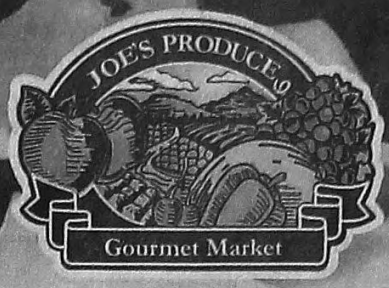


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Livonia requests local roads tax on ballot

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Among the party primaries for state office, Livonia voters will see a local roads millage on their ballots this summer.

The city is asking to levy 0.89 mills

for 10 years during the Aug. 2 election. The tax would replace an expiring roads millage voters passed in 2012 and would require residents to pay a little more than they already do — the current millage rate is 0.8773 — for local roads. A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value on a property.

Todd Zilincik, Livonia's city engineer, said the local roads millage plays a critical role in the city's infrastructure efforts. This year, the millage is helping pay for neighborhood improvements and, the city hopes, would pay for work on some city-controlled major roads like Gill Road, West Chicago Street and St.

Francis Street in future years.

"My goal is to focus on the residential streets but also chip away at some of the industrial streets and major roads," Zilincik said. "We've been tackling Newburgh Road here and there; we did

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Plymouth grad cast as extra in hit show 'Stranger Things'

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June Hauser and several friends gathered around a television at 3 a.m. when the fourth season of the popular Netflix show "Stranger Things" dropped, watching in rapt attention and screaming periodically.

The 2020 Plymouth High School graduate and her buddies are more than super fans — they were looking for themselves on screen as extras, actors who are unnamed ancillary characters on the show.

Hauser appears in both season 3 and 4 multiple times, not only in the background or as part of a crowd, but sometimes alongside a main character or as a focus, however momentarily.

"Surprisingly, I've got a decent amount of screen time," Hauser said. "It's cool and very exciting."

"Stranger Things," the hit science fiction 1980s throwback thriller centered on a small town and the extremely odd, supernatural happenings there, has led to a bizarre turn of events for Hauser in real life.

Now 20 and a Northville resident, she watched the first season of the show when she was a 15-year-old student at Plymouth High planning to become a doctor or zoologist. She promptly forgot about the premier season, but binge-watched the second season and became more than a little obsessed with the teen-centric show.

She reconsidered her career path as she watched the kids on screen establish themselves as actors. She subsequently took a few acting classes herself and found a passion, while being realistic.

"I realized I loved it, but knew acting was a stretch," Hauser said.

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June Hauser wearing her Hawkins ribbon and '80s attire as an extra in "Stranger Things," the hit Netflix show. She appears in several episodes in the fourth season, airing now. COURTESY OF JUNE HAUSER

Longtime owners of Farmington bakery ready to step away

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Becky Burns is ready to stand on the other side of the bakery display case.

The co-owner of Sunflour Bakehaus in downtown Farmington operated the shop for nearly a quarter century with Jeff Pavlik, her business partner and ex-husband. But after decades of work, she's ready to hang up her apron and sell the longtime bakery.

"Hopefully we're going to get in line at Sunflour Bakehaus and stand in line with people we used to help," she said. "I want to stand in line at Sunflour Bakehaus and come in here to buy my bread and my other baked goods."

The bakery is for sale, with Burns and Pavlik seeking a buyer this summer. Without one, the historic bakery that's operated in downtown Farmington for nearly 90 years will shut its doors.

The run lasted much longer than expected, Burns said. The two originally sought to open a new bakery in Ferndale in the late 1990s, but a looming streetscape project made them look elsewhere. They saw the Farmington Bakery for sale and decided it had everything they needed.

Conditions outside their control led them to continue ownership past their original goal.

"We were only going to do this for five years," said Burns, a former Observer and Eccentric reporter. "After five years, the economy had tanked, everybody's getting laid off. We had jobs."

The bakery, at 33250 Grand River,

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The Canton Police Department is partnering with Canton Leisure Services to present a "Personal Safety for Your Teen and College-Bound Student" seminar 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 23 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

This free seminar is open to participants age 14 and older.

Participants will learn some basic life skills that will help them make the transition into adulthood, be it in dorm life or as a high school student.

Topics include: dorm room safety; social media dangers; the importance of knowing your surroundings and how to be a good witness; as well as what to do if you fall victim to a crime.

There is no cost for this seminar; however, registration is encouraged.

Learn tips and strategies on how to keep your students safe on and off campus. Sign up online at cantonfun.org with code SE1302.

For additional information or to register for this class, visit www.cantonfun.org, or call 734-394-5460.

Westland police say they suspect ex-boyfriend in woman's death

Susan Vela HometownLife.com
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A 41-year-old woman was fatally shot early Wednesday morning in Westland, and police have her ex-boyfriend in custody as a suspect in the case.

Officers received a report of a possible shooting and car accident in the Old Orchard Mobile Home Park, near the intersection of Glenwood and Wayne roads, shortly after midnight June 29, Chief Jeff Jedrusik said in a press release.

They found Tabitha Cornwall deceased inside a vehicle. The release said the suspect had barricaded himself inside a nearby mobile home residence.

With a Western Wayne County SWAT team's assistance, police were able to secure the residence and convince the suspect to voluntarily exit.

Westland police continues to investigate.

No other information was available. Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

Keeping a family balance sheet saves money



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Now that 2022 is half over, it is a good time to have a check-in with your finances. Specifically, your family balance sheet and cash flow statements.

At the beginning of every year, I encourage people to establish a family balance sheet – a listing of assets and li-

abilities. Assets less liabilities equal net worth. By monitoring your net worth, you have a good idea of how you are doing. Unfortunately, because of the downturn in the stock market, our net worth has declined.

Even with the stock market's recent downturn, many investors will find that they are in significantly better shape than they were five years ago.

There is no doubt that over the last year or so our cost of living has risen. We all see it at the gas pumps and the grocery stores.

With a family balance sheet, if your cost of living is increasing at a higher rate than expected, you will know in a timely manner and be able to adjust your spending and resolve the issue.

As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't matter what the inflation rate is. What is important is your own individual rate of inflation. We all spend our money differently.

We live in an ever-changing world and it is important that we stay current on our financial affairs. Completing a family balance sheet and cash flow

statement will allow you to stay in touch with your finances and make better decisions about your money. I believe the more you stay in touch with your finances, the more money will stay in your pocket; and your money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

Good luck.
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Levan Road four or five years ago and we've done some patching on Stark Road."

Should the millage proposal fail, the city would nearly halve its road work efforts. The city is responsible for 60.5 miles of major roads and about 312 miles of local streets.

According to the city, proceeds from the 2012-approved tax paid for 74 miles worth of road repairs, nearly 5,000 trees and more than 5,400 sidewalk repairs since 2012. The current millage generates about \$3,552,000 annually.

The millage is not intended to fund repairs to county and state roads. Most of Livonia's largest roads like Haggerty, Merriman and Five Mile fall under the jurisdiction of Wayne County. Having a local roads tax does, however, allow Livonia to partner with Wayne County to expedite repairs on county roads.

For instance, the city payed about 9% of a project Wayne County is doing on Merriman Road this summer.

"Our goal is to perform asset management where we're doing maintenance to some streets, base repairs and resurface on some streets and others are reconstruct," Zilincik said. "We want people to have a smoother ride as they're heading into some of the subdivisions."

People can register to vote or request an absentee ballot by visiting the Livonia City Clerk's office, which is at city hall on the corner of Five Mile and Farmington Roads.

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Sunflour Bakehaus co-owner Becky Burnš carries a tray of Swedish Limpa bread. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Bakery

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has a longstanding history in the Farmington community. It originally was simply the Farmington Bakery, known for traditional downtown baked goods such as cookies, cakes and more. Burns and Pavlik wanted to provide some additional items that were more unique and different.

Changing the name to Sunflour Bakehaus in the mid-2000s was just the marketing move needed to signal that change in the type of bakery it was and what it offered.

"We wanted to do whole-grain baking. We wanted to do more unique things," she said. "People associated Farmington Bakery with doughnuts, white bread, sugar cookies, that kind of thing. And we were making all these other unique things."

