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Canton police officer killed in Brighton

Officials: Man's daughter accuses her brother

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
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A 48-year-old man was shot and killed in his Brighton home Monday morning, police said in a news release.

Police have identified the man as Edward Jagst, a Canton Township police officer.

Officers with the Brighton Police Department responded to a home in the 300 block of Woodlake Drive in Brighton after receiving a 911 call from the teenage daughter of the victim, according to a news release.

Officials said the girl told the dispatcher her brother shot and killed her dad and was going to kill himself.



Jagst

Police negotiated with the son on the telephone and convinced him to return to Brighton, officials said. He was taken into custody without in-

The 18-year-old son had left the home by the time officers arrived.

Officers found Jagst dead in his bed with a gunshot wound, according to the release.

Police negotiated with the son on the telephone and convinced him to return to Brighton, officials said. He was taken into custody without in-

cident on Murphy Drive near Challis.

A weapon was found in the vehicle and will undergo testing, officials said.

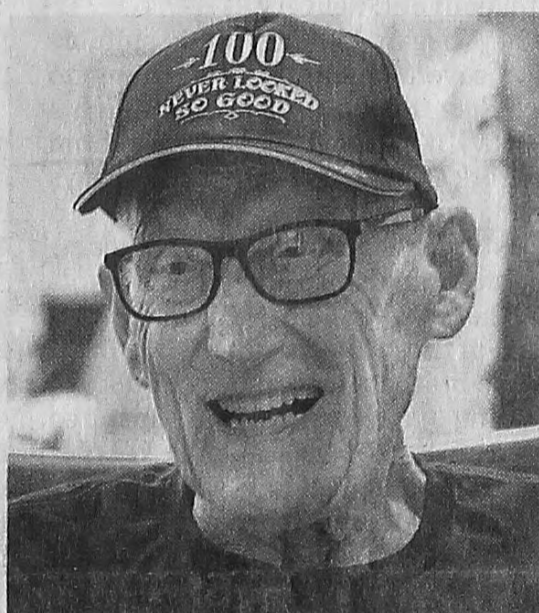
Officials are not releasing the son's name pending charges and he is lodged in the Livingston County Jail pending arraignment.

The son was arraigned on a probation violation at 11:30 a.m. by Livingston

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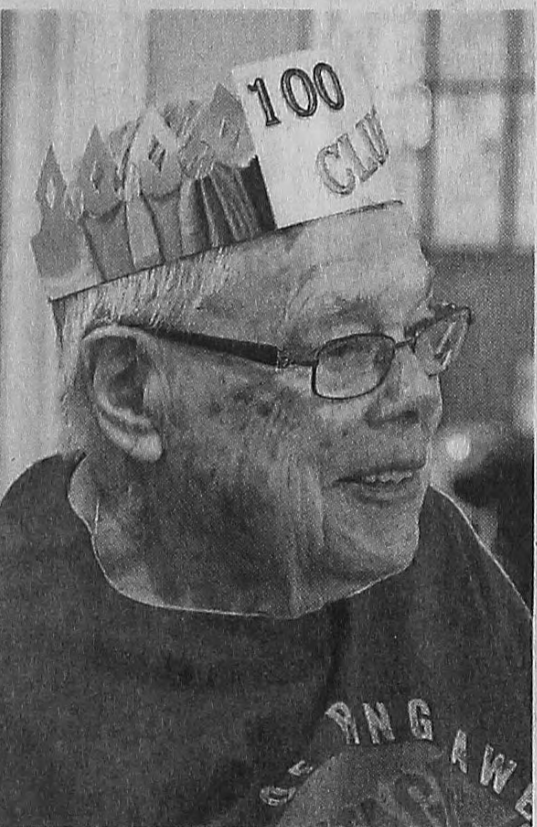
Jalileh Mansour.



Bill Brown.



Dorothy Rasmussen.



Elaine Galbraith.



Independence Village staffer Kristen Larsen snaps a photo of Lou Plant and his daughter Kathy Mitchell on June 21. The facility recently celebrated birthdays of its residents who turned 100 or older. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Centenarians celebrate at independent-living facility

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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Several years ago, Bill Brown purchased a bottle of wrinkle-proof pills for his skin.

"I put the bottle in a medicine cabinet and every now and then I'd take one," Brown recounted. "One day, I looked in the mirror and thought to myself, 'Damn, they're not working a bit.' When I read the fine print at the bottom of the bottle, it said, 'Doesn't work until you're after 100 (years old).' Now I'm finally starting to see results."

Brown, a World War II veteran with a

memory as crisp as a newly-printed \$1 bill, was one of five Independence Village of Plymouth residents celebrating their 100th birthday this year (another resident is 103 years old).

Brown, who builds model airplanes in his apartment and still flies occasionally with his son, turned 100 on June 13.

"The main reason I've lived this long," Brown said, "is because I love people. I love to talk to people, work with people. I've met people all around the world and found that they are so nice if you just talk to them."

The young-at-heart six pack were celebrated June 21 during a two-hour

ceremony in the Plymouth facility's banquet hall — just two weeks after its pandemic restrictions were completely lifted.

"We've never had this many centenarians here at one time," said Independence Village Executive Director Debbie Hall. "Maybe three in the course of a year, but never six."

To what does Hall attribute the impressive number of 100-year-olds?

"For many of our residents, these are the happiest years of their lives, considering all of the pain and

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Schools saw major decline in enrollment in 2020-21

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For a variety of reasons, tens of thousands of Michigan families chose to keep their kids out of public schools in the 2020-21 school year.

As a result, the state's public schools lost nearly 62,000 kids.

Some people chose a private or charter school, others moved and others chose to homeschool. Locally, Livonia Public Schools lost about 500 students and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools lost about 700.

Schools can reasonably expect to lose some students nearly every school year because the nation's birth rate is in decline, which translates to fewer kindergarteners.

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Meet the candidates for mayor of Westland

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Four people are competing to become Westland's mayor.

The candidates — Daniel Beier, Councilwoman Tasha Green, Edward Pruett and Bill Wild — all have their case as to why they're the best fit to lead Michigan's 10th largest city.

William Asper also filed to run for mayor prior to the deadline, but was removed from ballots because he isn't a Westland resident.

Westland's mayor serves a four-year term in a non-partisan role. The mayor makes \$121,574 annually.

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Longtime DTE employee reflects on career

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Nirmal Singh has a bona fide American dream story.

Originally from India, Singh moved to the United States from the United Kingdom in 1969.

He eventually found himself at DTE Energy, then called the Detroit Edison Company.

About 44 years later, Singh is still with the company at 85 years old and lives in Farmington Hills.

He's an engineer and principal specialist with distribution operations and primarily works with paper-oil cables that transfer electricity.

"Those cables are very central to having power at all," he said. "Manhattan won't have power if there are no cables ... We take it very seriously, as we should."

Singh has traveled the world as part of his work — he's been to 10 countries

and has visited nearly every state in the U.S.

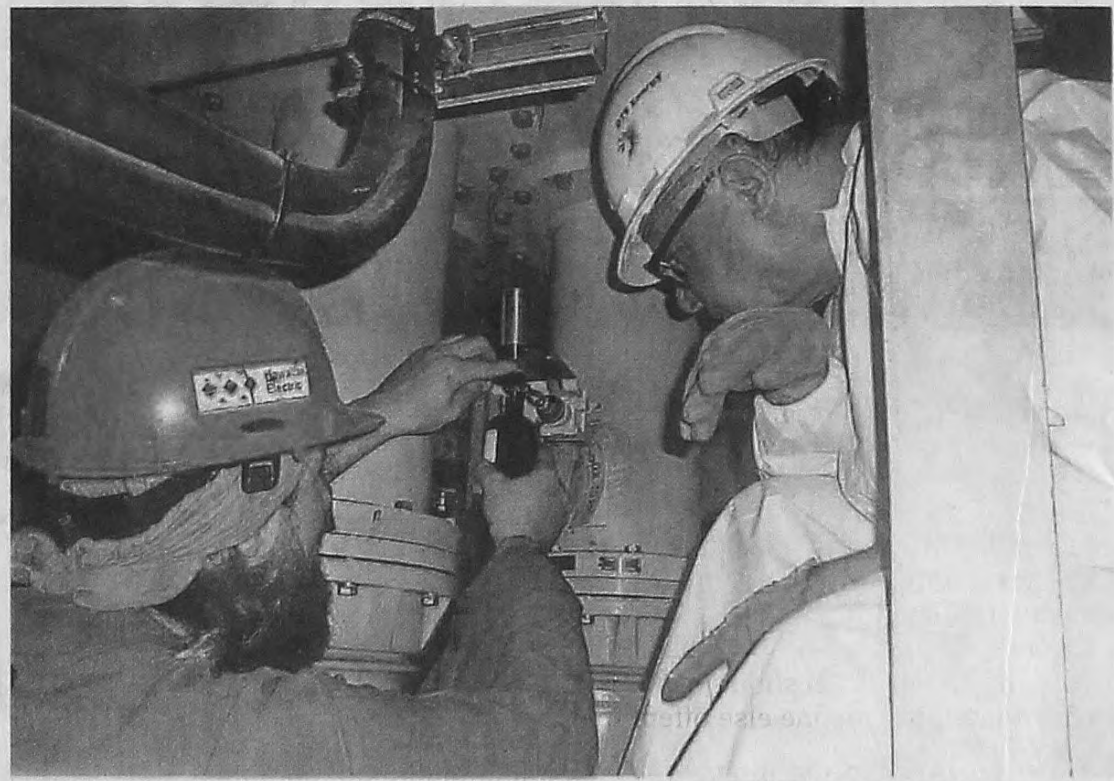
"It gives me joy. I have touched every town," he said. "I've gone to the White House, the Pentagon, Wall Street, the state department, military bases in Hawaii and San Diego."

