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## Not just a number: Telling homicide victims' stories

**Susan Vela** [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The year was still young when sisters Dominique Parchmon and Shyanna Hall were shot to death.

Winter passed, and so did most of spring before violence claimed the life of

Sarah Grant, 45, in neighboring Westland.

She was the mother of two girls. In that same month of May, multiple gunshots killed two friends — Cameron Duckworth, 20, and Drake Mancuso, 16 — in White Lake Township.

These victims aren't just statistics:

they were mothers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters.

They were people who should have been able to pursue their dreams and see some of their wishes accomplished. Hometown Life is sharing their stories.

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### How to share

If you are a friend or family member of Dominique Parchmon, Shyanna Hall or Sarah Grant and would like to share stories, memories or photos of them, contact Susan Vela at [svela@hometownlife.com](mailto:svela@hometownlife.com) or 248-303-8432.

## LIVONIA SPREE RETURNS

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 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

You can smell frying funnel cake dough, hear kids laughing while the Scrambler spins them around and see neighbors reunite at Livonia Spree.

Boy, it's good to be back.

"I've never missed one," said Lindsay Spence, a resident who's been to every Spree. "I just love the people and sitting to watch the people. You always bump into somebody you know that you haven't seen in years."

Spence and her husband Roger say their favorite Sprees were in the early 1980s, when they both became old enough to enjoy the beer tent. After two years away during the pandemic, they were happy to be back at the festival earlier this week.

"I got home from work and said, 'Do you wanna eat at Spree?' and Roger said, 'I knew you were going to say that,'" Lindsay Spence said.

The beloved event hosts a carnival along with competitions, live music and food for folks to enjoy. Spree 2022 commemorates Livonia's 70th birthday.

Livonia Spree runs June 21-26 at Ford Field.



Kids and adults alike lined up for snow cones and more at Livonia Spree. Find more photos from the festival on Page 4A.  
 SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Westland woman sentenced up to 15 years for defrauding veterans

**Susan Vela** [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
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A Westland woman will spend up to 15 years in prison for defrauding veterans' families of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Melissa Flores, 55, was sentenced

June 17 as part of her guilty pleas to several false pretenses counts and a count of forgery. She also must pay about \$110,000 in restitution, according to her plea agreement.

Her co-defendant Steven Decker, 34, of Wyandotte, is scheduled for a late 2022 trial.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel initially alleged the duo's team-work defrauded veterans' families of nearly \$500,000.

Nessel claimed they created aliases and obtained or created fraudulent documents to make it seem like they were legal heirs.

The defendants' attorneys declined to comment.

Flores received sentences of 2-15 years on two false pretenses counts and a count of forgery. The sentence was 1-5 years for four additional false pretenses charges. All sentences are to run concurrently.

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# Should politics influence estate planning?



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

## Dear Rick:

I am in the process of updating my estate plan. I am divorced, in my mid-70s and have two adult children. In my previous estate plan, my two children received my entire state equally; however, I want to make a few adjustments.

My son's political beliefs have become so different from mine and I am afraid of what he'll do with the money. I don't support his political causes and therefore, I have decided to disinherit him and leave everything to my daughter. My attorney is hesitant to make this change for me. He believes I should rethink my decision and consider how this change will impact the relationship between my son and daughter.

Do you think it's appropriate for the attorney to question my wishes? If he won't make the change even though he drafted my previous estate plans, is it easy to hire another attorney?

Thank you, Marty

## Dear Marty:

I don't have a problem with your attorney questioning your wishes. After all, your attorney is more than an order taker. Remember, your attorney also acts as your counselor, and you want him to play devil's advocate.

Part of his job is to question you to make sure you understand the consequences of any actions you might take. In fact, I would be more concerned dealing with an attorney who doesn't ask questions and propose different scenarios.

Ultimately, the final decisions in your estate plan are up to you.

In the great majority of situations, an estate planning attorney is going to ask the client a variety of questions so the estate plan can be drafted in a way that is legal and meets the clients' needs.

In rare cases, an attorney, for whatever reason, may decide that they cannot do the estate plan as the client desires.

In those situations, a client should have no problem retaining a new attorney.

You can always change attorneys; it happens all the time.

Whenever a client wants to disinherit a child, I try to explain the associated consequences.

I do this not to discourage the client from disinheriting a child, but rather to make sure they have thought the issue through and are not making an emotional decision.

Just like with your investments, you do not want to let emotions sway your estate planning decisions.

As an estate planning attorney, I make sure that the estate plan reflects the client's wishes and is drafted in a way that will be legally enforced.

My job is not to do what I think is right or to sway the client one way or the other, but rather, I want to make sure that the client understands their options.

Never forget that your attorney works for you - you don't work for them.

No matter what you've hired the attorney for, whether it's an estate plan or any other legal issue, if you're not happy with them or you feel that they do not have your best interest at heart, the simple solution is to part ways with them and hire a new attorney.

Good luck.

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## Stories

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### Cameron Duckworth, Drake Mancuso died May 21

Cameron Duckworth and Drake Mancuso were friends within a larger close-knit group of friends.

Duckworth was one of the older ones within the group; Mancuso, one of the youngest.

Hundreds who gathered for a vigil celebrating their lives testified to how beloved they were.

They remembered Duckworth as a big teddy bear who was kind and funny and told of Mancuso being a good friend with a good heart.

"They were just really good friends," John Lupro, who was part of their circle, said. "Drake looked up to Cameron."

Emojis of love and laughter are profuse in

the texts Emily Duckworth shared weeks after her son's death in May.

Relatives told of Cameron cheerfully working on a door in pouring rain or mowing the lawn in wretched conditions.

"(He) was right there with me the whole time eager to learn," his uncle Buster Cox texted. "We went to the hardware store (and) stopped at 7-Eleven. He was a comfortable soul and was easy to be around."

Cousin Katelynne Angerstein shared that she had to teach Cameron to defrost his windshield, which meant "we laughed so hard."

Older cousin Adreana Cox added a heart emoji with the "memories of camdogger" that she documented for her aunt.

She mentioned a bowling alley reunion "and just being in awe of the man he had become."

"I just remember pulling up a chair right next to him and talking and



Duckworth



Mancuso



Oldenburg



Many of the more than 200 people who gathered at a vigil for Cameron Duckworth and Drake Mancuso wrote special messages for their friends. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

laughing all night," Cox wrote in an email. "For weeks after that night, I'd find myself reminiscing and thinking about how much fun I had with him that night."

Marcus Mancuso, Drake's father, remained numb after the funeral.

Every day, he and his son would hug. Drake would text his dad to say he loved him, and his father would text that he loved his son in return.

"That was every day," the father said. "There wasn't a day I didn't tell him I loved him."

And now he's gone. "It comes in waves," the father said of his grief. "It's just unbelievable. He was the nicest most polite kid. It was always 'please' and 'thank you.'"

Mancuso said his son was doing well academically in Huron Valley Schools when he and Duckworth were shot in a wooded area of Cedarbrook Estates, a manufactured home community along LeGrand Boulevard, south of M-59.

Materials were coming from Michigan State University and University of Michigan-Dearborn be-

cause of his grades and interest in architecture. He also showed an aptitude for investing in stocks, an activity he shared with his grandfather.

"He was a smart kid," Mancuso said. "I miss him."

Steven Dean Morrow and Jesse James Wright, both 18, face murder charges in connection to the two deaths.

### Diana Oldenburg died May 19

Diana Oldenburg cared about her family.

She gave up working to take care of her son Gabriel when he received a kidney transplant.

"Number one, she cared about her kids," her father James Oldenburg of Jackson County said. "She was just a good person."

Oldenburg, 41, of Livonia was stuck in traffic after spending some time on the road to help her sisters with some shopping errands when she was the apparent victim of a reckless car chase on Middlebelt Road in Garden City.

She was a few minutes from her home when a Dodge Ram fatally collided with her stopped vehicle at the Maplewood light.

James Oldenburg said his daughter was close to her family and always managed to visit him every few weeks.

She was great at rallying other family members for holidays, birthdays

and special events.

Oldenburg dreads Father's Day without his daughter Diana.

"I'm not going to want to do anything that day," he said.

### Sarah Grant died May 3

Sarah Grant's loved ones turned to social media when they learned of her May 3 death.

They posted pictures of a gorgeous blonde, whom they said was sweet, kind, funny and wonderful.

They said they would always cherish her for being the woman, mother, and angel that she was.

"Sarah was such a kind-hearted person, and she will never ever be forgotten!" cousin Lindsay Dunn said for a GoFundMe campaign to cover funeral costs. "Please keep our family in your prayers."

Grant was mother to daughters Madison and Reagan Grant. According to an online obituary, she was like a second mother to their friends.

Officials alleged the medical receptionist was killed by her husband William Scott Grant in an apparent domestic violence incident at their home on Judy Drive. He died while in custody. A representative of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said the cause was an apparent suicide.

Another county spokesperson said Grant never showed up at the jail and "may have died at

the hospital." She said she "cannot confirm or comment on his manner and cause of death."

