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Malls reopen by offering curbside pickup

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Perhaps no business has been more affected by the coronavirus than malls.

Already struggling with vacancies, having to shut down for weeks, perhaps months, wasn't a welcome sight financially.

But as the government-mandated closures of certain businesses begin to ease, some malls began the reopening process earlier this month.

Several area malls have begun to allow tenants to reopen on a curbside pickup basis only. Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile in Livonia, began offering such a service May 1.

"A lot of customers like it," said John Yu, who owns Pro Sports Zone and Pro Sports Zone College inside the mall. "This is bigger than I expected."

Yu joined several other in-mall businesses to reopen for curbside pickup this past week. The list includes Von Maur and Dunham's, which opened in the former Carson's space in November.

Since opening for the first time since March, Yu has had plenty of orders for sports memorabilia. He's also shipping items to loyal customers that may have moved away and are looking for some Detroit sports decor to spruce up their homes.

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The Mercy High School Marlin joined the 170-vehicle parade that served as a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MERCY HIGH SCHOOL.

Mercy High seniors parade into graduation

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Friday would have been the last time the 186 students in Mercy High School's senior class walked the school's halls before starting their adult lives.

But that couldn't happen because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the school held a parade for the Class of 2020 on what would have been its last day as Mercy Marlin. Most, if not all, of the school's seniors turned out to celebrate.

"There was a lot of honking of horns and yelling kids' names," said Cheryl Kreger, the school's president. "It was so much fun."

The Mercy Marlin led the route, which started at the Costick Center and proceeded to the school, both of which are on 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Staff helped everyone park their cars and led a program that included prayer, the school song and a turning of tassels. Students remained in their cars the whole time.

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Students prayed, sang the school song and turned their tassels at the event.

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Cheryl Kreger president, Mercy High School

Pandemic is tough, but these people are tougher

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Get in line, coronavirus pandemic. You're not the first, the worst, or the hardest time endured by these seniors closing in on a century on this planet.

These women and men lived through a Great Depression, fought a world war and have seen even worse. They're here to offer perspective as the world battles an invisible enemy.

No place like home

Jim Miles celebrated his 94th birthday by listening to Johnny Cash and eating a sirloin steak dinner at the American House Westland Hunter senior living community.

His birthday was a little different this year. He wore a mask and was distant from family.

But "I'm not gonna sit around and cry," he said.

Miles doesn't mind being at home - it's being away from home that he remembers as difficult.

Just out of high school, he left Alabama for the Army, where he was taught how to drive a tank and sent to Germany, where he served alongside Mel Brooks, who later became a famous comedian.

Miles recalled how afraid he was at night, unable to fall asleep as bombs fell, thinking of home and wishing to be there.

"I'd never been away from home before, but I went to Germany and met a lot of people over there and went through a war, and I drove that tank and that was the biggest thing - the urge to come home all the time," he said. "Finally, it was over."

He said he received a lot of marriage offers while overseas, and he met a lot of people - and just like here, you stay away from the bad ones and stay with the good ones.

Miles rejected the marriage offers and eventually made his way to Michigan, where he got a job at Ford in Wixom and found the girl he would marry.

Joan was employed by Ma Bell when he met her.

They had five children and shared 39 years of marriage before she died.

He learned in life that hard work is key and there are good people wher-

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ever you go.

And even when you can't roam, "home isn't such a bad place to be."

Horrors of war

Robert Tessmer came from hardy stock.

His father, a tool and die maker, served in World War I. He met Tessmer's mother after returning from France in 1918. She was an Alpena native working at Woolworth's in Detroit.

The couple married on Christmas Eve in 1923, and Tessmer was born Aug. 6, 1925, in a home on Park Street that Henry Ford had built for plant workers.

When he was 5, just as the Great Depression was beginning, his parents decided west Dearborn was too rustic and moved across town to east Dearborn.

"We had a very tough time during the Great Depression, but I never knew it. We always had enough to eat and I

had a lot of friends to play with," he recalled.

Tessmer was active in the Boy Scouts and recalls collecting aluminum pots and pans and rubber for the war effort while he was a student at Fordson High School.

He was drafted into the Army in December 1943 and the following fall left New York on a ship with 7,000 other men bound for Marseilles, France. They arrived Oct. 20, 1944, trekked 500 miles north to Alsace-Lorraine, and less than a month later were in combat, advancing against the German troops, dug into foxholes and manning the winter line.

"We had to dig them out at a great expense to lives," Tessmer recalled.

They lost a quarter of their company the first day in battle, and a third of their battalion. In the final six weeks of 1944, they advanced 50 miles toward Germany. They had begun with 13,000 men, but by Christmas were down to less than half that despite having received reinforcements.

By mid-April, with his unit just outside of Stuttgart, Germany, the fighting ceased as Germans surrendered in large numbers.

Tessmer recalled his 20th birthday present came with the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, which canceled his planned deployment to Japan.

On Easter Sunday in 1946, Tessmer came home.

That summer, he went on a blind date with Claudine, who was from Plymouth. Four years later, on June 24, 1950, after he completed his engineering degree at the University of Michigan, they wed.

They raised three children in Dearborn and then lived in Northville for 12 years before they moved to Abbey Park at Mill River in Lyon. Tessmer owned a manufacturing business and traveled the world with Claudine.

Tessmer recalled that for years he never shared with his family the horrors of war: the men who died on either side of him, including his best friend; the extreme weather conditions; the lack of proper food.

He has since suffered more tragedy, losing his youngest son three years ago to pulmonary fibrosis, and just over a month ago, after nearly 70 years of marriage, Claudine died.

The coronavirus pandemic is yet another blow.

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Betty Hamilton poses for a photo with friends who served in the Navy with her during World War II. COURTESY OF BETTY HAMILTON

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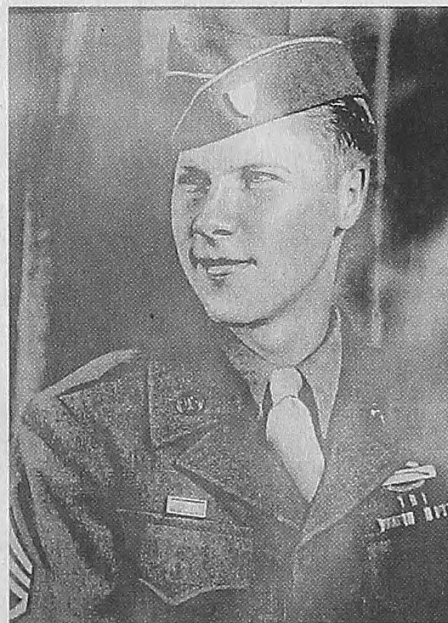
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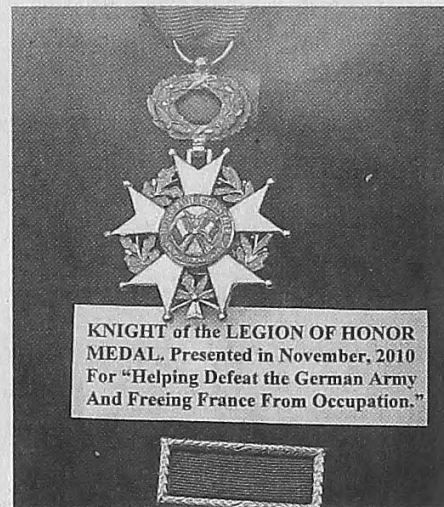
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Robert Tessmer in a photo taken in Stuttgart, Germany in 1945.

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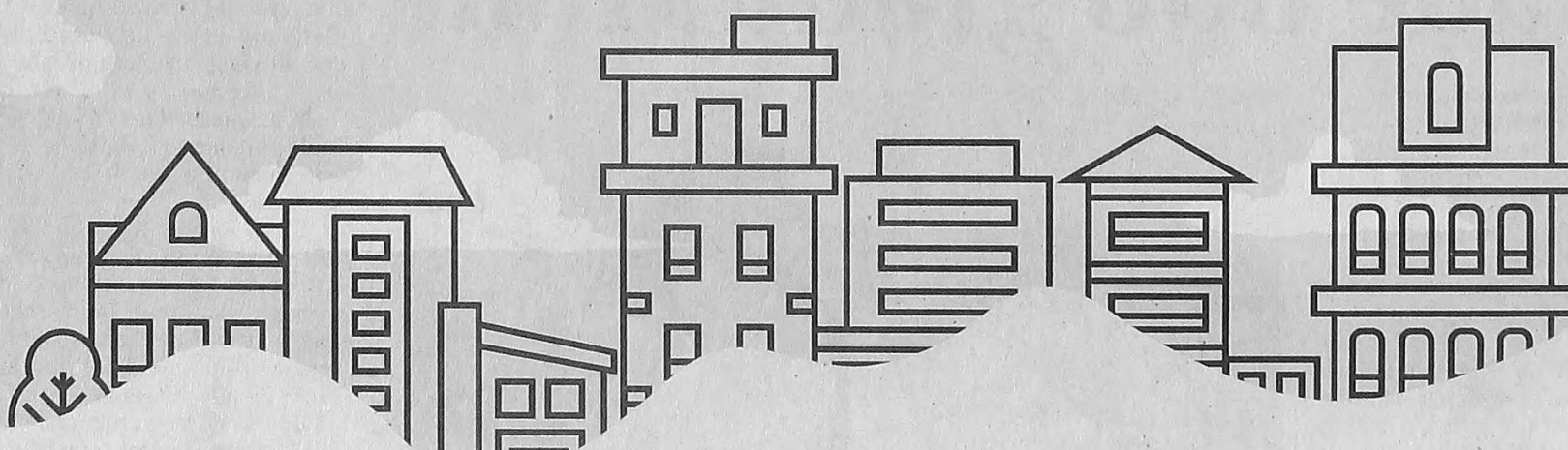
A Bronze Star recipient for "individual heroism in combat," Tessmer is most proud of the Knight of the Legion of Honor Medal, pictured above, which he received from the French government for helping to defeat the Germans.

