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## Federal funds could go to sidewalks, ambulance

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When it comes to splitting up Plymouth Township's \$2.83 million piece of the federal American Rescue Plan Act pie, Supervisor Kurt Heise recommends cutting it into six slices, much to the dis-

may of at least two residents who spoke during a March 8 public hearing.

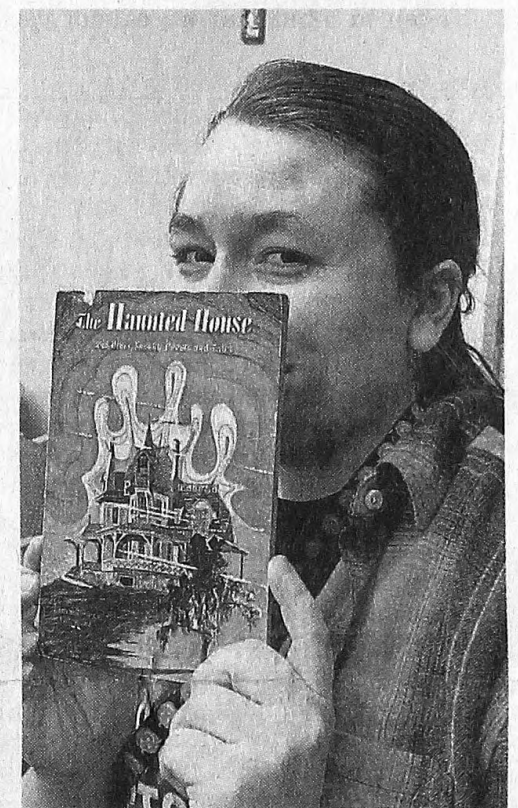
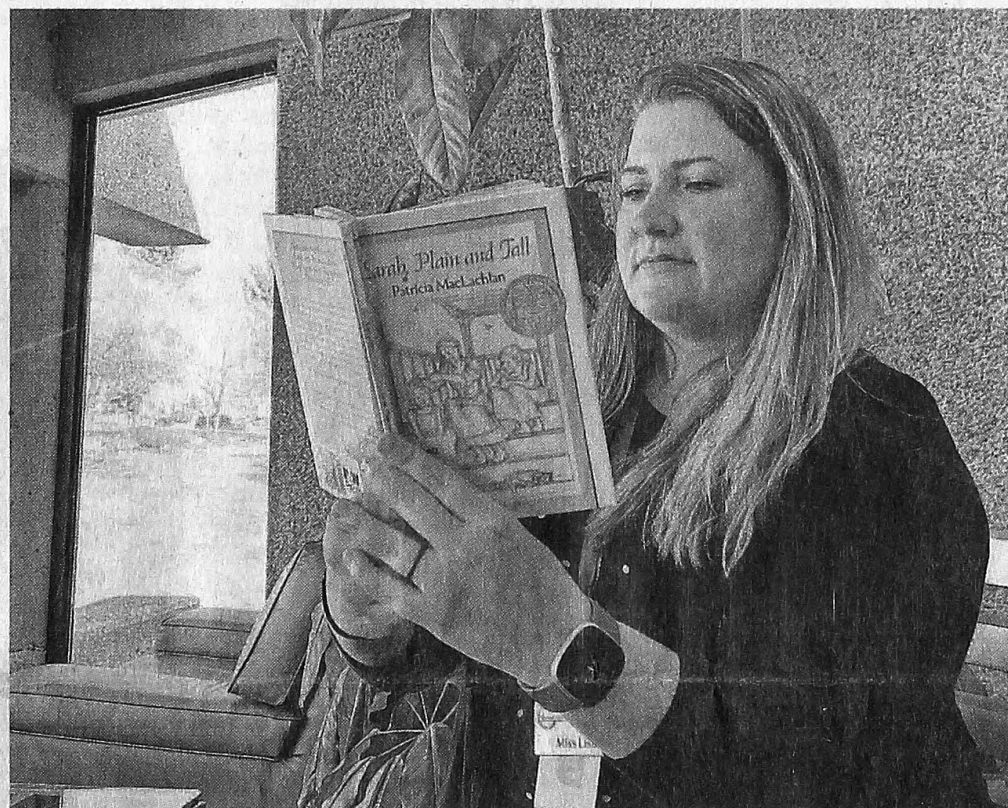
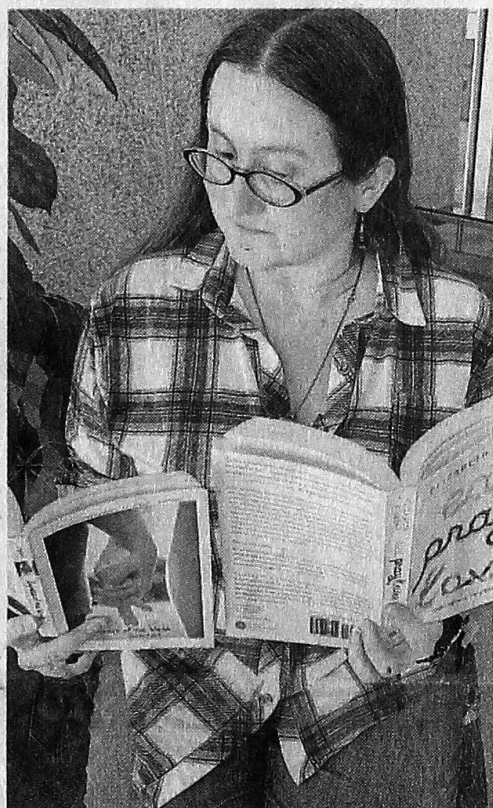
Larry Kummer, who lives in the Colony Farms subdivision, and Ruth Deljevic, who resides in the Trailwood subdivision, made impassioned presentations as to why they think funding needs to be allocated to their pothole-

infested neighborhoods. But, Heise said the township would not be receiving enough "bang for its buck" by spending the ARPA money on road repairs.

"Yes, we have road issues and, yes, \$2.83 million is a lot of money. But our engineers will tell you one mile of road repairs cost about \$1 million right now,

and I'm sure tomorrow's numbers will be higher," Heise said. "Wayne County is supposed to be taking care of our roads. If we gave the county \$2.8 million and said spend this on a designated project, they wouldn't mind that at all because

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Above at left, Rebecca Brown, a librarian for the Farmington Community Library, with "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert and "Empress of the World" by Sara Ryan. Above at center, Lisa Laesch-Vanstone, a children's librarian for the Farmington Community Library, reading "Sarah, Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan. Above at right, Kaitlin Smith, an adult services librarian at the Westland Public Library, with "The Haunted House" by V. Crume. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Books that changed local librarians' lives

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Most avid readers have that one book that changed their life.

For Lisa Laesch-Vanstone, it's "Sarah, Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan.

Laesch-Vanstone, a children's librarian at the Farmington Community Li-

brary's Farmington Hills branch, was 8 years old when her mother died. A group of teachers at her elementary school gifted her a basket of books at the funeral in an effort to bring her some comfort.

One of those books was "Sarah, Plain and Tall."

She guesses she's read her well-loved copy of the book, which follows two siblings as they cope with their mother's

death and their father's new marriage, seven or eight times. Even as an adult, just holding the little novel still gives her a sense of peace.

"As a second grader who didn't really realize the gravity of the situation I was put in, it gave me a perspective of what this family unit looked like and how it's OK to have these weird emotions when someone else comes in," Laesch-Van-

stone said. "I feel like it prepared my heart for other people to mother me going forward."

March is National Reading Month, and many schools give their students reading challenges to tackle. Local libraries are great places to find movies, internet access and so much more, but

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## Detroit man sentenced in Westland Shopping Center shooting

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Gregory Travis Jones was sentenced Monday to up to 10 years in prison for firing a weapon during a Westland Shopping Center conflict nearly two years ago.

The Detroit man, 26, has been residing at the Wayne County Jail, and he will receive nearly two years' credit for time already served, according to online Third Circuit records regarding the March 21 proceeding.

Earlier this year, Jones pleaded guilty to two weapons charges: one for firing a

weapon inside a building and another for having a firearm during a felony crime.

Thirteen other felony charges, including assault with intent to murder, were dismissed because of a plea deal.

Defense attorney Regina Triplett repeated after the sentencing that prose-

cutors extended a fair deal.

According to Wayne County prosecutors, Jones met some acquaintances at one of the mall's stores the afternoon of July 9, 2020. Their discussion led to an argument and gunfire.

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# Homeland Security secretary visits Holocaust Center

Niraj Warikoo Detroit Free Press  
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The head of the Department of Homeland Security met March 19 with a wide range of religious, city and military leaders in metro Detroit, touring the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills and Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township and having candid conversations with Arab American advocates in Dearborn about their community being a target of discrimination.

Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas also

had lunch at Al-Ameer restaurant with Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, who told Mayorkas about concerns that Arab Americans have had with their community being profiled by the department over the past 20 years. Mayorkas then met with about 20 Arab American community leaders and city officials at the Dearborn Administrative Center, which contains City Hall offices.

Mayorkas is the latest Homeland Security chief to visit Dearborn and meet with Arab Americans, a tradition that goes back to the post-9/11 era. The last two meetings, in 2016 and 2017, were

contentious, but this one was more cordial, according to Arab Americans who attended the meetings.

"The people who attended the event were wounded with difficult experiences from the agencies and their practices, and many blamed the culture," Dr. Yahya Basha of West Bloomfield, who attended the meeting, said afterward.

But during Friday's discussions, there was a "spirit of cooperation and positiveness," said Basha, founder and president of Basha Diagnostics and an advocate for the Arab American community.

At the same time, Arab Americans criticized the department and other U.S. government agencies for double standards, such as how Middle Eastern refugees are often blocked from entry while there's now a more welcoming stance for Ukrainian refugees.

During the meeting, Mayorkas took notes and said he would follow up with some of their concerns.

He also spoke about working to gain the trust of diverse communities, acknowledging that some past practices

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they would take at least 10% of it right off the top for administrative overhead. It's going to take tens of millions of dollars to fix our roads."

Heise's recommended projects are based on five primary criteria:

- those that benefit the largest number of residents;
- those that are supported by an identifiable need, plan, survey or study;
- those that promote public recreation, wellness, safety and quality of life;
- those that could be matched or leveraged with additional funds; and
- those that can be justified to the federal government in the event of a future audit.

"Keep in mind that we cannot use

ARPA funds to cut taxes, pay off bonds or debts, pay off judgements, or pay pension or OPEB obligations," Heise explained. "We also cannot just push these funds into our general fund budget and burn through them over the next four years."

The six projects the township should spend the funds on (the money must be spent between 2022 and 2026), Heise suggested, are:

- a sidewalk gap replacement program (\$700,000 in 2022 and \$700,000 in 2023 along with \$200,000 in general funds each year);
- a new ambulance (\$275,000 in 2022), which he wants ordered immediately due to supply chain issues;
- walkways and recreational amenities for Golfview Park (\$450,000 in 2022 along with \$135,000 in Wayne County park funds), the triangle-shaped property near the northeast cor-

ner of Beck Road and Ann Arbor Trail;

- a new Ann Arbor Trail entrance to Hilltop Golf Course (\$170,000);

- a project that would repair and replace a section of Plymouth Township Park's driveway as it approaches the parking lot near the baseball/softball diamonds (\$450,000); this would include the repairing of a failing storm drain along a nearby creek; and

- a second senior transport van (\$25,000 FY22 plus \$25,000 in matching donations).

