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## Plymouth raises cap on downtown liquor licenses

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Thai Basil owner Tanya Yaldo opened her doors in downtown Plymouth about six years ago, and she's been hoping to get a liquor license for her restaurant ever since.

While the lack of alcoholic beverages

doesn't dissuade most weekday diners, she said, those who come to the restaurant on weekends often would like a drink with their meal.

"We've had people walk out when they found out we don't have liquor," Yaldo said. "It would really help my business."

So far, she hasn't been able to get a license, simply because none are avail-

able in the city. But it looks like that could change soon.

The Plymouth City Commission recently voted to raise the cap on liquor licenses in its downtown district by two, but the decision didn't come without debate on both sides.

A cap on liquor licenses was put in place in the 1990s, after an influx of new restaurants threatened to turn the city's

downtown into a "bar town," explained Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock.

The city currently allows a total of 28 Class C - or by-the-glass - liquor licenses, including 16 in the DDA district. The city commission can review the ordinance each year and make adjustments to the cap at its discretion.

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## How to follow Tuesday's general election results

Staff report

Michigan's general election is Tuesday. Completed absentee ballots have poured in to local clerks' offices, and in-person voting Nov. 8 runs 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This fall's ballot includes everything from statewide offices and ballot proposals to local school board races. Visit HometownLife.com to find coverage on local school and legislative races, as well as local and county ballot initiatives. Find a sample ballot or where to vote at michigan.gov/vote.

The Hometown Life news team will cover the election throughout the day with news and photos from the polls, as well as live updates as results start rolling in. Check in throughout the day to see things how are going. You can also follow us at Facebook.com/oe-hometown and on Twitter @Hometownlife for updates.

In 2020, Michigan voters did not have complete unofficial election results on election night. The same could be true this year. The Secretary of State's Office expects unofficial results will be available within about 24 hours from when the polls close.

With the midterm election on track to see high voter turnout, that means election officials anticipate a large volume of absentee ballots.

Clerks must receive absentee ballots by 8 p.m. on Election Day. While election officials can begin counting absentee ballots starting at 7 a.m. on Election Day, they'll have a new batch of ballots that roll in by the 8 p.m. deadline that need to be verified before they can be counted.

Depending on how many voters wait to return their ballots until the evening of Nov. 8, the process could take awhile. Election workers must collect ballots from drop boxes and verify the voter's signature on the return envelope before sending them to counting rooms for tabulation. Wayne County completed its unofficial election results report about 7 a.m. the day after the recent August primary.



Kittens await adoption at the Oakland County Animal Shelter in Pontiac, which was full Oct. 18.

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## County shelter fills back up as people surrender pandemic pets



Diane Higgins, an Oakland County Animal Shelter volunteer, has a heart-to-heart with Selena.

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Joanie Toole sees both the best and worst of humanity at the Oakland County Animal Shelter.

On a recent Tuesday, it was more of the worst as a man dropped off eight kittens he said were feral, telling a staff member that if the shelter didn't take care of the problem, he would.

The shelter, which holds 130 cats and 150 dogs, was already full, but the employees took the kittens. These are in addition to 80 animals being fostered in private residences while they wait for permanent homes.

"You can see that is kind of why we are drowning here," Toole said. "We are getting a lot of calls, 'I can't keep my animal anymore, I need to bring it in and surrender.' We can't be like, 'Come on in, we'll find it another home.' We don't have space right now."

It wasn't like this before the coronavirus pandemic.

Toole said that pre-COVID, the shelter wasn't jam-packed. Instead, it was doing well with a good population, able to take in owner surrenders.

When the pandemic hit, the rescue the shelter works with, "Do Only Good," put out a plea for fosters and placed al-

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## Now is the time to start your year-end tax planning

The leaves are changing, the temperature is dropping and we are rapidly approaching the end of the year. So, if you're thinking of doing any year-end tax planning, now is the time.

When it comes to year-end tax planning, there is no single strategy that works for everyone. The key is to look at your individual situation and decide if a particular strategy makes sense or not. It is always important to remember that when it comes to taxes, your goal is not to lower your taxes but to increase your net worth. Lowering your taxes does not always improve your financial situation.