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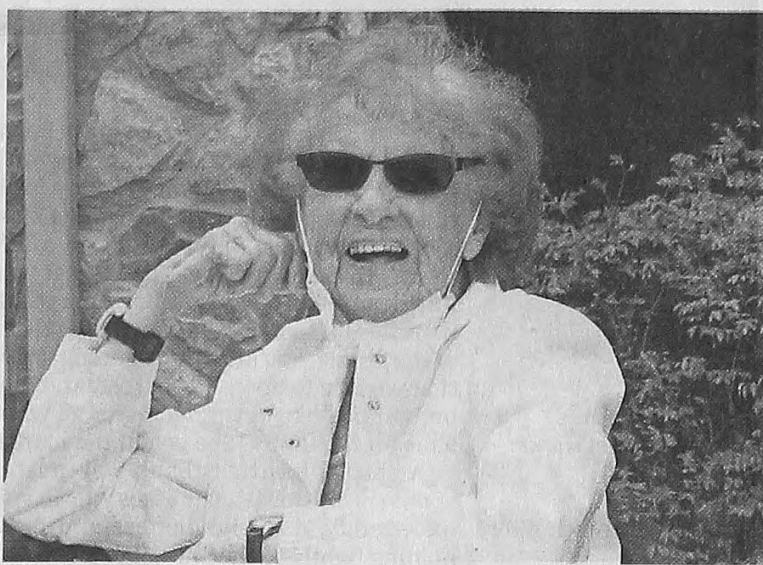


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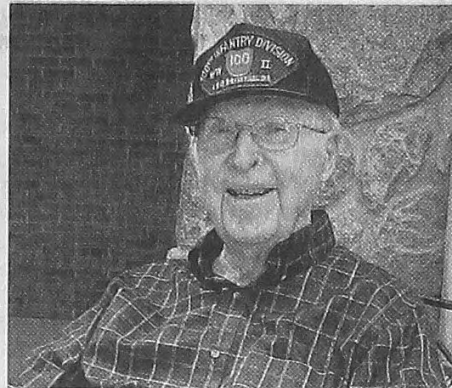
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Joan Morgan, 94, who joined England's air force at age 17 during World War II, smiles outside her Abbey Park residence on May 7.



Betty Hamilton, a World War II Navy veteran, plays bingo at American House senior living community in West Bloomfield. COURTESY OF AMERICAN HOUSE



World War II Army veteran Robert Tessmer, 94, sits outside his New Hudson residence on May 7. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



World War II Army veteran Jim Miles recently celebrated his 94th birthday at American House Westland Hunter. COURTESY OF AMERICAN HOUSE

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"The problem with coronavirus is no one understands it or knows what to do with it," Tessmer said. "It's like the bogeyman around the corner, ready to jump out at you. ..."

"This will be a tough one for our country, economically and medically and for the whole world."

Cup o' tea and laughter, best medicine

For Joan Morgan, who has seen her share of suffering, including losing two of her children in infancy, what sets the coronavirus pandemic apart is the loneliness of social distancing.

"Having to be away from people is the hardest time," she said.

Morgan was born Dec. 11, 1925, in England. She was 13 years old when she and her family, gathered around the radio, heard Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declare war against Germany.

Her mother made tea, as she did during any catastrophe, something Morgan is doing a lot of these days, and about which her coffee-drinking friends at Abbey Park laugh.

"It helps me," she said. "If all else fails, drink a cup of tea."

Plenty of scary times followed that tea time in front of the radio as London was bombed. She remembers in particular one Saturday night after walking home after meeting a friend. As 16-year-old Joan passed a churchyard, she heard a "doodlebug" overhead — a German-made self-propelled bomb.

She crouched down to shelter in the churchyard as the bomb hit a farm a short distance away and then began to laugh hysterically as she saw chickens hanging from the trees, flapping their wings.

"The farmyard was completely demolished, but to see that at that time, it looked so funny to see the chickens flap-

ping up in the trees," she recalled. "The bombings, it wasn't something we dwelled on too much, it was an expected thing — 'Oh well, here we go again.'"

"Five years of the war, that was a long time."

She joined the Royal Air Force at age 17 with the permission of her father, a London police officer.

"I kept up on Dad until he gave permission, I just made his life hell," she joked. "I thought I was going to see the world, but I never did."

She served for four years as a World War II ground radio operator.

Joan met Joe Morgan while in the service and they married in 1947. They soon learned the meaning of "for better and for worse."

The couple suffered the loss of two children in infancy, a trauma which Joan said makes the pandemic and every other hard time pale in comparison.

"I think, 'So what, I've seen worse, this is not the worst I've seen in my life,'" she said. "I feel strongly about those revolting, demonstrating."

They have a lot to learn. They need to know a little more about life. Everybody is feeling different and out of their depth, but if we don't hang together, we're going to get lost.

"If you don't hang together, there is no hope."

The dark times early in her marriage were compounded when Joe couldn't find work in England, driving him to apply for a job with the Ford Motor Company. He landed an engineer position in Michigan for \$200 per month and the family was separated from him by an ocean for two years.

One of Joan's happiest times came when the family reunited one week before Christmas in 1956, after Joe had scrimped and saved and bought a mobile home for Joan and their children, Marilyn and Paul.

Joe walked to the airport in Romulus from the mobile home on Michigan Avenue in Wayne to pick them up, because he didn't have the money for round-trip travel fare.

He wore out his shoes, the children were so unhappy thinking Santa wouldn't find them, they had a "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree, and they ate chicken for their holiday dinner instead of turkey. Sixty-four years later, it remains Joan's favorite Christmas.

"We were together, we were a family. They hadn't seen their daddy for two years," she said. "It was the most enjoyable Christmas I ever had, the first Christmas I came to the States."

But that, she noted, is how life goes: some of the best times are after the worst times.

Joan, who lost her husband 20 years ago, has time now to think of that often. When her mother-in-law was in a nursing home, she said she would look at the people there and pity them, thinking of how lonely they must be as they sat and stared into the distance, at something beyond her vision. Now she sees clearly.

"I thought how lonely they are, but they aren't lonely," she said. "They are thinking of their memories."

At 94, she thinks often of the good times, which still outweigh the bad.

"There will be happy times again," she said. "These things don't last forever. ... I don't consider (the pandemic) harder, I consider it another episode in a lifetime. Each time something happens that is catastrophic, it is another part of life."

Joan said as a Brit, she is "not very emotional," but said that times of stress are another matter. The key difference between this time and other difficulties is the ability to come together in support of each other.

"During World War II, if someone lost a son or daughter and you heard, you went to the house and there were hugs and tears and love all around," she said. "That is what I miss now. I miss going outside and saying, 'Hi, how are you?' and giving a hug."

"I miss hugs, I can't wait for them again."

For now, she goes on her balcony when she can, soaking in the sun, drinking her tea, and remembering the happy

times.

Rationing comes round again

Betty Hamilton was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Terre Haute, Indiana. She spent time during her elementary school years on her grandparents' farm, where she and her parents had moved to help when her grandparents became ill. She milked the cows and fed the chickens while her brother raised rabbits.

Betty looked up to her brother, who became a schoolteacher. When World War II began and he went into the service, she soon followed, enlisting in the Navy on her 20th birthday. She landed at the Great Lakes shipyards in Bay City, where she worked as a teletype operator for the duration of her service.

The bare grocery store shelves these days draw some similarities to that long-ago time, she said. Hamilton remembers getting ration coupons for meat and cigarettes that she sent to her sister-in-law, and shoes, which she sent to her mother.

Now, she has someone else to bring her the necessities. She is cooped up in her apartment because of the coronavirus pandemic, but tries to maintain her health. When she wakes, she exercises, gets dressed, and breakfast is brought to her room. She does another set of exercises using weights in her room, and then likes to read, particularly books by James Patterson.

Betty married John Hamilton, a Marine, in Indiana after the war, but was widowed after just 15 years when her husband suffered a heart attack in his early 50s. They had three children.

The grandmother of six urges everyone to take care of themselves.

"Everyone has problems, but we can always resolve them," she said, speaking by phone from American House in West Bloomfield. "If you feel good and have pretty good health, that is a blessing. So stay healthy and stay safe, and right now, stay home."

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Coronavirus couldn't halt farmers market



Walt Gajewski
Guest columnist

I had the virus. I picked up a chill on St. Patrick's Day (that's how I remember the date) that wouldn't go away, even though my temperature peaked at just over 100 degrees. After a trip to the doctor and a week to get results, I was confirmed positive with the coronavirus.

Oh, the fatigue that came with it. Getting out of bed and making it to a chair in the same room a few feet away was like planning for a long trip – exhausting. The fever would ramp itself up and down, day after day, while my senses of smell and taste just up and disappeared. Everything tasted like salt! I lost 12 pounds. “COVID” toes? Yes, I had that weird frostbite-like tingling in both feet.

