

Westland police turnover highest in region

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Ex-cop Joshua Scaglione says he's making good money again.

He's in sales — an ostensibly far stretch from the police work he did for the Westland Police Department until he was terminated in 2019.

Scaglione started a new career after numerous police departments ignored his applications after leaving Westland.

"I'm great. I make great money," he said. "I work phenomenal hours. My life, I enjoy it without the politics.

"But do I miss my career in police work? Absolutely... There won't be a day that goes by that I don't miss putting on

a uniform and serving."

Recent years rife nationally with notable police misconduct incidents and talk of poor morale in law enforcement agencies, locally Westland has seen more department-initiated staff turnover than some neighboring agencies.

The city terminated six sergeants, officers and police service aides from the

start of 2017 to the end of July.

Nearby Canton Township experienced one police termination and Redford Township experienced two during the same time period.

Farmington Hills, a bit farther north and with more officers than Westland,

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The IKEA at 41640 Ford Road in Canton Township is the only IKEA in Michigan and draws shoppers from near and far.

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Elected officials in Livonia get pay raises

Council declines 'hero' bonus payout for itself

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Livonia council is ready for a pay raise for the first time since 2017, but its members don't see pandemic "hero" bonuses as appropriate for themselves as well.

Council reviewed proposed pay raises for all the city's elected officials at a Nov. 22 meeting. The proposal, created by the Local Officers Compensation Commission, gives pay increases to the city's elected officials — council members, clerk, treasurer and mayor — over the next two years. Raises will take effect after the new year.

Council took no action on proposed raises, 3% in 2022 and 2% in 2023, meaning the raises will take effect in January.

The mayoral pay bump will give Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, who makes \$130,687 now, \$134,609 in 2022 and \$137,300 in 2023. Clerk Susan Nash and Treasurer Lynda Scheel, who both earn \$89,944 now, will make \$94,441 in 2022 and \$97,274 in 2023.

Council's raise will take members from \$17,270 to \$17,788 in 2022 and \$18,144 in 2023.

The council president — Jim Jolly will assume that role as the top vote-getter in the November election — gets a slightly larger bump that will put him 10% above council's pay. President Kathleen McIntyre currently makes \$18,519, and Jolly will earn \$19,566 in 2022 and \$19,958 in 2023.

McIntyre suggested the larger raise to the Local Officer Compensation Commission, saying the council president handles significantly more work than the other members. The president runs meetings, sets agendas and serves as mayor pro tem.

"I thought it was important that the difference in the work be noted and codified," McIntyre said.

Councilwoman Laura Toy, who previously served as council president, agreed with McIntyre.

The commission also proposed pandemic "hero" bonuses for officials similar to those approved for city staff in September. Brosnan, Nash and

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Eight in-state holiday shopping destinations worth the road trip

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With early shopping already underway, Michigan businesses are ready to welcome eager shoppers looking for a deal. There are plenty of local shops to check out across the state if you're looking for the perfect gift for your special Michigander, and even some Michigan-themed gifts for the out-of-state wannabes in your life.

Check out these places across Michigan that are worth a day trip:

IKEA, Canton Township

Ford Road in Canton Township may be daunting for those not used to the busy five-lane roads of suburban Detroit. But as people across the state can attest, there's a big reason why so many will trek to western Wayne County, especially when it's time for holiday shopping.

For those willing to venture along Interstate 275, there's plenty to reward holiday shoppers at Michigan's lone IKEA store, located at 41640 Ford Road.

The Swedish store is known for its sprawling showroom of furniture, including couches, dining room tables and bedroom sets. Those looking for the ultimate gift can even buy an entire kitchen remodel. Be ready for a wait, though: It's a popular destination, attracting people from all over to shop under the blue and gold Nordic cross.

While you're in town:

Looking for local flavor? The Take-out Box, Famous Hamburger, Samosa

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Restaurant, retail plan pitched in Farmington Hills

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A piece of undeveloped property along 12 Mile in Farmington Hills could see some development under a proposed plan under review by the city's planning commission.

The proposal for the property — located at the corner of Corporate Drive between Drake and Halsted roads — would take the land that's currently occupied by vegetation and amend a previously-approved planned unit development to allow for such commercial business to take place there.

"What they're proposing to to amend the PUD to permit retail and restaurant uses," said Joe Tangari of Giffels Webster, the planning firm utilized by the city. "Retail and restaurant uses are currently not permitted in the

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but for the holidays, it will open an hour earlier and close an hour later. On Black Friday, the shop will offer 15% off every merchant's collection and give away a free cup of cocoa with every purchase. The sale will run through the holiday season and end on New Year's Eve.

Migardener, Port Huron

"If someone is into gardening, we're basically the place to be," said Luke Marion, who owns Migardener in downtown Port Huron with his wife, Sindy.

The store has over 750 different vegetable seeds and almost any garden tool you can imagine. Marion's aim is to provide a curated experience customers can't get at a big box store, he said.

Migardener started out as a YouTube channel in 2011 and as of early November had 966,000 subscribers.

Marion started the channel out of a passion for connecting people to where their food comes from.

The store sells seeds, fertilizer, tools, garlic bulbs, a book Marion wrote to help people grow their own food and more.

Migardener plans to move to 1426 Oakland St. in St. Clair. Marion hopes to be in the new space in December. People can follow the store on Facebook, subscribe on YouTube and contact the business at (810) 300-8845 or contact@migardener.com.

While you're in town:

Visit Port Huron Museums. There are four Port Huron Museum sites to choose



Migardener at 227 Huron Ave. in downtown Port Huron. BRYCE AIRGOOD/TIMES HERALD

from, including the Huron Lightship and the Thomas Edison Depot Museum.

Check out Raven Café. Part Hogwarts and part "Cheers," this bar and café is stocked with books, eccentric and macabre art, a full espresso bar, rotating microbrews, a cocktail lounge, nine soups, free Wi-Fi and more.

Southern Michigan's Heritage Trail

The journey along the Heritage Trail, which runs near Hillsdale and through Coldwater and Sturgis, might be as interesting as any single destination.

The trail runs for about 50 miles be-

tween Hillsdale and Sturgis. It takes about an hour to drive, but you'd miss a lot whipping down the highway toward one destination. Between the two cities are the towns of Jonesville, Allen and Quincy, each offering their own worthwhile attractions.

Start your journey in Hillsdale, five miles south of U.S. 12. Home to Hillsdale College, the town's annual influx of students helps its downtown support a variety of interesting shops.

Head five miles south to Jonesville and you'll find Power's Clothing, family-owned since 1890. Selling Carhartt clothing since 1892, they're the oldest

Carhartt dealer in the U.S. Olivia's Chop House and Rosalie's Roadhouse offer unique but very different dining experiences.

Further west on U.S. 12 is Allen, the self-proclaimed antique capital of Michigan. A cluster of vintage and antique shops, barns and malls dominate the village and outskirts verifying the claim. Lucy and Nellie's, a lake cottage shop, is among the mix. The Outpost Grille, surrounded by antique barns, offers comfort food in a homey atmosphere.

Quincy, next on the map, sits on a chain of five lakes from Marble Lake to Coldwater Lake. Downtown you'll find Refuge Coffee Shop, 10 East Treasures and Book Haven among other shops and restaurants.

Coldwater, the largest town on the trail, is at the intersection of I-69 and U.S. 12. A new addition to its downtown is Two Bandits Brewing Co. Housed in the old Kerr building, the Ohio-based brewery makes beer on-site and serves a range of food. Kerr memorabilia decorates the walls and a motorcycle serves as the base for one of the tables.

About 25 miles from Coldwater is Sturgis. Its revitalized downtown offers a variety of shopping. Willer's Shoes, Craftman's Daughter and Sportsarama sell specialty clothing, while Open Door Art Gallery, York Mercantile and Designs by Vogt's offer unique home decor. Olive Fresh draws in foodies with its selection of oils and vinegars, and Five Lakes Coffee sells coffee brewed from their freshly roasted beans.

Break up the shopping with some recreation at the Sturgis Historical Museum at the Depot, which houses an impressive model railroad set and a gift shop of all things Sturgis.

Raises

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Scheel, as full-time city employees, will receive a one-time \$1,000 bonus.

Council, which is a part-time body, is set to decline the \$500 bonuses suggested for its members at a future meeting. Councilman Rob Donovic made the motion to decline, stating council shouldn't be considered "heroic."

"While I appreciate the work of the commission and appreciate the sentiment... knowing how many people lost their jobs during this pandemic and knowing how many people would have loved to have been working, I'm embarrassed by the notion of taking 'hero' pay as an elected official," Council Vice President Scott Bahr said.

Council felt bonuses for Brosnan, Nash and Scheel were appropriate because those offices required continual in-person work and interaction with the

public throughout the pandemic. City council primarily met by virtual means in 2020.

Members were, however, receptive to giving "hero" bonuses to the city's part-time temporary workers who worked more than 500 hours last year. The 29 people who qualify serve in roles including bus drivers and reserve police officers. The part-timers will receive the same \$500 bonus other part-time city employees have.

Fourteen of the city's Community

Emergency Response Team, CERT, volunteers will also receive a \$50 gift cards as a "hero" bonus for volunteering for more than 50 hours last year. CERT volunteers played a big role in running the city's COVID-19 vaccine clinic, where the administration estimates one in five residents received their vaccine.

"They did an excellent job, obviously," Toy said. "Thank you so much."

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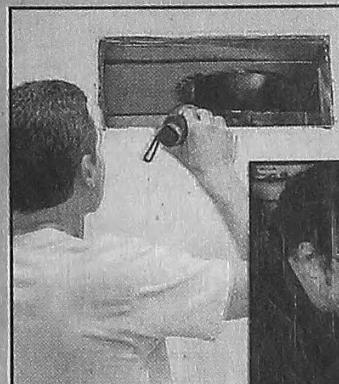
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Podcast examines crimes of serial killers in Michigan

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It's hard to argue the fascination so many people have with serial killers, but Jenn Carpenter believes it's rooted in our need to understand their psychology. Their crimes are often "the worst of the worst," she said, and rarely make sense.

"What drives a person to not only kill another human, but to do it over and over and over?" Carpenter said.

For more than three years, Carpenter has researched and shared what she learns about Michigan serial killers on her true-crime and paranormal podcast "So Dead."

Nationally, serial killers such as Ted Bundy and Jack the Ripper are notorious and a few of those, such as Aileen Wuornos and John Norman Collins, have Michigan roots.

Ironically, Carpenter said she knows more about Michigan's lesser-known serial killers. When she researches their crimes for "So Dead," it's the tiny nuances, the details few people know that she hones in on.

Carpenter likes to tell those stories, usually late at night in her pajamas, while she records new material for her podcast. "So Dead" boasts almost 80 episodes.

"The parts of the stories that get overlooked in the grander headlines are the parts that I like to find and bring out and focus on," Carpenter said. "If I can't find out something new about it, I'm not going to tell it."

Here's a closer look at five of Michigan's serial killers, some better known than others.

Aileen Wuornos

Aileen Wuornos is likely among the most widely known serial killers with Michigan roots, Carpenter said, for two reasons.

First, she was one of the first known female serial killers in the U.S.

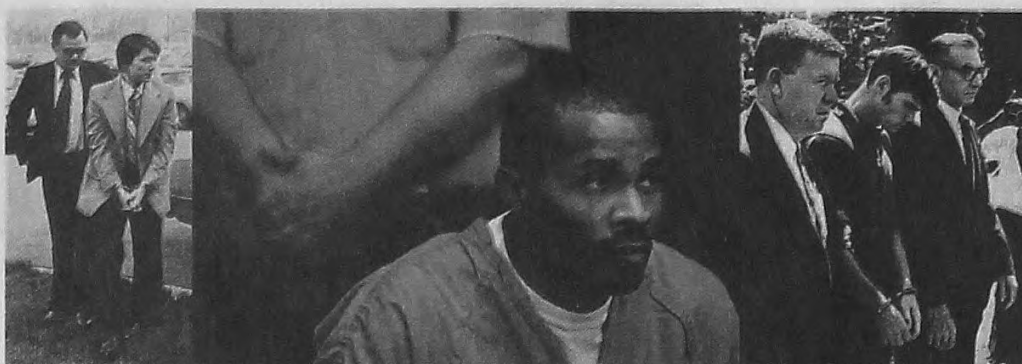
Second, Wuornos' life and crimes gained widespread recognition in 2003 when Charlize Theron portrayed her in the critically acclaimed film "Monster."

Wuornos was executed in 2002 at age 45 after being convicted of murdering one man and pleading guilty to murdering five others — all in Florida. She admitted to killing a seventh man but was never tried for his murder.

Wuornos was born in Rochester, Michigan, when her mother was 16. She never met her father, Carpenter said, who killed himself while serving time in prison.

Wuornos was raised by her grandparents, who were abusive, Carpenter said, and kicked her out of their house when she was still a teenager.