"As soon as we changed the name and the logo, we had people coming in going, 'Oh my gosh, we've needed a bakery like this in town. Oh I'm so glad you're here.'"

'I'm going to miss them'

It's become a destination location, attracting people from all over the region. Amanda Kaval, one of the owners of Farmhouse Coffee & Ice Cream in Farmington Hills, recently stopped by to pick up more muffins and cookies to sell at the shop along 12 Mile across the street from The Hawk community center.

Having some local options is an important part of their business, Kaval said. She said she hopes a buyer can be found to preserve the historical business.

"We can get stuff fresher, better

quality, better flavors, And the more local we can get, the better," she said. "It makes us nervous. We're still not sure where we're going to go instead. We're hoping they find someone that wants to sell and continue on with the legacy that they're doing."

Subrenia Walker is one of those customers who moved away but continues to stop by whenever she's around. A teacher with Farmington Public Schools, the Fenton resident stopped by on a recent Friday to learn the bakery could close its doors later this summer.

A former Farmington Hills resident, Walker said she likes to pick up cookies and bread over the past 17 years, as well as bring their students to learn about the shop.

"I'm sad, I really am. I'm going to miss them," she said. "We've done some field trips with the children at the school here. We used to do that all the time."

Next steps for Sunflour owners

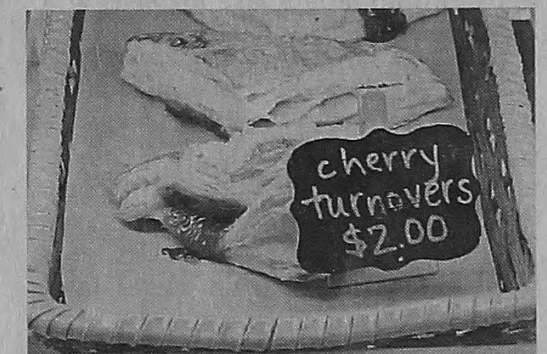
After a long career owning the bakery, Burns said the two are ready to move onto something else. They attempted to sell the bakery twice before when they had their first two children, but it never sold. So they kept at it, continuing to bake dishes like Old World Bread and scones for hungry customers all across the Farmington community.

Today, the bakery continues selling favorites, though selection could be limited as they begin to work their way through the last of their ingredients. Sunflour Bakehaus is open a handful of days a week, including Saturdays, the day it traditionally makes its famous German pretzels.

Burns said she wants to return to writing, and she said Pavlik will most likely find a way to continue baking in some capacity after they move on. While she'll miss being surrounded by



Fenton resident Subrenia Walker says goodbye as she leaves the bakery June 24. Walker, a Farmington Public Schools teacher, said she has been a customer for 17 years.



Cherry turnovers in the display case.

all the delicious offerings, Burns said she'll miss her customers even more.

"I'm going to miss all the people, hands down," she said.

The two decided to list the business, hoping to find a buyer that will continue its longtime legacy and hopefully keep it in the downtown Farmington area. Whomever buys the business will need to negotiate a new lease or potentially look for a new home: Burns said the 1937 building the bakery occupies soon will be owned by someone new.

If a buyer is not found, the nearly century-old bakery will close its doors by the end of July. Burns said she's hopeful someone will come out of the woodwork and purchase the longtime business, keeping the longtime shop in Farmington.

"We have a couple people that we hope are serious," she said. "We would still entertain more in case anybody's interested."

Kate Knight, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, said she is hopeful a bakery – if not Sunflour Bakehaus – retains the space and continues serving the downtown community.

She said the owners have become so engrained into the community that it will be hard to replace. Knight recalled a meeting she had several months back that had her run into the bakery to pick up some goodies. She said she ran a little late not because of an issue but that Burns had collected funds to donate to the city's public arts initiative and needed to give it to her.

"I wait for her to package up this envelope of cash she's collected," she said. "That piece of the community, that's what's irreplaceable."

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Discover the magic of Michigan mushrooms

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Though Michigan's wildly popular and edible morel mushrooms may soon be out of season, fungi fanatics need not fear. According to mushroom enthusiasts, there are still ample edible fungi for foragers.

From Detroit to the Upper Peninsula, Michigan's woods are brimming with mushrooms, some delicious, others deadly. While morels get most of the attention, there are dozens of other edible fungi coveted by connoisseurs.

Mushrooms — a variety of fungi — have certainly grown in popularity as both an aesthetic and a food choice. Mushrooms are popping up on everything from murals to earrings while foodies, including vegans, vegetarians, and those consuming less meat, opt for the satiating source of protein. "Magic" mushrooms, which contain the psychoactive, hallucinogenic compound psilocybin, are even being touted as a potential cure for depression. But that's a story for another day.

The rise of mushrooms puts Michigan in a sweet spot, as its diverse natural landscape allows a variety of mushrooms to be grown seasonally. However, for those interested in foraging for their own wild-caught mushrooms, proper identification is essential.

In a public forage at For-Mar Nature Preserve on Sunday, "hunt whip" Heather Johnson, told participants, "all mushrooms are fungus, but not all fungus are mushrooms." As the group walked, she pointed out varieties of fungus that looked like mushrooms but were not. Most were inedible.

For-Mar does not typically allow public foraging. Johnson's group had special permission as they are helping Genesee County identify fungi in the area.

A longtime fungi expert, Johnson estimates Michigan is home to at least 2,500 types of mushrooms, only 60-100 of which are edible. She estimates about 50 types of Michigan mushrooms are unequivocally toxic.

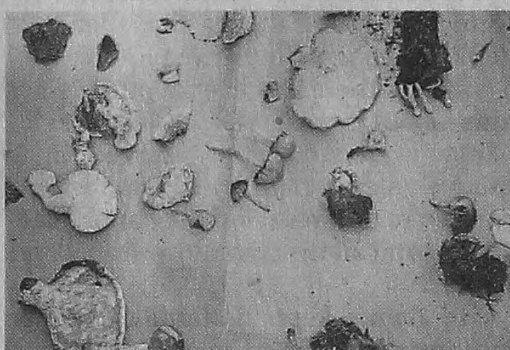
"You can eat every mushroom once," she warned participants, "but you might not get a chance to eat another."

Most avid mushroom hunters recom-



Heather Johnson, 51, analyzes different mushrooms as Vanna McMurray, 8, watches at the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum in Burton after a mushroom hunt by the Mushroom Hunters Club.

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Different species of mushrooms and morels found in the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. Avid hunters recommend searching with a club.

mend that beginners start their foraging journey with a mushroom hunting club.

Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club member Antoine Delaforterie, 61, who has over 40 years of mushrooming experience, told the Free Press that joining a club can help those interested in mushrooming safely hunt without knowing all of the science.

"The thing about mushrooming as a club versus being a professional mycol-

ogist — a college-trained mycologist — is that we are trained to identify mushrooms by physical characteristics," Delaforterie said. "The look, the smell, and sometimes, the taste."

Here are some of types of mushrooms hunters can find as the summer mushroom season unfolds:

Dryad's saddle

Colloquially known as "Dryad's saddle," the *cerioporus squamosus* mushroom is an edible fungus that often grows on tree trunks. White or light brown in color, they look like plates sticking perpendicular out of a trunk.

Johnson was able to identify some Dryad's saddle growing in For-Mar. Cutting into the side of the mushroom with a knife, she said "you slice it and you can basically eat as far as the knife goes."

She tried to slice an older-looking sample and it was the equivalent of cutting a car tire.

Edible Dryad's saddle is easy to slice and has tight, radial pores on the underside. An older mushroom might have

unequal pores with many breaks.

Oyster mushrooms

Also edible and growing now on the base of trees are the ever-popular oyster mushrooms, scientifically known as *pleurotus ostreatus*. These are whiter and have a more pronounced stem than most Dryad's saddle.

Chicken of the wood

If they are lucky, Delaforterie says foragers might also find some chicken-of-the-wood, scientifically known as *laetiporus sulphureus*, which is a bright orange layered fungi found on tree trunks. Though many people love the rich, meaty texture of chicken-of-the-woods, Delaforterie warns, "they may give you gas. They are delicious, however!"