In the middle of all this, I still had to work: arranging for conference calls with area market managers, contacting state agencies, following up on executive orders issued by the governor's office. A week with the virus was making me weaker. I canceled one conference call and then another until I finally forced myself – with my head in my hands, bent over at my desk – to make one more call. It would be the one that would lift my spirits and put the Farmington Farmers Market on the path to its scheduled opening this Saturday.

That call gave me the information I urgently needed: under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders, farmers markets are considered essential and are therefore allowed to operate.

With this information in hand, and after discussions with Farmington city leaders, we made a decision to open the greater Farmington community to obtaining fresh, nutritious, locally-grown Michigan pro-



The Farmington Farmers Market logo promotes healthy eating. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

duce as we have been doing without interruption for the past 26 years.

But what about the virus?

My personal bout ended after a quarantine that lasted until the first week of April. I came out of it virus-free and strong again. Good thing – there was work to do! I called our farmers and rallied volunteers. I scheduled fact-delivering webinars while following the best practices of markets working to open all across the country. I worked with the Michigan Farmers Market Association and the Michigan Department of Agriculture to learn how to open a market during a pandemic.

When we open Saturday, we will be smaller. What might have been a market with 50 vendors now has only 15. We have been charged with being efficient and essential, with a focus on whole, uncut produce and pre-packaged prepared foods.

Social distancing, hand-washing stations and managed attendance will make for a safe, albeit surreal, experience. No dogs will be allowed. Only one member per family is allowed inside at a time, and you cannot bring your own reusable market bag. No live music. No open food consumption and – this comes as a heavy

blow – no Petey's Donuts. No mask, no service.

Healthy once more, I am heading out into the fight flanked by farmers, volunteers, city leaders, committed sponsors and a community that I know is yearning for the return of “Saturday life in a Michigan small town.” To that I can say: The market will open in this Michigan small town Saturday. Everything seems to be in pieces like a puzzle. Come to market and be a piece of the puzzle. You know, on opening day, we have a bell that we ring to open the market, and I'm going to pull on that bell like never before for all who make it possible for me to say “See you at the market ...”

A special heartfelt thank you must go out to our sponsors, the local businesses who in spite of so much uncertainty, financial distress and personal risk are holding tightly to the market to affirm that they stand resolutely behind our community. Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Fresh Thyme; the wise counselors at Wright Beamer Attorneys; the fighting accountants at Montgomery, Wiethorn, Burke, Mackinder & Dye; Farmington Insurance; the Farmington Garage; Dr. Natalie at Essential Family Chiropractic, and the Holzer Ford Family – thank you all for your years of continuing support. In joining the effort to keep the light shining on our community jewel, let's also welcome new sponsors Waug's Electric Service of Farmington Hills and the Lake Michigan Credit Union.

In addition, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth & Families selected the farmers market as a recipient of its annual Spring Grant Award program.

The Farmington Farmers Market is free and open to the public at Grand River and Grove Street in downtown Farmington. For more information about the market, its vendors, safe practices, our preparedness and more, visit farmingtonfarmersmarket.com.

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager.

Farmington Hills summer concerts canceled

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Farmington Hills recently announced it canceled Stars in the Park, which usually takes place Thursday evenings at Heritage Park throughout the summer. The cancellation is due to the coronavirus pandemic.

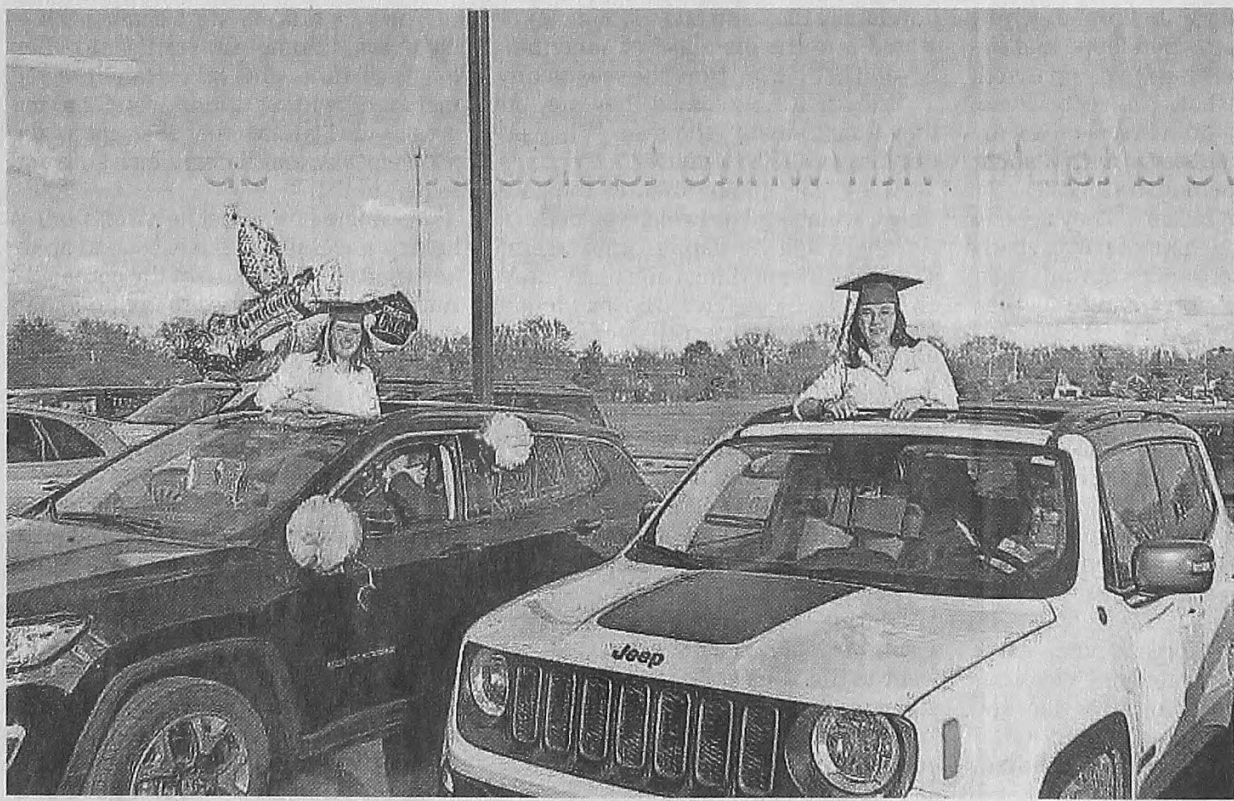
The weekly performances typically performers

across all genres and typically are free to the public.

“We'll miss seeing so many of our local families on the hill with their blankets and picnics enjoying an evening of music in beautiful Heritage Park,” said Cultural Arts Supervisor Rachel Timlin. “But everyone's safety is a top priority right now and we encourage people to enjoy music and other creative pursuits on their own during this time.”



A Von Maur employee at Laurel Park Place delivers an item to a waiting customer May 7. Several Laurel Park shops are now open for curbside delivery. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mercy High School seniors remained in their cars throughout not only the parade, but also the ceremony at the school, joined by their families as staff congratulated them on graduating. COURTESY OF MERCY HIGH SCHOOL.

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“Many of them either wore their cap and gown or their uniform with their cap, whatever they cared to do, and officially flipped their tassels to the graduated side,” Kreger said.

Since schools have been closed for about two months, Kreger said it was especially nice for everyone to see each other, even from a distance.

“It was a real shot in the arm for the teachers to see the students and just for the students to see each other,” Kreger said. “With the parade route, everyone's car crossed everyone else's car. So they got to see all their classmates.”

School administration plans to hold some kind of

graduation ceremony July 19. Depending on the coronavirus situation at that time, the graduating women will either receive a traditional ceremony or a distanced commencement ceremony.

Even though things might not be the same, Kreger said she's been impressed with how the senior class has handled the pandemic and hopes they'll be able to see a silver lining in this cloudy time.

“I would hope when all is said and done, they will feel not so left out or denied celebrations but instead be able to rejoice in all that there has been,” she said. “I'm hoping by the end of all this, whatever that means, that will be the takeaway: That they've had many joyous moments.”

“You know, they'll have tales to tell.”

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Malls

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Dan Irvin, general manager at Laurel Park Place, said he was excited when he heard businesses such as malls could allow shops to reopen. Allowing for such business to occur, he said, moves things closer to an eventual full reopening of the mall.

“People are just so thirsty for some normalcy,” he said.

Irvin, who also manages the Meridian Mall in Okemos, which has also begun to offer curbside pickup, said the malls' parent company, CBL Properties, has made company-wide changes to protocol and improved cleaning.

“Our leadership at CBL has been fantastic in their response to the coronavirus,” he said. “There's been things that have been adjusted.”

Laurel Park Place is open noon to 6 p.m. daily for curbside pickup.

Several other area malls have begun to offer curbside pickup as well. The Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren, recently announced it would offer curbside pickup.

“We encourage all merchants to reopen their locations at our properties which will allow for a restart of business operation,” reads a letter from the mall's parent company, Namdar Realty Group. “Namdar Realty Group will continue to monitor the situation closely and ensure compliance with all state regulations and government decrees.”

Pickup at the Westland Shopping Center is available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Patrick Derrig, the mall's marketing director, said there is no comprehensive list of which retailers are open for curbside pickup, because it changes often.

The Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver in Troy, also has some retailers offering curbside pickup, though no official list has been posted on the mall's website.

“In addition to our restaurants, many of our stores are offering curbside delivery of your packages,” a message reads on the upscale mall's homepage. “Please check with your favorite stores on (availability) and hours.”