Considering that this has been a challenging year in the stock market, taxpayers can consider a Roth IRA conversion. With the market being down, individuals can convert more shares of an investment and pay a significantly lower tax than they could have at the beginning of the year. A Roth conversion can allow you to benefit from the down market. In determining if a Roth conversion is right for you, my general rules are:

- You must have money to pay the tax on the conversion without touching the money that you're converting
- You do not want to convert so much money that it would push you into a higher tax bracket
- You can keep the money untouched in the Roth account for at least five years

If you meet these three criteria, a Roth conversion can be a very good strategy for you. Roth conversions must be completed by the end of the year.

Another strategy to consider is selling investments that have a loss. Selling investments with a loss allows you to potentially write off the loss on your taxes. This strategy, known as tax harvesting, makes sense from a pure tax standpoint; however, it does take money out of the market which may cause you to miss the recovery.

Therefore, as opposed to leaving the money in cash, you should reinvest it in a similar investment to that you just sold. That way, when the market rebounds, not only will you participate in the rebound, you'll also be able to write off your loss for tax purposes. You cannot sell an investment, receive a tax loss, and then immediately rebuy the same investment.

If you are charitable in nature, year's end is a good time to make charitable contributions. When markets are good, one strategy is to donate appreciated securities that you may own. However, in a market such as we are in, you may not have many gains to donate. If you are making a charitable contribution, the deadline is Dec. 31. If you are donating, make sure you do your homework on the charity.

And finally, when it comes to year-end tax planning, sometimes the best strategy is to do nothing.

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## Luxury motorcycle dealerships planning showroom in Livonia

**David Veselenak**

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A longtime vacant sports bar in Livonia is about to get some fuel.

Plans are in the works for the former Doc's Sports Retreat property at 19265 Victor Parkway to become a new dual motorcycle dealership.

The current building would be demolished, making way for a brand-new facility that would house Ducati and BMW motorcycle dealerships.

"Under this proposal, the restaurant building, which is about 14,500 square feet, would be demolished and replaced with a 26,000-square-foot building that would house two motorcycle dealerships, Ducati and BMW Motorrad," said Mark Taormina, the city's director of planning and economic development.

The issue was taken up by the city's planning commission at its Oct. 25 meeting.

The development, said Charlie Knoll, who would own and operate the two dealerships, would set a record for the type of dealerships the buildings would hold.

"The whole idea behind this is to build a facility — it actually would be the largest BMW Motorrad dealership in the United States, as well as the largest Ducati dealership in the United States right now," he said.

The new building would mean relocating two metro Detroit dealerships. BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan on Sheldon in Plymouth Township and the Ducati dealership on Woodward in Birmingham would both relocate to the Livonia site.

The planning commission unanimously approved the plans, sending them to the city council for its review and approval.

The motorcycle dealership appears to mean the previous plans for the site have changed.

After Doc's Sports Retreat closed in

2018, a pair of six-story hotels were originally proposed for the property along on the site, made evident by the signs originally placed on the property. One sign advertising the proposed zoning change was taken down and remained down in the property's parking lot as of Nov. 1.

One issue discussed was the route potential buyers would take when taking a motorcycle out for a test run. The route would send drivers out of the area and either down to the Hines Park area and back via Newburgh or Interstate 275, depending on whether the rider wanted to drive the freeway.

"My intention is to get you out of Victor Parkway as quickly as possible," Knoll said. "Leaving the proposed site, we would have you exit or take a right on Victor Parkway, then my proposed route would be you take a right on Seven Mile road to Northville Road."

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## Pet owners will love Rivian's electric SUV, pickup feature

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The best new thing in the world today comes from electric vehicle maker Rivian, which has added a feature to keep pets safe and comfortable when left for a short time in its R1T pickup and R1S SUV.

The Pet Comfort setting allows owners to keep dogs or cats safe and cool when left in a vehicle on a hot day.

Temperatures can reach levels fatal to pets in a few minutes on a hot day. The new setting prevents that, allowing the owner to set a temperature between 68 and 74 degrees F, squarely in furry friends' comfort zone. The feature will also warm the cabin in cold weather.

When Pet Comfort is engaged, the Rivian's dashboard touch screen lights up with a cartoon depicting the brand's Gear Guardian mascot — a hairy, headband-wearing little dude — holding a compact fan, blades spinning. "My pet is safe and comfy," read letters across the 15.6-inch control screen, while big numerals display the interior temperature.