Golden chanterelle

For foragers looking ahead to the summer mushrooming season, July stands to bring fungi like the golden chanterelle, or *cantharellus cibarius*, back into the mix. Unlike mushrooms previously mentioned, golden chanterelle grows in the ground.

According to Delaforterie, chanterelle mushrooms are a great, wild edible find, "the nice thing about the chanterelle is one, they are easy to find. They are plentiful and they're very beefy mushrooms ... you can get a good bite on them."

Delaforterie isn't the only mushroom aficionado to sing the golden chanterelle's praises. Sister Marie Kopin, 84, also a member of the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club who has been mushrooming for over 60 years, cited chanterelles as a personal favorite fungus.

But, she warned "you have to be careful. There are lookalikes — probably more lookalikes with these other species (like chanterelles) than morels."

More information about the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club, including upcoming public forages, can be found at michiganmushroomhunters.org.

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COVID-19 tracker for Wayne, Oakland counties

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan reported far fewer coronavirus cases in the week ending Sunday, adding 10,681 new cases. That's down 31.4% from the previous week's tally of 15,578 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 46th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States decreased 1.2% from the week before, with 721,538 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 1.48% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 24 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 1,971 cases and 14 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,903 cases and 23 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 440,654 cases and 8,078 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,701 cases and six deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,441 cases and 26 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 319,760 cases and 3,924 deaths.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 74 counties, with the best declines in Wayne County, with 1,971 cases from 2,903 a week earlier; in Oakland County, with 1,701 cases from 2,441; and in Washtenaw County, with 516 cases from 1,011. Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Luce County with 289 cases per 100,000 per week; Iron County with 208; and Keweenaw County with 189. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 1,971 cases; Oakland County, with 1,701 cases; and Macomb County, with 1,073. Weekly case counts rose in seven counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Charlevoix, Luce and Midland counties.

In Michigan, 69 people were reported



Huntah informs Captain Paul Douglas of the Bristol County House of Correction K-9 unit that she has found the COVID-19 scented sample hidden under a computer APC case. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 137 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,592,078 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 36,744 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 86,967,639 people have tested positive and 1,015,938 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions falling

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, June 26.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 909
- The week before that: 952
- Four weeks ago: 1,180

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 63,626
- The week before that: 57,605
- Four weeks ago: 54,872

Hospitals in 34 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier,

while hospitals in 25 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds.

Hospitals in 39 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

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Patrick James Currier

(1984-2022)

Patrick James Currier, age 37, died suddenly in Littleton, Colorado, on June 10th, 2022, due to pneumonia. Patrick was born on June 15th, 1984, in Detroit, Michigan, to Dennis and Susan (Toth) Currier. Known to many as PJ, he graduated from Lahser High School in



2003, where he was an excellent lacrosse player and later became a coach. He moved to the Denver area in January 2014 and eventually found his chosen family in Littleton, Colorado. Patrick enjoyed working in the food and beverage industry and had obtained his certification as a Level 1 Sommelier. He was known for being a kindhearted soul who never gave it a second thought to help those he loved in his life. PJ was proud to share that he was from Detroit, Michigan, and loved his Irish heritage. His favorite things were his times at Walloon and Cass Lake, living in the beautiful state of Colorado, golfing with friends and family, watching the Red Wings, #24 Miguel Cabrera, Detroit Tigers first baseman, Marvel, and having conversations with his friends. He also cherished his beautiful dog, Odin.

Survivors include his parents, Susan (Toth) Currier of Florida and Dennis Currier of Texas; siblings Thomas (Michelle) Currier of Texas, Kaylin Weihs of California, Jean (Charlie) Williams of Colorado, Casey (Eli) Currier of New York; his beautiful nieces and nephews, Kevin, Kayleigh, Michael, Lily, and Charlie. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Florence "Honey" Toth, paternal grandmother Jean McCann, and his beloved first dog, Snow.

Memorial contributions can be made online to his favorite charity, St. Baldrick's Foundation, at www.stbaldricks.org/ways-to-give. Future Memorial Services will occur in Michigan and Florida; details will be announced later.

Elizabeth Jean "Betty" Cross Schwartz

BENTON - Elizabeth Jean "Betty" Cross Schwartz, 72 of Benton, passed away on June 23, 2022 at Saline Memorial Hospital with her family at her side. She was born on October 1, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Robert and Marjory Ellenor McPhee Cross.

Betty was a member of the Bryant First United Methodist Church. She attended Farmington High school in Farmington, Michigan and graduated in 1967. Betty worked from high school on in personnel for various companies, ending with Pathfinder, Inc. of Jacksonville, Arkansas as of her death. She rose through the ranks in her career from secretary to Director of Personnel and Compliance. Betty was loved and respected by coworkers and clients alike for her fair minded approach in the handling of personnel issues as well as in overseeing compliance of regulations for employees and clients.

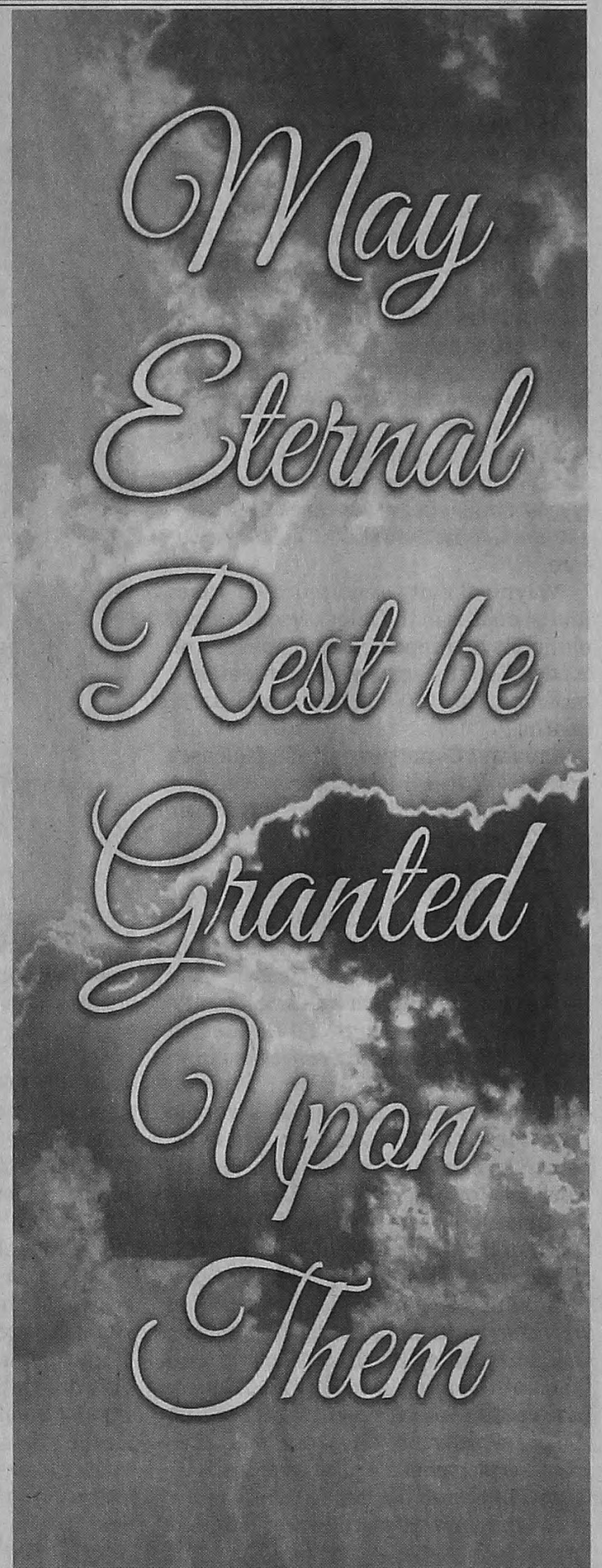
Betty was preceded in death by her parents, brother, John William Moir and daughter, Robin Elizabeth Schwartz Lobbs.

