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## Plymouth Twp. officials discuss Golfview Park

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Transforming a nine-acre dead zone into a recreation-friendly space is not going to be a walk in the park for Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees.

The township-owned plot of land located east of Beck Road and north of Ann Arbor Trail is dying for some level of

love and purpose, proponents of a Golfview Park project said, while an opponent argued to let the property be.

With the assistance of Northville-based McKenna Associates, the park plan for the spacious piece of pie-shaped property has been kick-started. The rough draft, which was discussed at a June 9 meeting, includes an eight-foot-wide walking path, spots for public

art and a modest parking lot adjacent to the existing Hilltop Golf Course lot.

Webasto Group has committed to donating 150 trees to the township, approximately 80 of which are slated to be planted at the site of the future park.

The downside of transforming the property includes the presence of invasive foliage and the absence of Wayne County funding the township would

have received if not for the coronavirus pandemic.

"The problem with whatever we decide to do or decide not to do in 2020 is that, because of the COVID crisis, we more than likely will not receive our annual Wayne County parks grant allocation, which was expected to be around

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## Western Wayne leaders ready to listen

### Officials initiate active listening tour in response to protests

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They've practiced active listening before, and now western Wayne County leaders say they are ready to pay attention to protesters calling for police reforms.

About 50 police, elected leaders, community leaders and members of the Western Wayne County NAACP stood outside Westland City Hall on Tuesday to announce a new "Partnership for Progress Listening Tour" because of local protests over the death of George Floyd.

Floyd, 46, died last month when a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

"These mayors, supervisors and chiefs of police in these 18 communities are here because they care," Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley said. "Not one of them thought that what happened to George Floyd was right or justified."

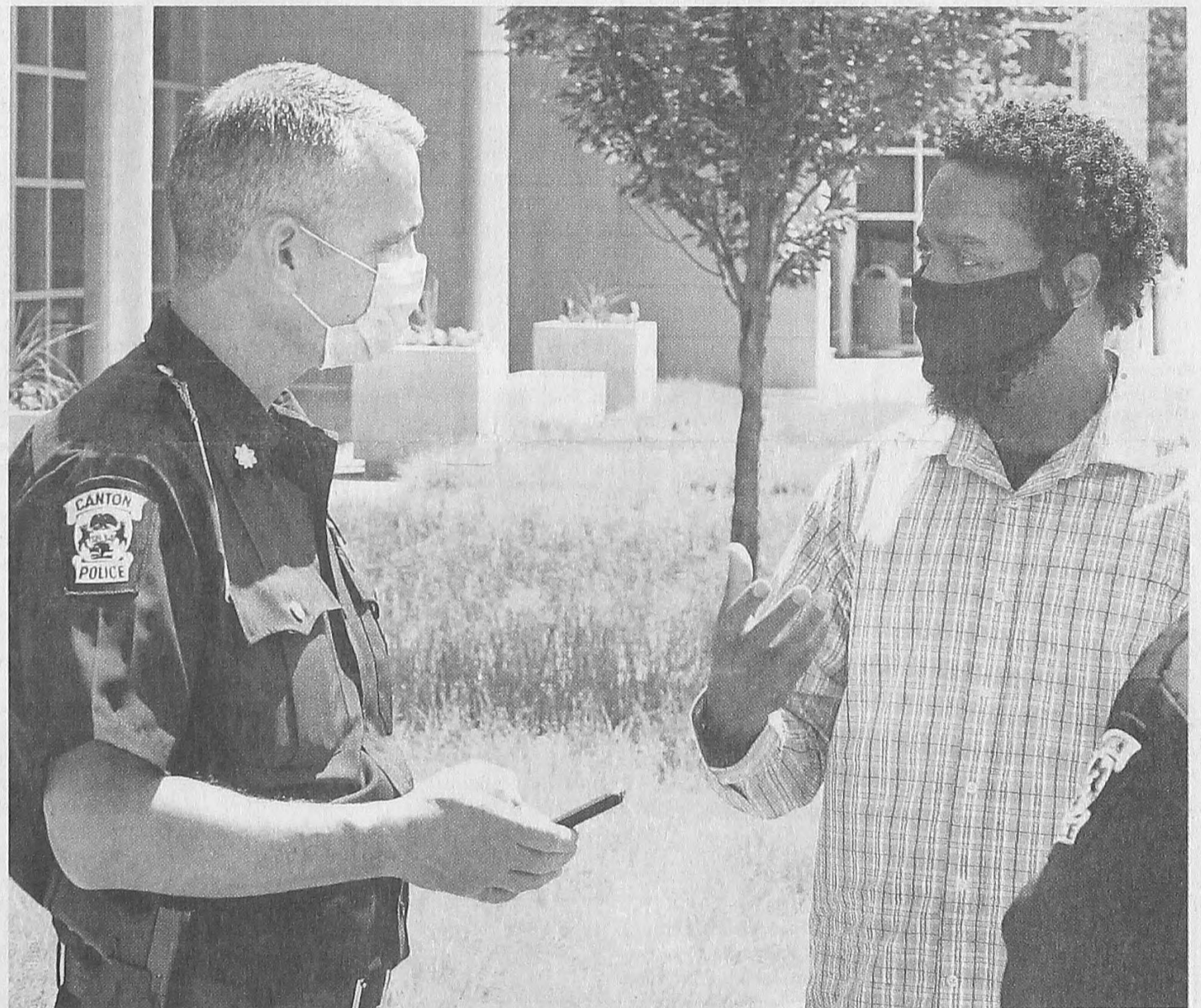
"We know people are angry. We know that old wounds have been opened and we know that men, women and children of all ages and all walks of life are rallying. They're protesting, and they're desperate for us to listen. That's exactly what we're going to do."

Conley sits on the board of the Conference of Western Wayne, which brings community leaders together to work on regional issues. The group is a lead organizer for the listening tour that will first stop in Livonia on June 24 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road.

Those interested in attending or viewing the discussion should visit c-w-w.org. Facebook Live viewing will be an option.

Goals will include sharing experiences, questioning police and elected officials and offering ideas for solutions and change.

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Pastor Edward Pruett, right, who is also part of the Better Westland Initiative, talks to a Canton police officer at Westland City Hall. The officer took down Pruett's phone number and promised to keep in touch with him and hear any concerns.

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**"Mistakes are going to happen. Police ... perform a very difficult job. (But) we will not tolerate racism. We will not tolerate bias-based policing, and we will not tolerate excessive force. Those are not mistakes. Those are bad people that should not be police officers."**

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik

## Livonia schools sell off another vacant property to developer

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Another vacant space owned by the Livonia school district has been sold to a developer.

School board members voted unanimously during their Monday meeting to sell the land at 28201 Lyndon St., formerly Adams Elementary and the Per-

rinville Early Childhood Center.

The school board voted in June 2015 to close the property that fall, citing financial struggles.

"The sale of this property is something the board has discussed in multiple different meetings," said Phil Francis, the district's director of operations.

The property, which encompasses about 12.71 acres, was sold to Adams

Park Development, LLC for \$852,000. Adams Park Development is a collaboration between Windmill Homes and the Sherr Development Cooperation, housing developers in Farmington Hills.

The district expects the purchase agreement to take most of the next school year to complete and is aiming to close in spring 2021. The board's approval allows for Superintendent An-

drea Oquist or a designee of her to choice to complete the agreement.

The sale comes on the heels of the school board selling properties that used to house Old Webster Elementary and Wilson Elementary in May.

Officials sold the three properties after determining the district has enough surplus land if another facility is ever needed.



# Transgender rights upheld

## Decision will prohibit firing for being gay, transgender

**Todd Spangler**  
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WASHINGTON — In a landmark decision in a case brought by a transgender Michigan woman who died last month, the U.S. Supreme Court held Monday that federal law prohibits firing someone for simply being homosexual or transgender.

Aimee Stephens, who was fired from her job at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City in 2013 after she said she would begin dressing as a woman at work, had brought the case, arguing that she was protected under Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. The funeral home owner argued that since he would have required everyone to dress according to the gender they had been biologically assigned at birth, he hadn't discriminated against her.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, writing for a 6-3 majority of the Supreme Court, upheld a lower court's decision in favor of Stephens, saying the federal

law protects employees from being fired based on their sexual or gender orientation because that cannot be separated from discrimination based on sexual stereotypes.

"The answer is clear," Gorsuch wrote. "An employer who fires an individual for being homosexual or transgender fires that person for traits or actions it would not have questioned in members of a different sex. Sex plays a necessary and undisguisable role in the decision, exactly what Title VII forbids."

Stephens, 59, died last month while awaiting the decision.

