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Cities aim to attract young residents

Livonia, other communities focus on walkable real estate trend

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Dragan Tosic loves that he can walk anywhere he needs to go. Living in downtown Farmington, he can walk to the movies, the grocery store, a park, a restaurant or a clothing store.

"I never wanted, personally, to buy," he said. "A place opened up downtown, and the main reason I wanted to live there was because I could walk any-

where. ... I'm from Europe, where that is kind of a normal thing."

Farmington's downtown is organic, well established and typifies a traditional city center — it's a walkable hub for business and government, all surrounded by housing. It's also the envy of of its neighbors.

Younger adults like Tosic increasingly seek out rental housing, and cities like Livonia, Westland and Farmington Hills are finding a mixture of commercial and

residential is the future of housing.

Farmington's downtown housing comes in the form of apartments and town homes, giving those residents easy access to walk or bike throughout the business district.

"Lots of the time I can walk somewhere, and there will be someone there who I know," Tosic said. "I love the opportunity to just walk."

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A rendering of the Livonia Civic Center as a mixed-use development. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA

FARMINGTON HILLS

Three gas stations to be rebuilt

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Three gas stations in eastern Farmington Hills are slated for major improvements in the coming year.

Plans have been submitted to the city by New Haven-based Bazco Holdings LLC to demolish and reconstruct three gas stations in the city. Those include:

- Mobil at 27730 Orchard Lake
- Mobil at 29509 Orchard Lake
- Mobil at 29411 W. 12 Mile

Those stations would see several improvements, including new convenience stores, landscaping and other features. The projects were all presented to the Farmington Hills Planning Commission at its Feb. 17 meeting held at Farmington Hills City Hall.

Aly Bazzi, one of the petitioners, said the company hoped to begin construction later this year on some of them.

"We'd like to get two done this year and if weather permits, start in the fall on the third one," he said.

Plans for all three stations received a vote of approval from the planning commission. The developments now go to the city council for its review.

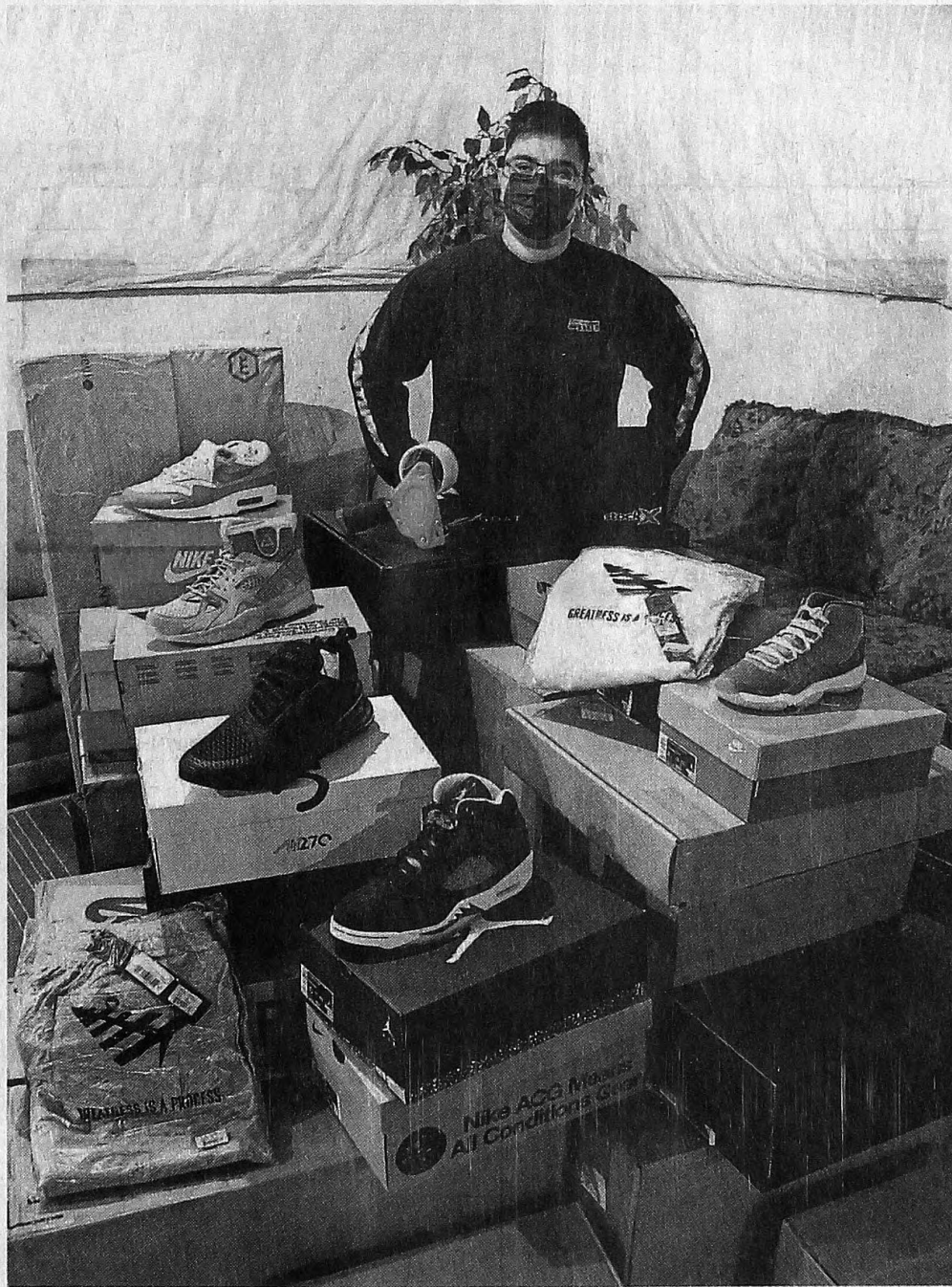
In addition to the new convenience stores planned, the stations would also all receive new storage tanks for fuel, John Saad, a Livonia-based architect working on the project, said.

"All the three locations we're going to be presenting, they're all going to have brand new underground storage

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Salem High School junior turns entrepreneur by selling sneakers

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Salem High School junior Arnav Nikam in his Canton basement with some of the thousands of premium goods he has bought and sold online in the past year. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Starting with a modest \$236 in birthday money savings and a pair of rare Marvel-themed Vans, Canton teenager Arnav Nikam turned an appreciation for basketball sneakers into a side hobby that generated more than \$200,000 in sales last year.

And the 17-year-old Salem High School junior is proving to be a budding philanthropist as well as a skyrocketing entrepreneur.

"Starting in middle school, I developed an interest in basketball sneakers because I was really interested in basketball," Nikam said. "I started noticing what basketball stars were wearing on their feet, on the court and off. I also noticed in the aftermarket that premium shoes were selling for quite a bit of a price hike, so I decided to take a closer look at it."

During a trip to India in 2019, Nikam spent \$98 (of his birthday savings) on a pair of Vans decorated with images from the ultra-popular "Black Panther" movie. He netted approximately \$50 after selling the shoes online through the site StockX.

The transactions convinced him to jump into the business world feet first.

"Once I learned it was doable, I started buying limited shoes from different brands in bulk amounts and selling them online (using StockX, eBay and GOAT, among other third-party websites) for whatever people were willing to pay for them," he explained. "I stopped once COVID hit, but I picked it up again in late 2020 and early 2021."

Nikam was so immersed in the everyday grind of running a business — all the

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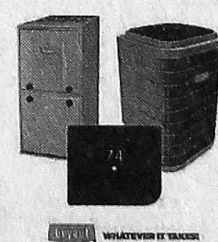


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'Scaled back' Livonia Spree to return in June

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Livonia Spree is giving folks another reason to look forward to summer: After a two-year hiatus, the beloved event is coming back this year.

However, organizers expect the event to be scaled back due to an anticipated lack in volunteers.

The 70th Spree festival will run June 21-26, with a fireworks show on June 26. The event usually draws between 400,000 and 600,000 people from around metro Detroit.

"We just want to try to move forward and bring some normalcy back," Dan Spurling, Spree committee president, said. "We live in a different world than we did two years ago."

Spree, which serves as Livonia's city-wide birthday party, features carnival rides, games, fireworks, live music and carnival food among other things. Organizers are also hoping to include an arts and crafts show this year.

It's a favorite summertime ritual for many metro Detroiters, and people on social media have been excitedly discussing the festival's return.

Organizers canceled the 2020 and 2021 festivals because of fundraising and pandemic-related concerns. Spurling has previously said canceling was stressful and upsetting, and he's looking forward to bringing the community tradition back this summer.

People interested in volunteering can visit livoniaspree.com.
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Elijah Pote-King tucks into a Sno-Kone at Livonia Spree in 2019. A scaled-back version of Spree is set to return in June this year after a two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Trial begins for Canton man accused of attacking wife

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A Wayne County judge began hearing evidence Tuesday against a Canton Township man accused of trying to kill his wife around the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oswald Tallent, 48, faces charges of assault with intent to murder after police said he attacked his wife with a gas-powered saw. He's also charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, third-degree child abuse and torture.

Third Circuit Judge Paul Cusick is presiding over a trial that his staff said was scheduled through the end of the week.

During Feb. 22 opening statements, defense attorney Brent Jaffe contended Tallent was legally insane when neighbors called police to his Stonebrook

Drive home and that he is not guilty of the charges by reason of insanity.

According to Jaffe, Tallent was a loving father immersed in a marriage of ups and downs who would never have harmed his family in the right state of mind.

Prosecuting attorney Erin Wilmoth disagreed.

"There will be no doubt that he is guilty," she said. "The evidence will show that Oswald Tallent was not legally insane."

She shared that Tallent's then-wife already had threatened before the day she was hurt to divorce him and take custody of their children if he didn't start contributing more.

Tallent was a contractor who wasn't working during the 2019-20, according to police reports. Poor weather and the pandemic prevented him from returning to work the week before the early af-

ternoon March 30, 2020, incident.

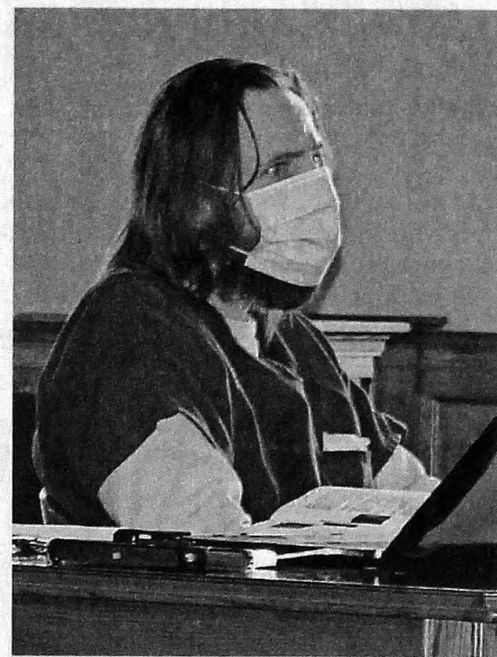
His wife testified during a prior court proceeding that she was in her home office when Tallent entered with a large gas-powered circular saw wider than her shoulders. He apparently explained that he was crazy and intended to kill her.

She has said the saw came down on her face, arm and knee before it jammed. She was able to open the office door and tell their oldest daughter to run for help.

Tallent, she has said in court, began punching her and kicking her with his steel-toed boots. Her injuries include two chipped molars, extensive nerve damage, and partial paralysis in the face.

Tallent also is accused of hurting the daughter who ran for help.

Law enforcers and the daughter testified on Feb. 22, the first day of the trial.



Oswald Tallent, 48, of Canton, in court in 2021. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Sneakers

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while maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average, volunteering for two local organizations and participating in four after-school clubs — he wasn't aware of how well he was doing financially until his 1099-K tax statement arrived in the mail recently.

"When I saw how much I had made (\$213,199, to be exact), I thought to myself, 'Oh my gosh! This is really what I did?'," he recounted. "I definitely surprised myself."

Nikam said the most iconic products he has bought and sold are a pair of black-and-red Air Jordan basketball sneakers.

"Of all the items I've sold, those are the ones that I was most tempted to keep for myself," he said, smiling. "The artistry in some of these sneakers is what draws me to them."

Nikam, who won't turn 18 until September, admitted his success hasn't come easily. He monitors daily sales and prices between classes at Salem — like stocks, the cost of an item could rise or fall as much as \$40 in a few hours, so it's something that needs careful attention, he revealed — and prepares items for distribution soon after returning home from school on weekdays.

"Our basement is like a mine field of



The Nikams' basement is full of boxes of shoes and wearables that Arvan Nikam resells online. He's made more than \$200,000. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

boxes and other stuff," Nikam said, chuckling. "I'd describe it as organized chaos."