She is survived by her husband, Gregory Schwartz, son, Christian M. Schwartz, daughter in law, Catherine "Alexis" Branscum Schwartz and grandsons, Owen Joseph Schwartz and Jefferson Lee Lobbs.

Chapel services by Ashby Funeral Home will be Tuesday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that contributions be made to her beloved Pathfinder of Jacksonville, Arkansas.

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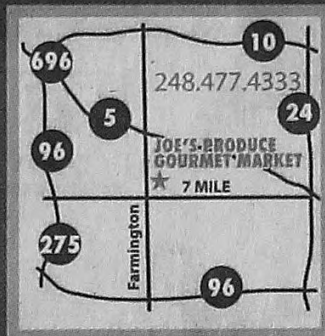
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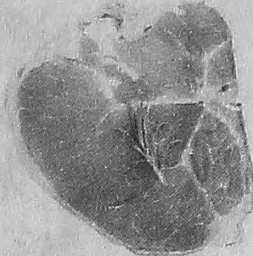
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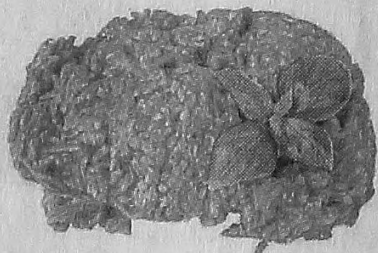
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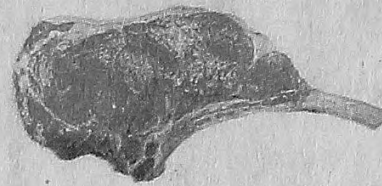
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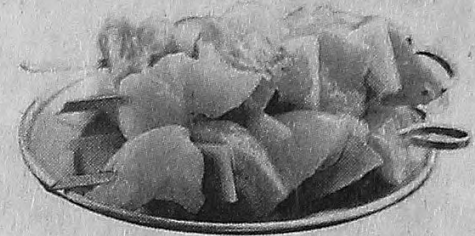
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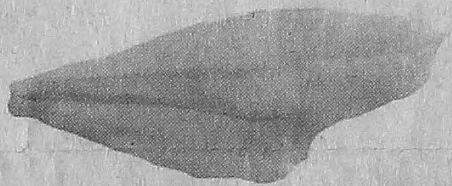


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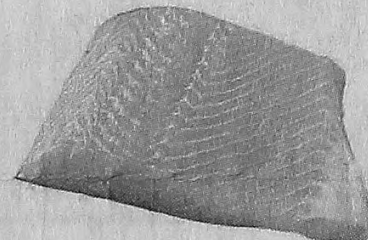


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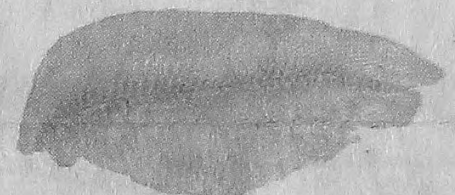
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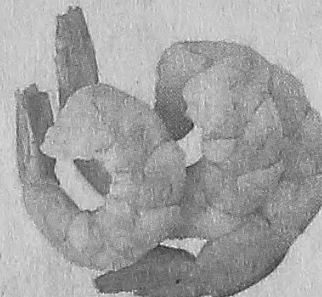
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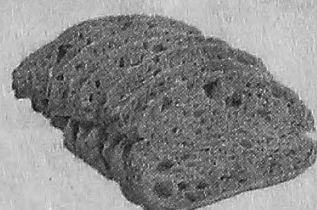


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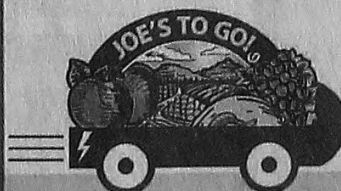
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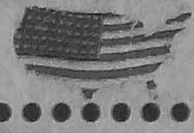


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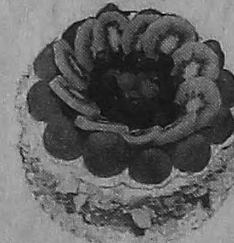


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SPORTS

Marian girls soccer falls in state final

Despite senior's gutsy effort, Mustangs' reign ends, 2-1

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She gave up a chance to defend her national championship with her club program.

And it was worth it. She joined a high school team with a brand new coach, a squad that had just graduated four all-state players and was about to defend a state title with an incredibly young roster.

And it was worth it.

She gave everything she had to help the team advance to their fifth-straight championship, despite losing one of her best friends and her "partner in crime" to an ACL injury two games earlier.

And it was worth it. The ball sailed along the far sideline. Isa Agrusso got a foot on it, and one final breakaway was started.

The senior sprinted past Grand Rapids Forest Hill Central's bench.

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Bloomfield Hills Marian's Isa Agrusso controls the ball during the Division 2 MHSAA soccer championship against Forest Hills Central on June 18 in East Lansing.
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MHSFCA ALL-STAR GAME



Livonia Franklin's Zac Olesuk passes during the fourth annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's all-star game June 25 at Lawrence Tech University. [BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM](http://BRANDON.FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM)

FRANKLIN QB LEADS EAST PAST WEST, 14-7

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Only a handful of coaches get to participate in high school all-star games. It's a rare occurrence to even get asked to help out at one.

And what's rarer is how many coaches Livonia Franklin had on the East squad for Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's fourth annual all-star game at Lawrence Tech.

There was Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert acting as the East's offensive coordinator, calling plays on behalf of Belleville coach Jermain Crowell, who was the true head coach of the East.

And then there was assistant Aaron Moran organizing the defense and assistant Kevin Biga acting in a support role.

Yeah, three Patriots on one all-star staff.

But, wait. There was actually one more.

The starting quarterback was Franklin senior Zac Olesuk, who threw for one touchdown and led the East to a 14-7 victory over the West.

When it came to installing Kelbert's offense during practice throughout the week, the East leaned on Olesuk as an on-field coach to get players lined up in the right spots.

And it paid dividends during the one-score win.

See **ALL-STAR GAME**, Page 2B

LOCAL GIRLS TENNIS STATE FINALS RESULTS

Hometown Life's coverage area had 15 state champions, seven runner-ups and 18 singles/doubles finish in the final four. Here's who excelled:

Division 1 at Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University

Team finish

- 2. Bloomfield Hills (32 points)
- 5. Novi (14)
- 6. Northville (13)
- 21. Salem (3)
- T25. Farmington (1)
- T25. Farmington Hills Mercy (1)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Jenna Redmile, sophomore, Salem
Lost in semifinals to Rochester Adams' Nicole Fu - 6-4, 6-4

No. 3 singles

Grace Shaya, senior, Bloomfield Hills
Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Mia Goldstein - 6-4, 6-1

No. 4 singles

Julia Yousif, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills
Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Bridgette Kelly - 6-4, 2-6, 6-3

No. 1 doubles

Danielle Herb and Carly Bernard, seniors, Bloomfield Hills
Beat Troy's Grace Zhu and Stephanie Ochoa in the finals - 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2

No. 2 doubles

Noa Goldstein, senior, and Natalie Raab, junior, Bloomfield Hills
Beat Troy's Nika Tanako and Sophie Chong in the finals - 6-1, 6-2

No. 3 doubles

Eryn Stern and Grace Bickersteth, seniors, Bloomfield Hills
Beat Ann Arbor Pioneer's Eleanor Vogel and Aditi Ganesan in the finals - 6-3, 6-0

Sona Manoukian, sophomore, and Alessia Zorzan, junior, Northville
Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills' Eryn Stern and Grace Bickersteth - 6-2, 6-3

No. 4. doubles

Colleen Pettengill, junior, and Ellie Alberts, senior, Bloomfield Hills

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Livonia Churchill's Joshua Brown and Warren Fitzgerald's Trey West chat during warm-ups before the fourth annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's all-star game June 25 at Lawrence Tech University.

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Livonia Franklin's Zac Olesuk passes the ball.



Olesuk rushes during the game.