The Twelve Oaks Mall, 27500 Novi Road in Novi, does not appear to be conducting curbside pickup, though businesses with an exterior entrance may still offer the service if able.

A message seeking additional information on whether the mall would allow for such services was not returned.

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Music studio still carries a tune in pandemic

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Josh Moyer has been playing guitar since he was a kid. It's the center point of his life.

Having earned a degree in jazz studies from Michigan State in 2017, Moyer has made it his life's mission to spread his love for guitar – and sometimes the ukulele – by teaching at Expressions Music Academy's Canton location.

"I can just totally see myself in them," Moyer said of his students. "When they hear 'Iron Man' for the first time, and they are like, 'Man, this is so dope,' I remember when I had those same exact thoughts and feelings."

Moyer looks back at how his music teachers helped him fall in love with the guitar and with music and encourages his students similarly, allowing them to pick the songs they want to learn, with-in reason.

He remembers that feeling of learning to play, of returning to each lesson ready to learn even more.

Like most businesses across the country, the coronavirus pandemic has shut the doors of the school, but its employees are still working to teach music virtually.

Owner Jessica Schatz implemented Zoom-based lessons to keep business going and to keep students engaged.

"They were amazing in implementing this," said Evan Laybourn, a drum teacher at the Novi location for four years. "They worked really, really fast once this started getting serious to ... set this up really, really quickly."

Expressions Music Academy provides private music lessons for people of all ages, including introductory guitar, piano and vocal lessons.

While Michigan continues its shelter-in-place order, Laybourn said continued lessons provide a sense of normalcy and time to get better at an instrument.

Srushti Gubbi and Eli Rama each found more time to work on their music at home.

Gubbi, 13, remembers listening and emulating her brother when she was young, singing so much that she convinced her parents to put her into lessons when she was in first grade.



The physical location of Expressions Music Academy in Novi is closed, but it still offers music lessons via video app.

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Eli Rama has continued to take virtual lessons from Expressions Music Academy throughout the pandemic.

COURTESY OF LERA RAMA

For her, continuing music lessons despite the pandemic has been a major priority.

"She's getting extra hours to spend on her music," said Shubhada Rao, Gubbi's mother. "Immediately after her school day is over, she gets on it."

"Music is her passion and she always



Srushti Gubbi has taken vocal and piano lessons with Expressions Music Academy.

COURTESY OF SHUBHADA RAO

wants to learn new things. Now, she is getting more time to do it."

Gubbi's main focus has turned from singing to piano. She said the Zoom rehearsals are different from a normal lesson, but that her teachers have developed an ear to correct her mistakes and help her progress.

Rama, a 7-year-old piano student, just wanted to be a part of the music that he grew up loving.

His mother, Lera Rama, said that Eli grew up listening to children's music, soon graduating to the hits of One Direction and Bruno Mars.

"He memorized all the songs of Bruno Mars," Lera Rama said. "He sees how Bruno can play guitar, organ, piano and all that. He just wants to emulate that."

While Eli is shy in terms of his personal playing ability, his goals remain simple.

"My goal is to try and learn to play songs that are difficult and learn new songs," he said.

Lera said just watching Eli at the piano brings a sense of normalcy to the family's daily routine, as well as a little bit of happiness.

"One night, he told me, 'Mom, guess what song I'm playing?' He started playing 'Amazing Grace' on his piano," she said. "I was so moved that I had tears in my eyes."

"It brings us a lot of joy."

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Westland police say GMC may have fatally hit cyclist

Susan Vela HometownLife.com
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A runaway vehicle fatally struck a 56-year-old Taylor woman riding her bicycle in Westland late last month, and Westland police said they need help finding the person responsible.

They said the suspect vehicle is light colored, possibly a white or silver 2000 to 2006 GMC Yukon XL.

The vehicle apparently struck the woman as she was cycling on Van Born Road, west of Farnum Street, around 9:30 p.m. April 29.

After the collision, the suspect vehicle continued on Van Born Road and turned north onto Marshall Drive.

Witnesses told police the vehicle's front grill, front bumper, and passenger side headlight assembly were damaged by the impact. There may have been damage to the passenger side of the windshield.

Anyone with information about this incident, the vehicle or the driver is asked to call 734-713-3706.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Twitter: @susanvela.

Westland planning to give some federal relief funding to residents

Shelby Tankersley HometownLife.com
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Westland has received a \$657,944 check from the federal government via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

On May 4, city council approved a plan to use those funds, some of which will help residents stay on their feet while many are experiencing layoffs and furloughs. Council passed the measure 6-1, with Councilwoman Tasha Green voting against it.

Of Westland's funds from CARES, \$219,069 will go toward a grant program to help 70 households pay their rent or mortgage for up to six months. The city hopes to make these funds available by June 1.

"I am grateful to the Westland City Council for approving this proposal quickly so we can get to work providing these critical resources to those in need in our community," Mayor Bill Wild said in a release. "Our team will be working diligently to get these programs up and running as quickly as possible."

Council also approved \$279,220 for some small businesses that pay low or moderate incomes to help keep employees on staff.

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Westland Mayor Bill Wild

An additional \$28,067 will go toward providing personal protective equipment, or PPE, to businesses and residents who need it. According to the city, PPE includes masks, gloves, gowns, thermometers and hand sanitizer. The city estimates 200 people will benefit from the funds.

Officials said the city's remaining \$131,588 in CARES Act funding will go toward purchases and personnel costs needed to implement the three programs. Green cited these costs as her reason for voting against the proposal.

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While unemployed, should I pay off my mortgage?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I have taken the time, as I've been in quarantine, to, as you say, "get your financial house in order." I was shocked to find out what it cost me to live a month. It was a lot more than I expected. I started to make adjustments to reduce my cost of living. In doing so, I have a couple of questions.

My first is related to my mortgage. I am not sure if I should pay it off. I currently owe about \$125,000 and my rate is 5 percent. I have about 16 years left on the mortgage. I called about refinancing; however, because of my credit score, refinancing does not make sense.

I've been laid off and I am currently collecting unemployment. My boss has told me that sometime this summer, I'll be back to work. I'm in my late 50s and I plan to work for at least another year and a half. When I turn 60, I am eligible to receive a pension that I received in my divorce. If my house were to be paid off, the pension would more than cover all my needs.

In addition, I also have about \$95,000 in my 401(k) and about \$115,000 in a personal account at Vanguard. I am a conservative investor. I have another \$30,000 between my checking and savings accounts and another \$260,000 in a money market account. The money came from my divorce settlement and it has been sitting in the money market account for about 10 years. I'm either thinking of taking advantage of the low market and investing my money market money, or paying off my home. What do you think?

In addition, when should I take Social Security?

Wendy

Dear Wendy:

Congratulations on being productive with your time in quarantine. I wish more people followed your example and

took the time to get their financial house in order.

In reviewing your situation, I think without question you should pay off the mortgage. Since you are not itemizing your deductions, you will get a guaranteed 5 percent after-tax return on your money by doing so. Five percent after taxes is a very good return for a conservative investor.

The next issue is what you should do with the money market account. Of course, you should make sure you have enough for an emergency fund. My recommendation for you would be six months of living expenses.

After you have established your emergency fund, you should consider investing the remaining money. The money you would invest, along with your other money, would provide you with a nice amount to establish a growth portfolio. You want to make sure you have a rising income the rest of your life; you cannot live on a shrinking income.

With regard to your Social Security, in the back of your mind I would plan to take it at a minimum when you receive your full Social Security, at 66, but you also may want to give consideration to delaying until age 70. I certainly don't think it makes sense for you to take Social Security at 62.

If you find you need additional money to cover your living expenses, before you collect Social Security you can withdraw from your portfolio. By delaying, you get approximately an 8 percent return on your money.

For most people, having your home paid off when you enter retirement is generally a good strategy. Particularly under our new tax law, since the standard deduction has been increased substantially, most people are not itemizing their deductions. Therefore, the tax benefit of having a mortgage is no longer relevant and the focus is the economics.

In your case, if you pay off your mortgage, you will get a 5 percent after-tax return without risk. There's no other investment that will accomplish this. More and more people, particularly as

they get closer and closer to retirement, should look at ways to pay off their mortgage.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial ad-

visor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Obituaries



Lois Dusbiber

PLYMOUTH - Age 94. Beloved wife of the late Warren. Loving mother of Darry (Tobi), Brian (Cathy) and Wendy. Proud grandma of Jim (Betsy), Heidi (Brett), David (Jessica), Jason (Danielle), Bree (Chris) and Anna (Alex) and great grandma of ten. Preceded in death by her dear sister Jerine McCollom. Public visitation, Friday May 15th at 11 AM until the private Friday 1 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (btw Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. The funeral will be live streamed beginning at 12:30 PM on facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/. Interment Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Plymouth Historical Society or Paws For A Cause. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



Patricia Jane (nee Board) Abrahamian

Passed away peacefully on April 30, 2020.

Born January 26, 1934 in Detroit to James and Rose Board. She graduated from Commerce High School in Detroit. She was a faithful Catholic and an avid reader.

Beloved wife of Rostom "Ronie" for 55 years.

Survived by her loving children Rostom "Ronie", Pamela (George), Elaine (Edward), John (Sandra) and Michael.

Proud grandmother of April, Paige, Olivia, Steven, David and Kelli. She was further blessed with a great grandson, Gus. Sister of Michael (Kim).

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, daughter in law Janet and brother James.