"The biggest thing I've bought to help me out is a tape gun. When you have to ship out 20 pair of shoes in an afternoon, tape guns help speed up the process."

Nikam said he takes great care in keeping his customers updated on the

progress of their purchases and packaging the products he sells. Of the 1,500 items he distributed in 2021, not one went to an incorrect address, and his collection of reviews has more stars than a cloudless night.

"I'm very meticulous because I want the people I'm working with to be happy," he said. "My online reviews are very good to this point and I want to keep it

that way."

Explaining he garners more satisfaction from giving than receiving, Nikam admitted he hasn't splurged and bought himself anything extravagant yet — except the tape gun.

Inspired by his late grandfather, who he says used hard work and education to help his family relocate from a rural farming town in India to the United States, Nikam has used a portion of his earnings to establish a scholarship program for teenagers in rural India. The young philanthropist distributed nine scholarships in 2021 alone and plans to build on that number in the coming years.

"I honestly get more joy out of helping kids abroad get an education than spending the money I make on myself," he said. "I love buying things for my sister, who is a freshman at Salem."

Once he turns 18, Nikam plans to turn his venture into a limited liability company and give it an official name: Flying Emu.

"Emus have always been my favorite birds; I like how they're fast and majestic," he said. "Obviously, they can't fly, but I think that word helps represent the type of service I give people."

Judging by his early success, the sky is the limit for this big-hearted business prodigy.

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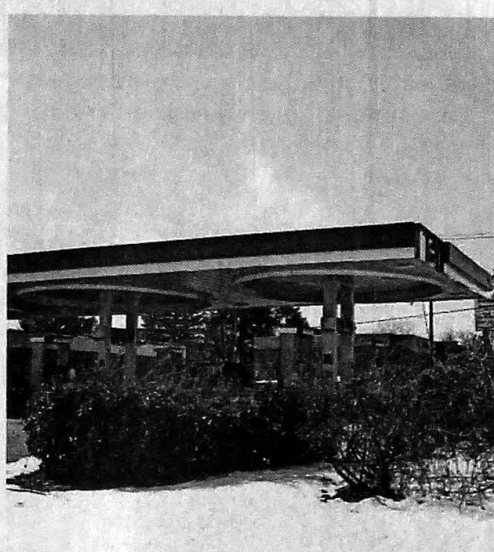
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From top left, gas stations at 29509 Orchard Lake; at 29411 W. 12 Mile; and 27730 Orchard Lake, all in Farmington Hills, are set for renovations. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Gas stations

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tanks according to the state regulation," he said.

Saad said one station, located at the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads, would also likely have a pair of charging stations for electric vehicles once finished, a move made to accommodate those with electric vehicles. That was a decision that made Commis-

sioner Steven Schwartz happy.

"This is the first time I recall that a gas station wanted to put in an electric charging station, so on behalf of my Chevy Volt, thank you," he said.

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Walkable

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Growing trend toward rentals, walkable areas

Farmington Hills, Livonia and Westland have seen an increase in non single-family residential proposals, including town homes, apartments and condos in recent years. City officials think that's because of a demand for that kind of housing and an opportunity for higher profit among developers.

"There has been an uptick in interest from the development community to provide apartment-type living," Livonia City Planner Mark Taormina said. "I think a large part of that is that housing right now is in high demand."

In mostly built-out communities like Livonia and Farmington Hills, rentals often create an opportunity to give potential residents new housing options.

"We don't have the big, open spaces anymore where you could put a 30- or 40-unit development," Farmington Hills City Manager Gary Mekjian said. "You've got to go vertical."

Mekjian added that creating rentals is a creative way to retrofit office buildings getting less use because of remote work. For example, Farmington Hills' 12 Mile corridor has a bounty of underutilized office facilities.

"I think you'll see different zoning than we see now to give developers more flexibility," Mekjian said. "With the shift in how we work and where we work ... and with office space being underutilized, we certainly want to give the landowners in our town the ability to be creative."

Though sometimes people equate rental properties with low-income housing, Taormina and Farmington Downtown Development Authority Director Kate Knight both said mixed-use developments will likely be attractive to young professionals, young families or empty nesters. For instance, Farmington Hills recently approved an upscale apartment complex targeted toward millennials in a higher income bracket.

"If you're a young professional or an empty nester, you're looking for a place with amenities, walkability and you want the luxury of not having to cut grass or pay a mortgage bill," Knight said.



Dragan Tasic walks near the Farmington pavilion Feb. 2. Tasic owns and operates a business near downtown Farmington and lives within walking distance of the area. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A different kind of neighborhood

Mixed-use developments combine elements of retail, residential and public amenities like a park or library in one spot. Communities like Livonia, which doesn't have a downtown, see mixed-use as a way to create community hubs.

"It would offer more choices for people," Taormina said. "That's probably the most important thing. The place-making effort part of what we want to see allows people to not only live in an area but also be able to socialize there, too."

Officials in Farmington Hills and Westland, both preparing to revisit their master plans this year and next, also see mixed-use as a way to create business hubs and social environments. Unlike Farmington, Livonia, Westland and Farmington Hills do not have downtowns.

In Livonia, Taormina expects resi-

dential in mixed-use developments will fill a "missing middle" in the city — less dense than multilevel apartment complexes and more dense than single family housing — with housing including town homes and duplexes. Some of that housing would be owner occupied and some would be rented.

Livonia's targeted areas for projects like this include the Civic Center campus at Five Mile and Farmington roads and the Plymouth Road corridor.

"People want to live in areas that are more vibrant and concentrated," he said. "It's not for everywhere in the city, it's only select areas we're looking to do this in, but I think it would change a lot of people's lives."

According to Knight, people who live in Farmington spend about \$18,000 of their annual income downtown. She said the city's walkability is a significant reason why many people live there and

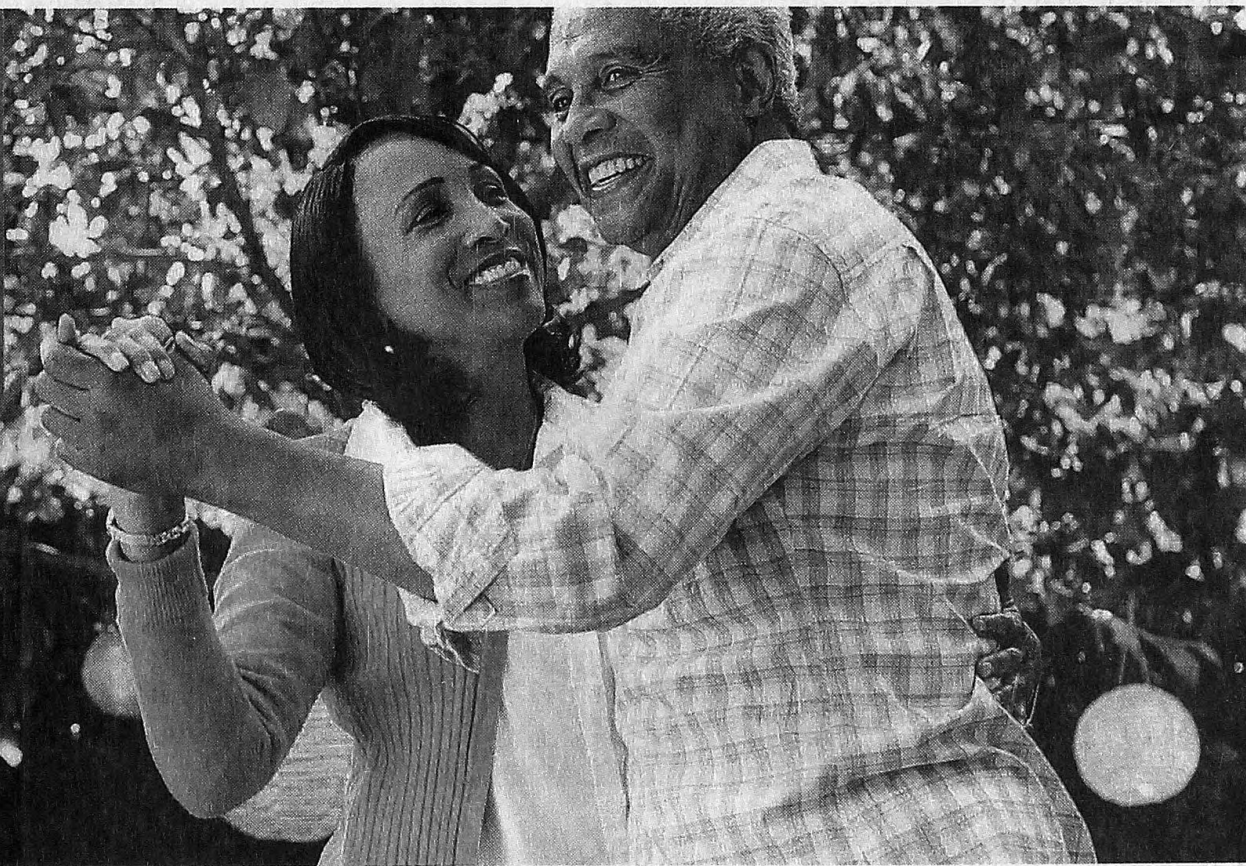
residential openings downtown never stays on the market for long. Interest in downtown residential is so high, the city is actually looking for ways to add more.

"We have people who choose to live downtown because of that," Knight said. "You can fulfill all of your daily needs ranging from groceries to books to medical appointments without a car. That's rare."

But still, Farmington's downtown is organic and established. Taormina and Mekjian said it'll take years for larger cities to create downtown-like community hubs. The rentals, rezoning and plans being discussed now will have an impact on how people live in suburban Detroit 20 years from now, not necessarily the people here right now.

"This isn't for the people who are living here today," Mekjian said. "It's for what may come in 15 or 20 years from now. It's really for the next generation."

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'Why won't anybody listen to me?'

Michigan families say child welfare agency failed to protect kids

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A 9-year-old Caro girl's mirror is covered in small pink sticky notes: "How many days will it take for people to believe (sic) me?"

She has told anyone who will listen - her father, her stepmother, her therapist, her school counselor, police, the guardian ad litem, Child Protective Services - that her mom hurts her.

She kept a clump of her hair in a plastic baggie, just in case she needed proof.

But it hasn't been enough.

One night in January, her stepmother, Erika Williams, said the 9-year-old got so frustrated she couldn't take it anymore. She screamed: "Why won't anybody listen to me? Nobody will listen to me. No one will listen to me. I'm the liar."

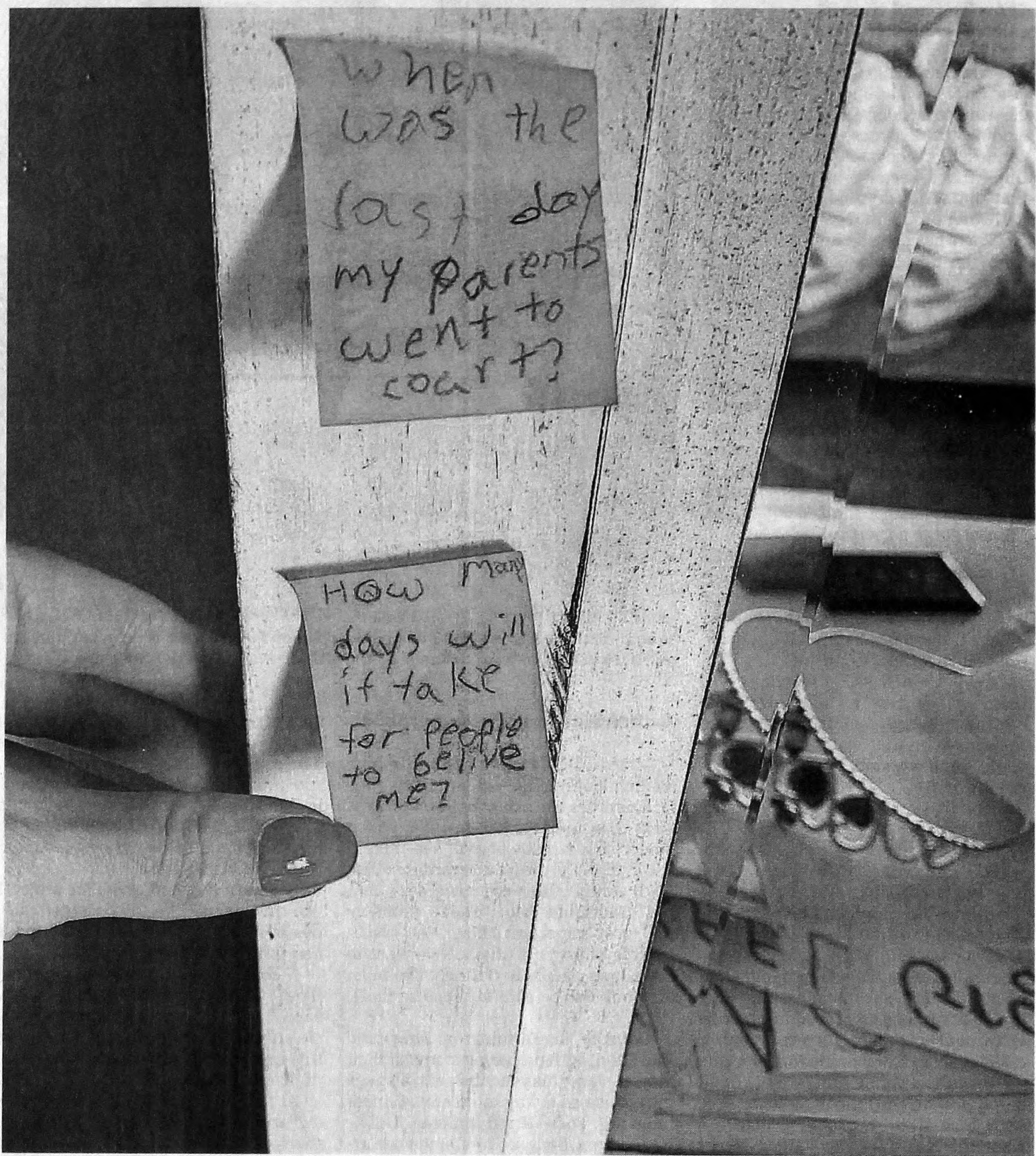
"She just says it over and over, she thinks that nobody is going to listen to her so now she just has to endure it," Williams said. "All of these people just keep making sure Mom is taken care of."

