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Farmington Hills man sentenced in mom's murder

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An Oakland County judge sentenced Muhammad Al-Tantawi, a 21-year-old from Farmington Hills convicted of murdering his mother, to 35-60 years in prison during a hearing Wednesday.

The roughly five years he's already spent in jail will

count toward his sentence.

Nada Huranieh, Al-Tantawi's mother, was 35 when she died in August 2017. Al-Tantawi was 16 at the time.

A jury found him guilty of premeditated murder in March of this year. Al-Tantawi pleaded not guilty during trial and has continued to claim he did not kill his mother.

"To say that this was a horrible situation is an understatement," Judge Martha Anderson said. "When

the death of one's mother, as the jury found, is perpetrated by her son, it's even more heinous."

The jury took just two hours to deliberate, accepting the prosecution's argument that Al-Tantawi smothered his mother with a toxin-soaked cloth and then pushed her dead body from a second story window of their home in Farmington Hills.

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Finding her voice



Plymouth resident Mia Odeh works as a business manager, drives a Camaro she calls Blueberry and recently released a book titled, "Mia's Odyssey: Taking Back My Soul." LAURA COLVIN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

After years of abuse, Plymouth woman builds dream

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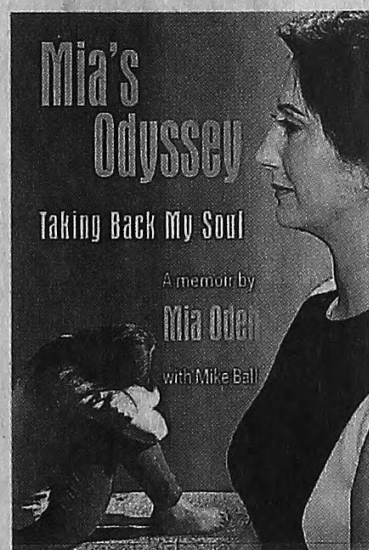
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Mia Odeh remembers the day one of her terrified children ran to tell a neighbor "daddy was going to kill mommy." She remembers police arriving at her door, and she remembers the question she asked an officer after they took her husband away.

"Will you take my children from me? (My husband) has told me many times that in America, the police take children away from bad mothers who disobey their husbands. Will you take my children?"

The officer's answer, said Odeh, a Plymouth resident who today works as a business manager and drives a Camaro she calls Blueberry, was the moment Odeh began to envision a different kind of life for herself.

In her new memoir, "Mia's Odyssey: Taking Back My Soul," Odeh, 45, chronicles years of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and isolation beginning in Palestine as a 16-year-old bride forced into an arranged marriage with a Palestinian man twice her age who - against her wishes but with her parents' blessing - brought her to the U.S. where he was employed.



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"When I came here, I was shocked in every way a human being could be shocked," said Odeh of her 1993 arrival in Phoenix. "When we land, I can't speak English. I'm with someone I don't love. Wherever I look, I just don't understand anything."

"On top of the emotional fear I have inside, now I have to figure out how to survive here, because it's just day and night different."

At the airport, she could not read the signs or understand the announcements. She was completely dependent on a man she barely knew and did not trust.

"It's like I got ripped from under the water to live on the ground and I'm just dying," she said.

In Phoenix, everything was different: the way people dressed was different, the cars and the roads were different, the traffic was incredibly fast.

Later, at home, even the doorbell was terrifying; if someone came to the door when she was home alone, she ran to a closet, turned off the light and cried.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Koleszar, Neracher seek to represent northwest Wayne County in state House

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Voters in Livonia, Plymouth and Northville will vote in the newly-drawn House District 22 for the first time Nov. 8.

Rep. Matt Koleszar and Cathryn Neracher are looking to convince voters they're the best person for the job.

Koleszar, a Democrat from Plymouth Township, is seeking a third term in the house. The representative has a background as a teacher and is also involved with the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Conservancy Initiative.

Neracher, a Republican from Northville, is running to hold elected office for the first time. Neracher owns her own business and has been involved with the Triple A Crisis Pregnancy Center in Livonia.

Hometown Life sent both candidates a questionnaire diving into candidates' stances on a variety of issues.

Despite numerous attempts by Hometown Life to contact Neracher by email, phone and through her campaign, she never filled out the questionnaire.

Neracher's campaign did offer a comment on

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Five seek Wayne-Westland school board seats

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On Nov. 8, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district will choose two people to serve on the school board for six years.

School board members set overall district policy and manage the district superintendent, in this case Superintendent John Dignan, who oversees day-to-day operations.

Hometown Life sent each candidate a questionnaire on their ideas and the state of the district today. Particularly long answers were shortened, which is indicated with an ellipsis. Candidates **Denise Collop** and **Ryleigh Strong** did not submit responses despite multiple attempts from Hometown Life to contact them.

LeWanna Abney-Mitchell is a first-time candidate. She's on the City of Inkster's parks commission, worked for Starfish Family Services and has organized Getting Ahead and Bridges out of Poverty in local schools.

David Cox currently serves as the board president. Cox has been involved with city and school government since the 1990s and works as a tax appeal consultant.

Bradley Gray is a first-time candidate. Gray works in politics and has experience as a clerk for the state senate's education committee and as an executive assistant for the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

What makes you qualified to be a school board member and why do you want to hold that position? What do you see as the role of a school board member?

Abney-Mitchell: My qualifications include the several boards and commissioner positions I have ... along with work positions that I have held that involve decision making, and I have always been very active in my grandchildren education. I believe that there need to be representation from each city that the school district serves, allowing for new perspectives of students struggles or hardships to develop better policies and programs. I see the role of a school member as being a position that should be working with the Superintendent and other school staff to work together to create policy that will meet the educational needs of the students.

Cox: My experience serving as a member of the Board of Education beginning in 1997 and serving as Board President for five years has been excellent preparation. The Board sets district policy, hires and reviews the progress of the Superintendent and supports the administration. An individual Board member has the responsibility of understanding all issues to be voted on and supporting the majority decision following the vote.

Gray: I am an alumnus of Wayne-Westland schools ... My family has long been involved in the district, and

now I have two small children that will be attending the schools when they get older. Having gone on to complete my undergraduate degree at the University of Central Florida, my MBA at Wayne State University, and being in the process of finishing my law degree at Detroit Mercy, I am a great example of what a quality education from our district can provide. I want to make sure that my children, and all the students of the district, can get that same opportunity for success ...



Abney-Mitchell



Cox



Gray

be able to focus with the fear that it might be their school next.

Cox: The district should concentrate on maintaining a safe and secure environment for all persons on and in district property. One-time money such as ARPA would be best spent on infrastructure needed to accomplish that goal.

Issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion are a recurring conversation among students, staff and the community at large. What's one tangible action local districts can make to address diversity, equity and inclusion?

Abney-Mitchell: District wide representation, each city that the district serves has its own unique challenges, by allowing a chair per city on the school board allows for that diversity to have a voice and allows equity and inclusion

Cox: Our district is a leader in inclusive practices. We are fortunate that our student body is diverse and could serve as an example to others. Still, this is an area which requires constant vigilance to ensure everybody always feels connected to their school and its support services. I look forward to seeing our staff mirror our student body.

Gray: Local districts can make sure that they are more involved in their communities outside of the school day. In particular, in Wayne-Westland the district should be taking more proactive action to be involved in the communities of the students outside of Wayne and Westland, where a number of our students also live.

What is an issue facing the district that isn't on residents' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Gray: As mentioned above, while the district is currently in excellent financial shape, some of this is due to one-time funding that was received due to the pandemic. I want to make sure the district makes financially responsible decisions to make sure that the situation stays as positive as it is now, so that the district can continue to provide quality programs for our students.

Abney-Mitchell: Students feeling not heard and feeling unsupported. There need to be some serious talk and action regarding Behavioral and Mental health issues. There should be on site School Based Therapists, Peer Support Partners, Parent Support Partners that is a part of the school staff.

Cox: Residents may not be aware that the district is working collaboratively with the City of Westland and the City of Wayne on developing recreational partnerships and regionally, WWCS has taken a leadership role with the issue of safety and security on school property.

Are you happy with the overall direction of the district? Why or why not?

Cox: I am very pleased with the direction the district is now on. We are financially strong and have cash reserves exceeding state requirements. All district employee contracts were settled by the start of school this year. Our buildings, facilities, their contents, our bus fleet are all in exceptional condition. Our students are making exceptional progress individually and showing measurable gains across the district. We have partnered with colleges and universities and now have opportunities for college degrees on our campus.

Gray: I think that the district has made great strides in recent years, but there is still progress to be made. The district recently signed new contracts with all of its unions and is currently in great financial shape. However, a lot of that money came from one-time funds during COVID so it is important to make sure to be responsible with those finances. Now is also the time though to focus on student achievement and making sure our students are set up for success.

Abney-Mitchell: Overall, I do like the direction that the district is going in, they even have a 5-year strategic plan currently, but I feel as if there need to be a district wide representation of all the cities that the district serves.

What should the school district's priorities be coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how it spends ARPA funds?

Gray: The school district should use this funding to make sure that the technology our students are using in the buildings are up to date, as well as continuing to improve the facilities that are being used.