"That gives me a lot of joy. I think if you're not born here, you probably feel it more."

The engineer said he's thankful for the life DTE and the U.S. gave him and his family — he proudly says his son is a physician and his daughter holds a PhD in epidemiology — and it's one of the things that keeps him working at his advanced age.

"Here I am. I came for a short time and am still here," he said. "The country adopted me; it means a lot to me and it's one of my drivers."

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Nirmal Singh, right, of Farmington Hills, 85, has worked for DTE for 44 years.
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Middle Eastern, American restaurant opens in Farmington

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One could say the COVID-19 pandemic is the entire reason one of Farmington's newest restaurants exists.

After the shutdowns began last spring in New York City, restaurateurs Fadal Abdul and his brother Mahmoud Abdul came to Michigan to be with family. They closed down their restaurant in the city, and began spending time in metro Detroit.

"Once COVID hit, everything was shut down. The rent was ridiculous. I couldn't really hold out for six months," Fadal Abdul said. "I didn't even plan on opening a place here. I didn't even plan on living here."

Several months back, the two got the urge to go back into the business. That result is Kitch Eatery, a Middle

Eastern/American restaurant that opened in late May at 23331 Orchard Lake.

Open in the plaza just east of Farmington High School, the small restaurant with its limited indoor seating is in the space that Uncle Andy's Pizza formerly occupied. While diners can sit inside and eat, it's a restaurant designed for takeout and delivery.

They began looking for a suitable space several months back, going to places like Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Novi. It's a much different feel from New York City, a place where it's always buzzing with activity.

Customers can enjoy several mainline American dishes, including burgers and the ever-popular chicken sandwich. For those looking for Middle Eastern, the brothers cook plenty of dishes, including several Persian-inspired ones. Hungry diners can snag kabobs, lamp chops and beef kaffa.

So far, customers have split their orders roughly in half of the two cuisines

offered.

"A lot of people like the Middle Eastern food, but we do sell a lot of sandwiches," Mahmoud Abdul said. "I'd say it's about 50-50."

While it's certainly slower in sales than in New York, the brothers see plenty of regulars coming back to try the menu.

Fadal said they have one loyal customer who's made it his mission to sample everything.

"A lot of our neighbors and a lot of people that are around, they always come back," he said. "We have a guy who comes every day. He's like, 'I'm trying everything on the menu.'"

The restaurant currently offers dine-in, takeout and online ordering through its website, as well as delivery through third-party delivery apps. The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. More information, including a menu, can be found online at kitcheatery.com.

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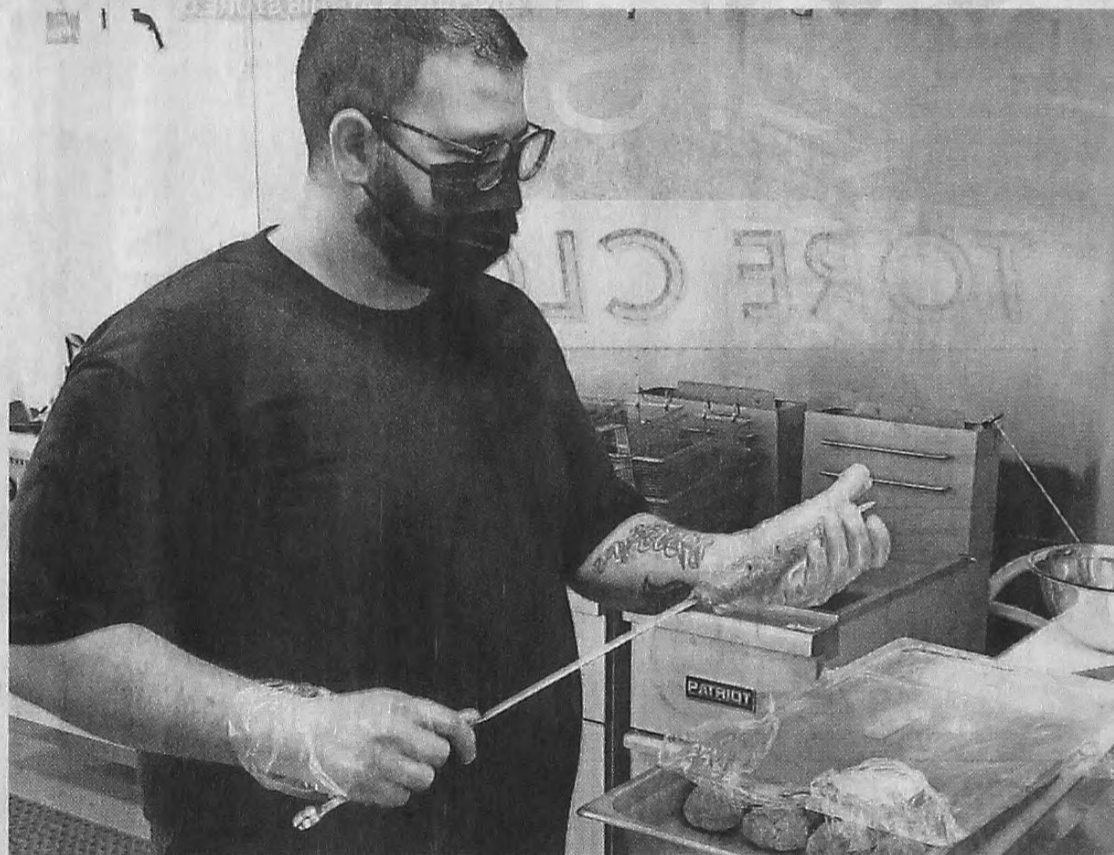
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Fadal Abdul forms meat mixture around a skewer as he begins to make a portion of beef kaffa at Kitch Eatery. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Find dry-aged steaks at new Plymouth butcher shop

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There's a new flavor in downtown Plymouth for the grill this summer. And it offers something you won't find many places.

Plymouth Prime Meats began selling cuts of steak, chicken, pork and more beginning in mid-May as soon as it opened its doors at 614 S. Main St. But hungry customers looking for the meat market's signature product needed to wait four weeks from opening to get their hands on it.

That product? Dry-aged steaks. Kept behind the counter in its dryer, the butchers at the shop age the filets 28 days before opening the compartment. It's an offering, the butcher shop's owners say, is something no one else offers in the area.

"That's one thing we're trying to do," said Commerce Township resident Lou Ratsos, one of the owners of the butcher shop. "We're trying to give a special experience to the people in the community."

Dry-aged steak takes moisture out of the meat, which can enhance the flavor when cooked. Because of this lengthy process, the price is significantly higher — it begins at \$34.99 a pound — but the staff assures its worth the cost and the wait.

"It pulls the moisture from the meat so it tenderizes it at the same time," said William Cantrell, a butcher at the shop. "The enzymes in the meat start to break the meat down."

Outside of the dry-aged meats, there's plenty to pick from in the display case. In addition to traditional cuts of meat one would normally find in a such a shop, Cantrell and his team continue to craft unique products that can't be found elsewhere.

"Will and the guys are doing gourmet burgers, they're doing sausages, they're doing kabobs," Ratsos said. "When we brought the tomahawks in, those exploded."

The shop also sells plenty of accompanying fare, including buns, spices and sauces.

Open in the former Red Anchor Tattoo shop, Plymouth Prime Meats is one of the few standalone butcher shops in



Butcher William Cantrell puts a section of dry-aged ribeye back in the drying locker June 8 at Plymouth Prime Meats.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the area. Ratsos said the idea came out of discussions with the other two owners, who all met when their children performed in the Walled Lake Central High School marching band.

After realizing they couldn't find a standalone butcher shop in the area besides Village Butcher in Milford and Market Place Meats in Waterford Township, they began looking for a place to open a butcher shop somewhere in Walled Lake.

After not finding anything in that area, they heard about the building on the south end of downtown Plymouth

becoming available. They signed for the space late last year and spent months renovating it.

"We said, 'That's it, we're in,'" Ratsos said.

Cantrell said they've seen a great response from the community since opening, especially those curious about what they offer.

"Business has been well," he said. "We get a lot of foot traffic from the community, which is nice for us."