A neighbor said the Grants had lived on Judy Drive about five years but kept to themselves.

Their neighborhood was quiet and neat.

A few tall tulips and some dandelions grew outside the Grants' home. Their mailbox was painted a spirited red and hung under their address.

A "Welcome to Our Coop" sign hung on the other side of the door. A red bike with a basket was parked toward the rear of the garage.

### Sisters Dominique Parchmon and Shyanna Hall died in January

Dominique was 30; Shyanna, 18.

The older sister - affectionately called "Dommo" - was the mother of a girl who was adored by both women, according to their online obituaries.

Parchmon was a certified nursing assistant who loved taking care of her patients, going to fancy restaurants with her sisters and friends and singing.

"Dominique always protected her siblings and helped take care of all of her nieces and nephews," her obituary said. "She believed in the value of family and friendship."

"To know Dominique was to love her. She took pride in helping others and would give her last to anyone who really needed it."

Hall was the baby of the family and known for being a "daddy's girl." She attended Taylor High School and enjoyed doing hair, hanging out with friends and being around family.

She liked capturing special moments in photos and creating TikTok videos.

She loved listening to music and dancing with her niece.

"She was just learning to drive and wanted to go to school to become a nurse," her obituary read.

The sisters were fatally shot Jan. 5 at their Wayne apartment on Niagara Street. An argument had escalated.

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

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# New Livonia fire chief is 23-year department veteran

From Staff Reports Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan appointed Robert D. Jennison as the next chief of Livonia Fire & Rescue.

Jennison, a 23-year veteran of the Livonia Fire Department, most recently served as battalion chief and training officer, with responsibility for all fire and EMS education for Livonia Fire & Rescue personnel.

Jennison joined Livonia Fire & Rescue as a firefighter/paramedic in 1998 and since has served the department as EMS coordinator, deputy emergency manager and incident safety officer.

He earned his bachelor of science in public safety studies from Siena Heights University and a master of science in emergency management at Eastern Michigan University.

"Bob's administrative experience and training expertise make him the best choice to lead the Fire Department," Brosnan said. "He has served in a

key role in LFD's administrative leadership team and, importantly, helped coordinate the successful Vaccinate Livonia program and other pandemic-related outreach and services."

Jennison will take command from Interim Chief John Unsworth, who will return to the position of deputy chief.

"I am honored for the opportunity to lead the men and women of Livonia Fire & Rescue," Jennison said.

The extensive process for filling the chief position began after Fire Chief Dave Heavener announced his retirement earlier this year.

Eight candidates from within the department participated in a multi-stage assessment center process and each candidate then was interviewed by the mayor.

"Getting the chance to interview eight internal candidates only confirmed my view that Chief Jennison is the right person to lead what I know is one of the state's finest fire service agencies," Brosnan said.



Retiring Livonia Fire Chief David Heavener, left, with new Fire Chief Robert Jennison, who most recently served as battalion chief and training officer. SUBMITTED

# Blake's Farms to take over Erwin Orchards in Lyon Township

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The owners of Blake's Orchard & Cider Mill have signed on to take over operations at Erwin Orchards.

"We've financially committed and are working out the details," Peter Blake, co-owner of the Armada-based business, confirmed. "We've got a big vision for the property but will maintain the integrity of Erwin's and put the Blake spin on it."

It's another seal on the huge deal known as Orchard Crossing, a 181-acre development at Silver Lake and Kent Lake roads, which will include 161 homes on 77 acres, leaving 104 acres for preservation of orchards and the cider mill, as well as new enterprises.

Developer Lombardo Homes first brought the Orchard Crossing plan to the township in April 2021, after several other developers were turned away. A few months later, Peter and Paul Blake announced their intention to partner

with Lombardo and run orchard operations in the new development.

However, concerns continued to be raised over the lack of a formal agreement between the partners.

On June 6, those concerns were laid to rest as Supervisor John Dolan asked Blake and company, "You guys are in?" and smiled, reassured, as he received a response in the affirmative.

"OK. I believe it's a win, win, win," Dolan said. "I think the biggest benefit you could give us is the orchard and just keeping the orchard there is so important to this township."

Trustee Sean O'Neil agreed, noting the board had seen a lot of "horrible" plans in which other developers wanted to add 400 homes rather than maintain the orchard. The Blakes' involvement in the orchard part of this plan is something he believes will leave a little bit of the Erwin legacy.

"This is the first time that a significant development's happened where I hear nothing but excitement," he said.

"For every one comment of concern, I hear five or 10: 'When's it coming, when are they going to break ground? Can I buy hard cider?'"

That's part of the plan.

Immediately following the board's approval of the first reading for the housing plan final review and agreement, they approved an off-premises tasting room license for Blake Farms Hard Apple Cider, LLC. The step is necessary before being issued a permit by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to sell and serve alcoholic drinks manufactured elsewhere.

Blake's is planning a 20,000-square-foot tasting room which will include a full-service restaurant, bar service, and cidery/beer brewing. The facility would be open year-round and located on the northeast corner of Silver Lake and Kent Lake roads.

Also in this north side orchard operations area would be a 20,000 square-foot event venue with a 400-person capacity, and an outdoor patio. Addition-

ally, a 3,500 square-foot restaurant and 1,000-square-foot farmer's market will share a building which will be designed to accommodate the potential for a drive-thru lane around the facility.

On the south side of Silver Lake, plans are for the existing cider mill to be expanded by 12,500 square feet with a cider press, cafe, retail sales and office. An outdoor gathering space currently under the name of "Orchard Square" will have green space, walkways, patio, seating areas and seasonal merchandise tents.

An "agritainment" area will host larger events in a 10-acre area with up to three small pavilions and one large 60-by-100-foot pavilion available for rent.

The u-pick operation will "preserve a significant portion" of the current orchard area.

Peter Blake said they plan to run the orchard operations with possibly only some minor changes for crowd and traffic control this fall while familiarizing themselves with the property.

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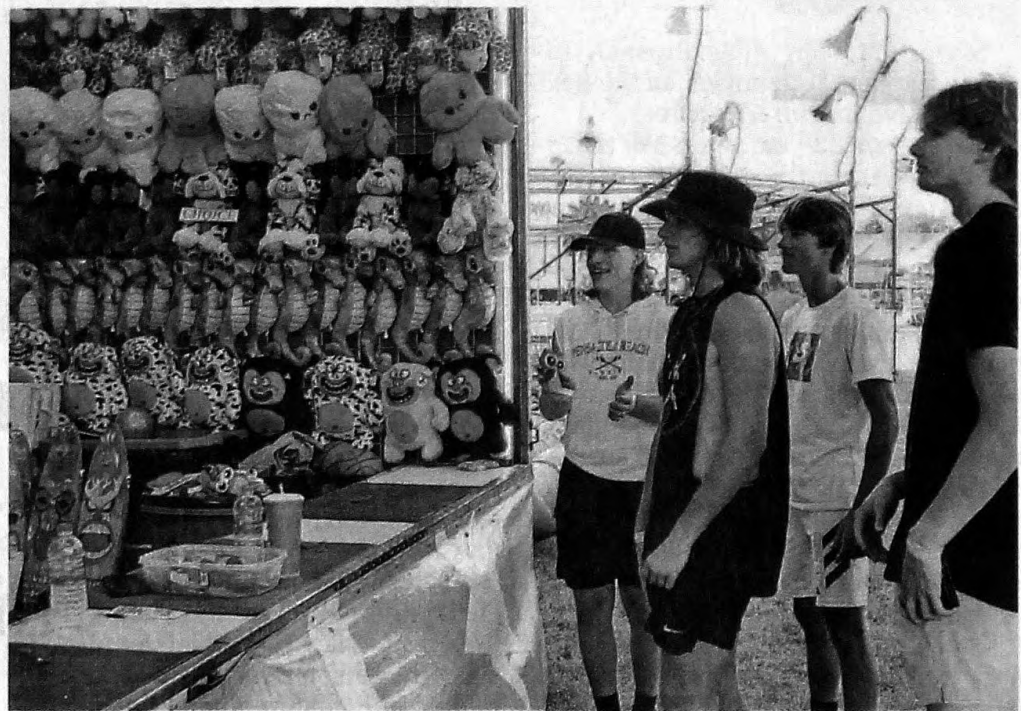
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# SCENES FROM LIVONIA SPREE 2022



Livonia Spree 2022 kicked off June 21. The festival was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to safety concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