A memorial will be held at a later date. www.mannsfuneralhome.com



Livonia receives less COVID-19 relief funding despite case data

Shelby Tankersley HometownLife.com
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As Michigan communities receive CARES Act funding, Livonia ranks 33rd with \$196,155 distributed; 38 Michigan municipalities received funding.

In comparison, Westland - Livonia's smaller neighbor that has been less affected by the coronavirus pandemic - received \$657,944 and ranks 13th.

Then, there's Dearborn.

"In a clear example of a formula not meeting the need, let's look at the numbers of a comparable community," Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan wrote in a statement. "Livonia has 1,200 fewer people than Dearborn. But we have 34 more COVID-19 cases and 46 more COVID-19 fatalities than Dearborn. Somehow, though, Dearborn received over \$1 million in funding compared to Livonia's \$196,000."

Brosnan said she thinks the city should get a bigger piece of the pie and is asking U.S. senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters as well as Congresswoman Haley Stevens to make Livonia's share of federal dollars from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act a bigger priority.

As of May 6, Livonia had 738 confirmed coronavirus cases and 129 related deaths. That's a fatality rate of 17.4%, one of the highest in Michigan and higher than New York City's, which could be as high as 11%. Livonia has the second-most coronavirus-related deaths in Michigan, only behind Detroit. Livonia is also the ninth-largest city in Michigan, according to 2010 census data.

But the community development block grant formulas used to distribute CARES funds don't take much of that into account.

One formula prioritizes population, poverty and overcrowded units. Another prioritizes population growth lag since 1960, poverty and number of pre-1940 housing units.

Neither formula accounts for emergencies, and the CARES Act is not taking coronavirus cases and deaths per city into account.

"One of the big drivers is the age of the housing stock and that's a very poor proxy for Livonia because of the number of long-term care facilities we have," Livonia Council President Kathleen McIntyre said. "The thinking is the age of the housing stock correlates with the age of the population and that's probably gen-



Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan is often seen sporting her homemade face mask. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

erally true, except when you have a city that has 22% of all the long-term care facilities in Wayne County."

Livonia does not have a large impoverished population and, as a city, is known for being financially responsible. But McIntyre said that shouldn't discount Livonia's need.

"We have been tapped out," she said. "You know, 75% of our runs during the peak of the crisis were to long-term care facilities. That consumes an inordinate amount of resources."

McIntyre added that council, the clerk's office, the treasurer's office and the mayor's office have all been working in overdrive to see the city through the pandemic.

"The mayor has done an outstanding job. I want to be clear about that," McIntyre said. "There has been tremendous leadership by the mayor."

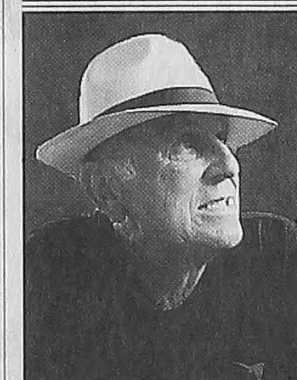
Brosnan has been in touch with Stevens, but the city does not know of any plan to change the CARES distribution formula.

A representative from Stevens' office said the congresswoman is open to changing the formula and has advocated for cities like Livonia to be able to apply for direct federal funding.

Livonia, like other communities, is concerned about its finances. Amid the need for staff furloughs, Livonia stands to lose \$1.4 million in sales tax revenue, \$1.5 million in recreation center fees, and up to 20% of its water revenue.

Livonia is also seeing less money from gas taxes and property taxes.

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Joseph R. Garcia

PLYMOUTH - May 1, 2020 Age 77. Beloved Husband of Sylvia. Loving father of Amy (Jim) Maloney, Joseph (Marsha), Christopher, and Anthony (Anne). Proud grandfather of Ashley, Steven, Laura, Natalie, Alex, Gabby, Eli, and Vera, and great grandfather of Braden, Rylee, and Emilia. Dear brother of Gloria Yonish, Blanche Nelson, Vivienne Mauricio, and Janet Hart. A caring and loving friend to all who knew him. Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



Thomas Allen Tucker, Sr

ALMA - Thomas Allen Tucker, Sr. age 90 of Alma and formerly of Garden City passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020, at Masonic Pathways, Alma.

Tom was born September 18, 1929, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of Jack and Leona (Richardson) Tucker. On September 23, 1950, in Detroit, Tom married Betty Lou Gauden, his loving wife of 69 years. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps at the end of World War II. Tom retired from Mobil Oil Corporation as a truck driver. He was a lifelong Mason. Tom loved sports, especially boxing, which he even participated in during his younger years. He was an avid Detroit Tigers and Lions fan. But most importantly, Tom loved his family and was a very proud husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Betty Lou Tucker; 3 sons, Thomas (Joan) Tucker, Jr. of Grass Lake, Steven (Linda) Tucker of Jackson and James (Marnie) Tucker of Chelsea; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, Robert Flack and Charles Tucker.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home, Alma. To view Thomas' obituary online or to leave condolences for the family please visit www.luxfuneralhomes.com.





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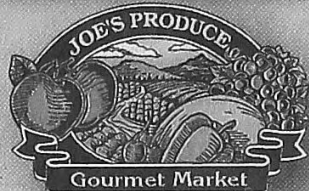


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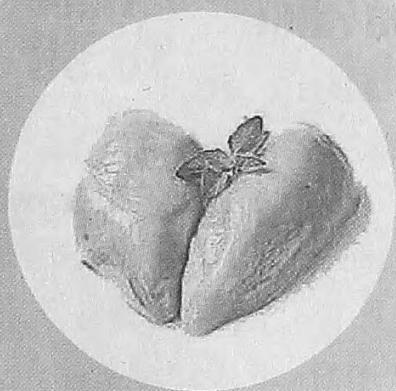
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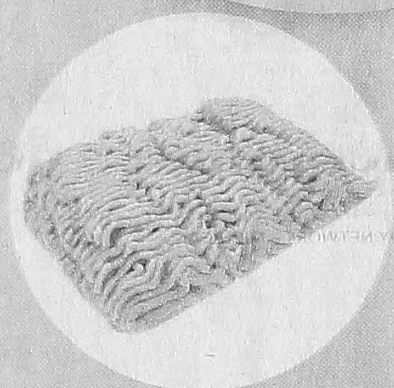
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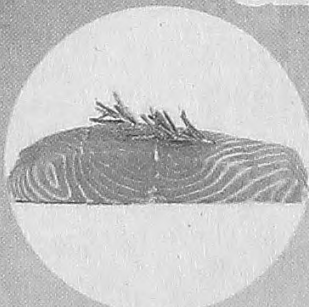
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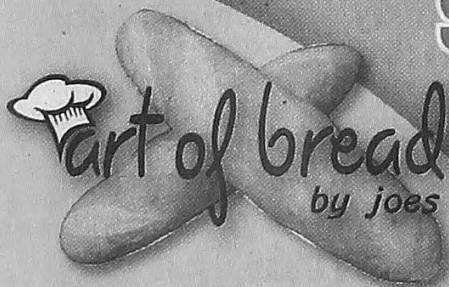
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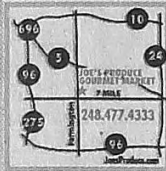
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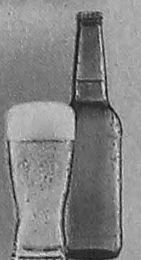
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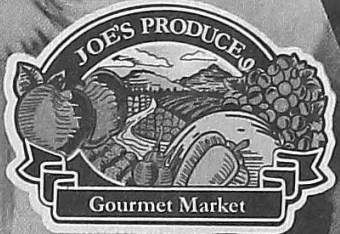
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Sports



Northville's Ryan Roberts, right, battles Novi's Joey Haddad during the teams' annual big rivalry game in 2014.
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MHSAA makes changes at spring meeting

Adjusts ice hockey, basketball, soccer

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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In its annual spring meeting the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced it would integrate seeding in regional play for ice hockey and provide byes for top-seeded teams in soccer and basketball for the playoffs.

Starting in the 2020-21 season, the MHSAA said ice hockey will implement a seeding process, placing the top two teams on opposite sides of the bracket to guarantee no meeting before the regional championship game.

The seeding will be awarded based on the Michigan Power Rating formula, which is based on regular-season results against MHSAA tournament-eligible teams and strength of schedule.

For hockey, basketball and soccer, any existing byes in the playoff bracket will now be awarded to the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds.

Here is a look at other some other changes made during the MHSAA spring meeting:

More opportunities to play

The MHSAA announced that it would be extending its opportunity for athletes on both the football field and the basketball court to get more playing time, affecting programs struggling to field teams at multiple levels.

In football, an athlete may play up to five quarters in a week, but is still limited to four quarters in one day.

In basketball, an athlete is allowed five quarters per day for no more than three dates per week and 20 dates per team and individual.

Also, MHSAA member teams may be allowed to play against all opponents present at out-of-state summer events.

Teams must continue to abide by the travel limit — traveling to events hosted by bordering states or provinces, or within 300 miles — but may play against out-of-state teams that exceed the travel limit.

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Northville grad signs with NFL's LA Chargers

Andrew Vaillencourt
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A 2015 Northville High School graduate has reached the biggest stage in sports.

Ryan Roberts, who played three years of varsity football at Northville, signed a three-year, \$2.285 million contract with the Los Angeles Chargers as an undrafted free agent following last month's NFL Draft. The contract pays \$761,667 per year if he makes the team.