Donna Stephens, who was married to Aimee for 20 years, issued a statement through the American Civil Liberties Union, which helped bring the case, saying Aimee spent the last seven years of her life fighting for transgender rights. "I am grateful for this victory to honor the legacy of Aimee, and to ensure people are treated fairly regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity," she said.



Aimee Stephens died last month while awaiting the Supreme Court's decision. She was fired from R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in 2013. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Jay Kaplan, with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan LGBT Project, called on Congress and the Michigan Legislature to pass laws explicitly protecting people from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It was not immediately clear what effect, if any, the decision would have on a Michigan petition drive to add LBGTQ protections to the state's civil rights law.

The court also declined to address whether someone transgender or gay could be fired because of an employer's religious views, saying that could come up in future cases.

The ruling, which was under the title *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, consolidated three cases, including two from Georgia and New York involving employment actions against gay men.

It came five years after another decision in a group of consolidated cases, including one involving a Michigan couple, April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse, legalized same-sex marriages nationwide. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel was the lawyer for DeBoer and Rowse in that case.

Fatima Goss Graves, president and CEO of the National Women's Law

Center, a Washington-based organization that advocates for women's rights, praised Monday's decision as a "historic affirmation of the humanity and dignity deserved by every person regardless of who they are or who they love."

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a statement in support of the decision as well, saying, "Nobody deserves to lose their job because of who they are or how they identify."

Meanwhile, John Bursch, a west Michigan lawyer and former state solicitor general who argued for the funeral home owner's position before the Supreme Court last October, criticized the ruling.

"Americans must be able to rely on what the law says, and it is disappointing that a majority of the justices were unwilling to affirm that commonsense principle," Bursch said on behalf of the Alliance Defending Freedom, an Arizona-based group whose website says it fights for Christian values. "Redefining 'sex' to mean 'gender identity' will create chaos and enormous unfairness for women and girls in athletics, women's shelters, and many other contexts."

### Discrimination comes 'down to sex'

In his ruling, Gorsuch noted the turmoil Stephens faced before sending a letter to Thomas Rost, the owner of the funeral home where she worked for six years, telling him she was going to begin dressing as a woman at work, having already made that transition away from work. At one point, Stephens earlier told the Free Press, she had considered talking her life.

"When she got the job, Ms. Stephens presented as a male. But two years into her service with the company, she began treatment for despair and loneliness," Gorsuch wrote. "Ultimately, clinicians diagnosed her with gender dysphoria and recommended that she begin living as a woman.

In her sixth year with the company, Ms. Stephens wrote a letter to her employer explaining that she planned to 'live and work full-time as a woman' after she returned from an upcoming vacation. The funeral home fired her before she left, telling her 'this is not going to work out.'

While acknowledging that Congress didn't specifically mention homosexual or transgender individuals in the 1964 law, he said that didn't limit it from prohibiting discrimination against them, as the employers had also argued. Gorsuch said it still comes down to a question of sex and sexual stereotypes, which cannot be used as a reason for discrimination.

"When an employer fires an employee for being homosexual or transgender, it necessarily intentionally discriminates against that individual in part because of sex," he wrote.

"Those who adopted the Civil Rights Act might not have anticipated their work would lead to this particular result," he continued. "Likely, they weren't thinking about many of the act's consequences that have become apparent over the years, including its prohibition against discrimination on the basis of motherhood or its ban on the sexual harassment of male employees. But the limits of the drafters' imagination supply no reason to ignore the law's demands. ... Only the written word is the law, and all persons are entitled to its benefit."

### Decision a surprise, given court's tilt

The decision came as something of a surprise, given that Gorsuch is widely considered a conservative justice, having been nominated by President Donald Trump, and with the nine-member court considered to have more conservative members — five — than liberal ones.

In writing the majority decision, Gorsuch was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Ruth Bader Gins-

burg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Brett Kavanaugh opposed the decision. Alito wrote a dissent, in which he was joined by Thomas, in which he said, "There is only one word for what the court has done today: legislation."

"The court tries to convince readers that it is merely enforcing the terms of the statute, but that is preposterous," Alito continued. "Even as understood today, the concept of discrimination because of 'sex' is different from discrimination because of 'sexual orientation' or 'gender identity.' And in any event, our duty is to interpret statutory terms to 'mean what they conveyed to reasonable people at the time they were written.'"

Kavanaugh, in a separate dissent, sounded a similar theme, saying, "Under the Constitution's separation of powers, the responsibility to amend Title VII belongs to Congress and the president in the legislative process, not to this court."

Gorsuch said if Congress wanted to include exceptions to broad rules prohibiting discrimination based on sex, it could have but didn't. And "when Congress chooses not to include any exceptions to a broad rule, courts apply the broad rule. And that is exactly how this court has always approached Title VII. 'Sexual harassment' is conceptually distinct from sex discrimination, but it can fall within (the law's) sweep. ... Same with 'motherhood discrimination.'

"Would the employers have us reverse those cases on the theory that Congress could have spoken to those problems more specifically?" he wrote. "Of course not. As enacted, Title VII prohibits all forms of discrimination because of sex, however they may manifest themselves or whatever other labels might attach to them."

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# Canton PD set for accreditation team visit

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will soon begin its virtual examination into all aspects of the Canton Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

As part of the assessment, members of the community and agency personnel are invited to offer comments at a virtual public information webinar at 7 p.m. Tuesday. To join the webinar, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85277506761?pwd=azNOUFN-nYkJDdTQ3MXkrOUxNUTJYdz09>. The password is 959757.

Anyone who cannot attend the virtual webinar but would like to provide a comment to the assessment team may do so by calling the assessors directly from

2-4 p.m. Monday at 734-394-5446.

All comments online or by phone are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards.

A copy of the CALEA standards can be obtained from the police department's CALEA Program Manager, Deputy Chief Craig Wilsher. Contact him at 734-394-5424 or [cwilsher@canton-mi.org](mailto:cwilsher@canton-mi.org).

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Canton Police Department's ability to meet the standards for re-accreditation may send them to: CALEA, 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The team of assessors assigned to Canton are experienced law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies, and include: Chief Carl

Schinner, La Plata (Maryland) Police Department; and Sergeant Greta Mallard, Wilmington (North Carolina) Police Department.

In addition to accepting public comments, the assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and virtually tour offices and locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessors will report their findings to the Commission Board, who will then determine if the Canton Police Department has met the CALEA standards necessary to be awarded recognition of re-accreditation for its delivery of law enforcement excellence.

The department received its original award in 2007, and has maintained re-accreditation since then. For more information regarding the Commission on Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., visit [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

# Residents' concerns ignite change in sidewalk program

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Dozens of Plymouth Township residents waited in person or on their laptops or phones during a recent board of trustees meeting to share their opposition to a program that mandates residents pay for repairs to sidewalks deemed dangerous by township engineers.

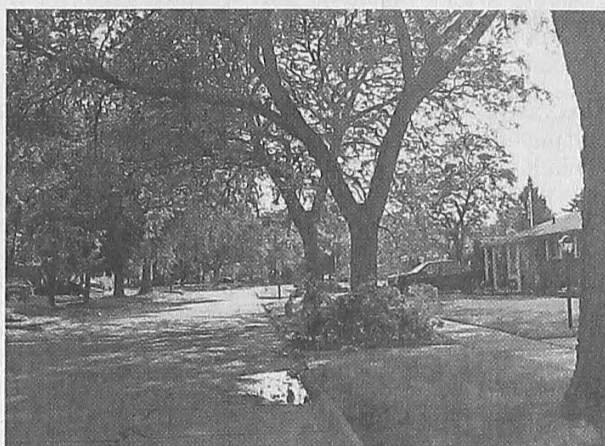
Once the approximately four-hour discussion had ended, trustees called for a break, shared their thoughts on the topic and delivered a slice of happy pie to a community that has faced its fair share of devastating COVID-19-related drawbacks.

Almost 200 residents emailed the township regarding their concerns about the sidewalk program. Another 100-plus left phone messages while several residents attended the June 9 board of trustees meeting (with social-distancing rules strictly enforced) to voice their opposition.

"After we listened to our residents and heard their heartfelt comments - some telling us that they would be unable to pay for repairs due to COVID-related job loss or underemployment - we voted to postpone the program until next year," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise. "Even though the program allowed residents five years to pay for the repairs, with no interest, we felt moving forward with the program didn't satisfy our comfort level."

"We are sensitive to people's concerns and we recognize this is a tough time in history to be doing this."

The 2020 sidewalk repair program, which Heise revealed was started long before the COVID-19 crisis, consists of township engineers scouring subdivisions in search of damaged and potentially dangerous sidewalk slabs.



Lake Pointe is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Plymouth Township. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Once the potentially dangerous slabs are identified, residents are notified of the repairs for which they will be held financially responsible, with the township providing a contractor to make the fixes.