Abney-Mitchell: One of the top priorities of course will be to focus on ways to help students reach goals of getting their g.p.a backup, there were many students that experience a decline in their g.p.a as well as just overall lack of focus due to the mix classroom and missing days due to quarantining. Another top priority is addressing Behavioral/Mental Health of students. As well as safety, as we seen last year with the Oxford High School shooting this is an event that we can not afford to happen again, nor can we expect students to

CORRECTION

A photo accompanying the story "Blossom Children's Center to open new facility in Canton" in the Sept. 25 edition incorrectly included a photo of the current Gardner White Furniture & Mattress store in Canton. The center will open at 39425 Ford Road, east of Lotz.

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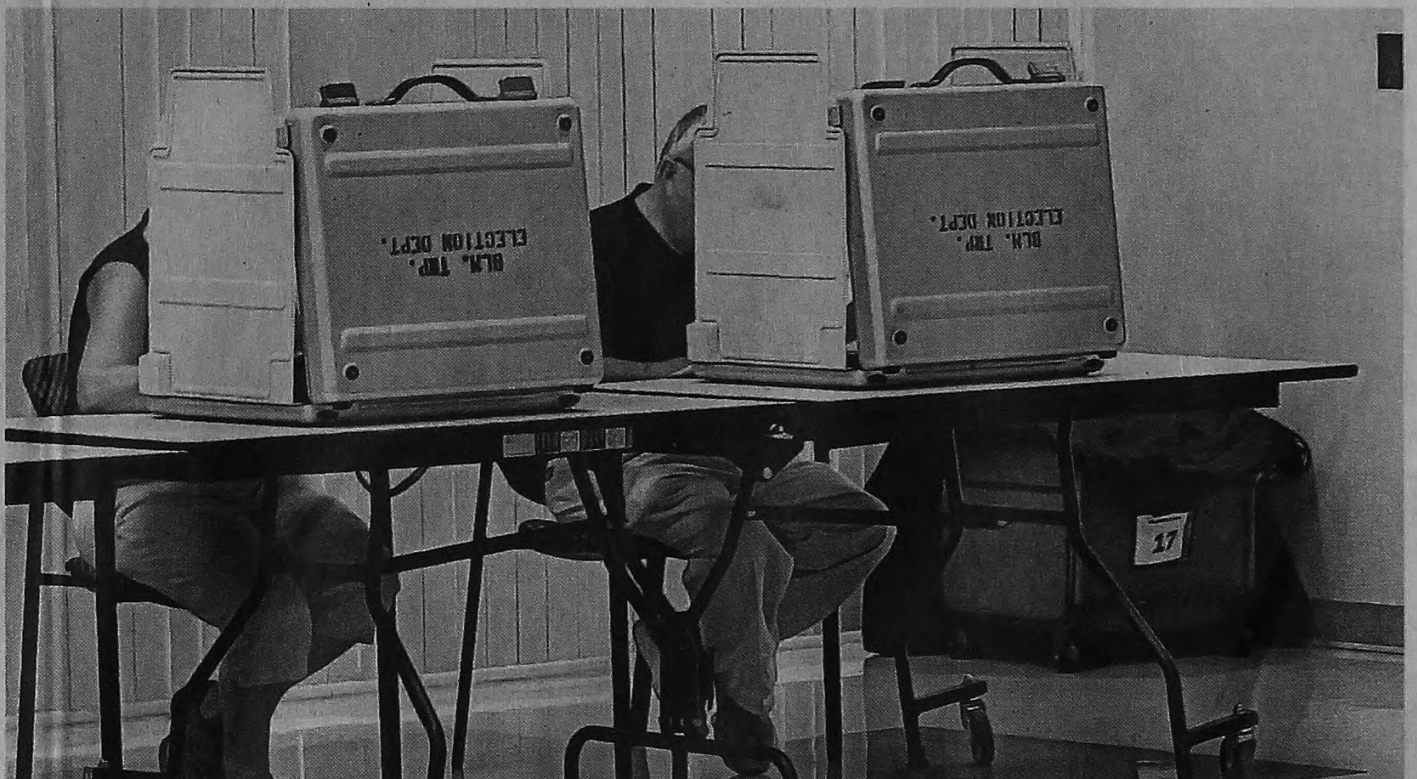
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Michigan voters will head to the polls Nov. 8. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Michigan's economy, which is included as a response in this article.

Here's what Koleszar had to say:
Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.

Koleszar: As the Police Officer's Association of Michigan's legislator of the year, I know policing is a hard and dangerous job. The best thing the state can do is provide adequate funding for public safety both for additional de-escalation training and DEI training, but also providing funding for police-community partnerships. Encouraging or even incentivizing departments to hire within their borders whenever possible has shown to reduce instances of excessive force across the country.

How would you grade the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?

Koleszar: I believe Michigan ultimately made many good decisions to save lives and curb the spread of the pandemic. But there is no denying that some businesses struggled and are still struggling from the effects of the pandemic. I made it a point to



Koleszar

be a voice for business owners during the pandemic and started the Michigan Downtown Business Coalition in the Michigan legislature to provide a direct line of communication from business owners and the Governor and AG's office.

Small businesses and workers in Michigan are still facing the global consequences of the pandemic like rising costs and the legislature needs to provide tax relief to workers and seniors, lower costs, and bring back good paying jobs to the state.

What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?

Koleszar: As a Vice Chair of the Elections and Ethics committee, I can say with 100% certainty that the 2020 election was accurate and the will of the voters was reflected. Over 250 audits of the 2020 election were conducted, and all showed there was no evidence of widespread fraud. In the legislature, what we need to be doing is to make sure that clerks and other election officials have the resources they need such as increased time to pre-process absentee ballots in order to deliver timely results to the electorate.

Thinking of the recent school shootings that killed students in Uvalde and Oxford, what

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Meet Livonia's state office candidates at breakfast event

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Michigan's redistricting effort left Livonia with a much different landscape than the one voters are accustomed to when it comes to state office.

Historically, the city has been mostly represented by one state House seat and one state Senate seat. Now it's split between three House seats and two Senate seats.

To help people figure out what district they're in and hear from the candidates, Vote.Run.Serve Livonia is hosting a candidate meet and greet in partnership with Livonia's Republican and Democratic clubs. Vote.Run.Serve is a nonpartisan, citizen-run initiative that shares public information like school board meeting summaries and local events.

"My hope is that it gives people an opportunity to look at elections in a different way," Vote.Run.Serve co-founder Carrie Budzinski said. "It's obviously very partisan, and it's very limiting. I mean, we have a two-party system. There's not a lot of options and a lot of people don't feel comfortable with that. On top of it being two parties, those parties are so separated."

Folks can gather at the Mies Park pavilion, 32305 West Chicago St., 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 1 for some breakfast food and conversation with candidates.

Budzinski said she hopes the event provides a welcoming environment for voters to get some face time with people



Due to redistricting, more elected officials can count Livonia as part of their constituency. Find more election coverage online at HometownLife.com.

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born, Westland, Redford, parts of Detroit and all of Southfield, which is in Oakland County.

All of Livonia's state House candidates are expected. That includes District 16 candidates Keith Jones (R) and Rep. Stephanie Young (D), District 17 candidates Penny Crider (R) and Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D), and District 22 candidates Rep. Matt Koleszar (D) and Cathryn Neracher (R).

District 16 encompasses southeastern Livonia. District 17 includes most of northern Livonia. District 22 includes the western region of the city.

Rep. Mary Cavanagh (D) and Ken Crider (R), both running for the District 6 state Senate seat, are expected. District 5 hopefuls Emily Bauman (R), who hasn't committed, and Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D), who has said she probably won't be able to attend, are not expected. District 5 includes the southwestern corner of the city. The rest of Livonia is in District 6.

Budzinski is hopeful the event will stray from divisiveness. Candidates have been encouraged to focus on why they're a good option instead of why their opponent is a bad option.

Since the event is at a park, Budzinski said people are welcome to bring their kids.

"It's hard to get away from the kids to do adult things, but we still need parents to engage in our democracy," she said.

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running for elected office.

Each candidate will have some time to speak to the group, but the event is mostly for mingling. Attendees will be able to find their district using a map.

Congressional candidate Congress-

woman Rashida Tlaib (D) is expected to attend. Her opponent, Steven Elliott (R), has not committed to coming.

Livonia is now in the 12th congressional district with other western Wayne County communities like Dear-

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recommendations would you make in your effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future?

Koleszar: We need to continue to invest in school social workers and school psychologists to help our most vulnerable students. We also need to do a better job of addressing gun safety which

includes safe storage and red flag laws.

Do you support amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include LGBTQ people? Explain.

Koleszar: Yes, and I also support the Rouch World v. Dept. of Civil Rights decision which concluded that "discrimination on the basis of sex in EL CRA includes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation" is prohibited.

What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michiganders' radar that should be? What steps

would you take to address that issue?

Koleszar: The lack of transparency in our state government should be a major concern to Michiganders. Michigan ranks near the bottom of the country in government transparency. A good start would be to require legislators to publicly file financial disclosures - I have co-sponsored this legislation in my two terms in office.

Neracher's campaign: As a small business owner, Cathryn Neracher will work with lawmakers to ease the cur-

rent burdens on Michigan companies and make it easier to open a small business in Michigan by eliminating bloated state government bureaucracy. Cathryn will work to temporarily suspend the gas and lower the sales tax to give Michiganders the relief they so desperately need. There is no reason why we can't work to create a climate to attract new business and industries to create new Michigan jobs.