Heise reiterated that his recommendations are a starting point for further discussion between the board of trustees and township residents.

Township resident Mark Aldrich, who identified himself as a public safety employee, said he is opposed to a sidewalk gap-filling project. Aldrich said he fears more sidewalks in the township will encourage the school district to per-

manently cancel bus service.

"I would never want my kids to walk to school even though we're in a good community," Aldrich said. "People drive like idiots these days. Society has changed the past 10 years. Probably one out of two drivers these days are looking at their phone or on social media. I don't feel safe letting my kids walk up to Picnic Basket or even ride their bikes in the neighborhoods."

Trustee Chuck Curmi said the township wants to mitigate traffic at school pick-up and drop-off times by filling in sidewalk gaps.

"It used to be having a school in your neighborhood was considered highly desirable," Curmi said. "I'm a little miffed that parents don't want their kids to walk to school. You know the world is upside down when parents are coming in saying they don't want sidewalks."

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## Shooting

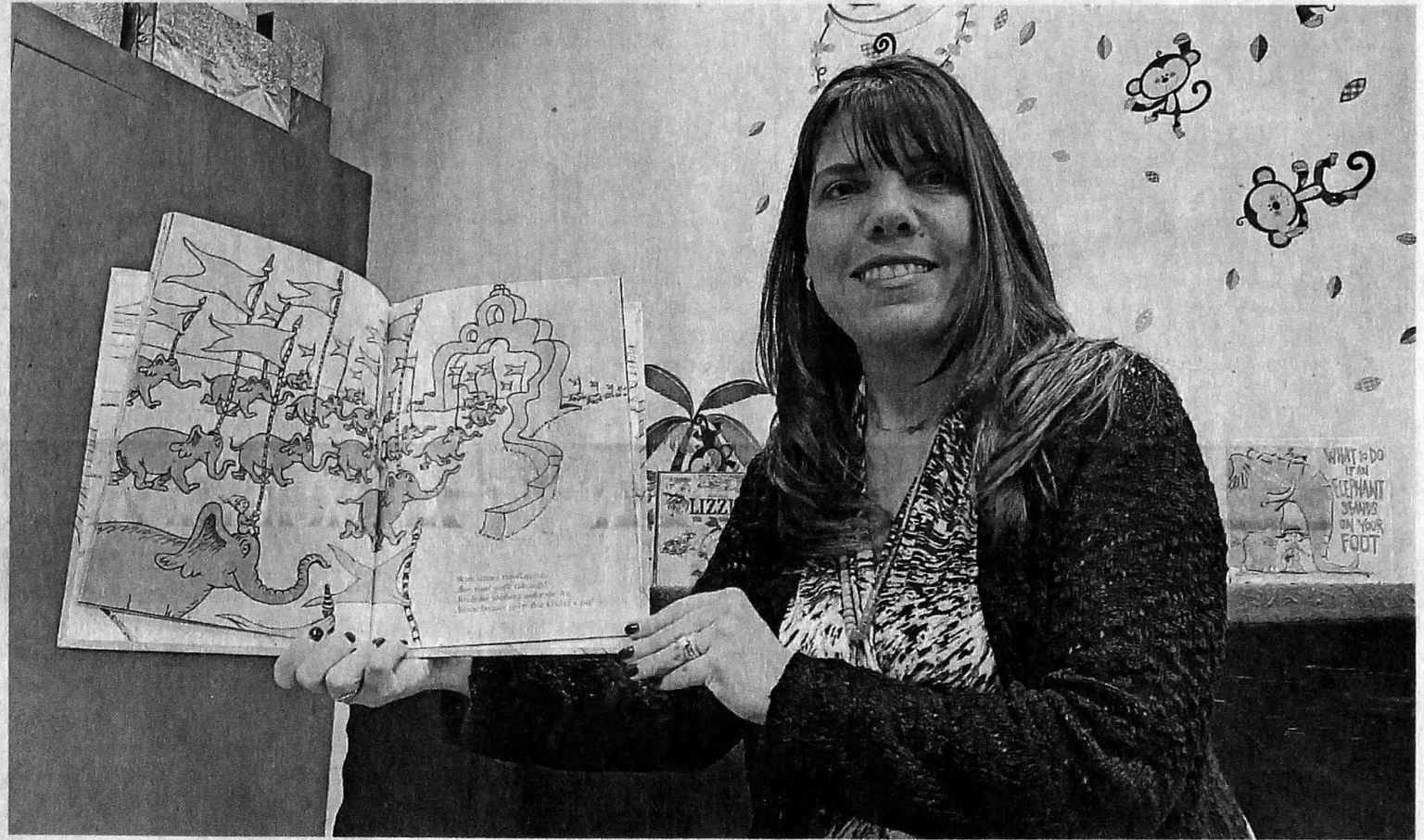
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Video shown in the courtroom previously showed him apparently moving from the front to the rear of a perfume store before revealing a gun and brandishing it for several seconds. He then fired into the air and shot at fleeing acquaintances.

Jones fled on foot, apparently not leaving anyone injured in his wake. Federal authorities arrested him a few days later.

He was arraigned on six assault and nine weapons charges.

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Karen Smith in the story time chair at the Livonia Civic Center Library, reading "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Books

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can also be a place where someone learns to love books.

Laesch-Vanstone, who hated reading as a child, and other local librarians say their favorite part of the job is helping people find a book they'll love.

"I think my biggest strength as a librarian is that I know what it's like to be the kid who hates to read and is forced to at every turn in school," she said. "I really cherish when I can help a kid find a book or format that can help them get into reading."

Librarians all have their own reasons for doing their job and have varying relationships with reading. But they all agree: A library card and the

right book can have a significant impact on someone's life.

### Finding the courage to take control

Rebecca Brown, a teen librarian for the Farmington Community Library's Farmington branch, realizes lots of people love to hate "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert. Some criticize the author as being selfish.

But the memoir, in which Gilbert narrates a international trip she took following a divorce, was a gamechanger for Brown. Her copy is full of highlights and she speaks about it with a visible sense of admiration.

Brown had been in an 11-year abusive marriage, she said, and reading "Eat, Pray, Love" sparked courage that eventually gave her the will to leave that relationship and create a healthier, happier life for herself. So she doesn't really care that some call Gilbert selfish.

"I never really talked about what was going on because I thought it was my fault and I was embarrassed by it," she said. "I picked up this book because it had been really popular, and when I read it, it just gave me the idea that my life was my life and I didn't just have to go along with the things that were happening to me."

"It changed my life. I'd even say it saved my life."

### Sparking a love of storytelling

She says she's no Stephen King, but Katelin Smith has written her fair share of spooky stories.

She attributes that hobby to "The Haunted House and Other Spooky Poems and Tales" by V. Crume. The tiny, out of print paperback is a collection of

scary stories meant to be enjoyed by kids. Smith's mother used to read it to her.

"It's where I got my love of spooky stories," she said. "It's a nice little dossier of spooky stuff, which is always fun for Halloween but it's good for any time of year."

She's always loved to read, and now she enjoys sharing her own stories too.

"I absolutely love telling stories and I write my own as a hobby," Smith said. "It's nothing fancy, but I share my stories with my friends and my family and they always enjoy them. I think it comes from that love of reading."

### Learning to deal with life's ups and downs

Like plenty of other high school students, Karen Smith was gifted her copy of "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss as a teen. She loved it so much that she actually read it aloud to her peers from the stage at her high school graduation. She's also been known to give it as a graduation gift.

"I have loved this book forever," Smith, the director of children's services at the Livonia Civic Center Library, said. "It's just one of those really cool books that's good for a kindergarten graduation or a high school graduation or a college graduation. I love that it teaches you that some days everything will go right, and some days everything will go wrong. But at the end, it all works out."

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!" was the last book Seuss published before his death in 1991 and explores the ups and downs of life. Though it's a children's picture book, Smith thinks it's got something for everyone.

"It teaches a really cool lesson," Smith said.

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. located at City Hall & online Zoom Webinar to consider the following:

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# Hometown Life staffers recognized for work in statewide competition

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Hometown Life staff earned seven awards in various categories for the 2021 Better Newspaper Contest, conducted by the Michigan Press Association.

Reporters received honors for news, feature, investigative and sports.

The contest received 2,909 entries submitted by 96 Michigan newspapers and individual members.

A representative from the MPA said states with similar numbers of entries "team up and swap entries" for judging each year.

This year, Michigan swapped entries with the Arkansas Press Association. Hometown Life includes 10 print publications, and staff competed in the second and third largest weekly circulation categories, based on publication.

The winners:

Colin Gay earned both first place and third place in the **Sports Feature** category. The first place honor went to "Larger than life: South Lyon East football prepares for season without Trevon Tyler." The third place award came for "Plymouth lacrosse's Zoe Weber sets aside lymphoma fight for normal senior night."

Tyler was an offensive lineman for South Lyon East who died in late 2019 after complications from surgery.

The team made plans to honor him at the start of the 2020 football season. Weber was a start Plymouth lacrosse player sitting out her senior season because of lymphoma. Her coach and parents devised a plan to get her back on the field.

David Veselenak earned a second place award in the **Feature Story** category with "Here's where you can find the season's hottest item: the hot cocoa bomb."

Bakeries and chocolate shops had difficulties keeping this confectionery craze in stock leading up to Christmas 2020. The story explained how they work and identified shops in the region



Hometown Life staff writer David Veselenak received a third place honor in the Government/Education News category for the story "How long could it take to mail back a metro Detroit ballot? We experimented to find out." HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

where people could find them.

Susan Bromley earned a second place award in **News Enterprise Reporting** for her piece "Gift of Life, organ donors helped 1,000+ Michiganders last year with second chance at life."

Looking at how the pandemic affected Gift of Life and Michigan's organ donor registry, she shared the stories of two local organ recipients who benefited from the program while looking at the program's challenges and success.

Susan Vela received a third place award in the **Spot News Story** category for the piece "South Lyon teen killed, dad in hospital in Wednesday night fatal

shooting."

The breaking news story focused on the death of 17-year-old Dylan Stamper on Dec. 30, 2020. Father Kevin Stamper died later. Police made two arrests, and the alleged shooter faces murder charges in circuit court.

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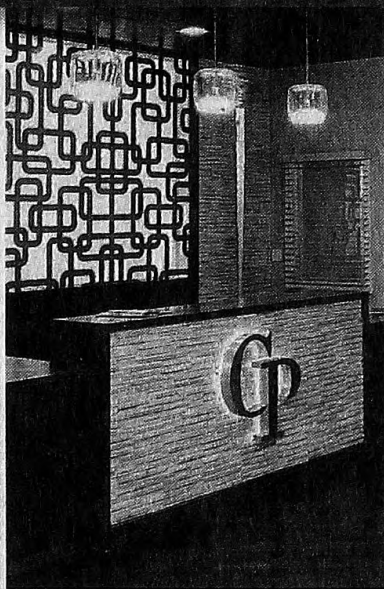
With questions leading up to the November 2020 election on U.S. Postal Service delivery speeds and an expect-

ed uptick in absentee voting, Hometown Life dropped mail off in boxes across metro Detroit to see if there were any delays. There were not.

Susan Bromley received an honorable mention in the Feature Story category among 43 entries for her piece "He lived in his car for five months. Then came a knock on the window and an unexpected answer."

This story followed Mike Marshall's journey to recovery after the Milford and Highland community rallied in winter 2020 to help Mike find food, shelter and help. Since May he's been living in an apartment in Pontiac.