Those looking to try the dry-aged beef can get a leg up by signing up for email updates on the shop's website,

plymouthprimemeats.com. There, those on the email list will be the first ones notified when a new batch of meat is almost done aging to perfection.

Such offerings are just one way the shop hopes to stand out and become a pillar in the community. Being unique, Ratsos said, is always the goal.

"We're trying to be a little different. We don't want to be Kroger," he said. "We want to try and offer a little higher-end and a little more unique."

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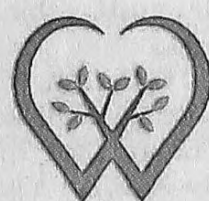


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Website helps Michiganders understand backyard fossils

Emma Stein Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Fossil enthusiast David Thompson has been digging up remnants of the past since he was a kid.

"Back in the '40s, '50s, '60s, kids didn't get taken anywhere," Thompson said. "I mean, not like days now, where parents take 'em to Disneyland or something. Back then, you rode your bike and you looked after your own entertainment. Parents didn't have time for that. So I would go to a few local areas and look (for fossils)."

Thompson, who is a member of a large variety of fossil clubs in the Michigan region (including but not limited to Friends of the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology, North Coast Fossil Club and Dry Dredgers), has been identifying fossils for the general public for years.

Michigan is a hot spot for fossils and wandering upon one in your backyard or near a local river is more common than you might think.

Backyard Fossils, a new, user-friendly webpage at the University of Michigan Online Repository of Fossils, can help with Michiganders' fossil-identifying needs.

"We get a lot of fossil ID requests on a regular basis, usually what people find in their backyards or nearby creeks, so I thought it would be useful to collect the information we already had available in a better, more accessible format," said Jen Bauer, research museum collection manager at the U-M Museum of Paleontology.

Previously, Bauer said, the fossil repository was aimed at experts rather than the general public, making it rather challenging to navigate and understand. Accessibility was her main goal in the creation of the project.

"We had this really cool resource and it was being underutilized because it was set up for researchers and students rather than other people to really engage with it," she said.

Michigan's geological periods

The geological map of Michigan looks a bit like a bullseye, and that's because it used to be a basin filled by an ancient ocean. Sediment accumulated in the basin when the state was underwater, so the majority of the fossils people find are sea-related.

"Michigan is extremely fossil-rich," said paleontologist Joseph "Paleo Joe" Kchodl. "We were once at the bottom of the ancient saltwater tropical sea during the Devonian period some 365 million years ago."

Then, several ice ages came across Michigan, scraping away the dirt and sediment on top of fossil deposits, bringing them closer to the surface and easier to find.

"Up north up north you'll find a lot more of those," Kchodl said. "Any farther south you go, what's prob-



David Thompson, of Ann Arbor, holds up a piece of petrified wood that sits among some of the fossils he has collected. Thompson, who is an avocational paleontologist, is associated with the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

ably happened is the glaciers, when they came across, deposited those things down for the South."

Fossils you might find

Most of the common fossils Michiganders find are Petoskey stones, the state stone, which can be identified by its trademark hexagonal pattern. Petoskey stones existed about 390 million years ago, according to Backyard Fossils. Other corals and coral-like animals include the Charlevoix stone, horn coral, sea sponge and branching coral.

Also commonly found in Michigan, sea lilies like blastoids belong to the same family as starfish and sea cucumbers and existed more than 250 million years ago. They can often be identified by their petal-like shape.

Other fossils include trilobites, which are in the same family as lobsters and crabs.

"If you kind of think about what the Great Barrier Reef might look like today, it's kind of what we looked like back then," Kchodl said. "There was an entire ecosystem that lived here. So you got a chance of finding, you know, corals and crinoids, those things people used to call lilies in the sea, they're actually animals. So basically, the sea was full of life."

Michiganders aren't going to stumble upon a T. rex or any other dinosaurs, but you do have a shot at finding parts of an ice age animal like a mastodon or a mammoth.

Where to find fossils

Anyone can find a fossil in their backyard, but some residents in more rural, northern communities might be more likely to happen upon one. Those in more urban areas just need to know where to look, Bauer said.

On private land, you can collect as many fossils as your heart desires, with permission from the landowner. On state land, however, you can collect up to 25 pounds of fossils per year.

Bauer noted that fossils make us think about time in a very existential way because the time when these creatures were living is outside of our human experience.

Ultimately, she said, she hopes the project can be a place of learning and fun for Michiganders, especially amid the pandemic.

"It's a really easy entry into scientific discipline," Bauer said. "When I was growing up, I didn't realize that it was possible to make a career out of paleontology, and it's certainly not for everyone, but if you can get kids outside and looking at the natural world and thinking about what used to be and how they can start to ask questions about things on a much bigger scale, I think fossils are a really great entry-point to thinking about natural sciences in general. And with the pandemic, it's one of those, safe, outdoor tasks you can do with your family and still learn a bit."

Officer

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County Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Geddis.

He was on probation for a previous conviction of possession of burglary tools, Geddis said.

Jagst worked for the Canton department for 21 years, Canton Township Police Chief Chad Baugh said.

"He was the kindest, most compassionate officer who had ever worn our police badge," he said.

Jagst was an active patrol officer who participated in several special units including evidence technician, training instructor, bicycle unit, and criminal investigations detective.

Baugh said Jagst worked as a school resource officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for several years.

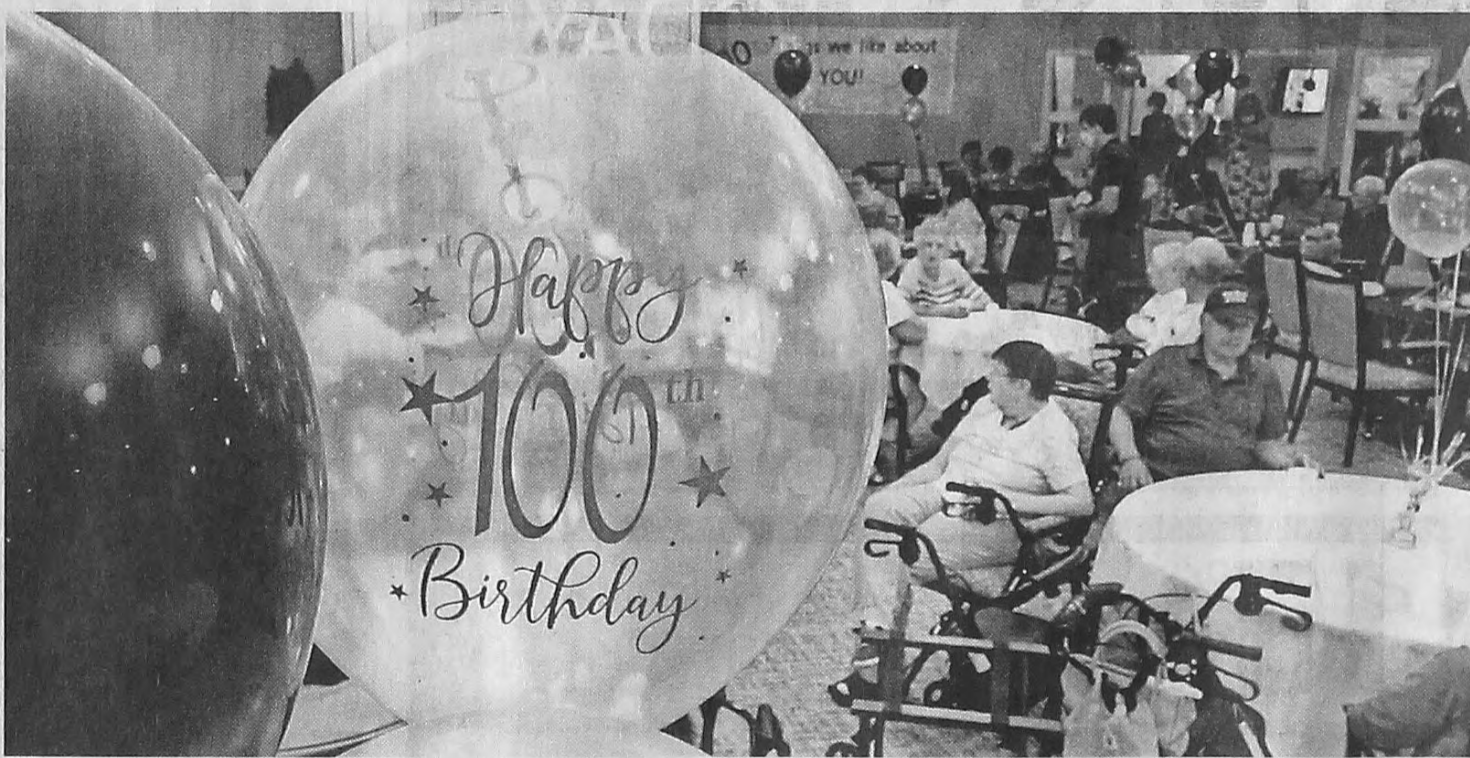
"Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is deeply saddened by the unexpected death of Officer Ed Jagst, who served the students, families, and staff at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for several years as one of our valued School Resource Officers," Monica L. Merritt, superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, wrote in an email. "Officer Jagst made an incredibly positive impact on the lives of countless students and staff during his time with PCCS. He will be fondly remembered for his passionate dedication to our school community, his engaging and fun personality, and his endless commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, every day."