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Wayne County, Oakland County COVID-19 tracker

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Michigan reported 16,901 new cases of coronavirus in the week ending Sunday, down 8% from the previous week. The previous week had 18,375 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked eighth 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 0.6% from the week before, with 401,433 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 4.21% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 17 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 3,241 cases and 27 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 3,427 cases and 38 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it

has reported 484,095 cases and 8,400 deaths.

Oakland County reported 2,200 cases and 11 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,485 cases and 22 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 350,951 cases and 4,115 deaths.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 50 counties, with the best declines in Oakland County, with 2,200 cases from 2,485 a week earlier; in Washtenaw County, with 694 cases from 976; and in Wayne County, with 3,241 cases from 3,427.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Keweenaw County with 331 cases per 100,000 per week; Clinton County with 315; and Dickinson County with 269.

The Centers for Disease Control states high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 3,241 cases;

Oakland County, with 2,200 cases; and Macomb County, with 1,758. Weekly case counts rose in 29 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in St. Clair, Grand Traverse and Montcalm counties.

In Michigan, 147 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 196 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,821,489 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 38,464 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows.

In the United States 96,070,980 people have tested positive and 1,056,416 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 staying flat

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Sept. 25. Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,227
- The week before that: 1,252
- Four weeks ago: 1,274

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 55,707
- The week before that: 55,506
- Four weeks ago: 64,244

Hospitals in 13 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 20 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 25 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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Sentenced

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Raucous sentencing hearing lasts for hours

Having waived his right to an attorney at a hearing in August, Al-Tantawi represented himself Sept. 21. The sentencing took roughly four hours, with most of the event featuring Al-Tantawi's lengthy list of challenges and disagreements with the prosecution's case.

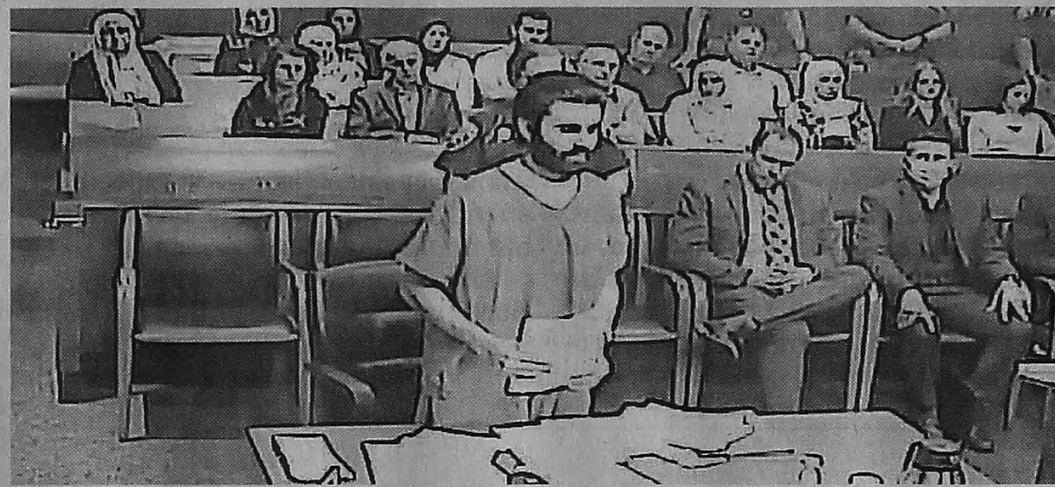
Al-Tantawi, who appealed his sentence minutes after it was read, objected the relevance of information gathered at the time of the murder when he was still a teen. He also claimed he's been discriminated against because he's Muslim and the son of Syrian immigrants.

Previously, Al-Tantawi's lawyer at the time appealed that information-gathering process to the Michigan Supreme Court, but the information police gathered during the initial investigation was deemed admissible.

Having spent five years in jail, Al-Tantawi argued his more recent past should play a bigger role in the judge's decision.

"There is no way this is more relevant than the last five years I've had," he said.

Anderson denied most of Al-Tantawi's challenges, which included him asking to remove information from po-



Muhammad Al-Tantawi represented himself during his Sept. 21 sentencing hearing, which was streamed over Zoom. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

lice reports and his own descriptions of what happened in 2017. The judge said she'd never sat through a four-hour sentencing before.

"I sat through a trial," Anderson said. "I've sat through five years of this case. I am more intimately familiar with the facts of this case than anyone other than the prosecution and yourself."

Family dynamics come out in impact statements

Aya Al-Tantawi, one of the convicted man's two younger sisters, read a victim impact statement from her mother's family back in Syria, where Huranieh and her husband, who she had been in

the process of divorcing at the time of her death, are from.

"Nada was an amazing human who was kind and generous to those in her life," the statement from Huranieh's parents, brothers and sisters reads. "Her life ended in a treacherous and despicable way. ... All we wish for is the court provides justice and holds him accountable for his actions."

Aya Al-Tantawi also read her own statement, noting the challenges growing up without her mother has brought. She also expressed forgiveness to her brother.

"I have to live with waking up every morning wondering when things are going to be OK," she said.

Al-Tantawi's father, Bassel Al-Tantawi, also read part of a statement before Anderson stopped him. Anderson said the statement wasn't an actual victim impact statement, but a defense of his son.

Huranieh and Bassel Al-Tantawi had been living apart for over a year at the time of her death. Bassel Al-Tantawi had pleaded no contest to a domestic violence charge regarding his wife and was wearing a GPS tether when she died.

John Skrzynski, the chief of litigation for the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, said he thinks the evidence against Al-Tantawi was overwhelming, citing the jury's brief deliberation, and pressed Anderson to convict him for 40-80 years.

"This man has got some problems with women. ... My recommendation is 40 to 80, and that's to protect us all," Skrzynski said.

Anderson noted that Muhammad Al-Tantawi seems to have planned the murder for at least three weeks beforehand and has failed to show any remorse.

"Listening to the defendant this afternoon has left me wondering who he views as the victim in this case," she said. "I believe he sees himself as the victim and not his mother."

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Over time, she slowly began to learn English from cartoons and children's books in the library, then from her classes at the local high school where her husband had enrolled her as a sophomore.

By day, she went to classes and wished for invisibility in a sea of other teenagers. At home, she cooked and cleaned and steeled herself for the inevitable as her husband forced himself upon her every night.

Her first pregnancy ended in miscarriage. Her oldest son, Danny, was born in 1996, followed closely by Boo, Rosie, Noor and Moe. Ayah, the youngest, now 15, was born during a second marriage.

All the while, she says in her book, her husband beat and raped her, called her vile names, controlled and manipulated her. And all the while, even while sometimes wanting to die, she lived for her children.

Moving to Canton, Michigan

After a few more moves, both overseas and back to Phoenix, Odeh found herself living in Canton, where her husband's abusive, controlling behavior intensified.

But one day, when she told her husband something "was just not fair," he became uncharacteristically calm.

In her book, she describes the moment she realized that, while she didn't want to come to the U.S. in the first place, she didn't want to leave:

"He looked me over as if he were examining a sick goat in his flock. 'Not fair? You think I'm not fair? What makes you think you can tell me what is fair? Who told you that you can think? That is my job, and I think you are starting to learn things I don't want you to know. American women tell their husbands what is fair and what is not fair. Maybe I should send you and the chil-



One of several photos in her memoir shows a 16-year-old Mia Odeh on the day of her arranged marriage to a man nearly twice her age. COURTESY OF MIA ODEH

dren back overseas."

"And with a flash of understanding, I knew I could not take my children back to that place, where all my choices would be gone. All of their choices would be gone. That place where my daughters would grow up to become slaves to their husbands. That place where my boys would be taught to believe they deserved to have wives who were nothing more than slaves. I knew that, for the first time in my life, I had to fight back."

And that was the turning point. That's when the police got involved.

During the first encounter at her home, when the police told her that, no, they would not take her children because she "disobeyed her husband," she began to see a small glimmer of hope for a life without him.

"The Canton Police were one of the first that opened up my eyes to see that can be different," she said.

In her book, she refers to them as heroes.

Help for victims of domestic violence

"It's humbling as an organization to see the impact our officers have and

their work with victims of domestic violence," said Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh, noting his department has received close to 300 calls related to domestic violence so far this year. "It's wonderful to see the outcome of Mia's life as she was able to recover and overcome such a horrible situation, but sad that there's many people who may be experiencing something like that now. We just encourage those people to come forward, wherever they live."

At First Step, a Plymouth-based nonprofit organization aimed at eliminating both domestic and sexual violence and providing comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these crimes in Wayne County, Executive Director Lori Kitchen-Buchel said help and hope are abundant.

"Our job is to believe survivors and to remove barriers to their safety and security," Kitchen-Buchel said.

That can include anything from providing literature in English, Spanish and Arabic to bringing in translators, providing specific cultural or lifestyle resources, and whatever is necessary to meet a vast array of individual needs.

The organization provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal assistance, counseling, and advocacy services, operating with a \$4 million annual budget and providing services to more than 6,000 survivors in Wayne County every year.

"We always meet the survivor for who they are, for their own identity, and remove barriers to what they need and what they are seeking," Kitchen-Buchel said.

A 24-hour crisis hotline can be reached at 734-722-6800.

Building a new life

After Odeh left her husband in 2006, things got easier, in some ways. While she was no longer being abused, every day was a struggle financially. At times, she was homeless with five children, living in a tent while she worked a variety of jobs.

"You got all those kids looking up to you to survive," she said. "I was new here. It's not like I knew the system or knew where to go or had friends or anybody to kind of lean on. I lived for years with none of that."