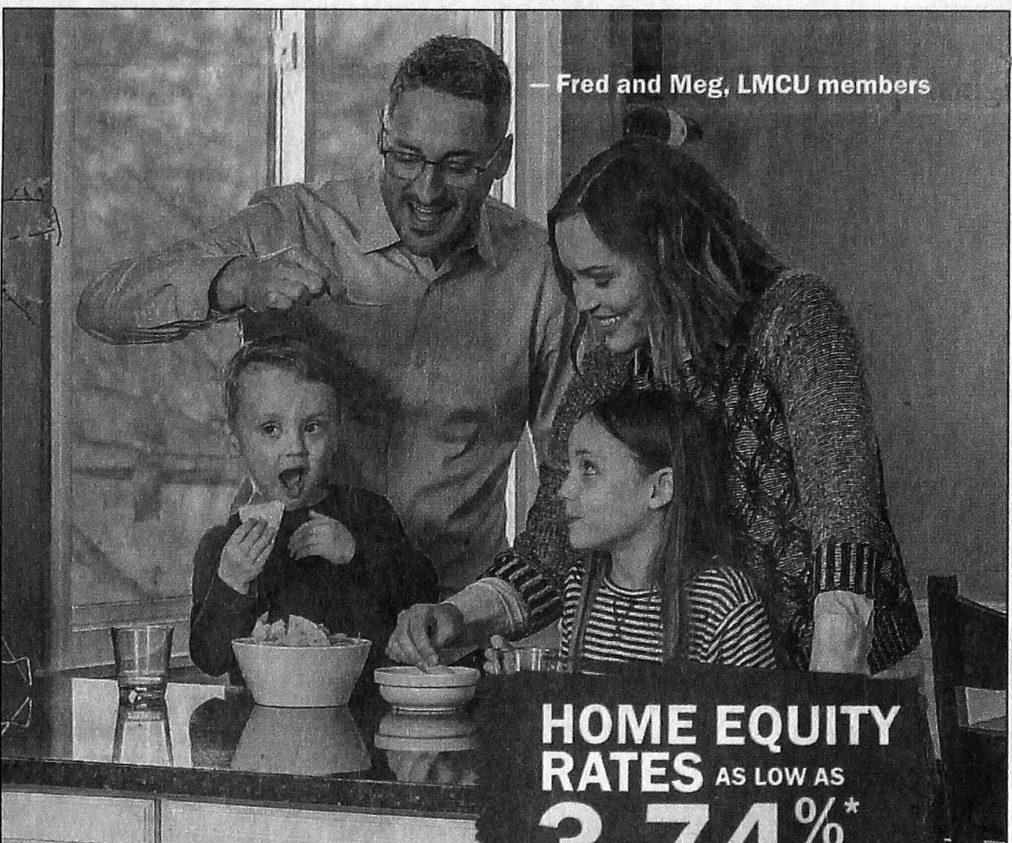
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A vendor from Livonia business Lila's Pierogi serves up food.



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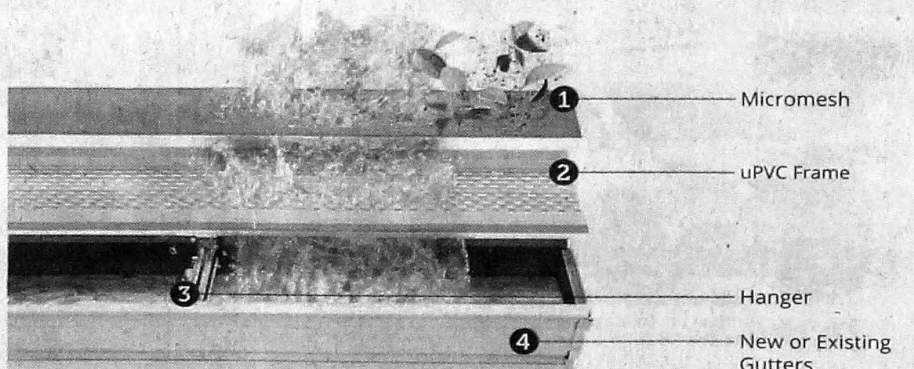
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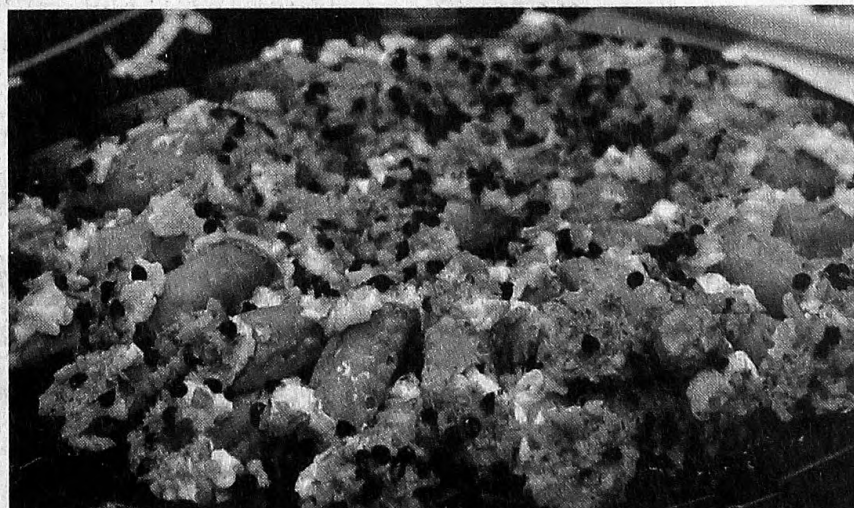
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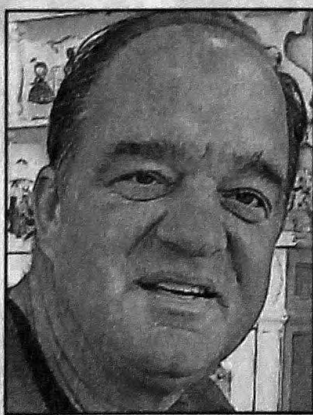
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# Obituaries

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## Jeffrey Carroll

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - Jeffrey "Jeff" Charles Carroll, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, beloved father, son, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away unexpectedly June 15, 2022, in Fort Lauderdale. Born January 13, 1971, in Royal Oak, Michigan, to John Carroll and Peggy Maitland. Jeff is survived



by his daughter Emily Carroll, mother Peggy Maitland, step father Chuck Maitland, sister Janie (Jose) Peruyero, Aunts; Patricia Leonard, Marilee Carroll-Schlack, Sheila Carroll-Sherwin, nephews Joseph and Nicholas Peruyero, many cousins and friends. Jeff is preceded in death by his father John Carroll, and sister Lynne Carroll. Jeff attended St. Hugo of the Hills School in Bloomfield Hills, he then went on to Brother Rice High School, where he excelled in sports especially football. He played football while attending Southern Methodist University where he graduated with a BA. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, at Southern Methodist University and made many life-long friendships. After college Jeff began a career as a Stockbroker in Dallas TX, he then went to work at Wells Fargo. Jeff was gregarious, outgoing, had the gift of gab, not a mean bone in his body, the life of the party. He was a loving son and a friend to all who knew him. Visitation for Jeff will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Filbrandt Chapel, 1076 S. Bailey St. South Haven, Michigan, 49090. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, June 23, 2022 starting at 11 a.m. at St. Basil Catholic Church, 513 Monroe Blvd. South Haven, Michigan, 49090. Fr. Fabio Garzon will officiate. Jeff will be laid to rest beside his sister Lynne at Lakeview Cemetery in South Haven, Michigan. Memorial Donations in memory of Jeff may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous. To view Jeff's personal webpage please visit: [www.starksfamilyfh.com](http://www.starksfamilyfh.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Filbrandt Chapel-Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

## Marylyn Jane Pausch

FARMINGTON HILLS - Marylyn Jane (Smart) Pausch, age 88, passed away in on Sunday, May 15 at home in Farmington Hills surrounded by her loving family.

Marylyn was born on September 16, 1933 to Carroll M. and Hazel Westerberg Smart. Marylyn was raised by her grandmother Jennie Smart after the passing of her own mother in 1934. Her childhood was filled with adventures around Highland Park and the family's cottage in the thumb area.

Marylyn retired from the City of Oak Park Public Safety Department in 1998. She was an avid golfer, roller skater, bowler and square dancer that kept her very busy into retirement.

In addition to her parents, Marylyn was preceded in death by her siblings Carol Jacobs and Bob Smart, and her former husband Jack Pausch. Left to cherish her memories are sons Rick (Tammy), Bob (Gail) and Jeffery "J.P." (Darlien) as well as grandchildren Ethan (Brittany) Simmons, Sarah (James) Isaacson, Robert (Sarah) Pausch, Amanda Pausch, Landen Pausch and Lorren Pausch. Marylyn also had 5 great grandchildren: Kinsley, Lincoln, Tinline, Paislee and Robert.

She was interred on May 17, 2022 in the Newberry family plot in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, Michigan. Funeral arrangements were handled by Charles Step Funeral Home in Redford.

Special thanks to the staffs at Sunrise Senior Living in Bloomfield Hills and the "adult day care program" at Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia who helped Marylyn adjust to her new normal living with dementia during Covid.