Jagst also served on the department's Honor Guard, standing watch over formal ceremonies for 16 years.

Baugh was Jagst's training officer when he first joined the department.

"Officer Jagst was a remarkable man who was strong in his faith, and was a truly loving husband and father," Baugh said. "He was a shining example of love and service, and our Canton Police family, past and present, consider ourselves fortunate to have known him."

"Our hearts go out to the Jagst family at this time of tragedy."



Balloons announcing the celebrations of the 100th birthdays of residents of Independence Village.

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Centenarians

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suffering life brings, all of the loss they've experienced. I like to say, we sweat the small stuff so they don't have to worry about the hard stuff. They can just enjoy themselves, live their lives.

"We keep them engaged and happy and, most importantly, we give them something to look forward to every day, which is the ticket to longevity for all of us."

Elaine Galbraith, who turns 100 in July, is a retired physical education teacher whose best advice for enjoying a long life is to "stay active in your mind and body."

"When I was young, my family would move to a different place every year because my dad kept getting promoted," Galbraith remembered. "Every new school we went to, my brother would find the bully and challenge him to a fight. It didn't matter if he got beat up or won, the other kids accepted him."

"I'd join everything there was to join; that was my way of getting accepted. By moving as much as we did, I met a lot more people and learned a lot more interesting things than if we'd have lived in the same place."

Galbraith, who listed her favorite TV show as "American Pickers" and her all-time favorite movie as "Some Like It Hot," said her secret to longevity is pretty simple: "I just keep hangin' in there," she said, smiling.

The mother of 10 children, Dorothy Rasmussen grinned from ear to ear when asked if she was ready to blow out 100 candles on her birthday cake.

"No, I don't think so," she said, chuckling, revealing that her kids kept her young.

"My mom has always been such a kind and helping woman; everyone who's known her has loved her," said Phyllis Gerzich, Rasmussen's daughter. "With her spirit, she'll be here at least another 10 years ... it wouldn't surprise me."

All six of the center's centenarians have led compelling lives.

Louis Plant, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 7, was the lead signalman for his ship during World War II, handling the Morse Code blinker light and flag hoist.

The eldest of the residents, 103-year-old Evie Vinton, joined the U.S. Army after losing her husband Frank in a training mission. She took up poetry at a young age and still writes beautiful sonnets to this day.

Jalileh Mansour, who turns 100 Aug. 15, was born in Ramallah, Palestine. She studied math and science in Lebanon before earning a bachelor's degree in Alabama in 1956. She taught middle school and worked as a researcher at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for several years.

Mansour's secret to a long life: "Staying single and living my most authentic, exciting life."

Each of the honorees was presented with a proclamation by Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott before being serenaded by a rendition of "Happy Birthday" by the approximate 50 attendees.

Hall said the previous year was probably the toughest for the facility's residents, who had to endure challenging times created by the safety-first pandemic restrictions.

"By the grace of God and a lot of hard work by our staff, we didn't lose anyone to COVID," Hall said. "We ran a tight ship, there are no two ways about it."

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Enrollment

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But local administrators say last year's steep declines are pandemic-related.

"We anticipate, normally, being down about 100 students," said Andrea Oquist, the superintendent of Livonia Public Schools. "We were also pretty cognizant that last spring, we did have some families that had exited for what they termed to be 'homeschooling.' ...

"We had anticipated being down 200 to 250, and that number did increase to over 500 this year."

Districts like Livonia, however, didn't see the same decline as districts like neighboring Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which lost about 1,000 students last year. Oquist said that might be because Livonia offered an in-person option early in the fall.

"I think part of that was because we

"We'll actually see more of the brunt of that on our budget for this coming year than we did this past year. They really held us harmless this year so to speak."

Andrea Oquist
Superintendent, Livonia Public Schools

indicated pretty quickly and early on that on Oct. 1, we would be back in-person for a full five days," she said. "I think that helped stabilize folks."

Paul Salah, the superintendent of Huron Valley Schools, said the majority of the 600 students the district lost this year chose homeschooling options that would allow their child to go throughout the day mask-free.

"We're talking about a few hundred students who opted to avoid masking,

to avoid all the public health guidance and not wanting to really deal with a regimented schedule," he said. "I think a lot more families chose to homeschool last year."

But, Salah said, enrollment rates in Huron Valley already surpass what they were a year ago. He fully expects the district to recover most of the students it lost.

"It's still early and families who chose to homeschool can really wait until August to re-enroll their kids," he said. "But we've already seen a considerable number of families re-enrolling."

Oquist said her district has already seen a "few dozen" families re-enroll for the next school year. But the district and others plan to contact families in an effort to bring as many students back as possible.

"We really are focused on being sure kids are back in school, whether that is Livonia Public Schools, Woodhaven schools or Wayne-Westland schools," Oquist said. "Knowing over 50,000 stu-

dents did not attend a formal school setting this year really has all of us pulling together."

Part of that desire comes from a need to adequately fund schools. In Livonia, a loss of 500 kids equates to about \$4.2 million in funding. Michigan adapted a "balanced" model to fund schools last year, meaning it was half based on 2019-20 enrollment and half based on 2020-21 enrollment.

Next year, the state will likely return to the 90/10 model it usually uses, based 10% on 2020-21 spring enrollment and 90% on 2021-22 fall enrollment. Oquist and Salah both expressed a desire for the state to use the 50/50 model for just one more year.

"We'll actually see more of the brunt of that on our budget for this coming year than we did this past year," Oquist said. "They really held us harmless this year so to speak."

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Candidates

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Voters in Westland will pick two candidates in the Aug. 3 primary election. The top two vote-getters will move on to the November general election.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each of the candidates seeking information on their backgrounds and platforms. Each question was given a word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

Here's what the candidates said:

Daniel Beier

Beier, 29, is a software engineer and United States Navy veteran. He has never held political office.



"I believe that Westland is in need of new leadership," he said. "We must make a transition to being proactive to attract new families, businesses and return Westland to its former glory."

Beier feels his military background equips him to lead the city.

"I believe that my time served within the military prepared me to lead this city into a better tomorrow; due to my exposure while in charge of the carriers perishable food budget," he said.

People can visit Beier's Facebook page, "Daniel Beier for Westland Mayor," to learn more.

Tasha Green

Green, 45, is a current Westland councilwoman and owns Green Titan Management. Green is finishing her first term on city council and was the first Black woman elected to the board. She is also a Wayne County reserve sheriff's deputy.

"I'm running for mayor because I believe our city wants and needs a change in leadership," she said. "It's time for leadership that genuinely does what's for our families instead of for our own financial gain."

Green thinks her background as a small business owner would help her as mayor.

"I have over 20 years of corporate experience managing large assets and repositioning failing communities and

real estate portfolios to cash flow in very short period of time," she said. "In addition, I am highly skilled in..."

People can visit Green's website, votetashagreen.com, to learn more.

Edward Pruett

Pruett, 39, is a business owner and pastor. Pruett is also active in the community through his work with nonprofit "A Better Westland," and has not held political office.

"I am running because the community's interests have been disregarded," he said. "The community has called for a candidate who will protect their interests, who will work with integrity and who can bring the community together."

Pruett thinks his business background makes him qualified to lead the city.

"20 years of operations, leadership, business experience — I have positioned companies on winning trajectories through standardizing processes and procedures, demanding fiscal responsibility and taking innovative steps to retain/expand growth, keeping the

primary interests first," he said.

People can learn more about Pruett by visiting his website, youareimportantwestland.org.

Bill Wild

Wild, 53, is the city's current and longest serving mayor. He's seeking a fourth term. Prior to holding the city's top job, Wild served on city council.

"Serving as mayor of my hometown has been the honor of my lifetime," he said. "I'm proud of the progress my team has made and there is still much work to be done."

As a longtime office-holder, Wild thinks he's well prepared to keep doing the job.

"I successfully led our city the past 15 years through the recession and the pandemic," he said. "I have a business background, a proven track record, a talented team and the thick skin needed for this job."

People can learn more about Wild by visiting his website, wildforwestland.com.
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Christine Erickson

On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Christine Erickson, loving wife of Eric Mikko, succumbed to her second valiant battle with cancer and passed away at the age of 66. Christine was born on May 3, 1955 in Detroit and grew up in Farmington, MI, graduating from North Farmington High School in 1973. She forged a career in the floral industry, mastering floral design and working for several florists before finishing her career at Country Lane Flowers in Howell, MI, where she made many lasting friendships. In 1998 she married Eric Mikko and joined him in Laingsburg, MI.