"All those times it seemed like we were never going to get anywhere, I asked myself, 'Why do we even exist? Why are we here?' I'm seeing my kids suffer and struggle from one place to another and I'm a mom and I don't know what I'm doing half of the time. Everything is hard. Every time you fix one thing, something else falls apart."

"To consider everything they went through and the people they are now, that's God's greatest gift for me. I am so proud of them."

In 2006, Mia Odeh became a United States citizen. Today, she is gainfully employed, and working on a degree in criminal justice. She hopes one day to help other women facing domestic violence. Although she still struggles with confidence and self-esteem, she said, she counts taking that first step to leave among her biggest accomplishments.

"Go to a shelter and don't look back," she said. "When those guys abuse you and beat you up, they really destroy your self-esteem and you feel like you really cannot do it. If I can do it - and I was with five kids and I wasn't born here and didn't know nothing - if I can do it, you can do it."

"I'm not going to say it was easy. It will take time. But it will be worth it. Don't ever give up on yourself. You deserve to be happy."

Last she heard, her former husband was back in Palestine with a new wife.

Odeh will host a presentation and book signing at the Plymouth Canton Book Fest, held at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Center, 650 Church St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2.

"Mia's Odyssey: Taking Back My Soul," by Mia Odeh and Mike Bell, is available to buy on Amazon.

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Who doesn't enjoy a good spook during Halloween season? Well, you don't have to go far from home to get a dose of terror in metro Detroit.

Here are some of our picks for grown-ups to get terrified this Halloween season. Note that the attractions listed are either specifically for adults or recommend parents leave children under the age of 13 at home.

Find the secret bars at HUSH Haunted Attraction in Westland

HUSH, at 37550 Cherry Hill Road, is shaking things up a little this fall.

Guests can find three secret bars while they traverse the three-story haunted house, taking a break from the terror and enjoying an adult beverage. The bars are named Voodoo Blues, Expedition Base Camp and Von Rose Distillery. Select crew members will have tokens on hand granting access to the bars ... if you can find them. People can also purchase a \$10 ticket add on for guaranteed access to all three.

Bars are, of course, only available to visitors age 21 or older.

HUSH is also debuting an axe throwing attraction with its own food and drink menu. Both attractions are open on select dates between Sept. 30 and Nov. 6. Tickets start at \$19.99.

Brave Michigan's most famous haunted house in Pontiac: Erebus

Erebus is perhaps the most well-known haunted house in Michigan. The four-story attraction has long been considered one of the largest and best haunted houses in the United States.

The attraction, located at 18 South Perry St. in Pontiac, takes people through a half mile of terror throughout four floors. Erebus is so scary that it's littered with emergency exits and is not recommended for kids. The first 200 people to make it through every night receive a t-shirt for their bravery.

Erebus is open for the season and for most days in October. Ticket prices vary between \$20 and \$35 depending on the day.



Erebus is one of the largest haunted attractions in the country, according to its website. It has four floors of scares.

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Take in a haunted version of the Birmingham 8 theater

Instead of screening the horror movies people expect from a movie theater around Halloween, the Birmingham 8 is transforming into a haunted attraction this fall.

The theater at 211 S. Old Woodward is hosting "Ghosts on the Balcony" throughout October. Visitors will trek throughout the building that's been transformed into a haunted house, including to areas that are usually closed to the public. The day-time version will be friendly to all ages, while nighttime hours will be limited to adults.

"Ghosts on the Balcony" begins Sept. 28 and runs through October. Tickets start at \$20.

Visit the 'relentless' Scream Machine in Taylor

The Scream Machine, located at 23131 Ecorse Road in Taylor, is another asylum-themed haunted house. The attraction also features two five-minute escape rooms.

Visitors can expect about 20 minutes

of fright. If the many positive reviews are anything to go by, the Scream Machine is indeed frightening. Parents are asked to use discretion when bringing children, as visitors who don't complete the attraction do not receive a refund.

Scream Machine is open on weekends Sept. 23 through Nov. 5. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$27 depending on the day.

Experience a scary spin on local history at Eloise Asylum in Westland

The old asylum at 30712 Michigan Avenue in Westland reopened last fall with a new purpose. Visitors can enjoy an asylum-themed haunted attraction, spooky escape rooms, paranormal tours and expeditions as well as historical tours at the building.

Eloise makes itself stick out from the competition with a "high-tech horror" approach that affect visitors' senses. The asylum says its haunted house experience is like a scary version of what one might encounter at some Disney World attractions.

Eloise is open most weekends be-

tween Sept. 24 and Nov. 5. Tickets for the haunted attraction start at \$44, and escape rooms cost \$250 for a group of up to 10 people.

Have a scary summer camp experience at Deranged in Romulus

Visitors to Deranged, 35560 Goddard Road in Romulus, are immersed into a summer camp trip gone awry. People can expect to be terrorized by rabid animals, undead campers and whatever else decides to emerge from the woods.

Deranged has indoor and outdoor elements, and visitors who are too terrified to make it all the way through the attraction receive a refund. According to Deranged's website, staff will "do what we can to scare you, within the legal limits."

The haunted house is open every weekend through Oct. 31 with additional days in the week leading up to Halloween. Tickets start at \$22.

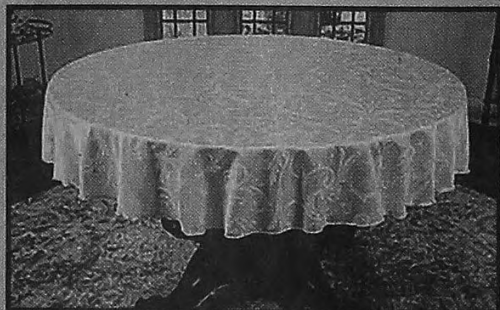
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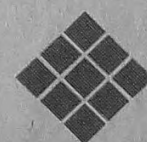


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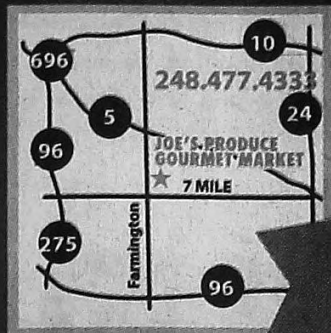
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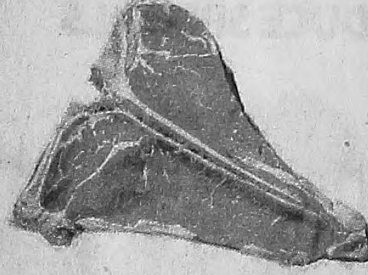
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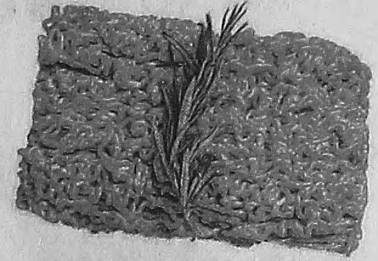
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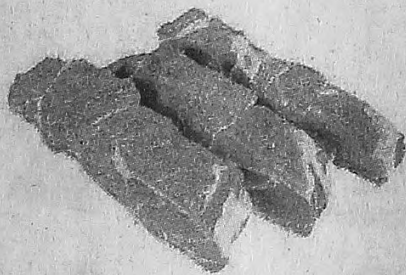
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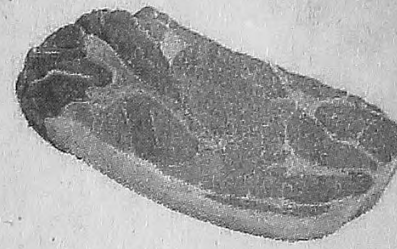
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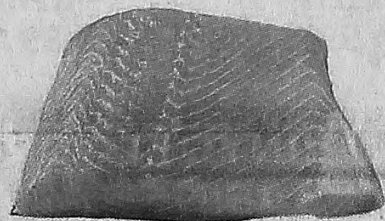


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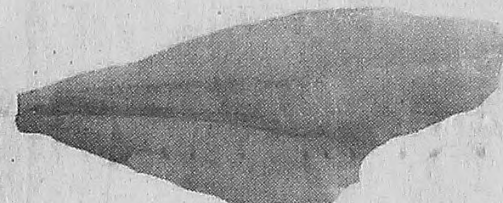