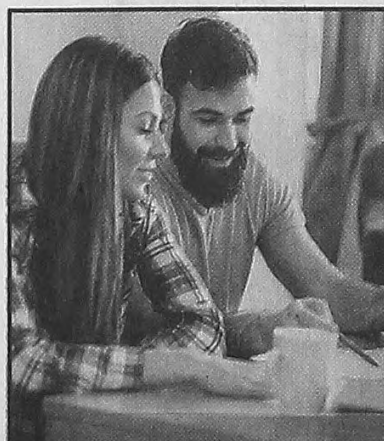
The offensive lineman started his college career at Northern Illinois, following in the footsteps of his father Raymond, who played his college career at NIU before reaching the NFL. Roberts then transferred to Florida State after earning his undergraduate degree in industrial and systems engineering.

As a grad transfer, he was eligible



Roberts, left, practices drills with his fellow offensive linemen at FSU in 2019.
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Grad

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immediately and started all 13 games last season for the Seminoles, 12 at right tackle and one at left tackle (the team's bowl game).

His performance was enough to catch the eye of a number of NFL teams. About 30 minutes after the draft ended, Roberts and his agent received the call from Los Angeles with an offer.

"It definitely was God's plan to put me on the Chargers," Roberts said. "They have an amazing organization, it seemed like the right fit.

"It's a tremendous, massive blessing. God's been so good to me. I'm so grateful for it. It's an opportunity, it doesn't mean anything until I get in the building and give my best effort and prove myself day in and day out."

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic certainly made the pre-draft process more difficult for Roberts, who could have used the extra time in front of scouts and benefited from face-to-face meetings with coaches and team officials. However, the change in circumstances wasn't going to stop Roberts from being as prepared as he could.

"This is not a job you can take for granted," Roberts said. "This is something I've been dreaming about since I was a kid and found out my dad played in the league. ... Celebration time is over, it's time to get back to work and make the most of it."

His dad had brief stints with both the Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears and has been one of Roberts' biggest influences throughout his football career.

"My dad has been nothing short of amazing," Roberts said. "From his whole journey of going from a walk-on to having the chance to playing in the NFL to also being successful in business and being the role model he's been for me is unfathomable. He's incredible. I can't say enough good things about my father, he's the best."

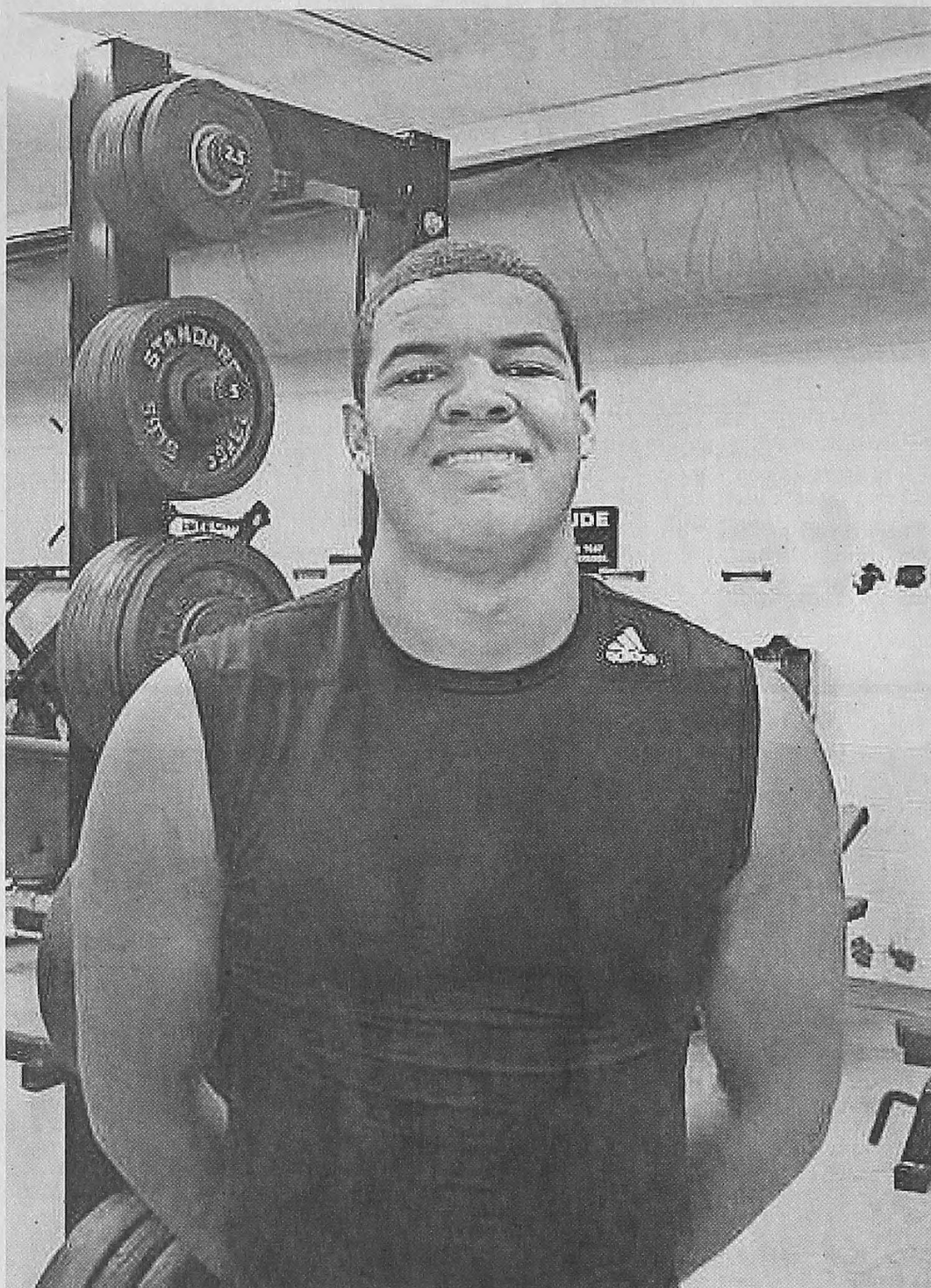
Roberts watched the draft at home in Arizona with his family. His parents moved there after he and his brother graduated from Northville. After moving around a lot as kids, his parents promised they would stay one place during his high school years. He spent seventh through 12th grade in Northville.

He played tight end for the Mustangs and helped lead the team to a pair of playoff appearances.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of Ryan," Northville football coach Matt Ladach said. "I don't know anybody who can disagree with how hard he's worked and how much time and effort he's put in to No. 1 being a great person, but No. 2 being the best football player that he can be."

Northville finished 8-2 in Roberts' junior year and 6-4 in his senior year.

"While he was with us, we had a great deal of success," Ladach said. "He was a huge contributor for us in a number of aspects. He's always been a guy that I viewed as a tremendous leader. He's al-



Northville graduate Ryan Roberts, who went on to play football at Northern Illinois and Florida State, is now an LA Charger. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

"This is a time where it allows you to realign, there are things that are bigger than your job, bigger than anything. Other people's lives are at stake so if we have to take a little time off of football, take a little time off from work for the good of society then that's what we have to do. ... This is a tough time for a lot of people, all we can do is make the most of it."

Ryan Roberts Northville High School graduate, on the coronavirus pandemic

ways doing the right things, a hard worker, led by example. The way he's carried himself in regards to his character has been outstanding."

Roberts is the first player Ladach coached who's made it to the NFL.

While at Northville, Roberts said the team had shirts that said "do the right thing" on the back. He remembers Ladach telling the team to always help clean places like the lunch room. To this day, Roberts still picks up trash everywhere he goes.

"You're not bigger than anybody, your job doesn't define you, your role doesn't define you," Roberts said. "If you're too big to pick up a piece of paper on the ground, you don't deserve the role you're in and need to be humbled."

Ladach was one of the people Roberts called after signing with the Chargers. He said it was a really special moment for him as coach.

"I knew it was going to happen," La-

dach said. "I say that because of his determination. I was not at all surprised to see him land with an NFL team. To get that phone call was really, really special. I'm still excited and happy for him. It was pretty cool to get that phone call from him and hear him say he's with the Los Angeles Chargers."

Given the current situation, Roberts isn't sure how summer will look. Facilities are closed, rookie minicamp and other offseason events are subject to change at any time. One comfort Roberts will have is that a Florida State teammate will be joining him, as tight end/fullback Gabe Nabers signed with the Chargers as an undrafted free agent as well. They join a contingent of FSU players already on LA's roster.

"He's a great dude, I have a lot of respect for him," Roberts said. "He works his tail off every day. He's a great teammate, the type of teammate that everyone dreams about. A dude who goes to

work, puts his head down, when the time calls for it he speaks up. There's not a bad thing to say about him."

Until football activities resume, Roberts is taking this time to enjoy being around family and getting his mind and body ready for the opportunity that awaits.

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Changes

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On the field

In football, the MHSAA approved that it would extend the running clock when a team leads by 50 points in both the first and second halves of the game. The 35-point running clock will continue to be employed in the second half of games.

Also, football players have allowed schools 15 summer dates of non-mandatory contact with an unlimited number of players — wearing helmets only. Only seven may be used for 7-on-7 competition.

In hockey, all members of the coaching staff will be forced to wear HECC-certified helmets while on the ice for practice or for games.

In baseball, the MHSAA will adopt a suspended-game policy that states that any game called before it reaches regulation, or when tied, is suspended with play to pick up at a later date from that point. If both schools agree, a game called prior to regulation may be replayed in its entirety.