Heise emphasized that programs like this are essential to prevent pedestrians from sustaining injuries as a result of faulty sidewalks and the potential lawsuits against the township any such injuries may spark.

"Sidewalk repair programs are never easy, for any community," Heise said. "They're always contentious, but the programs are necessary. ... At the end of the day, you're talking about the government taking your money to fix that sidewalk."

"Whenever there is talk of the government taking

residents' money or property ... they have a right to show up and be heard."

The format for Tuesday's public hearing on the issue was less than ideal, Heise admitted, due to the 10-person limitation on the number of people allowed in the township meeting room.

"There were six of us (board of trustees members), which limited the number of residents to four in the room," Heise said. "It is difficult to conduct a public hearing with the restrictions that have been placed on government. I don't think the governor's executive orders were well thought out as far as they pertain to public meetings like this."

The township conducted a yearly sidewalk repair program until 2016, Heise said.

"We had planned on moving forward with one in 2019, but the bids for the sidewalk replacements came in so high that we did not want to pass that cost along to the residents," he said.

While the township had awarded a bid to a contractor for the 2020 program, it had yet to sign a contract, Heise said.

"The only cost the township is responsible for at this point is for the engineers' time," he said. "And that money will be recoverable once the program restarts in 2021. We asked our engineer to talk with the sidewalk contractor and tell them, 'We will keep you on for next year's project if you give us the same rates you gave us this year.'"

"If they accept, I think it would be a win-win for everyone involved."

Heise said the township will be mailing out updates to residents soon.

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## Listen

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The tour will cover 18 western Wayne County communities and complement conversations that recently began between police chiefs and the Western Wayne County NAACP.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said Floyd's death upset the entire nation and was an embarrassment to the police profession.

"There's a lot of emotion. There's hurt. There's anger, and there's distrust by members of the community toward law enforcement," he said. "Clearly these concerns don't stop at any one city's border and they impact all the cities and all the residents in our entire area."

He said he's heard some consistent messages: Community members want direct communication with their mayors, police chiefs and city managers and they want consistent, regular opportunities to be heard.

He's hoping the listening tour will create opportunities for change and build trust among community members.

"Mistakes are going to happen," Jedrusik said. "Police officers are human and they perform a very difficult job. (But) we will not tolerate racism. We will not tolerate bias-based policing, and we



Western Wayne County NAACP President Gina Wilson Steward talks about the listening tour June 16 at Westland City Hall. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

will not tolerate excessive force.

"Those are not mistakes. Those are bad people that should not be police officers."

Gina Wilson Steward, president of the Western Wayne County NAACP, took the podium to say that the time is

right to change the way people of color are treated.

"The phrase 'Black Lives Matter' is relevant and appropriate," she said. "I'm sure that you agree with me that everyone is not treated equally when they encounter some police officers."

Her goals include more inclusive partnerships and more diversity among police, city government employees and court personnel in the pursuit of greater equality.

When the listening tour wraps up in a community, she wants some type of committee or review board to keep the conversation going.

"It's about eliminating systemic racism," she said. "We don't want it to revert to business as usual. This partnership with community, police departments, (and) elected officials is the best way to get this done. The time is now. We have to own it."

Steward concluded with a quote associated with civil rights leader Malcolm X: "If not now then when, if not me then who?"

Pastor Edward Pruett, who has been leading some Westland protests, said the listening tour seems to be a positive step in the right direction. He remains vigilant.

"I need to see solutions," he said. "Are policies going to come out of it? Are we going to have real sustainable change or is this just a farce? If this is fake, I'm going to call it out. I'm hoping that things will come out of it that will be true and sustainable."

"If it does not, that's a problem."

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## Park

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\$68,000," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise. "However, I feel we should have a shovel-in-place plan in case, somehow, this money is freed up."

Heise suggested a plan for the donated trees needs to be firmed up "because those trees aren't going to last forever."

"This is what I would call a good problem," Heise said. "It doesn't make a lot of sense to plant the trees and build around them; but we're in kind of a trick bag here because of the scenario. Webster is waiting for a determination from us on what we'd like to do with these trees."

If Golfview Park comes to fruition, it

will be labeled a passive park as opposed to an active park, township planner Laura Haw explained.

"A passive park includes landscaping, walking and biking trails and a gathering place," Haw said. "An active park might be a space with soccer fields and baseball fields."

Haw, who worked with McKenna Associates on the preliminary plans, recommended that a naturalized meadow should be included in the vast central portion of the property to assist in the natural treatment of stormwater.

Trustee Chuck Curmi, who said the meadow idea was "a great one," offered that the installation of no-mow grass in the mid-section of the land would help reduce maintenance.

Initial plans for the park would allow dogs, as long as they are leashed, Haw

said.

The township does not have an official dog park, a fenced-in area where dogs can run freely without a leash. Unleashed dogs are not allowed at nearby Plymouth Township Park.

"Probably the highest-frequency request I get is, 'Why can't I take my dog to the park?'" Curmi said. "I know people use this space as an informal dog park now, letting their dogs run free without a leash."

Park proponent Jack Dempsey said the plans discussed June 9 meet the recreational wishes of township residents.

"My concern is, if we don't move on this soon, what will happen to this property? And will the donation of the trees evaporate?" Dempsey said. "I feel that with a little money, some volunteer work and public engagement, we could

at least get the project started."

The lone dissenter of the park plan was treasurer Mark Clinton, who argued that the space should remain as it is, at least for the foreseeable future.

"I wish I shared your enthusiasm for this," Clinton told his colleagues. "But I don't. We have all the amenities we're discussing tonight 400 steps away at Plymouth Township Park. There are a lot of repairs that need to be made at the park we do have. Fences need to be fixed, sidewalks need to be repaired, the area around the pond is a mess. I don't agree with adding a second park so close."

The discussion closed with no formal action taken.

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## Dennis William Bila

PLYMOUTH - On the morning of June 9, 2020, a man who was a great husband, father, grandfather, educator and civic leader left his final mark. Extraordinarily gifted at mathematics at a young age -- tutoring high school students while in elementary school -- Dennis William Bila lived a life filled with adventure; amazing personal, professional and civic engagement accomplishments; and had an influence on people and places spanning generations.

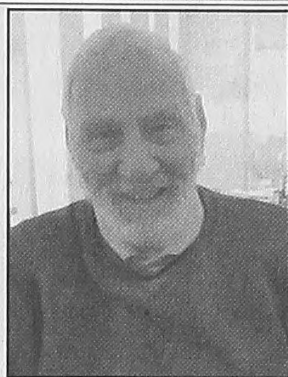


Born in Owosso, MI, Dennis grew up on a farm in Oakley, MI, and would go on to earn degrees from Central Michigan University and Wayne State University in education and mathematics. Author of numerous books on advanced mathematics, Dennis served as a professor at Washtenaw Community College for 50 years. While at WCC, Dennis was president of the teacher's union for many years and his role in the growth of the institution was enormous. Loved by his students -- he was repeatedly voted best teacher at WCC -- he was equally loved and admired by the numerous students he tutored for free throughout the Plymouth/Canton community and beyond.

Dennis was an active member of the City of Plymouth community serving as mayor, city commissioner, and on numerous committees and boards throughout the years. A voracious reader of books, newspapers and journals, Dennis loved history and enjoyed discussing world events both past and present. An avid runner, he was a fixture in the Plymouth's Father's Day run with his children and grandchildren and could be found doing his daily run on the track behind Central Middle School every morning. His love of adventure and learning was well documented as an airplane pilot, a man who sky dived at age 75, a hunter and lover of nature, his love of classical music and appreciation for the opera, and his quest to always challenge himself to find something new and exciting to engage in.

His true joy was derived from time with his family and watching his grandchildren during their athletic competitions, musical performances, and other endeavors. Dennis empowered people to believe in themselves, encouraged them to believe they could succeed and in doing so would make an impact on the world. His kindness, humility, acceptance of others and sense of humor made him universally loved.

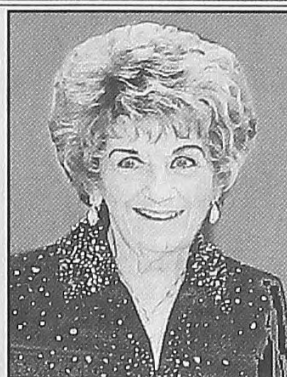
Born April 13, 1941, to Glee and William Bila, those acknowledging his larger than life presence include Sally, his wife of 60 years and the love of his life; son Dennis; daughter Kallie and son in-law Jim Michels; grandchildren Harrison (wife Parker) and Madeline Michels; Michael, Sam and Katie Bila; brother Gayle (and wife Sue); sister in-law Elaine (brother Ron Bila, deceased); sister in-law Helen and husband Jack Pumford; nieces and nephews and friends spanning the country. A private burial will take place in his hometown, and in lieu of flowers the family asks that any donations be made to: American Legion Smith Hoover Post 281, P.O. Box 436, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, where Dennis spent many happy moments with his son. Dennis Bila lived and loved life to its fullest every day and encouraged others to do the same -- this is his ultimate mark on our world.