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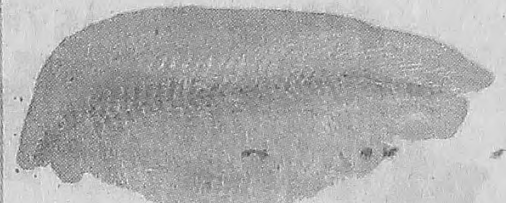
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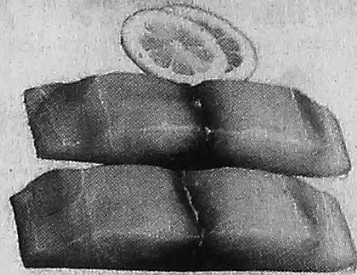
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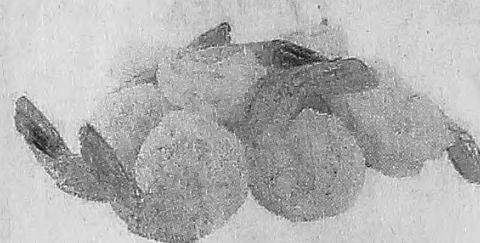
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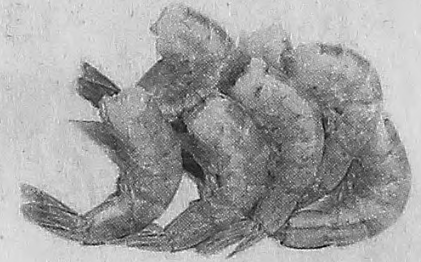
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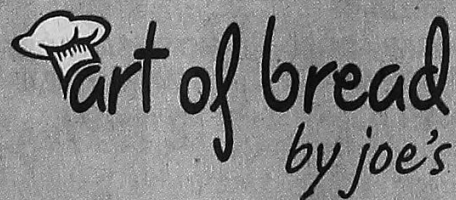
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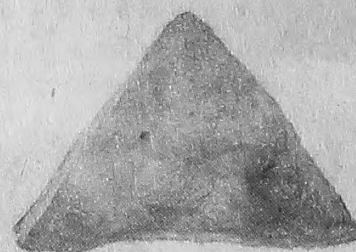
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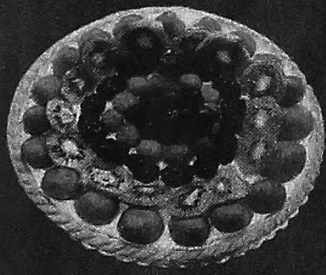


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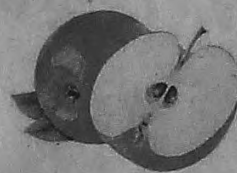
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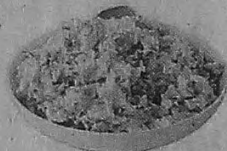


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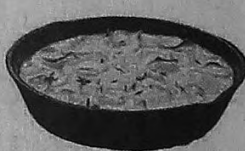
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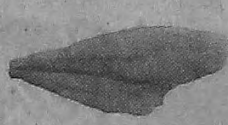
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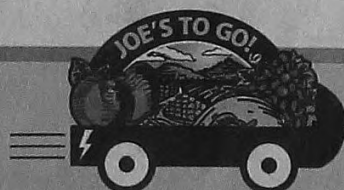
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Livonia Franklin's Cordell Mabins Jr. rushes during a game Sept. 23 at Westland John Glenn. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Our top-10 rankings for Week 6

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom is back with his weekly top-10 football rankings:

10. Novi (3-2, 3-1 KLAA-West; Last week: Unranked)

The Wildcats got just the bounce-back performance they needed by shutting out Canton in Week 5.

Plymouth should pose more of a test this week, but there's no reason Novi cannot win its next two games and enter its Week 8 matchup against rival Northville with a 5-2 record.

On the line against the Mustangs will be rivalry bragging rights and playoff points, plus we'll figure out just who is the second-best team in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West behind Brighton.

9. South Lyon East (4-1, 3-1 LVC; Last week: Unranked)

The Cougars should win at least two of their next four games, which would tie the program record for most wins in a single season (6), something that hasn't been doing since they went 6-5 and played for a district championship in 2018.

An upset win over Milford or South Lyon, or a Round 1 playoff win, would put them at seven wins and make this year's squad the winningest team in school history. The Cougars started playing football in 2008.

South Lyon East just needs to keep the injury bug away. It has already lost QB Nico Campo. It can't afford to lose any of its other playmakers.

8. Milford (3-2, 2-2 LVC; Last week: No. 6)

The Mavericks battled, just like South Lyon did in Week 1, but they couldn't keep up with fourth-ranked Walled Lake Western's high-scoring offense last week.

Two of their three next games will be just as challenging as they face three-star QB Kalieb Osborne and Waterford Mott this week and South Lyon East in Week 8. But there's no reason they shouldn't win two or three of their final four regular-season games. This team is a playoff qualifier, for sure.

7. Northville (4-1, 3-1 KLAA-West; Last Week: No. 5)

It doesn't matter what happens the

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Franklin trails early against Westland, then rebounds

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It had the makings of a trap game. Sandwiched in between matchups between Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson was a Week 5 trip to Westland John Glenn.

The Livonia Franklin football team entered the week with a 4-0 record, and coach Chris Kelbert had just been recognized as the Detroit Lions' High School Coach of the Week.

The Rockets have been the league's punching bag for a while now. It would have been easy to disregard them and get caught looking ahead to the Spartans, especially with the Livonia City Championship on the line.

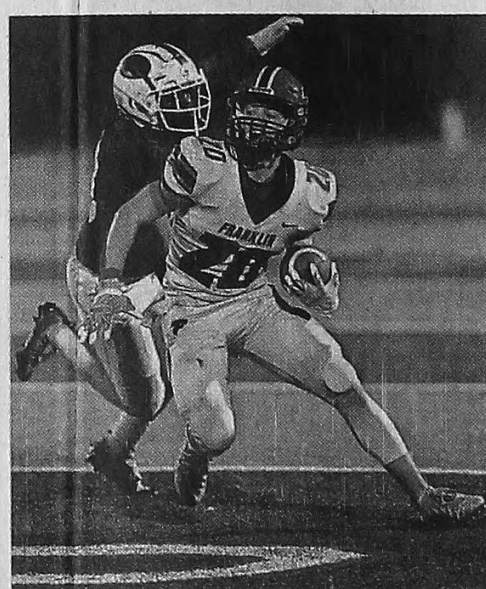
And preparing for John Glenn is a lot like Army or Navy week for college football teams. Former state-champion Ottawa Lake Whiteford coach Jason Mensing has installed his wing-T offense at John Glenn.

You don't see too many Division 1 or 2 schools in Michigan running such an old-school system nowadays. And if a metro Detroit opponent is running the veer, it's usually out of the shotgun a la what Urban Meyer did at Florida and Ohio State.

Coming in unprepared against the Rockets is a surefire way to get punched in the mouth. Just ask Churchill that.

Actually, you could also ask the fourth-ranked Patriots that as well.

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Livonia Franklin's Dominic Simpson returns a punt.

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners from the five biggest matchups of Week 5 of the MHSAA football season. He went 5-0 picking games last week and is 20-5 on the season.

All games kick off at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 unless noted otherwise.

Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 3-1) at Livonia Franklin (5-0, 4-0) (KLA-East)

As much as I enjoy watching Livonia Stevenson QB ArJon Thompson compete, I don't think the Spartans keep up with rival Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots have been an elite team since going on their Division 2 state semifinal run a year ago.

Running back Cordell Mabins Jr. has been unstoppable. QB JD Bates has been the perfect game manager, and I mean that in a positive sense, not the negative way NFL game managers are talked about. He just doesn't get Franklin into trouble with sacks or interceptions.

Tight end Drew Kelbert is one of the best blockers I've seen at that position, plus he can outrun defenses when given the chance. And Dominic Simpson is one of the most underrated players in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Whether it's returning kicks, intercepting passes, making tackles, catching deep balls or carrying it on the ground, he's been an incredible asset to his team. He reminds me of former Livonia Churchill receiver Bailey Brooks.

I know I've left out some names from that list. It's not hard to do. Franklin is that talented. Heck, even kicker Griffin Nowack is a four-star recruit.

Congrats to the Patriots. The Livonia City Championship is yours for the first time in three seasons.

Folsom's pick: Livonia Franklin 49, Livonia Stevenson 18.

Waterford Mott (4-1, 3-1) at Milford (3-2, 2-2) (LVC)

The only bad thing you can say about Milford coach Andrew Micovich is this is his first year. He needs a little more time developing the program before the Mavericks can battle the Walled Lake Westerns and South Lyons of the world.

But the Mavericks are flirting with being an elite-level team. And they'll get there as long as he's roaming their sidelines for the foreseeable future.

But how fast they become elite will depend on this matchup against Waterford Mott. A good team finds a way to slow down QB Kalieb Osborne and win the game. A great team shuts down the three-star entirely.

That's my challenge this week to the Mavericks, who have one of my favorite players in linebacker Wyatt Lesnew.

Folsom's pick: Milford 34, Waterford Mott 28

South Lyon East (4-1, 3-1) at Walled Lake Central (1-4) (LVC)

The Vikings are coming off their first victory of the season, but the Cougars should have no problem earning the win in Week 6.

But that's not why I put this game in the picks. I just wanted to make space in the newspaper to congratulate QB Dominic Giovannini on a job well done.

The sophomore had a big ask this past week, and he lived up to the challenge.

South Lyon East lost starting QB Nico Campo to an injury against Walled Lake Western in Week 4. The senior has one of the strongest arms in the Lakes Valley Conference, and he had been playing well early on, even leading the Cougars to a 3-0 start for only the second time in school history.

Coach Jacob Topp tabbed Giovannini as Campo's replacement this past week. And all he did was go 8 of 13 passing for 198 yards and three TDs while also rushing for another score on the ground during a 35-21 win at Paw Paw.

And going on the road against the Red Wolves and winning is no easy feat. Not only did Paw Paw have no trouble beating East a year ago but they also employ a full-house T offense. It's one of the toughest offenses to prepare for in just a week's worth of practice. So it was imperative Giovannini and the offense kept scoring points so the defense wouldn't be playing catch-up with the Red Wolves all afternoon.

Hats off to the rookie. This is a special season for the Cougars.

Folsom's pick: South Lyon East 38, Walled Lake Central 12.