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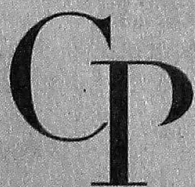
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# Plymouth Salem graduate returns to Michigan for marriage, true crime

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The true crime bug keeps biting Salem High School graduate Alysia Sofios, who has returned from California declaring her journalism chops with some real stingers.

She has a new podcast, CrimeCasters Network with her partner in true crime reporting Ronnie Dahl, once an investigative reporter at Detroit station, WXYZ-TV, and a former public information officer for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Friends since their cub reporter days with Fox 47 in Lansing, they're doing fresh reporting on old cases and providing new insights for investigations that have haunted them over the years.

Their episodes have plumbed mysteries like the vanishings of Nevaeh Buchanan, a 5-year-old from Monroe, and Bianca Jones, a 2-year-old from Detroit.

There are interviews with prison inmates, personal stories and details unearthed with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests as the two also explore cases Sofios covered in California.

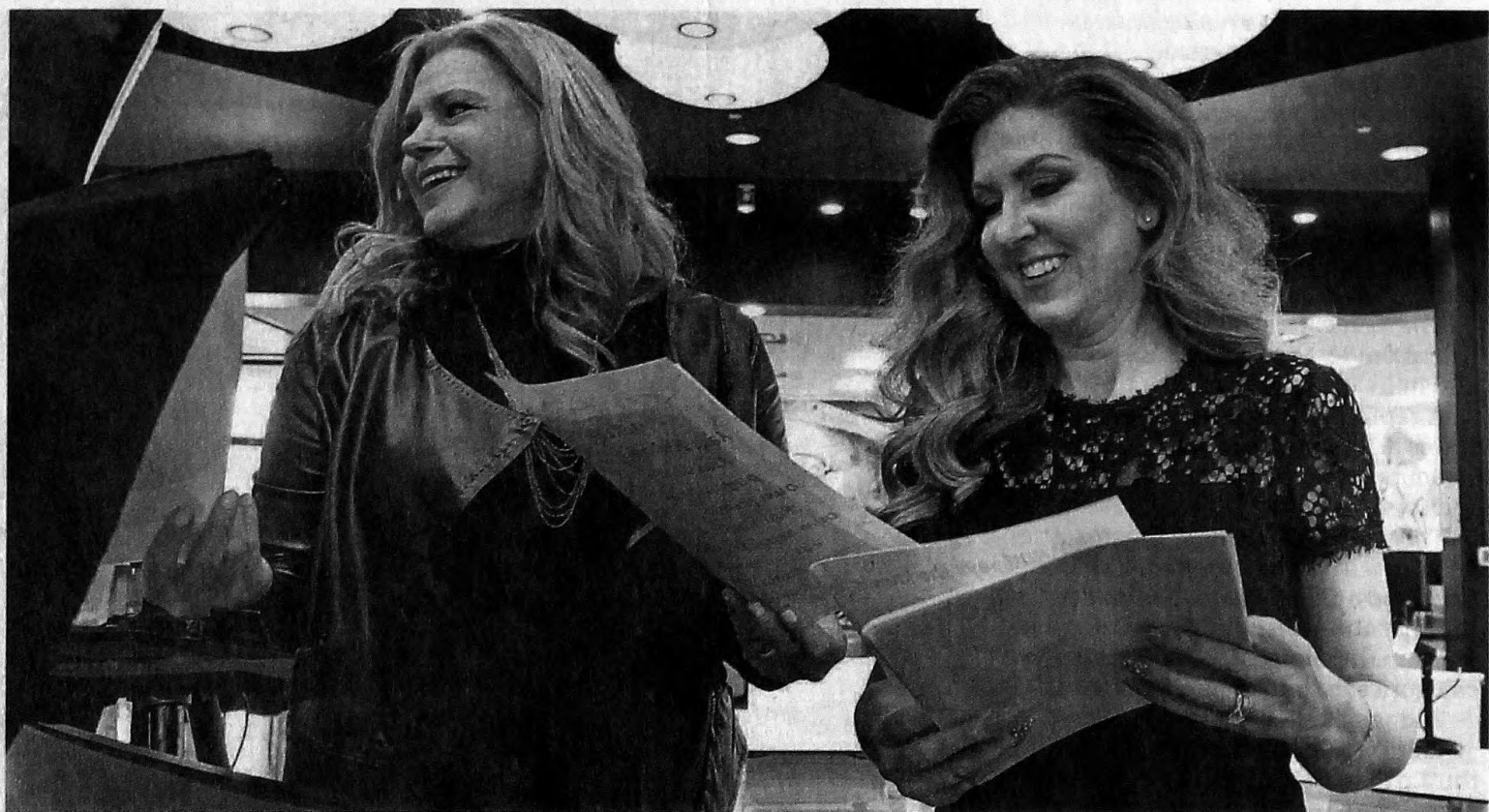
There's the woman known as an "Acid Queen" and a man who murdered nine of his children, the latter case inspiring Sofios to write a book that put her on "Dr. Phil", "20/20" and CNN.

Despite some enviable achievements, their episodes are reminiscent of all good newsrooms, where the journalists work hard to get the story right and sometimes just as hard to convey the immensity of their findings to editors.

There's also the camaraderie that goes with reporter friends reporting stories that real people want to know.

"We try to blend different elements," Dahl said. "We feel like the interviews give us our journalistic credibility. We're also not time constrained. We want people to feel like we're approachable and we are not only reporters and journalists. But we're also your friends next door."

Sofios piped in: "We're true crime fans at the end of the day. We consume



CrimeCasters Network's Ronnie Dahl, left, and Alysia Sofios in their Birmingham production space.  
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the same content. We want to be a community with all of these amateur sleuths. We're just like you, except with a FOIA and with the sources to back it up."

Sofios turned to journalism in high school when she realized a law degree wasn't smart if she nearly fell asleep in the courtroom while job shadowing a lawyer.

So she packed up the skills she was known for and loved - debating, writing, speaking and telling stories - and set off to Michigan State University, known as a top journalism school in the state.

Professors told her the prospects were dim for print and radio journalists, so she committed to a career in TV. And then the true crime bug bit.

Sofios was alone in the newsroom one 2001 weekend - working as a week-

end anchor, producer and assignment editor - in Lansing when she thought she heard over the scanner that there was a shooter at the zoo. A bullet killed Bernita White, who was with her daughter, 5.

"Every reporter has a case she just can't stop thinking about, that haunts her and this one is mine," she said for the podcast. "Because for the past 20 years, like her family and friends, I want to know why Bernita White doesn't have justice especially since police think they know exactly who killed her, and that man is one of their own."

She continued her reporting career in California, where she continued to cover high-profile criminal trials for the likes of Scott Peterson, who was originally sentenced to death for the murders of his wife Laci and their unborn son Connor. He was resented to life in prison

without the possibility of parole late last year.

After writing her book about mass murderer Marcus Wesson and the survivors she befriended, she tried escaping the true crime world by signing a one-year lease near the Santa Monica beach to watch sunsets and appreciate living.

"I would watch the sun set religiously, and I had a beautiful old couple that lived near me, and I would watch the sunsets with them," she said.

Her year of escape taught her that there really might be no escape from true crime.

Toward the end of her lease, at about 4 a.m., she woke up to a beeping noise outside of her window. There were satellite trucks outside and a photographer

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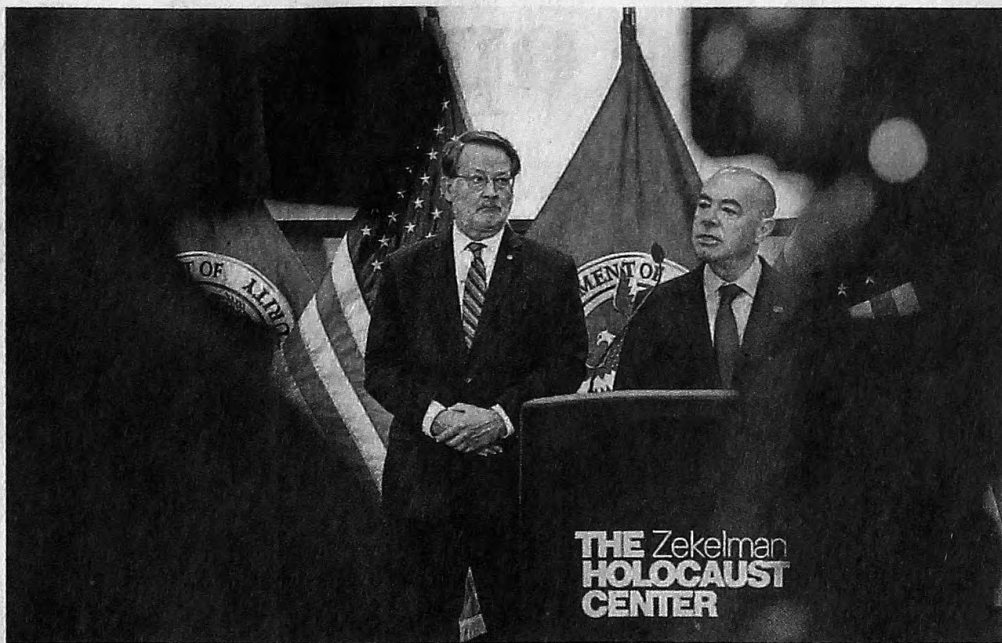
may not have worked, said people who attended the meeting.

Mayorkas was accompanied during his visits by U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. At the Zekelman Holocaust Center, Mayorkas met with 14 faith and community leaders representing metro Detroit Jewish, Chaldean, Muslim, African American and Hindu groups, according to a Peters aide. The meeting also included a member of the Ukrainian American community, Mayorkas said.

The aide did not specify the names of the leaders who were at the meeting at the Holocaust center. A spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security did not respond to requests for comment and details about Mayorkas' visit.

Mayorkas and Peters later visited Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County, meeting with base leadership and personnel with the Department of Homeland Security, including some with Homeland Security Investigations, Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Coast Guard, all of which are under the department.

"The senator and I met with a diverse community ... here in this extraordinary



U.S. Senator Gary Peters, Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, left, is joined by Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas on March 18 at the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Holocaust center," Mayorkas said to reporters during a news conference at the center.

The Holocaust center is "an important message of honor and remembrance to 6 million who lost their lives because of a Holocaust, fueled by an ideology of hate and everything that this country and so much of the world

stands against," he said.

"I also think it's noteworthy the diversity of the community with whom we met. We met an individual who represented the Ukrainian American community. ... We in the department are very proud of the swiftness with which we move to grant temporary protected status for you, Ukrainian residents in

the United States. We are also proud as a country to come to the aid of Ukrainians in Ukraine, who have suffered war crimes and other horrors unprovoked by a Russian assault on the sovereignty and freedom of the Ukrainian people."

Peters noted that he helped obtain almost \$250 million in funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, including \$3.5 million for 30 houses of worship and nonprofits in Michigan. Of 30 groups in Michigan that received funding, 15 are in metro Detroit.

An aide to Peters said their office could not share the names of those groups because of security concerns.

At the Dearborn meeting, Arab Americans brought up the issue of being profiled at ports of entry, such as airports and border crossings. The problem is ongoing, said Abed Hammoud, a Dearborn attorney who attended the meeting.

"People spoke also about how ... the government deals with refugees from Syria and Yemen and others and versus how they the Ukrainians were dealt with, like how some things moved so fast" for helping Ukrainians compared with others from Middle Eastern nations, Hammoud said.