"And she was living in the woods be-



PHANTOM SNIPER—Gary Addison Taylor, 28, of Detroit's suburban Southfield Township, who police say may be the "Phantom sniper" who has terrorized four Detroit suburbs since Christmas. Taylor was arrested last night after a wild shooting spree in which two girls were wounded, others shot at, and houses hit. (AP Wirephoto)

From top left, Michigan serial killers Don Miller, Matthew Macon, John Norman Collins, (from bottom left) Aileen Wuornos and Gary Addison Taylor. FILE PHOTOS

hind the house and doing sex work as a teenager to support herself, Carpenter said.

Wuornos traveled the country and ended up in Florida. She met the men she killed along the state's highways while offering to exchange sex for money. She killed them between 1989 and 1990.

At trial, Wuornos claimed she committed the murders in self defense. One of the men she killed, Richard Mallory, had previously served more than a decade in prison for sexual assault, according to Biography.com.

Wuornos spent more than a decade on death row, later insisting during the filming of a documentary that she didn't kill in self defense but with the intention of robbing the men.

Carpenter said there's reason to doubt the change in Wuornos' story.

"There was a point where she thought the camera was off and she admitted to the director that she really did kill them out of self defense, but she was so tired of being on death row."

John Norman Collins

Some know John Norman Collins, now 74 and serving a life sentence at Ionia Correctional Facility, as "the Ypsilanti Ripper," or "the Co-Ed Killer."

Collins grew up in Michigan. The seven women he killed between 1967 and 1969, most in and around Ypsilanti, became known as "the Michigan Murders."

Some people call him Michigan's Ted Bundy, but Carpenter points out that Collins killed his victims before Bundy killed any of his.

"It's kind of ironic, but he was a handsome, clean-cut, college student," she said. "He was in a fraternity at Eastern Michigan (University), he was majoring in elementary education."

"Those who didn't know Collins well then described him as nice, polite and respectful," Carpenter said.

The women and girls he killed ranged in age from 13 to 21.

"Most of them were last seen alone at night, walking down the street," Car-

pen-ter said, and most of their bodies were found mutilated and naked.

"He very much reveled in his crimes," she said, and was known for returning to several places where he had left the bodies of the women he murdered.

Collins was eventually arrested and convicted of murdering Karen Sue Beineman, 18 and an Eastern Michigan University student.

In a letter to a Detroit Free Press reporter who'd requested an interview in 2019, Collins denied his guilt, writing, "I felt somewhat obliged to at least give you a brief response since you have been kind of a 'PAIN IN THE ASS' with your persistence. lol"

In recent years, Collins had "revealed disturbing new information that confirmed some of law enforcement's decades-old suspicions," according to Michigan State Police detectives, the Free Press reported.

Matthew Macon

What's long surprised Carpenter about Matthew Macon is that his name isn't well known.

"I think, for me, the thing that stands out about his story is that unless you lived through it, you don't know it," she said.

Macon grew up in Lansing, killing seven women in the city between 2004 and August 2007. Now 42 and incarcerated at Macomb Correctional Facility, his crimes hit close to home for Carpenter, who grew up in the same part of the city.

Macon had an extensive criminal record dating back to 2001, before police linked him to the 2004 death of Barbara Jean Tuttle, 45, who was bludgeoned to death, according to coverage in the State Journal.

After he was arrested in 2007, Macon admitted to killing six women, including Carolyn Kronenberg, 60, a professor who was beaten, strangled and raped, then found in a Lansing Community College classroom in 2005.

Claude McCollum, an LCC student, was charged and convicted for the crime but later exonerated.

Macon confessed to killing six women during an eight-hour interview with police, which Carpenter obtained through a records request and watched in preparation for a podcast episode about Macon's crimes.

"It was detailed," she said. "What he used, how he did it, why he did it, if there was a why."

"I get pleasure off pain. ... Theirs. ...," Macon told police, according to March 2010 article in the State Journal. "No. I ain't never hurt myself. I just like to see fear in people face."

In 2008, he was convicted of killing two women and assaulting another. He is serving a life sentence.

Don Miller

How does a serial killer who murdered four women and assaulted a 14-year-old girl and her brother end up with a prison release date of May 2031 and multiple chances for parole over the years?

East Lansing serial killer Don Miller, now 66 and a prisoner at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson, is unique because of it, Carpenter said.

Miller, a graduate of East Lansing High School, killed four women between January 1977 and August 1978.

The first, Martha Sue Young, had been engaged to marry Miller but ended their relationship just before she disappeared. He killed the others — Marita Choquette, a 27-year-old editorial assistant at WKAR-TV, 21-year-old Wendy Bush and Kristine Stuart, 30 — in the 18 months after Young disappeared.

Miller also raped 14-year-old Lisa Gilbert and attempted to kill both her and her 13-year-old brother Randy in their family's Delta Township home.

An indictment against Miller in Ingham County on second-degree murder charges in the deaths of two of his victims never made it to trial.

Miller pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter in exchange for leading police to Young's and Stuart's bodies. He later revealed details of Choquette's and Bush's deaths.

Peter Houk, a retired Ingham County Circuit Court Judge who was an Ingham County prosecutor in the 1970s, said there simply wasn't enough evidence to get a conviction. There was nothing linking Miller to the only body they'd found, Choquette's, he said.

In 1994, prison officials found a garrote, a strangling device made from a shoestring and barrel buttons, in Miller's cell at Kinross Correctional Facility in Chippewa County. A jury convicted him of possessing a weapon in prison, adding another 20 to 40 years to Miller's sentence.

Miller was last denied parole in the spring, his ninth chance since he was first incarcerated.

Gary Addison Taylor

It's believed that Gary Addison Taylor, now 85 and incarcerated at Washington State Penitentiary, didn't start killing women until 1972, but he started attacking them when he was a teenager.

Taylor moved from Howell to Florida with his family after he was born, where he committed "the bus stop phantom attacks," bludgeoning about a dozen women at bus stops during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Taylor was arrested but acquitted, then moved back to Michigan.

In late 1956 and early 1957, while living in Southfield Township, Taylor shot 16 women and girls over a three-month period in and around Detroit, earning

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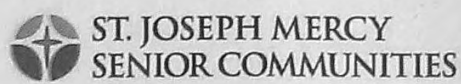
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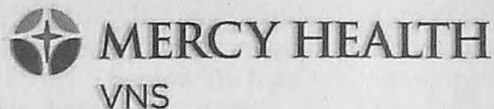
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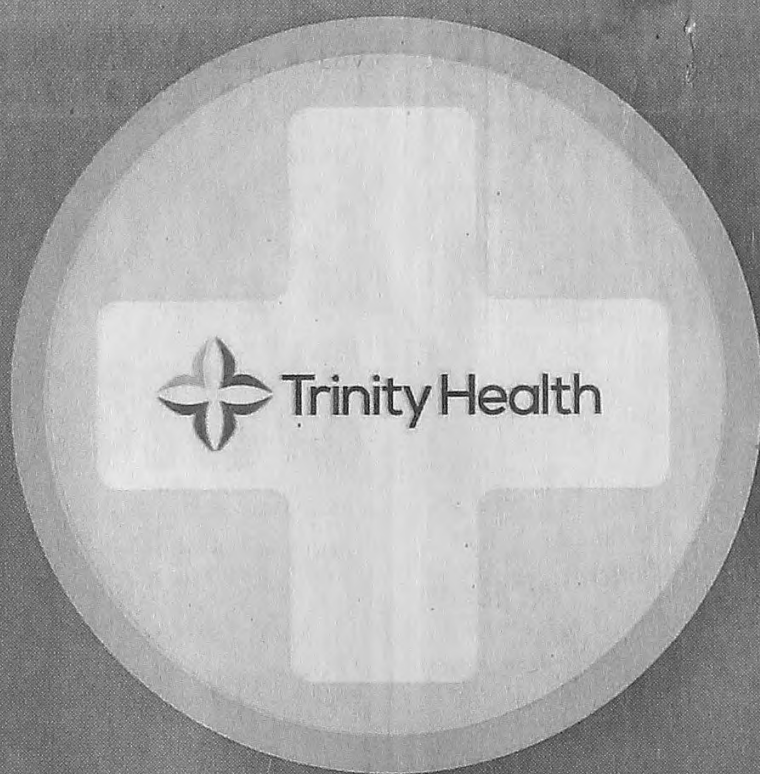
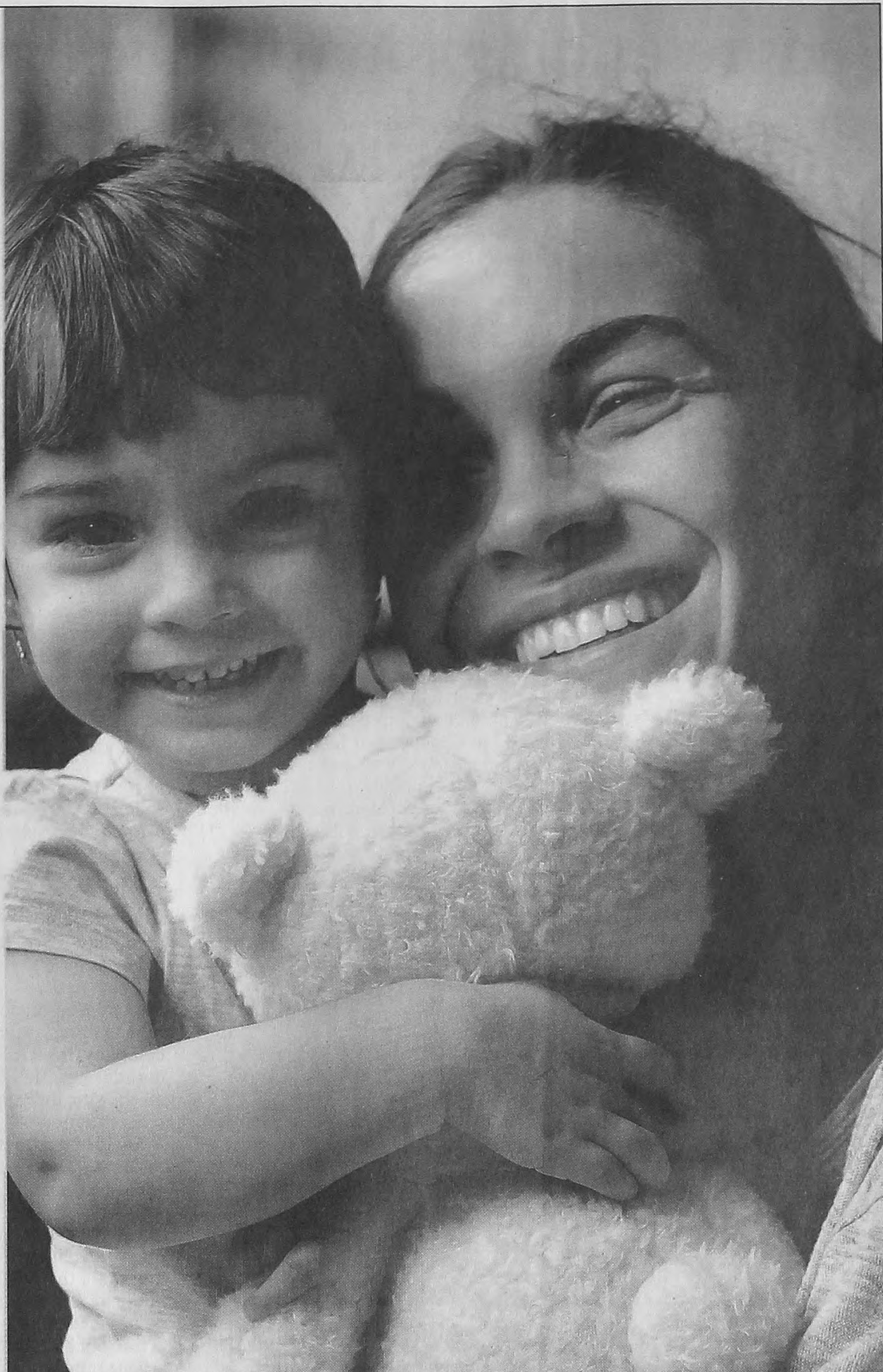
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Understanding today's stock market

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I recently hosted a Zoom webinar for the Lyon Township Public Library on today's stock market. I talked about a number of issues driving the market today such as inflation, labor shortages, and supply chain issues.

I also talked about the importance of understanding that the stock market and the economy are two different things. The stock market does not always reflect the economy and neither does the economy always reflect the stock market.

A perfect example of this would have been last year. By all accounts, last year was not a very good year for our economy. Our gross domestic product fell by 3% percent. Unemployment soared last year and even by the end of the year, there were still millions and millions of Americans unemployed. In addition, the government spent hundreds of billions of dollars in stimulus payments, and tens of thousands of small businesses closed throughout the country.

On the other hand, the stock market

had one of its best years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average showed a nearly 10 percent total return, the S&P 500 was up over 18 percent and NASDAQ up 45 percent.