All-star game

Continued from Page 1B

"It was easier for me because I didn't have to learn as many plays," said Olesuk, who is signed with Alma College to play both baseball and football. "Just the new ones that they just put in this off-season I had to learn. It was basically just all of our plays from last year. I just took that as a good thing. I was able to teach a lot of the offensive players where to line up and how to run certain plays. It was an advantage to have him (Kelbert) as a coach and for him to have his quarterback be here because it's easier for him to teach all the guys."

It sure was.

On the game's opening drive, Olesuk and the East quickly moved the chains with a handful of plays, and then the senior tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Warren Fitzgerald receiver Trey West.

After Auburn Hills Avondale running back D'Angelo Harris punched in a 6-yard rushing TD with 10:57 left, Kelbert relied on Olesuk to manage the game and eat as much clock as possible down the stretch.

"It was great because Zac and I have been together for two years," Kelbert said. "You build that relationship where I can say something and he knows exactly what I'm saying. And what I'm seeing is the same thing that he sees. So it made it a lot easier for an adjustment here and there. It took a while (for the offense) to adapt to the other kids, but having a guy that talented here as the quarterback helped."

Perhaps the best part of Kelbert and Olesuk reuniting is the victory eases some of their previous pain together.

At 6-foot-1, 185 pounds, Olesuk was one of the top QBs in metro Detroit during the second half of Franklin's season in 2021. And he even finished with 1,226 yards and 11 TDs through the air and another 686 yards and 15 TDs rushing.

As the team found momentum entering the playoffs, it rode that all the way to the Division 2 state semifinal where its season finally ended, 49-14, to eventual state champion Warren DeLaSalle.

Losing one game away from making it to Ford Field was tough for both the player and coach. But a close-call win in an exhibition game is a much better memory for both to have as Olesuk's playing days come to an end at Franklin.

"100%, it feels great," Olesuk said. "This will be my last time putting on a Franklin uniform, and it's surreal. It kind of sucks that the Franklin career is over. But it feels good to finally end it with a W."

Added Kelbert: "To be able to win and send him off to college being in this environment is a lot of fun, and I'm glad I got the opportunity to do it. It's something I've always wanted to do as a coach, and I'm glad I got the chance.

"He's been a true leader. The kids follow him. He's a coachable kid. All those traits and the cliché things you say about an athlete, he fills all those roles, and he's not a kid you have to worry about doing things the wrong way. He's meant a lot to our entire athletic program, especially the football program."

Two future Cardinals flock together at LTU

On signing day, Saginaw Valley State nabbed two of the best athletes in metro Detroit in Warren Fitzgerald's Trey West and Livonia Churchill's Joshua Brown.

And they're almost identical, both as playmakers and physically at 5-10 and 180 pounds.

Both of them played multiple positions for their teams and contributed in each phase, from defense to offense and special teams. And both were usually the fastest kids on the field in each game.

And the duo got to play together for the East squad during Saturday's all-star game, giving Cardinals fans a sneak peek of what's to come from the pair of Mr. Do-Everything's headed this fall to University Center.

West played receiver (and caught a 23-yard TD pass) and defensive back. Brown played cornerback. And both stood next to each other when it came time to field punts and kickoffs.

"It was good. He's a speedster. He's just a freak athlete, man, and I love him," Brown said. "He's funny, too, and that's my dog."

Probably the best part of the week for the two was they got to go against each other in the practices leading up to the all-star game.

And sometimes West got the best of Brown, the Chargers' two-time all-star.

"He's fast, so you definitely got to stay on your Ps and Qs," Brown added. "But we battled. But it's just fun being back out here, too. I didn't end my season on a win, so it's just great to end one on a win."

Homecoming for Lacanaria

It's unlikely any of the players competing were as familiar with Blue Devils Stadium as Cole Lacanaria.

For one, that's where Brother Rice plays many of its home games. If the Warriors aren't playing at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac, they're welcoming opponents to Lawrence Tech's campus.

And, of course, the senior receiver will be playing college football this fall at LTU.

So that turf field that runs alongside M-10 and is nestled amongst several skyscrapers feels like home for him. And he showed that by snaring a bubble pass from Olesuk on the game's very first play and racing for a first down.

He caught a few more passes and



Bloomfield Hills' Jack Boike gets ready on defense during the MAC vs. OAA all-star baseball game June 21 at Jimmy John's Field.

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also rushed once on a reverse play.

Leaving Blue Devils Stadium with a win for the East was a much better feeling for Lacanaria than when he and the Warriors saw their season end with a 20-17 upset loss to Mason in the D-3 regional last November at LTU.

"It was a really big upset, and it hurt, but it's good to get out here and get a win again," he said. "I treat this like every other game. I love winning. I'm a great competitor. I'm very happy we came out with a win, so it means a lot. I'm going here in the fall, obviously, so it's great to play in front of these buildings. It's really cool. It's great scenery."

At only 5-7 and 170 pounds, Lacanaria punches well above his weight.

And he had no trouble outracing some of the West's defensive backs for most of the evening.

"There's so much talent here, honestly," he added. "It's crazy to see how much talent each player has, and there's not a single person that's bad. You're going against good competition at every position on every play and every down. It's really fun to play against good competition and see how you stack up against them."

Two-sport star Boike represents Black Hawks in baseball showcase

Bloomfield Hills kicker Jack Boike also competed in an all-star game this

week.

Only it wasn't for football.

The senior represented the Oakland Activities Association during Tuesday's second annual Macomb Area Conference vs. OAA all-star game at Jimmy John's Field.

The MAC won, 12-7, but Boike recorded a game-best four stolen bases and got to showcase the athleticism he'll be taking to Adrian College in the fall as both a kicker on the football team and a shortstop and outfielder on the baseball team.

"Yeah, I was all baseball in the recruiting process," he said. "And when I knew I found a home in (Adrian), I decided to send over my game film to the football coach. And he told me I have what it takes to kick at this level."

Boike graduates as one of the best baseball players in program history. That includes him setting two school records for most career steals (50) and most plate appearances in a single season (129).

As a senior on the gridiron, he recorded 15 touchbacks on kickoffs, was 4 of 4 kicking field goals and went 41 of 44 on extra points while helping Bloomfield Hills win the OAA-Blue championship.

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Marian

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The public-address announcer counted down the final seconds. "3... 2..."

At the last second, Agrusso fired a shot toward the net. Not only was it nowhere on frame, but she also wasn't even in a good position to score.

The Rangers had taken down Bloomfield Hills Marian. No. 4 had upset No. 2. It was the first time in six years the Mustangs wouldn't hoist the wooden mitten.

The June 18 state final score at Michigan State University's DeMartin Soccer Complex: FHC 2, Marian 1.

Agrusso dropped her hands to her knees and bent over. And there she stayed until first-year coach Reid Friedrichs walked 40 yards out of his way to console the future MSU Spartan striker.

Friedrichs pulled her in for a hug as the two walked past the Rangers' bench area and back to Marian's sideline.

In March, Friedrichs didn't know if Agrusso was going to be part of the program. She hadn't decided if she'd give up playing club to join her high school team. But she was signed with MSU already, and playing one final spring with her schoolmates sounded like something she'd never regret, even if that meant not defending her national title.

So she signed up.