The young girl has lived with her dad and stepmom for the better part of the past year, but rapidly changing court orders have left the girl confused and frustrated.

Kids are often left in abusive households or kept from their parents due to inadequate investigations and a lack of action from people whose job it is to keep them safe, Michigan attorneys and families say.

Michigan's child welfare system has been under court monitoring for more than 15 years and continues to struggle to meet the required performance standards. One of the remaining issues: Ensuring maltreatment investigations are done properly.

In its most recent review, the monitoring team found of 130 randomly selected maltreatment investigations,



"How many days will it take for people to believe (sic) me?" asks one note written by a 9-year-old girl. PROVIDED BY THERESA WOZNIAK JENKINS

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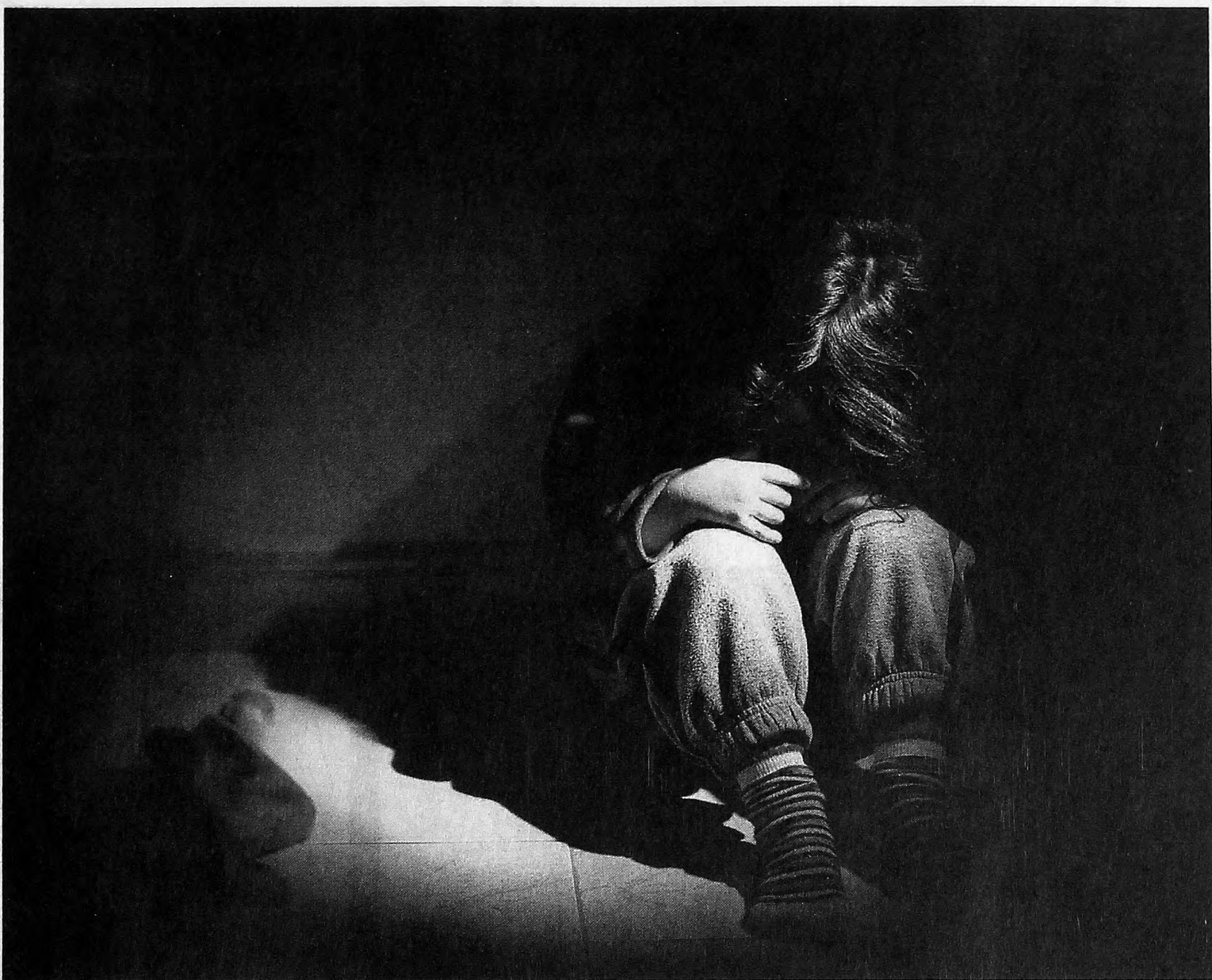
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32 — nearly 25% — were deficient. The monitoring team determined 19 of those should have been substantiated and in 13, there was insufficient information gathered to make a finding.

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In addition to the Caro girl's family, the Lansing State Journal also spoke to a woman in Lansing who says CPS refuses to take seriously reports that her 9-year-old nephew is being abused and a mother in Genesee County who is fighting to regain custody of her children after surviving domestic abuse.

Bob Wheaton, a spokesperson for MDHHS, said in an email he could not comment on individual cases. Wheaton said CPS and MDHHS are strongly committed to protecting children and providing services to families. He said if it is not safe for a child to remain in their home, the department will find another family member or foster family to care for the child while they work with the

parents to address the issues that led to the child's removal.

In other cases, he said, the Michigan Child Protection Law and MDHHS policy require the department to provide services to the family but keep the children in the home. That law dictates when CPS may file a petition to remove a child from their home.

If parents disagree with the state's findings, they can fight the case in family court, which can be a long and expensive process. Other family can attempt to get guardianship of a child. But if CPS finds there is not enough evidence to prove abuse or neglect, there is little family can do other than continue to report abuse when it happens.

Child frustrated CPS 'doesn't believe' her

An official CPS investigation began in fall 2021, when an argument between a 9-year-old Caro girl and her mother escalated and her mother crawled from the passenger seat back to the third row of her SUV, pinned her daughter down, pulled her hair and called her names, according to a CPS report.

Her mother told CPS investigators that she grabbed her daughter's ponytail and used it to force the child to look at her to calm her down.

James Williams and the child's mother have been fighting for custody of their two children, ages 7 and 9, since their 2015 divorce. They originally split parenting time, but the mother complained of behavior problems from the 9 year old that Williams did not experience. The 7 year old has not complained of abuse.

In court filings and interviews with investigators, the mother has said her older daughter talks back, tries to start arguments, makes rude comments and throws fits. But her dad and stepmother said they rarely have behavioral issues with the child.

"Instead of attributing these behaviors to situational, based on what she's experiencing in her life, mom has adopted this theory that she's just a bad kid, and she deserves to be rough handled," said attorney Theresa Wozniak Jenkins, who is representing the girl's father and stepmother.

Even the guardian ad litem, who is supposed to represent the child's best interests, told the child she believed the girl's mom, Erika Williams said.

"I think it's just very frustrating for her that from a whole picture standpoint that people just believe mom and what I say doesn't matter," James Williams said. "Children are told that if someone is hurting them that they should go to adults and tell them these things and I think it's just very frustrating for her that the main amount of people don't believe her."

The 9 year old brought a list of four incidents to her third interview with CPS investigators, according to the CPS report. She said her mom had:

- Threatened to throw her off the boat and "drive away as fast as I can so I cannot hear you scream."

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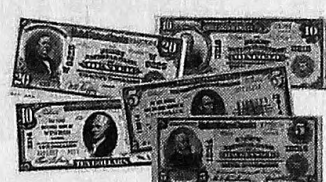
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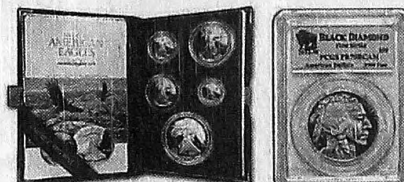
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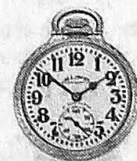
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Roth IRAs and other tax questions answered



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Not surprisingly, I have received several questions regarding taxes.

Let's start with questions regarding Roth IRAs and children. A few readers asked about eligibility for a Roth IRA and when it makes sense for a child to have a Roth IRA. For Roth IRAs, there is no magic number regarding the age you

become eligible. Rather, you only must have earned income from your labor, typically from a W-2.

If a child has earned income, I think it is a slam dunk to put money away in a Roth IRA. These retirement accounts grow tax free.

Remember, since tax returns are due April 18, you have until then to open a Roth IRA for 2021.

Many people who worked at home in 2021 had questions regarding home-office deductions. If you were an employee in 2021, you cannot take a home-office deduction. On the other hand, if you

are self-employed and you used part of your home regularly and exclusively for business, you do qualify.

The key is that it doesn't necessarily have to be a separate room, but it must be an area that you don't use for anything else.

Some readers asked about taxes related to unemployment benefits. Typically, unemployment benefits are subject to income tax. The American Rescue Plan Act excluded up to \$10,200 in unemployment benefits for 2020 returns. Unfortunately, for 2021, unemployment benefits are subject to income

taxes at your ordinary tax rate.

Lastly, there is always confusion about extensions. Extensions are automatic for 120 days by filing IRS Form 4868. Extensions do not require any sort of explanation. However, it is an extension of time to file your return, not an extension of time to pay your taxes. It is also important to realize that filing an extension does not increase your audit risk.

Good luck.

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CPS

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- Dragged her off the trampoline by her hair when she refused to get off.
- Pushed her down the stairs at her grandmother's house.
- Pinned her down in the car, pulled her hair and called her names.

The mother's most recent husband said she is a great mother and is incredibly patient, even when her daughter pushes her limits, according to the CPS report. His children told CPS investigators they have seen the woman slap the 9 year old before.

After a December 2020 incident in which the child's mom held her upside down by her feet during an argument and dropped her on her head, according to court records, the mother willingly gave up parenting time for six months.

She had time with the two children on and off from May 2021 to September 2021 before a judge granted James Williams' emergency motion for custody and suspended the mom's unsupervised parenting time. This was prompted by the incident in the car.

Two weeks later, that judge had been disqualified and a new judge took his place. His first order of business was to scrap the previous order for solely supervised parenting time and allow the mother to parent unsupervised. Less than a week later, the same judge revoked her unsupervised parenting time,

saying the kids will "suffer irreparable harm" if he did not do so.

Initially, the CPS investigator determined there was evidence that inappropriate discipline had taken place, according to the report. But later in the investigation, without explanation, the investigator changed the finding to say there was not a preponderance of evidence that there was inappropriate discipline.

"Nobody could've convinced me that the entire state of Michigan would ignore this level of child abuse," Wozniak Jenkins said.

Wheaton wrote in an email that supervisor reviews or information obtained later in an investigation may trigger a change in the outcome.

'I honestly think they think this is OK'

The extended family of a 9-year-old Lansing boy has been trying to get CPS to investigate their abuse complaints for more than a year.