Marylyn's family request donations in her name to Riverside Park Church of God "Adult day care program". #734-464-0990

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## Beverly Ann Urban

LIVONIA - Beverly Ann Urban, 80, of Livonia passed away at home, surrounded by her family on Thursday morning, June 16, 2022, ending a long illness. She was born to Etta and Henry Campbell in Yancey, Kentucky. Beloved wife of James of 47 years. Loving mother of five children. Dearest Grandmother of thirteen. Cherished great-grandmother of twenty-three. Dear sister of two sisters and two brothers. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and numerous friends. She was predeceased in death by her parents, Etta Doris and Jim Murdock, and Henry and Wilma Campbell; and two grandsons, Kenny Allen Adkins, and Mark Wallace. Services were held at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48154. Please visit [www.Turowski-FuneralHome.com](http://www.Turowski-FuneralHome.com) to share a memory.

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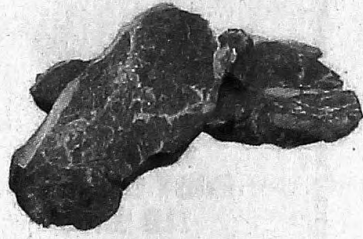
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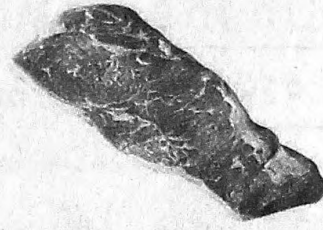
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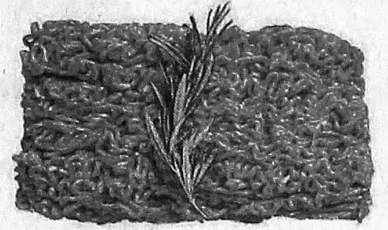
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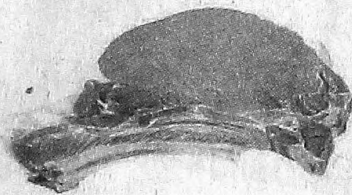
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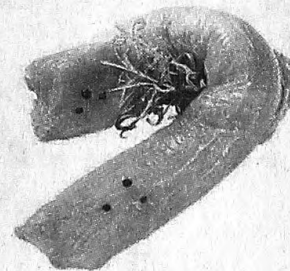
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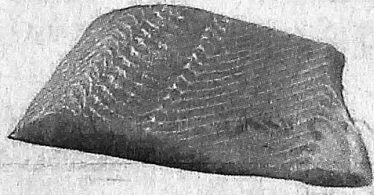
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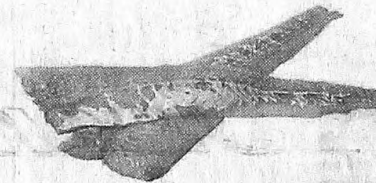
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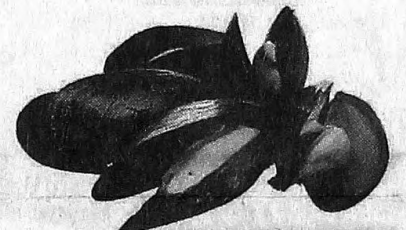
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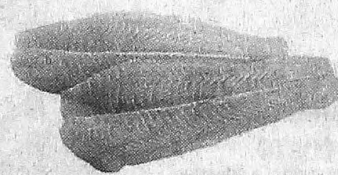
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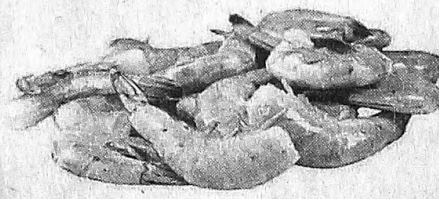
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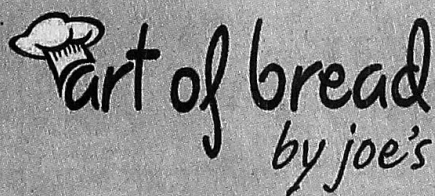
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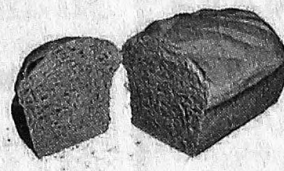
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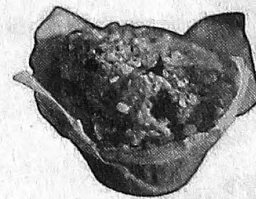
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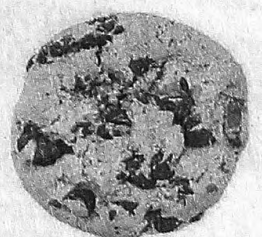
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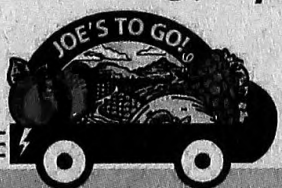
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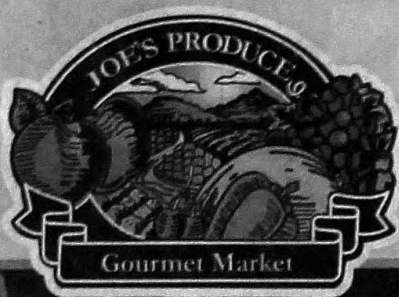


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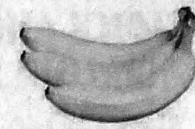
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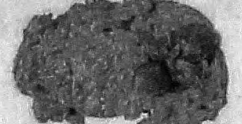
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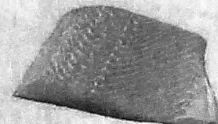
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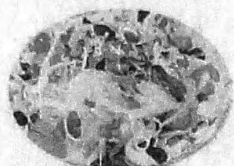


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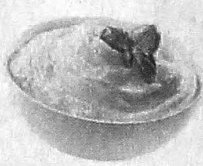
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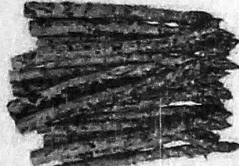
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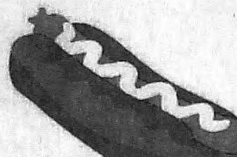
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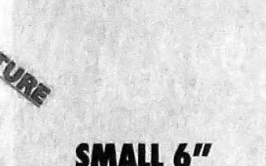
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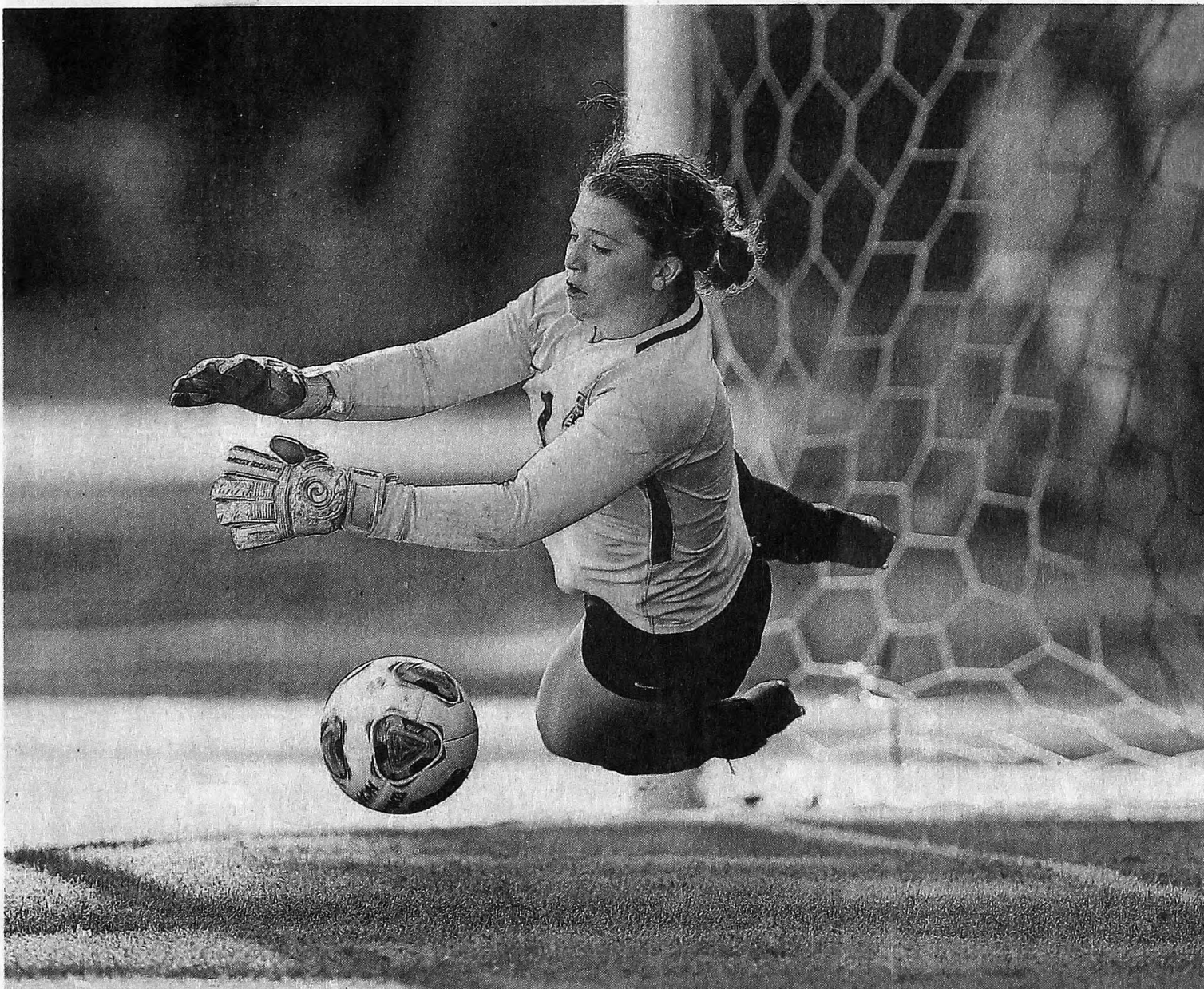


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# SPORTS

## MHSAA GIRLS SOCCER



**Bloomfield Hills goalkeeper Jenica Opdahl makes a diving stop in a shootout against Northville in the Division 1 MHSAA soccer championship game June 17 in East Lansing. Bloomfield Hills won 2-1.** PHOTOS BY AL GOLDIS/FOR THE LANSING STATE JOURNAL

# Bloomfield Hills edges out Northville for 1st state title

**Brandon Folsom** [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Ava Badallo winced fiercely as she fell to her knees.