Garden City (3-2, 3-1) at Redford Union (5-0, 4-0) (WWAC), 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30

Garden City could very well be the toughest test the Panthers face until they meet Madison Heights Bishop Foley in the regular-season finale.

The Cougars have some talented players, especially with back Owen McGraw getting it done in several phases of the game. But they're coming off three-straight nailbiters, which featured cardiac comeback wins against Melvindale and Redford Thurston.

Hanging on for dear life and hoping for a close-call victory late won't cut it against Redford Union, which is a cut above the rest of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

If Garden City cannot keep up with the Panthers early on, expect Union to cruise to a win and get that much closer to repeating as league champions.

Folsom's pick: Redford Union 42, Garden City 20.

Warren De La Salle (4-1, 1-1) at Detroit Catholic Central (4-1, 1-0) (CHSL-Central), 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2

If the Shamrocks pull off this upset, expect them to win the Catholic League-Central for the first time since 2020 because there's no way they're losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in Week 7.

And they should have a strong chance of beating the Pilots in the Boys Bowl.

Except for its rough second half against Chippewa Valley, Detroit Catholic Central has been great on offense, utilizing several different playmakers to beat some of the top teams in Michigan, including Davison and DeWitt. And it did exactly what it needed to do to get past rival Brother Rice last week at Lawrence Tech University.

If linebacker Brayden Courser and his defense can keep Cincinnati QB commit Brady Drogosh out of the end zone, expect a big win for the Shamrocks.

Folsom's pick: Detroit Catholic Central 31, Warren De La Salle 24.
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Franklin

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They got punched in the mouth early on Friday night.

John Glenn's Xavier Spadacini recovered a squib kick to open the game. And then the senior threw a 28-yard half-back pass to Connor LeCourt for a touchdown.

Had Franklin's Cordell Mabins Jr. not responded with a 1-yard rushing TD on the next drive, it might have gotten ugly for the Patriots, who had no answer for the oldest play in the wing-T playbook. Tyler Radley took a simple fullback trap 59 yards to set up QB Nick Wetmore with a 5-yard TD run to the pylon to put the Rockets ahead, 12-7.

"We knew Jason was going to come with something out of the ordinary, run-

ning that toss pass and opening up with that," Kelbert said. "We knew that was going to be in the playbook somewhere. It was the right call at the right time."

Trailing by five points and with the Rockets picking up momentum, it would have been a good time for Franklin to roll over and die. It would've been a good time to fall victim to the trap game.

The Patriots didn't. There was just too much on the line.

For one, Kelbert and Mensing were teammates at Adrian College back in the day. Plus, two of Kelbert's assistants were on that team. They didn't want to lose to their old college buddy.

For two, Franklin has worked too hard to get to where they're at right now. They're coming off a state semifinal run in 2021.

And for three, well, actually, it'd be easier if Mabins Jr. explained that one to you:

Five must-see matchups for Week 6 HS football

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom breaks down the five biggest matchups taking place during Week 6 of the MHSAA football season.

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Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 3-1) at Livonia Franklin (5-0, 4-0) (KLA-East)

A win for the Patriots gives them the Livonia City Championship and a 6-0 record as the fourth-ranked team in Division 2, according to Mick McCabe at the Detroit Free Press, will look to stay unbeaten when it meets No. 1-ranked Belleville in Week 8.

The Spartans need this victory as well as one over Livonia Churchill on Oct. 14 to claim the City title for themselves. But it's clear they're the underdog in this one.

Led by running back Cordell Mabins Jr., who has 14 rushing touchdowns in five weeks, Livonia Franklin is in that top tier of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association that includes Belleville, Brighton, Dearborn, Hartland and Northville. Livonia Stevenson is somewhere in the middle of the league.

For the Spartans to win this one, it'll be a true upset. But, then again, this is a rivalry game. Anything can happen, so it wouldn't be too surprising if QB ArJon Thompson put Stevenson on his back and carried them to a road victory under incredible duress from the Patriots' defense.

But expect a Franklin win here.

Walled Lake Northern (0-5, 0-5) at White Lake Lakeland (2-3, 2-3) (LVC)

Yeah, the Knights are the worst team in the league. But that doesn't matter when it comes to this rivalry game. Only 2 miles of Bogie Lake Road separate these two schools, and there's a lot on the line.

For the Eagles, they're still rebuilding after graduating so many talented seniors from a year ago. They've been competitive against the middle-of-the-pack teams, but they haven't been able to keep up with the powerhouses such as Walled Lake Western and South Lyon. A win over Walled Lake Northern will give them confidence as they hope to get at least one more win before they close out the season with a tough schedule featuring South Lyon East, Carlson and Milford.

For the Knights, they're yet to win a game, as they've even lost to Waterford Kettering, which has been one of the worst teams in the league since 2014. This game might be their last chance to post a victory in 2022.

Waterford Mott (4-1, 3-1) at Milford (3-2, 2-2) (LVC)

There's no doubt the Lakes Valley Conference is the "Conference of Quarterbacks."

There's three-star Minnesota commit Drew Viotto at Walled Lake Western, state semifinalist Braden Fracassi at South Lyon and, until a recent injury, strong-armed Nico Campo at South Lyon East, just to name a few.

But both the Mavericks and Corsairs have stellar signal callers as well.

Milford junior Ryan Allen is about as versatile as they come. He can get it done with his arm or even scoot for first downs on the ground and score with his feet. He accounted for three



Garden City's Owen McGraw dives for a TD during a game against Redford Thurston on Sept. 23. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

TDs during last week's 49-35 loss to Western.

And Mott junior Kalieb Osborne is just as good. The three-star dual-threat is the definition of basketball on grass. He already holds offers from Central Michigan University and Toledo, and he'll likely be receiving more recruiting interest once the season wraps up.

Here's hoping the scoreboard operator cracks their fingers and chugs some caffeine before this matchup starts. They're going to be busy tallying all the touchdowns from these two QBs.

Garden City (3-2, 3-1) at Redford Union (5-0, 4-0) (WWAC), 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30

The Cougars are probably the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's last line of defense in stopping Redford Union from repeating as league champions.

Garden City has a dynamic runner in Owen McGraw, who totaled over 300 all-purpose yards and three TDs in a close-call victory against Redford Thurston last week.

The problem is the Panthers have Owen McGraws up and down their roster. Coach Ian Iler has done a great job of developing his players into future college studs. He has several who will play at the next level, including three-star linebacker Jeremiah Alston, who's committed to CMU. Don't be surprised if a few of his offensive skill players end up somewhere at the Division II level, too.

Union is favored big in this one. If Garden City cannot keep up, expect the Panthers to win out to earn another WWAC championship.

Warren De La Salle (4-1, 1-1) at Detroit Catholic Central (4-1, 1-0) (CHSL-Central), 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2

A year ago, the Shamrocks didn't have any offensive answers in their 17-7 loss to Warren De La Salle, the eventual D-2 state champions, despite linebacker Brayden Courser helping Detroit Catholic Central's defense keep Cincinnati QB commit Brady Drogosh in check.

And that type of defensive effort is what it's going to take for the Shamrocks to win the annual Boys Bowl.

Only this time they should have a better time on offense. CC has been scoring in droves since its Week 1 loss to Chippewa Valley, and they've been using all sorts of different options to get it done. From QB Beau Jackson's arm to backup Skyler Hunter's legs and the tough running from Evan Haeger and Jaden Pydyn. From Brady Blakita's heads-up plays downfield to DJ Lee being a tall option for their QBs to find near the end zone.

The Pilots will be the favorite in this one, but don't be shocked if the Shamrocks pull off the upset. They're just a play here and a play there against the Big Reds from being 5-0 entering this matchup.

Griffin Nowack and a 40-yard TD run by Michael Wesley iced the win.

"At halftime, we just told the kids that we've got to keep battling," Kelbert said. "Offensively, we were able to move the ball for most of the game. We just had to get a little more physical with them in the second half."

Mabins Jr., who's 5-foot-11 and 200 pounds, also had TD runs of 1, 18 and 7 yards.

"He wears on you," Kelbert said. "Late in the game, when you tackle him, it hurts to come up and tackle him. As the game progresses, it really wears on defenses. And he just gets stronger and stronger as the game goes. He's been tremendous for us all season long."

It's been three seasons since Franklin (5-0, 4-0) last won the City championship outright. A win over visiting Stevenson (3-2, 3-1) snaps that streak this week.

Four questions going into Week 6 HS football

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom asks the important questions entering Week 6 of the Michigan high school football season.

Can the Eagles finally win a game?

Redford Thurston had the game won last Friday night.

The Eagles led Garden City 21-14 and just needed to churn out the final few minutes left on the scoreboard to win their first game in the post-Bob Snell era. Instead, they fumbled the ball, which Garden City's Nic Emond recovered, and gave the Cougars one final opportunity to pull off the comeback win.

And the Cougars did. Owen McGraw scored his third TD of the evening to make it a 21-20 score with 58 seconds left. And then coach Thomas Michalsen called the senior's number again on the two-point conversion attempt.

Garden City won, 22-21. It was the second-straight week Thurston lost a game by that score.

"I feel like we should be 2-3 right now if things would've gone our way," first-year coach Antwain White said. "Had we had the proper off-season, we'd probably be 4-1 right now."

And that right there has been the issue for the 0-5 Eagles.

Snell retired following last school year after 34 seasons leading the program. They didn't replace him with White, a 2002 Thurston graduate and one of Snell's former players, until one week before the season started.