## 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

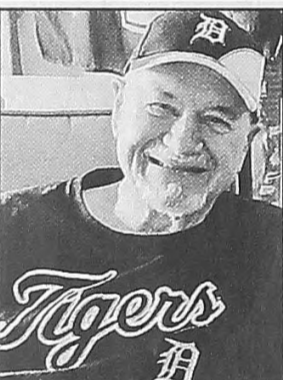
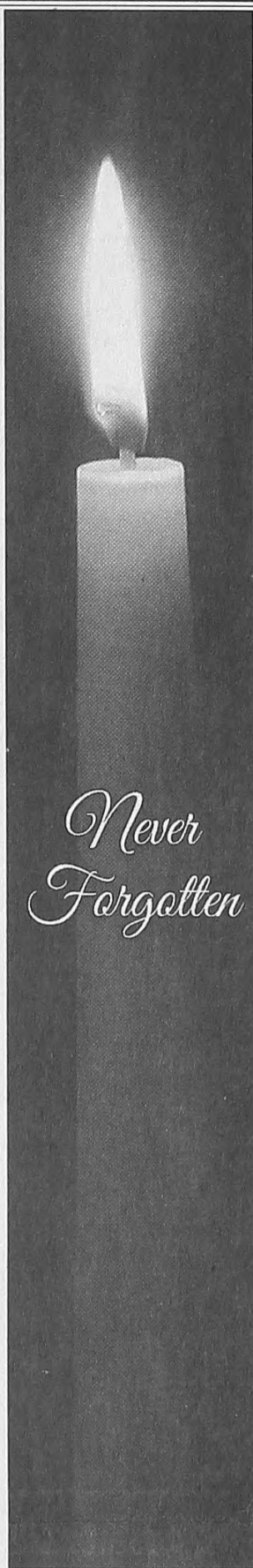
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## Patricia Stacey

PLYMOUTH - June 16, 2020 age 91. Beloved wife of 69 years to the late Clayton "Pete". Loving mother of Roger (Ellen), Patrick, Mary (Michael) Gladchun, Brian, Patricia "Jane" (John) Elliott, Kathleen (Bob Sneddon) Stacey and Peter (Jami). Proud grandmother of Adam, Andrew, Melissa, Meghan, Patricia, Tara, Valerie, Julia, Rose, Joseph, Travis, Lucas, Dylan, Mikki and Clayton. Great-grandmother of William, Owen, Audrey, Madalyn and Maya. In state Friday, June 19th 8:30 AM until the 9:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church or Fr. Solanus Guild, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207-3485. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenhomes.com](http://vermeulenhomes.com)

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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](http://www.cremationsociety-midmi.com)

## 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.

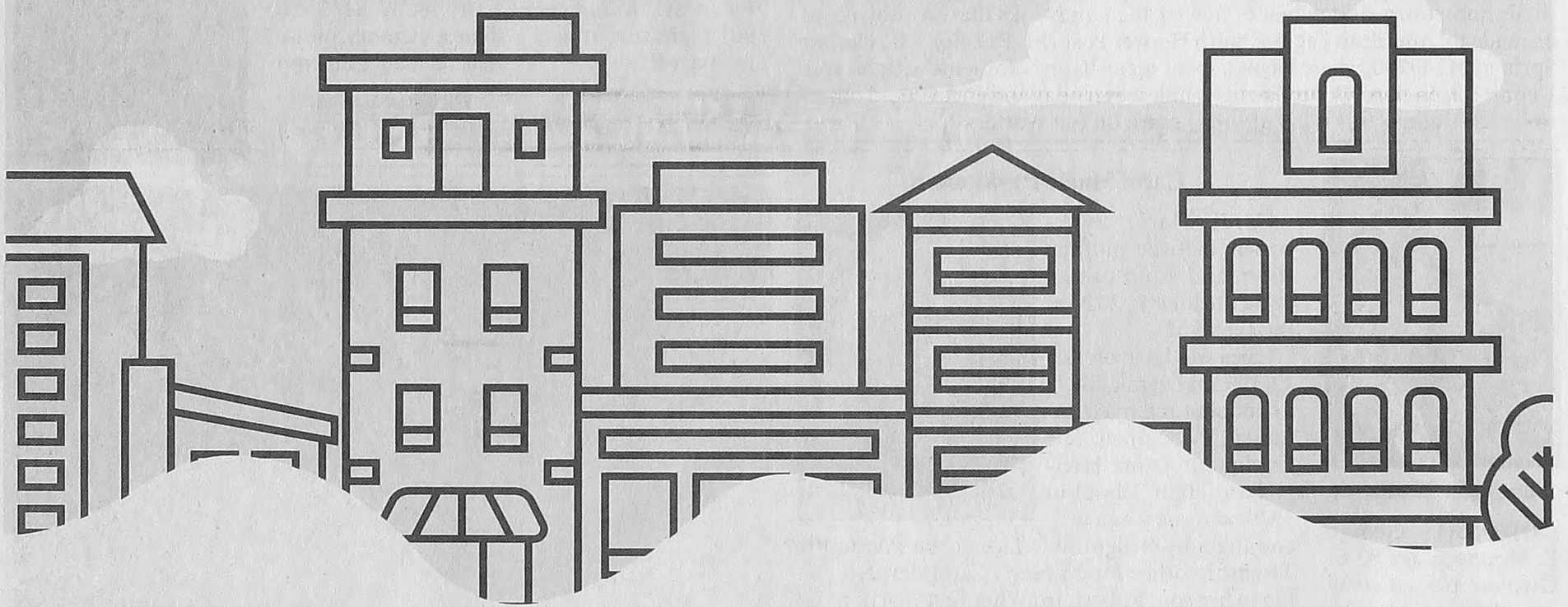


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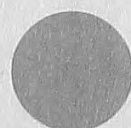
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At Canton, Caden Domzalski played cornerback and running back. He expects to play safety and on special teams at Briar Cliff University in Iowa, and run track there. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTO

## College decision looms for Bryce Hall

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Bryce Hall grew up watching college football. He grew up playing the NCAA Football video game. He knew as soon as he put on a helmet he wanted to be like those players, to play at the next level.

Hall felt he did not have to place himself in a position to succeed: attending a college football factory of a high school to get noticed.

Instead, he felt it was all up to him and his ability.

"It was not a matter of 'I need to go to this high school to have that,'" Hall said. "It was more of 'I'm going to make it happen. I was going to leave it to myself to make it happen.'"

In his three years with Cranbrook-Kingswood - finishing 5-4 with a third-place finish in the Catholic High School League AA division in 2019 - Hall has put himself out there at defensive end, earning 16 offers to play at the next level from schools like the U.S. Military and Naval academies to Ivy League schools such as Yale and Princeton.

After he began attending camps during his sophomore season, Hall said his recruitment started to heat up in the summer heading into junior year.

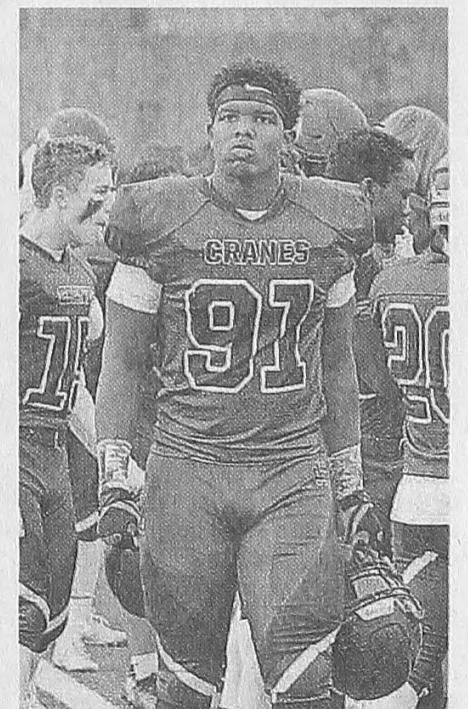
Hall earned his first offer from Dartmouth Feb. 20 and earned 15 more in the next three months, including seven in April.

However, in the time he initially planned using by visiting campuses to narrow those 16 schools, eventually, down to one, Hall's plans shifted due to the coronavirus.

"It kind of sucks, you know, because the coaches don't get to have in-home visits with you, you don't get to go on unofficial and official visits, stuff like that," Hall said. "You kind of have to take it with a grain of salt. It's not the normal recruiting process. It's the best for what we have. We are making the best of what we have."

