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Three arrested in Westland fatal shooting

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Westland police made three arrests June 8 connected to a Novi teen's death. Police found 17-year-old Robert Bigham dead from gunshot wounds in the area of Grand Traverse and Missaukee Court around 8:55 p.m. June 7. The teen was killed while riding his bicycle.

The next day, police arrested three teens in connection to the murder: Duan Jones, Sarah Jones-Moody and Timothy Stevenson Jr. All three were arraigned June 11 in the 18th District Court before Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

Jones, 18, of Westland, is charged with first-degree murder, tampering with evidence and three counts of felony firearm. He was remanded to jail with

no bond.

Jones-Moody, 17, of Wayne, is charged with being an accessory after the fact to a felony and felony firearm. She was given a cash bond of \$75,000 with 10%.

Stevenson, 19, of Detroit, is charged with larceny and tampering with evidence. He was given a \$20,000 cash bond.



From left, Duan Jones, Sarah Jones-Moody and Timothy Stevenson. COURTESY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT



Consumers Energy works to replace gas pipelines along Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Another stretch of Middlebelt closes for gas line replacement

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More of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills is closing for a gas main replacement.

The Road Commission for Oakland County approved a request by Consumers Energy to close Middlebelt from

Grand River Avenue to Shiawassee Street for a gas main replacement. The work began Monday across the half-mile stretch.

The closure is expected to last through the end of August. Drivers are encouraged to use Orchard Lake and Nine Mile roads as detour routes.

Consumers Energy was previously

approved to close Middlebelt between 9 Mile Road and Grayfield Drive in April. The company plans to wrap up that project by the end of June.

Both closures allow for access to homes and businesses in the affected areas.

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Residents line up to return cans, bottles after 3-month wait

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Richard and Linda Ford already have plans for the money they collected from the bags of empty cans and bottles they returned Monday morning at Kroger on Canton Center Road.

"We're going to buy a new car," Richard Ford quipped, flashing a huge smile. "Actually, I'm just happy to get them out of my shed. It was getting kind of difficult to work around all the bags."

The Fords were among the first people in line to return empties following the three-month return stoppage triggered by the coronavirus pandemic. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered the halt in returns so that stores could assign more employees to in-store operations and because of the social distancing issues the return stations create.

"We got here at 7 a.m. because that's when the store opened," Richard Ford said. "When we found out the return room wasn't going to open until 8, we went back home. When we got back here at 8:20, the line was all the way back to that black gate (about 25 yards from the entrance).

"I was surprised they had all the machines open today. I thought it was going to be every other one open so that it was easier to distance. But I'm not complaining. The faster everyone can get in and out, the better."

Tom Emmerich, chief operating officer of Schupan & Sons Recycling, told the Detroit Free Press earlier this month that the number of unreturned empties in Michigan grew by approximately 70 million every week.

Schupan & Sons Recycling, which has facilities in Wixom and Wyoming, processes aluminum cans and plastic and glass bottles from Michigan's beer and pop distributors, who in turn pick them up from the supermarkets, party stores, gas stations and other places people redeem their 10-cent deposits.

Restrictions put in place by Kroger and other grocery store chains for returns beginning Monday limited deposits to \$25 or less per person and group fundraisers were told they had

Schoolcraft selects finalists for next president

Schoolcraft College announced three candidates as finalists for the position of president of the college. They are:

- Glenn Cerny, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Schoolcraft College
- Paul Watson II, Vice President of Instruction of Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek
- Sherry Zylka, President and CEO of Big Sandy Community and Technical



Cerny Watson Zylka

College, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

"We had an extraordinary, diverse pool of qualified candidates interested

in the position of president of Schoolcraft College," said Brian Broderick, chair of Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees. "A rigorous, extensive screening and interview process led us to these three finalists. We are excited to introduce them to the Schoolcraft College community."

Details are still being finalized, but

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7-Eleven cancels Slurpee giveaway

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Convenience store giant 7-Eleven will postpone its annual tradition of giving away free Slurpees on July 11, Hometown Life has learned.

The promotion annually generates massive attendance at its stores, a scenario that would create a social-distancing nightmare in the age of the coronavirus pandemic.

All is not lost, however, Slurpee lovers: Store staff said one free medium Slurpee coupon will be dropped into all 7Rewards members' accounts July 1. The coupon will be valid through July 31 at all participating stores.

For 7-Eleven customers who cannot make it to a store, a free 7Now delivery of a medium Slurpee can be ordered on the company's app between July 7-11.

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Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth closes permanently

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Downtown Plymouth will move forward without a Panera Bread.

A sign was posted at the front entrance of the cornerstone business announcing the store has been permanently closed.

The location at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail was part of the Mayflower Center complex, which was renovated in 2002.

The final post on the business's Facebook page was published May 28 and read:

"Precious Cargo! Don't forget about

our awesome Curbside Ordering + Pick-Up service."

Panera Bread has over 2,000 stores throughout the United States and Canada, according to the company's website.

The Panera Bread location in Westland has also closed permanently.

Other businesses have announced reopening will not happen, including the Westland Pizza Hut, A Good Day Cafe in South Lyon and Blue Grille Mediterranean in Milford. Industry experts have said diners should expect to see more restaurants opting to remain closed as the economy reopens.

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Downtown Plymouth's Panera Bread location has permanently closed.
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May's unemployment report gives hope for future of economy



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

The newly-released May unemployment report was shocking. The consensus of economists and experts was that the United States would lose another eight million jobs in May and that the unemployment rate would soar to 20 percent. In fact, the exact opposite happened.

The U.S economy but actually created 2.5 million new jobs, the best one-month job gain in history, and unemployment fell to 13.3 percent. As a result of the better-than-expected jobs report, the financial markets continued their impressive run. In fact, the S&P 500 recently closed in positive territory for the year, and the NASDAQ market closed at an all-time high. As opposed to talking about what hap-

pened in the labor markets, I thought I'd give you some general observations that I think are important to you.

Although the new job growth was great, we still have a long way to go before our economy recovers. We cannot forget that tens of millions of Americans are still out of work and that our unemployment rate is higher than it was during the Great Depression. In addition, we are still in the crisis, and the unemployment numbers can easily turn south for June.

It is great to see that the NASDAQ market is trading at an all-time high and the S&P 500 is in positive territory year to date. When you couple that with the fact that the Dow has had an incredible run over the last two-and-a-half months, you may get the impression that all is well in the stock market. I believe there will be greater than normal volatility for the near future.

There are too many issues, such as progress on a COVID-19 vaccination, that can cause the market to turn on a

dime. Investors need to remind themselves that to be successful, they must be disciplined.

For me, what was so shocking about the unemployment numbers was how far off the experts were. That being said, I've learned that although experts may be good in their particular field, they're rarely good at making projections. Whether it's projecting how many deaths would occur in the United States because of COVID-19, or projecting May's unemployment rate, the experts are wrong frequently. That shows how difficult it is to project outcomes. I bring this up to remind you that particularly when it comes to your investment decisions, projections even by the so-called experts are still guesses.

On a separate note, don't forget 2019 tax returns are due July 15.

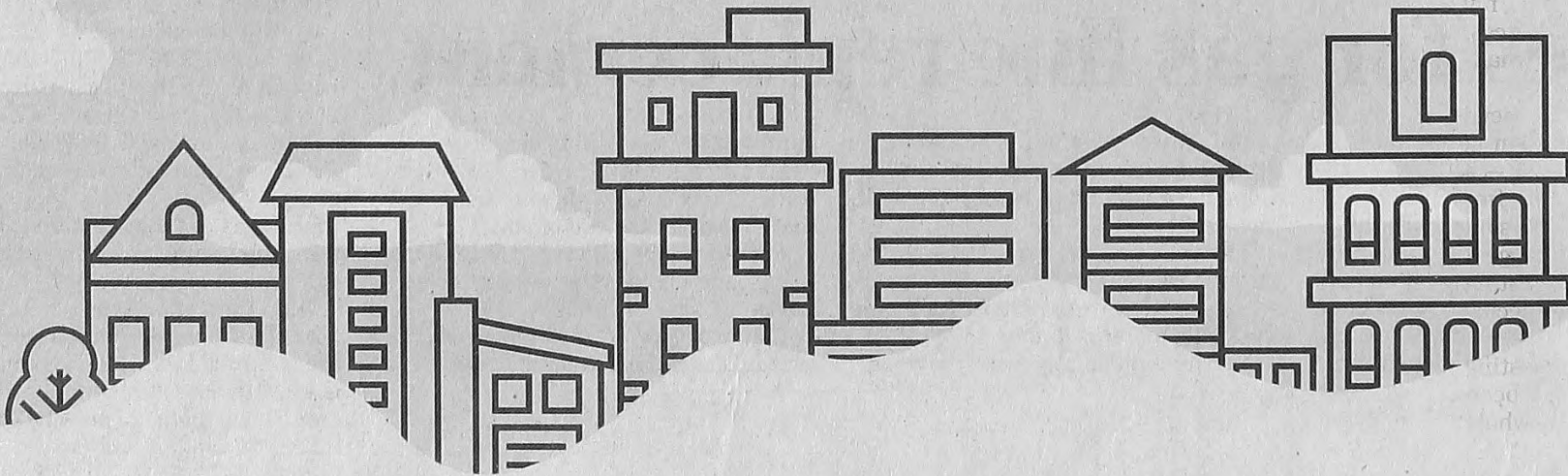
Good luck!

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Hundreds join Black Lives Matter protest in Plymouth

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When Morgan Stephens, a 20-year-old Central Michigan University senior, approached the Plymouth Police Department about a Black Lives Matter protest at Kellogg Park, right in the middle of her hometown, she said only to expect 30 people.