His aunt, who the State Journal is not naming out of concerns for the boy's privacy, said the boy's mother is verbally and sexually abusing him.

CPS employees have visited the boy's house several times, but they drop the case after a brief look around, his aunt and his mother's former roommate said. His aunt has reported the abuse to the Lansing Police Department, too.

Lansing Police Public Information Director Robert Merritt confirmed a de-

TECTIVE investigated the case, but said it was closed due to the allegations being unfounded.

"I honestly think they think this is OK," the boy's aunt said. "They think this is how Black children are supposed to live."

After CPS receives a report of abuse, caseworkers are required to begin an investigation and make face-to-face contact with a child within 24 or 72 hours, depending on the severity of the allegations, according to the CPS manual.

If there isn't enough information received during a call, CPS must do a preliminary investigation immediately. Within 24 hours, they must decide to assign the complaint to an investigator, transfer it to another jurisdiction or reject the complaint.

"I know they're overburdened and I know they have a high turnover rate...but God damn if you can't do it, quit," the boy's aunt said. "Don't act like you're doing your job when you're placing him in a dangerous place with no regard for what family members and strangers are saying."

His mother's former roommate, Heavenly Martin, said she was targeted by CPS as being partially responsible for the boy's abuse and neglect because she lived in the home and didn't stop it, despite making at least five calls to CPS that she said were ignored. Martin has not lived in that house since October.

"I've already done my due diligence, I've contacted you multiple times," Martin said, "but you're blaming me for her negligence."

Martin said she sent the boy's aunt video and audio of some of the abuse, as well as photos of the filthy house.

CPS has refused to give Martin any paperwork regarding the case, she said, and she has no idea how she can defend herself without that.

"They told me I could have filed for guardianship over [the boy]," Martin said. "How does that make sense if I'm living in [the boy's] mom's home and I'm trying to get myself together to leave?"

Martin said she took a risk when she called CPS; she was living with the boy's mom until she could get back on her feet and would have ended up homeless if she'd gotten kicked out. But she said she did everything she could to try to get the boy out of his mother's care.

"You failed me, you failed this kid," Martin said of CPS. "You're looking for someone to blame for [your failures]."

CPS defines a "non-parent adult" as an adult who lives in the same house as the child and has substantial and regular contact with the child, has a close personal relationship with the child's parent and is not related by blood or affinity to the third degree.

Wheaton said in an email that in some circumstances, non-parent adults can be held responsible for a child's abuse or neglect.

Fighting her every step of the way

Angela Eggenberger, 36, escaped an abusive and controlling marriage last year.

Getting out nearly killed her. Her ex-husband is in the Genesee County Jail awaiting trial for attempted murder, torture, human trafficking, assault with the intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, domestic violence and lying to a police officer.

Eggenberger said her ex-husband attacked her in early 2021, injuring her so badly she had emergency brain surgery to save her life and is still missing half of the top of her skull. Her left hand remains paralyzed, something she hopes is temporary.

She's been away from her four children, all of whom are younger than 13, for more than a year. Her oldest son is with his biological father in Colorado. Her youngest three are in foster care in Michigan. After her surgery, she was only allowed to talk to the kids on the phone so she did not scare them with her appearance. She transitioned later to Zoom visitation and was granted in-person visits just before Christmas.



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In court, officials have said Eggenberger does not recognize that she has an issue with domestic violence and that she is part of the problem, her attorney, Cara Willing, said. They also predicted she would go back to her abuser if he gets out of jail.

"They got her with the charge of allowing it to happen," Willing said. "The case has been handled in a really bizarre fashion. ... She just wants someone to hear her."

Wheaton said in an email a family's history with domestic violence is assessed during investigations. When a parent is a victim of domestic violence, officials will assess their "ability to keep a child safe, including whether they are currently in an abusive relationship, the impact of the services provided to the victim, and what type of support system the victim has."

Eggenberger says she has done every service the court has ordered, plus more. Some were even done while she still lived with her then-husband, despite him controlling the finances and actively telling her not to participate, Willing said.

Anything to get her kids back. But Eggenberger said CPS has refused to acknowledge the steps she's taken.

"I went straight from being under the control of my ex-husband to now being under the control and abuse of the system," Eggenberger said. "This could be such a huge win for your system. Your ultimate goal is to keep families together ... yet here you have opportunity to be like 'this family stuck in really bad abusive relationship, with our help and services and things we did, there was a happy ending and we were able to get that family back together.'"

"[Instead, they] fight me at every step of the way."

If you or someone you know is being harmed, you can call the following numbers for help:

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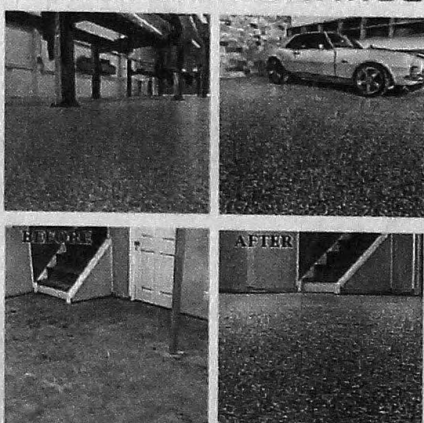
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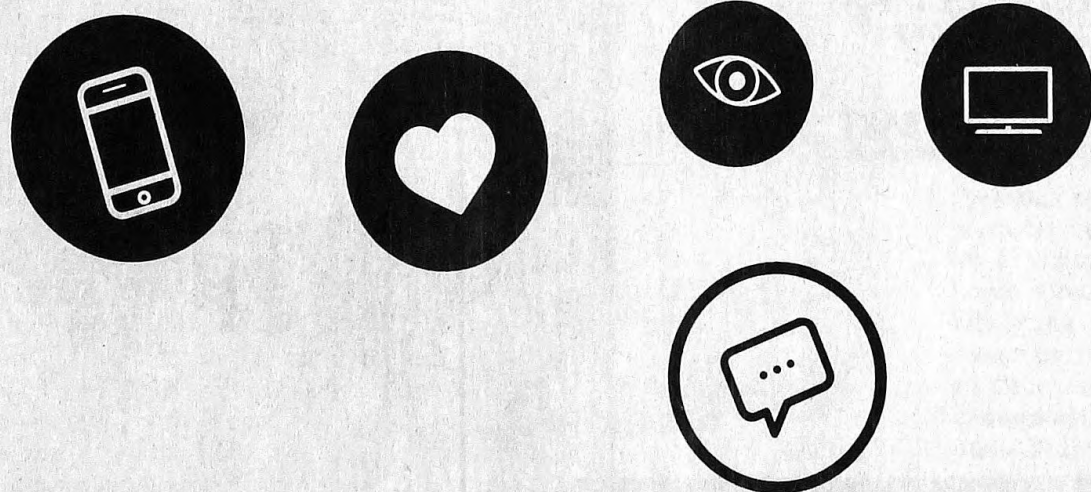
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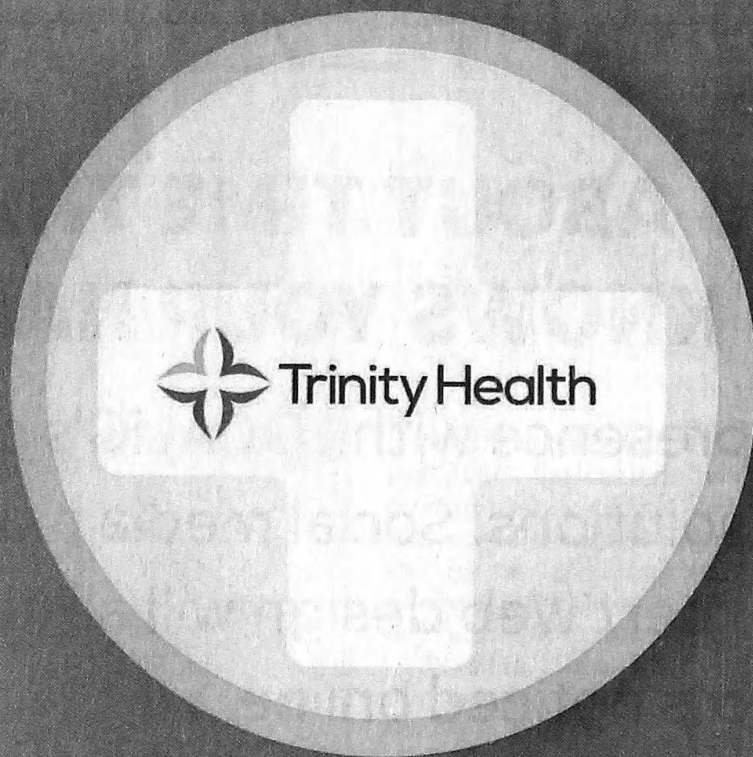
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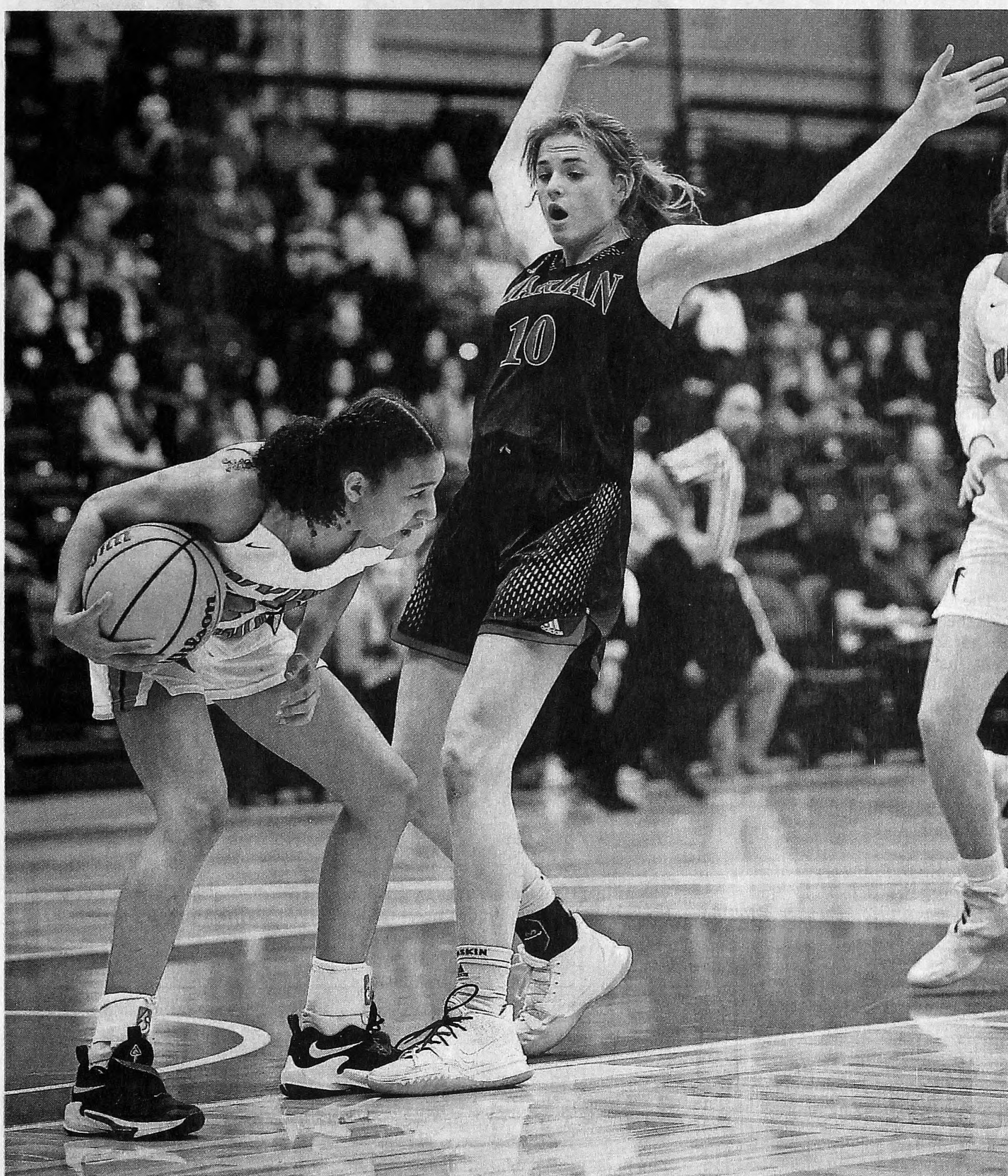
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SPORTS



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Elle Ervin (right) defends during the Catholic League tournament championship Feb. 19. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Marian basketball gives coach one final CHSL title

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Anna Herberholz never lost faith in her teammates.