In understanding the differences between the stock market and the economy, one of the major differences deals with small businesses. Your typical small business is not reflected in the stock market since their stock is not listed on any exchange.

I should also add that nearly 50 percent of Americans work in small businesses. Most times the stock market and the economy move in the same direction; however, that is not always the case.

During the webinar, I also discussed the importance of rebalancing portfolios. Unfortunately, the great majority of investors don't rebalance regularly. Rebalancing your portfolio brings it back to its original asset allocation after market fluctuations.

For example, if when you establish your portfolio you wanted to have 25 percent of your portfolio in large cap U.S., and today your portfolio contains 35 percent, when you rebalance, you reduce your exposure to large cap U.S. by 10 percent and invest that 10 percent in something that's underweight.

However, you just can't set up a portfolio once with the right allocations and let it go. You rebalance occasionally to bring the portfolio back in line with your intended allocation. By having the discipline to rebalance your portfolio at least once or twice a year, you substantially increase the likelihood of success.

When rebalancing, you are typically selling winners and then turning around and buying investments that have not done as well. Rebalancing is actually the practice of selling high and buying low. As far as I'm concerned, when you do this, you're on track for success in the stock market.

In managing your portfolio and deciding how to invest your money, don't focus on the economy. Rather, your main focus should be on your individual goals and objectives, and your risk tolerance levels. By using the aforementioned as a guide as opposed to focusing on the economy and its direction, I believe you will be much more successful.

Good luck.

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the nickname "the Phantom Sniper of Royal Oak."

None of the women died, and Taylor was arrested in February of 1957, after "a wild shooting spree," according to coverage in The Herald Press.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor William Lang said Taylor confessed to the shootings, the paper reported.

"I just had an urge to shoot at women," Taylor told Lang.

According to author Michael Newton's book, "Hunting Humans: An Encyclopedia of Modern Serial Killers," Taylor spent more than a decade in psychiatric hospitals before being released. In 1973 he stopped showing up for mandated medical appointments.

Between 1972 and 1975, Taylor murdered at least four women, burying two in the backyard of his home in Onsted before moving to Washington.

After he was arrested in Houston, Texas for sexual assault in May of 1975, Taylor confessed to killing four women in three states.

Carpenter said some of Bundy's victims were, at one point, blamed on Taylor, who police believe killed at least 20 women.

"He hated, hated, hated women," Carpenter said. "That was his motive."

Plan

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PUD per the agreement and they're not permitted in the underlying zoning, either."

Tangari said if it was the determination of the planning commission that the changes were minor that it could amend the plan on its own. If they were considered major, it would have to get approved by the city council.

The issue was taken up by the planning commission during its meeting held Nov. 18 at Farmington Hills City Hall.

The proposed plan is something some commissioner recognized: Commissioner Barry Brickner remarked he



Property along 12 Mile in Farmington Hills could become the home for commercial redevelopment.

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remembered the planning commission reviewing something similar years ago. Tangari said that was just a study session to discuss potential plans for the site with no movement.

"At the time, no action was taken to

amend the PUD," Tangari said. "Yes, you have essentially seen this before."

Tony Antone, executive vice president of Bloomfield Hills-based Kojian Management Corporation, said his company inherited the parcel several decades ago. He said they've since built on the site, including the current Motorola structure.

He said due to its small size, his firm believes the changes are minor and could be granted by the planning commission.

"We had this very unique, 2.5 acre piece that is surrounded by concrete and water that really lends itself more to being an amenity to the park, which is what we're aiming to do here," he said. "From our standpoint, 2.5 acres of 134 is a very minor deviation from this PUD. We believe that the planning commis-

sion has the authority to do this on accessory uses."

There was no word on what type of retail or restaurant business could locate in the space if the changes are approved. Antone said the businesses they've inquired with have said to get the changes approved before committing to the space.

The city's attorney, Thomas Schultz, said because of the change of use, the adjustments would be considered major and would need additional approvals from the city council in the future.

"This is the principal use and it's not permitted under the PUD right now," he said. "That's the reason for it being a major amendment."

The commission voted to take the matter up during a public hearing at a future meeting.

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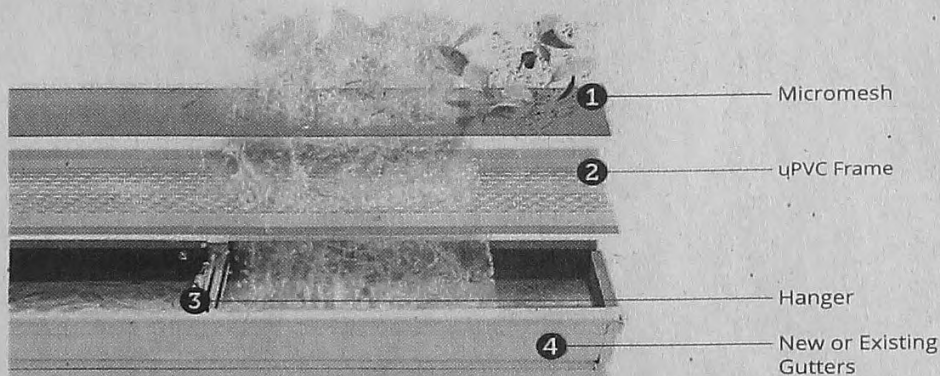
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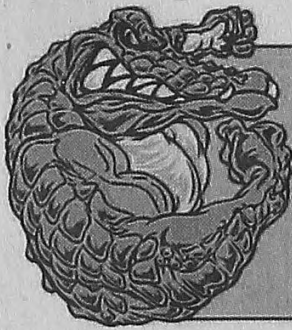
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Michigan was home to 6,000 POWs during WWII

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At their November meeting, the American Association of University Women members learned about a little-known chapter of American history. Greg Sumner gave an interesting presentation about the German prisoners of war housed in Michigan during World War II.

AAUW is an organization of well-educated women which supports lifelong learning and educational and professional opportunities for women through scholarships and grants. Monthly meetings and many interest groups provide enriching experiences for members.

"When my husband heard about the topic of our AAUW meeting, he was surprised. He did not know that this part of history existed," Rita Dates said. "Sumner reinforced the idea that Americans had compassion and showed humanity, even some families that had experienced the loss of loved ones."

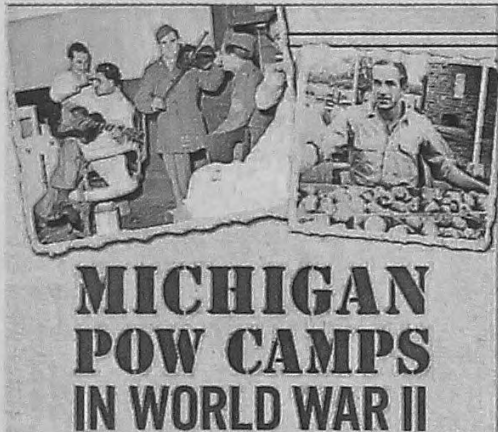
Sumner is a professor at University of Detroit Mercy and chair of the history department. He has been a Fulbright scholar and has written four books on historic topics. The subject of his talk was his book "Michigan POW Camps in World War II."

He has researched the topic thoroughly, visited camp sites, read articles of the time, and interviewed people involved. This background research resulted in fascinating detailed descriptions.

As the Allies captured more than 225,000 German prisoners after the victory in Africa, there was an enormous problem of how to accommodate them. France and England were unable to help. Military leaders noted that ships which delivered war materials were returning to the United States empty and could accommodate the POWs to return to the United States, which was experiencing a tremendous labor shortage.

Following the rules of the Geneva Convention on treatment of prisoners the men were transported to the United States.

They were treated well and well fed. As they approached Boston and New York the men were amazed to see them



Gregory Sumner's book "Michigan POW Camps in World War II."
PHOTOS COURTESY OF GREGORY SUMNER

standing. German propaganda had published news that the cities had been demolished in bombing attacks.

Upon arrival the men were deloused and given inoculations prior to boarding trains. Another interesting phenomena occurred when men were transported south. Unaccustomed to great distances, some men thought the trains must be moving in circles.

Michigan legislators requested that POWs be sent here to help with labor shortages.

The Michigan POWs were transported to Fort Custer and disseminated from there to 32 mainly rural locations all over Michigan. Over 6,000 prisoners came 1943-1946.

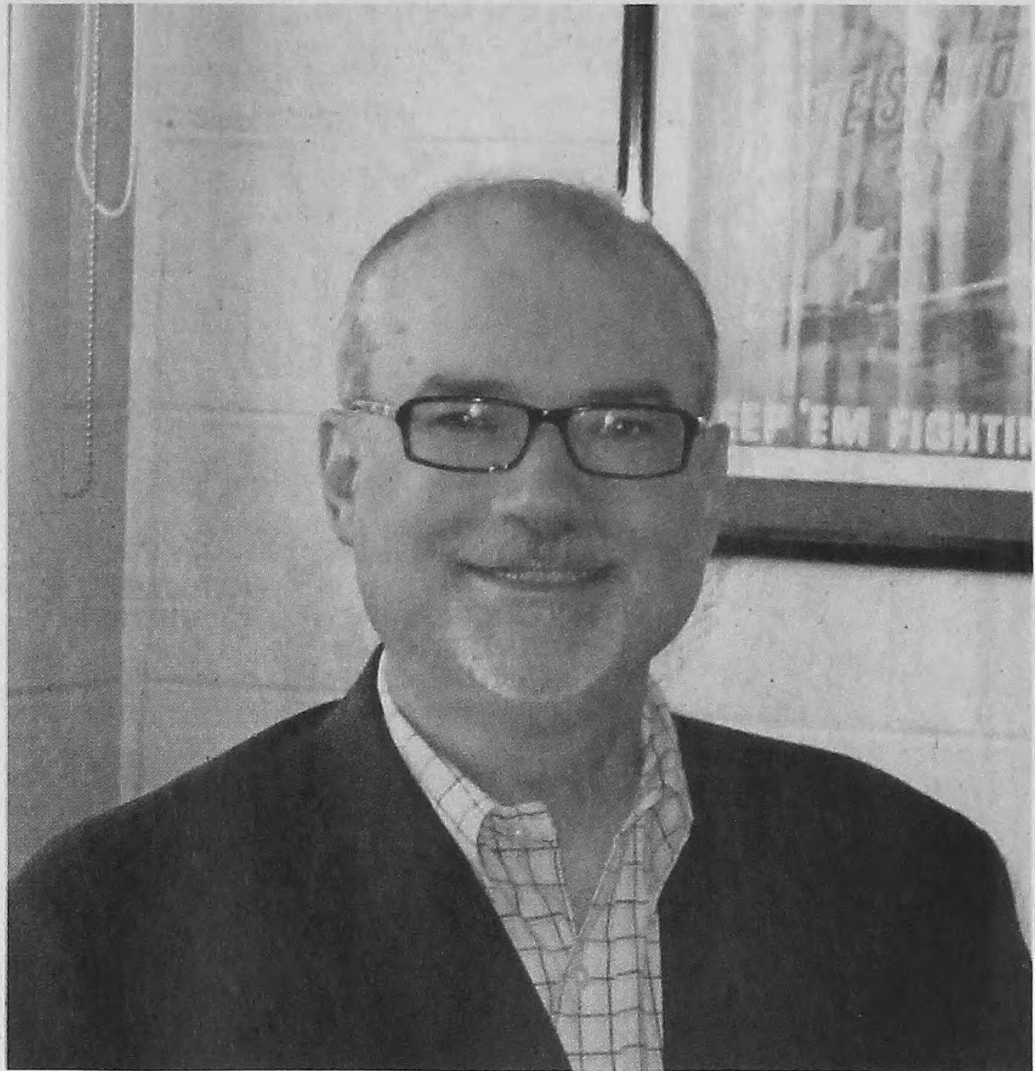
Most were 19-21 years old. They did not work in military-related manufacturing jobs. Most were agricultural workers planting, tending crops, harvesting fruit and sugar beets, lumbering, working in paper mills, and copper mining in the Upper Peninsula.

Some Italian prisoners were housed at Fort Wayne and on the state fairgrounds.

They were happy to be here and worked on parks, road building, and building the Detroit Public Library.

The program received little publicity as officials were concerned about public reactions. The workers were paid \$.80 a day in scrip and could use the money in camp stores.

Typically infirmaries were set up in camps and the areas were surrounded by barbed wire fences and guarded.



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Farmers picked up their workers each day.

Many friendships developed between the POWs and Americans. Sometimes churches invited the POWs to worship and attend meals. Some romances developed. Later, after the war ended, American friends sponsored their return to America to become citizens.

One third of the prisoners eventually chose to return to America.

In their leisure time many prisoners used their talents to do musical presentations, read, develop English language skills, and play games. Their soccer games drew crowds of spectators in some camps.

A tragedy occurred when a flatbed truck carrying 16 POWs and a guard

stalled on a railroad track. All of them were killed.