Christine was a true crafter. In addition to sewing, jewelry making, drawing, cooking, crocheting, and any other craft that caught her attention, she built a widely appreciated online soap business operated out of her home after retiring from her work as a florist. She was also a genuine animal lover like her husband, taking in strays and doting on them the rest of their lives.

Christine was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Margery Erickson, and brother Howard. She is survived by her husband Eric; sister Natalie and her children Samantha (& Ryan Trietsch), Nick and Tom; stepson Nathan Mikko and his wife Dana; and other extended family members. There will be no funeral service. Donations may be made to your local animal shelter.

David D. Phipps

ANN ARBOR - David D. Phipps, age 83, of Ann Arbor, MI passed away on June 16, 2021. Beloved husband of Karen for almost 57 wonderful years. Loving father of Holly (Richard) and Jennifer (Robert). Cherished grandfather of Tyler, Trey, Tanner, Sophia and Callie. Dearest brother of the late Walter. Services held June 22, 2021 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Livonia & interred at Glen Eden, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Livonia or Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Westland.

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Sue Sobolewski

LIVONIA - Sue Sobolewski, age 82, of Livonia, Michigan passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Sue was born September 12, 1938 to the late Harold and Maxine Ricketts.

Beloved wife of Buck for 63 wonderful years. Loving mother of Terri (Larry) Sobolewski/Korolewicz, Wendy (Randy) Johnson, Kris (Jeff) Kerwin. Cherished grandmother of Ryan, Julie, Natalie, and Blake.

Susie was well loved and will be dearly missed by the many friends she made throughout the years, many of which she met through participation in the Livonia Jaycees. Susie also played and coached women's softball, and was an active member of the Zoning and Planning Commissions for the City of Livonia. She worked as an Office Manager for Signet Printing for 30+ years.

In her spare time, she enjoyed many years traveling up north to Crystal Lake and Indian River. She was an avid fan of both the Detroit Tigers and Lions. You could easily find her out boating, fishing, gardening and finding unique items at multiple art festivals. However, the best times were the ones spent with her loving family and friends.

Sue's family will receive friends for a Memorial Gathering on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152.

Susie's life will be celebrated with a Memorial Service at 11:00am on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the funeral home. The service will be led by Reverend Mark Raitz.

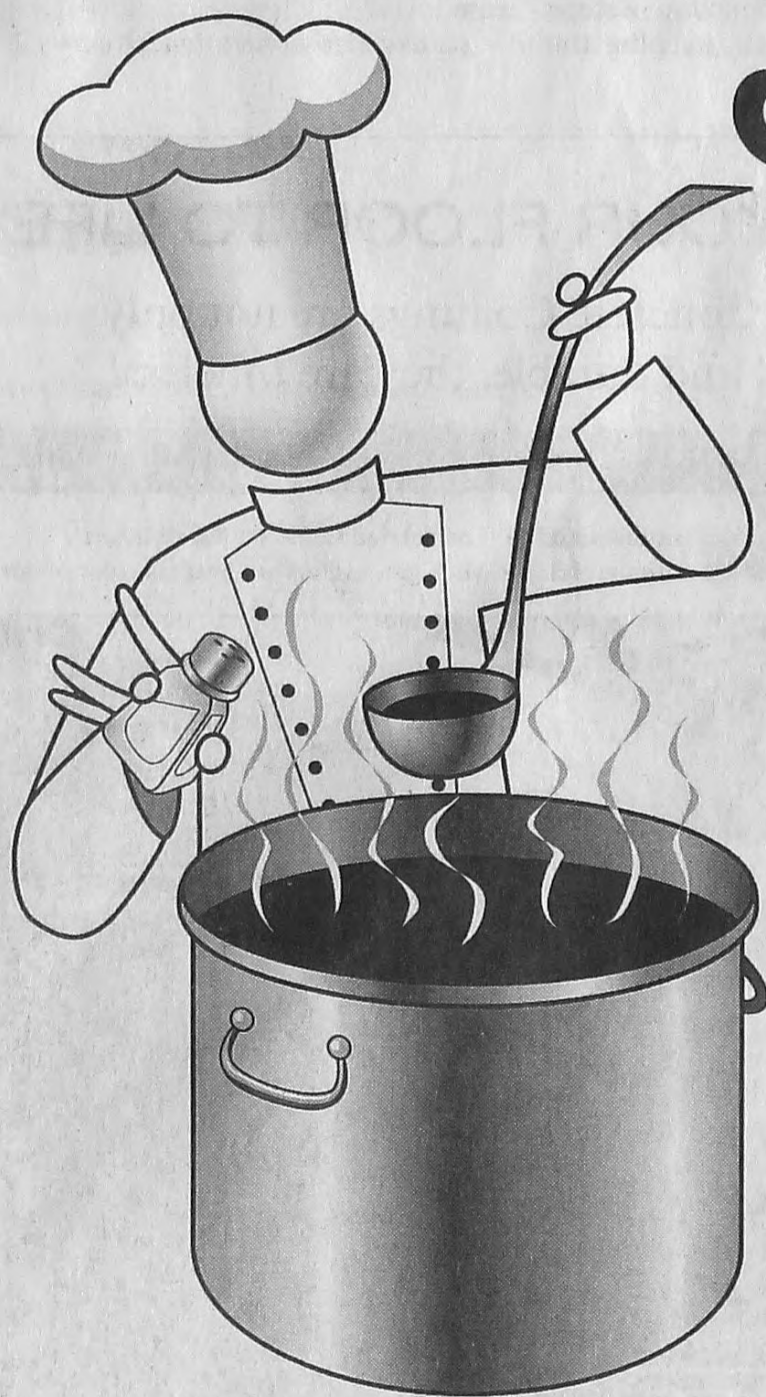
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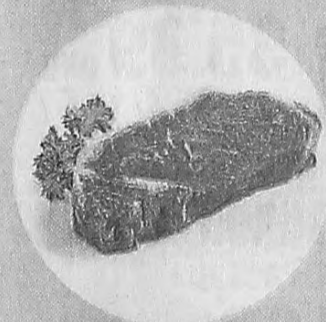
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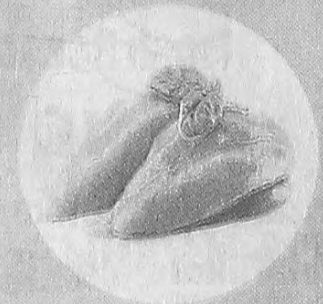
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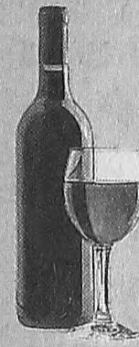
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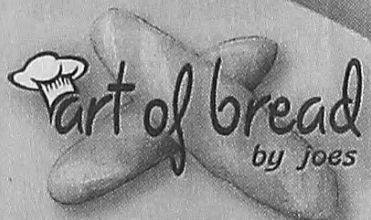
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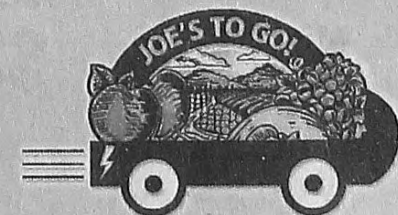
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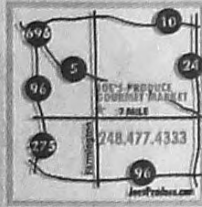
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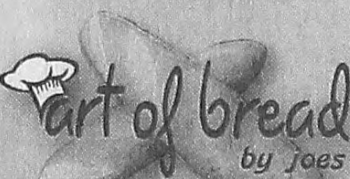
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'We made history'

Marian soccer brings home fourth-straight D2 title

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Maria Askounis gets it. The Marian senior stepped onto the field at DeMartin Soccer Stadium for the Division 2 state final more excited than nervous, welcoming those feelings of adrenaline and pressure instead of pushing them away.

"I live for stuff like this," Askounis said, having been a part of the Mustangs' two state championship wins in 2018 and 2019 and looking for one more

before calling it a high school career.

Marian head coach Barry Brodsky tried to explain to the 12 underclassmen what the feeling would be like in that atmosphere, with everything on the line. But he knew they would just have to experience it. They would have to feel it and respond to it themselves.

Mustangs freshman Elle Ervin felt it. And she got it, scoring two of Marian's (13-3-1) three goals against Spring Lake (15-4-2) for the program's fourth-straight state title.

"We are very fast-acting," Ervin said. "We came in understanding that we are

forming a family. We're not going to be a broken-up age-group team. We're going to be together, no matter what age we are. We play so well together. We were able to come together very quickly."

Facing the Lakers, it didn't take long for Ervin to get going.

The freshman found an opening four minutes in, taking a pass from Audrey Flynn and firing a bullet that hit and went through the hands of Spring Lake goalkeeper Jessica Stewart for the one-goal lead.

But then both offenses went silent. While Marian held the upper hand of-

fensively consistently — ending the contest with a 22-5 shot advantage — the Mustangs failed to convert, keeping Spring Lake head coach Becky May held out hope for a breakthrough.