Onsite visits turned into Zoom meetings, talking with coaching staffs and players about what it was like

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Bryce Hall has high expectations for himself at Cranbrook-Kingswood his senior season. COURTESY OF BRYCE HALL

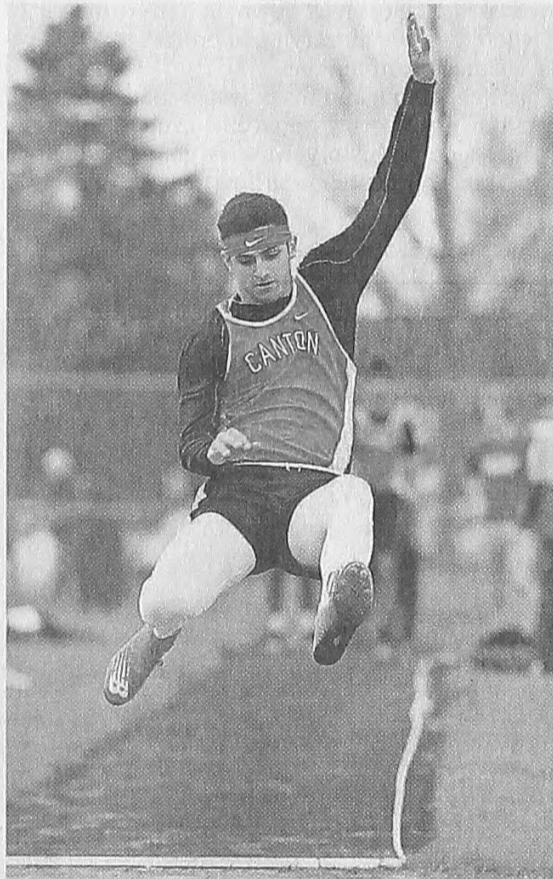
# DOUBLING UP

## Canton's Domzalski commits to play 2 sports in college

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Canton High School senior Caden Domzalski thought he had his future figured out. ● The two-sport star had verbally committed to run track at Central Michigan University, but was forced to take a detour after the school suddenly discontinued its men's track program in mid-May due to coronavirus-related budget cuts. ● That left Domzalski in a tough position. He had already told a majority of schools that he was off the market, but now he needed a new home. ● Several schools quickly got in touch with Domzalski, who spent the next couple weeks talking to coaches and talking with his family. After narrowing his choices to two schools, decided to attend Briar Cliff University in Iowa on a full scholarship. He will play both football and run track there. ● "I felt like Briar Cliff was a very good option for me since I was able to play football and run track," Domzalski said. "The overall environment of the school seems very family-oriented, which

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Domzalski's original choice, Central Michigan University, discontinued its men's track program last month. COURTESY OF CADEN DOMZALSKI

## Churchill sees 11 athletes sign with colleges

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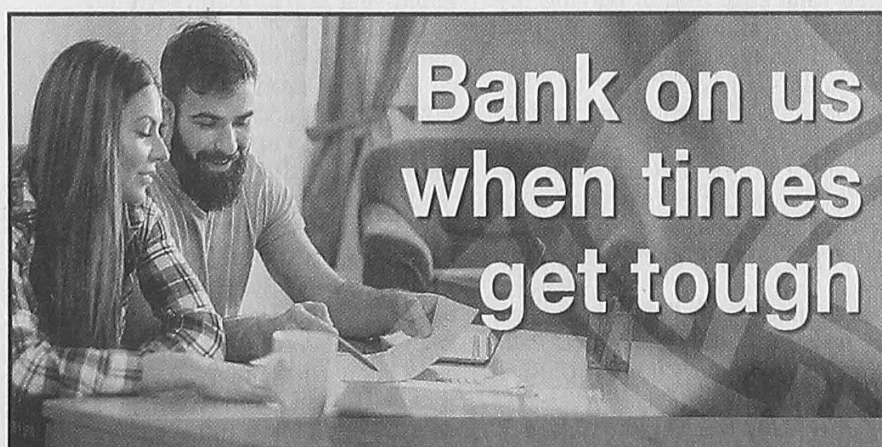
Livonia Churchill seniors playing sports in college weren't able to have an in-person ceremony this year celebrating their accomplishments due to the COVID-19 shutdown, but that didn't stop the school from honoring its standout student-athletes.

Churchill Athletic Director Marc Hage set up a live-stream on YouTube on June 4 where each student was able to be recognized and show off their college choices.

The Chargers had 11 students sign to continue their athletic careers at the next level. The list of students at right is in alphabetical order.

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NAME	COLLEGE	SPORT
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Dylan Curran	Madonna	Football
Carly Dlugos	Lawrence Tech	Bowling
Ashley Harlock	Michigan State	Field hockey
Halena Harris	U-M Dearborn	Golf
Brendan Lowry	Central Michigan	Baseball
Allison McConnell	Valparaiso	Tennis
Shane Morelli	Madonna	Football
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# Criticism of NFL protests wanes



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It looks as if President Donald Trump is going to have to find himself a new dog whistle.

His one for protests by NFL players seems to have lost its reach.

That Trump turned his itchy Twitter finger on the NFL and its players multiple times in the last two weeks is hardly a surprise.

With his already low approval ratings plummeting further and most of the country unimpressed with how he's handled the COVID-19 pandemic and the unrest following George Floyd's death, he is desperate for anything to rally his base and maybe win back a few of the MAGA defectors.

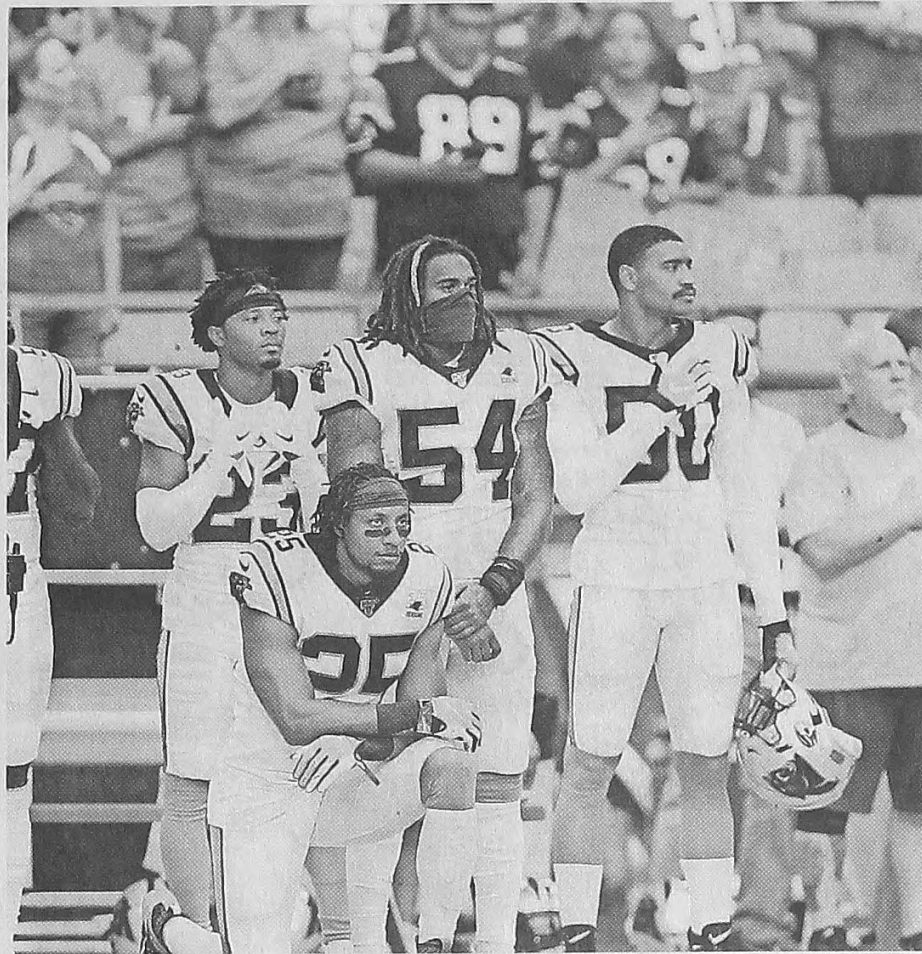
What is surprising is how little reaction there's been for one of Trump's old standbys. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell essentially shrugged when he was asked about it on ESPN's panel on the return of sports Monday night. There's been no public uproar, no widespread calls for a boycott of the NFL.

Granted, there are more pressing issues right now, and the NFL isn't scheduled to start for almost three months.

But the indifference is also a reflection of a perceptible shift in American attitudes.