Authorities showed their humanity and organized a funeral with full military honors for the victims.

An audience member, Kathy Stasys, recalled, "Sumner drove to many camp sites all over Michigan."

"It is interesting that many of these sites are in what are now popular vacation areas which we visit, little knowing about their history," Kathy Stasys, one of the attendees at the presentation, said.

"Dr. Sumner was informative, charming, personable, and he researched well. He engaged with the audience and made this history lesson very interesting," Cindy Longhway summarized.



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Sue M. DeGroat

FINDLAY - Sue M. DeGroat, 97, of Findlay passed away at 5:40 a.m. Saturday, November 20, 2021, at The Heritage, Findlay. She was born on December 22, 1923, in Trenton, TN to the late Joel and Minnie Etta (McConnell) Milligan. She married Joseph H. DeGroat on February 5, 1954, and he preceded her in death on May 20, 1999.

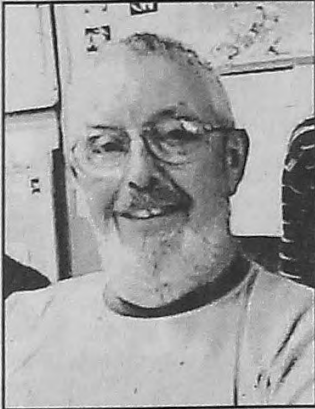
Sue is survived by her children: Alida (Roy) Hause of Findlay, Joel DeGroat of Dallas, TX and Jacqueline (Jason Rice) DeGroat of Brooklyn, NY; sister, Martha Lee Davenport of Cookeville, TN; grandchildren: Amber, Jacob, Katie, Kris, Sally, Joseph and Theo; great-grandchildren: Isabella, Alexander and Carter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; step-mother, Naomi; and a brother, Carl Milligan.

Sue was a graduate of Humboldt High School, where she was a member of the 1941, County Championship Basketball Team with her sister. She was a member of the Birmingham First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, MI, where for 40 years she had been active in United Methodist Women, delivered flowers to shut-ins, volunteered with the Senior Citizens Group, and helped run the church rummage sale. Throughout her life she had also lived in Pennsylvania and Michigan. She enjoyed gardening, family trips, volunteer work, cooking southern food and her dogs. She and Joe loved traveling, going on cruises, and had been on trips to 3 continents.

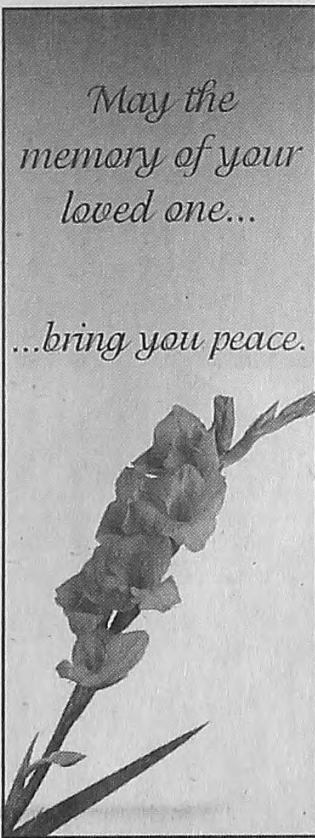
A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 26, 2021, at COLDREN-CRATES FUNERAL HOME, Findlay, where visitation will be held 1 hour (10-11 a.m.) prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple Street, Birmingham, MI 48009. Online condolences may be expressed at www.coldrenrates.com.



John Lee Monteith

John Lee Monteith, 86, of Gould City, MI passed away November 16, 2021, in Manistique, MI. Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be posted on their website at www.fausettfh.com.



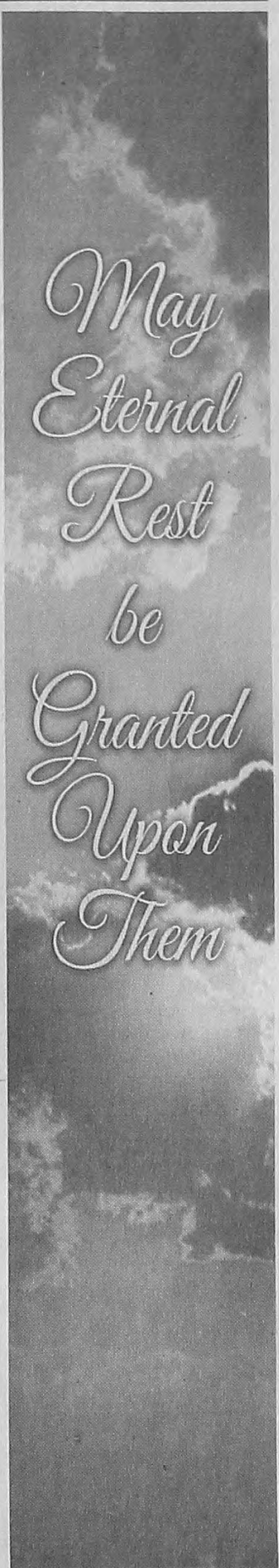
Evelyn Cora Roth

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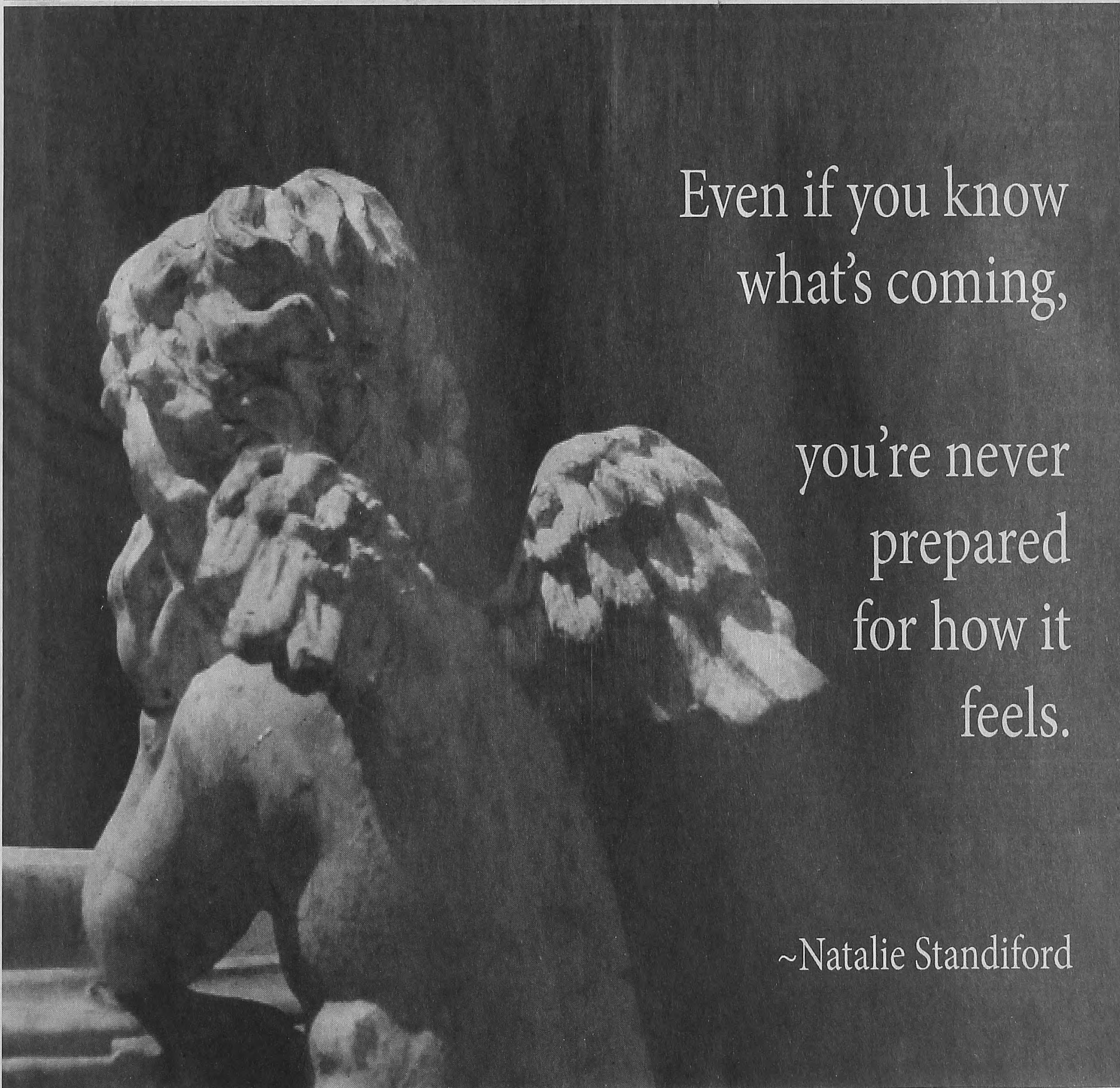
Evelyn C. Roth, age 100, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Kingston, Sylvania, Ohio. Evelyn, daughter of Clarence and Ruth Clingaman, was a native of Elmira, Ohio, and lived most of her life in Toledo.



A lifelong Lutheran, she was an active member of Memorial Lutheran Church in Toledo, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Michigan, and most recently King of Glory Lutheran Church in Sylvania, Ohio. Evelyn was preceded in death by beloved husband Carl, her sisters Helen and Bonnie, and daughter Brenda Kunkel. She is survived by son Larry and daughter-in-law Clarice; son-in-law J. Clyde Kunkel; daughters Karen, wife of Michael Slepchuk and Tamara, wife of Rick Perdue; granddaughters Jody Beckley, Laura Duplain, and Alexandra Perdue; grandsons Yuri Slepchuk and Johnathan Perdue; and great-granddaughters Lauren and Kate Beckley, Ella and Gwen Duplain, and Emma Perdue. Evelyn was the salutatorian of her high school class and a basketball player. Totally devoted to her family, Evelyn provided a loving, stable home for her husband and children. She was a hard-working homemaker, with many friends and no enemies. Leading in a quiet way, she was elected President of her community Garden Club in Michigan, President of the King of Glory Lutheran Women's Guild, and foreman of a jury in a Toledo murder trial. Evelyn loved children. When her own left the nest, she worked for 17 years in the preschool program at her church. She and Carl enjoyed exploring the world in Europe, Great Britain, Canada, China, Australia, Japan, Africa, Carribean Islands, Greece, Turkey, the Holy Land and may places within the United States. A celebration of her life will be held at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6517 Brint Road, Sylvania, Ohio, 43560, at noon December 4, 2021. A visitation at the church preceding the service will begin at 11:00. Memorial gifts may be made to King of Glory Lutheran Church. Online condolences to reebfuneralhome.com




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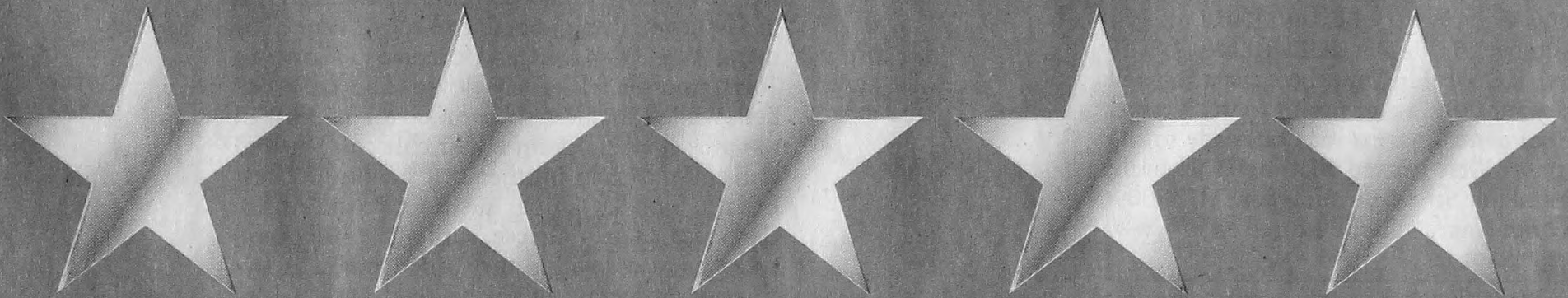
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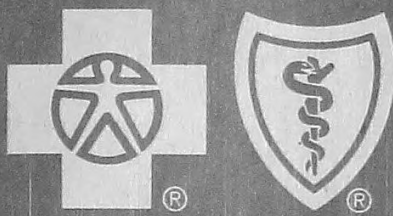
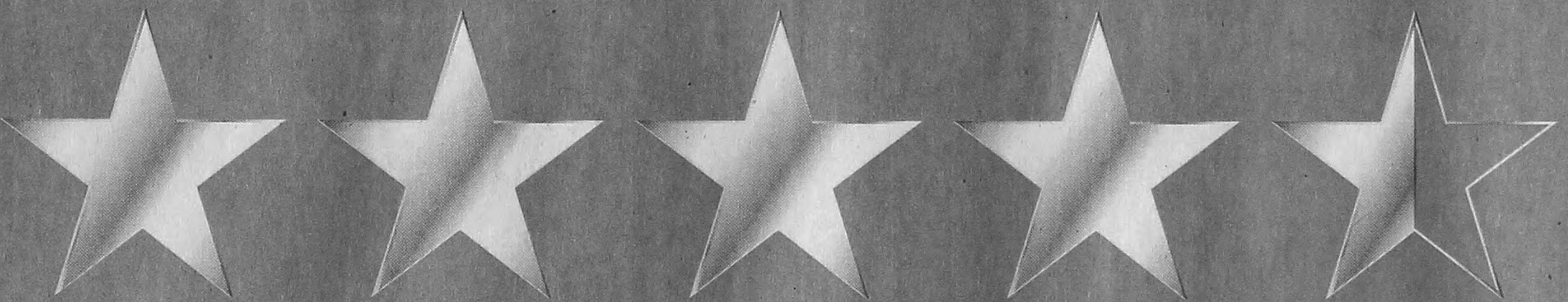
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SPORTS

Birmingham Seaholm swim team brings in 3rd straight state title

Wright Wilson Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

After winning state championships the last two years, one would think there wouldn't be much more for Birmingham Seaholm to accomplish. However, the Maples upped their game even more while delivering a three-peat this weekend at Oakland University.