What's more, White entered the fall as the only coach on his staff with varsity experience. Many of his assistants, whom he's thankful to have, didn't have anything higher than JV coaching experience. He hasn't even had time to recruit support staff members such as a stat keeper.

He's put as much focus as he can on developing his players instead.

"We've lost at the last second the last two weeks, which has been unfortunate," White said. "But we look a lot better than we were in Week 1 (during a 56-0 loss to North Branch)."

Thurston has won just two games over the past three years.

So why would White even want this gig?

"A lot of these kids are leaving here having won only one or two games their whole careers," White said. "I hadn't been that close to the program since I graduated from here, but I came back last year as a volunteer. When I heard Snell was leaving, a lot of the alumni guys and people around the program called me up and told me to apply for the job."

And White might be just the guy to turn around the program. He's got an extensive coaching history, which includes developing some of the best college recruits to come out of metro Detroit. He's coached John Kelly Jr. (Tennessee/Cleveland Browns), Lew Nichols (Central Michigan University) and Mike Weber (Ohio State) at his various coaching stops, which include the Detroit Police Athletic League, Sound Mind Sound Body and Belleville. And he specializes in coaching running backs.

"I'm all in. I'm part of the alumni, and I'm here for the long haul," White said. "The future is so bright at Thurston. ..."

"Technically, right now, the season is over, as far as the playoffs, even if we ran the table. But we have tough games with Swartz Creek and that team up north, up the street (Redford Union) coming up. I just want to get as much film as possible for my seniors so I can get them in college if they desire to play at that level. The rest of our focus is really just building the foundation."

Thurston has four games remaining, including winnable matchups against Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Romulus over the next two weeks.

A win Week 8 game against rival Union (5-0, 4-0 WWAC) might be too much of an ask for the Eagles at this point, however.

"We're hoping to capture a couple of wins before that game and go in there with confidence," White said. "Are they leaps and bounds better than us? No. But they are the standard in this league. It'll be a tough task, but we're happy to give them a battle."

"I'm not saying we're going to win, but I'm not saying we're just going to lose either."

What kind of legacy will the Rockets' seniors leave behind?

For over a half-hour following last Friday's loss to Livonia Franklin, first-year Westland John Glenn coach Jason Mensing and QB Nick Wetmore sat on the bench outside the Rockets' locker room and talked.

Hometown Life didn't eavesdrop on the conversation. But it was likely the most-important conversation either will have this entire season.

The Rockets (2-3, 2-2) weren't expected to be much in 2022, despite stealing Mensing from Division 8 powerhouse Ottawa Lake Whiteford. But they've already won two more games than anyone outside the city of Westland expected them to win through five weeks.

And, twice, they've had teams from Livonia on the ropes but were unable to land that final knockout punch.

What were Mensing and Wetmore talking about? Who knows. It doesn't matter. But Wetmore is a consummate leader and one of the best teammates a football player could ask for. He rallies the team on the sideline when the defense is on the field. He congratulates his buddies after big plays. He picks them up after bad ones.

Assuming Mensing stays at John Glenn for the long haul, this year's team will be looked at as the cornerstone, the one that helped the program return to a Chuck Gordon-level of prestige around metro Detroit.

Seniors such as Wetmore, Xavier Spadacini, Dylan Moore and so many others are too proud to let the Rockets stumble through the finish line. They might not make the playoffs, but they're going to give every opponent their best shot. Whether it's a four-win season or a six-loss effort, none of that matters. Only what kind of legacy these seniors leave behind for the future Rockets will matter.

How will the Mustangs respond after losing their first game?

Northville is about to learn more about itself following last week's 17-14 loss to Brighton than it did from its four wins to open the season combined.

Losing how the Mustangs did to the Bulldogs is about as close to real life as it gets.

Northville lost starting QB Luca Prior to injury. But it battled back.

It got in position to knot the score at 17. But the Bulldogs blocked the game-tying field goal attempt.

It's unlikely Brighton loses over the next three weeks. It should represent the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West in the league championship in Week 9.

So what do the Mustangs have left to play for now? Themselves.

It's time for them to pick themselves up off the mat and battle back again. Playoff points still need to be earned. A rivalry win over Novi is a must. It's won eight games in a single season only five times since 2000. That's still on the table.

Which Mustangs team shows up next week against Salem?

Can the Black Hawks send out CJ Jackson in style?

One year after putting together a 9-0 regular season and winning the Oakland Activities Association-Blue, it doesn't look like Bloomfield Hills will make the playoffs.


The Black Hawks (1-4, 1-2) opened 2022 on a four-game losing streak. And they have tough matchups against Southfield A&T (and its three-star QB Isaiah Marshall), Harper Woods and Oxford up next. The wins are going to be hard to come by, though it wouldn't be surprising if they defeated North Farmington (1-4, 1-2 OAA-Blue) in the regular-season finale.

But a 2-7 record isn't how Bloomfield Hills should send out QB CJ Jackson. The senior has meant too much to the program. He's their vocal leader. He's their dual-threat bailing them out of tough third-and-long scenarios. And he's the one helping guys such as Aaron Zekman and Jace Reed score on big plays.


Can the Black Hawks upset a few of these better teams over the next few weeks and give Jackson a more-deserving swan song?

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Top 10

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rest of the season in the Hometown Life region. No team will lose in such a heart-breaking fashion as the Mustangs just did against Brighton.

Starting QB Luca Prior went out with an injury. And their effort to knot the score at 17 was spoiled as well.

Brighton blocked their game-tying field goal attempt in the waning moments and, in the process, stole sole rights to first place in the KLAA-West standings.

Unless the Bulldogs are upset in the next three weeks, Northville has nothing to play for except playoff points and rivalry bragging rights against Novi in Week 8. Their league title hopes are dashed.

6. Detroit Country Day (3-1; Last week: No. 10)

The Yellowjackets should be as fresh as can be entering Week 6, as they're coming off a bye week, the fourth time they've had one on their schedule in the past five seasons.

They welcome Flint Powers Catholic, which shouldn't be too much of a test for Detroit Country Day. Expect the Yellowjackets to pick up a big win and get one more step closer to securing a playoff spot.

5. Birmingham Seaholm (5-0, 2-0 OAA-Blue; Last week: No. 8)

With Farmington losing to Troy a week ago, that means the only team standing in the Maples' way of winning the Oakland Activities Association-Blue are the Colts, who were the division's runner-ups a year ago.

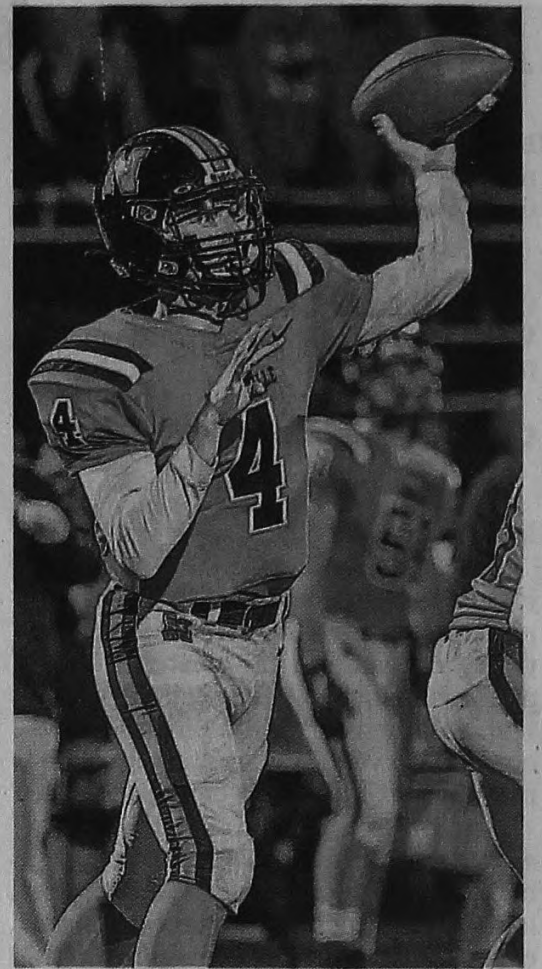
This Week 6 matchup should be a good one. Troy has given up just 38 points through five weeks. Birmingham Seaholm is averaging 37.2 points per game. It'll be interesting to see which side of the ball prevails, the Maples' offense or the Colts' defense?

4. Redford Union (5-0, 4-0 WWAC; Last week: No. 4)

The Panthers need a win this week over Garden City and a win next week against Melvindale to clinch at least a



Detroit Catholic Central's Evan Haeger rushes during a game against Chippewa Valley on Aug. 25. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Backup quarterback Isaac Pace moved Northville in position for a tying field goal attempt, which was blocked in a 17-14 loss to Brighton on Sept. 23. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

share of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship. It's likely they'll win both games as well as beat rival Redford Thurston in Week 8 to go undefeated in the league and repeat as WWAC champs.

Though, the Cougars won't be an easy out. Led by do-all back Owen McGraw, Garden City has been playing well. If you see me roaming the sidelines of this one, say hi. Hometown Life is covering this must-see matchup.

3. Livonia Franklin (5-0, 4-0 KLAA-East; Last week: No. 3)

The Patriots should beat Livonia Stevenson and win the Livonia City Championship this week. And they'll have no problem beating rebuilding Dearborn Fordson the following week.

The big question is how will they fare against defending state champion Belleville in Week 8? The Tigers are the top-ranked team in Michigan, regardless of

division, and they have the No. 1-rated sophomore QB in the country in Bryce Underwood.