Also, coaches and athletes ejected from competition by an official are now required to complete an online sportsmanship course from the National Federation of State High School Associations before returning to competition.

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North Farmington Raider Jon Brunette meets a lot of U of D Jesuit players during a past season's run. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Brother Rice challenges CC to play 'horse'

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The Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central basketball teams have found a way to keep busy during the coronavirus shut down.

Warriors coach Rick Palmer challenged CC coach Brandon Sinawi and his squad to a virtual game of horse and the first competition kicked off May 1.

Palmer said he got the idea online and immediately knew that CC was the school he needed to reach out to, given the two school's deep rivalry.

"For me, I thought about who to call and it was a no brainer," Palmer said. "At Brother Rice it's going to be CC and I think it'll be a lot of fun."

Sinawi happily accepted the challenge and the two coaches began posting short videos on social media announcing the challenge. Each team's eight returning players for the 2020-21 season matched up against one player from the opposing team. The two coaches would then schedule a time for the players to compete through a recorded zoom call, with each student-athlete playing in their own driveway.

The coaches watch and moderate the games and then send the results to a CC's Brady Butcher, who also is a talented video editor. He then turns the full game into a shorter highlight clip, which the coaches have been posting on Twitter gradually.

Entering May 7, the two teams were tied at two wins.

"We wanted to give our guys something to look forward to," Palmer said. "If it made a couple of our guys shoot a couple hundred more jump shots to get ready then that works out for both team's long term. We wanted to keep some semblance of team unity and team togetherness."

If the teams play to a 4-4 tie, the coaches will play horse against each other to determine the overall winner. Needless to say, both coaches are confident should it come down to that.

"Oh, we're winning," Palmer said. "In my biggest Rasheed Wallace voice, we're winning game nine."

Sinawi said he hopes his team can earn the victory before a ninth match, but is ready should that arise.

"We plan on winning," Sinawi said. "We're not planning on losing that's for sure."

The teams released a graphic with the eight matchups and have posted it on social media as well.

"I think it brings us closer as a school and as a team, it provides them with something different to do," Sinawi said. "Like most high schoolers, this isn't the ideal way that you want to enjoy the end of the school year. It's definitely bringing our kids and community closer. It's a fun thing that may even be a distraction for those with their own things going on at home. As a coach you always look for ways to provide unique opportunities for your kids to experience things and this is one of those times where we're able to do that."



The bench and coach Rick Palmer cheer a good defensive stop by Brother Rice during a previous season.

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The winning school will receive bragging rights, something which carries plenty of weight.

"You really don't need any type of wager, it's Brother Rice vs. CC," Sinawi said. "That in itself is worth the price of admission."

Brother Rice coach beats coronavirus

The COVID-19 outbreak hit close to home for Palmer, who tested positive for the virus back in March after coming into contact with someone who had the virus.

It took him 10 days to receive his test results back. He is fully healthy now after self-isolating at home. He said he only had mild symptoms and is lucky that his wife and kids have stayed healthy.

"I was very, very, very fortunate to have it mild and hopefully now have some antibodies," Palmer said.

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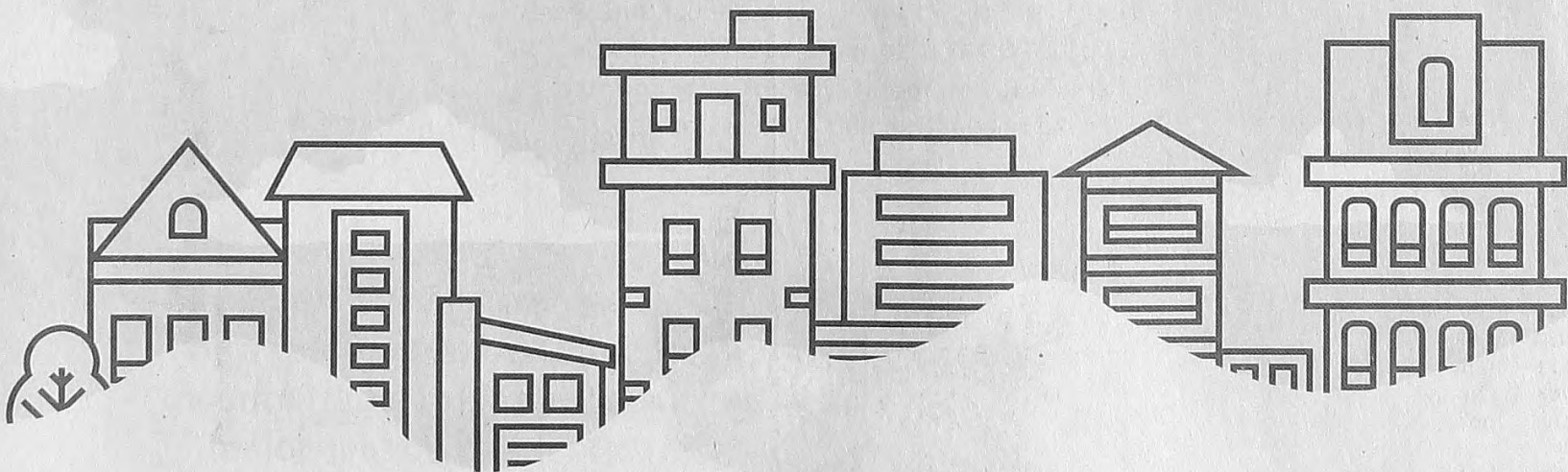
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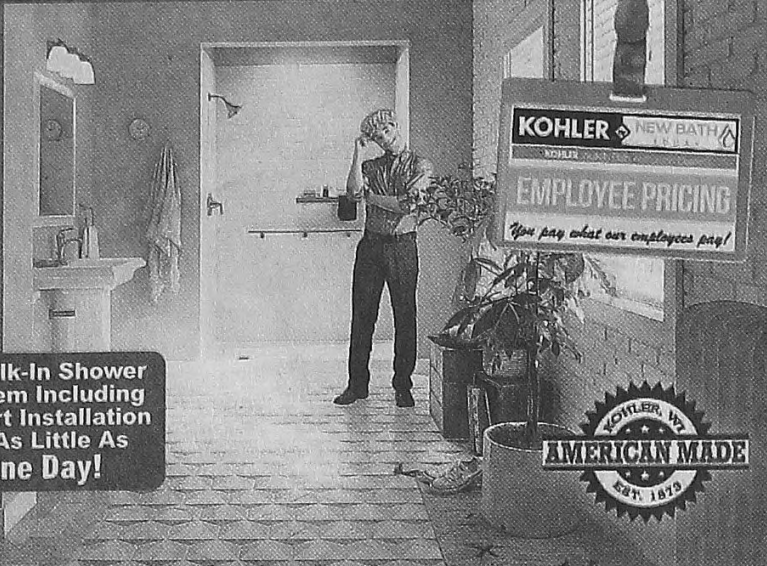
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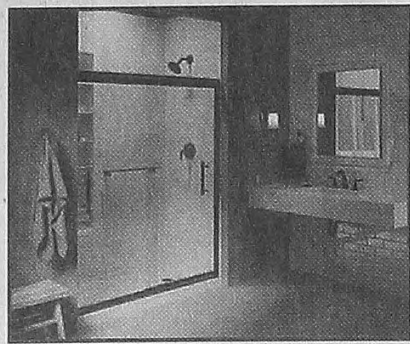