Seaholm won all three relays, had an individual champion, and scored points in every race but the butterfly to win the Division 2 title going away. The Maples amassed 314.5 points, well ahead of Grosse Pointe South (241), Grand Rapids Northview (191) and Fenton (154).

"It's different because we definitely had more individuals get more higher placements, and then we won the three relays, so that was really special," said Samantha Clifford, who anchored the Maples' victorious 200 free and 400 free squads. "There were a lot of unexpected wins and people moving up in places. It was just really fun watching everyone do so well."

Seaholm gained attention for winning its 2020 state championship without having any individual event winners, but Clifford reached the top rung Saturday by touching the wall first in the 100 free. Her winning time of 51.02 seconds is under consideration for All-American honors.

"I've always wanted to get first in an individual event, it's been a goal of mine, and just having the chance to do it as a junior was really exciting," she said. "I've been working really hard, especially over the summer, and doing things outside of just swimming so being able to see how it pays off was so exciting."

Besides winning three gold medals, Clifford also had a runner-up finish to Portage Northern's Hannah Williams in the 200 free. But Seaholm consistently showed they are a much deeper team.

Katherine Stanley, Kelley Hassett, Lauren Louwers and Clifford took down the Maples' record in winning the 400 free relay (3:29.43).

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Franklin's Zac Olesuk rushes past Warren De La Salle's James Milkey III on Nov. 20 during the Division 2 state semifinal.
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Franklin falls in semifinal to Warren De La Salle, 49-14

Ben Szilagyi Special to Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Standing on the field at Hazel Park wasn't a given for Livonia Franklin. It was earned, and that's why the last looks were so painful.

Some tears were shed and heads hung low. But despite losing to Warren De La Salle, 49-14, in the Division 2 semifinal Nov. 30, the Patriots can hold their heads high because they weren't supposed to have come this far.

"It's like I told them, it's all based on... even when we were playing poorly, we never stopped working," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We never had those days where guys just didn't want to show up anymore and not work to get better."

"Every day, we did get better. It's a cliché, but this group was the cliché. We kept getting better every week. And once we started winning, they started believing and that flipped the switch for us."

After a rough start to the season, the Patriots (7-6) only had two wins, one of which was due to a forfeit. Many teams would have called it a season right then and there.

But not Franklin. Instead, the team looked inward. The players took ownership of the program and vowed to be better. After the Livonia Stevenson game, a 28-12 win, senior quarterback Zac Olesuk

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Hartland hockey gets balanced scoring in season opener

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

LIVONIA — A team learns more playing tough games than winning by the mercy rule, but there was some value for Hartland in a 10-0 two-period rout of Livonia Franklin on Nov. 19 at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"I think there's plenty we can take away from tonight's game," coach Rick Gadwa said after the Eagles' season opener. "It's the first game of the season, so we're early into implementing some system stuff. It's good to see the team get into a game and start to attempt to execute on the things you've been working on."

The KLAA is one of the toughest

hockey leagues in Michigan, but Franklin is a struggling team that will probably finish at the bottom. The Patriots have been outscored 20-1 in their first two games by Howell and Hartland.

Franklin got to the midway point of the first period before Hartland scored. Once Jack Paweski opened the scoring at 8:28 of the first, the floodgates opened. The Eagles scored their first four goals in a 3:07 span.

Hartland scored six goals in the second period, including two shorthanded goals. A running clock was triggered when the Eagles scored their eighth goal with 7:14 left in the second and the game ended after two periods.

Ashton Trombley had two goals and two assists, Paweski and Brendan Pieti-

la each had two goals and one assist, Lucas Henry had a goal and two assists, and Brady Balagna had three assists for Hartland.

"We want to make sure we do our best this season at trying to spread the scoring around," Gadwa said. "If we play a certain way and how we feel we can create some offense, anyone can score. That's how we want to play. Those kind of teams are hard to play against and hard to plan for."

Hartland outshot Franklin, 37-4.

Hartland's Ashton Trombley had two goals and two assists in a 10-0 victory over Livonia Franklin on Nov. 19.

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Notre Dame Prep volleyball sweeps Detroit Country Day

Brenden Welper Port Huron Times Herald
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Pontiac Notre Dame Prep volleyball team wasn't at full strength.

But it played at full throttle.

The top-ranked Fighting Irish defeated Detroit Country Day, 3-0, in a Division 2 quarterfinal Nov. 16 at SC4 Fieldhouse.

"It was a great team effort today, and I'm very proud of the kids," Irish coach Betty A. Wroubel said. "I don't know that 24 hours ago if we thought this would happen."

A day before, Wroubel wasn't sure if Alyssa Borellis and Sophia Sudzina would be available. Both were nursing minor injuries.

"I have a couple of kids that were very, very courageous out there," Wroubel said. "(Borellis and Sudzina) did it for the team. They went out there and knew that if we were gonna have a shot, we needed them and their leadership



and what they can do with the ball."

After Notre Dame Prep won the first set, 25-15, Sudzina went on a 3-0 run of her own early in the second. The outside hitter recorded back-to-back kills and a tip to give the Irish a 6-4 lead. Her run was part of a larger 6-0 tear that put NDP in front, 9-4.

But then Serena Nyambio led Coun-

try Day back into the game. The senior middle blocker was everywhere. She delivered spikes, blocks and assists in a flurry helped the Yellowjackets turn a 15-9 deficit into a 22-22 tie.

Yet the Irish held on to take the second set, 25-23. Then it was Josephine Bloom's turn to shine.

"How about her as a libero?" Wroubel

said. "And her serving and what she brought to us?"

Bloom led Notre Dame Prep on a 10-0 run early in the third set that shut the door on the Yellowjackets. The senior's back-to-back service aces made it 11-7 and forced Country Day to call a time-out.

She recorded a third ace during the run and gave Notre Dame a 14-7 lead.

"I (got) into a comfort zone, a comfortable serving point," Bloom said. "We've been working on serving a lot at practice because we know we're a shorter team compared to most. I just felt super comfortable back there."

The Irish went on to win the third set, 25-18.

They remain undefeated in sets this postseason at 15-0.

"We keep saying that we just want to keep working hard enough that we get to play one more day, practice one more day and play one more game," Wroubel said. "And that's been our mantra."

Franklin

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noted that practices began becoming more intense, mistakes were lessened and improved upon and the team came together. The Patriots improved on offense and more explosive plays were opening up on the field.

A switch was turned on.

"The confidence came with the Stevenson game," Kelbert said. "You just saw them not give up. We started our playoffs against Stevenson. If we lost, we were done. We just had to keep going. It was win and continue, lose and stay home."

What also gave the coaching staff confidence it could make a semifinal run was what they saw in the Belleville game.

"We were just much more competitive in that game," Kelbert said. "Belleville is just so talented, but I saw fight in our kids. I saw them go out there and battle. Even though we lost that game, you started to see the glimpses of them being able to compete against superior teams."

Fast-forwarding an undefeated De La Salle, there were times Franklin looked outmatched, even when it was down, 21-0, after the first quarter.

But in a span of two minutes, things changed.

De La Salle scored again for a 28-0 advantage. But on the ensuing kickoff, junior Tyler Garret returned the ball 85 yards for a score to make it 28-7.

After another Pilots' TD on the next drive, Franklin's offense ignited again when Olesuk found fellow senior Brandon Reinten on a post route for a 52-yard touchdown to cut into the lead, 35-14, with five minutes to play in the half.

The Pilots ultimately were too much on offense, as De La Salle always had an answer to sulk the game away when it needed to.

After Kelbert dismissed younger players from the post-game huddle, he called his senior class in for some final words. Twenty-four players who added to a winning legacy at Franklin. A group of players who took this program to the final four for the third time in its 59-year history.

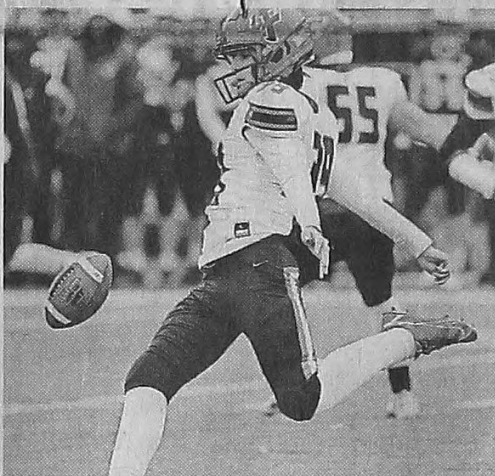
Through some watery eyes, Kelbert thanked them for their time at Franklin and for the change in the season that led them here.

"It wasn't easy. There are guys in this



The Franklin team takes the field Nov. 20 before facing Warren De La Salle in the Division 2 state semifinal at Hazel Park.

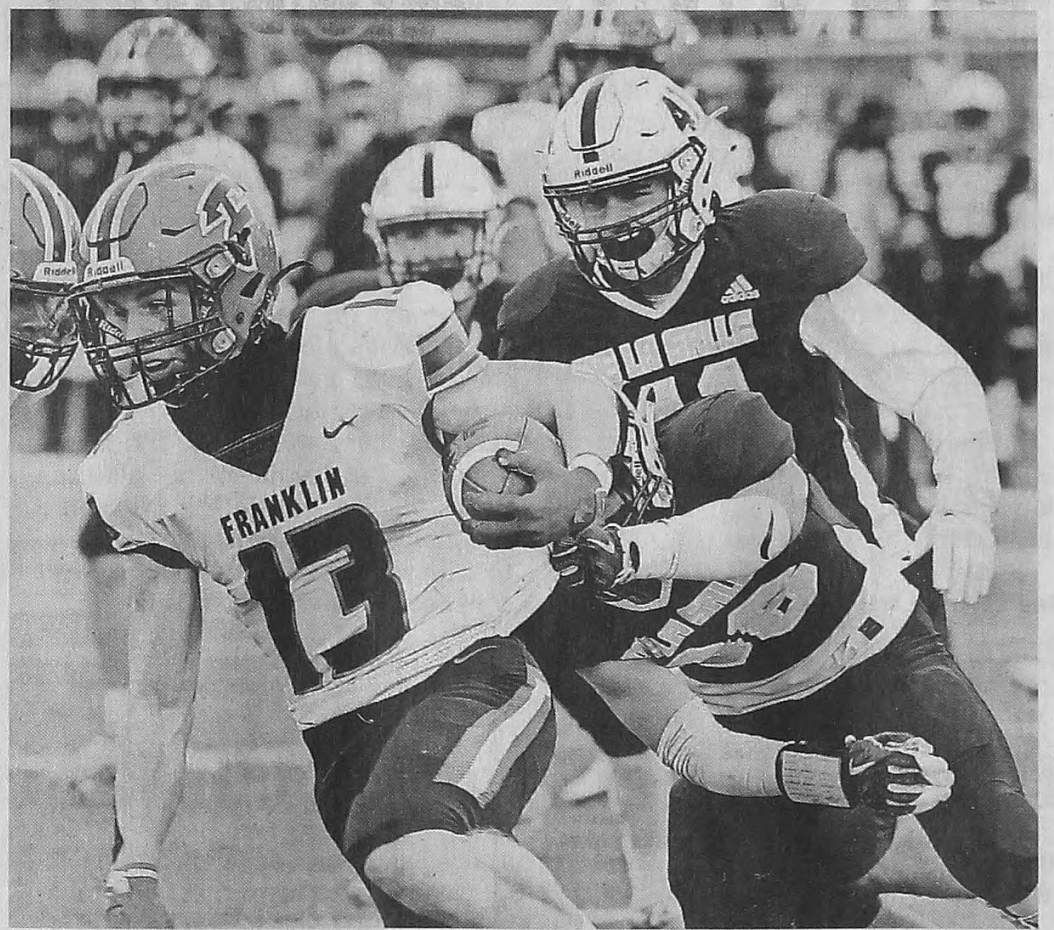
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Franklin's Griffin Nowak punts against Warren De La Salle.

group that changed the course of the season," Kelbert said to his players. "You all bought in for what we wanted. You bought into what we were preaching. We're here on this field today because of you."