But, for a while, at least, she couldn't imagine the Bloomfield Hills Marian girls basketball team playing in the Catholic League tournament championship.

Not with everything the Mustangs (12-6) have endured.

Take their rematch with Farmington Hills Mercy in January, for example.

They dressed just eight players because five contributors, including Herberholz, one of the best point guards in metro Detroit, were sidelined with injuries. They proceeded to get stomped by their rivals, which led to them losing three of four games during that stretch.

It was a terrible time. The last thing coach Mary Cicerone wanted to do was change the identity of her team midstream.

Part of that was because she loved the makeup of her squad. They had the perfect mix of guards, post players and

all-around scorers and rebounders both in the starting lineup and coming off the bench.

The other reason why was because Cicerone is retiring in March. After 39 seasons, 40 if you count her first year as a JV coach at Marian, she's hanging up her mid-heeled boots. Never again will a court in the CHSL endure her stomping feet when her team misses a free throw, throws the ball away or fails to box out for rebounds.

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Detroit CC wrestling wins team regional

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Dylan Gilcher is almost always joking around, or at the very least, lifting the moods of others around him.

And it's obvious why the Detroit Catholic Central wrestler acts like that.

Simply put, he's confident. He's confident in his skill set as a 140-pound grappler. He's confident that his teammates will perform well in their matches. He's confident his team will always win.

It's easy to keep things lighthearted when you know you're going to be successful.

Yet the junior recently ran into his first bout of nervousness and unconfidence last week.

No, it wasn't during his matches at the Division 1 district tournament. He blitzed through his bracket to advance to the championship against Livonia Franklin's Tyler Garrett, who he pinned in 2 minutes, 16 seconds to claim the individual district title.

Nor was he timid when he helped the Shamrocks win Wednesday's D-1 team regional championship with an 80-0 victory over Franklin in their home gym. In fact, he spent just a whopping 54 seconds on the mat between his two matches, which included him pinning his opponent in his championship match in only 14 seconds. Yeah, seriously.

What really made Gilcher second-guess his confidence — even if it was for just a brief moment — was when he called his bigger brother and told Derek the news.

On Feb. 12, Dylan tweeted that he had verbally committed to Michigan's wrestling team, joining a long list of Shamrocks that have become Wolverines. Currently, three CC graduates wrestle at U-M in Brendin Yatooma, Cameron Amine and Myles Amine.

So what's the big deal here? That's great news, something a bigger brother would certainly be proud of. Well, Derek, a former CC state champion wrestler at 160 pounds, is a sophomore at Big Ten rival Indiana. And Dylan chose the Wolverines over other offers from Purdue, Oklahoma and, yep, you guessed it, IU.

"That wasn't a call I was looking forward to making," Dylan recalled. "I was just a little nervous before it because I didn't know how he'd take it."

So, how did Derek react?

"He was just 100% proud and just happy for me," said Dylan, beaming with a smile. "He said, 'Dylan, that's amazing! You've got this down as a junior. You already know where you're

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Our top five boys basketball teams in western metro: Week 6

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The teams stayed the same, but there was plenty of movement in Hometown Life's Week 6 boys basketball rankings.

In fact, there is a different team at all five spots.

Give it up for Detroit Catholic Central, which finally snapped its five-game

losing streak to Catholic League opponents by upsetting rival Brother Rice in the CHSL tournament quarterfinal on Feb. 19.

Without that win, these rankings don't change a whole lot.

Let's take a look at where each team landed this week:

Note: These records are based on results from before Feb. 20.

1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-7, 2-6 CHSL-Central) (Last week: No. 4)

Our good friends at The D Zone ranked Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central Nos. 8 and 9, respectively, in their most recent top 100, although the Shamrocks upset the Warriors, 66-64, during Saturday's Catholic League tour-

namment quarterfinal. That ranking order is even more head-scratching considering CC has beaten Rice in two of their three meetings.

We're going to put CC right where it belongs in these rankings: One spot ahead of its rivals to the east. Welcome back to the top spot, Shamrocks.

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Our top 5 girls basketball teams: Week 6

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It's the final week of the girls basketball regular season, so that means this is the final week of Hometown Life's rankings.

And, sure enough, we're going out with quite the shakeup in the top five.

Most of that has to do with Bloomfield Hills Marian getting healthy at the right time and putting together an incredible underdog story throughout the Catholic League tournament.

So, for one last time, let's take a look at where everyone landed in the poll:

Note: These records are based on results from before Feb. 20.

1. Redford Westfield Prep (16-1) (Last week: No. 1)

The Warriors aren't getting punished for having a week off. So, despite not playing a game last week, they are not leaving the No. 1 spot. They're by far the most talented team on the west side of Wayne County, and they should be exiting the regular season with two more wins over Division 1 schools. They take on Grosse Pointe North and Saline before facing Dearborn Advanced Tech to open the D-2 district tournament.

2. Wayne Memorial (17-1, 14-0 KLAA-East) (Last week: No. 3)

Welcome back to the No. 2 spot in the rankings, Zebras. To the surprise of no one in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, they won their sixth-straight East title under eighth-year coach Jarvis Mitchell. Expect a deep playoff run. Can they get back to the D-1 final four?

3. South Lyon East (16-2, 14-0 LVC) (Last week: No. 4)

Hey Cougars, congrats on repeating as the Lakes Valley Conference champions. Yeah, we know you still have two

league games to go, but no one can snatch the title from you. You're too many games up in the standings.

The best part about their current 10-game winning streak is that everyone is contributing. Almost every night there are at least four players with double-digit scoring. It's going to be fun to see how well East performs once the playoffs begin next week. How are they going to stack up against some of the best D-1 teams in the state?

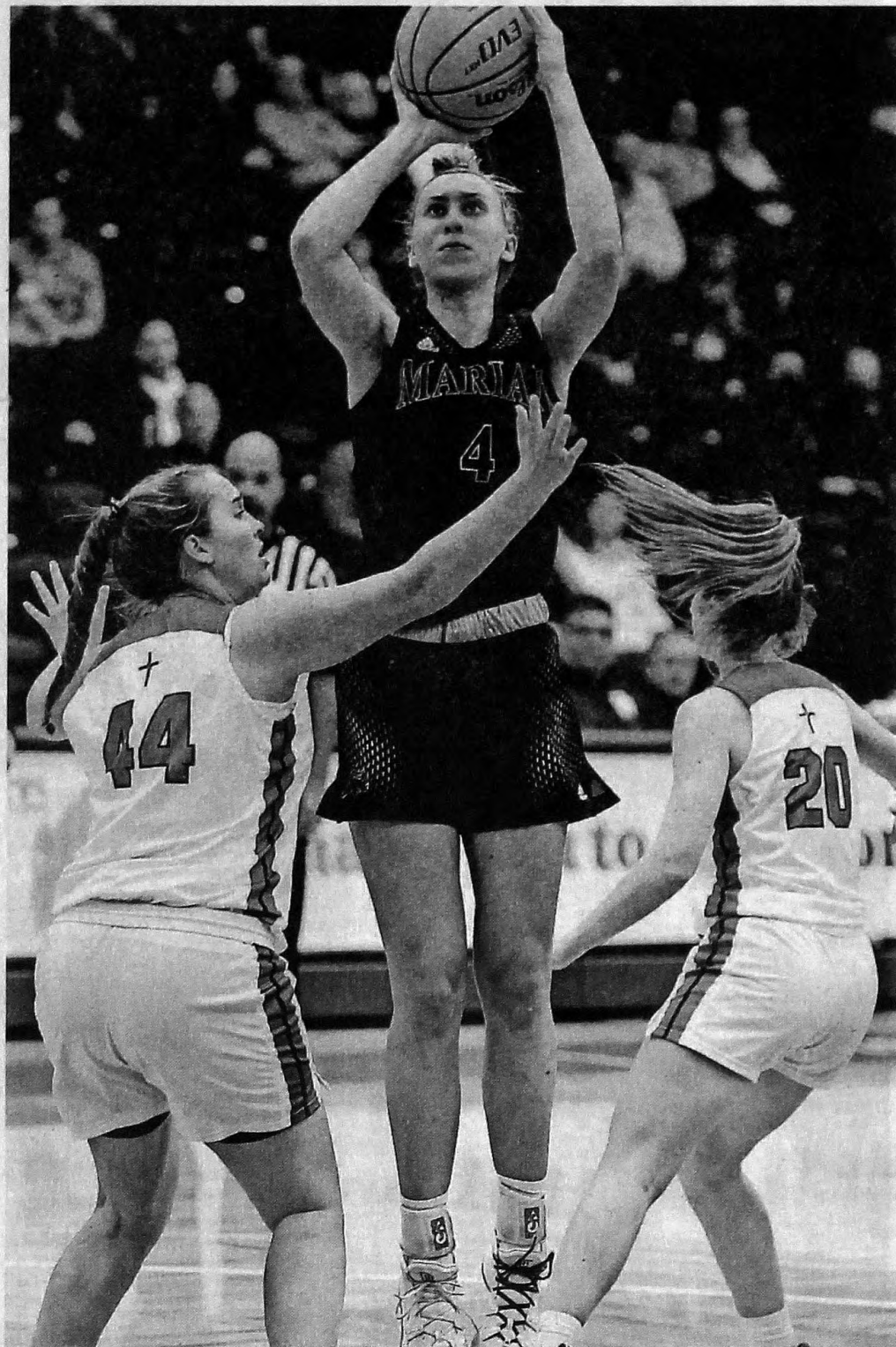
4. Bloomfield Hills Marian (12-6, 5-5 CHSL-Central) (Last week: Unranked)

The Mustangs are getting hot at the right time, but even coach Mary Cicerone understands they've still got a tough road ahead. "We've still got West Bloomfield," the 39th-year coach said following Saturday's win over Dearborn Divine Child in the Catholic League championship. She's talking about the No. 1-ranked Lakers who the Mustangs would likely meet in next week's D-1 district final. Getting through the CHSL tournament was tough, but districts could be tougher.

5. Farmington Hills Mercy (14-3, 9-1 CHSL-Central) (Last week: No. 2)

The Marlins were on quite the heater until their bitter rivals to the east, Marian, got four of their players back from injury just in time for the CHSL tournament. It's hard to fault them for losing to the Mustangs in overtime, 45-44, in the CHSL semifinal. It just stunk to see coach Gary Morris broadcasting the championship at Wayne State University for the local online stream vs. actually coaching in the game. Mercy is still a great team, and it should do well in its district.

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Bloomfield Hills Marian's Sarah Sylvester shoots during the Catholic League girls basketball tournament championship Feb. 19 at Wayne State University.
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Boys

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2. Birmingham Brother Rice (11-6, 5-3 CHSL-Central) (Last week: No. 1)

It was a tough week for the Warriors, who lost to Ferndale, one of the best teams in the state, and rival CC. Not only did it get bounced from the CHSL tournament, but it's no longer the No. 1 team in these rankings. Rice is still a strong team. But it'll be haunted by those missed free throws at the end of Saturday's matchup at Marian.

3. North Farmington (13-3, 6-2 OAA-Red) (Last week: No. 2)

The Raiders played just one game a week ago, beating rival Farmington

without an issue. But they still have a makeup game with Ferndale before it can close out the Oakland Activities Association-Red schedule. They'll be battle-tested once the district tournament kicks off in two weeks. A win over the Eagles would give them plenty of confidence entering the postseason. Can they pull off the upset?

4. Bloomfield Hills (12-4, 4-2 OAA-White) (Last week: No. 5)

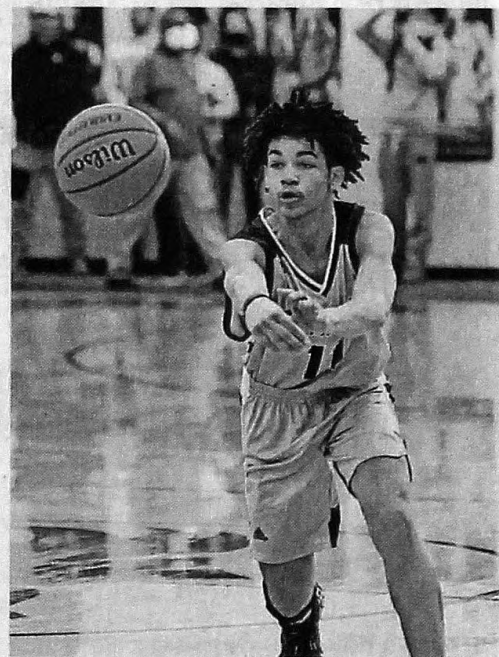
The Black Hawks slipped up against Troy, but they still control their own destiny in the OAA-White and can win a division title. What's going to help them do it is their starting five, which is one of the best in the area. They pause this week for two OAA crossover games, but they cap off the regular season at both Lake Orion and Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, two White games they must win to ensure at least a tie for first place atop

the standings.