Basha noted that thousands of Syrian refugees who were initially admitted into the U.S. were then blocked and still can't gain entry, languishing in other nations such as Jordan.

# Graduate

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she had worked with years before.

The man she had been watching the sunsets with was Whitey Bulger, a now-deceased Boston mobster who vanished in 1994.

She also would realize her true crime links when finding out a former priest was in prison for sex abuse.

"And I was a gymnast all of my life and Larry Nassar was my doctor," she said, referring to the man sentenced to more than a century behind bars on sexual assault charges and statements from a legion of women and girls.

"Those things also play into my quest for justice," she said. "I'm kind of intertwined in the true crime world."



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On a personal level, Sofios and her husband Dean Rovinelli met at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Gallimore Elementary School. Now an owner of Barrio Cocina y Tequileria in Plymouth, he was her third-grade crush. Over the years, timing may have been

everything, but they eventually started dating. They married about three years ago after years of traveling cross country to see each other.

She was visiting Rovinelli when the pandemic became situation lockdown. She stayed, but there were lockdown problems that arose.

Sofios was so bored that she started making calls about the zoo shooting that was her first big true crime story. Then she called Dahl and re-pitched an idea. As journalists, they would revisit unsolved cases with outstanding questions or solved cases with unpopular resolutions.

Sofios was ecstatic when Dahl said she was finally available for the project. They fashioned their podcast as "true crime with a heart" and "real reporters, real cases, real investigations."

They record at StartUpNation stu-

dios in Birmingham. The podcast includes video portions on YouTube and features social media segments where the audience can weigh in on the evidence.

"We're trying to make it as real as possible but yet also let them know the real journalism behind it," said Dahl, who left Ohio to attend college in South Carolina, where she started her journalism career. "There are a million of these true crime podcasts but how many of them are actual journalists?"

While the two can appear glamorous, there are days when they're meeting over Zoom in their sweats and updos.

Sofios now lives with her husband in Northville. Her parents still reside in Canton Township.

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# Hookah lounge opens in Westland

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A corner shopping center in Westland has its first sign of life in years.

The opening of Glass House Hookah Lounge and Glass House Kitchen at 7900 N. Middlebelt marks a big development for the long vacant strip mall on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail. Occupying the former Burger King, the two separate businesses bring economic activity to the corner for the first time in years.

"We worked like a year for it," Salim Sabbagh, one of the partners that opened the hookah lounge and kitchen, said. "Maybe it was forgotten, but it's a great corner."

What formerly held a play structure indoors now houses plenty of lounge chairs and booths, complete with décor to make the space feel like a garden.

Having a large, open space was advantageous to Sabbagh and his business partner, Fida Amir, especially for a hookah lounge.

"The style of the building is all glass," he said. "People want to smoke, they want feel like they're ... smoking in the open, not in a basement or something."

The development was first discussed by the city's planning commission more than a year ago. Plans for the center, which has remained vacant for many years, include a complete redevelopment of the strip mall to the east of the new hookah lounge.

More shops are expected to fill the plaza, including a wooden furniture business originally planned in the former Sears Hardware space, though no timeline was available for the rest of the plaza.

Those visiting Glass House Hookah Lounge can choose from a variety of different hookah mixtures made from tobacco and fruit, including popular options such as double apple, mango and other flavors.

In the same building is the kitchen, a separate business — state law does not allow hookah lounges to have a food license — serves plenty of food options such as hummus, pizza, burgers, salads and more. Patrons can order food at the kitchen and bring it in to the hookah



Hameed Sabbagh brings out a hookah for a customer at Glass House Hookah Lounge in Westland.

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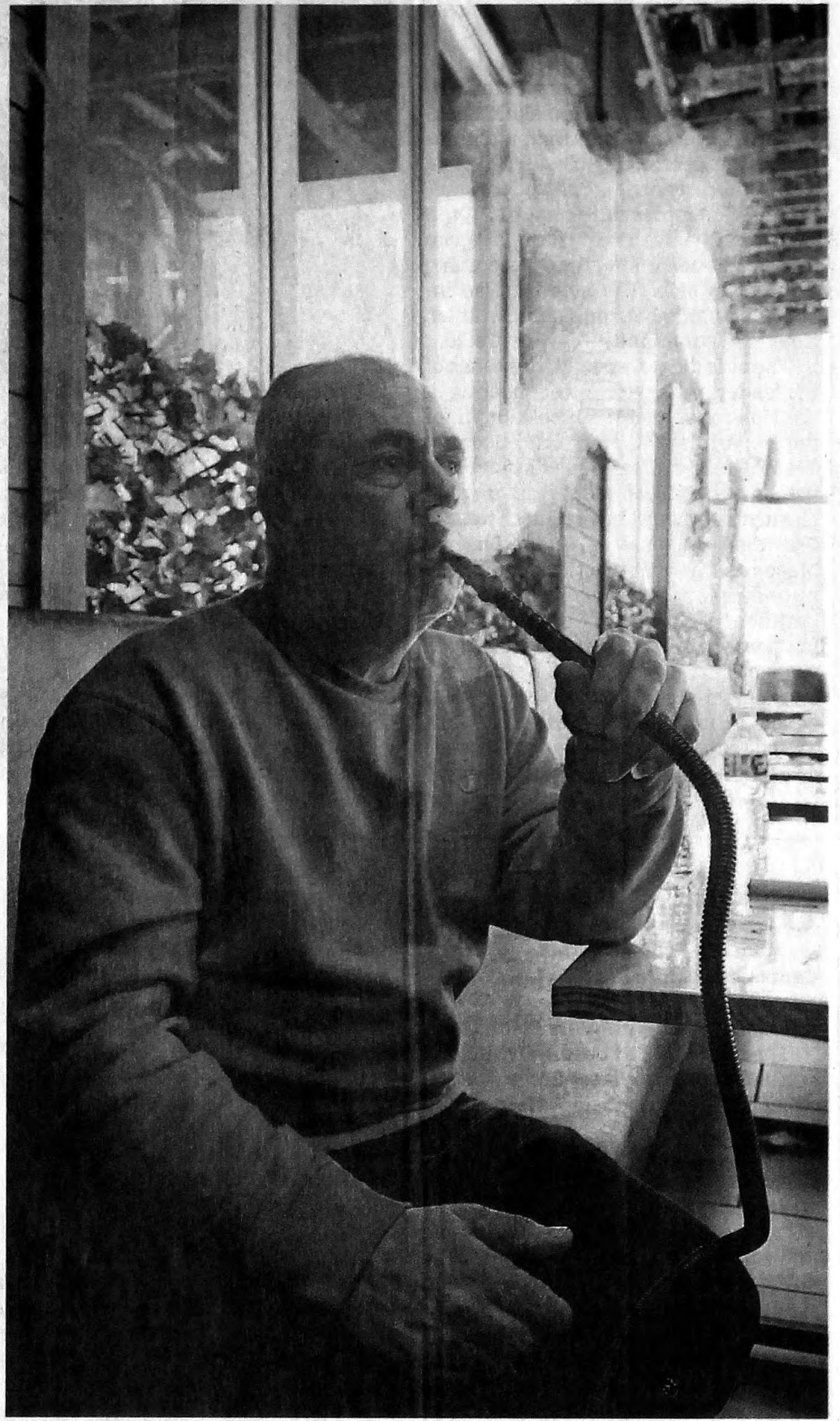
Glass House at 7900 N. Middlebelt.

lounge to eat. Food can also be ordered for customers looking to take it home or delivered through services like Door-Dash.

Sabbagh, who said he formerly owned Blue Moon Hookah Lounge in Dearborn Heights, said business has been solid since it opened its doors.

"It's a good start," he said. "People like the atmosphere, they like the food, they like the hookah."

The lounge is open noon to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and noon to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. More information, including a menu for the restaurant and online ordering, can be found at glasshousehookahwestland.com.



Salim Sabbagh, owner of Glass House Hookah Lounge, enjoys a hookah.

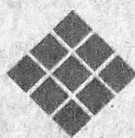


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### Emily Marie Anderson

Emily M. Anderson (Emily M. Collins) passed from this earth to the joy and peace of heaven on March 3, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Mark M Anderson, siblings Sheila Light, Fran Huston, Peggy Bramlet, Ron Collins, Chris Collins and extended family.



Emily taught elementary school in the Wayne Westland School District for 25 years, she retired from PD Graham Elementary School in 1995. One of Mark's proudest memories of her teaching career was when her school principal told him that Emily was the most requested teacher he had ever worked with.

Emily and Mark retired to Tucson, Arizona in 1997. Emily was very active in retirement, participating in social groups and activities, her parties were the talk of the town! She was always extremely cheerful and welcoming, and quick to lend a hand to anyone in need.

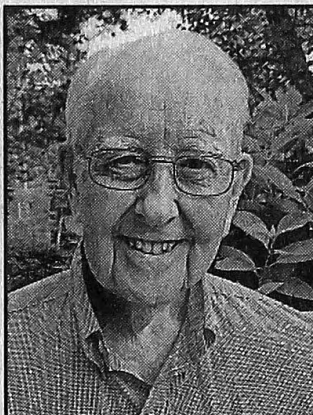
Emily loved to travel, she and Mark visited Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and much of the United States. She was a dedicated genealogist documenting family history on trips to Salt Lake City.

Due to her illness, they returned to Michigan in 2018. Emily passed on March 3rd after a beautiful battle with a long illness. She was an inspiration for all of us as she demonstrated how to experience suffering with dignity, kindness, and a sense of joy.

Internment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly MI on April 1st, at 10:00 a.m. promptly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

### Dr. Edward Charles McLaughlin D.D.S.

March 19th, 2022, Age 91 of Beverly Hills and of Glen Arbor, MI. Husband of the late Shirley (Buckman) (2015). Dear father of Kathleen McLaughlin of Birmingham, Patti McCalmont (Derek) of Bloomfield Hills, and Sharon Kausler (Robert) of Beverly Hills. Cherished grandfather of Matthew Kausler, John McCalmont, and Kaitlyn Kausler. He is also survived by his brother John H. McLaughlin (Lorraine) and by many extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by his siblings Jane Peterson, Kathleen McLaughlin I.H.M., and James McLaughlin. Family will receive friends on Tuesday March 22nd, 2022 at AJ Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers, & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile), from 3-8PM, with a Prayer Service at 7PM. A Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday March 23rd, 2022 at 10:30AM at St. Regis Catholic Church 3695 Lincoln Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at the Church begins at 10:00AM. Memorial Contributions in Dr. McLaughlin's honor may be made to the IHM Sisters or Henry Ford Cancer Center.



Share memories and view obituary at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)

### Claude Kidd

Claude Kidd passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, March 14, 2022. He was 91 years old.

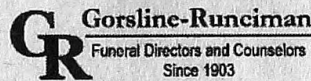
Claude was born and grew up in Muskegon, Michigan. He attended Muskegon High School where he played baseball and football. Upon graduation, he attended Michigan State University where he met and married Mary Lou Mulholland. After college, he worked in the family dry goods business located in Birmingham, Michigan. He and Mary Lou raised seven children in Birmingham.

Later, he left the family business to begin an over 30-year career at General Motors, retiring as a senior buyer for Cadillac. Upon retiring, Claude and Mary Lou moved to the Harbor Springs area where they enjoyed skiing, golf, and traveling. Later they moved to the East Lansing area to be closer to family.

Mary Lou recently passed but they are survived by the seven children, 20 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren.