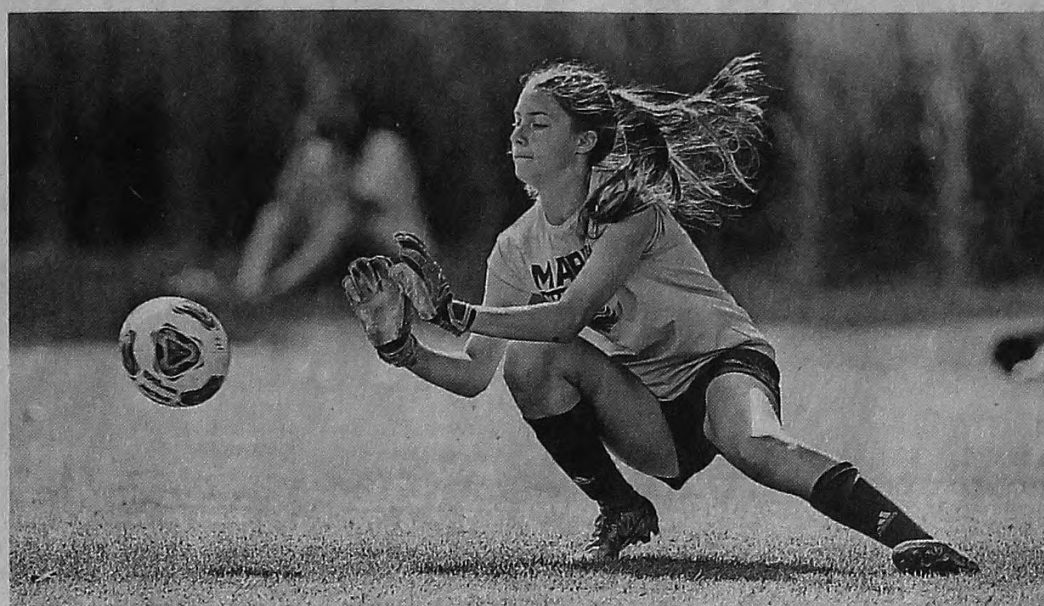
The Mustangs benefited from having one of the best players in the nation on their team. She helped them win the Catholic League and CHSL tournament championships. They repeated as district and regional champions. She gutted them through a state semifinal without one of their best players. And she got them back to MSU for a state title defense.

"This team has definitely impacted my life in an amazing way," Agrusso said. "I found a new family in all these new people I've gotten to talk to and play soccer with. Now they're some of my best friends, or they were already some of my best friends from class that I might not have had a chance to play with..."

"It was just an amazing atmosphere to play in, and I don't regret playing high school soccer, even if it had to end this way. We gave everything we had."

You couldn't have asked for a better match to conclude the 2022 season. But it was determined, quite literally, from the get-go.

In the 4th minute, Theryn Hallock headed in a goal to put Forest Hill Central ahead. Marian responded almost immediately, as Agrusso dribbled about



Bloomfield Hills Marian goalkeeper Dani Merz makes a stop against Forest Hills Central during the Division 2 MHSAA championship June 18 in East Lansing.

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30 yards and outraced three Rangers, slipping a tough shot past goalie Ava Wilberding to knot the score 4 minutes later.

And 90 seconds after that, Forest Hill Central got the game-winner once Lauren Koczenasz sailed a corner kick into the penalty box for Stella Sutton to push in.

The Mustangs (17-2) had their chances for the equalizer, but Wilberding was just too strong in the net.

Their last real chance to tie it came with 3 minutes remaining.

Agrusso raced toward the right post, hoping to beat Wilberding to a shot. Instead, Wilberding leveled Agrusso with her tackle. So badly, in fact, Agrusso briefly left the match to get checked out by trainers. It looked as if Agrusso had gotten concussed, but she didn't, and no foul was called on the play.

She reentered the match during the next stoppage, but that was the final chance Marian had to force overtime.

Part of the problem was because Forest Hill Central is just a great program, which won its fifth state title. The other part was Marian was without (soon-to-be two-time all-stater) Elle Ervin.

The sophomore tore her right ACL during the regional championship against New Boston Huron. Not only is she one of Marian's best goal scorers, but she is also one of the best goal scorers in Michigan. Period.

She's a highly-touted recruit who will have her pick of several Division I colleges when she's a senior.

She's scheduled to have surgery July 5, and she'll miss the next seven months while she rehabilitates her knee. And she'll be back in time for next spring's high school season.

But not having her on the pitch for the state final was too much for Marian to overcome.

"It's heartbreaking not being able to be out there with these girls who literally have made such an impact on my life," the sophomore said. "But I've been able to be Coach Elle, as I like to say, and do as much as I could to help them. I wish I could've been able to be out there. I wish I could've put my body on the line for them like I know they would've done for me — like they did today."

The Mustangs certainly did.

And it wasn't only Agrusso taking bumps and bruises.

It was Sabrina Yaldeo. It was Ange Briggs. It was Abby Lucchesi, and Dani Mertz, and Caroline Flynn and so many others.

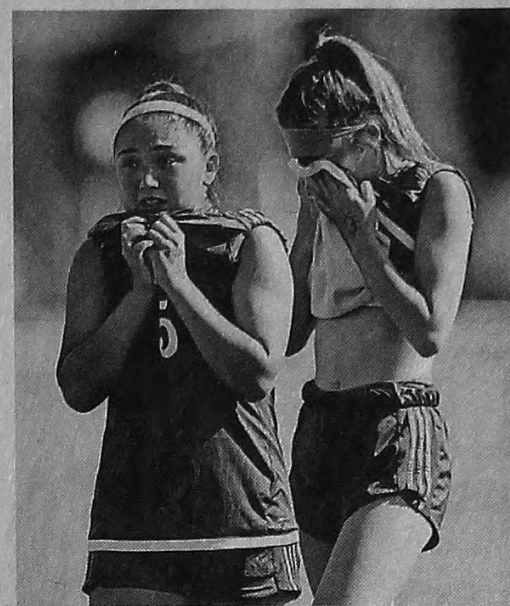
But they were definitely missing Ervin, who dressed for the game and was even introduced during the pre-game festivities. Except she didn't wear her signature black headband.

And when the headband is on, you know Ervin is going to be on, too.

"It's hard, for sure. I love playing with her. I like to say that we're partners in crime. It's definitely hard," Agrusso said. "We've tried to make adjustments, but, obviously, there's no replacing Elle. We made adjustments in our last game, and it worked out, but we just didn't get the win today, and it happens."

Added Friedrichs: "It was really difficult. We handled it as well as we could, I think. When you have somebody who is such a foundation on the field, it's very hard not having her. We handled it for a game and a half, but we weren't able to handle it once again today."

Following the handshake line, Agrusso limped toward the trophy presenta-



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Ella Doerr (left) and Caroline Flynn react after their 2-1 loss to Forest Hills Central.

tion ceremony near midfield. About halfway there, she was stopped by Wilberding, the clear-cut MVP for the Rangers, who made three pivotal saves throughout the match to end the Mustangs' reign as the best team in Division 2.

Wilberding briefly consoled Agrusso. And then she tapped Agrusso on the head before she walked away to rejoin her team on their side of the ceremony.

"This is your field," Agrusso said with the message Wilberding gave her. "You're going to kill it here next year."

One by one, each Mustang received a medal for participating in the state final. And one by one, each player received cheers from the fans and family members present.

When the public-address announcer said, "No. 23, senior, Isa Agrusso," she received the loudest cheers from the Marian faithful still hanging around in the stands.

"It meant the world to play with her," Ervin said. "Without her, there's no way we would've been here, obviously. She had countless game-winners. You couldn't ask for a better forward to work with. From the moment she stepped on the field, we clicked. We had a connection. I couldn't ask for a better partner in a crime."

Tears were still trickling down Agrusso's face when athletic director Mike Watson handed her the medal.

After the ceremony, she sat alone behind Marian's bench. She was solemn but still sniffling.

Then she tore off her shin guards and got ready to say farewell to her teammates.

And with a bright smile, she said it. "It was worth it."