Rivian says the feature was one of owners' top requests. Owners who already had their vehicles got it in an over-the-air update.

Tesla offers a similar setting, called Dog. The automaker suggests it can also be useful when leaving groceries in the car on a hot day.

Both automakers make it clear the system is for pets. Children should never be left in a vehicle unattended.

EVs are uniquely suited to features like Pet Comfort. Unlike internal combustion vehicles, they don't generate exhaust fumes or heat when left with the HVAC system running.

Cooling a vehicle uses less electricity from the battery than heating on a cold day, but EVs can maintain safe interior temperatures for a long time



The Pet Comfort setting in Rivian electric vehicles keeps cabin temperatures safe and comfortable for pets. PROVIDED BY RIVIAN

even in frigid weather, or if stranded in a blizzard, says Craig Van Batenberg, who trains EV technicians and wrote about heating EV passenger compartments for SAE International, the global engineering association.

Heat pumps, increasingly common in EVs, "use about 2 kilowatts an hour" on a cold day in winter, Van Batenberg said. "With a 60 kWh battery, I could heat the interior for about 30 hours."

Rivian's system won't let you engage Pet Comfort if the vehicle's battery has less than 50 miles' range. The vehicle also has to be in park.

The driver activates the feature by pressing a paw icon on the climate con-

trol screen. Once Pet Comfort is on, it'll keep running till the battery is depleted or the driver turns it off by pressing the paw icon again. Pet Comfort also switches off when defrost, defog or the vehicle's heated seats are turned on, or it shifts out of park, all evidence the driver has returned.

Owners can check cabin status on Rivian's phone app, which will also send an automatic notification if the temperature rises or vehicle range gets critically low.

Opening any door disables the system momentarily, but it resumes when all doors are closed and the driver's seat is vacant.

# Shelter

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almost 80 dogs. While the shelter couldn't close, the facility lost helpers from the jail who had cleaned cages. That program still hasn't returned.

When the shelter resumed pet adoptions two months after the pandemic began, they saw many people wanting to take in new furry family members.

The majority of dogs that had gone into foster homes were flipped into adoptions. In the second half of 2020 and through the first half of 2021, Toole said the shelter was doing well.

## Variety of reasons for surrendering animals to shelters

Then in fall 2021, the shelter filled again and has remained that way all this year. She attributes it to a combination of factors, including people who worked from home during COVID now returning to the office or going back to school or changing careers.

When dogs and cats are surrendered, Toole hears a lot of reasons — the family has a new baby, or they are moving, or they were stuck with the animal through a family member or neighbor.

But she knows, too that people aren't always truthful. Many times it could be behavioral issues with a pet: They aren't housebroken, they run loose, they bark, they jump on people. When their humans went back to work, pets may have suffered separation anxiety; they could be chewing on the plants, the shoes, the furniture.

"You can't bring them home thinking they are going to be Lassie," Toole said. "You have to put in time and effort and that takes patience. ...

"Adopting an animal is a lifelong commitment."

Toole led a tour of the shelter, Building 42 East in the Oakland County complex at 1200 N. Telegraph.

It seemed almost a never-ending line-up of forlorn animals separated into rooms according to when they arrived, what medical ailments they may have, and whether they are strays, cage-intolerant or ready for adoption.

Some are timid and weary-looking, others seem to crave attention. A 10-year-old white cat, Chip, leaned up against the bars of his cage, nuzzling a



Jade Passkiewicz, vet tech assistant, and Shelley Grey, kennel supervisor, shave down a matted dog in the custody of the Oakland County Animal Shelter.

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Joanie Toole, chief of the Oakland County Animal Shelter, with a cat available for adoption.

hand that reaches through to tickle behind his ears. He'd been here three months, a stray found in Davisburg, waiting for a home.

Kittens pounced on each other, pausing when strangers approach to reach their paws through the bars playfully. A tuxedo kitten cried repeatedly.

In other rooms filled with dogs, the barking commences any time a volunteer or employee walked near. Many stood on hindlegs with noses through the bars and beseeching eyes.

## Pit bulls a difficult breed to adopt out

Noting a preponderance of pit bulls, Toole nodded in agreement and sighed. The breed isn't being spayed or neutered and the area has an overpopulation. Several females were clearly new mothers who had recently been nursing, but their pups nowhere to be seen.