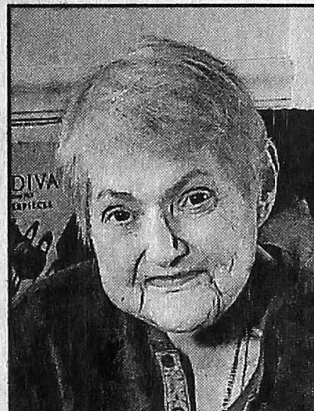
A visitation for Claude was held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 955 Alton Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823, followed by a Mass of the Resurrection at 12:00 PM.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.greastlansing.com](http://www.greastlansing.com) for the Kidd family.



### Loretta Zahn

FARMINGTON HILLS - Loretta Zahn was born on December 16, 1945 to James and Flora Serafini. On March 15, 2022, she joined her parents in heaven with her late brother, Robert. Loretta is survived by three siblings, Gerald, James, and Rebecca; three children, Mia, James, and Donna; four grandchildren, James, Alexis, Mitchell, and Joseph.



Loretta spent her life in service of others. She worked in the Head Start Program for 35 years, helping countless children against all odds. After retirement, she worked at Farmington Neighborhood House, where she again helped an innumerable amount of people by putting food on their tables and keeping them warm through our cold Michigan winters. Loretta was truly selfless and she left the world a better place because of her beautiful soul.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor at a future date.



### Marcia Martilotti

FARMINGTON HILLS - Marcia Martilotti, 78, of Farmington Hills, died March 11, 2022, at UofM Hospital after complications from an aortic dissection. Marcia was born on April 5, 1943, in Dowagiac, MI. Marcia will be remembered as a loyal friend, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. Marcia is survived by her husband of forty-six years, Tom; daughter, Theresa (Hunter) Baum; son, Vincent; four grandchildren; sister Marita (Jerry) Archer; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Gladys (Fox) Zelner of Dowagiac. Marcia was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society, or animal rescue charity of your choice. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

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*May you find peace in this time of sorrow.*

### Elaine P. McGlenn

Elaine P. McGlenn, 89, passed away at her home in Plymouth, Michigan on March 4, 2022. She was born on July 19, 1932 in Leavenworth, Kansas as the eldest daughter of Helen (Buselt) Kubicki and Joseph Kubicki. She grew up in Leavenworth and married her high school sweetheart, Richard ("Dick") McGlenn. They were married for 66 years and had eight children, 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Richard passed away on August 8, 2020.

She was beautiful and gifted with music from her early years. She sang (and tap-danced) from age 4, performing in her hometown and Kansas City through her teenage years. From an early age, she received voice and piano training, evolving into a gifted soprano. She was homecoming princess at Immaculata High School. In her later years, she sang with the Schoolcraft Community Choir and St. Kenneth's Church Choir. Throughout her life, she shared her extraordinary voice and love of music at celebrations with family and friends. One of her favorite songs, sung to her husband and children, was Always by Irving Berlin.

First and foremost, she was a wife and mother. Elaine and Dick's dreams of a large family came true with eight children born over nine years' time. Elaine was a nurturing mother and a pillar of love and support for her husband's and her children's education, interests, and careers. She always had an open door and open arms for her family, and listened, guided, celebrated, and consoled freely and without judgment. She shared Richard's love of the AuSable River where the children spent glorious summers camping and fishing. Holidays and celebrations were special times with a large family - the children and grandchildren remember summer family reunions, unforgettable Thanksgivings, and overflowing gifts beneath the Christmas tree.

Elaine became a registered nurse at the age of 55. She had started a nursing program at St. Margaret's Nursing School in Kansas City, leaving to become a wife and mother. After her children were grown, she resumed her education, finishing her nursing degree at Schoolcraft Community College. She worked for a period of time at Harper-Grace Hospital until retiring to spend time with her grandchildren.



Elaine's happy place was outside in her spacious vegetable, herb and flower gardens, and among the trees she thoughtfully planted and nurtured. She preserved tomato sauce, chili sauce, green beans and pesto sauce. Some of the family's best memories are of summer days and evenings spent in the shade of the sycamore, maple and dogwood trees she planted.

She was a devout Catholic, attended Sunday Mass and was a member of the church choir at St. Kenneth's. One of her favorite memories was a trip to the Vatican with St. Kenneth's choir where she sang for the Pope. Her values were guided by her faith and her passionate belief in the essential goodness of humankind. She held a deep abiding belief in peace - protesting war alongside her husband - and in the equality of all people. She took her young children to volunteer at Focus Hope and later worked the phone banks to elect President Barack Obama.

Elaine was very proud of her Polish heritage. Her grandparents immigrated from Poland between 1890 and 1904, settling in Leavenworth, Kansas. At that time, there were coal-mining jobs to be had and a Polish-Catholic church was being built, St. Casimir's; both grandfathers were founding members of St. Casimir's. Elaine's parents spoke fluid Polish and introduced their children and grandchildren to the many delights of Polish cuisine - golabki, kielbasa, pierogi, chruscik, and paczki.

Elaine is survived by her 8 children (Stephen, Paula, Mark, Richard, Maureen, David, Daniel, and Eileen), 16 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and her sister (Barbara).

Family and friends were welcomed at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth on March 8, 2022 from 4pm-7pm and to a memorial mass at St. Kenneth's Church in Plymouth on March 9, 2022 at 11:30am. A private burial for family followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn. St. Hedwig Cemetery is run by the Franciscans; St. Francis of Assisi, founder, was loved by Elaine and Richard, for his patronage of animals and nature. The burial plot at St. Hedwig is in the St. Casimir section; St. Casimir's in Leavenworth, Kansas was Elaine's home parish and Elaine passed on the anniversary of St. Casimir's death.

In celebration of the life of Elaine P. McGlenn, who loved children, peace, and humanity, we welcome your contributions to UNICEF and Focus Hope.



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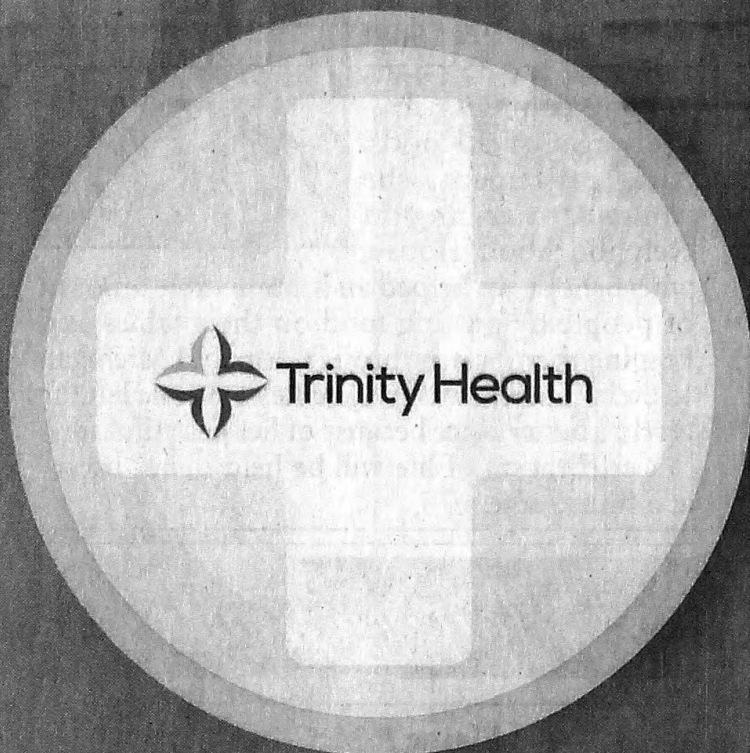
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# SPORTS

## Detroit Country Day girls exit tournament with anger

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Detroit Country Day girls basketball coach Jerica Williams didn't even need to say it afterward.

The entire crowd at the March 18 Division 2 semifinal could see for themselves just how angry the Yellowjackets were.

Ari'Yana Wiggins spent almost the entire second half on the bench with a towel covering her face.

Aysia Yokley slammed a ball after a ticky-tack call didn't go her way.

And when Emma Arico, their chief ballhandler, picked up her third foul in the opening 6 minutes, 13 seconds, and was forced to sit on the bench, the only person at the Breslin Center in more disbelief than the sophomore was her mother, Michigan women's basketball coach Kim Barnes Arico, who slouched back in her seat five rows behind Country Day's bench and smacked her cheeks with both hands out of frustration.

These Yellowjackets were giving a new meaning to the saying mad as a hornet.

It was the second-straight season they had made it to the final four.

And it was the second-straight season they couldn't advance past it, as Grand Rapids West Catholic used its smothering full-court defense to run past Country Day, 62-42.

"Last year when we lost, in the locker room, there was a lot of tears, a lot of sadness," Williams said.

"This year, they're mad."

That was plain to see.

So what are the Yellowjackets (14-8) lacking?

How can they get over the hump and finally qualify for the state finals?

More experience will help, for starters.

This year's squad didn't have a single senior.

Yokley, who led them with 21 points, is just a junior.

Swing forward Jaidyn Elam, who added 17 points, is only a sophomore.

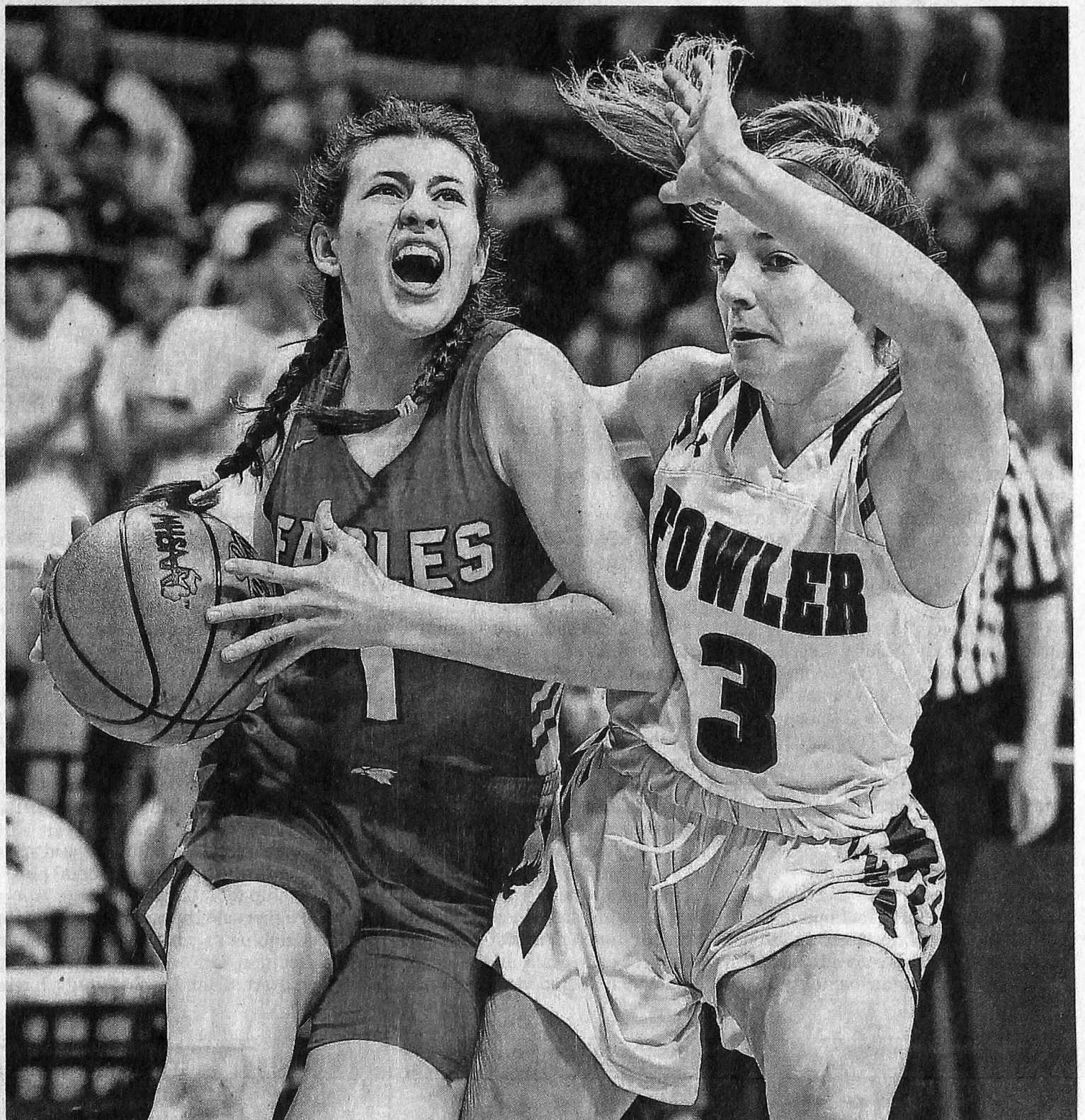
As stated earlier, Arico, too, is just a 10th-grader.