The Bloomfield Hills senior clutched her right hand and continued to agonize in pain near midfield at Demartin Soccer Complex. And then she collapsed onto the grass as she waited for trainers Robert Robine and Monica Reiche to rescue her.

Seconds earlier, she was aggressively going for a 50-50 ball during the opening overtime of the Division 1 girls soccer state championship at Michigan State.

A Northville defender had slipped on

the play, and she was fine. And then Badallo slipped as well. Only the West Virginia Wesleyan signee used her right hand to brace her fall and then she awkwardly bent back her thumb.

"I was like, 'Oh, this really hurt!'" Badallo said. "I thought it was broken."

Referee Jeremy Wittrock raised up his arms and crossed them to signal for the clock to stop winding.

There were 31 seconds left in the period, and another 10 minutes were coming up, and it looked like the Black Hawks were going to finish the match without one of their best goal scorers.

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**Bloomfield Hills' Ava Badallo, right, and Drew Martin celebrate after defeating Northville in a shootout.**

## BOYS STATE GOLF FINALS

# Catholic Central, Brother Rice win crowns

**Mason Young** *Detroit Free Press*  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys golf team took home the Division 1 state championship on Saturday at Ferris State's Katke Golf Course, finishing with a 587 team score and narrowly edging Ann Arbor Skyline (589) after the second round of the MHSAA finals.

DCC was in a five-stroke hole as it teed off for Round 2 after Skyline jumped out to an early lead with a 296 on Friday.

However, Central rebounded from its first-round 301 with a 286 on Saturday to overcome AAS (298).

The victory avenged the Shamrocks' second-place finish behind the Eagles in 2021.

Senior Neil Zhu led the way for DCC, shooting a 145 over the two days to finish tied for fourth.

Fellow senior Peter Stassinopoulos (146) came in seventh, sophomore Julian Menser (147) ended his season in eighth and senior Liam Casey (149) rounded out the bunch in 10th place.

After tying for second place in last year's finals, Ann Arbor Skyline sophomore Ieuan Jones took home the individual championship with a 138 total. He carded a 69 in both rounds to top Brighton junior Andrew Daily and East Lansing sophomore Drew Miller, who tied for second place (144).

### Division 2

Birmingham Brother Rice secured its second-straight state championship with a 609 at Grand Valley State's The Meadows that well outpaced Flint Powers (628) and Richland Gull Lake (626) on Saturday.

The Warriors compiled a 303 on Friday to take a commanding nine-stroke lead over the Eagles before finishing with a 306 in Round 2. Powers (312, 316) finished in second place for the second consecutive year.

Brother Rice junior Lorenzo Pinilli (144) picked up his second straight individual runner-up finish while his brother, freshman Leandro Pinilli (151),

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## LOCAL MHSAA TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Thousands of athletes competed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association track and field state championships June 3.

There were 39 all-state performances from athletes in the Hometown Life

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### Division 1 boys at Rockford

#### Team finish

- 2. Farmington (31 points)
- 6. Northville (22)
- T15. Highland-Milford (15)

- T25. Canton (10)
- T37. Bloomfield Hills (5)
- T37. North Farmington (50)
- T42. Novi (4)

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## Crowns

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finished in a three-way tie for ninth place.

Junior Marcus Lee (152) also landed on the leaderboard in a tie for 12th place.

Gull Lake's Bryce Wheeler (138) followed his superb Friday showing with an even par to win the individual title over senior Evan McDermott (144), who tied Lorenzo Pinili in second place.

### Division 3

Ann Arbor Greenhills secured its first state championship at The Fortress in Frankenmuth on Saturday after sending only individual qualifiers to last year's finals.

The Gryphons (612) produced a 306 on both days to best Grand Rapids Catholic Central (632) which finished runner-up after winning the 2021 finals. Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett finished close behind in third (635).

Greenhills senior Cale Piedmonte-Lange (143) finished his high school career with the individual championship.

Fellow senior Beau Brewer (150) placed fifth and sophomore Max Shulman delivered a 76 in both rounds to tie for sixth place (152).

GRCC sophomore Will Preston (144) finished second to Piedmonte-Lange while Belding senior Mason Anderson (145) finished third as an individual qualifier.

### Division 4

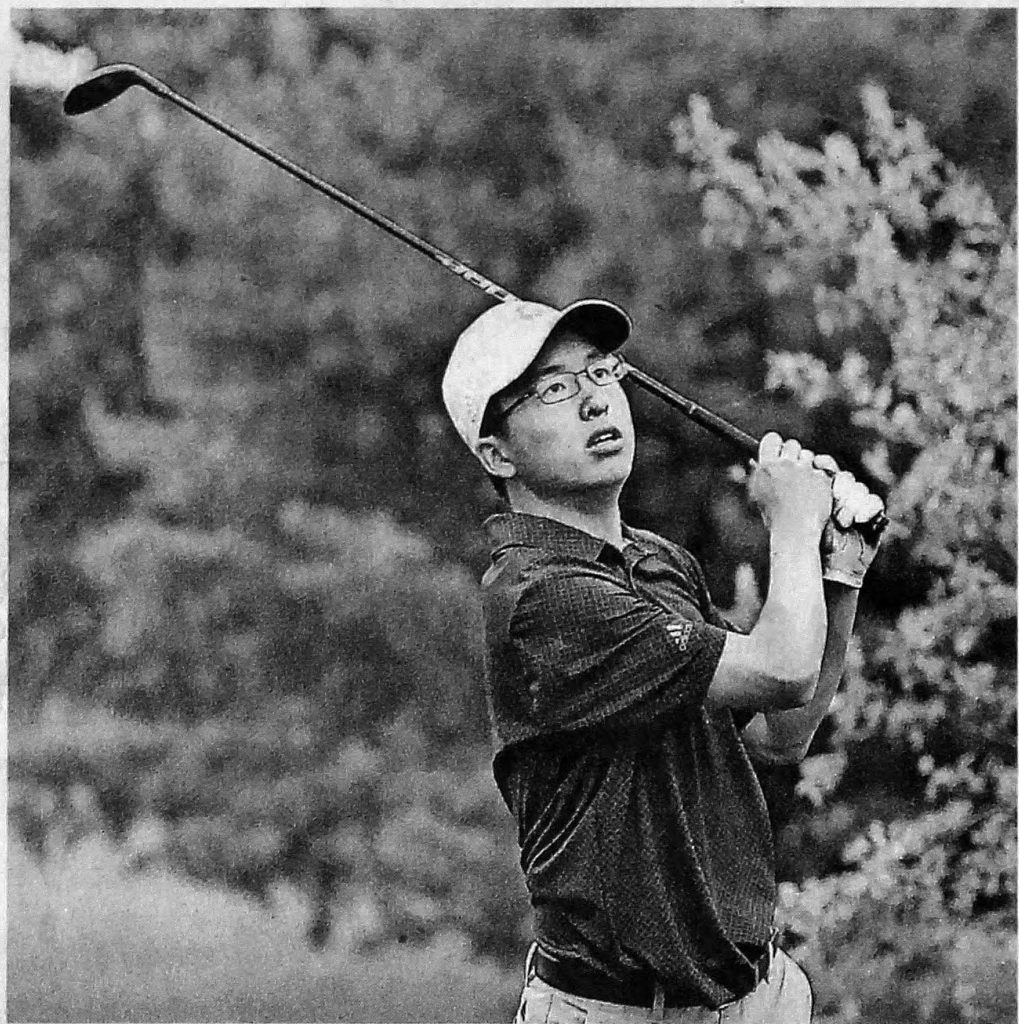
After finishing as the 2021 runner-up, Lansing Christian secured its first state championship by recording a 622 team total at Michigan State's Forest Akers West on Saturday.