5. Canton (13-4, 13-0 KLAA-West) (Last week: No. 3)

What, Canton won two games, clinched the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West title and still dropped two spots in the rankings? Yes, unfortunately, it's true. The Chiefs have lost Ferris State signee Cole Vickers for the rest of the season because of an injury. That's not just removing a pawn from the chessboard. That's like losing the Queen, arguably the best piece. We still love Lake McIntosh and the rest of the boys, but it's going to be a lot tougher to win in the playoffs without a Division II college basketball lighting up the scoreboard.

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Detroit Catholic Central's Chas Lewless passes against Brother Rice on Feb. 19.
BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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"I started the season thinking I had a really great team. And then, well, we kind of..." she trailed off after thinking about the adversity the Mustangs have faced. "We did a whole flipflop on our team."

"Those kids who normally come off the bench were starters for more than half the season."

It was baptism by fire for the youngsters.

First, they lost to Mercy, the eventual CHSL-Central champions, and then to Dearborn Divine Child.

Herberholz returned to the lineup after missing two games with a sprained ankle, but she played her first two nights back in the lineup with lingering pain.

They got by Warren Regina but lost to Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard three days later.

"It was really hard to watch," Herberholz said. "All I wanted was to be out there helping my team."

Slowly but surely, the backups started gaining confidence.

And then two more injured players returned to the roster, just in time for the start of the CHSL tournament last week.

Marian downed Regina in the quarterfinal and then took Mercy to overtime in the semifinal. The Mustangs pulled off the 45-44 upset, and double-double specialist McKenzie Swanson even saw playing time late in the evening, as she,



Bloomfield Hills Marian coach Mary Cicerone protests a call.

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too, made her way back from injury.

And just like that, Cicerone's MASH unit found themselves playing for the CHSL tournament championship.

"You just start redoing things," Cicerone said. "And you say, 'OK, this is what we can do with this group.' Midseason, we were like, 'We've got a whole different group. We've got to do something different.' We focused more on the defense. We told the kids that it's too late in the season for you to become a shooter, so don't shoot."

"We pounded it into the people who we know are consistent scorers. So we got everybody a role who came off the bench and were now starters."

And that's how the Mustangs wound up beating Divine Child in the Feb. 19 championship at Wayne State Univer-

sity.

They slowed down the offense, waited for wide-open shots and let their defense do the talking.

Herberholz, who finished with 22 points, scored 16 of Marian's 24 first-half points off drives to the hoops. Some fell in the hole, others drew a foul, and the senior ultimately finished 8 of 10 from the foul line.

But her biggest moment came at the very end.

She dribbled around the arc, killing the final 12 seconds. As the final horn buzzed, she slammed the ball as hard as she could, turned to her teammates and screamed, "Let's go!" And then the rest of her teammates joined her at half court to celebrate the 44-36 victory.

That's right. The down-and-out fourth-place finishers in the Central upset the field to win the tournament title.

"I always had faith in us that we could make it this far," Herberholz said. "It's just like how you play each game. You've just got to show up each night to play each game. I didn't know if anyone else was going to get hurt. What else would we do? It's good to be back at full strength and be back together again."

"(Getting almost everyone back healthy), it's perfect timing. Sure, we had some bad luck with all the injuries, but it's great timing to get back and win when it counts as a team together."

And doing it for Cicerone, who's on her way out of coaching?

"That was definitely one of the goals this year," Herberholz added.

Cicerone found herself a seat on the

bench as CHSL city-wide athletic director Vic Michaels presented Divine Child with its runner-up medals and trophy at half court.

Marian AD Mike Watson walked behind Cicerone and patted her on the back.

"This is your 20th (tournament championship)," the first-year AD said.

"Are you sure?" Cicerone asked, surprised. "That sounds like a lot."

"You deserve it," Watson responded.

And then, one by one, Michaels called each Mustang onto the floor to accept their championship medals.

And then Cicerone, who was named the CHSL Coach of the Year during a special halftime presentation, made her way to half court to accept the championship trophy.

She grabbed it and then smiled while posing with Michaels for a picture as her players jumped up and down and clapped for her. Then she hoisted the trophy in the air. Moments later, her players swarmed her with hugs.

How's it feel to go out like this?

"I always like to win — HELLO! — but it's a little sweeter because I'm going out with a championship and we came in as the underdogs," Cicerone said. "Nothing's better than coming in as the underdogs."

The arena's seats were emptied by the time she cradled the trophy in her left arm and made her way across the court and back to the locker room alone.

For one final time, Cicerone's team won a conference title. And the Mustangs never lost faith.

Wrestling

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going! It just made me really happy because I wasn't expecting him to react like that.

"It was a shock to me a little bit." It wasn't a shock to 15th-year coach Mitch Hancock, who's had the pleasure of coaching both Derek and Dylan.

Derek was all-business at CC, Hancock said. He was like a coach's dream. Derek showed up, put in the work and was what Hancock likes to say "in the zone."

If you're "in the zone" at CC, you're likely a state title contender. And Dylan, too, is always locked in before matches. Only he's a bit liberal about being laser-focused when it comes to practice or being away from the mat.

"His first two years here, he'd drive me up a wall," Hancock said. "He always wanted to joke around. He was always asking wild questions. He was just a goofball. It took me until the end of his sophomore year to figure out how to really coach him. I figured it out: You just let him do his own thing and have some fun, and you can see the product that you get on the mat."

"You just let him go out there and have some fun."

Dylan's work speaks for itself, though. He's already a two-time individual state champion at 112 and 135 pounds.

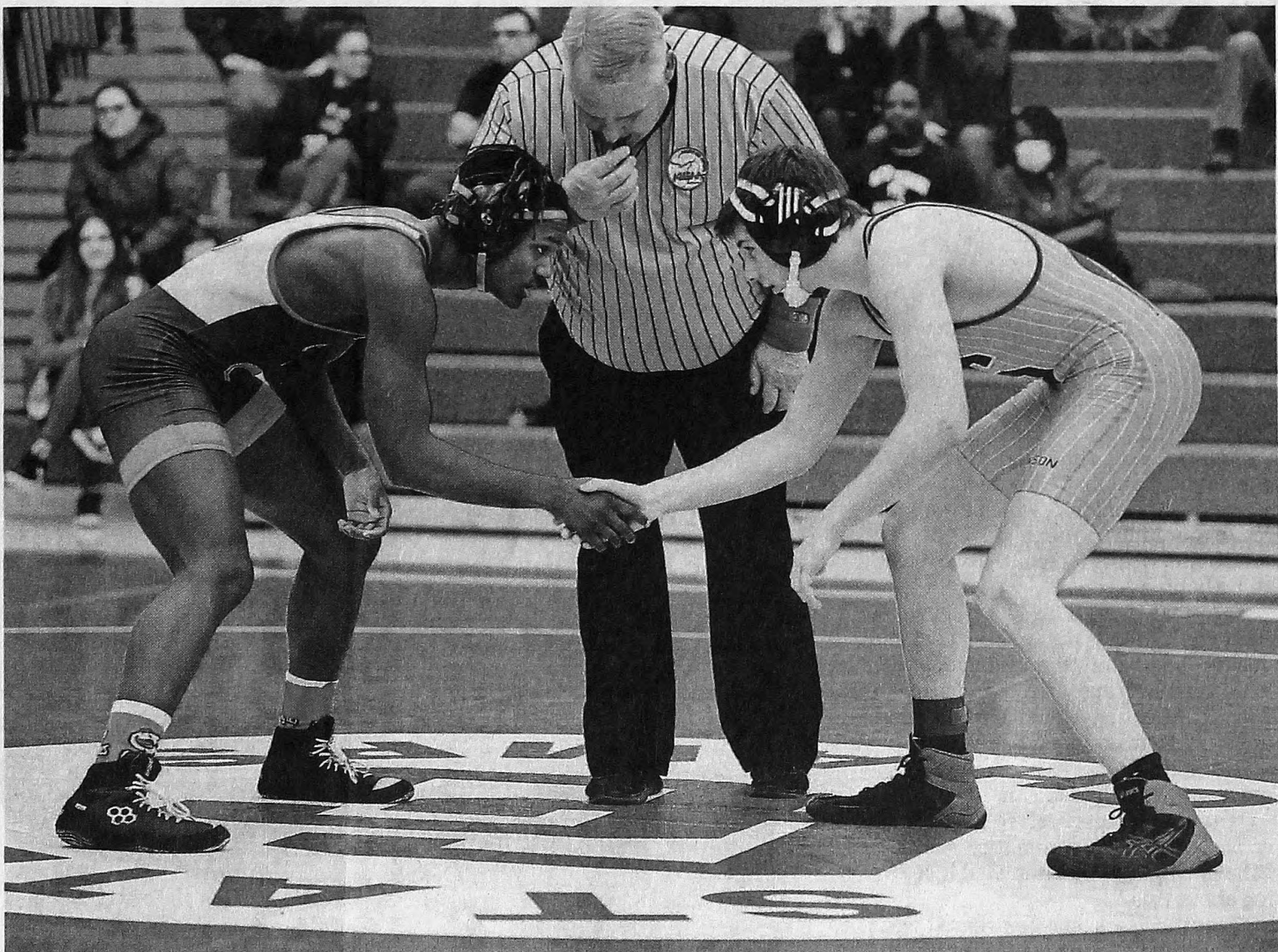
He won last week's district championship and will likely win the upcoming regional tournament.

As of this writing, he boasts a 55-1 record this season, which includes 31 pins, 10 victories by way of technical falls and six major decisions.

Plus, he's been successful on the national circuit, whether it's the Super 32 Challenge showcase in Greensboro, North Carolina, the US Marine Corps Junior and 16-U National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota, or anywhere else they hold top-flight wrestling competitions.

It's a no-brainer why U-M recruited him. Hopefully, the Wolverines will enjoy his jokes and banter in the practice room.

"The neat thing about Dylan is he's pretty laid back," Hancock added. "It took me a couple of years to get used to his mentality and his laid-back demean-



Livonia Franklin's Tyler Garrett (left) and Livonia Stevenson's Jake McPherson shake hands before the Division 1 team wrestling regional semifinal Feb. 16. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

nor. He's just a loveable, likable guy, and he's always playing around. I like that, and I think our team needs that. I think I need that as a coach, too, because he really puts into perspective what being on a team is all about. We train so hard all the time.

"We talk about focus and (staying in) the zone all the time. He brings that uniqueness of, 'Let's have some fun!' sometimes, and I love it."

Added Dylan: "I just like to have fun with it. After all, it is just wrestling. If we can have fun with it, I think we should. Of course, you need to narrow in before your match. It's just more fun. It brings up the mood with everybody around you."

Dylan will look to add to his resume when the Shamrocks attempt to win their ninth state championship under

Hancock since 2010 next week at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo.

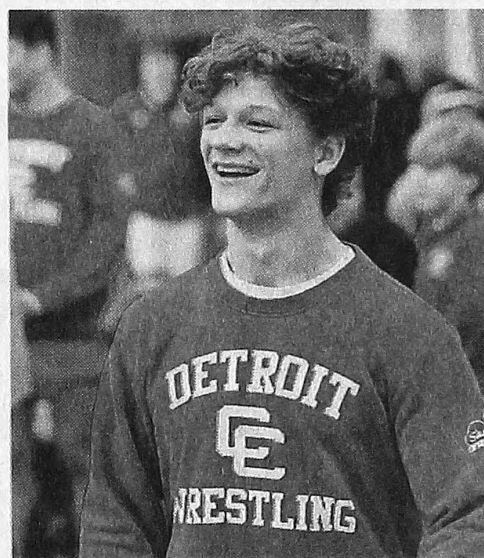
CC hopes to avenge last season's 29-24 loss to Davison in the state final.

The Cardinals face Macomb Dakota in their quarterfinal and will likely take on either Grandville or Holt in the semifinal.

There's a chance the two programs will rematch in the championship.

"We kind of know we should be a top-two team," Dylan said. "We're going to work our butts off to be the No. 1 team. It's just the standard. Our motto is, 'The standard is the standard.' Our standard is to be No. 1, and we know we should be that because of the work we put in."

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Detroit Catholic Central's Dylan Gilcher, a recent Michigan commit, laughs while watching his teammates.