Toole explained that they are a hard breed to get adopted.

"A lot of people are scared of them. They have a misconception of them, and they are a bigger dog," she said. "But they are extremely smart and extremely loving."

Puppies of any breed are missing,

and Toole said that is because puppies are cute, but when they grow up and people realize the time commitment for a dog, they become the shelter's problem.

And the shelter has plenty of problems, including 19 animals that were taken from one hoarding situation and although she didn't know it at the time, 38 cats would be taken in days later after they were rescued from a Commerce Township house fire.

Many animals at the shelter have medical ailments, respiratory illnesses and more.

The shelter has a full-time veterinarian, Dr. Beth Grobson, who was neutering a kitten going to its adoptive home a few hours later. Veterinary technicians shaved a severely matted small dog whose owner was unable to care for him any longer.

Employees were busy cleaning cages, and volunteers were walking dogs.

## Volunteers help pets waiting for adoption

Diane Higgins comes to the shelter four or five days a week to walk dogs. Among her lucky dogs that day was Selena, a young pit bull mix who had been

at the shelter a month. The day was cold and drizzling rain outside and Selena wore a Christmas tree costume for her walk. The two returned and Higgins held Selena's head in her hands as the two looked into each other's eyes for a few moments before a few scratches behind the ear. Then time to take another dog out for a break.

Toole needs more volunteers — ones willing to give some time like Higgins. She also needs fosters who are willing to give the dogs temporary homes. The longer they are in the shelter, the harder it is to adjust.

Most of all, she needs adopters, someone willing to put in the work and the commitment and the love these animals so desperately need.

"We keep plugging along," Toole said "If you want to adopt, come here. If we don't have what you are looking for today, maybe tomorrow."

For more information, or to see your next possible family member, visit [www.oakgov.com/petadoption/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.oakgov.com/petadoption/Pages/default.aspx).

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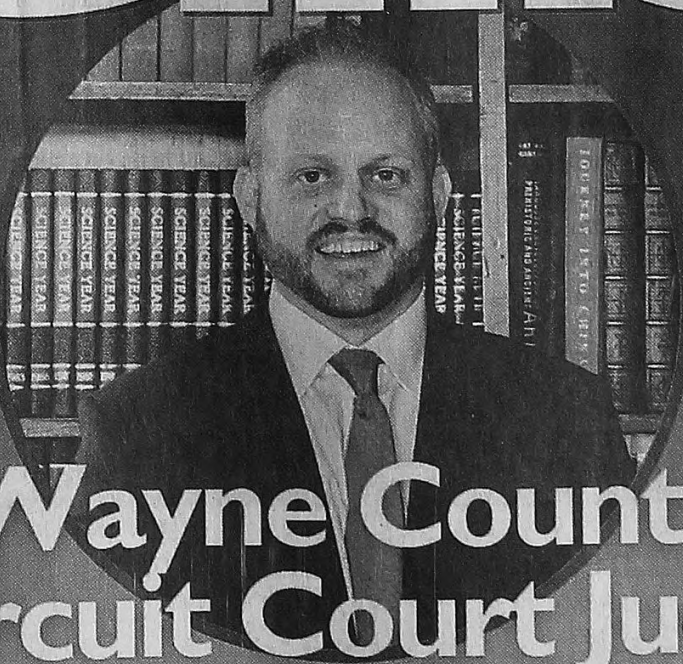
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# Liquor

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With at least two establishments interested in obtaining a new license – Thai Basil is one that expressed interest – the city requested a report from the police department with information on the number of calls for service related to alcohol over the past several years. According to the report, police have not seen an increase in unacceptable behavior by licensees or the public as a result of alcohol.

The Downtown Development Authority board also weighed in, voting to recommend raising the cap by two licenses.

During a public hearing at the Oct. 17 city commission meeting, downtown restaurant owners and others voiced concerns over the addition of liquor licenses, which many said would ultimately bring competition for existing businesses and for parking, as well.