"They knew what they were up against. Everybody told them before they got here they were going to get killed," May said. That's what they heard all week: "You're going to get killed, you're going to get killed." Then we had a good look at goal, we held them to one.

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Detroit Country Day soccer wins first D3 state title since 2004

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Calihan Bearden had to pick up where Victoria Miller left off.

Miller, a freshman, wanted another look against Boyne City: easily fighting her way down the right side of the field. As she got close, Ramblers defender Ava

Maginity panicked, unsuccessfully bringing Miller down and, instead, holding on for dear life in the box, leading to a foul and a subsequent penalty kick.

Then, it was Bearden's time to shine. The Yellowjackets senior stepped up to the penalty box and, outsmarting Boyne City goalkeeper Maggi McHugh,

See SOCCER, Page 3B

Brother Rice baseball struggles in D1 state semis, falls to Grand Blanc

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If any team was to feel comfortable at the Division 1 baseball state semifinal, it would have been Brother Rice. The Warriors were in their third consecutive trip to the final four, finishing as either a state runner-up or state

champion six times in team history.

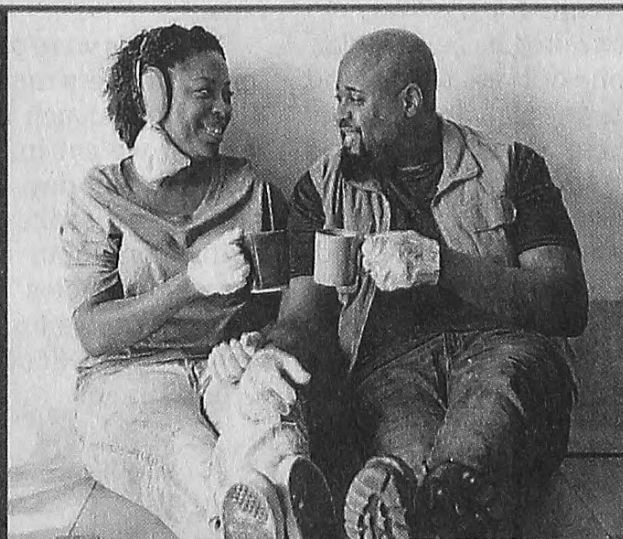
Brother Rice's starting pitcher, John Locker, was in a ballpark that he would soon call his home, taking the mound at McLane Stadium on the campus of Michigan State University, where the senior committed May 19 to play college ball.

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What is NIL, and how will it affect U-M, MSU?

Rainer Sabin

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The college sports world is on the verge of a seismic shift.

The old concept of amateurism that has defined the NCAA model for decades is now in the crosshairs as athletes, politicians and lawyers have joined forces to create change with litigation and legislation.

In recent years, new laws have been passed in multiple states that allow student-athletes the right to monetize their identities and cash in on endorsement opportunities.

But on the cusp of this new age, the landscape remains undefined and questions remain about what the world of name, image and likeness could look like. Here are some answers to pressing questions to help break it all down:

What is NIL?

NIL is an acronym for name, image and likeness. The NCAA, through bylaw 12.5.2.1, has long barred individuals from participating in intercollegiate athletics if they received compensation for endorsing a product or allowing a third party to use their names and images for that purpose.

In recent years, a movement began to change this rule and give student-athletes an opportunity to make money in an industry that generates billions of dollars.

When does NIL take effect?

States around the country, including Michigan, have drafted legislation that would allow student-athletes to receive compensation for endorsements. California was the first to pass a law granting college athletes the right to profit from the commercial use of their identities with its 2019 Fair Play to Pay Act.



Michigan players touch the banner before a game Sept. 10, 2016. RICK OSENTOSKI, USA TODAY SPORTS

The legislation is scheduled to go into effect in 2023. Since then, six states — many in SEC country — have ratified laws set to become operative as soon as next month. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed an NIL bill in December that will take effect on the last day of 2022.

Under the law, athletes will be permitted to enter into endorsement deals and hire agents without facing penalties such as scholarship reductions or threats to their eligibility. However, they cannot sign an apparel contract that conflicts with their school's own deal and must disclose to the school any potential endorsement opportunity at least seven days before committing to it.

How have Michigan, Michigan State reacted?

Several schools, including Alabama and Ohio State, have already launched

programs that specifically cater to NIL. These initiatives help student-athletes enhance their marketability and position themselves to earn endorsement opportunities. Michigan football has hired a staffer in its recruiting department to help players with their personal branding. Michigan State, meanwhile, has appealed to recruits on social media by touting how the program's visibility could help grow their "brand value."

Where does the NCAA stand on NIL?

As this issue has come to a head and new laws have been created, the NCAA has largely remained paralyzed on the sidelines, though the association could, at any time, develop and enact its own NIL policy.

The NCAA has yet to adjust its by-laws, but starting June 22, the Division I

council could take action. Although not directly related to NIL, an antitrust case now in front of the Supreme Court, NCAA v. Alston, is believed to be a major reason why the collegiate governing body hasn't pushed forward its own NIL legislation.

How could players potentially earn money in the future?

There are several avenues for potential compensation set to open: Sponsored social media posts. Personal appearances. Autograph and merchandise sales. Camps and lessons. Product endorsement. The mission of companies like Opendorse, which has partnerships with Ohio State and Clemson, is to find opportunities for athletes to profit off their name and image.

Multiple studies, including a more recent effort by a Temple researcher, found that athletes — particularly women athletes — in nonrevenue sports have profitable social media accounts as well.

What spurred the NIL movement?

Interestingly enough, it started with a video game. Former UCLA basketball player Ed O'Bannon filed a class-action antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA and Collegiate Licensing Company for allowing the use of his likeness in EA Sports' "NCAA Basketball 09."

The thrust of the plaintiff argument was that former student-athletes have the right to provide consent — and be compensated — for the NCAA's commercial use of their image. A California federal district court judge ruled in favor of O'Bannon in 2014, and EA Sports subsequently discontinued its college sports video game franchise.

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Brother Rice took home the Division 2 boys golf title, recording a 580 — 28 strokes ahead of the second-place finishing Flint Powers Catholic — for the championship.

The Warriors have won nine state titles and recorded the program's first win since 2012.

Leon Braisted and David Sass, who led Marian to the Division 3 girls golf title in the fall, are the first coaches in MHSAA history to win state titles with a girls and boys golf team in the same season.

Three of Brother Rice's five placers finished in the top 10, including sophomore Lorenzo Pinili, who placed second with a 139: five strokes behind Pontiac Notre Dame Prep senior Brockton English.

Warriors senior Collin O'Rourke fin-

ished tied for fifth with a 144 and junior Matt Baer finished tied for seventh with a 145.

Detroit Country Day teammates Scott Hanna and Peter Hofley finished tied for 11th with a 148, helping the Yellowjackets to a 12th-place finish as a team.

Brother Rice — first place, 580 (290, 290)

Sophomore Lorenzo Pinili — second place, 139 (71, 68)

Senior Collin O'Rourke — fifth place, 144 (74, 70)

Junior Matt Baer — seventh place, 145 (68, 77)

Senior Patrick O'Leary — 26th place, 152 (77, 75)

Senior Max Brown — 46th place, (77, 81)

Detroit Country Day — 12th place, 636 (316, 320)

Senior Scott Hanna — 11th place, 149 (76, 72)

Senior Peter Hofley — 11th place, 149

(75, 73)

Senior Lucas Krol — 78th place, 170 (84, 86)

Sophomore Arnav Modi — 78th place, 170 (81, 89)

Freshman Vikram Goddla — 100th place, 182 (91, 91)

Division 1

Detroit Catholic Central finished second behind Ann Arbor Skyline, placing three golfers in the top 25 placers. Senior Jack Guerrero led the way for the Shamrocks, tying for eighth place with a 147.

Livonia Stevenson placed 15th as a team, led by freshman Troy Watson, who recorded a 161, and senior Jack Smith, who scored a 163.

Detroit Catholic Central — second place, 603 (297, 306)

Senior Jack Guerrero — eighth place, 147 (72, 75)

Junior Neil Zhu — 13th place, 149 (74,

75)

Senior Joey Per — 21st place, 150 (75, 75)

Junior Peter Stassinopoulos — 38th place, 157 (76, 81)

Sophomore Matthew Mans/Junior Liam Casey — 57th place, 162 (80, 82)

Livonia Stevenson — 15th place, 662 (332, 325)

Freshman Troy Watson — 52th place, 161 (85, 76)

Senior Jack Smith — 62nd place, 163 (83, 80)

Junior Evan Westphal — 71st place, 166 (80, 86)

Junior Nathan Bond — 91st place, 172 (89, 83)

Senior Mark Setfanick — 107th place, 197 (93, 104)

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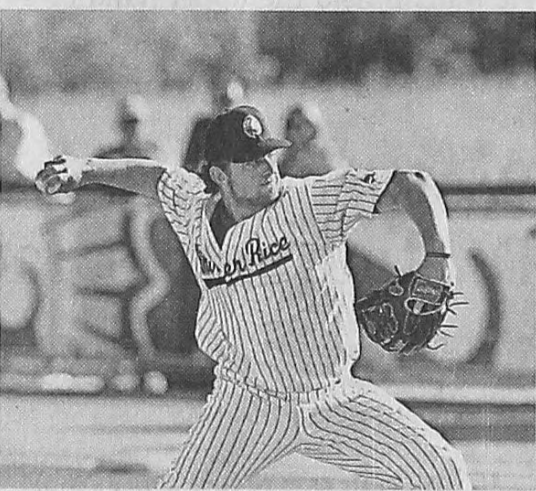
Instead, Locker and the Warriors fell apart against a team to which this was all new.