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‘Our family never talked about it,’ but she shares internment history

Eve Chen
USA TODAY

Hanako Wakatsuki has dedicated her life to remembering what her family wouldn't talk about: the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Eighty years ago, on Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which eventually led to rounding up roughly 120,000 Japanese Americans forced to leave everything behind.

“We lost everything, like I lost my heritage,” Wakatsuki said. “I had four generations of my family incarcerated at Manzanar,” one of 10 camps where Americans with at least 1/16th Japanese ancestry were confined.

The historian also had relatives incarcerated at Minidoka and Tule Lake.

“Our family never talked about it because it was super traumatic,” she said. “That’s why I got so interested in learning about this.”

Over the years, she has shared what she learned at various sites within the national park system, including former camp locations and Pearl Harbor. She is now superintendent of the Honouliuli National Historic Site, which is still in development to preserve Japanese American confinement history in Hawaii.

Both the National Park Service and Wakatsuki are intentional about the language they use to share these stories.

“It is important to accurately describe the history of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II without perpetuating euphemistic terms that the U.S. government and others employed at the time, or incorrect terms later substituted that do not adequately describe the injustice experienced by more than 120,000 people,” reads Park Service’s guidance around language.

“We got it institutionalized into the Harpers Ferry editorial style guide, which is helping us move forward as, first, the Park Service to tell these stories, but also institutionalizing it kind of at a governmental level to recognize that, hey, we haven’t been using the proper terminology to describe these situations,” Wakatsuki said.

Saturday marked the 80th annual Day of Remembrance of Japanese American mass incarceration. Throughout the weekend, the National Park Service, Smithsonian National Museum of American History and Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation co-hosted a series of free, live, virtual events addressing what happened, how it impacts what’s still happening today and what



Hanako Wakatsuki is the superintendent of Honouliuli National Historic Site. Over the years at various sites within the national park system, she has shared what she learned about the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. PROVIDED BY STAN HONDA/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

can be done moving forward.

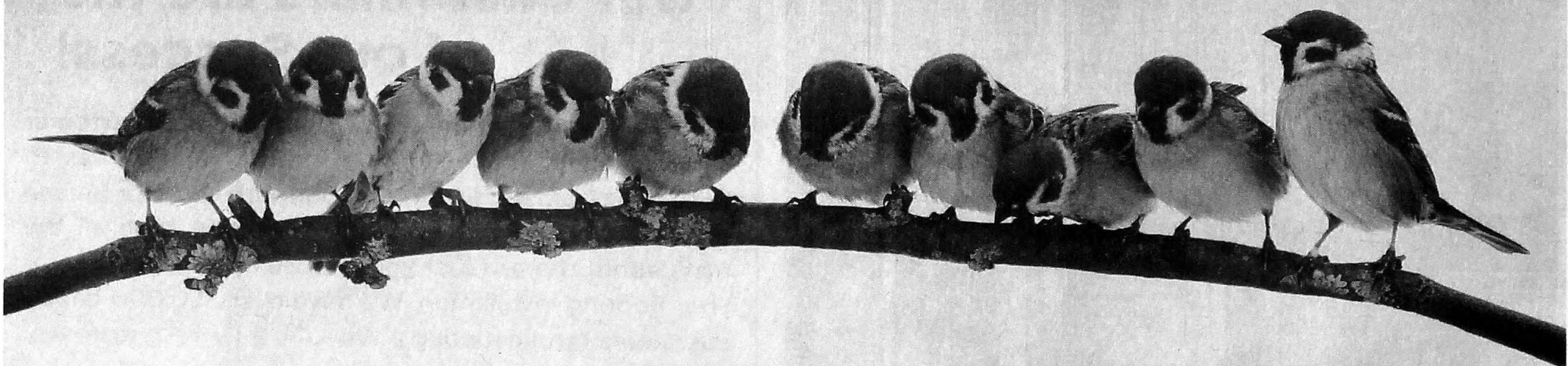
All year long, the conversation and reflection continue at various sites dedicated to remembering that history, including:

- Manzanar National Historic Site
- Minidoka National Historic Site
- Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial
- Tule Lake National Monument
- Honouliuli National Monument
- Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II
- Death Valley National Park
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area
- Presidio of San Francisco
- Wing Luke Museum Affiliated Area
- World War II Memorial



Wakatsuki's grandfather Woodrow Mann Wakatsuki served in the military while the rest of his Japanese American family was incarcerated during WWII. PROVIDED BY WAKATSUKI FAMILY

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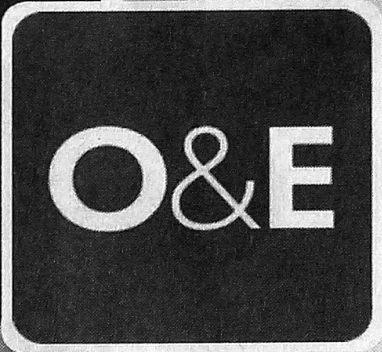
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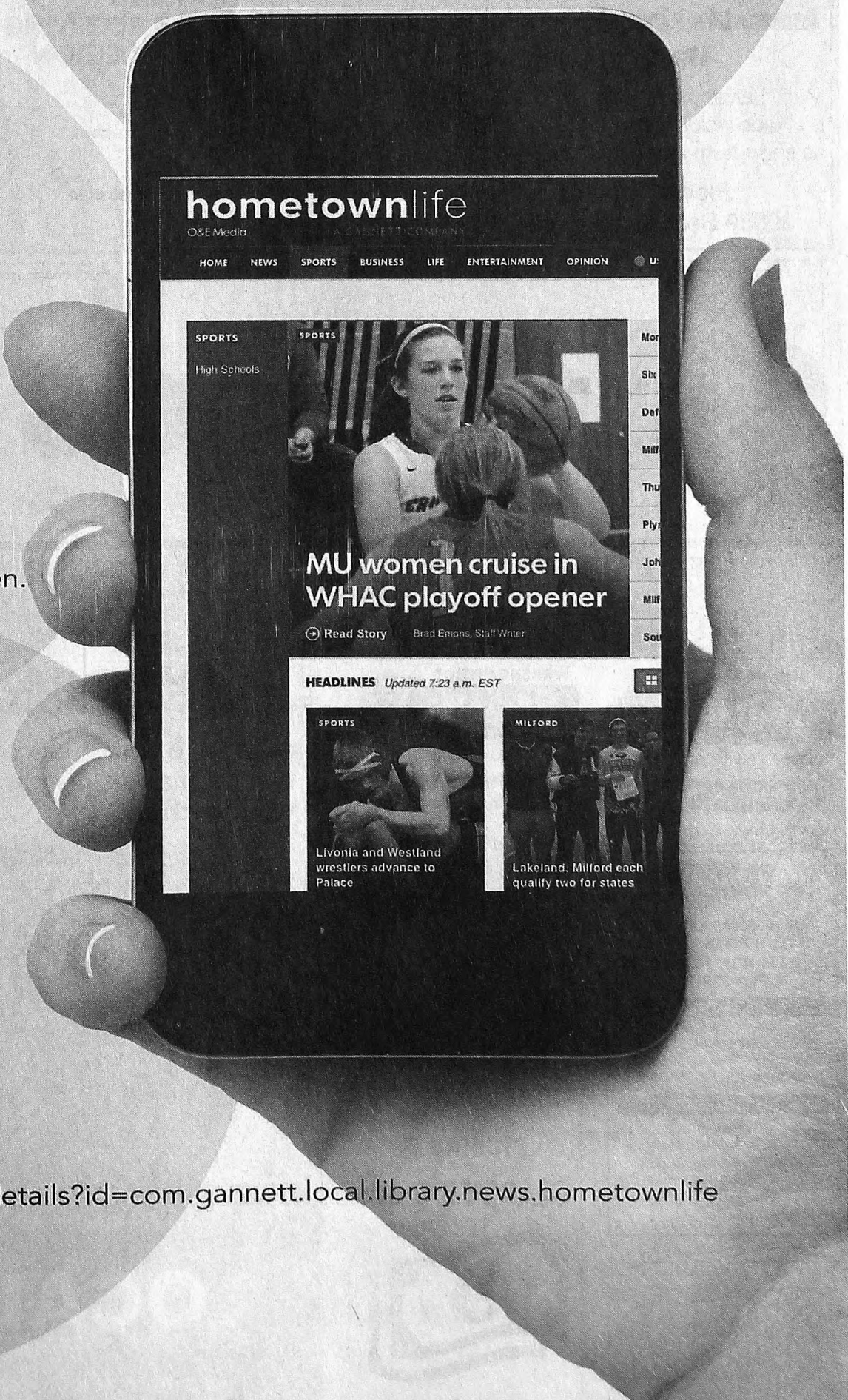
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December JOLTS Report The Best Job Seeker's Market Ever Was Growing Ever More Favorable for Workers Before Omicron

By ZipRecruiter.com

In December, job openings rose from 10.78 million to 10.93 million, almost matching their all-time record high, while hires fell from 6.60 million to 6.26 million. The diverging numbers highlight the intensifying hiring challenges facing U.S. companies amid a record-low number of unemployed job seekers per opening (just 0.58, down sharply from the pre-Covid average 2.3).

Job openings nationwide are now 55.8% higher than before the pandemic. They hit all-time record highs both among small businesses with less than 10 employees (1.5 million openings), and among enterprises with more than 5,000 employees (235,000).

Layoffs and discharges hit their lowest levels on record (0.8%)—a sign that workers now have more job security than ever before. Given the trouble businesses are having in finding and attracting new hires, employers are hanging onto the workers they've got. That's good news for workers, because when employers can't replace low-performing workers, they have to find other means to increase productivity, such as investments in training, technology, and improved management practices.

Workers continue to leave their jobs in extremely high numbers, especially in low-wage industries where most work must be performed onsite, such as leisure and hospitality (5.8%) and retail (4.9%). A re-

cord-high number of workers quit in trade, transportation & utilities in December.

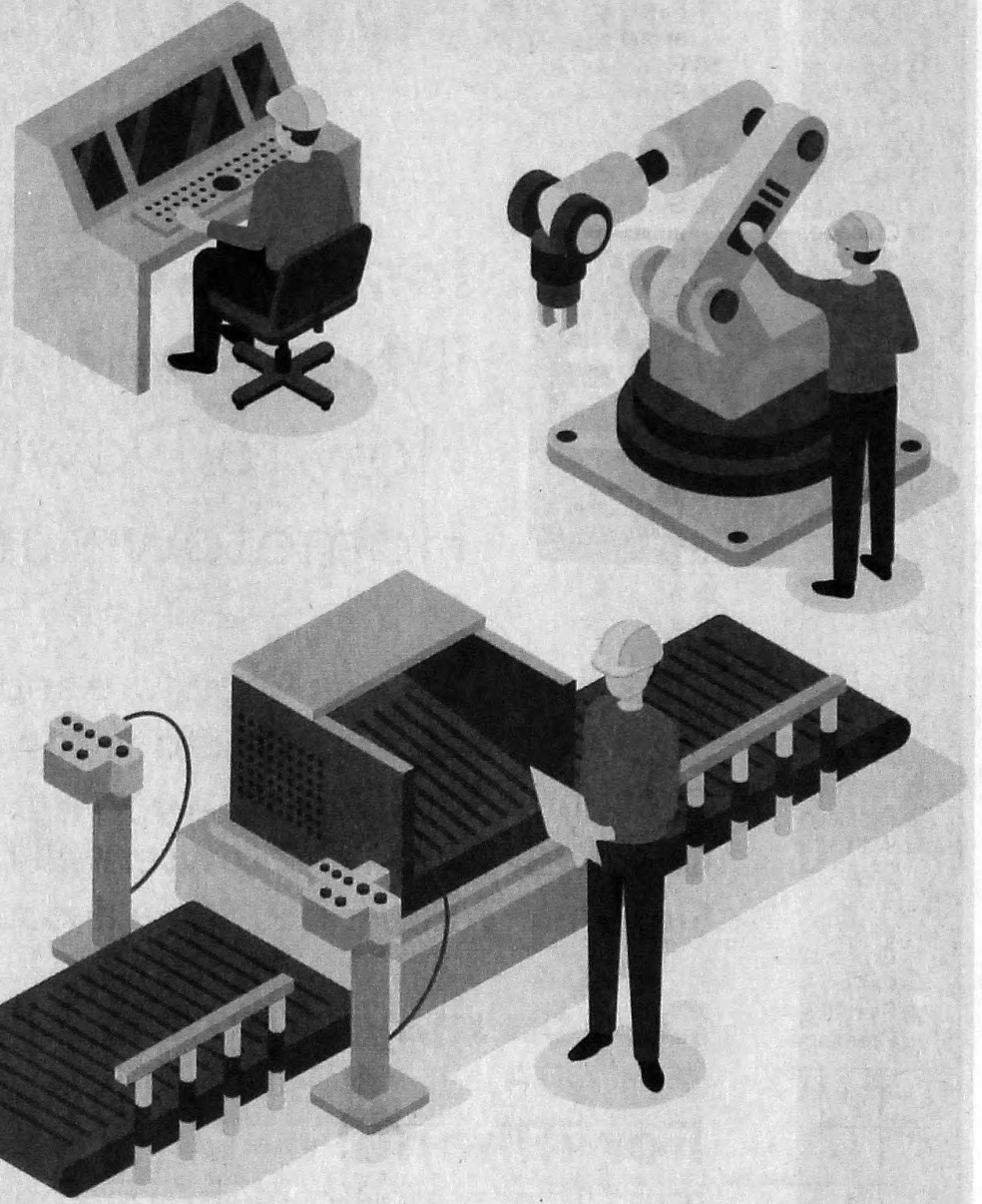
An additional source of strain on employers is relatively high retirements (known as "other separations" in the data), particularly in the West where more workers retired in one month than ever before. 1.5 million more workers have retired than would have been expected before the pandemic. Mid-size businesses with 50-249 employees had the highest quits rate on record at 3.8% (1.5 million). They account for 36% of all quits in the private sector, an outsized share.

