.

The Hesses also applied for a Small Business Association EDIL with no suc-

"We found out a few days after we applied that the first wave of people who applied, which was us, had to reapply because of a glitch. But we never received notice," Laurel Hess revealed. "By the time we went to reapply, the money was gone."

Their third opportunity at the moment is a Wayne County grant that Eric Hess applied for at 12:01 a.m on April 1, the first day the grant application was

Although the Hesses scored a 92 out of 100 on the grant's grading scale, they

haven't heard a word from the county. "The maximum we could get from that is \$10,000, so we may get a couple thousand, if anything," Eric Hess said. "I have a glimmer of hope."

The Hesses are not angry at any indi-

"When you get right down to it, it's the stupid virus's fault," Eric Hess said.

'I'm more upset with the government bureaucracy," Laurel Hess added. "From the president, the governor to local officials are all holding these press conferences stating that they're helping small businesses like ours ... but these programs aren't working.

Although sucker-punched by an invisible enemy, the Hesses are grateful their situation is not worse.

"I mean, we have our health, some savings and our landlord hasn't kicked us out yet," he said. "People are dying, families are losing loved ones. And we know we're not alone. There are so many other small-business owners we keep in touch with that are in our shoes."

Both of their sons are home from college, too, which is a blessing, they say. Nineteen-year-old Steve is a freshman at New York University, which is located in the heart of New York City.

"Steve's former dorm room was cleared out so they could transform it into a room for doctors and nurses to stay during the crisis," Laurel Hess said. "This hit New York a lot sooner than it hit us, so we're just thankful he's healthy."

The Hesses are already thinking of a transition plan for when (and if) they're able to reopen in the near future.

"We're thinking of hosting private parties of 20 or so, until everybody feels comfortable that normalcy has returned," Eric Hess said. "We feel that once people are comfortable to, let's say, attend a game at Michigan Stadium, that's when we'll know normalcy has re-

There is no textbook titled "How Small Businesses Can Rebound From a Pandemic."

However, with the Hesses' business acumen, maybe they'll be the ones who write one.

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# Fresh perspective gained from crisis

### Roko paints tribute to nurses amid pandemic

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In popular culture, artists are often depicted as solitary creatures who create their most important works during lonely stretches of darkness, away from the distractions of other people and the social graces they require.

And while the act of creating is mostly performed in solitude for Plymouth-based painter Tony Roko, the COVID-19 crisis has also emphasized just how much his work relies on connecting with people in person.

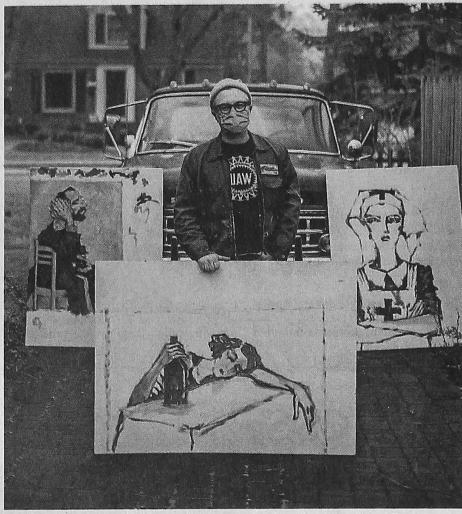
"Developing a career as an artist is so heavily hinged on events and gatherings," Roko, 49, said. "People really need to experience the work so they can make those deep connections. (Coronavirus) has really stifled that."

A former Ford assembly worker who became its plant-resident artist, Roko has risen over the last three decades to become one of southeast Michigan's most well-known and successful painters, counting the likes of Jay Leno and Lady Gaga among the famous clients drawn to his angular, colorfully expressionistic portraits that often harken back to a bygone era.