As is Peja Liles, Sadie Rifkin and a handful of other players.

Wiggins, believe it or not, is just a freshman.

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## Fernandez's farewell



Plymouth Christian's Anna Fernandez, left, shoots as Fowler's Avery Koenigsnecht defends during the first quarter in the Division 4 state final March 19 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

## Plymouth Christian falls in championship, passes baton to juniors

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Coming out of a timeout with 1:23 left and trailing by 15 points, Plymouth Christian's chances of a comeback were about as small as it could get during the March 19 Division 4 state championship.

But you couldn't have told that to Anna Fernandez, the Eagles' lone senior and a four-year starter.

She walked out of that huddle, slapped five with Alivia Lavigne and loosened the tension in her shoulders.

"Come on," Fernandez said. "Let's go!"

There wasn't an ounce of give-up in her. Moments later, she buried a 3-pointer.

As Fowler continued tacking on free throws in the bonus to ice the eventual 61-46 victory and secure its second-straight state championship, Fernandez

got two more chances to score before the final horn sounded on her career.

She threw up another 3. It missed. She couldn't exit the tournament like that, right?

No, she couldn't. Thirteen seconds later, she dribbled past Fowler's defense and laid in two points at the rim.

Fowler dribbled out the clock, Fernandez cracked a smile and then

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## Northville boys basketball team snaps 24-year curse

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Northville boys basketball coach Todd Sander knows exactly how special the celebration was a few weeks ago.

That's because he was on the court the last time the Mustangs got to celebrate winning a Division 1 district title.

No, not as a coach. They've never won a district tournament in his 14 years leading the team. Well, actually, they haven't even won too many playoff games in this millennium.

Northville's 48-43 victory over Canton on March 11 was its first district championship since 1998.

Sander was a junior on that team.

"It was even an upset when we beat Salem back then," Sander recently said. "Early in my coaching career here, even when I was the JV coach, we had a bunch of heartaches in the district. We've lost a bunch of tough games."

"My first 6 years of my career, I didn't know if we'd ever get back there, but then we lost five straight district finals and our sixth one was canceled because of COVID-19."

You don't need to tell the people around town how big it was to snap the 24-year hex that hovered over the program.

Sander has heard from countless for-

mer players.

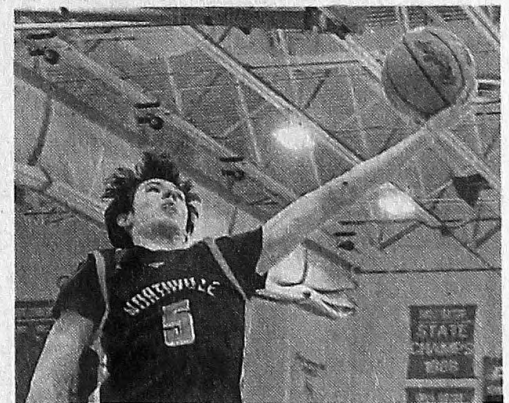
Mustangs fans swarmed the players and handed out congratulations left and right after their win in Canton's gymnasium.

Northville wound up losing to Romulus, 56-55, on a last-second questionable call in the regional semifinal, ultimately ending its best playoff run in forever.

But, so what? This year's squad is going to be one people talk about for years to come.

If Northville strings together a couple more district titles, this team will be

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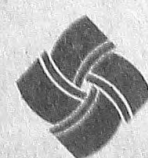


Northville's Matt Gorski snags a rebound during a Division 1 district semifinal March 9 at Canton High. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Oakland Hills gets first men's golf major in 26 years

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Oakland Hills Country Club will host two U.S. Opens — in 2034 and 2051 — the U.S. Golf Association announced Tuesday.

It will bethe first U.S. Open for the Bloomfield Township club since it hosted in 1996. Its most recent major was the 2008 PGA Championship. In January, the club was awarded the 2031 and '42 U.S. Women's Opens. After not hosting a major for 23 years, Oakland Hills will host four majors in the span of 21 years.

The USGA also awarded Oakland Hills four other prominent national championships: the 2024 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 2029 U.S. Women's Amateur, 2038 U.S. Girls' Junior championship and the 2047 U.S. Amateur.

Oakland Hills' efforts to land the U.S. Open and other USGA championships began in earnest in 2017, when its executive board attended the USGA's annual meeting in Washington and met with USGA executives to discuss the steps needed to host the Open. John Bodenhamer, the USGA's chief championships officer, on Tuesday lauded the work the club has done to prepare itself, and called Oakland Hills one of the "cathedrals" of golf.

Oakland Hills president Rick Palmer deflected praise by comparing himself to an offensive lineman who falls on a fumble in the end zone to win the game, and instead praised the work of club members and staff over the years for leading up to Tuesday's joyous announcement.

"This is a significant and meaningful day for all of us at Oakland Hills," Palmer said in a statement. "The commitment of two U.S. Opens as well as four top amateur champions is a testament to the fabulous work of everyone at Oakland Hills."

The private club was founded in 1916 and has hosted 11 modern-era majors, including six U.S. Opens. The most recent chapters to its history have been filled with drastic highs and lows in the past year.

The club reopened its famous South Course in July to great acclaim after a massive \$12 million renovation, but in February the club's iconic 99-year-old



From left, golf course architect Gil Hanse, USGA Chief Championships Officer John Bodenhamer, Oakland Hills Country Club President Rick Palmer, and 1985 U.S. Open Champion Andy North on March 22 during USGA's announcement that the country club has been selected to host the 2034 and 2051 U.S. Open Championships. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL/DETROIT FREE PRESS

clubhouse burned to the ground in a fire that caused an \$80 million loss, according to Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

Oakland Hills' board immediately voted to rebuild a replica of the clubhouse. But the South Course — the fabled "Monster" that Ben Hogan nicknamed after he won the 1951 U.S. Open on the Donald Ross gem — was unscathed by the fire and its recent restoration under architect Gil Hanse played a key role in landing the USGA's marquee tournaments.

Hanse completely transformed the South Course, taking Robert Trent Jones' 1950 classic American parkland layout with tree-lined fairways and turned it into an almost links-style expanse of rolling hills and fescue. Hanse's unencumbered vistas now show off

the made-over Monster's broad-shouldered beauty but also pairs the pastoral with practicality by offering a wide-open course that's amenable to managing major-sized galleries and accommodating television broadcasts.

The true show-stopper in Hanse's update has come on Ross' famous undulating greens. They were enlarged to give the USGA more options for pin placements and were fitted with state-of-the-art Precision Air sub-surface units that control the greens' moisture and temperature.

Regulating the conditions and speed of the greens is a fundamental part of the setup for a U.S. Open.

Palmer said the process of rebuilding the clubhouse continues, with the architectural firm of Peacock and Lewis from North Palm Beach, Florida, having

been selected for the initial phase of the design.

Palmer gave a rough timeframe of breaking ground in about one year, with construction expected to be completed in about two years, although members are expected to be without a clubhouse for three golf seasons.

That means the first of the USGA's big events at the club, the 2024 U.S. Junior Amateur for players under 19, will have to accommodate a huge field of 264 players without a clubhouse. Palmer said the plan is use to a massive tent that majors use for merchandise and pavilions as a stand-in for the clubhouse.

"We're going to have food and dining for everybody," Palmer said. "So it will be a challenge, but we're just thrilled that both courses (South and North) are going to be used."

## Northville

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looked at as the catalyst that got the run going. If this is its lone district title for another 24 years, well, everyone will know just how special it truly was.

"It's pretty indescribable, man," said senior Matt Gorski, who was born 6 years after the Mustangs had won their previous district championship. "We were talking about it all year, going to a district final. I know it's been our coach's goal for a very long time. Being able to accomplish it was pretty cool."

And, frankly, it's pretty impressive Northville (13-10) could even muster a championship run.

The Mustangs exited the regular season as losers of three of their final four games. That included a two-point overtime loss to their biggest rival Novi, which had the worst record in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West.

But they stepped up in the district semifinal, coming from behind to take down the Wildcats in the rubber match.

And they put together another comeback against Canton, which went 14-0 in the West and also narrowly lost in the KLAA title game to Hartland as it played without Ferris State signee Cole Vickers.

"Before the first Novi game, we had a rough stretch," said Gorski, who scored a team-best 15 points against the Chiefs. "Beating Novi in the playoffs gave us a little momentum. The whole time we knew if we played well, we'd be able to beat Canton, too. We knew if we rebounded well, played our game and slowed down our game, we knew we could handle them in their gym. We knew it'd be a tough fight, but we all knew we were capable of doing it."

This year's squad, which included seniors Brett Mathiesen, Ty Schembri, Gabe Peck-Demit, Jack Holland, Sam Barnhart and Gorski, will always be heralded, which almost sounds silly considering how often other sports at the school have made deep playoff runs and even won state championships.

But that just proves how tough of a league the KLAA really is in boys basketball — when winning a district championship makes you a neighborhood celebrity.

In the 2011 documentary "Roll Tide/War Eagle," former NFL and MLB player



Northville fans cheer after their team scored a basket against Novi during the Division 1 district semifinal March 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Bo Jackson, of the Tecmo Bowl videogame fame, described what it was like when legendary Alabama football coach Bear Bryant recruited him.

Bryant, who won six national championships with the Crimson Tide, was quite the celebrity back then. His fame would've been easily comparable to Tom Brady, LeBron James or Tiger Woods today.

When Jackson was in high school, Bryant called Jackson's home to make his interest in the running back known.

After the call, Jackson said hoards of people from around his neighborhood in Bessemer, Alabama, came over to his house to just admire his phone.

"That's the phone Bear Bryant called you on?" Jackson said his neighbors would say when they visited him.

There's going to be a similar Bear Bryant vibe around Northville.

In the future, whenever someone recognizes a Mustang basketball player from the 2021-22 season around town, they'll point and whisper amongst themselves, "That's one of the boys who ended the 24-year curse."



The Northville boys basketball team celebrates its first district championship. COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS



# Farewell

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slapped her hands together in the final "aw shucks" moment she'll ever get on the high school hardwood.