On the day of the June 3 event, she raised that number to 70.

More than 500 people from around the metro Detroit area flocked to Kellogg Park to raise awareness and peacefully protest police brutality and racism in response to the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25.

With protesters holding signs that read “No lives matter until black lives matter,” and “I refuse to be silent,” chanting “No justice, no peace” and marching around downtown Plymouth, protests have continued for weeks across metro Detroit and the country.

And while Plymouth had seen its share of demonstrations and protests in Kellogg Park in its history, Mayor Oliver Wolcott said this one feels different.

“It’s powerful,” Wolcott said. “I think it’s galvanized people of all backgrounds, all races and really all ages. I commend the organizers of this group: it was done peacefully, it was organized, it had a message and, hopefully, people across the country are listening and part of the larger conversation.”

While many came to protest the same cause, different people had different paths to downtown Plymouth that day.

Here are three of their stories.

‘Am I next?’

Brian Clark has never lived in Detroit.

The South Lyon resident said he grew up in an all-white neighborhood and went to school primarily with white people.

“I remember being young and learning about civil rights,” Clark said. “I said, ‘Man, if I was alive during that time, I would march with Dr. King, I would have sat with Rosa Parks.’ But here I am, still facing the same issues, and I have nothing. I have not allocated my time, my money or my resources, or even my skill set, making a difference.”

With all of the racial protests occurring in a city 30 minutes away — a city that he does not frequent very often, he said — Clark said his biggest inspiration for protesting the young people, specifically his niece.

“She had been posting things that I had been afraid to say my whole life,” Clark said.

When he saw the young people going out and make a difference, Clark said he could not just sit back and watch.

Carrying a sign that said ‘Am I next?’ along with odes to Floyd and



Brian Clark, right, joins his wife and his sister-in-law in Plymouth to protest racism and police brutality. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the Black Lives Matter movement, Clark marched with his wife and her sister, continuing the example that those younger than him set.

“I’ve allowed myself so many times in my life to believe it couldn’t happen to me because I’m educated, I speak a certain way, if I get pulled over, it’s going be ‘Yes sir, No sir’ — my objective is to go home,” Clark said.

“Am I next?” makes it real to me.”

Next steps

John Nemick has lived in the Plymouth area for more than 40 years. He has seen his share of rallies and people congregating in Kellogg Park.

But to him, it was nothing like this.

“This is people walking and doing something for a good cause, and it’s good to see that the community turns out like this,” Nemick said.

Watching signs referencing white privilege, Nemick, a white man, said Plymouth is the kind of town being referred to.

“You know, the clock tower in the middle of town, the small-town feel, the nice restaurants,” Nemick said. “And it’s not that it’s our fault. It doesn’t have to be your fault to want to change how the system operates.”

Nemick said he is hopeful, watching as the protests stretch from cities to suburbs, hoping that with this, progress will be initiated.

However, he said it will take more than standing or marching. It will have to take action from those outside of the black community.

“It’s the job of people that look like you and me to do something about this so that people who don’t look like you and me

can, because unfortunately, their voice isn’t heard,” Nemick said.

Feeling fulfilled

Morgan Stephens grew up in Plymouth-Canton. She went to Canton High School.

But she said, at times, she did not feel at home because of her skin color.

“People looking at you like you don’t belong,” Stephens said. “It just sucks to go out in your own hometown and have people look at you like you are not a human.”

“I get that more in Canton than if I went to Detroit.”

That is part of the reason why she set up the protest in the middle of downtown Plymouth: to give herself a voice she did not feel she had in a predominantly white community growing up.

Heading into the protest, Stephens said she hopes she would help develop awareness, helping people in the community to speak out and to ignite change.

“I want people in Plymouth-Canton to know things happen outside of Plymouth and Canton,” Stephens said.

As the chanting and the raising of signs continued near the fountain in the middle of the park, Stephens found herself near the back as people began to disperse. She said she was pleasantly surprised by the turnout,

well exceeding the 30-70 people she expected to come in the first place.

More than that, Stephens felt she had started

something in her hometown.

“I feel full,” she said after the protest. “I feel like I fulfilled something.”

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. Application 1605, R78-023-99-0030-703, 14200 Haggerty RD, IND zoning district is requesting one variance:

- To be allowed to have to have an aluminum sign base whereas brick/masonry is required Variance requested is an aluminum sign base.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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City of Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals Notice Thursday, July 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Location: Kiwanis Park

201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in Kiwanis Park, 700 Auburn, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z20-04 Non-Use Variance Request for 235 Adams
Projection into rear yard setback
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Derek Caveney

The rain location shall be City Hall Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI if in-person meetings are permitted or Online Zoom meeting if the State of Michigan Executive Orders are extended.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:
Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 234

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1"	\$19.76	2" Tap	\$6,515.00	10" Tap	\$40,000.00
1.5"	\$39.65	3" Tap	\$11,410.00	12" Tap	\$55,000.00
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth Housing Commission is pleased to be opening its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Waiting List on June 26, 2020 through June 30, 2020. After June 30th, the waiting list will be closed and the application will no longer be available. All applications must be completed and submitted on-line.

The application can be obtained via a link on our website <http://www.phchousing.net> or go directly to <https://plymouths82020.hdswaitinglist.com>. DO NOT come to the Plymouth Housing Commission offices, we will NOT be distributing any applications. You will need access to the internet. For any updated information refer to our website. For any updated information you may call (734)455-3670, extension 246.

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Russia sentences Novi man to 16 years

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USA TODAY NETWORK

American Paul Whelan, a former Marine, was convicted by Russia of spying Monday, receiving a 16-year prison sentence in a maximum-security prison colony.

Whelan pleaded not guilty to the espionage charges and claimed he was set up in a sting operation orchestrated by Russia's intelligence services. He was visiting Russia for the wedding of a friend when he was arrested in December 2018 after receiving a USB flash drive that allegedly contained classified Russian information.

Whelan's trial began March 23, but the proceedings have been closed to the public, and many of the case's details have emerged through his lawyer, Vladimir Zherebenkov.

"This is slimy, grubby, greasy Russian politics. Nothing more, nothing less," Whelan said before the sentencing. Prosecutors asked for an 18-year prison sentence.

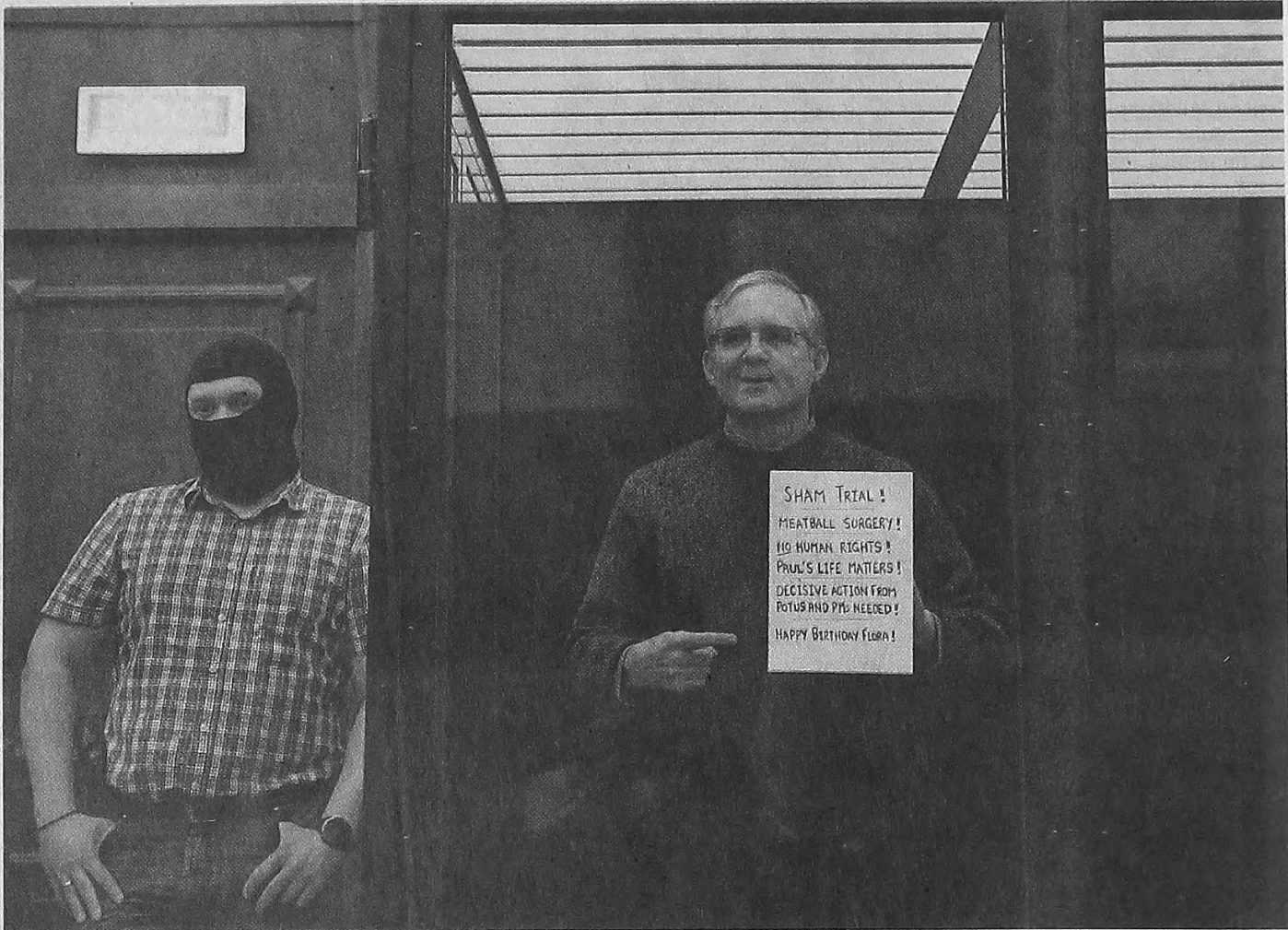
Zherebenkov said Whelan would appeal the verdict. The U.S. Embassy in Moscow denounced Whelan's trial as unfair and said no evidence for his alleged crimes was provided. In Russia, a maximum-security prison colony is akin to a labor camp.