The Pilgrims improved their 318 in Round 1 to score a 304 on Saturday, edging second-place Clarkston Everest Collegiate (646). Maple City Glenn Lake finished third (655) while 2021 champion Hackett Catholic Prep came in fourth (665).

LCS placed three golfers in the top-10, led by senior Caden Kinnas (151) to finish tied for third.

Senior Davis Garrett (155) finished in a three-way tie for fifth place while junior Baylor Brogan (156) tied for eighth.

Royal Oak Shrine senior Jeffrey Andrus won the individual championship, registering a 144 overall after shooting 72 in both rounds. He was followed by Glen Lake junior Blake O'Conner (150) in second place. Clarkston Everest Collegiate junior Remy Stalcup, the 2021 individual winner, tied with Kinnas for third.



Detroit Catholic Central senior Neil Zhu tees off during the Division 1 boys golf regional June 1 at Salem Hills Golf Club. Zhu led the way for DCC during the state finals, shooting a 145 over the two days. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Title

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It was the state final. Against the No. 1-ranked team in Michigan. Bloomfield Hills was the underdogs. Badallo needed to be on the field. The midfielder had to finish the game with her teammates.

And — WHAT? — it was Badallo leaving hurt? Usually, it's her plays on the ball that send opponents out of the game with bumps and bruises. She's the one who lays the boom. It's not the other way around. Just ask her teammates. She's the one who tackles them after goals. She's always starting dogpiles after hero moments.

It doesn't matter whose hero moments they are. Esther Rosett's. Drew Martin's. Emma Henry's. Avary Hall's. She's even had her own hero moments throughout the postseason. Remember when she slotted that perfect pass to Rosett for the game-winning goal against defending state champion Harland to win the Black Hawks their first-ever regional title?

Yeah, there's no way Badallo could leave the game with an injury in overtime. Bloomfield Hills couldn't afford to lose someone like her. She needed to be there for more hero moments.

And she had already had one early in the second half of the June 17 match vs. the Mustangs.

Brooke Green dribbled the ball down the near sideline. She outraced Northville's Brooke Pendleton. And then she faked out Northville's Lauren Moraitis with a deke to her right.

Green had made it to the near post with just one defender left. She passed it under the arm of Northville's Caroline Meloche, who leaned to her left to try and get a body on the cross, and then the ball sailed in front of the net.

Badallo bashed into it with a full head of steam, and the goal put Bloomfield Hills ahead 1-0 in the 45th minute.

"When she beat two defenders out wide, I was like, 'I have to get to this. This is going to be one of our only chances of the game.'" Badallo said. "We did have a lot of chances, in the end, but I was like, 'We have to capitalize on this one specifically.' I just went in full-on.

"I don't even know what it hit. I don't even know if it hit my foot. I don't even know if it went top right. I just saw it hit the back of the net, and Brooke started celebrating with me, and it was a crazy feeling."

Green was proud to be the one who tackled Badallo this time. She grabbed a hold of Badallo and flung her down. Moments later, Rosett and Alice Spiegel jumped on top of them, and the dogpile was started.

That proved to be a pivotal moment for the No. 12 Black Hawks. Not only because it was Green starting the pile instead of Badallo but because the scoring was coming at a premium for both teams.

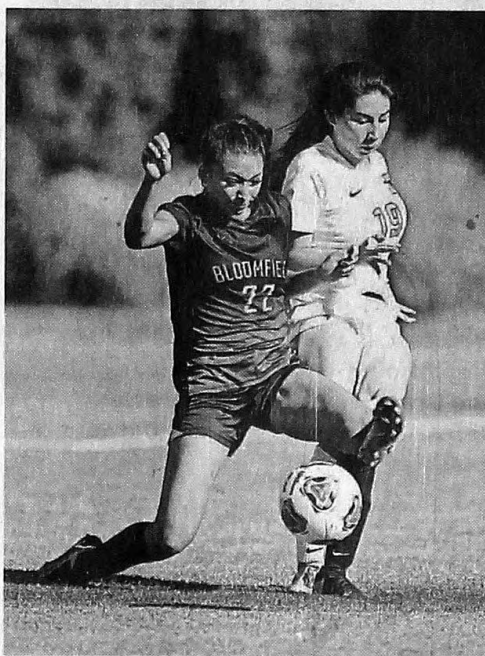
Twice, Bloomfield Hills had goals erased because of off-side calls.

And then Moraitis launched a corner kick into the penalty box that Northville's Kate Gonzalez headed in to knot the score in the 64th minute.

Bloomfield Hills could've been ahead, 3-1. Instead, it was a tied score to end regulation. And it was a tied score when Badallo exited the match with a thumb injury late in the first overtime.



Bloomfield Hills players celebrate after defeating Northville in the Division 1 MHSAA soccer championship game June 17 in East Lansing. Bloomfield Hills won 2-1 in a shootout. PHOTOS BY AL GOLDIS/FOR THE LANSING STATE JOURNAL



Bloomfield Hills' Avary Hall, left, and Northville's Emily Takahashi battle.

During the intermission, Reiche vigorously wrapped Badallo's right hand, from her thumb to halfway up her forearm, in black medical tape.

"As she was wrapping it, 'I like was like, 'Come on! Come on now! Let's wrap it quick!'" Badallo said. "I just knew I had to get back in. I said, 'Can I go back out there?' They were like, 'Are you sure? Are you ready?'"

"I just had to go back in. I said, 'Get me back in there.'"

The pain was still there as Badallo returned for another back-and-forth 10 minutes of overtime where no goals were scored and no winner was determined.

But that pain seemed to subsist for

Badallo during the penalty kick shootout.

Martin buried the first attempt past Northville goalie Simran Magnan.

And then, while diving to her left, Bloomfield Hills keeper Jenica Opdahl got two hands on Moraitis' attempt.

The next round saw Rosett make hers as well as Meloche put one in for the Mustangs.

Emma Merchant hit hers with the inside of her right foot to push it into the right side of the net for the Black Hawks, while Opdahl, once again, dove and got one hand on Reese Heaton's attempt near the left post.

And so this was it. Bloomfield Hills needed to make just one final penalty kick to not only win the state championship but win the school's first-ever state title in a team sport since the school district merged Andover and Lahser eight years ago.

And who else could it be attempting the kick?

"Every single time, I've always gone bottom left, and I didn't change my mind this time," Badallo said. "With Jenica coming up with those two amazing saves, and they were huge for us, it was like, 'I'm winning this, or at least we'll still have a chance to win it if I miss.' That gave me more confidence and motivation."

"I knew I needed to get this into the back of the net, and I knew I was going to the bottom left. Even if the goalie were to move a certain way, I couldn't change my mind now because it'd mess me up."

"I thought to myself, 'I'm going bottom left, and this is going in.'"

Magnan initially jumped to her right.

And the ball sailed into a wide-open net on the opposite side.

Badallo went bottom left.

And then she went to the bottom of the dogpile.

It was Green who got her again as they celebrated the 2-1 victory.

"It was just insane," Green said. "I was on the sideline watching her shot go in, and I just jumped up and ran right on top of her. We all dogpiled again. We all couldn't breathe because we were right on top of each other. It was great."

Coach Alan Zakaria said he was prepared to adjust his lineup had Badallo not been able to return.

But he wasn't shocked she gutted out the pain and finished the match.

Nor was the eighth-year coach surprised she booted in the game-winner.

"She is just an incredible player, and what a great student-athlete," Zakaria said. "She's so coachable, so lovely. She just loves the game, and she's just a soccer aficionado. She just loves to play soccer."

"To see her finish that off, nothing could make me prouder as a coach."

Mobbed by media requests, Badallo was one of the final Black Hawks to exit the pitch and finally get to celebrate with her classmates, family and friends at the athletics plaza's entrance just south of the field.

But the wait was worth it.

The senior had left her mark on the program, even though the state championship had left its mark on her right thumb.

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# Marian takes down Haslett in soccer semifinal

Phil Friend Lansing State Journal  
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NORTHVILLE - For a little bit, it looked like the Haslett girls soccer team's miraculous four-goal rally in the regional championship game was going to provide an even larger payoff.

Making its first appearance in the state semifinals, the seventh-ranked Vikings scored right before halftime to take a 1-0 lead into the break in the Division 2 Final Four contest June 15 against second-ranked Bloomfield Hills Marian.

With 40 minutes standing between them and a state championship game, Haslett and coach Dave Littleton knew the Mustangs - the winner of the past four state titles and nine overall - were going to come hard at them.

Marian is one of the premier programs in the state for a reason, and showed plenty of resolve in the second half by putting together a second-half rally of its own, scoring two goals - the latter coming on a penalty kick with six minutes left - to beat the Vikings, 2-1, denying Haslett a trip to the state championship game.

"It's a tough way to lose," Littleton said. "I thought we played well enough to win."

In the final 10 minutes of the first half, it was Marian that looked like the bigger threat to break the scoreless game. Instead, it was the Vikings who broke through.