At this stage in his career, Roko rarely puts on shows. Much of the work comes from commissions, and whatever doesn't typically gets bought up quickly. But Roko said he was excited for his first show in years at Two James Distillery in Corktown and prepared a flurry of new works for the exhibit, only to have the March 19 event canceled because of CO-VID-19.

He said his collectors are still buying the work, but with his Plymouth studio closed for the time being, he's taken what he estimates to be a 50% hit to his income so far. But Roko cautions that it's early yet, and the long-term impact on artists like him is difficult to predict.

"For some people, this may have been the time to look at a blank wall in their house and think about a work that they've seen me post," he said. "I don't



"I think it's really lended a complete new context and perspective. All my favorites over the years, artists that I've studied, they lived through pandemics and some of them succumbed to pandemics and painted through them. Now I can go back through and look at those works with a completely new perspective," Tony Roko of Plymouth said while standing with three new pieces he has recently started on April 23. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

have a crystal ball, but I'm not certain how long that can last if this continues."

With his studio closed, Roko and his studio manager are working on ways to provide potential buyers with a more immersive online experience. They're experimenting with higher resolution images and maybe even video.

The educational programs Roko runs for kids through his Art Foundation nonprofit have also had to be redesigned for an online learning environment.

And Roko's plan to redevelop the old

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Wilcox Mill site into an arts and event space has also been thrown into limbo.

It's been a humbling experience in other ways, too. Without his assistant, Roko is prepping boards himself and working out of his home like in the old

"There's been kind of the silver lining of getting back to the basics and having the opportunity to paint from the heart more," Roko said. "When the demand for your work isn't there, it's a really cool sort of experimental playground. And when the demand comes, which is a beautiful thing and something we all hope for, there's also this unspoken expectation that comes with something that they've seen already. And I think that's always been the push-pull, is to try and keep it fresh but not lose that significant thing that people have perhaps come to expect."

Freed a bit from the typical constraints, Roko has turned to the current moment for material.

"I was really inspired to paint a nurse," he said. "And I fought it a little bit because it seemed cliche and I always have a battle with that. But I was really compelled to paint a nurse, because let's face it, those in uniforms, aprons and scrubs are kind of the new heroes. ... So it's got me really contextualizing the times."

"The Nurse" isn't quite finished yet. It still needs to be filled in with Roko's signature fiery color palette. But getting there has been a challenge during this crisis, in part because of something the artist likens to "nonessential survivor's guilt."

"It's never been more difficult for me to get to the canvas, to cross that threshold, because I'm worried and concerned and I have kids," he said. "I'm as scared as everybody else. So it can feel self-important or it can feel selfish or it can feel like a betrayal of the times."

At the same time, periods of world-wide turmoil like the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic inspired and informed so many of Roko's own artistic forefathers like "The Scream" painter Edvard Munch, himself a survivor of the Spanish flu.

This crisis has given Roko a fresh perspective on their works, he said, adding a deeper level of relatable meaning to pieces he had long studied.

There's a stronger parallel to that history in his own work now.

"It feels like Rome is burning and I'm out there mixing oranges for the flames," Roko said.

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# Actor eludes death in COVID-19 battle

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A few years removed from playing a Satan-like character in the WGN series "Salem," Northville actor Michael Robert Brandon is enduring a living hell while battling the coronavirus CO-VID-19.

Plagued by the telltale symptoms the coronavirus – a relentless dry cough, nausea and energy-sapping fatigue, to name three – Brandon reached his apex with the virus on March 29 when his condition necessitated a call to 911.

"I was in such bad shape, when I walked into the bathroom it felt like I was walking on the ceiling," he said. "I thought to myself, 'Is this what death feels like?' My sister was going to drive me to the hospital, but I needed help fast, so I was transported by an ambulance."