After the huddle broke, the players gathered and hugged each other and walked off the field one last time as a team knowing it should have been there the whole time.



Franklin's Trevor Perczak rushes against Warren De La Salle.

Seaholm

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Carly Burry, Eliza Dixon, Hassett and Clifford all had personal-best splits while winning the 200 free relay (1:35.99).

When Grosse Pointe South took a short-lived lead after the butterfly, Seaholm responded by taking five places in the 100 free: Clifford won, Burry was fifth (53.03), Louwers was sixth (53.20), Abigail Stanley was ninth (53.94) and Eliza Dixon was 15th (54.39). The pack finish turned a 19-point deficit into a 32-point lead, and the Maples weren't threatened after that.

A pair of new Division 2 records were set: Portage Northern's Angelina Bauer won the 500 free in 4:54.97, and Dexter junior Lily Witte scored 503.55 points in diving.

Bauer was the reigning event champion, but came into the preliminary heats ranked second to Birmingham Groves' Karen Austin and couldn't make

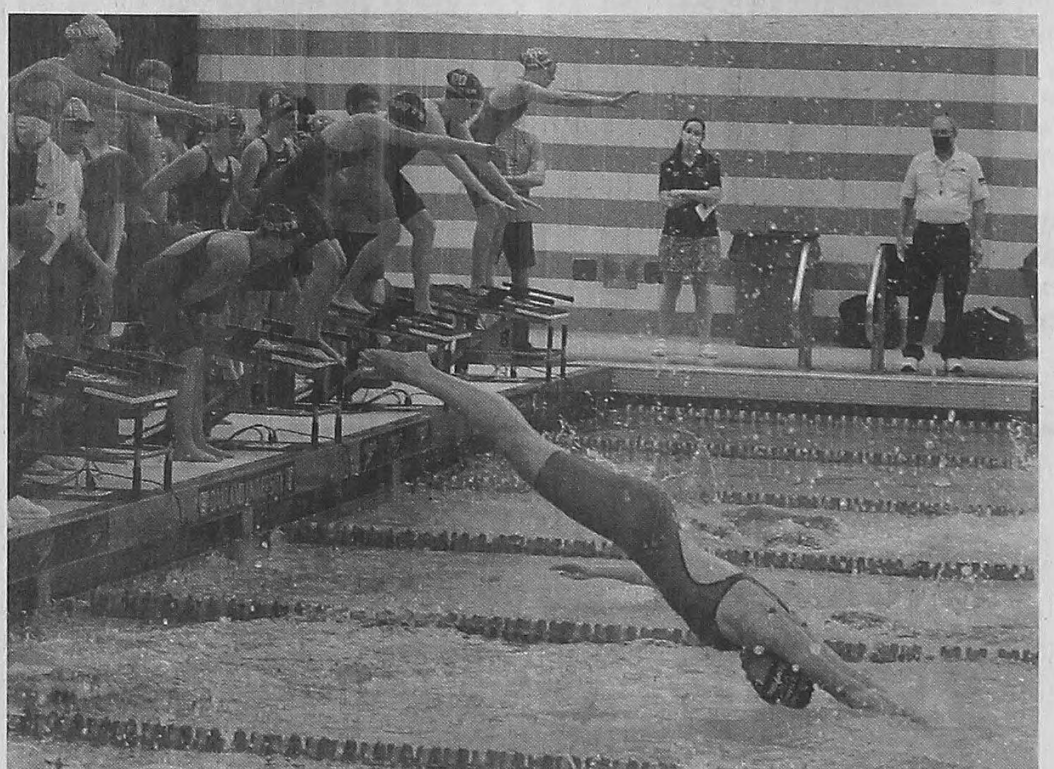
up any ground Friday. It took a two-second shave for Bauer to reclaim the top spot Saturday.

Witte, who has been diving since she was 6 years old, also wasn't necessarily chasing a division record.

"I was just hoping to go out there and string together 11 good dives in a row," she said. "It's my best score, my previous best was in the 490s."

The coaches' association selected Fenton's Gracie Olsen as "Swimmer of the Meet" after she won the individual medley (2:01.58) and butterfly (54.19), hiking her number of career titles to six. Her butterfly time was an automatic All-American qualifying mark.

"The fly in general is my favorite stroke. I've loved it since I started swimming, and I think that 100s are my favorite event overall — I like the sprinting and I like the adrenaline that it gives me," said Olsen, who committed to Indiana University this fall. "I was a breast-stroker a few years back, and then I had knee surgery, so I started doing more fly, and then it just all came together after that."



With the lead going into the final leg of the 200 freestyle relay, Birmingham Seaholm's Samantha Clifford enters the water. The Maples won the event, as well as the other two relays, and defended their Division 2 state championship.

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Marian volleyball rolls Hudsonville in final four

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It hung up there for about 15 minutes before someone said something.

"You guys got the wrong logo up there," a media member said. "That's the logo for the public high school in town. Marian uses a blue mustang."

It was true.

Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, the annual host of Michigan's high school state semifinals and finals, had the Bloomfield Hills' Black Hawks mascot on the scoreboard for Thursday's final four against No. 2 Hudsonville.

Bloomfield Hills Marian, the defending Division 1 state champions and the top-ranked team in the final Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association top-10 poll, calls itself the Mustangs.

Marian's blue-and-white wild horse logo didn't appear above Marian's name on the scoreboard until the clock hit 0.0 seconds left in pre-game warmups. The switch happened right before the playing of the national anthem.

Even with another Marian dynasty in full swing, the Mustangs still have more respect to earn.

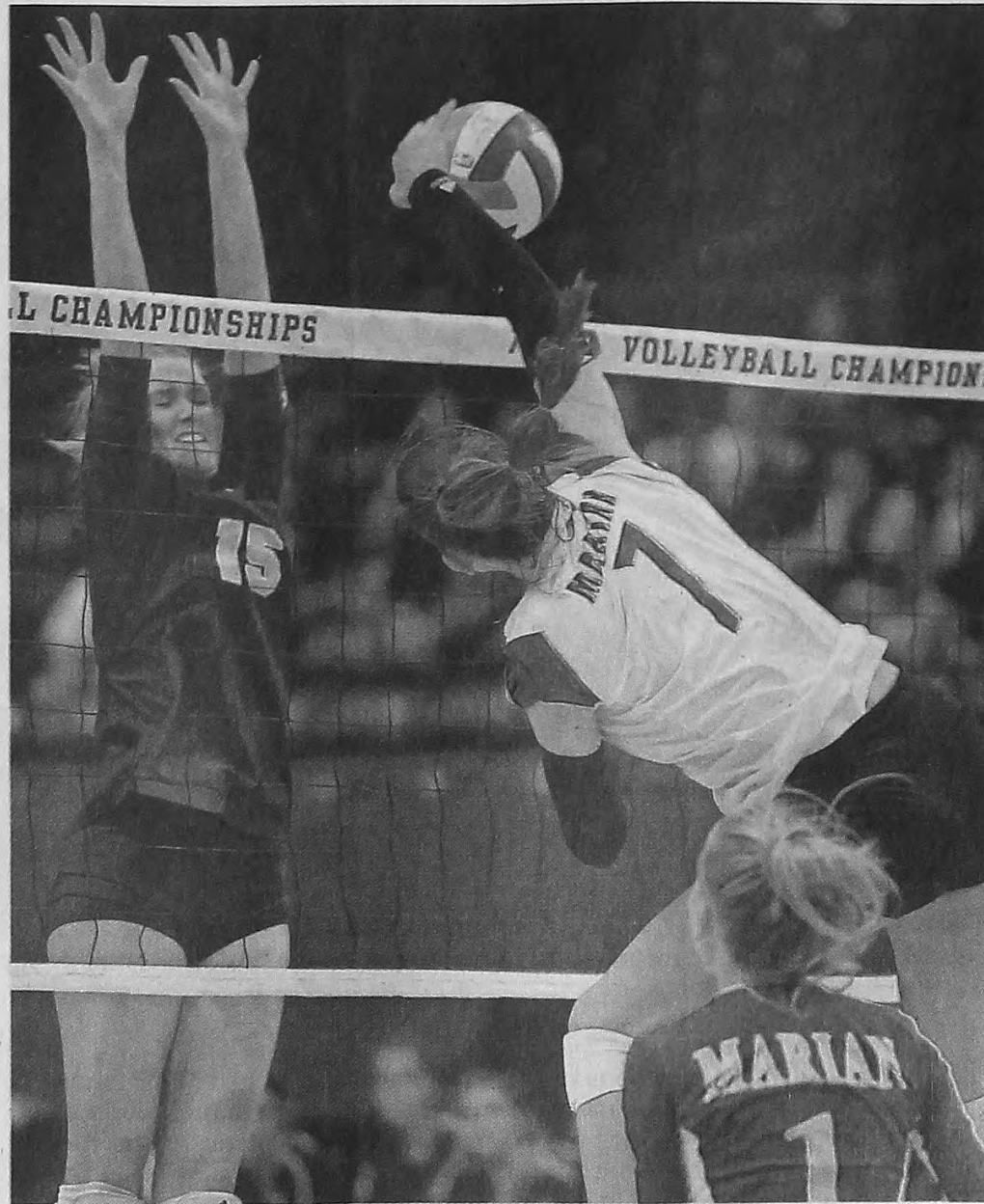
But they garnered some with a 3-0 sweep of Hudsonville.

But that scoreboard snafu still left a sour taste in their mouth before the opening serve.

"We turned around and saw that at the beginning of the game, and we were like, 'Come on, what's going on? That's not our school. Right idea. That's Bloomfield, but that's not us. We're here, and it's the Marian Mustangs. Put the right team on the board,'" said TCU signee Sarah Sylvester, who's one of three Mustangs who signed with a Division I team on Monday. "It was a little bit of fuel at the beginning of the game for us to come out strong."

The Mustangs (52-1) beat the second-best team in the state, according to MIVCA, and made it look easy. They ripped off wins of 25-13, 25-16 and 25-19.

They got off to such a hot start that the Eagles (52-3-1) called timeout after trailing 10-3 in the first set, which led to an impromptu dance party with Evey Oegema and her teammates swaying and dancing to an instrumental version



Marian's Ava Brizard, right, menaced Hudsonville with her kills at the net.

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of "Don't Tell 'Em" by Jeremih during the brief intermission.

The Mustangs looked loose. And they played like it, too. It didn't matter what number stood in front of Hudsonville's name in the rankings. Marian played like it was just any other game.

"When I saw that from my girls, I knew we were going to be OK when they were doing their dancing and they were being goofy," fourth-year coach Mayssa Cook said. "I tease that sometimes I don't feel like a volleyball coach. Sometimes I feel like I'm running a daycare,

and I'm just babysitting. Yet, I know when they're loose and relaxed, they're going to play their best volleyball. So I was just super happy to see that."

It was a who's who of star returners who contributed on the stat sheet.

NC State signee Ava Brizard, who was named Michigan's Miss Volleyball by MIVCA, led with 11 kills and 14 digs, while Brown signee Sophie Treder added 11 kills and six digs. Ella Schomer helped with 10 kills and five digs, Ava Sarafa had eight digs and Janiah Jones chipped in two blocks.

"To be the defending state champs and not graduate anyone (from last year), the pressure as I felt as a coach (was intense)," Cook said. "I can only imagine how they're feeling as players. We were expected to win. You won last year, and you didn't graduate a single player. It's a, 'Of course, you were supposed to win,' type of thing."

"I think some teams or players would take that as crippling. I love that they're embracing that all season. That was an awesome performance by my team tonight, and I'm impressed with their composure and how they just played their A game from start to finish."

And the Mustangs did all of that with the best of the best in the crowd.

Of the 16 teams playing, eight of them have won state titles in the past.

That includes Grand Rapids Christian, which has won the past three-straight in D-2, Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, which has won the past two D-3 state titles and has seven championships in 10 tries and Battle Creek St. Philip, which has won a staggering 21 of the 30 of the D-4 and Class D state finals its played in.

Marian is ready to be one of those household names.

Its four years into building its second dynasty, as it already had two state titles in eight tries before Cook took over the program.

It has lost just one set this playoff run. It has Miss Volleyball. It has three D-I signees. It has a loaded starting lineup and one of the deepest benches in the tournament.

Now the Mustangs just have to gain the same respect as the Catholic Centrals and St. Philips of the world.