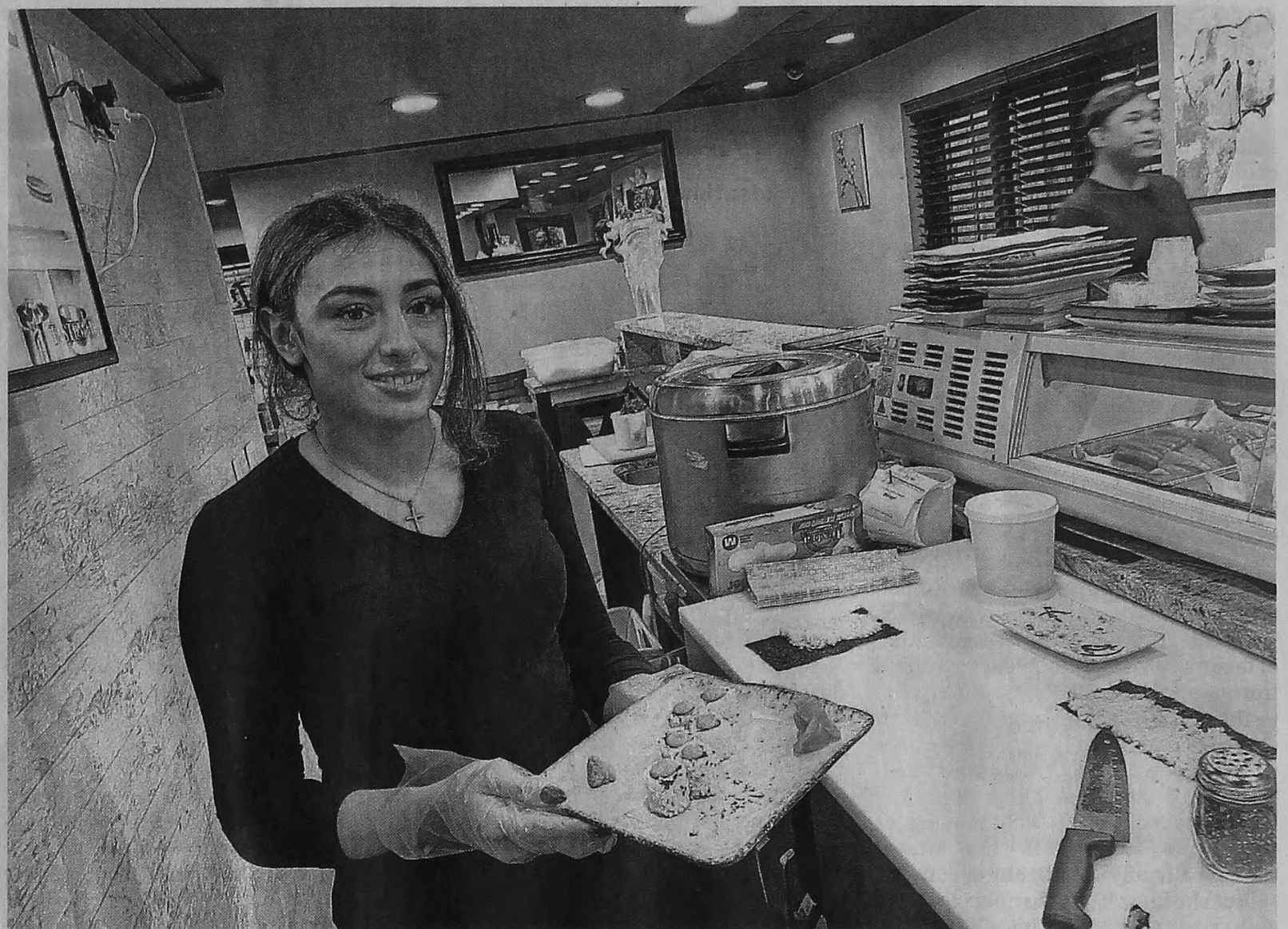
“The biggest problem we have is... there’s no parking,” said Tom Guine of Park Place Gastropub on S. Main Street. “It’s a major issue. We need every single spot. More (restaurants) will bring more demand for parking.

“I’m not against any more businesses coming in,” Guine added. “But it’s going to hurt the businesses that are there now. We hear it over and over: ‘We couldn’t park anywhere, (so) we went to Northville to eat. We went to Livonia, we couldn’t find a place to park.’”

Paul Salam, who owns a number of buildings in the downtown area where liquor license-holding restaurants are housed, said he felt adding new licenses would devalue the restaurants already operating there, many of whom, he said, waited several years to get a liquor license.