Top 5 Industries with Largest Increases in Job Openings Since Pre-Covid February, 2020

- +149.67% Nondurable goods manufacturing
- +119.23% Other services
- +91.67% Mining and logging
- +90.08% Durable goods manufacturing
- +89.96% Accommodation and food services

Top 5 Industries with the Largest 1-Month Increases in Job Openings

- +22.60% Information
- +15.00% Educational services
- +12.20% Mining and logging
- +9.50% Accommodation and food services
- +9.37% State and local government education



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 25 See 42-Across
 26 Bad grade
 27 Causes wonder in
 28 Subcompact car of the 1980s
 30 Naughty kid
 31 Saroyan's "My Name Is —"
 32 Mex. miss
 33 Abate
 34 HarperCollins or Simon & Schuster
 40 — Antonio
 41 Suffix with Brooklyn
 42 With 25-Across, Czech tennis great
 43 Crude dude
 44 Gallery stuff
 46 Film director Preminger</p> | <p>47 Holiday song
 49 Optimistic attitude
 55 Give and take
 57 False appearances
 58 Flaky dessert
 59 Restricted entry
 62 USMC rank
 63 Frat dude
 66 Soon-to-be adolescents
 67 Inquire into
 69 One of 100 in D.C.
 70 Monk's title
 71 Stuff applied to the wall of a room
 76 School org.
 77 Certain Ukrainian
 78 Fine riverbed sand
 79 Athlete's advantage
 84 1836 Texas siege site
 87 Abbr. on a phone dial
 88 Sgt., e.g.
 89 Must-have
 91 In a bit, to bards
 92 — a snap!
 93 Took a chair
 95 Features of many limos
 100 Sue Grafton's — for Noose"</p> | <p>101 Movie-rating org.
 103 Defendant's opponent
 104 Part of LAPD
 105 "Necktie," "bathrobe" or "jumpsuit"
 108 College bigwig
 110 Furry foot
 113 Taken together
 114 Great values
 115 Subsequent stage
 117 Coup —
 118 Omit, as a syllable
 119 Balsam or turpentine
 120 Blissful spots
 121 Doles (out)
 122 Maker of the eight programs that are the theme of this puzzle</p> | <p>9 Ticked off
 10 "Awright!"
 11 Dig out from the ground
 12 Impose — on (outlaw)
 13 Some nobles
 14 Affirms solemnly
 15 Suburb of D.C. in Virginia
 16 Wheat — (cereal)
 17 Judge of the O.J. Simpson trial
 18 Owing
 19 "Don't worry, things are going to work out"
 28 60-min. periods
 29 "Give — whirl"
 30 "You're preaching to the choir"
 31 Lung cell
 34 Pen maker
 35 Egg cells
 36 Boat-rowing guys
 37 Style of jazz
 38 Bathtub sponges
 39 Great reviews
 45 Scale notes after dos
 46 Bullring cheer</p> | <p>48 Library penalty
 50 Old railroad watchdog agcy.
 51 — Bo (exercise system)
 52 Age-verifying cards
 53 Top dentures
 54 Food fish from Africa
 56 Eye squintingly
 59 A DJ might spin them
 60 Furiousness
 61 Gene stuff
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 63 Gold-winning figure skater Brian
 64 Hotfoot it
 65 Slugger Mel
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 68 Sentimental pop songs
 71 Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
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 73 China's Lao- —
 74 Suffix with Brooklyn
 75 Comedian Gilda
 76 "Ask Me Another" ailer
 77 Available without an Rx</p> | <p>79 Occur at the same time
 80 Acquired the film rights to
 81 Army meal companion
 82 As a team
 83 "So yucky!"
 85 Do some lawn work
 86 Add- — (peripherals)
 90 Pupil-widening drug, e.g.
 93 Young salmon and sea trout
 94 Clerk on "The Simpsons"
 96 Tristan's love
 97 Surgery assistants
 98 TV magnate Turner
 99 Olympic athlete, e.g.
 102 She sang "Hello"
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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!

TAKE A CRUISE

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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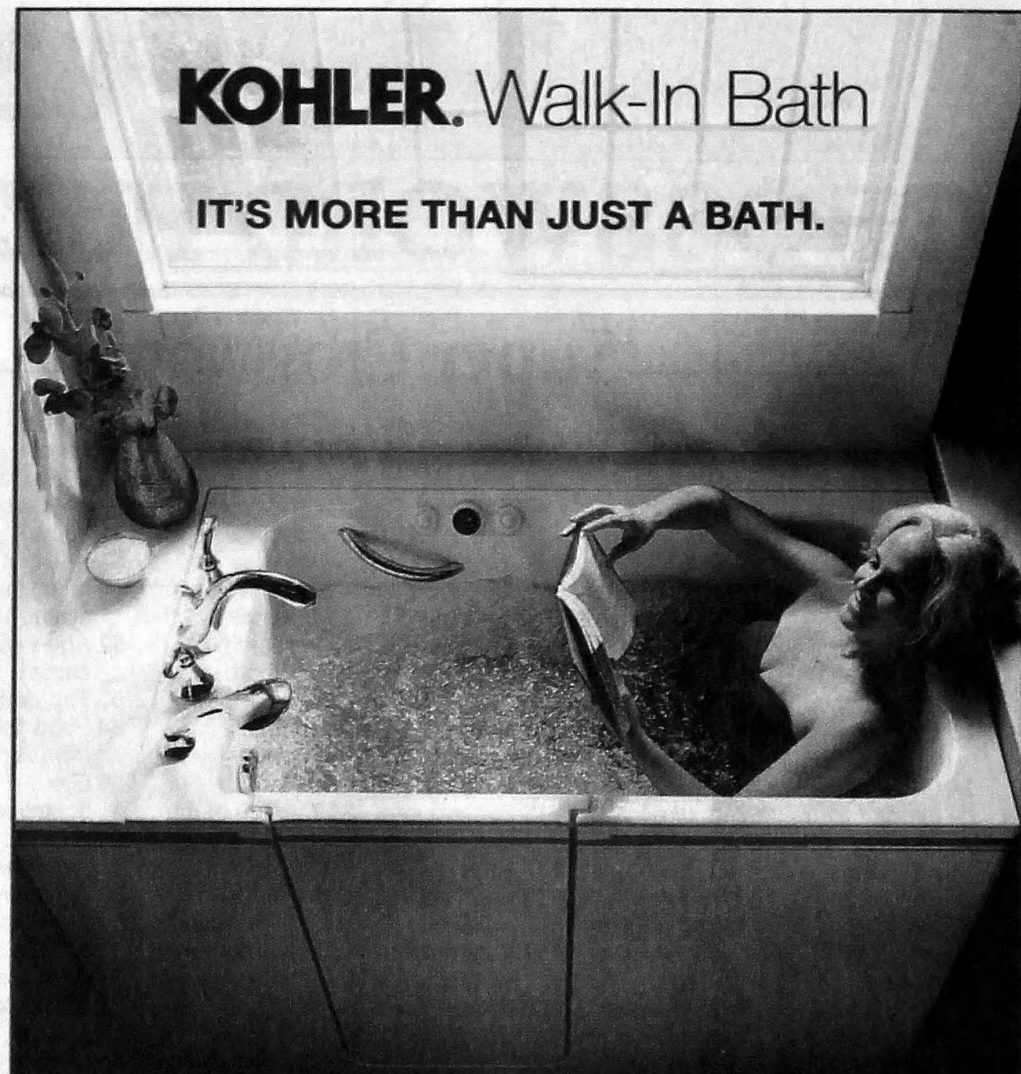
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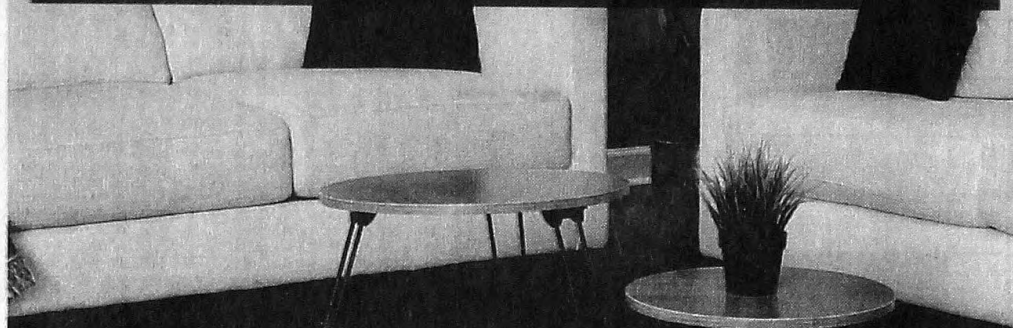
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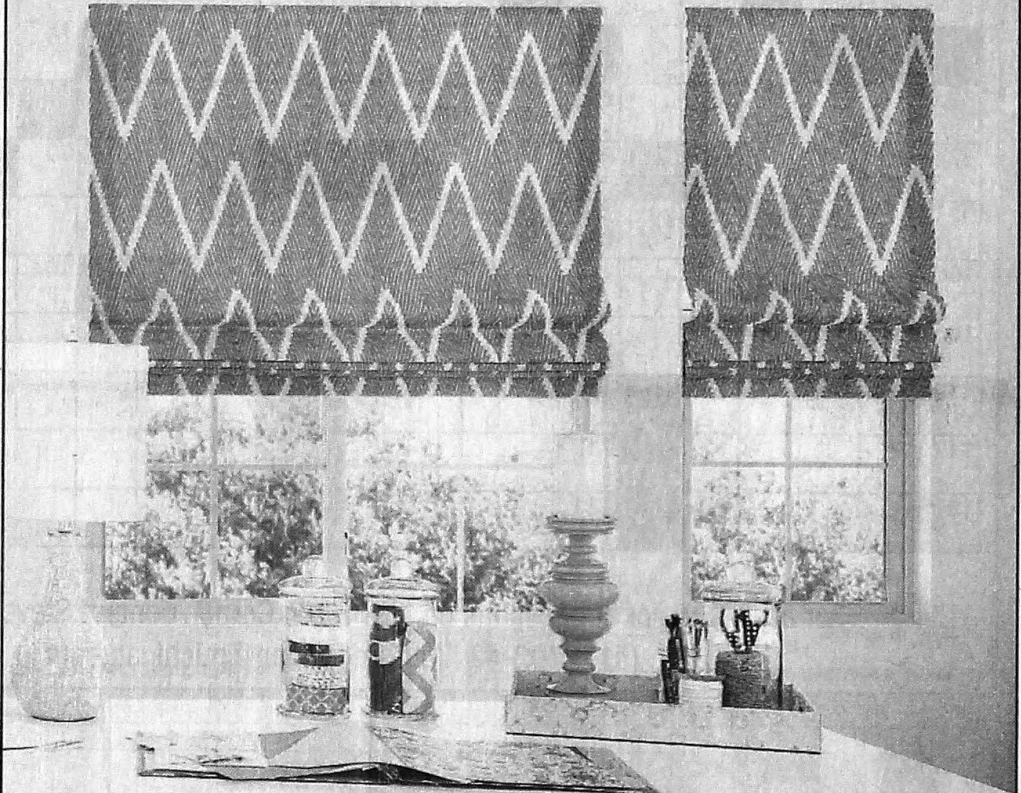
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