A Yahoo News/YouGov poll conducted June 9 and 10 found that public support for Black Lives Matter has more than doubled in the last four years, with 57% of Americans now saying they have a favorable view of the movement. Sixty percent said racism is "built into American society," and the same percentage said the deaths of Black and brown people are signs of a broader problem, rather than isolated incidents.

Even more telling, the poll found that a majority of Americans — 52% — believe it's "OK for NFL players to kneel during the national anthem to protest police killings of African Americans." In 2016, when Colin Kaepernick began taking a knee, only 28% of Americans deemed



**Panthers safety Eric Reid (25) kneels in silent protest during the national anthem before a game against the Cardinals last season.** MARK J. REBILAS/USA TODAY SPORTS

his protests appropriate.

"There's some chunk of Trump diehards who are going to stick with him on the NFL and police and everything else no matter what. (But) that is absolutely not a majority" of the population, said David S. Meyer, a sociology professor at the University of California-Irvine who specializes in social movements.

"I don't think Americans are going to turn off their TV and stop watching football," Meyer added. "And I don't think the owners are going to crack down on Goodell when they see him trying to protect their business right now."

That Kaepernick and the players who joined him in protesting would end up on the right side of history was never in doubt. The only question was how long it

would take society to catch up.

That horrifying video of Floyd pleading for his life while a white police officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes, as well as the avoidable deaths of Breonna Taylor and Rayshard Brooks, made the parallels with Kaepernick's protests impossible to ignore. Despite the brays of Trump and others who distorted Kaepernick's method to drown out his message, the player protests were never about the flag, the anthem or the military.

They were a plea for equality and humanity, a call for the country to finally address the systemic racism that rigs every part of our system against Black and brown people. And America finally gets that.

"Something about the power of the video of George Floyd's killing has really shifted the perception of the legitimacy of the claims by Colin Kaepernick or, more broadly, the Black Lives Matter movement," said Omar Wasow, a political scientist at Princeton. "That's something that is really unjust, and that's worthy of attention."

Wasow said it's possible support will ebb as the nationwide protests end and the country turns its attention to something else. But he noted the white athletes who have joined the cause, many of whom have apologized for not understanding the reasons for the original protests and for failing until now to recognize their privilege, is another sign of a cultural shift.

Baker Mayfield has said he "absolutely" will kneel this season, while J.J. Watt clapped back at a fan who suggested the protests disrespected the flag. Even Drew Brees has come around, saying, "We can no longer use the flag to turn people away or distract them from the real issues that face our black communities."

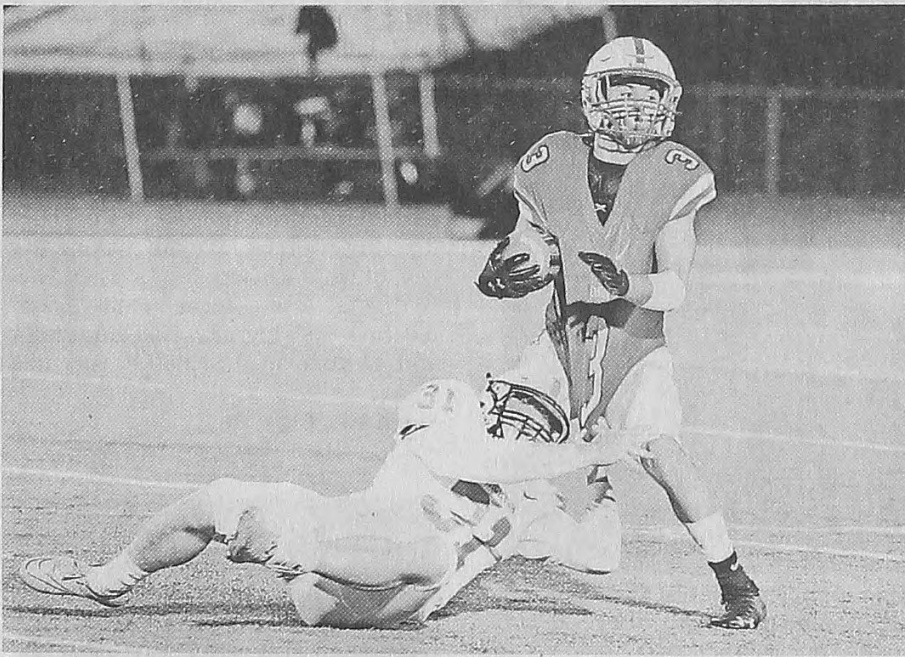
"Popular opinion responds to signals from elites like (athletes), but also like the NFL itself. So if Roger Goodell is saying, 'We made a mistake,' that may trickle down to some of the NFL fan base, too, changing the dynamics," Wasow said.

"The fact we're seeing more NFL players, some of them white, saying, 'I'm going to be kneeling,' is also a strong signal to NFL fans and the larger national audience of the legitimacy of this protest movement."

Even though Trump had NFL owners covering, the impact of his previous criticism was overblown. Yes, TV ratings were down in 2016 and 2017. But so were pretty much everyone's as cord cutting picked up speed, and ratings have risen again in each of the last two seasons.

The NFL also continues to print money, distributing a whopping \$8.8 billion in national revenue to teams in 2018, an 8.6% increase from the previous year.

Trump will no doubt go after the NFL again, particularly as Election Day nears. But in this pivotal time in American history, the calls for change are drowning out the dog whistles.



**"I felt like Briar Cliff was a very good option for me since I was able to play football and run track," Caden Domzalski (3) said.** TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Domzalski

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is something that I'm big about. Ultimately the decision was made for that school because it felt like a place I could call home and a place that I would see development not only as an athlete but as a student over the next four years."

At Canton, Domzalski played cornerback and running back. He expects to play safety and on special teams at Briar Cliff. The NAIA school finished the season 5-6 in 2019.

"Originally growing up, football was my everything," Domzalski said. "It's what made me the athlete that I am. Football will always hold a special place in my heart. That's probably my favorite sport that I've been a part of over the years."

On the track side, he competes in several events, including the 100 meters, but his specialty is the long jump and long jump relay.

He holds the Canton school record in long jump at 23 feet 1 inch, and was a member of the trio that holds the school record in the long jump relay. He was hoping to break the PCEP park record in long jump this season, but never got the chance.

"It was pretty upsetting," Domzalski said. "We felt that we were going to be a strong team this season."

He said that what sets him apart from the competition in both sports is his determination and mental fortitude.

"I wasn't always the biggest kid, but I was never mentally afraid or mentally unready for what I was going to go up against," Domzalski said. "I don't care how big you are, how strong you are, I'm going to go out there and do my job better than you do yours. That was a big strength for me, especially when facing guys I shouldn't have been able to compete with."

At Briar Cliff, Domzalski said he plans to study something related to business and is leaning toward finance.

"Being in a new environment is something that I'm really looking forward to," Domzalski said. "I've always lived here for the most part and grew up in an area where there's only so much you can do and places you can go. For somebody like me, who likes to go to new places and meet new people, it's going to be nice for me to go somewhere completely new."

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**Jim Furyk tees off during the second round of the Charles Schwab Challenge on June 12 at Colonial Country Club.** RAYMOND CARLIN III/USA TODAY SPORTS

## Furyk, 50, to test out PGA Tour Champions

**Steve DiMeglio**  
USA TODAY

Phil Mickelson isn't sure when he'll play on the PGA Tour Champions.

Jim Furyk is heading out there this year.

Furyk, who turned 50 on May 12 and has won 17 PGA Tour titles including the 2003 U.S. Open, will still ply his trade on the PGA Tour.

He played in last week's Charles Schwab Challenge and is playing this week in the RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links.

He remains confident — just as Mickelson does — that he can win on the PGA Tour.

But since Furyk and his wife, Tabitha, are hosting a new event on the PGA Tour Champions next fall, he wants to get a taste for the senior circuit.

The Constellation Furyk & Friends tournament will be played Oct. 8-10, 2021, at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville.

Furyk and Mickelson, who turned 50

on June 16, could play in the PGA Tour Champions' Ally Challenge in Michigan beginning July 31.

"My goal, when (COVID-19 break) started, was to play the PGA Tour through our playoff schedule and hopefully be able to play some Champions Tour events," Furyk said Tuesday at Harbour Town Golf Links. "I'm still holding pat with that. I would like to get at least a couple, say two to four, Champions Tour events in probably this calendar year and kind of reevaluate."

"Eventually, the timing is going to be right, and I'll kind of flip the switch and go play the Champions Tour full-time. With Tabitha and I, with our foundation hosting an event, I want to get out there and see the guys."

"I played a practice round last week with Olin Browne and Scott McCarron. I played with Davis (Love III) today. I want to get out there and see the look, the feel, what a Champions Tour event is all about, because we have an event we need to build, and I want it to be successful, and I want the guys to like it."