Results

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Beat Troy's Vienna Thieu and Michelle Baik in the finals — 6-0, 7-5

Aryana Kinra, senior, and Chiharu Kobayashi, junior, Novi

Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills' Colleen Pettengill and Ellie Alberts — 6-0, 6-0

Division 2 at Hope College and Holland Christian

Team finish

2. Birmingham Seaholm (30 points)
5. Birmingham Groves (17)
19. South Lyon (1)
- T20. South Lyon East (0)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Sophia MacKinnon, senior, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Abby Siminski — 6-0, 6-2

No. 2 singles

Carly Burkel, senior, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in semifinals to Mattawan Romika Shokohi — 6-4, 6-4

No. 3 singles

Courtney Marcum, sophomore, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in semifinals to Portage Central's Anna Dinsmore — 6-0, 6-0

No. 4 singles

Lauren Whitall, senior, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Miriam Ogilvie — 1-6, 6-4, 7-5

Addison Jacob, freshman, Birmingham Groves

Lost in semifinals to Battle Creek Lakeview's Paula Martinez — 6-4, 6-1

No. 1 doubles

Madeleine Leo, junior, and Graham, senior, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in finals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Sophie Richards and

Rhea Marwaha — 6-2, 3-6, 6-4

No. 2 doubles

Ellie Wyzkowski, junior, and Katie Slazinski, sophomore, Birmingham Seaholm

Lost in finals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Isabella Paul and Ryan Morey — 6-1, 6-2

Avery Purther, senior, and Niya Bryant, junior, Birmingham Groves

Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Isabella Paul and Ryan Morey — 6-1, 6-1

No. 3 doubles

Jane Wineman, senior, and Tatum Hirsch, junior, Birmingham Seaholm

Beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Tanishka Shenoy and Maya Echtenaw in the finals — 6-2, 6-3

Lexy Rosenwasser, senior, and Allie Fundaro, junior, Birmingham Groves

Lost in semifinals to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Tanishka Shenoy and Maya Echtenaw — 6-1, 6-4

No. 4 doubles

Sydney Fong, junior, and Jenna Ting, sophomore, Birmingham Seaholm

Beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern's Ava Hamilton and Paige McKenzie in the finals — 7-5, 4-6, 6-3

Division 3 at Midland Tennis Center and Midland High School

Team finish

1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (37 points)
4. Bloomfield Hills Marian (18)
5. Detroit Country Day (17)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Yenna Park, freshman, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat Otsego's Aly Aldrich in the finals — 6-0, 6-2

Gaby Gryzenia, senior, Bloomfield Hills Marian

Lost in semifinals to Otsego's Aly Aldrich — 6-4, 4-6, 6-4

No. 2 singles

Charlotte Brown, senior, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat Chelsea's Anne-Marie Begola in

the finals — 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 singles

Sienna Illitch, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat Stevensville Lakeshore's Josie Arbanas in the finals — 6-3, 6-2

Rafi Saba, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Marian

Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Sienna Illitch — 6-7, 6-2, 6-0

No. 4 singles

Olivia Zhang, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Addison Bellows in the finals — 3-6, 6-1, 6-0

No. 1 doubles

Peja Liles, sophomore, and Lana Haddad, senior, Detroit Country Day

Beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Chloe Qin, freshman, and Gaby Levine, senior, in the finals — 7-6, 6-2

No. 2 doubles

Aryasai Radhakrishnan, junior, and Marin Norlander, sophomore, Detroit Country Day

Lost in finals to East Grand Rapids' Meg Simon and Ella Webb — 7-5, 7-6

Morgan Dresner-Hagaman, junior, and Chiarra Martella, freshman, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Lost in semifinals to Detroit Country Day's Aryasai Radhakrishnan and Marin Norlander — 7-5, 6-3

No. 3 doubles

Ava Clogg, freshman, and Grace Zhang, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat Chelsea's Kendall Spink and Izzy Barkey in the finals — 6-4, 6-7, 7-5

Jackie Ambrose, senior, and Ava Barber, Bloomfield Hills Marian

Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Ava Clogg and Grace Zhang — 6-2, 6-2

No. 4 doubles

Daryn Krause and Kayli Lala, sophomores, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Beat East Grand Rapids' Kaylynn Fedewa and Courtney Nickols in the finals — 6-2, 6-2

Katherine Yaldeo, junior, and Kinsley Lotherman, sophomore, Bloomfield Hills Marian

Lost in semifinals to East Grand Rapids' Kaylynn Fedewa and Courtney Nickols — 7-5, 5-7, 6-2

Becca Brogia, sophomore, Katie Han, freshman, Detroit Country Day

Lost in semifinals to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Daryn Krause and Kayli Lala — 6-3, 6-1

Division 4 at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Greenhills

Team finish

2. Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (26)
8. Wixom St. Catherine (12)

Top-four finishes, including state champions

No. 1 singles

Isabelle Burg, senior, Sacred Heart

Lost in semifinals to University Liggett's Maddy Zampardo — 6-1, 6-0

No. 1 doubles

Marisa Nafso, senior, and Kayla Nafso, sophomore, Sacred Heart

Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Greenhills' Rukmini Nallamotheu and Georgie Branch — 6-1, 5-7, 6-3

No. 2 doubles

Jade Horcoff, junior, and Angelina Kakos, senior, Sacred Heart

Beat Ann Arbor Greenhills' Lana Koualti and Sophia Kleer in the finals — 6-4, 6-3

No. 3 doubles

Lulu George and Maggie Pulte, sophomores, Sacred Heart

Beat Ann Arbor Greenhills' Parini Rao and Meera Pandey in the finals — 6-1, 6-2

Katie Grewe, junior, and Lily Wolocko, freshman, Wixom St. Catherine

Lost in semifinals to Ann Arbor Greenhills' Parini Rao and Meera Pandey — 7-6 (1), 6-2

No. 4 doubles

Estela Nokaj, senior, and Sarah Palushaj, sophomore, Wixom St. Catherine

Lost in finals to Ann Arbor Greenhills' Sabeen Malcic and Meera Tewari — 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4

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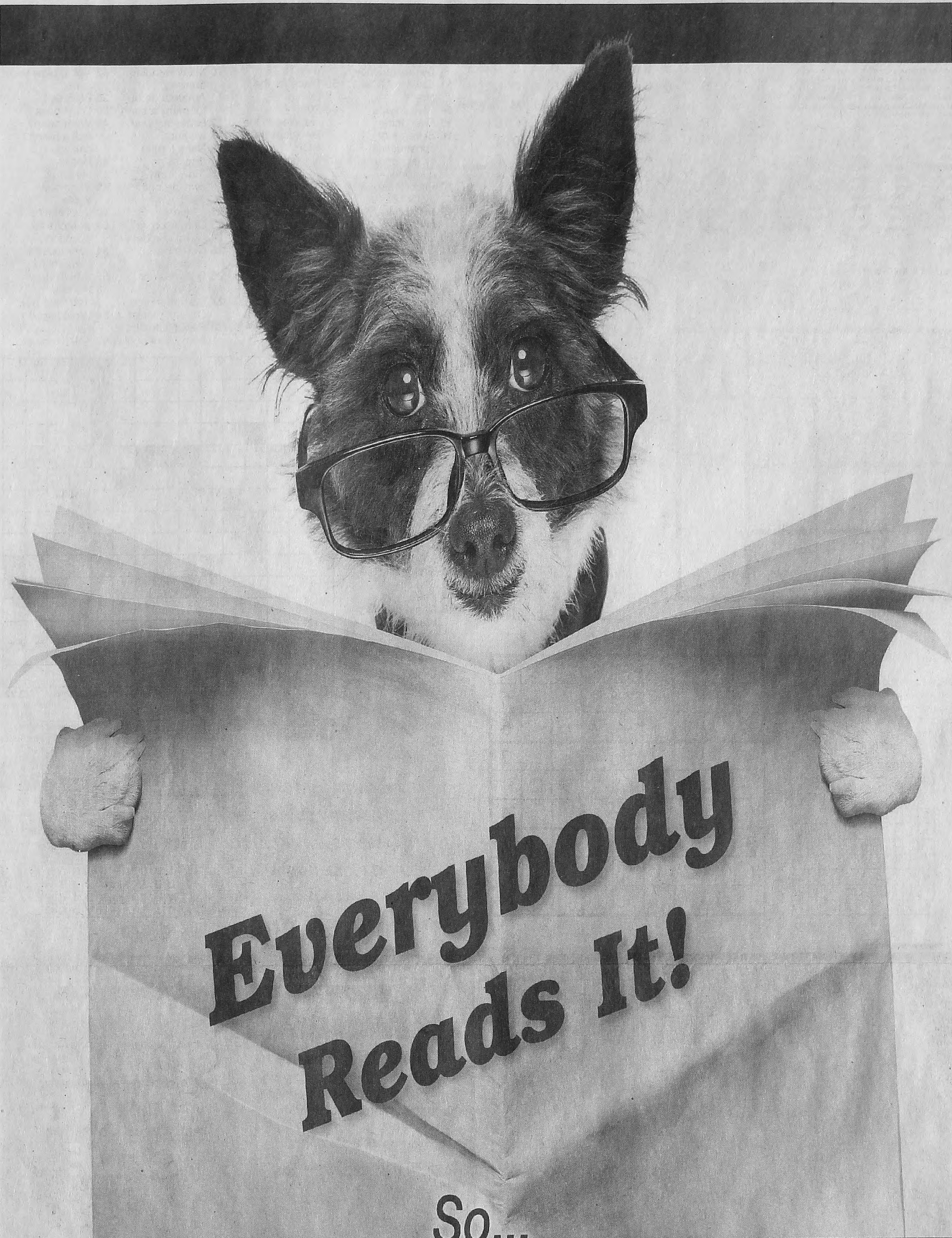