In its first state semifinal, Grand Blanc (32-11) pounced for four runs in the first inning against Locker, earning a trip to the Division 1 state finals with a 9-1 win against Brother Rice (29-11).

"When you score four in the first and two in the second, we were never in the game from the get go," Brother Rice head coach Bob Riker said. They punched us in the mouth and we could never respond and it was downhill the rest of the way.

Bobcats senior Jonah Meleski laced a 1-1 pitch into the gap, starting off the game with a double and scoring in the next at-bat on a throwing error by Locker. Four hits — including a two-RBI double by Bobcats freshman Nathan Fidelino — and three walks later, the Brother Rice senior walked off the mound with a four-run deficit, facing 10 batters in the first frame and stranding the bases loaded.

"We always bring energy and we just need something to get us rolling," Fidelino said. "I think that double started us



Brother Rice Warrior John Locker came in the game in the final two innings to shut out Livonia Stevenson. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

off strong, and we never held up."

Coming out for the second inning, it was more of the same for the Warriors senior, allowing two singles before Riker took Locker out one into the second inning, ending his day allowing six runs on six hits and three walks, striking out four.

"First thing I told him? 'I have to give them a different look,'" Riker said. "(Locker) said, 'You're right.'"

"He's been good with me the whole four years and... I love my guys. I'll take my guys over anybody. They do what I

ask them to do and they play hard all the time. They are baseball players."

The Warriors offense got one run back in the top of the first, as junior Charlie D'Angelo found home plate on a groundout by senior catcher Will Shannon. But Brother Rice could not seem to solve Grand Blanc junior David Lally, who threw six innings of one-run ball, allowing four hits and one walk while striking out five batters.

The Bobcats offense continued to extend its lead periodically, adding a run in the fourth on a bases-loaded walk by Tim Welsh and two runs in the fifth on RBI singles by Fidelino and Nate Helms. Just like Locker did in the first, senior Blaise Wilcenski and D'Angelo each stranded the bases loaded in the fourth and fifth, respectively.

Brother Rice pitchers allowed 10 walks and 11 hits and stranded 14 runners.

"Our kids were patient up there, looking for pitchers they could drive," Grand Blanc head coach Kevin Hubbs said. "I thought we got in good counts, for the most part all day. The pitches that we saw in the strike zone, we put good swings on them and drove the ball, found some holes."

Riker knows how difficult it is to do what Brother Rice has done in 2021.

Coming into the season, 15 of his 23

players never played a minute of varsity baseball, including seven freshmen and seven sophomores. None were a part of the 2018 and 2019 teams that ended its seasons in the same position.

Riker also knows that through the consistency, his program still has work to do. It still has to get over the hump, having not made a championship game since 2013 and not winning a Division 1 title since 2008.

But to the Brother Rice head coach, having just ended his 23rd season in the role, his approach is the same as it was when he was a player with the team.

"The program that we have now has been a work in progress ever since I was a player back in the '80s," Riker said. "We try to do things right: Treat the players like you treat your own kids and never ask them to do anything you're not willing to do or haven't already done. The last thing? Play and have fun because it's a game, and that's what we do all the time."

Brother Rice finishes its season with 29 wins, only the team's third season since 2012 without 30 victories.

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“And that call killed us. It just killed us.”

Minutes into the second half, Olivia DeConinck took a corner and slowly rolled it into the back of the net for the second score of the game. The referees initially called it a no-goal due to a Marian player who was offside, but, after deliberation, decided said player was not directly involved in the play, confirming the two-goal lead for the Mustangs.

Two minutes later, though, Ervin ensured Marian's victory would not hinge

on that call.

The freshman flew past multiple Lakers defenders, shooting a bullet across her body over the head of Stewart for her second goal of the game.

“Elle clicked on day one. When you get a player like that you go, ‘Thank you very much,’” Brodsky said, pointing to the sky. “She’s one of the most talented players on the team and, without a doubt, one of the hardest workers on the team. When you marry those two together, as a coach you go ‘Oh my goodness, thank you.’”

Coming into her freshman year, Ervin did not really know what her role would be. She knew she joined an established group, an accomplished group that had won 40 games in two seasons together.

But Ervin realized quickly that her services were needed and she had to step up, knowing a streak was at stake.

“I think I got it a long time ago,” Ervin said. “You just know this is the main goal.”

Askounis understands that goal. At the end of her Marian career, the senior took home three Division 2 state titles, losing one as a junior due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But that family atmosphere, something the Mustangs’ eight seniors have developed over the past four years, is something that never leaves.

It makes Marian home.

“What we have done is absolutely incredible,” Askounis said. “It’s something I didn’t think, coming in as a fresh-

man, I would do. It’s something you don’t really dream of, but when it happens, it’s just so awesome. I’m proud of each and every one of them. We played for not only this team today, but the teams we have played with before. We know, wherever they are today, they are so proud of us.

“We made history.”

Since 2000, Marian has won eight Division 2 state titles.

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put the ball to the left side of goal, breaking the scoreless draw and recording the first score of Detroit Country Day’s (17-2-2) 3-0 win against Boyne City (21-2-2) in the MHSAA Division 3 state final.

The Yellowjackets earned its fifth state title since 1991 and the program’s first since 2004.

“Euphoric is the only way to describe it,” Bearden said. “We’ve been waiting so long with this group. We knew it was possible and last year really set us back. But we knew this was the year. It’s awesome.”

Offensive pressure proved to be the one consistency throughout Detroit Country Day’s final match of 2021, outshooting the Boyne City offense, 31-1, while forcing the Ramblers to spend the majority of its day trying to stop the Yellowjackets’ offense, not allowing one single shot on goal.

This was the approach Detroit Country Day had developed over the course of the 2021 season: putting the emphasis on moving the ball quickly and keeping it in the opponent’s half, not allowing any chances to score.

It’s an approach that has worked, averaging nearly three goals per game this season.

“We knew that if we could keep it in their half and keep them on their toes that we would win this game,” Bearden said. “It was really exciting to be able to



The Country Day Yellowjackets celebrate their 3-0 Div. 3 state title over Boyne City. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

prove to everybody that we are very talented and we should win this.”

As the game continued, as the Yellowjackets continued to put pressure on Boyne City, Madison Salzenstein found her chance.

The Detroit Country Day senior and

Gatorade Player of the Year nominee scored both of her team’s second-half scores. But both felt different. The first, Salzenstein said, was setting the tone of the second half of play, encouraging her players to continue to push.

Her second of the day, finished with

8:28 left in regulation, was more of an exclamation point.

“The third one, I knew we were state champs,” she said.

Senior goalkeeper Lila Bienhold and the rest of the Yellowjackets defense continued to stand strong, ending the playoff run without allowing a goal, while finishing the 2021 season with nine goals given up in 21 games.

The Division 3 state final was a familiar game for Detroit Country Day head coach Laura Hamway. She joined the team in 2005, one season after the Yellowjackets recorded its latest championship. Since then, she had led the team to a state title berth four times — most recently in 2015 — but fell to Hudsonville Unity Christian.

However, Hamway knew what she was going to get from her players, having faced and beaten Division 1 state finalist Troy Athens and Division 2 state finalist Marian in the regular season. Her team was ready, and they responded when they needed to.

“It was a familiar setting, but the nice thing was that the girls have never been here,” Hamway said. “No expectations. Although they came in ranked, they were acting like they were ranked: they were coming to grind and respect the opponent.”

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Many national parks are just waiting to be found

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Just about everyone has heard of Yosemite, the Grand Canyon and America's first national park, Yellowstone. The bucket-list destinations draw millions of visitors each year, but there are plenty of less-recognizable national parks waiting to be discovered.

Some of them are hard to reach, such as National Park of American Samoa or Alaska's Gates of the Arctic, the least-visited national park last year, with 2,872 recreational visits. Visitors have to take a boat or seaplane to get to Dry Tortugas in the Gulf of Mexico and Isle Royale on Lake Superior.

Other untapped gems are easy to access, including Congaree just outside South Carolina's capital, Columbia, or Pinnacles, two hours south of San Francisco. And they're perfect for travelers who want to experience the great outdoors without crowds this summer.

"It's pretty quiet," said Elizabeth Jackson, chief of Interpretation, Education and Visitor Services at Guadalupe Mountains on the edge of West Texas and New Mexico. "You can still have outdoor, private wilderness recreation in solitude, and that's getting harder to find."