# U-M brings back 3 teams for workouts

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The University of Michigan is allowing players from three teams — football, men's basketball and women's basketball — to return to campus this week to participate in voluntary workouts, the athletic department announced Monday night.

Student-athletes have not been allowed to use school facilities since March, when the coronavirus pandemic shut down universities and sports programs across the nation.

For Wolverines student-athletes to begin training, they'll have to work through a 14-day pre-report risk assessment and six-day "resocialization" period. Players will complete daily risk assessments as well as temperature checks.

They also will have COVID-19 and antibody testing, physicals, concussion tests, sleep surveys, fitness testing, mobility screening, body composition, nutrition evaluations and medical testing.

Individuals who test positive will enter quarantine.

### 'The utmost care'

"We are pleased to start the process of welcoming student-athletes back to our campus through a medical and public health-informed protocol and plan," athletic director Warde Manuel said. "We continue to take the utmost care to ensure that all student-athletes and staff return to a safe and healthy environment."

"Our protocols and plans have been developed by medical experts from across U-M's campus, who have collaborated with officials at the local, state and national levels. I appreciate the contributions and comprehensive efforts across so many groups and in coordination with the Big Ten Conference and peers across the NCAA."

Before players and staff members can enter facilities, they must go through a screening process. Masks will be provided when they are necessary.

Social distancing will be implemented during workouts.

High-risk areas in the facilities, such as locker rooms, strength and conditioning stations and athletic training zones, will be cleaned daily with electrostatic sanitation.

Once football, men's basketball and women's basketball players successfully return, Michigan will allow the remaining fall sports teams to come back: men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis and volleyball.

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Michigan State basketball players Joshua Langford, Julius Marble, Mady Sissoko and Malik Hall leave the Clara Bell Smith Student Athlete Academic Support Center on Monday after getting tested for COVID-19. CHRIS SOLARI/DETROIT FREE PRESS

# MSU players return: Joyful air hugs, elbow bumps and testing

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Detroit Free Press  
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EAST LANSING — Joey Hauser and Foster Loyer jogged past Breslin Center on Monday morning, a safe distance from one another.

A few hours later, the two Michigan State basketball players were among those who underwent coronavirus swab testing to begin expanding their workouts to include other teammates.

The Spartans are back, at least some of them. And their school is not asking them to sign any pledges or documentation waiving responsibility.

An athletic department spokesman told the Free Press that MSU will not require any members of the three teams who arrived on campus Sunday night to sign waivers like Ohio State made its athletes sign upon their return to Columbus.

Instead, the goal is to follow what Dr. Jeffrey Kovan, the school's director of sports medicine and performance, and the primary care team physician, has been preaching: Education and safety.

"Everybody's been consistent with the idea of a lot of education and a lot of communication, testing and the essential component of testing, tracing when we have positive findings," Kovan said during a June 4 conference call, "and we will have positive findings, you've seen that already across the country with schools that have started the process of volunteer workouts."

A set of 16 X's in green chalk on the sidewalks was not needed with the staggered approach, as members and staff of the football, men's basketball and volleyball teams walked through the familiar doors for an important test that had nothing to do with athletics or academics.

Masks could not hide the athletes' joy seeing one another as they started arriving at the Clara Bell Smith Student Athlete Academic Support Center

shortly after noon for their testing. Those in cars drove by honking and yelling at ones entering and exiting for their tests. They air-hugged and elbow-bumped each other and athletic staff members.

They funneled their way through the building to the indoor football practice facility for their COVID-19 tests, arriving in small groups and taking approximately 10 minutes each to cycle through and then exit to the west out the Skandalaris Football Center.

It was a quick but important first step toward returning to voluntary workouts the Big Ten approved in late May and that were cleared earlier this month for the state by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, though restrictions remain in place. Indoor gatherings can be of no more than 10 people; outdoor groups are limited to 100 or fewer.

"The intent is that if we keep our volume or number of athletes together in a small set, and their strength coach works with just that group when they work out, and somebody in that group is positive, then we can isolate that individual group as opposed to the whole team," athletic director Bill Beekman said June 4.

Next up is a week of self-isolation for the athletes who were tested. A second test will be administered Monday for those who tested negative. If that comes back negative, they can begin voluntary workouts. Anyone whose results from the first test are positive will be quarantined for 10 days.

Coaches, strength and conditioning staffers, athletic trainers and equipment managers who come in contact with players also took tests. Locker rooms and other common areas will remain closed, and a few athletes were spotted carrying equipment as they left the building.

Kovan earlier this month said one male student-athlete had tested positive but did not specify in which sport.

Freshmen and other newcomers on the football team, along with men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams, are allowed to arrive June 28, with COVID-19 tests taking place June 29. Hockey players can arrive on campus starting July 6. Additional sports teams will return at a later date.

*Free Press intern Evan Petzold contributed to this report.*

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# Hall

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playing for the school, getting virtual tours of campus.

Hall said the biggest part of recruiting is the people, making sure you feel comfortable with the coaches and players in person. Without that opportunity, he has no timetable in terms when he will pick the team where he wants to spend the next four years.

While COVID-19 has changed Hall's recruitment, he understands why the precautionary changes have happened. Hall has had to be extra careful himself.

Hall's brother, Braden, was diagnosed with leukemia in late January, making him extremely susceptible to COVID-19.

The upcoming senior said his biggest fear was to get his brother sick after going out to visit colleges or even leaving the house to train. He said he realizes he could be an asymptomatic carrier even if he's not showing ill effects of the coronavirus.

"That was something I had to place over football," Hall said. "There are only a couple things in life that are more important than football, but family is one of them. I didn't want to risk that."

After months of at-home workouts, Hall returned to the gym with weight training four times a week and skill training every Sunday.

Hall said he is not seeking out more offers. He wants to land where he is wanted and at a school that surpasses



**Bryce Hall has taken visits to Cincinnati, Toledo, Central Michigan and Northern Illinois, and has received offers from a total of 16 schools, including service academies and the Ivy League.**  
COURTESY OF BRYCE HALL

what it can do for him in his four years as a football player.

However, with a year left of high school, one year left of playing football for the Cranes, that does not mean Hall is done showing what he can do.

"Junior year was good, but it was nowhere near my best," Hall said. "I'm going to make junior year look like child's play this senior year."

"I'm going to prove that I am the best player to ever come through there."

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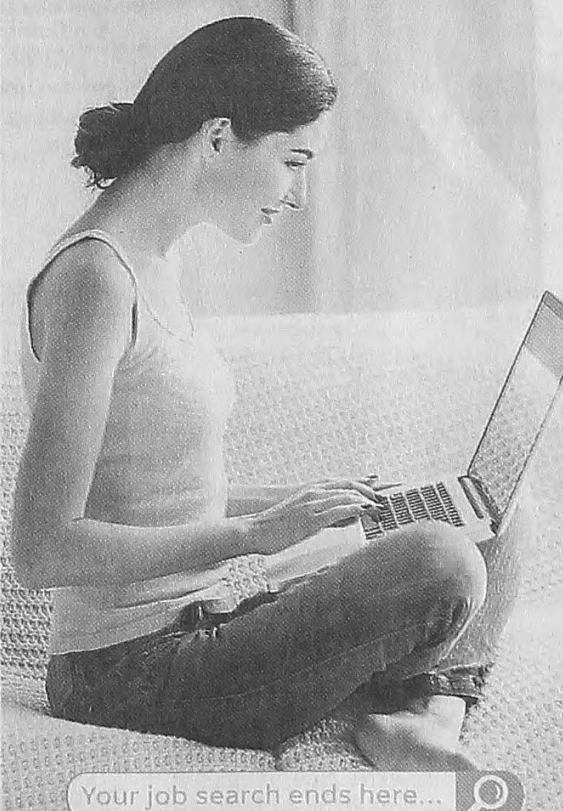
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### ACROSS

- 1 Painter of limp watches
- 5 By the day, as payment
- 12 "It doesn't matter"
- 20 Moran of "Happy Days"
- 21 The tiniest bit
- 22 Hot pepper
- 23 Group of wolves
- decide which hockey disk to use?
- 25 Brought upon oneself
- 26 USNA frosh
- 27 "— Miz"
- 28 Bring in
- 30 Moniker, in Marseilles
- 31 Mervyn of film
- 33 Misplaced the most recent catalog?
- 38 Sun circlers
- 41 Braga of film
- 42 Nervous —
- 43 Notice folks quarreling about a skewer?
- 45 Kind of latte
- 47 Sportswriter Pasquarelli
- 48 Name of 12 popes
- 49 Folksy denial
- 50 Parisian "to be"
- 51 Actor Robert De —
- 52 Six-legged scurrier
- 53 Gift add-ons
- 55 Farm structure is built in
- Switzerland's capital?
- 59 Liam of "Neil"
- 61 Raises up
- 63 Yemen's largest city
- 64 — time (never)
- 66 Give a big speech
- 67 Baseball Hall of Famer Waite —
- 69 Preside
- 71 Students
- 74 To no avail
- 78 Put a clump of tree-trunk greenery in disarray?
- 80 Bath powder
- 82 Philosopher Lao- —
- 83 Optic layer
- 84 Throw easily
- 85 Paddle's kin
- 86 Stuff in ale
- 87 Rev.'s talk
- 88 City on I-80