Whelan, 50, is the director of global security for a Michigan-based auto supplier. He was born in Canada to British parents and grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He holds U.S., British, Canadian and Irish passports.

The U.S. ambassador in Moscow, John Sullivan, described the allegations against Whelan as spurious and the court case as a "mockery of justice."

Former CIA agents told USA TODAY that Whelan does not fit the profile of a covert U.S. intelligence operative and that it's more likely the Russians nabbed him as leverage against the Trump administration in a game of geopolitical chess.

"If Paul were being tried in Washington – or Dublin, London, or Ottawa – then I might have some anxiety about the outcome. A conviction would reflect evidence of guilt, a sentence would reflect the severity of Paul's actions,"



Paul Whelan stands inside a defendants' cage as he waits to hear his verdict in Moscow on June 15. AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Whelan's brother, David, wrote in an email to reporters before the verdict. "But this is Russia. A conviction merely reflects that the defendant did not confess. And the sentence, whatever it may be, says more about the legal system than it does about the defendant's actions."

Whelan said he is a victim of "political kidnapping" and begged President Donald Trump to intervene on his behalf. "Mr. President, we cannot keep America great unless we aggressively protect American citizens wherever they are in the world," he said from inside a glass enclosure in Moscow City Court in June last year.

Whelan said he has been threatened, abused and unable to access medical

care during his imprisonment in a czarist-era Moscow prison. After the verdict, his brother said in a statement that the family will continue "to fight for Paul's release" and that they were "looking to the U.S. government to immediately take steps to bring (him) home."

"We had hoped that the court might show some independence but, in the end, Russian judges are political, not legal, entities," the statement said.

Though Trump has touted his record of securing the release of Americans held abroad – including Michael White, a U.S. Navy veteran freed by Iran – the president has said little publicly about Whelan. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called on Moscow to release Whelan last week. "Rest assured Am-

bassador Sullivan and his team will keep fighting for Paul," Pompeo said.

Monday, Pompeo said he was "outraged by the decision of a Russian court today to convict U.S. citizen Paul Whelan after a secret trial, with secret evidence and without appropriate allowances for defense witnesses."

Xiyue Wang, an American graduate student who spent more than three years behind bars in Iran before being released in December, told NPR in an interview that his Iranian interrogators were not especially interested in gleaning any information from him. He was told he was held because Iran's authorities believed he would be useful in their negotiations with the United States. Relations have deteriorated under Trump.

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Westland police chief will start collecting some pension benefits

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Westland Mayor Bill Wild says he thinks he has a good police chief in Jeff Jedrusik. The chief has been eligible for retirement since January, and there's no long-term replacement readily available within the department.

So Jedrusik will retire, and the city will rehire him for five more years in the hope of grooming an officer who could become a longtime chief.

Jedrusik has been the chief for eight years and with the department for 25 years. His two deputy chiefs are also approaching retirement.

"The reason for doing it is we have really amazing chief," Wild said. "He's young, he's got a lot of experience and if we lose him, with the way that we have the department set up ... we would go through a series of three or four chiefs in a short period of time."

In that quasi-retirement, Jedrusik will collect some retirement benefits, and the city will save a little over \$280,000 in that five-year period.



Jedrusik

The mayor said he is unaware of the city doing something similar to this in the past.

"By allowing this contract to keep the current chief here for another five years, I think that we fix that end of the department and, moving forward, puts us in a good position with our police department," he said.

As part of the deferred retirement option plan, or DROP, Jedrusik will take his health, dental, life and vision benefits along with sick and vacation pay from his pension. His salary will continue to come from the police department.

In the meantime, he will find and groom a replacement. Due to Act 78 of 1935, a city Westland's size has to hire its police chief from within its own department.

"I still have a lot in the gas tank," Jedrusik wrote in an email. "I would prefer to continue to serve this community. ... Stability has been a good thing for this department, especially in a time when it is difficult to recruit quality police candidates."

Police make arrest following FH suspicious person report

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Following a suspicious person report involving stranger danger made June 5, Farmington Hills police made an arrest June 10.

A caller informed police an adult white male approached a child at about 5:30 p.m. June 5 near Rensselaer and Emmett streets, which are in a subdivision off Inkster Road near 8 Mile. He then reportedly asked the child whether

they wanted a ride.

The child walked away and notified adults, who contacted authorities.

Even though an arrest was made, police are still looking for more information. Anyone with information, photos or videos regarding the incident should contact the Farmington Hills Police Department at 248-871-2610.

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Plymouth-Canton expands schools of choice program

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Facing a projected dip in enrollment of about 150 students, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will expand its 2020-21 schools of choice program to allow an additional 200 out-of-district students to enroll.

The program will allow families from Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, Oakland and Monroe counties to apply for the available slots.

An initial application window expired in April. Prior to the 2019-20 school year, the district received, on average, 480 applications from out-of-

district families. That number dropped to 254 during the initial application window.

The PCCS Board of Education passed a limited schools of choice resolution that will open a minimum of one seat for kindergarten through 10th grade, with a maximum of 200 seats for the 2020-21 school year.

It is the fourth consecutive year the district has allowed students who do not live in the Plymouth-Canton boundaries to attend its schools, officials said.

The online school of choice application window is June 18 to July 17. Applications and can be found on the district's website at midnight June 18.

All applications will be considered after the July 17 deadline, which closes at 11:59 p.m. that day.

The actual number of school-of-choice students enrolled in PCCS from outside of the district will depend on availability, according to the district's website.

Applicants who are siblings of current PCCS school-of-choice students will be given preference according to state law, as long as the applicant is a student entering kindergarten through 10th grade for the 2020-21 school year.

The expanded program will not displace current PCCS students who reside within the district's boundaries.

Lottery set for July

More details and important dates regarding the application process for both the intra-district process and the limited school of choice program for non-resident families will be available in the near future. A school of choice lottery, which will be available via a YouTube live stream, is scheduled for July 20.

The school of choice placement process will end Aug. 2.

In addition to the projected drop in enrollment, PCCS is bracing for a projected state aid decrease of as much as \$650 per pupil.

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Ronald Bassey of Bloomfield Township shows some of his stamp collection, which numbers in the hundreds of thousands. His most valuable stamp, an inverted Jenny, will be auctioned July 1. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rare Inverted Jenny stamp heads to auction after collector hid it 43 years

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Bloomfield Township man secretly owned one of the world's most famous postage stamps for more than four decades.

Now, Ronald Bassey's secret is out as the rare stamp, printed in error and known as the "inverted Jenny," is going to auction, expected to sell for at least \$200,000.

"It's time," Bassey said of his decision to sell. "I've had it for 43 years."

The "inverted Jenny" postage stamp, one from a sheet of 100 printed in 1918 for the first U.S. airmail service, depicts an upside down biplane and had a face value of 24 cents.

"There are many stamps that are rare, but none are more famous or more in demand than the inverted Jenny," said Scott Trepel, president and owner of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., which will sell Bassey's stamp July 1. "... Some stamps, there are only seven or eight known, but those don't bring the price that the Jenny does."

Trepel has sold through his auction house, based in New York City and Dallas, about 57 of the stamps with the inverted Jenny, named for the model of the plane depicted, the Curtis JN-4H.

Most of the 100 stamps with the error are accounted for, he said, including three of four that were stolen.

An inverted Jenny stamp sold in March for \$271,400. Bassey said others with the upside-down airplane have sold far north of that price, including one for roughly \$1.5 million.

The value of a rare stamp depends on multiple factors: when and how it was issued and most critically, Bassey said, its condition.

"The tiniest flaw reduces value," he said. "Condition is the overwhelming factor - whether the gum is still there, if there is a fold, hinge marks, how centered it is."

Bassey, a tax attorney and CPA, began collecting stamps as a child, eventually amassing what he estimates to be "a couple hundred thousand," but only got serious about investing in stamps in the mid-1970s. In 1977, he bought the highly sought-after "Inverted Jenny" at auction for \$36,000.

Bassey describes his hobby as "one step above sleeping."

"It's a hobby that keeps you awake, but doesn't require hard brain work," Bassey said. "Most of my career was practicing law, and I'd think hard all day long. I ... would sit down with my stamp collection and it was very restful."

The inverted Jenny stamp went into



The "inverted Jenny" is one of the most famous stamps in the world. ROBERT A. SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES, INC.

a bank vault after Bassey took a few photos of it, never touching it, as did other valuable stamps he began acquiring.

Bassey, 81, sold the lot of valuable stamps this spring, with the exception of the inverted Jenny. The highest valued stamp, one from a series issued between 1908-1922 with images of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, garnering \$7,000.

The original sheet of 100 stamps with the upside-down plane was snapped up at its \$24 face value by William T. Robey on May 14, 1918, the first day it went on sale, at a Washington, D.C. post office window.