The only team to beat Belleville a year ago was Livonia Churchill, which had its fair share of studs up and down the roster. Well, Livonia Franklin has several studs this season. If the Patriots can pull off the upset, it wouldn't be unthinkable to expect them to compete for a Division 2 state title.

2. South Lyon (4-1, 3-1 LVC; Last week: No. 2)

The Lions' defense shut out White Lake Lakeland a week ago. And they'll likely shut out Waterford Kettering and Walled Lake Northern, the two worst teams in the Lakes Valley Conference, over the next two weeks.

So that's my challenge to the South Lyon defense: Can you post three-straight doughnuts ahead of your Week 8 matchup against Waterford Mott?

Come on, Simeon Mardossian. Get the boys ready. I want to see this happen.

1. Detroit Catholic Central (4-1, 1-0 CHSL-Central; Last Week: No. 1)

The Boys Bowl will tell us just how good the Shamrocks are this season.

They've posted big wins against Davison and DeWitt. They've taken care of business against Detroit U-D Jesuit and Brother Rice. And they were a scuffed second half away from upsetting Chippewa Valley.

The Detroit Free Press ranked Detroit Catholic Central No. 10 in D-1 this week. If it upsets Warren De La Salle, last year's D-2 state champions, it'll be climbing those rankings relatively quickly.

Out of the top-10 rankings: Farmington (3-2, 2-1 OAA-Blue), Birmingham Groves (3-2, 2-1 OAA-White).

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Hartland's Joey Mattord scored six touchdowns, five on the ground and one on a punt return, in a 48-20 victory over Plymouth.
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Hartland's Mattord scores 6 TDs in win over Plymouth

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HARTLAND — Hartland running back Joey Mattord became the first Livingston County football player in eight years to score six touchdowns in a game Friday night in a 48-20 victory over Plymouth.

Mattord ran 15 times for 172 yards and five touchdowns. He also took a punt 42 yards for a touchdown.

Brighton running back Joey Clifford was the last county player to reach the end zone six times, rushing for six touchdowns against Waterford Kettering on Oct. 17, 2014.

"He did a great job," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "Our offensive line, it was probably one of their better games. Joey did a great job running behind

them. He did his Joey Mattord stuff. He looked good tonight. He ran hard, found some lanes and took advantage of them."

Backup quarterback Jacob Ross scored Hartland's other touchdown late in the game on a 10-yard run.

Tight end Jaxson Wilson caught four passes for 107 yards.

"The way they were lined up on the tight end, we were able to use the tight end a little tonight," Savage said.

In the last two games, Plymouth allowed only nine points in a shutout of Canton and a 9-0 loss to Howell.

"They obviously have got some good athletes," Savage said. "We definitely didn't take them lightly. It was a pretty good week of practice."

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Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall & Online Zoom Webinar
201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. located at City Hall and on an online Zoom webinar to consider the following:

SP22-06: 330 S. Main Special Land Use and Site Plan Review

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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2006	DODGE	DURANGO	1D4HB58286F173872
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2007	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WT58K679195454
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2008	DODGE	AVENGER	1B3LC56K28N298738
2005	FORD	TAURUS	1FAPP53U55A298084
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2010	DODGE	GRD CARAVAN	2D4RN6DX7AR455585
2018	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ZD5ST9JF268164
2008	PONTIAC	G5	1G2AL18F887197307
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated at right. Find the listed words in the grid. They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once. Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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| Air force | Earn | Pilot |
| Army | Epic | Quit |
| Astronomer | Film | Rhythm |
| Bar staff | Fine | Ringer |
| Beautiful | Fitter | Sack |
| Buyer | Gardener | Sales |
| Char | Grazier | Systems analyst |
| Chef | Grocer | Task |
| Conductor | Hired | Taxi |
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ACROSS

1 Barbershop service
 6 Schedule slot space holder
 9 *La Bohème* heroine
 13 Warm and comfy
 14 Fifth-rate
 15 Very devoted
 16 Hold dear
 17 Tex-Mex fare
 19 Any extended contest
 21 Ballpark fare
 22 Fill up on
 23 Frequent fryers
 24 Bamboozle
 29 Rapper diminutive
 32 Sit up for
 33 Cold War concern
 35 Minor misstep
 36 Harp ancestors
 38 Anthem opener
 39 Many a recreational bike
 41 Aquatic bird with very long legs
 42 NBA extra periods
 43 Flower with sweet nectar
 46 Bib wearers
 47 Facial feature
 48 Albanian capital
 51 Keyboarding star
 56 Possible Monopoly modification
 58 Element #5
 59 Bickering
 60 Oration station

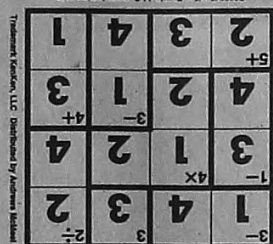
DOWN

1 Deception
 2 Kotb of TV talk
 3 Romantic *emoción*
 4 Gown designer Wang
 5 Driver's license ritual
 6 Pixar performer
 7 Web-crawling software
 8 Experimental cinema
 9 Some toddler coddlers
 10 Common Slavic name
 11 Coconut product
 12 *"Et tu"* day
 14 Pinterest posting
 18 French home of van Gogh
 20 Partner of hee or hem
 23 Folklore brute
 24 Can't help but
 25 Big-eyed baby bird
 26 Downpours
 27 Narrowly beats
 28 Avant-
 29 Vision-correction acronym
 30 Poker declaration
 31 Philippine island
 34 Soldier-to-be program
 36 Ballet wear
 37 Big appetites
 40 Conversation piece
 41 It can't miss
 44 Affirmations
 45 Went unused
 46 Sample to try
 48 Turn to slush
 49 Tiny trace
 50 Devastate
 51 Got off a horse
 52 Meander
 53 Country on the Caspian
 54 Installs turf
 55 Joint for jumping
 57 Mideast OPEC member

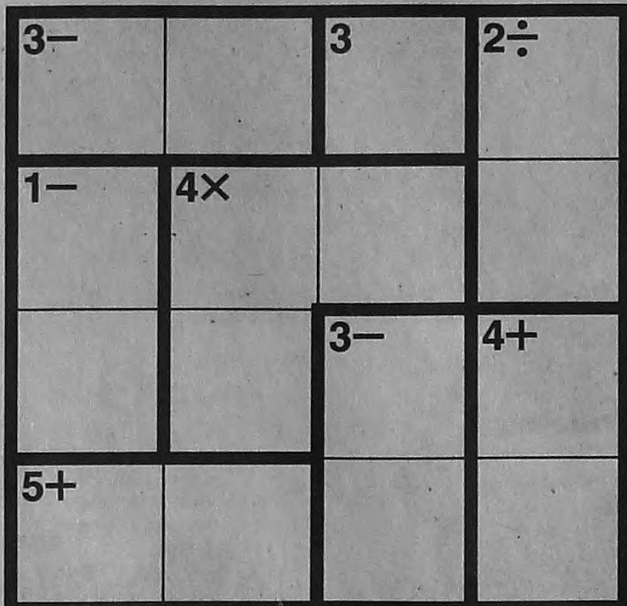
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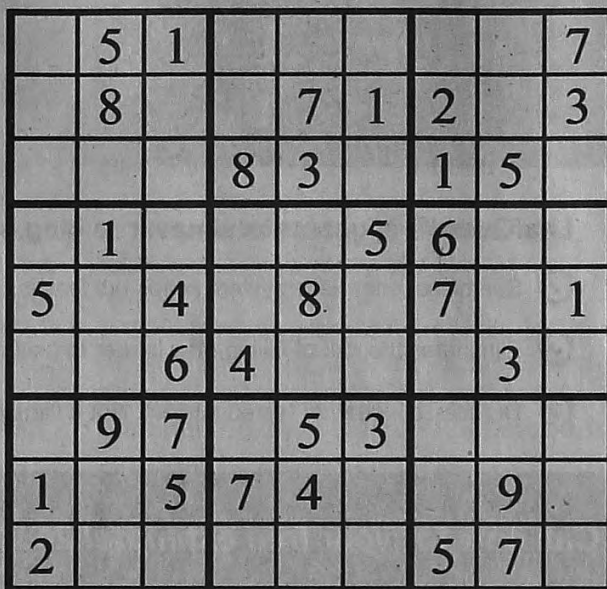
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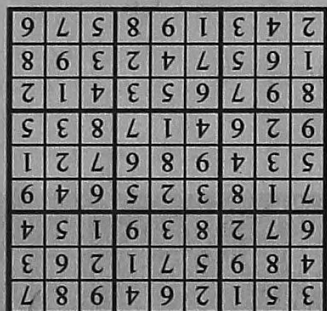
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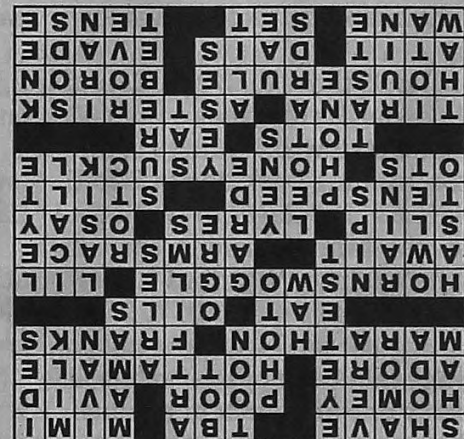
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