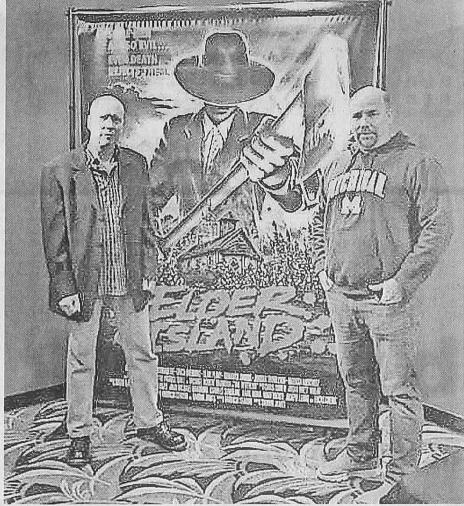
Brandon's labored breathing declined rapidly during the ride to Ascension Providence Novi Hospital. At one point, he noticed one of the emergency medical technicians start to reach for an apparatus that he swears was a ventilator

"Just as they were getting ready to intubate me, by the grace of God I threw up, which actually improved my breathing," Brandon recounted. "Once I was at the hospital, I heard that 70% of the people who are intubated ultimately dia."

During his eight-day hospitalization, Brandon was isolated in a room on the third floor of Ascension.

"It was kind of surreal because all of the medical personnel were wearing hazmat-like suits," he said. "You couldn't see their faces. One night, I heard a man coughing so bad that they moved him up to the intensive care unit. It was a horrific scene."

Brandon said the initial COVID-19 symptoms emerged in early March. Vis-



Northville actor Michael Robert Brandon, left, at the Royal Oak premiere of the movie "Elder Island." Brandon didn't test positive for COVID-19 until he was hospitalized. PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL ROBERT BRANDON

its to his doctor resulted in prescriptions and instructions to stay at home and

Brandon will never know when he initially was infected by the virus, but he's guessing it invaded his body at a local wedding reception where he works between acting gigs.

"There was a wedding reception in early March when I was waiting on the head table where the bride and groom were sitting," he said. "I then filled in for one of the bartenders, who was taking a break. A man walked up to me and said, 'Take good care of my family sitting over at that table. They're in from Italy for the

wedding

"I talked to another woman who was in town from Spokane, Washington, one of the virus's first hot spots. I'm not saying that's the night I was infected, but it could have happened then."

Brandon didn't test positive for CO-VID-19 until he was hospitalized, but the paralyzing symptoms started at least two weeks before.

As of April 24, he was still plagued by intense fatigue and a hacking, dry cough.

"The other night, I was washing two plates and I became so exhausted I had to rest," he said. "The doctor had warned me that this was one of the most common symptoms.

More than a month after his diagnosis, Brandon continues to test positive for the virus.

"I also haven't developed any antibodies yet, which is concerning," he added. "What worries me is the second wave of the virus that doctors are saying will hit in the winter."

While recovering at his home in Northville, Brandon said he is far from his old self, but he feels significantly better than he did in March.

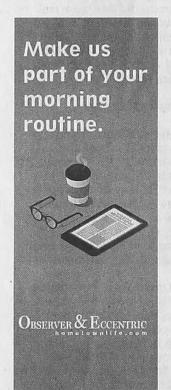
"Before all this happened, I was in very good health for a 60-year-old man," he said. "I weighed about 178 pounds and I had no underlying health issues.

"However, when I returned home and weighed myself for the first time, I couldn't believe how much weight I had lost. Of the nine days in the hospital, I was only able to keep food down the last three days."

Brandon said he had recently secured a prime role in a Hollywood movie before the pandemic struck.

"Hollywood is totally shut down now, so that is a bummer," he said. "But I'm fortunate to still be alive. I'm not complaining."

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### How to make an impression during a group interview

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If you've been in the work world for a while or are searching for your first big break, you're undoubtedly aware that there are few things as stressful as being on the hunt for a new job. On top of the fact that it's a high-stakes, winner-take-all experience and the competition today is fiercer than ever before, you typically have to go through the entire process many times before finding success and every step of the way can be an anxiety-filled event.