A few days later he sold the sheet for \$15,000 to a dealer who immediately sold it for \$20,000 to Col. Edward H.R. Green, a famous collector and son of Hetty Green, a business tycoon. At the request of Green, the dealer divided the sheet for sale to collectors, lightly writing on the back of each stamp its original position on the sheet.

Bassey's inverted Jenny stamp, which held position 11 on the original stamp sheet, retains its gum and rich colors, with some slight natural wrinkling and a small thin spot at the bottom right.

According to the Siegel description sheet, "Despite the great rarity and value of Inverted Jenny stamps, many of the original hundred have been mistreated by collectors over the years. ... one was physically Scotch-taped to an exhibit page."

Bassey has enjoyed his long-time ownership of the stamp, but is ready to let it go.

"I always wanted to tell someone about it, but I decided I wasn't going to tell anyone I owned them until I was selling it," he said.

To learn more about the auction, visit www.siegelauctions.com.

ANNIVERSARY

The children of John and Angela Shatter announce their 65th wedding anniversary.

John and Angie were married June 11, 1955, in a simple ceremony in Stoney Pointe, Ontario. They are the parents of five children.

John and Angie enjoy spending their time with their 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many friends. John and Angie retired from their three local car wash business locations several years ago, which they ran for over 40 years.

A private family celebration in honor of their anniversary was held on Fa-

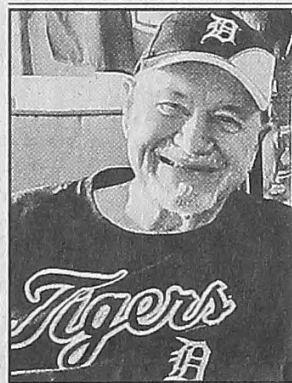


John and Angela Shatter were married June 11, 1955. COURTESY OF GARY SHATTER

ther's Day at the couple's Livonia home, where they have resided since 1963.

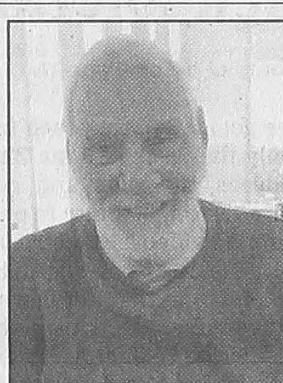
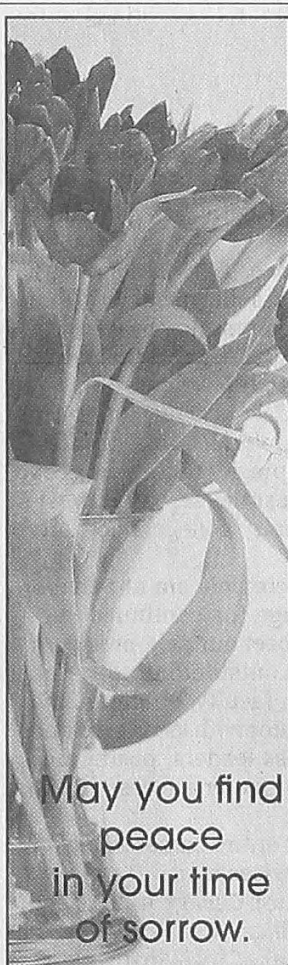
Obituaries

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George E. Mounsey

OWOSSO - George E. Mounsey, age 82 of Owosso, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2020. Surviving is his wife of 34 years, Jacquelyn Mounsey, and a wonderful blended family of children & grandchildren. He was predeceased by a special angel. Cremation has taken place. To sign online guestbook, visit www.cremationsociety-midmi.com



Leon Harold Schoff

Leon Harold Schoff September 2, 1931 - June 10, 2020. He is preceded in death by his wife Marylyn (Mullin) and survived by five children and 15 grandchildren. Leon died peacefully in his home surrounded by his dial phones and a small screen T.V., scrolling through his iPad. A happy man quick to smile, laugh, sleep, etc or quietly sing a song (da de dum) or whistle through his teeth. A song that played only in his head that may or may not have had any words. An easy going man that fit in with anyone whether it be his peers, his children and their friends or his grandchildren sitting around a camp fire. A special gentle soul that will be missed by all that knew him. A service celebrating his life will take place on Friday, June 19, 2020, 11:00am at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, 29015 Jamison Street, Livonia, MI

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Carol Marie Pyykkonen

Carol Marie Pyykkonen, beloved mother, sister, and aunt, passed away on June 9, 2020 at the age of 67.

Carol was born on July 12, 1952 in Detroit, Mich. to Rudolph and Irja (Kinnunen) Pyykkonen. She graduated from Henry Ford High School in 1970, and she was a welcoming and recognizable face at the Plymouth Township office for 25 years. Carol devoted her life to her son, Robert, from her first marriage to Lawrence "Larry" Oliver. On July 15, 1989, she married her soulmate, Richard Silber.

Carol was preceded in death by her father, Rudolph; mother, Irja; brother, Alan; sister, Alice; ex-husband, Larry; and husband, Richard. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Meghan Oliver, of Waterford, Mich.; her sister, Jean, of Chassell, Mich.; her nephews, Bryan (Melissa) Guzek, of Scituate, Mass., Jim Guzek, of Chassell, Mich., and Ian McPherson, of Harrisville, Mich.; her stepson Jason (Christa) Silber, of Grand Blanc, Mich.; and many loving grandnephews, step-grandchildren, and cousins.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held at a future date when family and friends can gather safely. Please visit <https://www.thayer-rock.com/> for more information. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the American Kidney Fund and the Michigan Humane Society.



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



Strawberry U-pick farms opening across metro Detroit

Susan Selasky Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

The arrival of ripe-for-picking strawberries is a sure sign that summer is on its way, and metro Detroit U-pick farms are open and ready to accommodate Michiganders who are eager for an outdoor adventure in the wake of the COVID-19 lockdown.

However, as a result of the pandemic, farm visitors can expect some changes during this picking season. Strawberry growers are taking precautions and following guidelines set by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Farms will avoid hosting large crowds and will limit the number people in retail areas and at checkouts. Customers standing in lines will have to maintain 6 feet of social distance. Farm employees will be wearing masks, and customers will be required to wear masks except when they're in the field picking berries. Some farms will have handwashing stations in the fields.

At Whittaker's Berry Farm in Ida, operators Bill and Marilyn Whittaker have a system in place that promotes social distancing. Customers are spaced 6 to 8 feet apart and assigned to pick from every other row of berries. Flags are placed where customers start and stop picking.

At Blake Farms in Armada and Almont, the 2020 picking season is looking good, said marketing director Elena Dinverno. Staffers will be wearing face masks and monitoring customers in the fields.

"It's an outdoor activity, it can be done in a safe way, and families can make it a day event," Dinverno said. "We've received positive feedback about U-pick and people looking forward to coming out."

Blake Farms will provide customers with trays, and there will be a minimum of \$20 in produce per car as the season goes on.

Bob Tritten, veteran Michigan State University Extension district fruit specialist, said consumers can expect a good strawberry crop this season. The season should be under way by this week, he said, depending on farm locations. (Tritten retired in May, but continues to work on a part-time basis for the MSU Extension.)

"We have a tremendous crop going on with a good



Strawberries ripen on the vine at Rowe's Produce Farm in Ypsilanti. SUSAN SELASKY/DETROIT FREE PRESS

number of berries that are thimble size and larger," said Tritten, who believes the demand for strawberries and buying local will be strong this year.

"People want food as safe as it can be," he said. "Growers are working really hard in this time of uncertainty to keep people safe. They are responding to customers' need to be safe."

Strawberry season typically lasts two or three weeks, depending on a farm's location. Heat hastens the ripening process.

Where to pick

Here's a list of area farms that offer or will be offering U-pick strawberries. It's important to call ahead to the farms for information regarding availability picking times, hours and guidelines.

For U-pick farms outside metro Detroit, go to michiganfarmfun.com.

- DeGroot's Strawberries, Bull Run, Gregory. 517-223-3508. degrootsstrawberries.com.
- Diederich's Berry and Produce Farm, 3537 Morrice

Road, Webberville. 517-521-4667.

- Blake's Almont U-Pick Farm and Garden Center, 5590 Van Dyke, Almont. 810-798-3251. blakefarms.com/almontgardencenter/.

- Blake's Big Apple Orchard, 71485 North Ave., Armada. 586-784-9710. blakefarms.com/bigapple/.

- Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill, 17985 Armada Center Road, Armada. 586-784-5343. blakefarms.com/orchardcidermill/.

- Middleton Berry Farm, 4790 Oakwood, Ortonville. 248-831-1004. middletonberryfarm.com.

- Rowe's Produce Farm, 10570 Martz, Ypsilanti. 734-482-8538. rowesproducefarm.com.

- Spicer Orchards, 10411 Clyde, Fenton. 810-632-7692. spicerorchards.com.

- Verellen Orchards & Cider Mill, 63260 Van Dyke, Washington Township. 586-752-2989. verellenorchards.com.

- Westview Orchards, 65075 Van Dyke, Washington Township. 586-752-3123. westvieworchards.com.

- Whittaker's Berry Farm, 6724 Todd, Ida. 734-269-6612. whittakersberryfarm.com.

Schoolcraft

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the goal is to bring each finalist to campus individually the week of June 22. Schoolcraft College employees, students and community members will have the opportunity to engage with each candidate through video conferences.

"As part of our due diligence, we will conduct a second round of interviews and solicit feedback from college stakeholders and the community as we work to find the best leader to lead Schoolcraft College as we begin our next chapter," Broderick said.