“I don’t think it’s fair and I think a lot of us have spent a lot of money in the city for many years paying property taxes, putting up with a lot of parking issues and now you guys are looking at diluting our business,” Salam told the commission. “If you open up other businesses with liquor licenses, you’re going to basically take that business from other establishments in town that just came off a very tough two years with COVID.”

A number of others expressed similar concerns, but several business owners



Tanya Yaldo, owner of Thai Basil in downtown Plymouth, hopes to acquire one of two liquor licenses expected to become available in the city’s DDA district soon. LAURA COLVIN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

spoke in support of Yaldo at Thai Basil, noting the duration of her operation in the city. The city processes local license applications on a first come, first served basis, based on when required information is received from the state.

Ultimately, the city commission voted to follow the recommendation of the DDA and increase the license cap by two, for a total of 18 in the DDA district.

In explaining her support of the increase, Commissioner Kelly O’Donnell said that while the cap allows the city to moderate and get feedback from police about community safety and health in incidents related to alcohol, the cap also allows the city to “limit competition per government regulation.”

“We are one of a handful in the state of Michigan that have a cap on liquor licenses,” she said. “I think generally it makes Plymouth a less attractive place

for entrepreneurs and people who are looking to bring new concepts or creative business ideas to our downtown, and ultimately, we want to make our downtown the most attractive economic center it can be.”

Commissioner Alanna Maguire said empty buildings in the downtown were noteworthy for the discussion.

“I don’t like to see vacant buildings in out downtown... There are businesses who are interested in coming to our community, becoming part of the Plymouth community... and we want these vacant buildings to be occupied,” she said.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Linda Filipczak cast the sole no vote against increasing the cap on liquor licenses.

“Do we not have an accountability as commissioners to our businesses that are out there right now, who have strug-

gled through the thick and thin of COVID?” Filipczak asked, noting ongoing concerns about the economy and the staffing shortages plaguing restaurants everywhere. “I understand we want to bring more businesses, but do we bring more businesses to the demise of the businesses that have been supporting us through the two-and-a-half years of COVID, or do we put it on a pause button and let us get to the normal annual review?”

The city annually reviews the cap on liquor licenses each spring, but a review can be requested any time.

Revisions to the ordinance will come before the city commission twice more before they are officially adopted.

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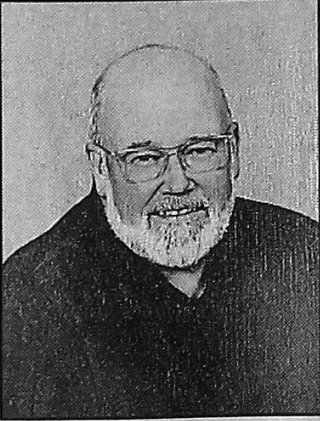
Karen Arlene Szymula, age 76, passed away on October 24, 2022 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Karen was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 15, 1945 to the late William and the late Phyllis Hoffecker nee Kischel. She was proud to be the Director of Legislative Affairs for the City of Livonia where she retired. Karen is the beloved wife of Ronald Victor Szymula; dear mother of Amanda (Louis) Hunt and Ronald (Holly) Szymula; proud grandmother of Louis Adam Hunt, Abigail Hunt, Ronald Szymula Jr. and Landon Hunt. She is also survived by her brother William Hoffecker. There are no services planned at this time. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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**Timothy Stoner**

Tim of Birmingham, MI passed away after a short battle with cancer on October 18, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Kim for 40 years; cherished father of Heather (Adam) Spatchek and Robert (Oguz) Atil Stoner; brother of Luanne Plante and nephews Jeremy and Josh. Tim is also survived by his uncles, Don (Michelle) Stoner and Mike Mackesey and many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Patricia Stoner, both passing away earlier this year. Tim loved spending time with family, friends and working on his cars throughout the years. One thing Tim loved the most was spending his time up in Port Huron waiting for the Nor'easter storms to roll in off the lake. Tim had a personality where he was able to strike up a conversation and become friends with anyone who met him. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the church or the American Cancer Society.