What a ride for PCA.

It had never won a playoff game in Fernandez's career until this year's district tournament.

Then it ripped off six-straight wins to get to the state championship at the Breslin Center.

That's a credit to the incredibly talented players coach Rod Windle has surrounded her with.

There's the team's energy-maker, Morganne Houk, who helped PCA (22-5) play catch-up throughout the entire championship, burying timely 3-pointer after timely 3-pointer and finishing with 17 points.

And there was Madison Yeager hustling for steals and pushing passes up the floor so players such as Fernandez (23 points) and Houk could quickly score at the basket.

And there was Hailey Maulbetsch, whose four rebounds ensured PCA wasn't completely outdone on the boards.

Houk, Yeager and Maulbetsch are juniors and they'll look to bring PCA back to MSU.

"We're excited about looking ahead to what might be next year," Windle said. "We're going to enjoy this. What a run for our team. What a joy it was to have this experience and be so close to the top trophy.

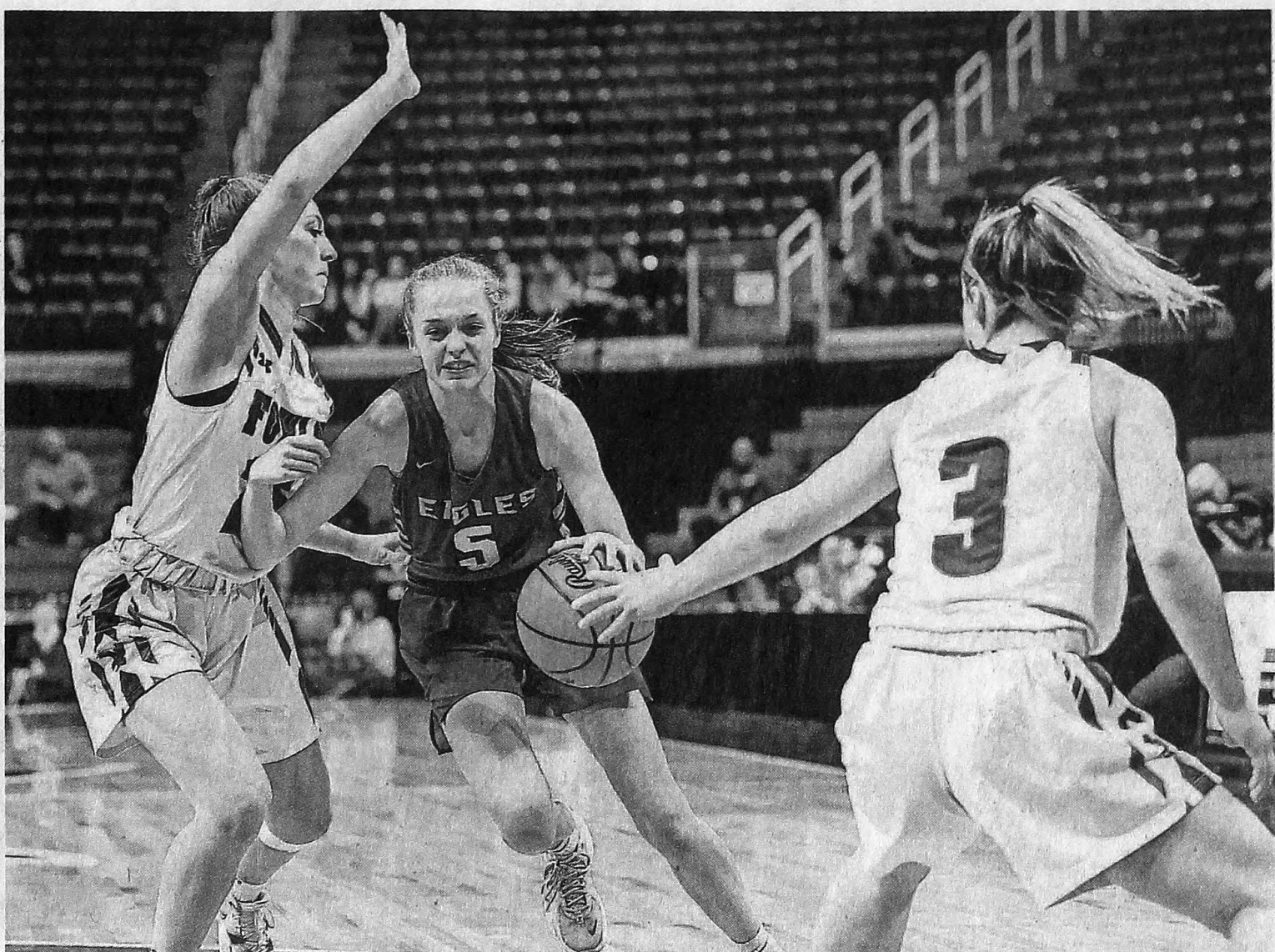
"It just means for our team and program that there's a lot of kids excited about basketball, and that's good for our program for sure."

Added Houk: (Getting back to the Breslin) is the ultimate goal, but we're going to take it one game at a time, one day at a time, one practice at a time. It feels pretty awesome. We made a name for ourselves. We just went out there and worked our butts off. We wanted to show people that we're one of the best teams out there."

And they likely will be next season.

But next season doesn't start until November.

Right now, they must say farewell to their captain, who's still undecided about where she'll play college basketball.



Plymouth Christian's Madison Yeager, center, moves the ball as Fowler's Mia Riley, left, and Avery Koenigsnecht defend in the Division 4 state final March 19 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. PHOTOS BY NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Fernandez, who was a 1,000-point scorer, didn't look too sad as she watched Fowler celebrate with the championship trophy.

In fact, if she did shed tears, they weren't very big ones.

She shared more smiles than anything. And the biggest one came when she posed for a picture with the state runner-up trophy on the court with assistant Norb Fernandez, her father.

"I definitely am sad, but it's, like, we made it this far," she said in the post-game press conference. "There's a lot of good. There's some bad, but there's a lot of good that came out of this season, so I'm focusing on that."

And then Fernandez pointed at Houk, Yeager and Maulbetsch standing off to the side of the media room.

"I got to play with them," the senior

added. "And my dad got to coach me. At the end of the year, that puts everything in perspective."

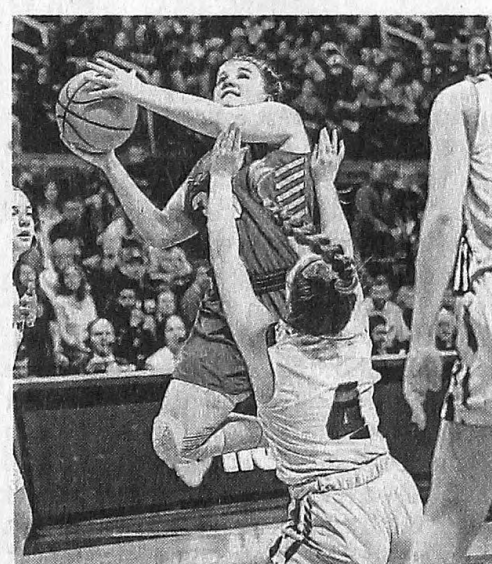
She nodded, and then she smiled.

And then she was asked to reflect on the legacy she leaves behind at PCA.

"It's incredible. It just feels like all of the hard work I've been put in and the team has put in has paid off," Fernandez said. "Especially with losing districts three times in a row. We were really motivated this year throughout the whole season to just get after it, and I think I've put a lot of time and energy into this season."

"We came up a little bit short, but I'm really proud of this team."

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Plymouth Christian's Hailey Maulbetsch is fouled by Fowler's Carly Andros, center, in the first quarter.

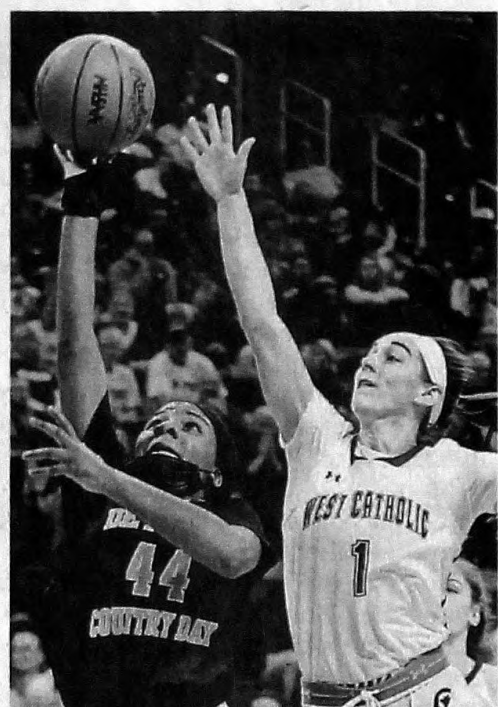
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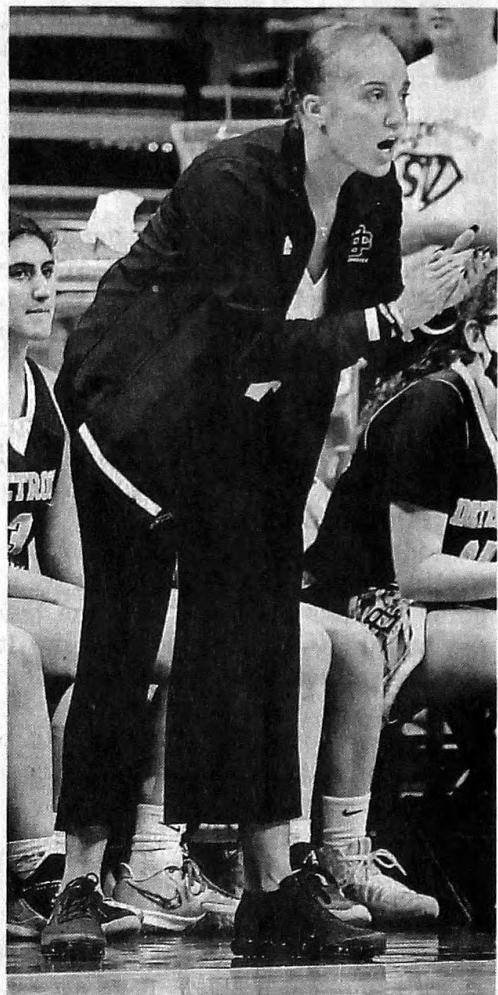




Detroit County Day's Jaidyn Elam drives through the defense of Grand Rapids West Catholic during the MHSAA Division 2 girls basketball state semifinal at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on March 18. Grand Rapids West Catholic won, 62-42. PHOTOS BY ERIC SEALS, DETROIT FREE PRESS



Detroit County Day's Ari'Yana Wiggins goes in for the layup while being defended by Grand Rapids West Catholic's Abbey Kimball.



Detroit County Day head coach Jerica Williams encourages her team.

## Anger

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Most of this group has been to Michigan State twice in their career, and they're not even close to graduating.

Another summer of travel ball. Another 9 months of personal development. Advancing another grade in high school. All of that will help them move closer toward their goal of winning their first state title since legendary coach Frank Orlando retired four seasons ago.

"It's exciting. All of us were here last year. Back again," Arico said. "We want to push for that state championship, of course. Just being here, we all have that experience, and we have some new freshmen coming in next year who will be great additions. Our growth is going

to be exceptional next year as we take these experiences with us."

Added Williams, jokingly: "And adding maybe a little height, too. I think we're still learning how to be tough, and I think we're learning how to fight when we're down, and we need (our fight) to be consistent. That's what we need to learn."