Conway A. Jeffress, who led Schoolcraft College to unprecedented growth in enrollment and physical size during his tenure as president, announced Jan. 10 that he is retiring. Jeffress has served as president of the two-year community college since July 2001.

"Dr. Jeffress created an incredible era at Schoolcraft College and set the stage for continued success," Broderick said. "We expect our next president to build on that success as an outstanding educator, excellent communicator with faculty, students and staff, and thoughtful collaborator with local, area and state community and business leaders, positioning Schoolcraft College for even greater success in the coming years."

Cerny has spent nearly his entire career in higher education in the business services area.

Before coming to Schoolcraft College in 2010, he worked for North Central Michigan College, Western Governors University in Salt Lake City, Lansing Community College and the University of Michigan.

Cerny and his team are responsible for Schoolcraft College's \$90 million budget.

Watson has 13 years of teaching experience at the secondary and post-secondary levels, plus another seven years of experience as an administrative leader in higher education.

He was at Pennsylvania College of Technology from 2011 to 2018 as a director, assistant dean and dean.

Prior to that, he was a high school math teacher in Jefferson, New York, and an assistant professor of mathematics at Houghton College in Houghton, New York.

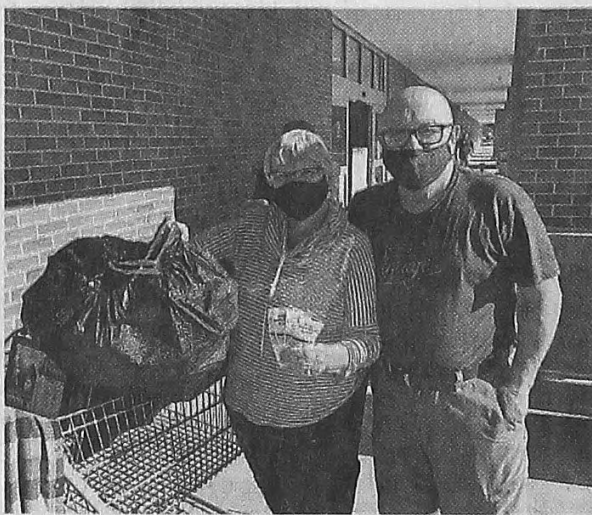
Zylka began her lifelong career in community colleges as a student, earning two associate degrees from Schoolcraft College, and has held numerous higher education leadership positions.

After completing her coursework, she transferred to the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Prior to her position at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, she was provost of Wayne County Community College District in Detroit.



Cans and bottles were being returned at a fast and furious rate Monday at Kroger on Canton Center Road.

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Linda and Richard Ford made multiple trips to Kroger to return their empty cans and bottles.



Brett Weaver had six months' worth of empties.

Empties

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to wait to return their collections until a later date.

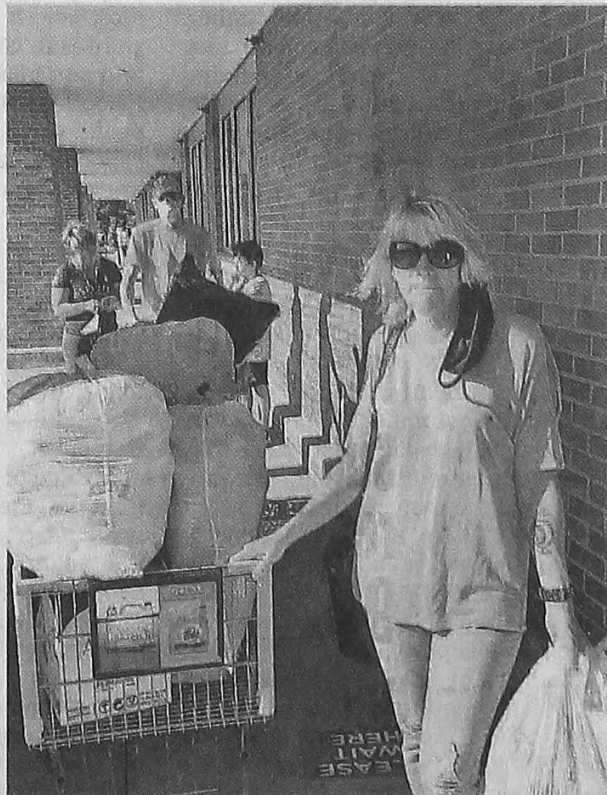
Ypsilanti resident Brett Weaver waited in line Monday morning with two grocery carts filled with nine garbage bags, each of which was stuffed to capacity with empties.

"We usually return them every three months, and mid-March was when we were going to make a return," Weaver said. "Then the coronavirus hit, so I actually have six months' worth of empties right here. I hope I'm under the \$25 limit."

Kroger ramped up its deposit machines' technology, adding a no-touch mechanism to increase safety in the age of COVID-19. Plexiglass was also secured between each station.

Canton resident Terri Nicosia actually brought her growing hill of empties back last week before finding out she had jumped the gun.

"I was walking out of Kroger a couple weeks ago and I saw someone else bringing empties in, so I figured they must be accepting returns again," she said. "So I packed all the bags into my car before finding out that I was a week early. That's OK, though. I'm just happy to get these out of my basement."



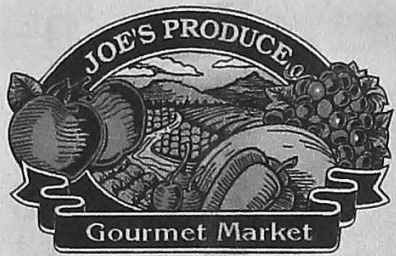
Canton resident Terri Nicosia waits in line at Kroger to return her three-month collection of empties.

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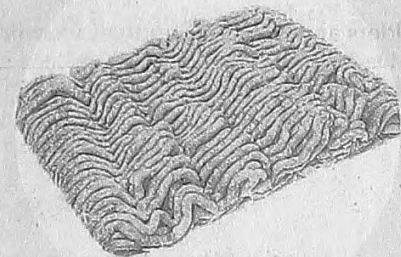
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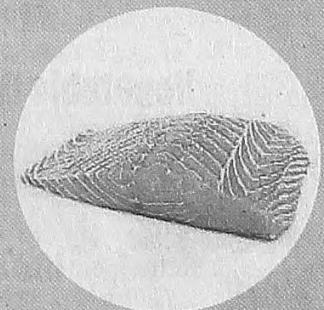
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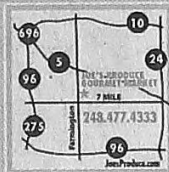
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SPORTS

Gymnast beats cancer, qualifies for states

Andrew Vaillencourt
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Jessica Huddleston's junior year already was going to be challenging. The Livonia Franklin student decided to move on from club gymnastics and make the switch to the high school squad, Livonia Red, which is comprised

of girls from both Franklin and Churchill high schools. She was worried about the transition and hoped she'd fit in well with her new teammates. She had no idea just how difficult that year would become — and not for any reason related to sports or team chemistry.



Huddleston

In January 2019, Huddleston was diagnosed with solid pseudopapillary neoplasm of the pancreas, a cancerous tumor (not pancreatic cancer). It was right in the middle of gymnastics season. It would require surgery to remove the tumor. "Emotionally, it was really difficult at first, but I knew the percentage rate of success for the surgery," Huddleston

said. "I had a really great support group, so that's what helped me." Doctors told Huddleston that they could perform the surgery at the end of January, but she wanted to wait — the state gymnastics competition was scheduled for March 9. "I was still in gymnastics mode so I

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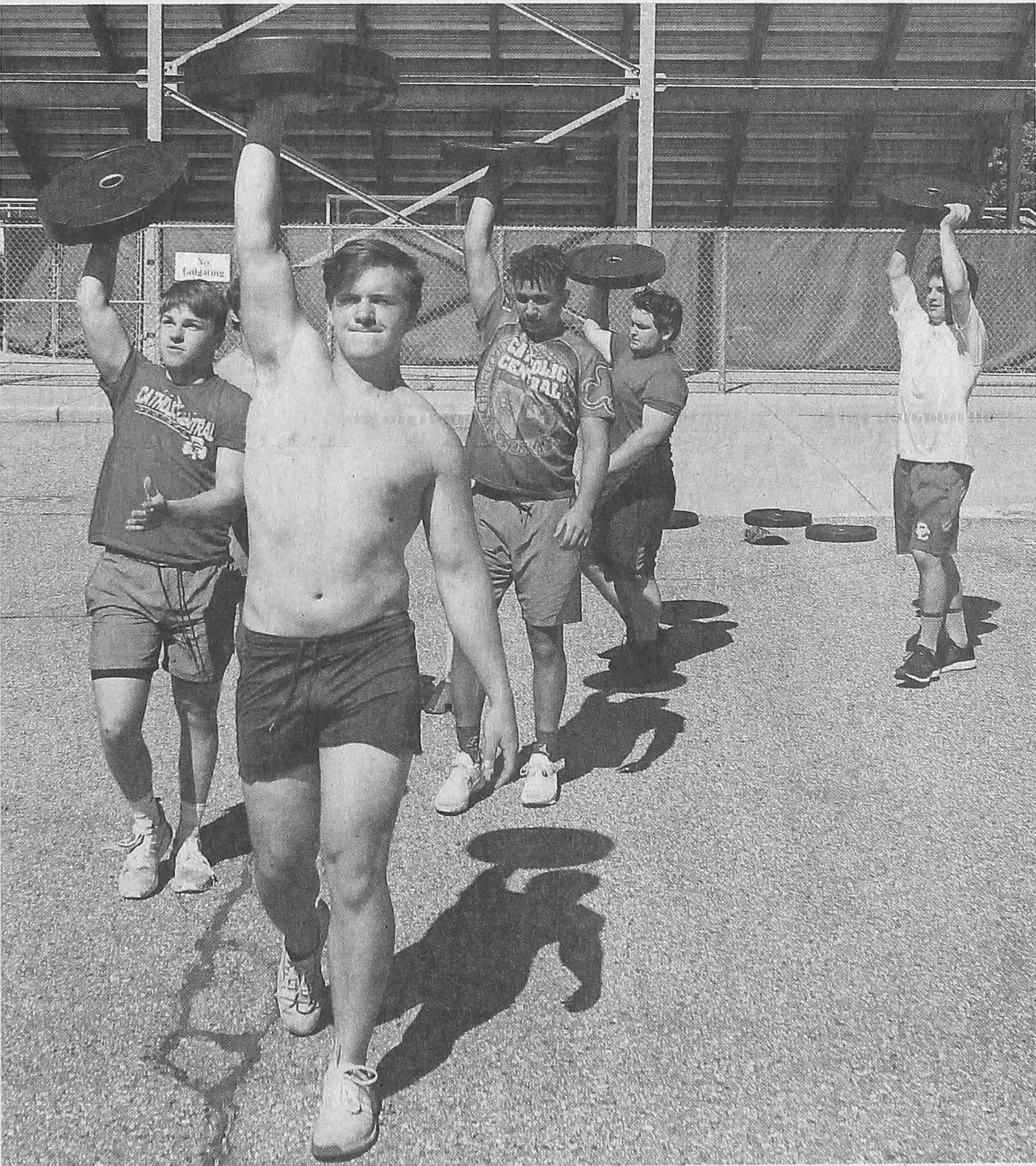
Catholic schools return to football practice