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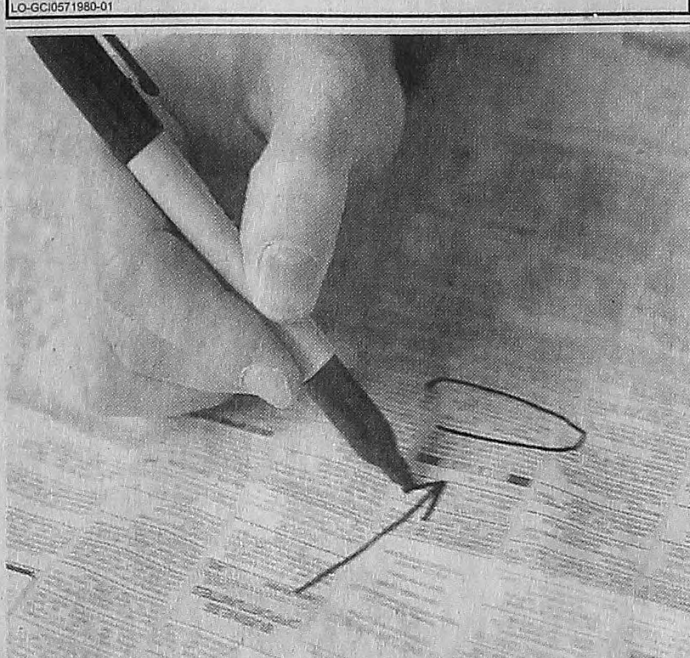


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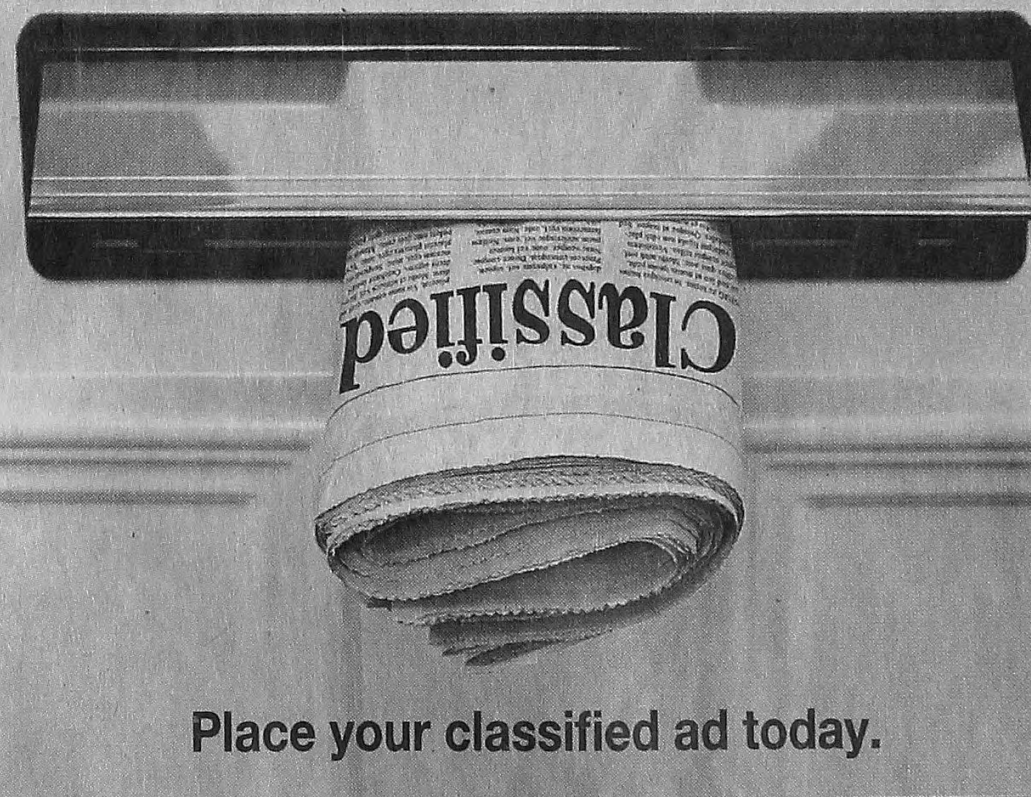
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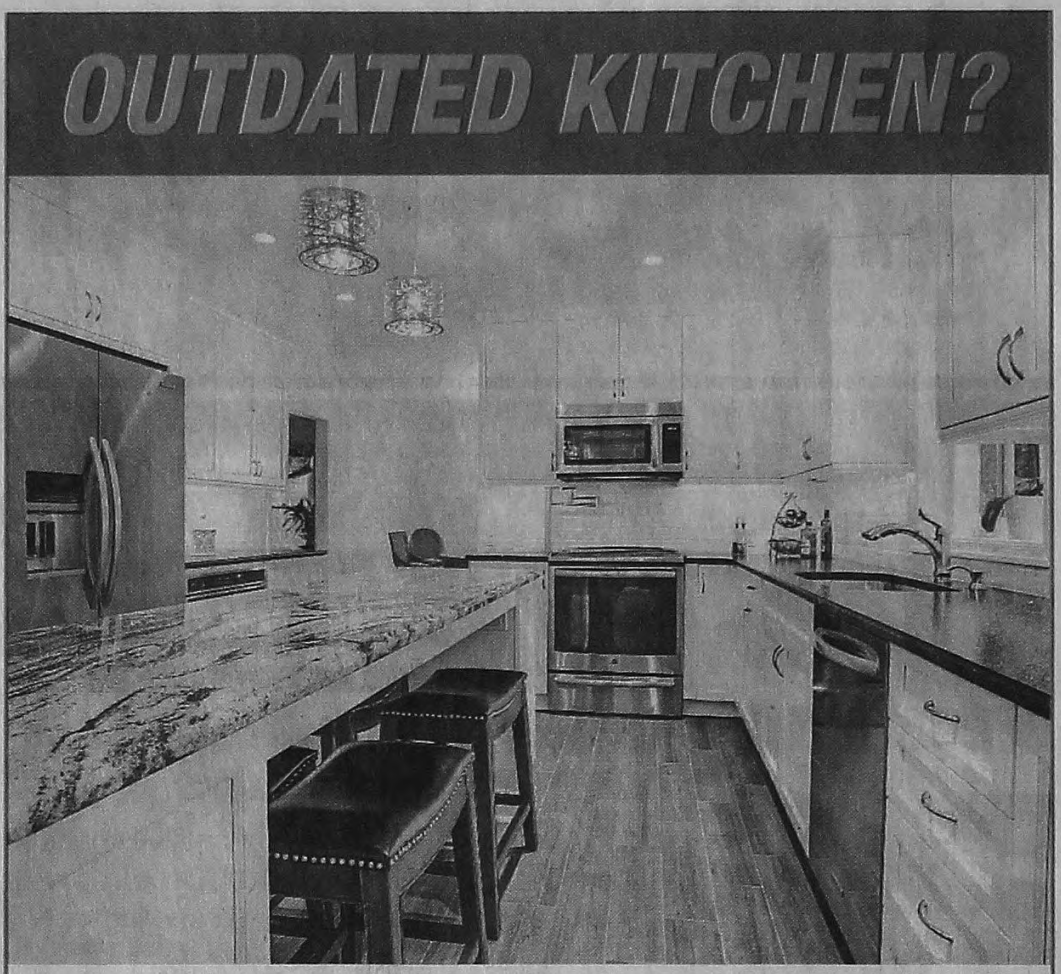
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