Country Day showed glimpses of that toughness with Arico sitting on the bench in foul trouble.

An 8-0 run to end the first half gave Country Day breathing room to make a comeback, as Yokley buried a 3-pointer and made a pair of layups and Elam sank one free throw. That trimmed their deficit to just 45-25.

And there were other brief spurts for the Yellowjackets in the second half when Arico returned and was able to calm down its turnover problems.

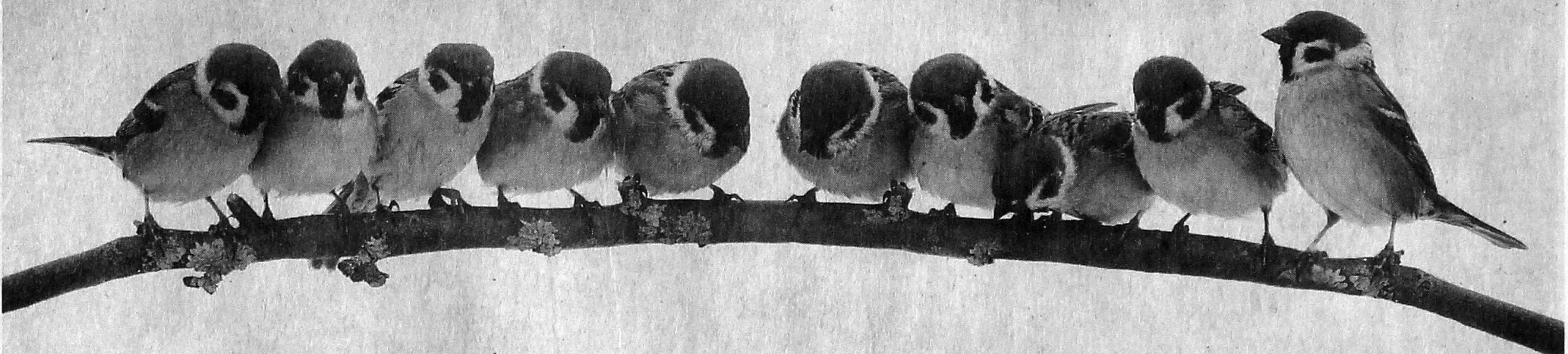
They've just got to put it all together as a consistent unit on the biggest stage — with or without Arico on the floor.

"We lose one of our best players, our primary ballhandler, against a team that applies tremendous pressure, how do we sustain, right?" Williams said of losing Arico. "I told them, 'Let's just sustain.' I think that was my thought with her on the bench. It wasn't surprising we had a bunch of turnovers after she went down. When she's your primary ballhandler, the dynamic shifts. We did a decent job, but we didn't do enough."

"When she was in the game, the turnovers weren't as heavy, and I think that was the difference in the game."

Country Day will be back a year from now. Another deep playoff run is expected. The only question is: Will they be angry again after the semifinal or will they celebrate once the final buzzer sounds?

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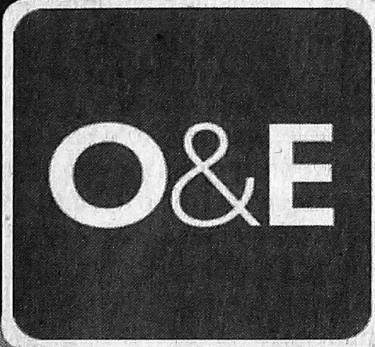
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By the numbers, it is the best job seeker's market, but the most challenging employer's market on record—particularly for mid-sized

businesses, which are seeing 3.8% of their employees quit each month.

Business demand for labor remains intense. Job openings hit record highs in the Midwest and Northeast, and in information, finance & insurance, professional & business services, and other services. The increase in job openings in other services was particularly notable, growing from 362k to 498k. As workers return to the office and travel picks up, the downtown businesses that serve office workers and tourists are picking up as well.

Small businesses are particularly hungry for talent, accounting for almost one in two job openings across the economy (47%). They also seem to have been hardest hit by Omicron, however, seeing the largest increase in layoffs in January from 0.8% to 1.2%.

Today's report included annual revisions for 2021. The overall picture it paints is one of a labor market which experienced even more churn than previously recognized, with both more hires and quits, but fewer layoffs. Before the pandemic, quits accounted for 50% of all job separations, on average. In 2021, however, they made up 70%—a sign that workers had more job security than usual and were largely the ones calling the shots.

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  - 12 Cold case solvers, often
  - 20 Oven maker
  - 21 Source of weather upheaval
  - 22 This instant
  - 23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
  - 25 "Don't go anywhere"
  - 26 Dresses up
  - 27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
  - 29 Mazda two-seater
  - 30 Common conjunction
  - 31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
  - 37 Gp. in the Arab League
  - 40 Funny Conan
  - 42 Blends to mush
  - 43 35th president's mother
  - 46 Banjoist Fleck
  - 47 Inking
  - 51 Carve — career
  - 52 Post-Q string
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  - 56 Highway jam
  - 58 Adhesive rolls
  - 60 German king called "the Great"
  - 61 Verb suffix in London
  - 62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
  - 66 — New Guinea (island nation)
  - 69 Li'l Abner's mother
  - 71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
  - 76 Beef up
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  - 79 Gold, in Peru
  - 80 "You can't — train"
  - 83 Actress Dianne
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  - 93 Siberia locale
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  - 95 Tehran locale
  - 96 Vampiric TV housewife
  - 100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
  - 102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
  - 103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
  - 104 Aunt of Harry Potter
  - 109 DJ's platters
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  - 80 Health club
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  - 85 Keeps
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| 128 |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |     |     |     |     |     | 129 |    |     |     |     |     |     |     | 130 |

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## SUDOKU

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

**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!

### TAKEN IN

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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| K | W | M | A | G | I | C | E | A | D | E | C | O | Y | J | Z | D | N |   |
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| M | C | U | K | C | G | T | S | S | I | C | R | L | U | O | G | F | U |   |
| B | I | F | A | E | N | E | R | T | R | E | B | R | D | U | E | R | C |   |
| Q | D | T | G | F | S | N | E | O | A | I | F | U | I | W | R | E | F |   |
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| E | R | E | T | D | I | F | S | G | E | P | O | R | K | Y | N | O | I |   |
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### ANSWER KEY

- BETRAY
- BLUFF
- CHEAT
- CONTRIVED
- COUNTERFEIT
- CUNNING
- DECOY
- DECEIT
- DISGUISE
- DIVERSION
- DODGE
- ERSATZ
- FABRICATE
- FAKE
- FALSEHOOD
- FAST ONE
- FIB
- FICTION
- FIDDLE
- FOOL
- FORGERY
- FRAUD
- GUILE
- HOAX
- HOODWINK
- INVENTION
- JOKE
- KIDDING
- LIES
- MAGIC
- MIRAGE
- MISREPRESENT
- PLOY
- PORKY
- PRETENCE
- PSEUDO
- PUT ON
- RED HERRING
- RUSE
- SHAM
- SMOKE SCREEN
- SPOOF
- UN SOUND
- UNTRUE
- WHITE LIE
- WHOPPER
- WIDE
- WRONG

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| B | I | F | A | E | N | E | R | T | R | E | B | R | D | U | E | R | C |   |
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### TAKEN IN

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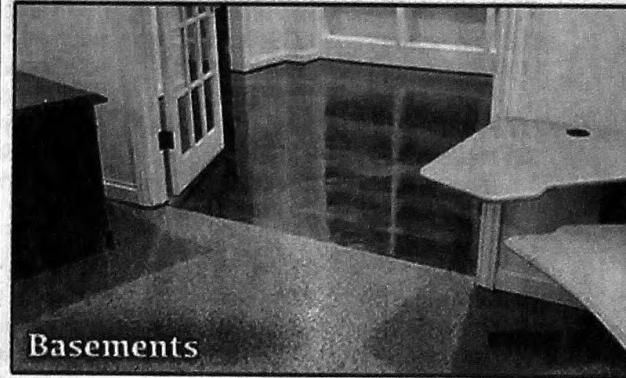
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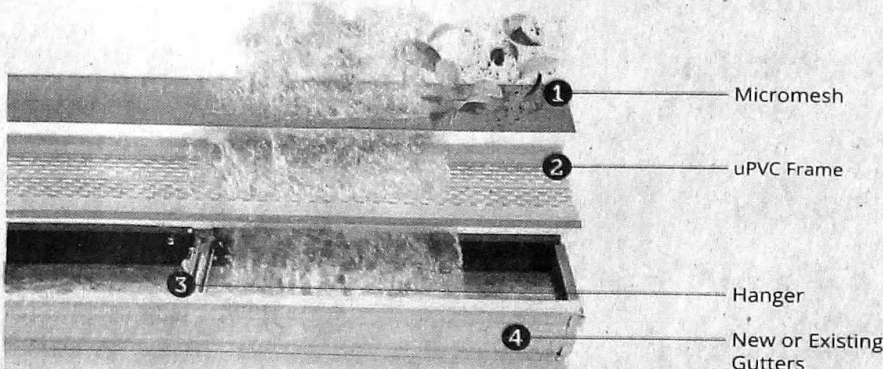
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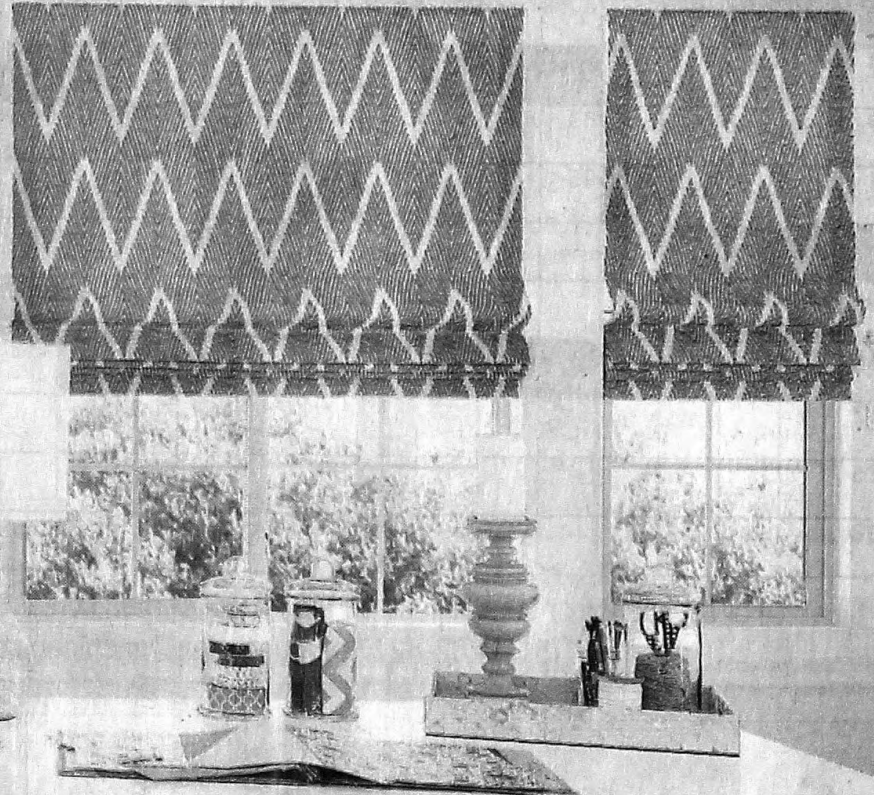
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