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

As the Michigan High School Athletic Association implements its plan for the return of high school athletics, many football programs around the state are starting their processes to get back to football, while not being able to play actual football. Here is a look at how two Catholic High School League rivals are preparing for the upcoming football season without pads or contact.

Making do

As Dan Anderson looked at his football team — separated six feet apart in seven rows between the 10- and 50-yard line of the Detroit Catholic Central football field — he said it was like being like a kid in a candy store. "Words can't describe it," the Shamrocks head coach said. "It's good to be out here with the boys and see the boys working hard." After months of Zoom calls and meetings with his players, the Catholic Central football team returned to the field this week, physically preparing for a season scheduled to start Aug. 27 against Chippewa Valley. But this training looks different than it has in years past. Players are not allowed inside and are using all aspects of the football stadium on the campus in Novi. Student groups of 100 or less will train outside with minimal equipment used, with all coaches present wearing masks. "We have the parking lot as our locker room and every kid has their parking



Led by junior Sean Field, center, Shamrock football co-captains and leaders hoist 25-pound weights during a June 15 workout at Detroit Catholic Central's campus. Also pictured are Dan Scott, left, Michael Ramirez, center-right, Danny Turek, Jackson Ewald, far right, and the partially-hidden Sam Dersa. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"It's good to be out here with the boys and see the boys working hard."
Dan Anderson Head coach, Detroit Catholic Central football, on returning to practice after the MHSAA's ban on sports was lifted

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Gymnast

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was trying to finish the season as strong as I possibly could while thinking about it,” Huddleston said. “I had lots and lots of support from my peers around me.”

The doctors determined they could wait until March 15 for the surgery, allowing Huddleston to finish out her gymnastics season.

She not only finished the season, she qualified for states and placed fifth in the state in the all-around competition.

“If you were to look at her, or know her or be around her at practice, you would’ve never known anything,” Livonia Red gymnastics coach Mandy Brown said. “Obviously when she first told me we were all devastated.”

Also a member of the track team, Huddleston had one thing on her mind after the surgery was complete: she wanted to get back to playing sports. So that’s exactly what she did.

Track season was difficult; she lacked energy and had a tough time with endurance and speed because of the strength that she lost. Nevertheless, she pushed through.

As a senior this year, Huddleston was back in the gym and motivated for another trip to the state meet. She was named a captain and was consistently one of the team’s highest scorers.

This spring, she finished in first place all-around at regionals, but had her high school career cut short due to the coro-



Jessica Huddleston beat cancer and made the state meet two years in a row. COURTESY OF DANIELLE HUDDLESTON

navirus shutdown. She ended the season on the highest note possible.

Now, Huddleston, a gymnast for 15 years, is headed to Grand Valley State University where she will study criminal

justice and behavioral neuroscience.

“I’ve just always found the brain fascinating,” Huddleston said.

An MRI this month showed she is still cancer free.

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Brother Rice players warm up prior to the start of a recent practice session. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Practice

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space,” Anderson said.

With the MHSAA’s “return-to-play” phased plan, which started June 2, players are not permitted to perform football drills or practice. And the weight room, usually a key aspect to offseason training, is closed for the immediate future.

Instead, the Shamrocks coaching staff were focusing on conditioning, Anderson’s plan of finding a way to “adapt and overcome.”

The Catholic Central football captains sent out “captains’ workouts” periodically during the stay-at-home periods, encouraging teammates to stay in shape and ready for whenever in-person training began.

“By the looks of the kids, they did it,” Anderson said. “They look in good shape right now.”

Catholic Central junior quarterback Declan Byle said the limitations are a bit discouraging, but that he is now just focused on the positives of the situation

the Shamrocks are in.

“I’m just grateful we can be out here in June because if you told me two months ago that we would be out here working out in the summer, I might not have believed you,” Byle said.

Byle said he thinks the entire state of Michigan is behind in terms of preparation for the upcoming football season. However, with the effort the faculty and coaching staff has put to bringing players back into a safe environment, Byle said the Shamrocks will be ready.

“I think we will be two steps ahead of everyone else,” Byle said.

‘It’s not habitual’

When you enter the football field during a practice, there are things that are normal to hear: the sound of a whistle, the bark of a coach yelling, “Don’t walk on my field.”

However, wearing a Brother Rice boater hat and a mask over his face, head coach Adam Korzeniewski had to continue to repeat messages that brought reality back to those on the football field.

“Space out,” he repeated to coaches and players alike. “It’s not what we have been known to do.”

Along with the message imploring social distancing, Korzeniewski reminded players and coaches to wipe down equipment and sanitize weights and dumbbells before someone else touches it with spray bottles and paper towels accessible on the sideline.

Korzeniewski described himself as the “watchdog,” urging his staff and team to keep these things at the back of their mind.

“It’s not habitual,” Korzeniewski said. “It’s not the first thing they think about when they are here. I feel bad for them.”

For the most part, though, the Brother Rice head coach saw excitement in the eyes of his players. He said that the program had 90 players show up to its first practice walk-through Thursday, saying that many have been diligent in the workouts provided by the staff, and look to be in shape heading into these first practices.

Warriors senior safety and wide receiver Rocco Milia knows this practice looks nothing like the training camps he

has been a part of before. But he is excited to start the process back to football.

“It feels amazing,” Milia said. “I’m just glad to be back with my teammates and coaches. It’s good to see everyone again. It’s been a long three months.”

While football is not allowed on the field, Korzeniewski has tried to maximize the football opportunities, using Zoom meetings for installation of the playbook.

But the head coach realizes that it’s just not the same as it normally would be at this time.

In these first practices ahead of the 2020 season, Korzeniewski said he, his staff and his players have to accept that as reality.

“Relative to the world we are operating in, we feel fine with it. We are good,” Korzeniewski said. “I don’t know if I would say I am satisfied because I’m used to being here, and I’m only here. But I’m constantly reminding myself and our coaches that we are not going to be where we were in years before at this point. And everyone is in that position.”

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Weatherly 'not afraid' to pitch at Coors Field

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Becoming a Major League Baseball draft pick three years ago as a Howell High School senior was an honor for Sam Weatherly, but not a life-changing moment.

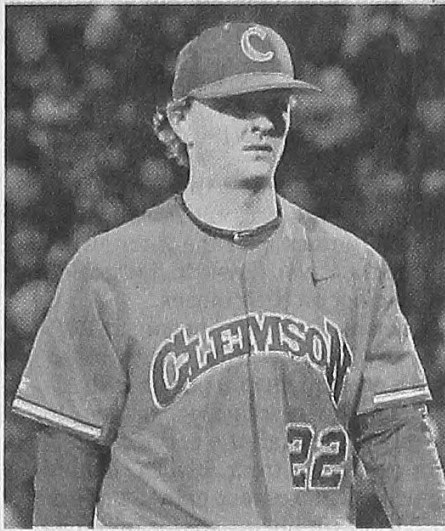
Because he was a late-round selection, going in the 27th round to the Toronto Blue Jays, Weatherly maintained his commitment to pitch for Clemson University.

This time, it's different.

Weatherly is a much more coveted prospect after three years in college. The Colorado Rockies thought enough of him to select him in the third round of the abbreviated five-round draft Thursday night. Weatherly, ranked No. 85 heading into the draft, was the 81st overall selection.

"It's more of a reality," Weatherly said. "It's a total dream come true. The amount of weight and pressure lifted off my shoulders when my name was called was pretty incredible. Every ball player dreams of getting their name called and eventually making it up to the big leagues. I'm extremely happy I got to experience it with my family and close friends."

Weatherly is the highest-drafted Livingston County baseball player since David Hibner was the ninth overall pick in the first round by the Texas Rangers in 1977 straight out of Howell High School. Brighton's Drew Henson was a third-round pick of the New York Yankees in 1998, going 97th overall.



Sam Weatherly, of Howell, was chosen in the third round of the 2020 Major League Baseball draft by the Colorado Rockies, going 81st overall.