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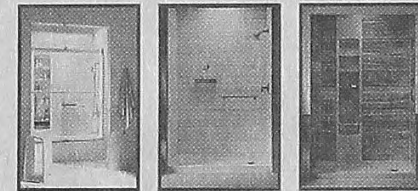
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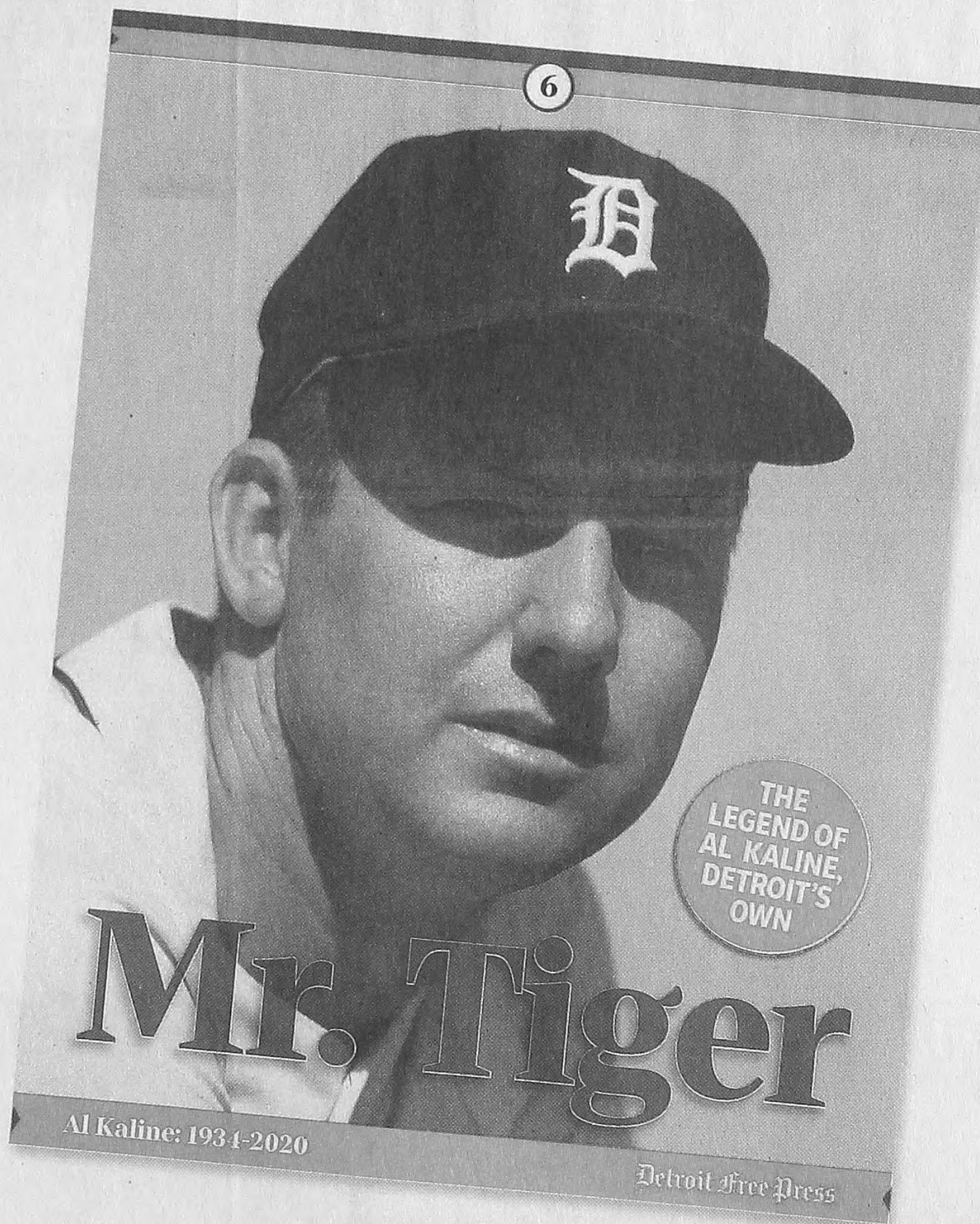
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 94 Thin and watery
 95 Back fish fins
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 98 Formerly, old-style
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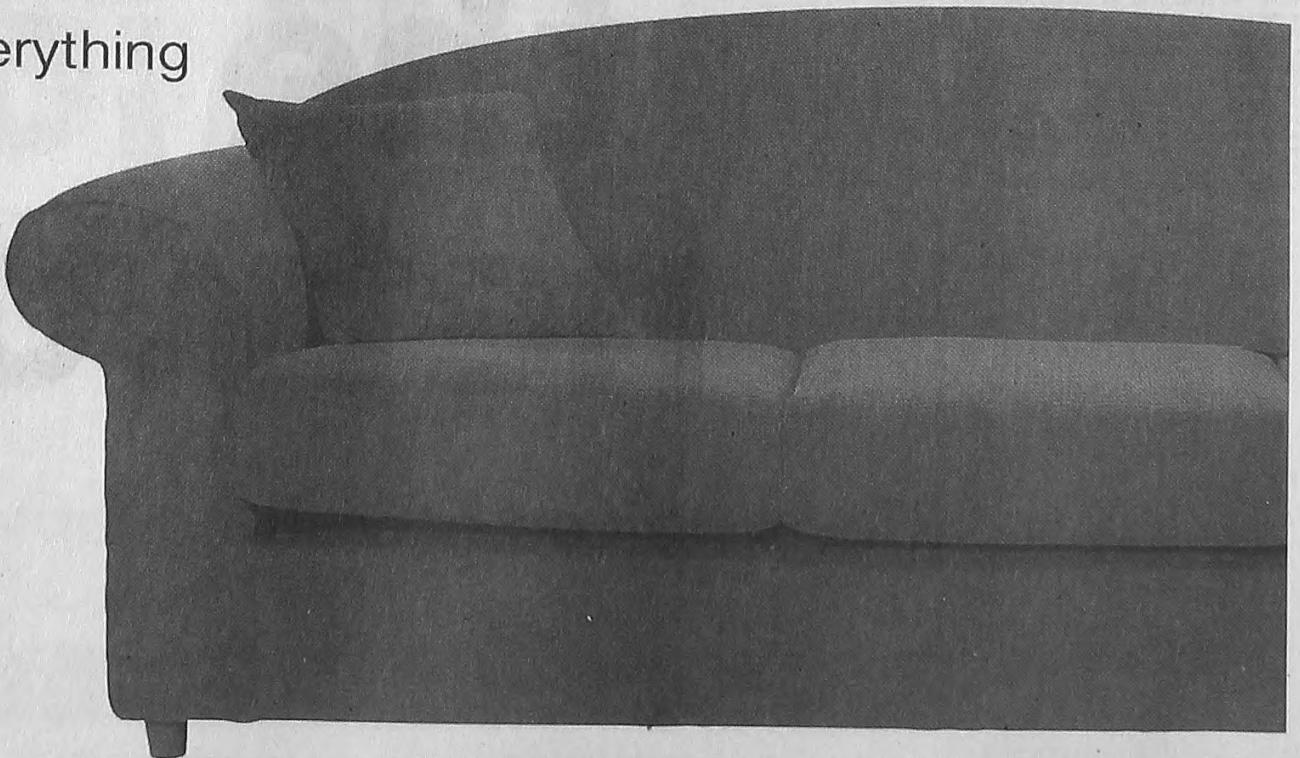
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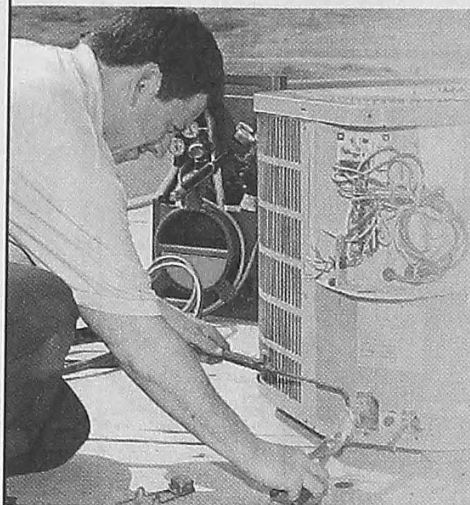
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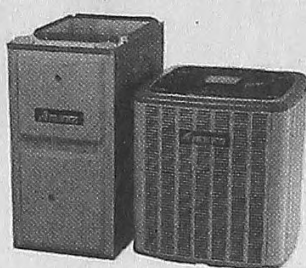


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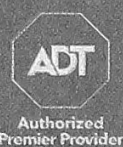
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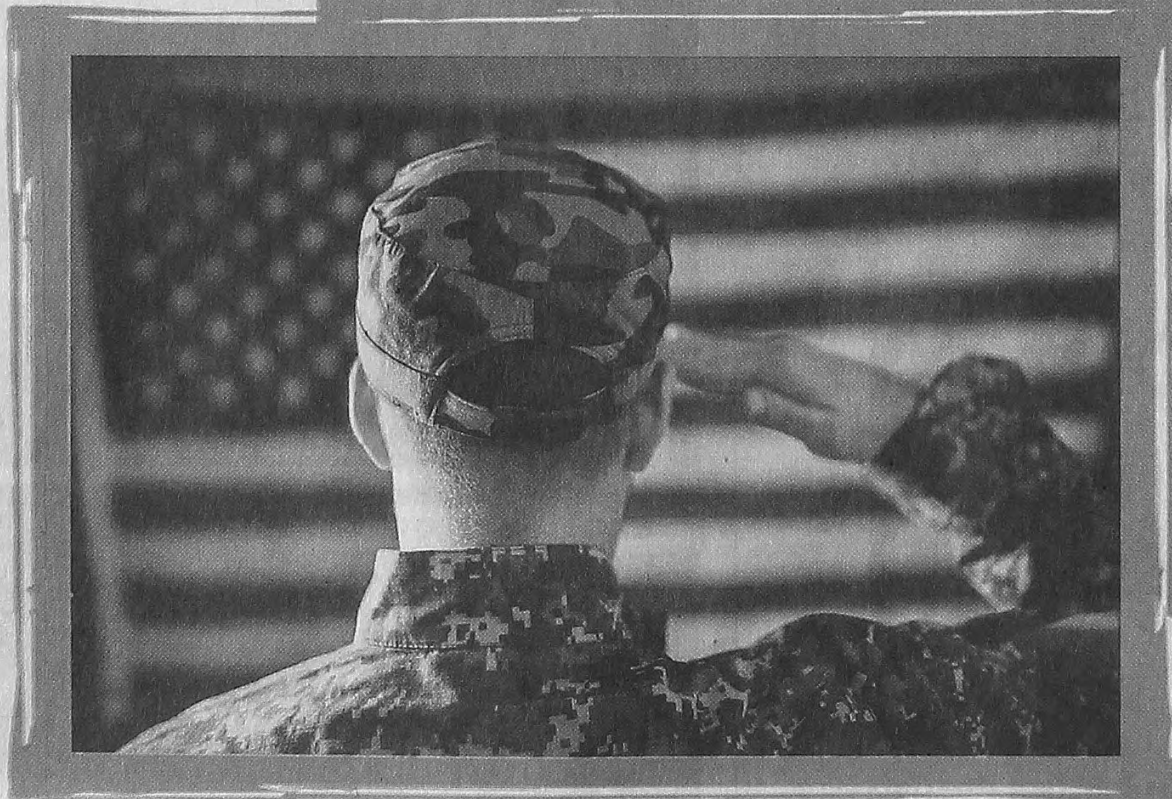


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