### DOWN

- 2 Central Asia's — Sea
- 3 Pooch pests
- 4 Rorschach test features
- 5 Luau chow
- 6 Hemming in
- 7 Type in anew
- 8 See 95-Down
- 9 Bettor's note
- 10 Series-ending abbr.
- 11 Succeeds
- 12 Spin around
- 13 — Barbera
- 14 "The Middle" network
- 15 Poked fun at
- 16 Register
- 17 Indiana county whose name is a red color
- 18 Afore
- 19 Gun, in slang
- 24 Parts of hammers
- 29 — good clip
- 32 Ice-T's style
- 33 Hack
- 34 — roll (lucky)
- 35 Deriding look
- 36 — Nevada
- 37 Partner of a mortise
- 38 Hearing ailer
- 39 Share a view
- 40 Artery
- 41 Minneapolis-to-Dallas dir.
- 44 Hit with a zapping gun
- 45 The Beatles' "Let —"
- 46 Collision
- 50 Register for
- 51 Hoops cable channel
- 53 Pole carving
- 54 Advice giver
- Landers
- 55 Yankee Yogi
- 56 Bob — restaurants
- 57 Per-unit costs
- 58 "Bye Bye Bye" boy band
- 60 Rumba's kin
- 62 Garden soils
- 65 Johnny who cried "Come on down!"
- 68 OPEC fuel
- 69 Idolize
- 70 Keystroke or mouse click
- 72 Canadian gas brand
- 73 Detached, in mus.
- 75 Old game console
- 76 Lanai and Skye, say
- 77 Product label wds.
- 78 Ruminated
- 79 County in New Mexico
- 81 Tree once associated with bow wielders
- 85 Pained cries
- 86 "Dirty Sexy Money" actress Zoe
- 88 Symbol atop the Kremlin
- 89 Pair of poetic lines
- 90 Mythical bird
- 91 Mork's planet
- 92 Pitching whiz
- 93 Sausage, in Stuttgart
- 95 With 8-Down, swims without a suit
- 96 They made LPs passé
- 99 Kid
- 100 West with 21 Grammys
- 101 — lie (fibbed)
- 104 Funny Laurel
- 106 Gossamer
- 107 Degr. for playwrights
- 108 Eye malady
- 109 GPS drawing
- 110 From — B
- 111 Ring legend
- 113 Prefix with law or tourist
- 114 Cat coat
- 115 Swing to and —

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

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 F N T R T L F R U A G I T L O D X R H X  
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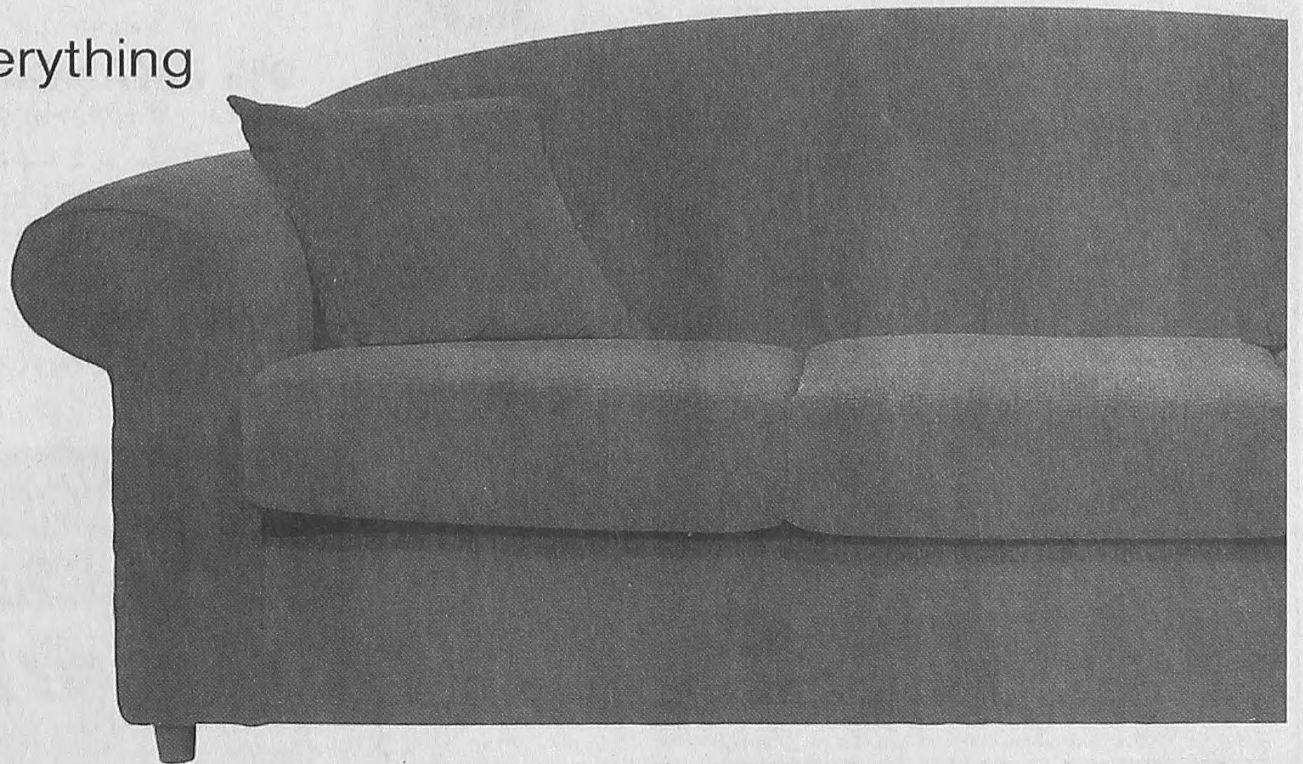
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### ANSWER KEY

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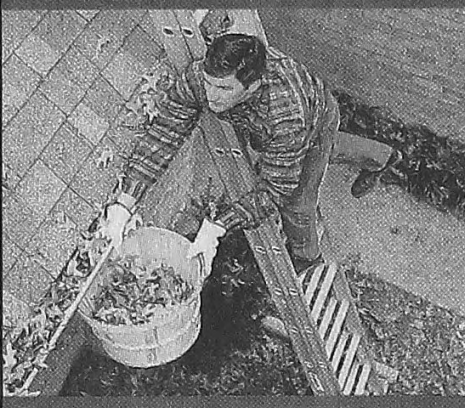
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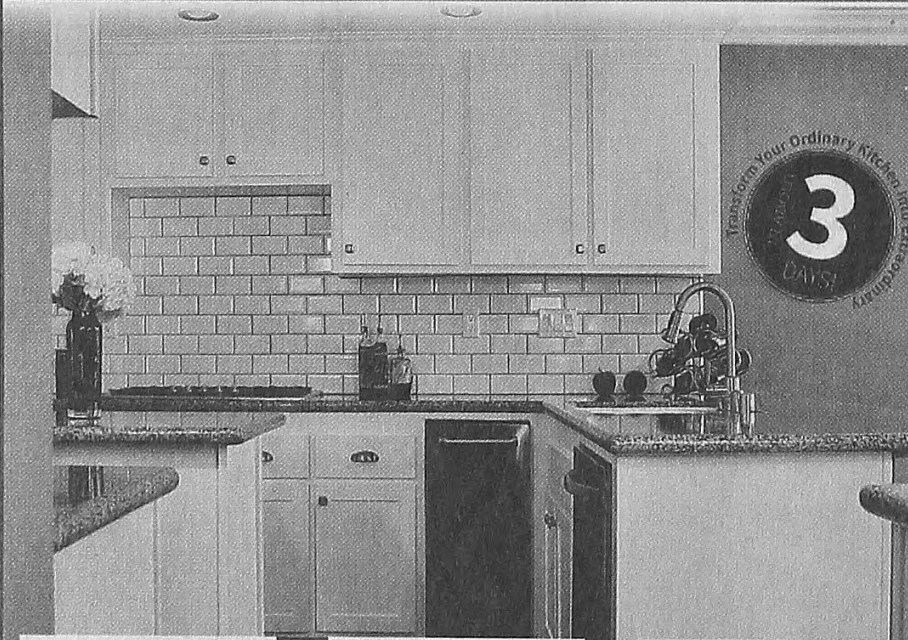
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