Perhaps no step during the job search process fills candidates with more dread and worry than the interview, and for good reason - it's the moment that allows no do-overs or second chances, where the impression you make and your ability to thrive under pressure and sell yourself is fully put to the test. It's the time when top-tier candidates rise above the competition and move into the realm of serious consideration, while everyone else is left behind. Who

wouldn't feel the pressure when an interview is on the horizon?

And on top of all that, some employers decide to turn up the heat on candidates even more and subject them to the often-dreaded group interview. Although this type of interview can take on many forms, the gist is simple; candidates are placed in a group discussion with other candidates and are left to either distinguish themselves and make a positive impression or get left behind. Thriving in an interview environment amidst a group of similarly eager applicants can be tricky for even the savviest and most skilled interviewee.

Luckily, you're not alone here - a little advanced prep can make a world of difference. The following tips can help you



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make the most of your next group inter-

### Arrive early

We're not saying show up hours early here but arriving about 15 minutes before your scheduled interview can make a big difference. Not only will it demonstrate that you're a punctual individual who's taking the interview seriously, but it may also give you a chance to get some valuable face time and make a good first impression with interviewers before the other candidates arrive.

### Volunteer to go first

It's been said that fortune favors the

bold, and this holds true on group interviews. If an opportunity arises to respond first to a question, then seize it it will give you the chance to showcase your confidence and will also help you avoid having your answer seem boring or repetitive if it's similar to someone else's who speaks before you.

### Don't hide

Part of what's being assessed in a group interview is your ability to stand out from others and make your voice heard. So, don't take a "hide in the back of the room and only speak when spoken to" approach here – it will only make you a forgettable face in the crowd. Taking every opportunity to speak and have

your thoughts heard during a group interview is the best way to make sure hiring personnel remember you when the interview is over.

### Compliment your competition

This often-overlooked strategy is a great way to appear gracious, well-mannered, and poised during a group interview. Sure, everyone in the room knows it's a competition, but throwing eye daggers or verbal barbs won't help you make a positive impression. Instead, compliment a particularly on-point comment made by another candidate - it can really give off the impression that you're a thoughtful person and someone enjoyable to have as a colleague. (But please don't overdo it - everyone can tell when someone is being super-fake.)

### Leave a lasting impression

When the interview is over, don't just quietly slither out of the room. Instead, take the opportunity to personally thank your interviewer(s) and consider making one last comment or compliment to help you leave a lasting impression. Again, it's all about standing out, and those who chose to do so before leaving are going to help make the case that they're a candidate worth serious consideration.

If you have a group interview coming up, or just want to be prepared for one in case it ever does come up along the job hunt trail, then consider using the strategies presented here to help you stand out from the crowd. Good luck!

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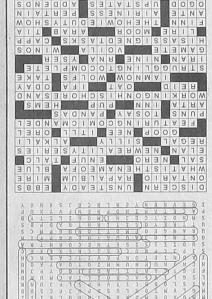
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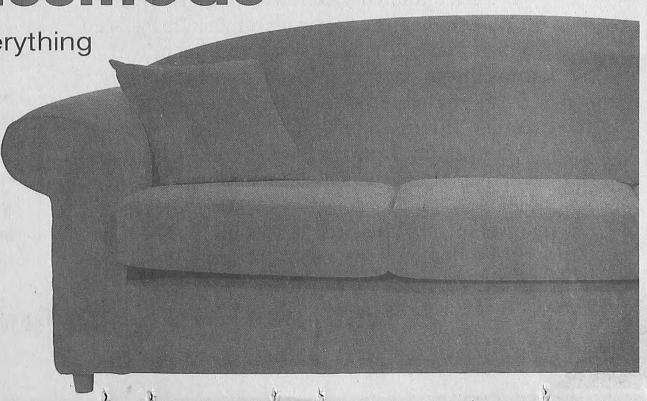


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