She prefers to think of Guadalupe Mountains as "lesser known" instead of lesser visited, noting that hundreds of hikers climb Guadalupe Peak daily.

"There are endless things for one to discover," Jackson said. "The most special thing about our park is all of the different ecosystems within the park. We have the sky islands of the Bowl. We have the dunes on the western escarpment. We have canyons. We have springs, which are kind of like a little oasis. And in the lower portions, it's just



On isolated Isle Royale National Park in the middle of Lake Superior, every trail is a remote trail.

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Bald cypresses in Congaree Swamp National Park, South Carolina.

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straight up Chihuahuan Desert. There's something for everyone."

That's all in one park. There are 63 national parks in the U.S. and 423 national park sites overall.

20 least visited national parks in 2020

- Voyageurs 263,091 visits
- Carlsbad Caverns 183,835
- Virgin Islands 167,540
- Channel Islands 167,290
- Pinnacles 165,740
- Guadalupe Mountains 151,256
- Great Basin 120,248
- Congaree 119,306
- Kenai Fjords 115,882
- Denali 54,850
- Katmai 51,511

- Dry Tortugas 48,543
- North Cascades 30,885
- Wrangell-St. Elias 16,655
- Kobuk Valley 11,185
- Isle Royale 6,493
- Glacier Bay 5,748
- Lake Clark 4,948
- National Park of American Samoa 4,819

Source: National Park Service

For perspective, the most-visited national park, Great Smoky Mountains, saw more than 12 million recreation visits last year. Yellowstone was a distant second with more than 3.8 million visits, but that's more than the least-visited 20 combined.

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- 22 Well-practiced pieces
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- 42 Affirms as true
- 43 Oration station
- 44 With 46-Down, held together with a plumbing adhesive
- 46 See 44-Down
- 47 Fill with love
- 48 Consign to an inferior rank
- 50 "Glass half full" outlook
- 52 Announce
- 53 Sector
- 54 Uses a wok
- 55 Bowl over
- 57 Alero's make
- 62 — Center (Brooklyn arena)
- 63 World Cup sport
- 66 Electrojet particles
- 68 Lorna of literature
- 70 Sol followers
- 71 Hydroxyl compound
- 73 Corners on the market
- 75 Hook up (to)
- 77 Hawk's nail
- 78 "Game of Thrones" actress
- 79 Lime discard
- 81 Bygone, quaintly
- 84 — Lingus (carrier to Dublin)
- 87 Announce
- 90 One of the Ewings on "Dallas"
- 92 Even choice
- 94 One on in-line skates
- 95 Acting king
- 96 Heads off
- 98 Rio — (mining company)
- 100 Fishing bait
- 101 Of a pelvis bone
- 102 Three-time Grand Prix champion
- 104 Roast rod
- 105 Colombian cash
- 106 William Saroyan's "My Name Is —"
- 108 Deck in a boxing ring
- 110 Korbud on a balance beam
- 111 Loaf end
- 112 Musical "Auntie"
- 114 Rabid fan
- 115 Hitter Gehrig
- 117 Whale pod

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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!

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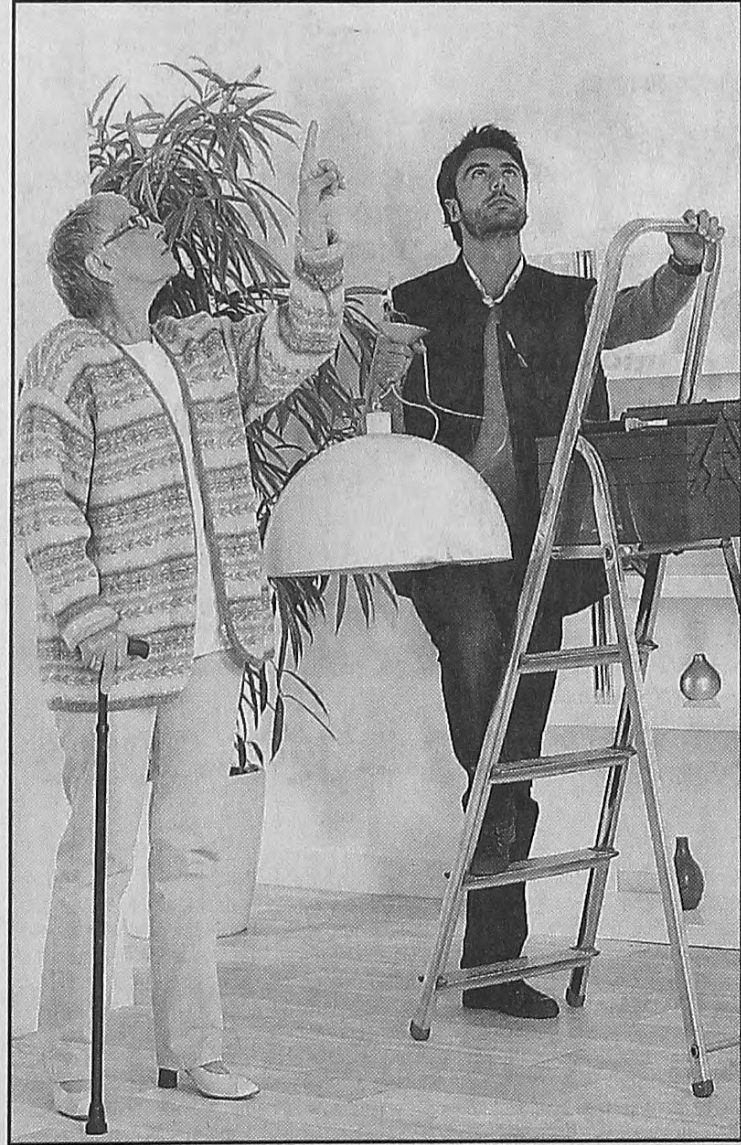
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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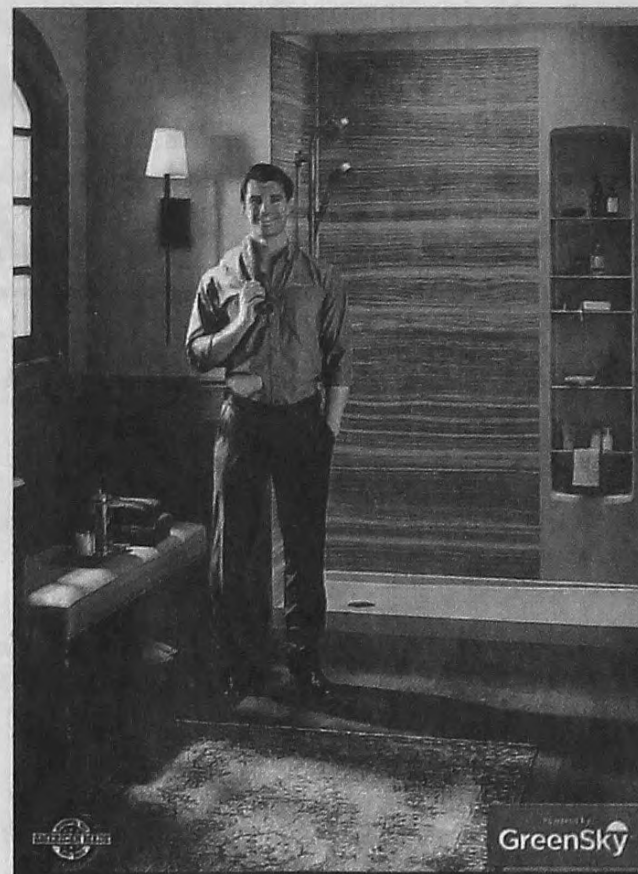
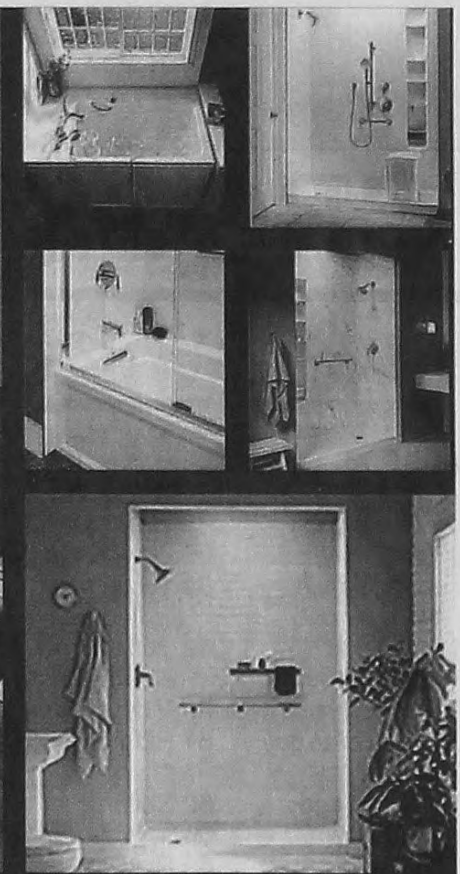
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