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The only other county players to be drafted twice were Brighton's Ron Hollis (1991, 1994) and Hartland's Zach Cooper (2011, 2012).

"I think this solidified me going pro, so that's where I am," said Weatherly, who has two years of eligibility remaining at Clemson.

Weatherly has been living in South Carolina since his college season ended because of COVID-19 in mid-March. He returned to Howell in May, then came back to share the draft experience with family and friends.

"It was a great day," Weatherly said. "My agent called me about a pick before. San Diego was picking one before (Colorado). He said, 'The Rockies are going to take you at 81.' I had some time to prepare. Everyone sat on the couch. Luckily, we got some video of it and everything, which will be cool."

Weatherly said he had contact with all 30 major league teams, with Colorado among six teams that showed the most interest in him.

If he makes it to the Rockies, he will be pitching in one of the most hitter-friendly ball parks in the majors. Because Coors Field is at 5,186 feet above sea level, balls tend to travel farther.

"It's obviously not a pitcher-friendly park," Weatherly said. "It's not for everybody, not for every pitcher. I'm not afraid to go in there and pitch at all. It gives me a lot of confidence to know Colorado thinks I can pitch in their ball park. It's hard to find pitchers who are effective there. It means a lot to think I could possibly one day be a factor at that field and in the rotation."

Weatherly was primarily a reliever in his first two seasons at Clemson, starting five times in 35 appearances.

He had a breakout season in his abbreviated junior year as the Tigers' Friday starter, considered the ace of the pitching staff.

In four games, Weatherly went 2-0 with a 0.79 earned run average in his junior season. He held opponents to a .096 batting average.

He earned third-team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball.

Jim Callis, senior writer for MLB.com, said during Thursday's draft broadcast on MLB Network that Weatherly could be a starter or reliever in pro ball.

"I'm sure they're envisioning (Weatherly starting) and they're going to develop him into that, but I think the game has changed," Callis said. "Starter to reliever, those lines have blurred. If a guy goes a third time through a lineup, you don't see that happen too often."

"What you're getting with Sam Weatherly primarily, and it could play huge as a reliever if he winds up there, is one of the best sliders in the college ranks. It's high spin, good tilt, low 80s. He actually commands the slider better than the fast ball. You see some high walk numbers there. It's 91, 94, 96 (miles per hour) with the four-seamer, but he doesn't command it real well. I think that's ultimately going to determine if he's a starter, is he a reliever? He's athletic; he should be able to command the fastball better."

Weatherly's control improved this season. After walking 47 batters and striking out 63 in 49% innings his first two seasons, he walked 14 batters and fanned 43 in 22% innings in 2020.

Draft players who choose to turn pro would typically be making arrangements to head to their first minor league stops within the next week. With Major League Baseball and its minor league affiliates still shut down because of the coronavirus, Weatherly is in a holding pattern, waiting for the sport to open back up.

CC senior places 8th in statewide tourney with dad as caddie

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Detroit Catholic Central senior Connor Krzywiecki got an opportunity to close out his high school career in style.

The Diamond Springs Golf Course in Hamilton hosted the Diamond Springs Junior Open welcoming 97 high school golfers from around Michigan for a two-day tournament. The golfers were able

to have a caddie for the event. Krzywiecki knew exactly who he wanted walking alongside him: his dad.

Krzywiecki placed eighth overall with a score of 9-over on the par 72 course. He shot a 76 on Saturday and a 77 on Sunday.

"I think that's what made it one of my favorite tournaments, was having my dad by my side," Krzywiecki said.

Krzywiecki, who lives in Brighton,

grew up playing golf but gave up the sport around age 10 to continue playing baseball.

He played baseball until his junior year, when he was cut from varsity. He opted to try out for the CC golf team with a friend on just three days notice.

It turns out that changing sports was a blessing in disguise.

Krzywiecki will be attending Albion College this fall on a golf scholarship.



Connor Krzywiecki and his father, Keith. COURTESY OF KEITH KRZYWIECKI

MSU football adds CMU to future schedule

Chris Solari and Evan Petzold
Detroit Free Press

Michigan State will have Central Michigan on its football schedule three times in the next 10 years.

The Spartans announced a contract for games in 2023, 2027 and 2030 in East Lansing on Wednesday. Per the contract, MSU will pay CMU \$1.75 million for its 2023 game and \$1.5 million for the 2027 and 2030 games.

MSU's last contract with CMU was part of former athletic director Mark Hollis' "Celebrate the State" series against directional schools from the Mid-American Conference. The Spartans won all four of those games — including their first and only visit to Mount Pleasant in 2012, as well as home games in 2011, 2015 and 2018 — and owns an 8-3 record in the series that began with Chippewa wins in 1991 and 1992.

MSU and CMU are scheduled to open the 2023 season Sept. 2 at Spartan Stadium. They also will meet Sept. 11, 2027 and Aug. 31, 2030. MSU's Big Ten schedules beyond 2025 have not yet been finalized.

"There is such a great tradition between Central Michigan and Michigan State, and we are excited to build on that with this three-game series," CMU athletic director Michael Alford said in a statement. "I appreciate the staff at Michigan State working with us to put together a series that I know our fans and alumni really look forward to and is another great opportunity to play an in-state opponent."

CMU was supposed to play at Alabama on Sept. 2, 2023, but that game has been canceled and will not be rescheduled. When MSU offered the three-game series, which includes the luxury of local travel, CMU consulted with Alabama. The Crimson Tide allowed the Chippewas to back out of the deal without having to pay a cancellation fee.

MSU also will open its 2024 season at home against Florida Atlantic. Terms of that agreement were not immediately available.

Here are the future schedules and dates for the Spartans for the next 11 years (home games in caps; times TBD).

2021
Sept. 4: at Northwestern
Sept. 11: YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Sept. 18: at Miami (Fla.)
Sept. 25: NEBRASKA
Oct. 2: WESTERN KENTUCKY (Homecoming)
Oct. 9: Bye
Oct. 16: at Michigan
Oct. 23: PENN STATE
Oct. 30: at Ohio State
Nov. 6: at Purdue
Nov. 13: INDIANA
Nov. 20: at Rutgers
Nov. 27: MARYLAND
2022
Sept. 3: WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 10: AKRON
Sept. 17: at Boise State
Sept. 24: OHIO STATE
Oct. 1: at Illinois
Oct. 8: WISCONSIN (Homecoming)
Oct. 15: Bye
Oct. 22: MICHIGAN
Oct. 29: at Penn State
Nov. 5: MINNESOTA
Nov. 12: RUTGERS
Nov. 19: at Indiana
Nov. 26: at Maryland
2023
Sept. 2: CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 9: RICHMOND
Sept. 16: BOISE STATE
Sept. 23: MARYLAND
Sept. 30: Bye
Oct. 7: at Michigan
Oct. 14: PENN STATE
Oct. 21: at Iowa
Oct. 28: at Minnesota
Nov. 4: INDIANA (Homecoming)
Nov. 11: at Ohio State
Nov. 18: NEBRASKA
Nov. 25: at Rutgers
2024
Aug. 31: FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Sept. 7: TBA
Sept. 14: TBA
Sept. 21: at Boston College
Sept. 28: at Maryland
Oct. 5: MINNESOTA
Oct. 12: NORTHWESTERN (Homecoming)
Oct. 19: at Indiana
Oct. 26: at Purdue
Nov. 2: MICHIGAN
Nov. 9: Bye
Nov. 16: RUTGERS
Nov. 23: OHIO STATE
Nov. 30: at Penn State
2025
Aug. 30: WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 6: YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Sept. 13: Bye
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Sept. 27: at Minnesota
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Future nonconference games
Sept. 11, 2027: CENTRAL MICHIGAN
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Airbnb's new initiative to root out bias

Project in US will focus on reviews, reservations

Jessica Guynn
USA TODAY

Airbnb is launching an initiative in partnership with online racial justice group Color of Change to root out racial discrimination on its platform in the U.S. by monitoring and measuring when it occurs.

Data collected through Project Lighthouse will help the company create tools and policies to combat bias against Black users and other people of color, Brian Chesky, Airbnb's CEO and co-founder, told USA TODAY.

"The reason we started Airbnb was to connect people, to make sure that they feel like they belong in the communities they visit and the biggest obstacle to belonging is discrimination," Chesky said in an interview. "It became very evident that until you can actually measure your progress with data, you can't actually combat systemic bias and discrimination on the platform."

The project will start June 30 and will be limited to U.S.-based hosts and guests, touching on the reservation process, reviews from hosts and guests and contacts with Airbnb customer support.

Airbnb users can opt out on their account's privacy and sharing page. Users who do not opt out may be randomly selected to be part of the analysis, Airbnb says.

Any information collected will be used only for anti-discrimination work and will remain private, Chesky said. The company eventually plans to release results publicly so that other companies can learn from its work.

"This is not a 'mission accomplished.' This is a mission just starting and getting going," Chesky said. "I think we are going to be working on this for a very long time to come, so long as there is discrimination on our platform."

Silicon Valley digital platforms have a long track record of both empowering and harming Black people, which makes Airbnb's efforts to measure, un-



"Corporations have to put considerable resources into fighting discrimination on their platform," said Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change. COURTESY OF COLOR OF CHANGE

derstand and be transparent about the discrimination taking place all the more groundbreaking, says Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change.

"Corporations have to put considerable resources into fighting discrimination on their platforms and they have to make it an operational priority," Robinson told USA TODAY in an interview.

Airbnb's Project Lighthouse will measure discrimination based on perception, using a methodology that determines the race someone might associate with a first name and profile photo. These perceptions will be aggregated and used to identify discrepancies in experiences on the platform that could result from discrimination and bias.