Although Haslett senior forward Kaema Amachree was followed step-by-step by a defender for the entire 80 minutes at Tom Holzer Field, the one time in the final 10 minutes of the half that she touched the ball, she drew a foul two minutes before halftime.

Senior midfielder Sophie Novak then pinged the free kick from midfield into the 18-yard box and Alexa Nystrom headed it into the goal for a 1-0 lead.

Littleton thought if his team could get through the first 10 minutes of the second half without conceding a goal, the Vikings would be in good shape. They got through that stretch, but three minutes later, Marian was on the board. Haslett had initially cleared a corner well outside of the 18-yard box, but a Marian played delivered a cross to the



Bloomfield Hills Marian celebrates after defeating Haslett 2-1 in the state semifinal June 15 at Northville High School.

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far post that was met by Caroline Flynn, who scored to tie it 1-1.

"I don't know if we got caught ball-watching or we just didn't mark the person, but they slotted it out wide and it was a goal," Littleton said.

The teams would go back and forth for the next 20 minutes, but with six minutes to go, Marian caught the break that would prove to be the difference.

Senior midfielder Isa Agrusso, a Michigan State recruit, was fouled by a Haslett defender inside the 18-yard box and awarded a penalty. Haslett goalkeeper Ally Maloney got a glove on Agrusso's ensuing PK, but it trickled in for a 2-1 Mustang lead.

"It's a bang-bang play. I thought it was outside the box where the initial

contact happened, but (the referee) didn't see it that way and that's the way the game is," Littleton said. "Sometimes you get the calls going your way and sometimes you don't."

The Mustangs, who rarely find themselves down at halftime, were also without leading scorer Elle Ervin, who suffered an injury in the second half of the regional title game last week.

"I looked in every one of those girls' eyes, from subs to starters to whoever it was, and there wasn't one ounce of fear in any of them and there wasn't any loss of belief at all," Marian coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We knew we played pretty well in the first half, and knew we had given up a bad goal and could win the second half."

Haslett finishes its season 17-2-1,

winning the CAAC Gold Cup, district and its first regional title while also making its first state semifinal appearance. The Vikings will have a huge roster overhaul next season, losing 15 seniors, including almost the entire starting 11.

"I'm proud of the chemistry, just the way we clicked at the end of the season and had a great run," Littleton said. "Fifteen seniors on this team and it's going to be hard to replace them. It's going to be hard to replace my midfield, all seniors. They showed a lot of heart in the regional final game, to come out here and hold with the four-time defending champs in D2 for 50-60 minutes."

"We worked hard and did what we needed to do. And I thought we had a chance to pull it off."



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# Results

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T64. Plymouth (1)

### 100-meter dash

6. Evan Knox, senior, Bloomfield Hills – 11.07

### 200-meter dash

7. Evan Knox, senior, Bloomfield Hills – 22.45

### 400-meter dash

4. Jordan Johnson, senior, North Farmington – 49.23

### 800-meter run

7. Brendan Herger, sophomore, Northville – 1:55.81

### 1,600-meter run

4. Brendan Herger, sophomore, Northville – 4:10.65

7. Peter Baracco, senior, Farmington – 4:12.19

### 3,200-meter run

3. Peter Baracco, senior, Farmington – 9:07.12

8. Sean Byrnes, junior, Plymouth – 9:12.58

### 110-meter hurdles

6. Brayden Kennedy, sophomore, Highland-Milford – 15.28

### 300-meter hurdles

3. Brayden Kennedy, sophomore, Highland-Milford – 37.99

### 400-meter relay

6. Farmington (William Coltrane, Keichean Wilson, Jaylen Gilmore, Evan Martin) – 42.83

### 800-meter relay

4. Farmington (William Coltrane, Brody Width, Jaylen Gilmore, Evan Martin) – 1:29.19

### 1,600-meter relay

4. Northville (Brandon Latta, Emmanuel Tchonang, Brian McCallum, Ty Schembri) – 3:21.98

### 3,200-meter relay

1. Northville (Brandon Latta, Brock Maikal, David Whitaker, Brendan Herger) – 7:44.71

4. Farmington (Peter Baracco, Eddie King, Kevin Miller, Gavin Steele) – 7:52.19

### High jump

1. Nathan Levine, sophomore, Canton – 6-08

### Discus

1. Jake Steslicki, senior, Farmington – 174-01

3. Garrison Stehr, senior, Highland-Milford – 147-10

5. Cameron Bloom, senior, Novi – 144-11

### Division 1 girls at Rockford

#### Team finish

10. Plymouth (15 points)

T14. Bloomfield Hills (11)

T20. Salem (8)

T26. Highland-Milford (6)

T36. Birmingham Groves (4)

T42. Farmington Hills Mercy (3.5)

T53. Livonia Stevenson (1)

T53. Northville (1)

T53. Farmington (1)

#### 100-meter dash

7. Taryn Henderson, freshman, Farmington Hills Mercy – 12.52

#### 400-meter dash

4. Gabrielle Jeffries, junior, Bloomfield Hills – 56.74

8. Bianca Evuleocha, sophomore, Farmington – 57.86

#### 800-meter run

4. Sarah Coyne, senior, Plymouth – 2:13.81



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### 1,600-meter run

7. Sarah Coyne, senior, Plymouth – 4:52.80

### 3,200-meter relay

8. Northville (Cassie Garcia, Anna Gdowski, Gina Couyoumjian, Ella Christensen) – 9:27.03

### High jump

2. Madison Morson, sophomore, Salem – 5-08

3. Taryn Marshall, senior, Highland-Milford – 5-07

T6. Milena Chevallier, sophomore, Farmington Hills Mercy – 5-04

### Long jump

2. Courtney Jordan, senior, Plymouth – 17-09.5

3. Gabrielle Jeffries, junior, Bloomfield Hills – 17-08.5

### Shot put

8. McKenzie Siroky, junior, Livonia Stevenson – 37-05.50

### Division 2 boys at Forest Hills Eastern

#### Team finish

T51. Garden City (3 points)

T51. Detroit Country Day (3)

T54. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (2)

### 3,200-meter run

7. Solomon Kwartowitz, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook – 9:22.08

### 300-meter hurdles

6. Jonathan Abraham, senior, Detroit Country Day – 40.58

### Long jump

6. Dontez Tinsley, senior, Garden City – 21-01.50

### Division 2 girls at Forest Hills Eastern

#### Team finish

T36. Detroit Country Day (5 points)

### 100-meter dash

5. Victoria Miller, sophomore, Detroit Country Day – 12.56

### Division 4 boys at Baldwin Middle School in Hudsonville

#### Team finish

23. Lutheran Westland (9.5 points)

T43. Novi Christian Academy (3)

T43. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3)