Anyone watching them against Hudsonville saw they're worthy of it.

Between the second and third sets, with the victory looking like it was well in hand, Jones, Mackenzie Jackson and Molly Banta started another spontaneous dance party. This time the song was "Hey Look Ma, I Made It," by Panic! At the Disco.

You don't dance during a final-four game unless you're great.

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Tigers could benefit from these pitching options



Evan Petzold
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

What the Tigers do next depends on a lot of things.

The scenarios begin with the short-stop market: Will the Tigers eventually pay up to get Carlos Correa? If not, how much will they spend for one of the other premier shortstops? And if the Tigers, for some reason, swing and miss at a top shortstop, everything changes.

In that situation, the Tigers would put their resources toward a starting outfielder and become significantly more aggressive toward signing a second starting pitcher. Someone like Collin McHugh makes sense if they choose to upgrade the bullpen.

The Tigers inked left-hander Eduardo Rodriguez to a five-year, \$77 million contract last week and also showed interest in right-hander Jon Gray, righty Anthony DeSclafani and left-hander Steven Matz, among others.

Although the Tigers have always planned to sign two pitchers, they won't know what range of price tags to examine until the shortstop market unfolds.

It's unclear how much the Tigers will spend, but here's a look at 10 potential candidates to fill the role of a back-end starting pitcher:

(Note: Contract predictions via ESPN's Kiley McDaniel.)

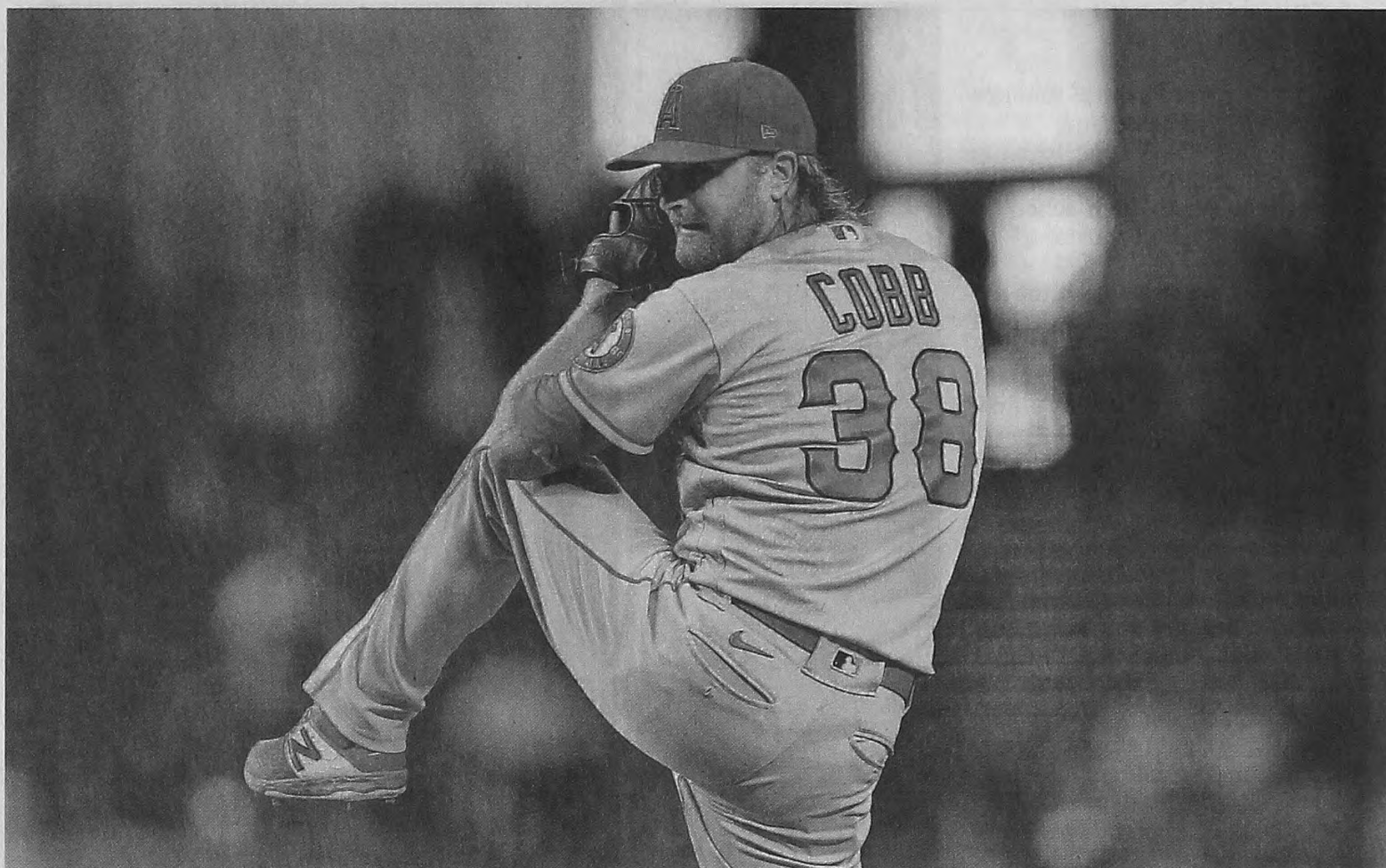
LHP Alex Wood, Giants

Age: 30.

2021 stats: 26 starts, 138 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, 3.83 ERA, 39 walks, 152 strikeouts, 14 HR, 3.48 Fielding Independent Pitching (FIP), 1.183 WHIP, 26.0% strikeout rate, 6.7% walk rate, 2.5 Wins Above Replacement (WAR).

Career stats: Nine years, 214 G (164 GS), 990 $\frac{1}{3}$ IP, 3.50 ERA, 283 BB, 935 K, 3.51 FIP, 1.225 WHIP, 22.6% K, 6.9% BB, 16.2 WAR.

The buzz: Wood has made at least 30 starts just once in his career, but he bounced back from injury-plagued seasons in 2019 (back injury) and 2020 (shoulder inflammation) with 26 starts



Alex Cobb had three underwhelming seasons with the Orioles and was traded to the Angels in February.

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for the Giants in 2021. The previous injuries forced him into one-year deals, but Wood should be lined up for anything between a one and three years this winter. Regardless, Wood sits in the same category as Matz and Yusei Kikuchi, so he could be too costly. Keep an eye on those three left-handers if the Tigers decide to increase their spending in the short-term pitching market. Wood has pitched 21 games in the postseason with a 3.11 ERA.

Prediction: Two years, \$22 million.

RHP Alex Cobb, Angels

Age: 34.

2021 stats: 18 GS, 93 $\frac{1}{3}$ IP, 3.76 ERA, 33 BB, 98 K, 5 HR, 2.92 FIP, 1.264 WHIP, 24.9% K, 8.4% BB, 2.5 WAR.

Career stats: 10 years, 174 GS, 1,010 $\frac{1}{3}$ IP, 3.87 ERA, 300 BB, 816 K, 3.94 FIP, 1.265 WHIP, 19.3% K, 7.1% BB, 13.7 WAR.

The buzz: Cobb had three underwhelming seasons with the Orioles and was traded to the Angels in February 2021. He posted the best strikeout rate (24.9%) and sinker velocity (92.7 mph) of his career, though his walk rate slipped. Wrist inflammation caused him to miss two months last season, but he still pitched the most innings he has since 2018. He shouldn't get anything more than a two-year deal, simply because of his age and inconsistencies. But there remains some upside.

Prediction: Two years, \$14 million.

RHP Corey Kluber, Yankees

Age: 35.

2021 stats: 16 GS, 80 IP, 3.83 ERA, 33 BB, 82 K, 5 HR, 3.85 FIP, 1.338 WHIP, 24.1% K, 9.7% BB, 1.5 WAR.

Career stats: 11 years, 225 G (220 GS), 1,422 $\frac{1}{3}$ IP, 3.19 ERA, 326 BB, 1,544 K, 3.04

FIP, 1.100 WHIP, 26.9% K, 5.7% BB, 36.1 WAR.

The buzz: There are a lot of concerns with Kluber. He pitched 35 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings in 2019 (right ulna fracture) and one inning in 2020 (tear of right teres muscle). The Yankees gave him a one-year, \$11 million deal for 2021. He threw a no-hitter in May but — once again — couldn't stay healthy. After 10 starts, he missed two months with a shoulder strain. Upon his late August return, he made six starts to conclude his season. In those starts, however, Kluber had a 5.40 ERA with 10 walks and 27 strikeouts. When healthy, the two-time American League Cy Young winner has proven he can be an effective starting pitcher. But is he worth the risk?

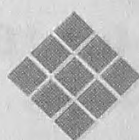
Prediction: One year, \$10 million.

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LHP Tyler Anderson, Mariners

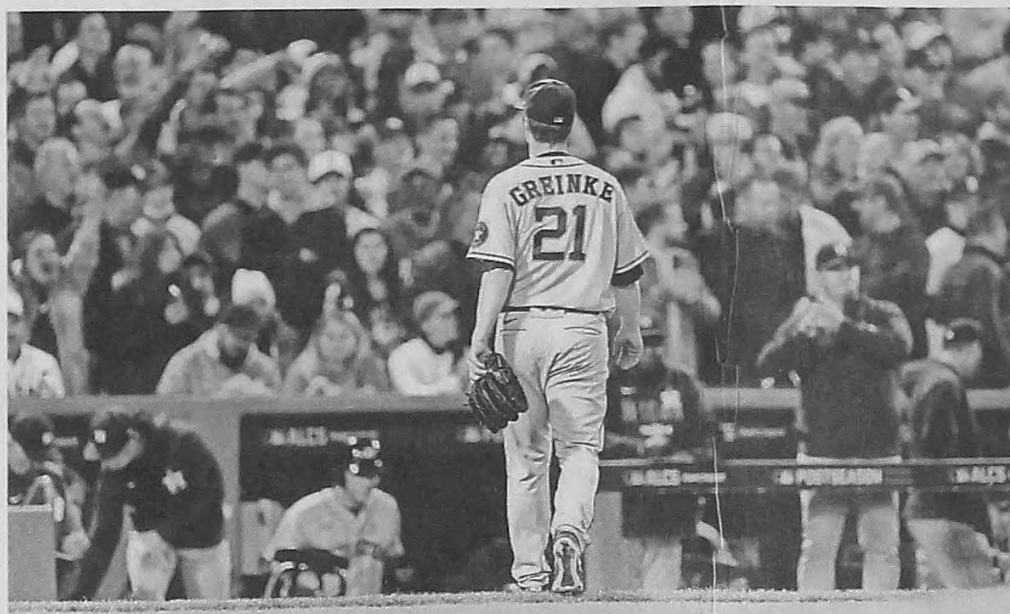
Age: 31.
2021 stats: 31 GS, 167 IP, 4.53 ERA, 38 BB, 134 K, 27 HR, 4.37 FIP, 1.246 WHIP, 17.6% K, 4.8% BB, 2.1 WAR.
Career stats: Six years, 117 G (113 GS), 623 IP, 4.62 ERA, 187 BB, 542 K, 4.43 FIP, 1.315 WHIP, 20.5% K, 7.1% BB, 7.8 WAR.

The buzz: The Pirates dealt Anderson, who made \$2.5 million last year, to the Mariners at the July trade deadline. He had a 4.35 ERA in 18 starts for the Pirates and mirrored those results in Seattle with a 4.81 ERA in 13 starts. Regardless of what happens with the shortstop position, Anderson could be the perfect addition for the Tigers as a low-cost, fifth starter in the rotation. Although his strikeout rate isn't anything to get excited about, he can eat innings for teams trying to sneak into the postseason.
Prediction: One year, \$8 million.

RHP Zack Greinke, Astros

Age: 38.
2021 stats: 30 G (29 GS), 171 IP, 4.16 ERA, 36 BB, 120 K, 30 HR, 4.71 FIP, 1.170 WHIP, 17.2% K, 5.2% BB, 1.3 WAR.
Career stats: 18 years, 530 G (488 GS), 3,110 IP, 3.41 ERA, 712 BB, 2,809 K, 3.44 FIP, 1.159 WHIP, 22.1% K, 5.6% BB, 63.8 WAR.

The buzz: Bringing in a veteran pitcher to guide a young pitching staff isn't a terrible idea. With ex-Tigers Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer out of the Tigers' price range, there is another pitcher with a Hall of Fame résumé on the market. Greinke won the 2009 AL Cy Young, ERA titles in 2009 and 2015 and made six All-Star Games. He is also a six-time Gold Glove winner and two-time Silver Slugger. Now, Greinke's relationship with Tigers manager AJ Hinch could be strained, after the former Astros' skipper removed him from Game 7 of the 2019 World Series. The next year, with Dusty Baker as Houston's manager, here's what Greinke told reporters during the playoffs: "Since I've been here, they haven't seemed to have confidence in my ability." If there's no beef, he would be an interesting one-year



Astros starting pitcher Zack Greinke walks off of the field during ALCS Game 4.