"Black people get gaslit regularly and people of color get gaslit around whether or not something is discrimination or not discrimination," Robinson said. "Because racism can be a shape-shifter, we need methodology

and tools to analyze how it's shape-shifting."

Airbnb's project is part of an ongoing reckoning on race. The San Francisco company upended the hospitality industry by giving people the power to rent their homes over the internet. In the process, it also unwittingly enabled people to act on their biases.

Criticism of Airbnb began in 2015 when a Harvard University study found it was tougher for guests with African American-sounding names to rent rooms through the service. First-hand accounts from Blacks denied lodging because of race gained national attention after being shared on social media with the hashtag #AirbnbWhileBlack.

Chesky's company responded with a task force and an anti-discrimination team, but was stymied by trying to fight a systemic problem with nothing but anecdotes, he says.

With this partnership and project, Airbnb is looking to set itself apart from other Silicon Valley corporations such as Facebook which have been heavily criticized by civil rights groups for their treatment of African Americans.

Airbnb has other ongoing challenges, such as the impact it has on neighborhoods of color and the homogeneous makeup of its workforce and leadership. Just 3.5% of its employees and 6% of its leaders are Black.

The stakes are high for the IPO-bound Airbnb, which has an added incentive to appeal to lodgers of color, particularly as the COVID-19 tidal wave of cancellations puts severe financial strain on the company.

Airbnb had planned to file IPO papers on March 31 but shelved plans amid the pandemic. In May, Airbnb slashed 1,900 jobs — a quarter of its workforce — as global travel came to a standstill.

"I have numerous reports of people saying it would be inconceivable for Airbnb to go public in 2020. What I would say to that is: It's not off the table," Chesky said. "We're not ruling out going public this year. We're also not going to commit to going public this year."

ASK THE CAPTAIN

Who lands the plane if pilots are unable?

John Cox
Special to USA TODAY

In a real situation where the pilot and co-pilot become incapacitated, can any onboard FAA-certified small plane pilot be placed into service, or is there a backup emergency in place?

— Ted, Florida

There is a very wide variety of pilots that fly smaller airplanes. Some fly small jets or sophisticated turbo props could easily set up the airliner for an automatic landing after talking with an instructor to determine how to program the flight management system.

It would be more difficult for a single-engine private pilot due to the complexities of airliner flight management computers.

There have been cases where non-pilots have landed small airplanes so I would certainly say it is possible.

Why is it so difficult and extremely frustrating to deboard a plane? Why can't this process be managed better by the airlines? They seem to have the authority and the power to control and regulate and assist, but yet the crew does not do much during this process.

— LL, Puget Sound, Washington

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On large airplanes where the boarding door is aft of business class, there can be congestion as deplaning economy passengers merge with business class passengers. Otherwise, it moves pretty quickly.

The current need for social distancing will slow down the process somewhat, at least for the time being. However, the airlines appear to be doing all they can to protect passengers while moving them to their destinations.

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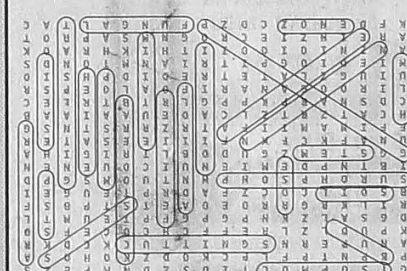
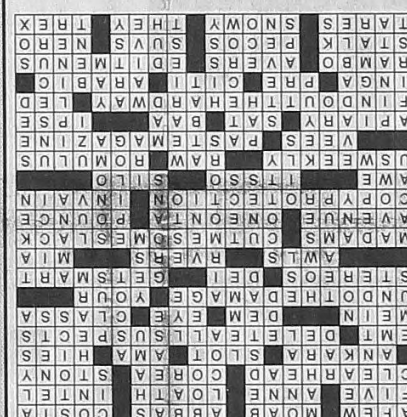
Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

[illegible]

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backwards

ALKALINE
BARE ROOT STOCK
BUD
COMPOST
CUTTINGS
DISEASE
FERTILIZER
FLORIBUNDA
FUNGAL
GRANDIFLORA
HERITAGE
IRRIGATION
MINIATURE
MULCH
NITROGEN
PESTS
PHOSPHORUS
POTASSIUM
PROPAGATING
ROSE
SEEDS
SOIL
STEM
TRANSPLANTING
ZONE



1	3	5	6	2	7	4	8	9
2	8	6	9	4	1	3	7	5
7	4	9	3	8	5	1	2	6
4	5	3	7	1	2	6	9	8
9	2	7	8	6	4	5	3	1
8	6	1	5	9	3	2	4	7
5	1	4	2	7	9	8	6	3
6	9	2	1	3	8	7	5	4
3	7	8	4	5	6	9	1	2

ACROSS

1 Several
5 Utah town on the Colorado
9 Arafat's PLO successor
14 — Rica
19 A quarter of twenty
20 Oscar winner Bancroft
21 Unwilling
22 Recon info
23 Absence of muddled thoughts
25 Jazz fusion pianist Chick
26 Poker-faced
27 Capital of Turkey
28 Mail opening
30 "I — Rock" (1966 hit)
32 Hastens, old-style
33 Rescue squad VIP
34 2005 Donna Andrews mystery novel
38 Chicken chow —
40 Joe Biden's party: Abbr.
41 Bodily blinker
42 Top-shelf
43 Make repairs
48 MYOB part
49 Sound systems

50 Agnus — (prayer)
51 Spy spoof of old TV
55 Saddle-making tools
57 Campsite hookup
60 "The L Word" actress
61 Sirs' counterparts
65 "Sheesh, no need to be so critical!"
71 Boulevard
72 Town in east-central New York
73 Attack like a cat
74 Means of thwarting software piracy
76 Futilely
77 Amazement
78 Linda Ronstadt's "— Easy"
79 Grain holder
81 Alternative to People
85 Unvarnished
88 Remus' twin
93 Winners' signs
94 Digital entertainment
97 Place for keeping bees
100 Used a rocker, e.g.
101 Call to a ewe
102 — dixit (claim with no evidence)
103 Discover via unpleasant personal experience
109 Guided
110 TV's Swenson
111 Lead-in to nuptial
112 — Field (Mets' home)
113 Language of Libya
115 Really military sort
117 Claims
119 Option lists that might include the starts of seven answers in this puzzle
122 Plant stem
123 River to the Rio Grande
124 Many 4WD autos
125 "Quo Vadis" emperor
126 Weight allowances
127 Like white, wet weather

128	He and she, e.g.	35	Roush of baseball	69	California wine county
129	Big dino	36	Soap ingredient	70	Adore, on a candy heart
DOWN		37	Addition sign	75	Lubricants
1	Colts' and Broncos' gp.	39	Neither here — there	80	A Gershwin
2	Light bulb wire	44	Join forces	82	Not too hard to get around
3	Day's end, poetically	45	TV doctor Doogie	83	Designer Saarinen
4	Not potent	46	Immigrant's course: Abbr.	84	Make excited
5	Olympic skiing champ Phil	47	Pneumatic engines	86	Ready to hit the baseball
6	Actor Ryan	48	Huck Finn's polite assent	87	Most tired
7	Ortiz of the screen	51	Reactions to corny puns	89	Israeli gun
8	Mattress supporter	52	Refrigerator brand	90	Cosmetic accentuating the kisser
9	Metal- industry giant	53	Christina of "Cursed"	91	Not behind a firewall, say
10	Illegal booze	54	Stolen	92	Ovule, e.g.
11	Tavern	56	Enterprise engineer	94	Oom- —
12	Anxiety-free	58	Caesar's "I came"	95	Partook of humble pie
13	SeaWorld whale, once	59	This, in Peru	96	Miffed
14	Counterpart to trans- gender-wise	61	East Asian gambling mecca	97	It hasn't been seen before
15	At no cost, slangily	62	States openly	98	Fiesta target
16	Emotion- hiding types	63	Old-time lawyer and senator	99	Bergman of film
17	Group beliefs		Chauncey	100	Rocker Tyler
18	Milano of "Mistresses"	64	At least one	104	Snares
24	"Cool, dude!"	66	Les — et les autres (both, in French)	105	Type of fit
29	"I wanna!"		Gumshoes	106	Forgo
31	Foppish scarf	67	Literary finale	107	— -craftsy
33	Australian avians			108	Holiday tuber
				114	Bowed
				116	Green-lights
				118	— -friendly
				120	"Obviously!"
				121	Chicago White —

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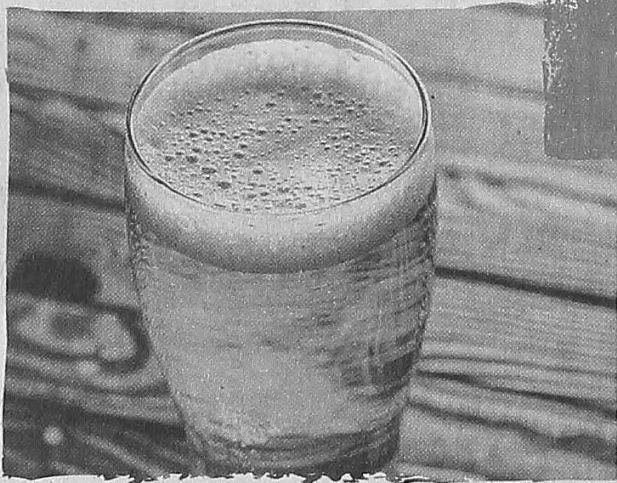


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