### 400-meter dash

5. Noah Eden, junior, Lutheran Westland – 51.50

### 800-meter run

6. Logan Johnson, senior, Novi Christian Academy – 2:02.46

### 300-meter hurdles

8. Luke Witte, junior, Lutheran Westland – 42.14

### Long jump

6. Colin Last, junior, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran – 21-03

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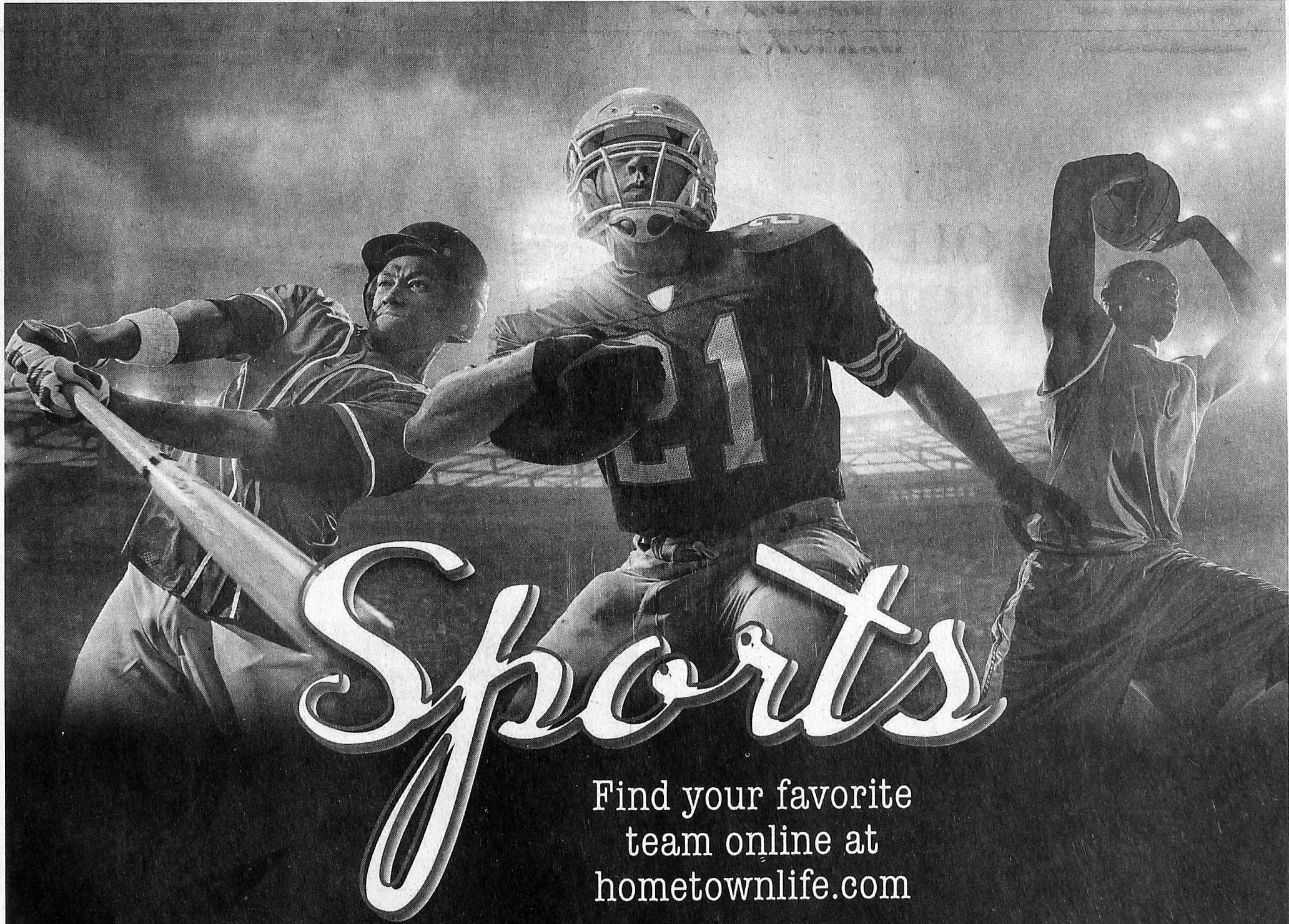
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- A Statistics Canada report reveals job vacancies are reaching all-time highs in Canada with over 1 million job openings at the beginning of March 2022.
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- The skills and talent shortage is a top-three concern for nearly half of employers, according to a new report from HR solutions company Cornerstone.
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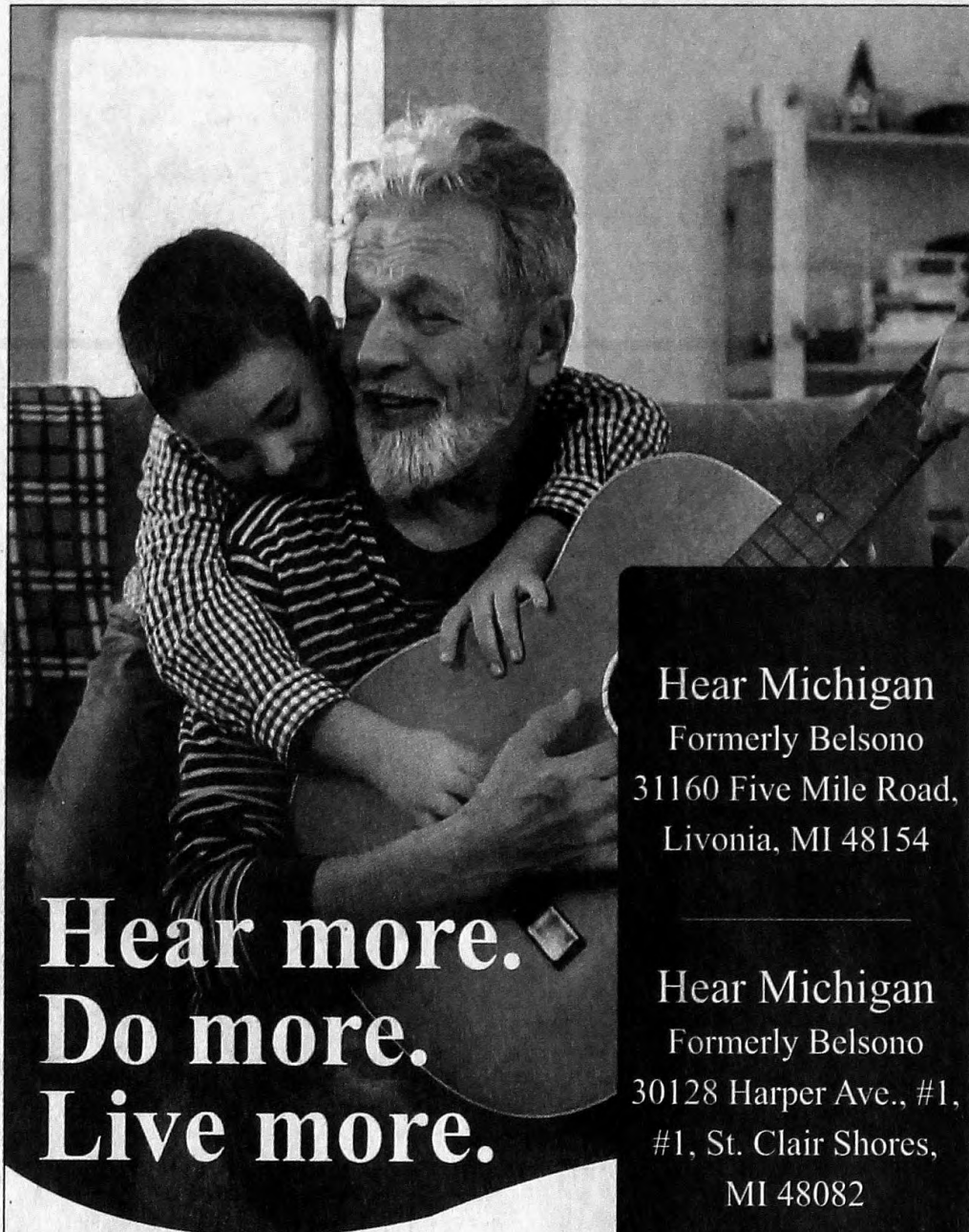
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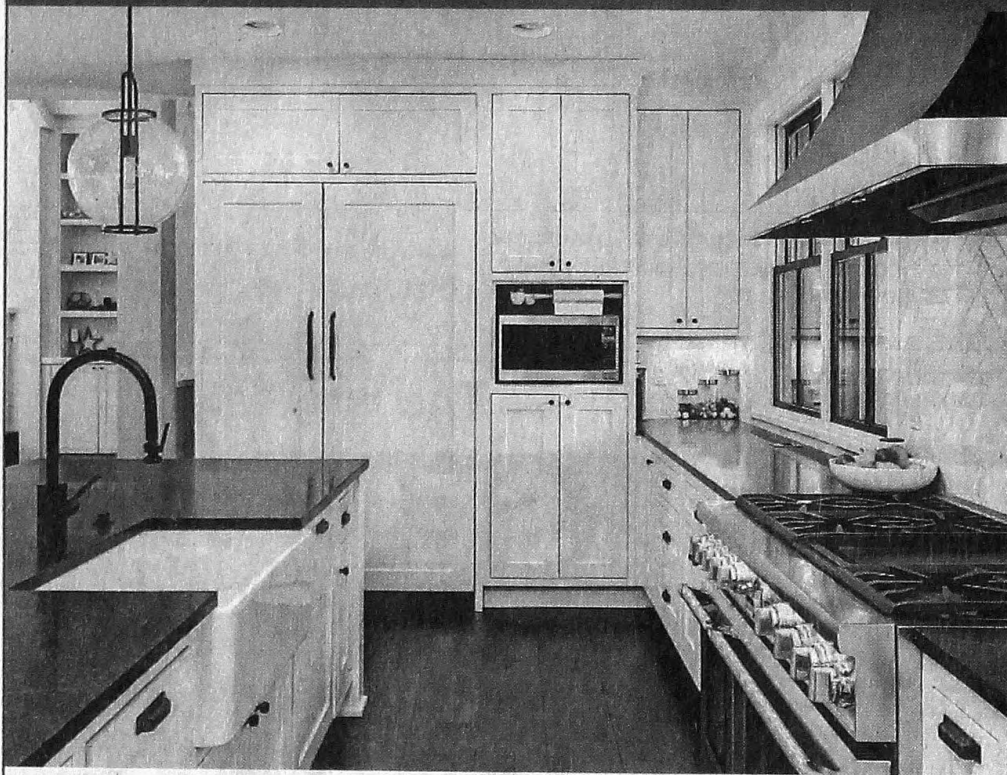
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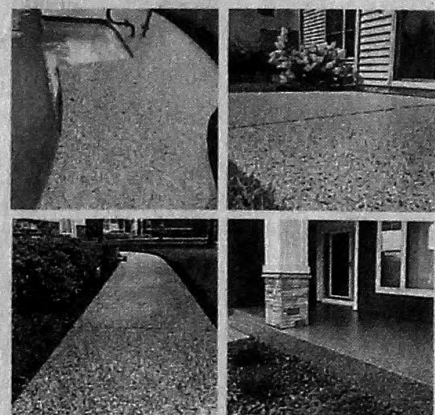
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