PAUL RUTHERFORD/USA TODAY SPORTS

placeholder until Spencer Turnbull returns from Tommy John surgery.
Prediction: One year, \$8 million.

RHP Michael Pineda, Twins

Age: 32.
2021 stats: 22 G (21 GS), 109 IP, 3.62 ERA, 21 BB, 88 K, 17 HR, 4.21 FIP, 1.235 WHIP, 19.2% K, 4.6% BB, 1.4 WAR.
Career stats: Eight years, 170 G (169 GS), 962 IP, 3.98 ERA, 213 BB, 940 K, 3.69 FIP, 1.190 WHIP, 23.9% K, 5.3% BB, 18.5 WAR.

The buzz: The Tigers have seen plenty of Pineda over the past three seasons, pitching for the Twins. Pineda logged a 3.80 ERA with the Twins, and in his career, he has a 3.62 ERA with nine walks and 70 strikeouts in 11 starts against the Tigers. He also owns a 4.18 ERA in five starts at Comerica Park. He landed on the injured list three times in 2021. One stint was due to right elbow inflammation, another due to a left oblique strain. A return to the Twins is possible.
Prediction: N/A.

LHP Danny Duffy, Dodgers

Age: 32.
2021 stats: 13 G (12 GS), 61 IP, 3.62 ERA, 22 BB, 65 K, 6 HR, 3.40 FIP, 1.213 WHIP, 25.8% K, 8.7% BB, 1.8 WAR.
Career stats: 11 years, 234 G (204 GS), 1,172 IP, 3.95 ERA, 432 BB, 1,048 K, 4.17 FIP, 1.316 WHIP, 21.1% K, 8.7% BB,

16.3 WAR.

The buzz: Health concerns make Duffy a candidate for a one-year deal, but there's a reason why the Dodgers traded for him in July. He had a 1.94 ERA through his first seven outings last season, but he landed on the injured list in May with a flexor strain. He returned from his injury in June, then needed another IL stint in July for the same problem. Nine days later, the Royals traded him to the Dodgers. Duffey then experienced a setback in his rehab and never pitched for Los Angeles. He has a career 4.68 ERA (31 games) against the Tigers and a 4.15 ERA (13 games) at Comerica Park.
Prediction: N/A.

LHP Kwang Hyun Kim, Cardinals

Age: 33.
2021 stats: 27 G (21 GS), 106 IP, 3.46 ERA, 39 BB, 80 K, 12 HR, 4.34 FIP, 1.284 WHIP, 17.7% K, 8.6% BB, 1.2 WAR.
Career stats: Two years, 35 G (28 GS), 145 IP, 2.97 ERA, 51 BB, 104 K, 4.22 FIP, 1.215 WHIP, 17.2% K, 8.4% BB, 1.8 WAR.

The buzz: Kim pitched for the SK Wyverns in the Korean Baseball Organization from 2007-19 before signing a two-year, \$11 million contract with the Cardinals. He made his MLB debut in July 2020 and fit right in through his first major-league season: 1.62 ERA, 12 walks and 24 strikeouts over 39 innings in

eight games (seven starts). Kim opened 2021 in the Cardinals' starting rotation but made two trips to the injured list. He had right lower back stiffness in June and left elbow inflammation in August. Those injured forced him to finish the season in the bullpen.
Prediction: N/A.

LHP Rich Hill, Mets

Age: 41.
2021 stats: 32 G (31 GS), 158 IP, 3.86 ERA, 55 BB, 150 K, 21 HR, 4.34 FIP, 1.210 WHIP, 21.7% K, 7.0% BB, 1.7 WAR.
Career stats: 17 years, 324 G (195 GS), 1,134 IP, 3.80 ERA, 445 BB, 1,185 K, 3.99 FIP, 1.221 WHIP, 24.9% K, 9.4% BB, 18.4 WAR.

The buzz: The Rays signed Hill to a one-year, \$2.5 million contract in February, just before the start of spring training, and then shipped him to the Mets at the July trade deadline. He was steady in both organizations, with a 3.87 ERA in 19 starts for the Rays and a 3.84 ERA in 12 starts for the Mets. What separates Hill from everyone else on this list is his age. The 41-year-old is six years older than Tigers pitching coach Chris Fetter and just six years younger than Hinch. He won't cost much and would surely help the Tigers' young staff develop.
Prediction: N/A.

RHP Wily Peralta, Tigers

Age: 32.
2021 stats: 19 G (18 GS), 93 IP, 3.07 ERA, 38 BB, 58 K, 12 HR, 4.94 FIP, 1.335 WHIP, 14.4% K, 9.5% BB, 0.7 WAR.
Career stats: Nine years, 230 G (138 GS), 873 IP, 4.36 ERA, 337 BB, 628 K, 4.55 FIP, 1.444 WHIP, 16.6% K, 8.9% BB, 4.2 WAR.

The buzz: The underlying metrics are disheartening, but Peralta — who didn't pitch in 2020 due to an injury but signed a minor-league contract in February — stepped up when the Tigers needed him in the 2021 season. Therefore, he deserves to be considered for 2022. He showcased one of the best split-changeups in baseball but finished with a 4.76 expected ERA and a poor strikeout rate. It would be risky to re-sign Peralta, but he should end up eating innings as the fifth starter in a rotation wherever he lands.
Prediction: N/A.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE 2021 WINTER TAXES

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Mark Clinton
Plymouth Township, Treasurer

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John Scanlon
City Finance Director / Treasurer

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of World Stone Group, a company specializing in countertops, who has requested an industrial development tax abatement for its facility located in the Ridge 5 Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of World Stone Group is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the legislative board of any affected taxing unit in the township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the clerk will be considered.

A public hearing will take place during a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The meeting will be held in the town hall meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170, commencing at 7:00 p.m. For additional information call 734-354-3224.

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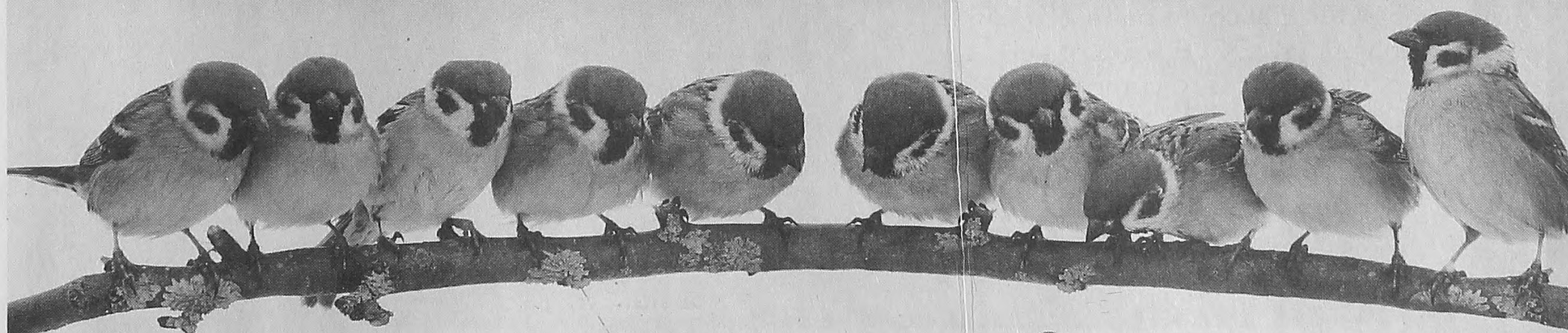
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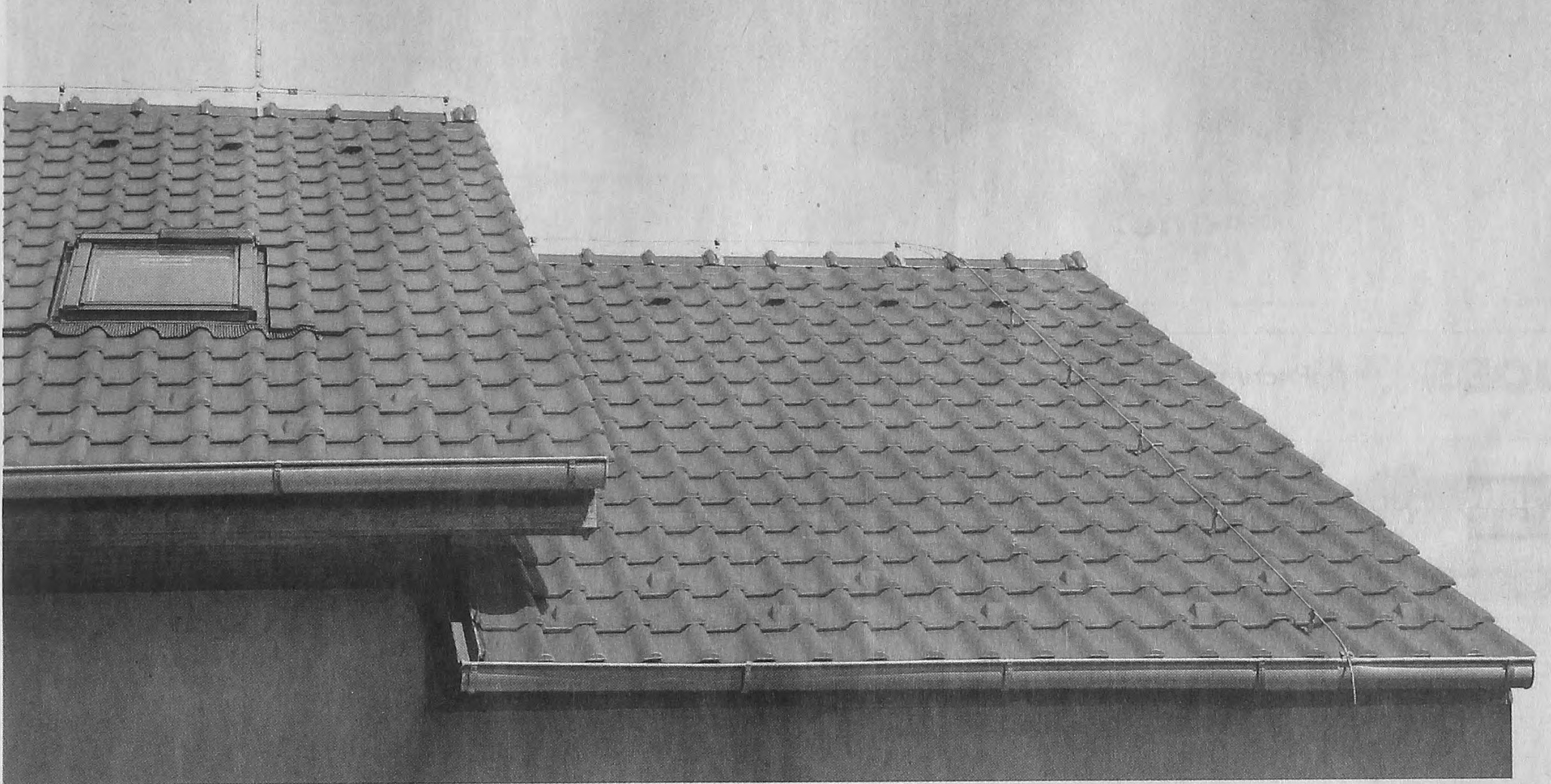
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1. MACY'S

Posted 176,889 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Macy's: Retail Sales Associate, Customer Service Associate, Receiving Support Associate

2. AMAZON

Posted 157,725 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Amazon: Warehouse Associate, Operations Manager, Truck Driver, Senior Product Manager, Software Engineer

3. DELOITTE

Posted 128,766 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Deloitte: Consultant, Engineer

4. WALMART

Posted 57,456 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Walmart: Merchandiser, Pharmacist, Cashier

5. VERIZON

Posted 52,767 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Verizon: Sales Representative, Engineer, Data Scientist

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6. UBER EATS

Posted 39,193 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Uber Eats: Delivery Driver

7. SAM'S CLUB

Posted 30,989 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Sam's Club: Personal Shopper, Meat Cutter, Optician

8. STARBUCKS

Posted 24,895 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Starbucks: Barista

9. MICROSOFT

Posted 19,004 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Microsoft: Software Engineer

10. UBER

Posted 18,418 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Uber: Driver, Product Manager, Software Engineer

11. TJX COMPANIES

Posted 17,424 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at TJX Companies: Retail Associate, Merchandise Associate

12. MCDONALD'S

Posted 16,944 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at McDonald's: Crew Team Member, Restaurant Manager

13. HOME DEPOT

Posted 15,731 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Home Depot: Store Support, Store Manager, Merchandising Associate, Cashier

14. FEDEX GROUND

Posted 14,507 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at FedEx Ground: Store Manager, Package Handler, Operations Manager, Courier

15. DOLLAR TREE

Posted 13,994 jobs in October. Examples of job titles at Dollar Tree: Store Manager, Sales Associate, Cashier

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