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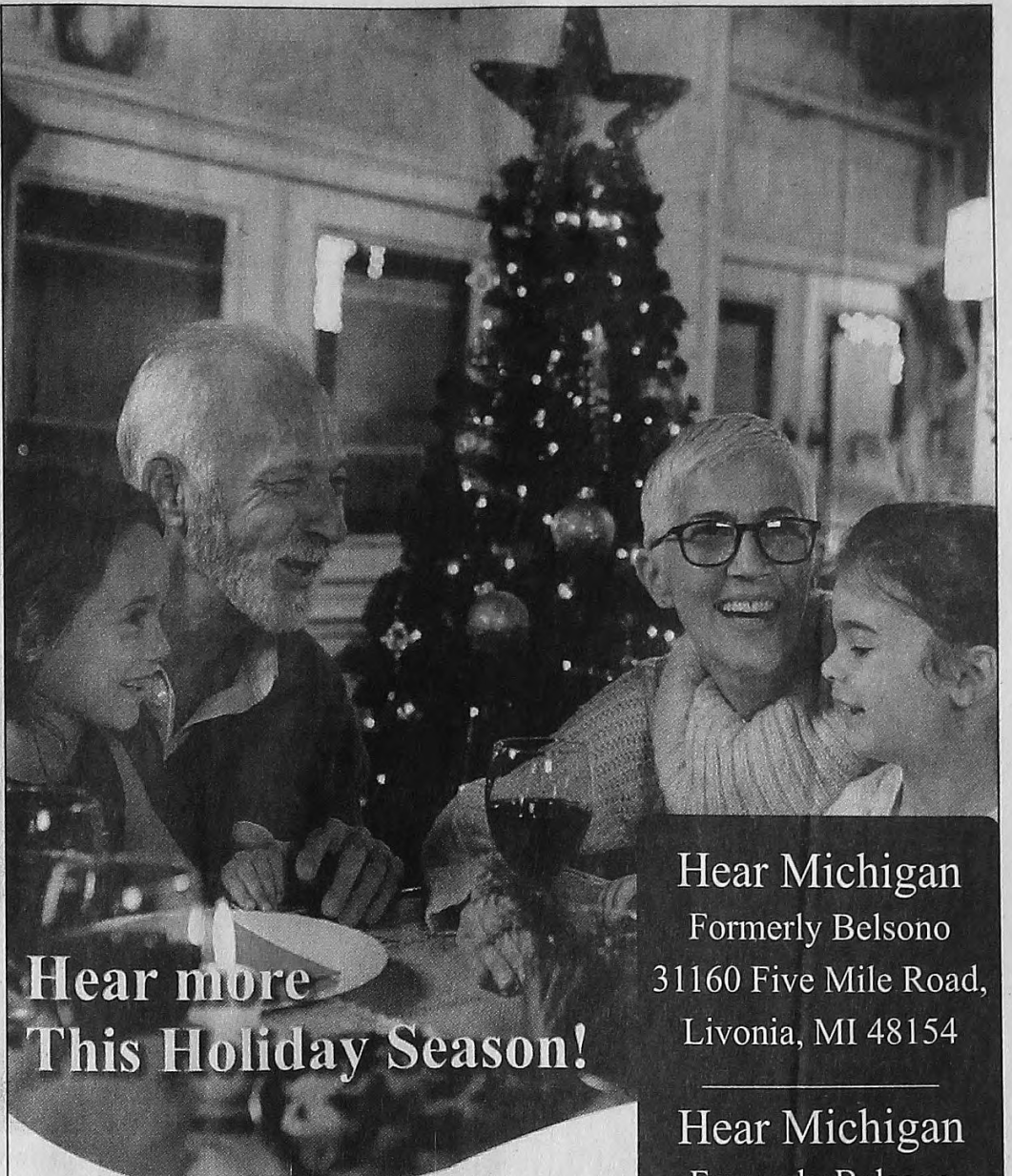
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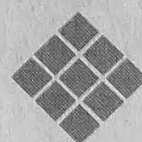
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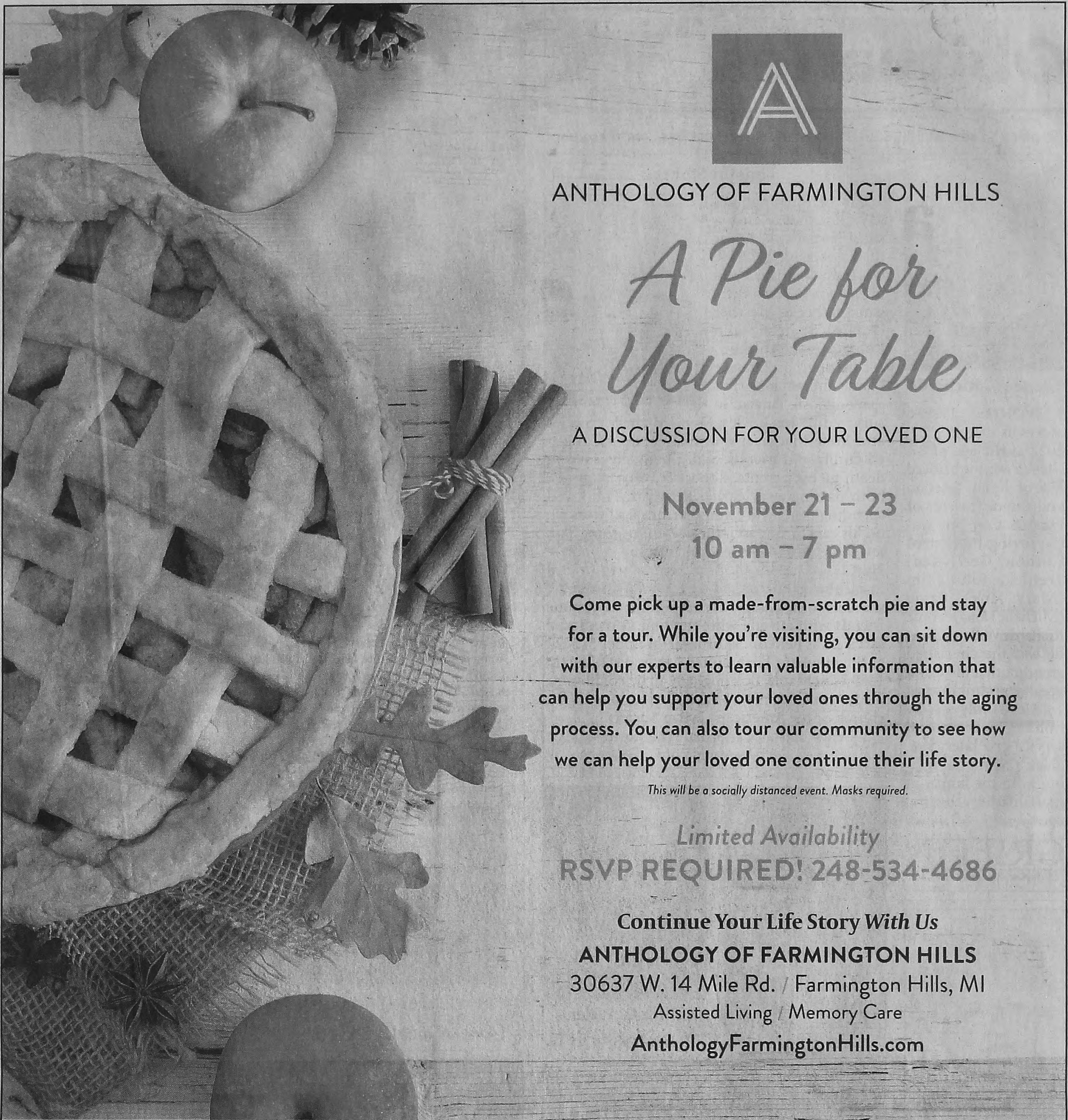


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# SPORTS

## It's almost time to drop the puck

### Three takeaways from OAA Media Day

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With hockey season beginning on Nov. 14, sports reporter Brandon Folsom stopped by the Oakland Activities Association Media Day at Farmington High School.

Here are three takeaways as Farmington United, Birmingham Unified and Bloomfield Hills prepare for their upcoming seasons:

#### Farmington United surrounding captain with talent

Life should get easier for Farmington United captain Colton Duff.

United was incredibly young a year ago, which makes sense why it finished 2-23 overall. And by incredibly young, we mean 12 of the 18 players on the roster were underclassmen. And not underclassmen fresh from the travel

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Birmingham Unified hockey's Joaquin Robinson, Chase Ben-Ezra and Charlie Penozza during OAA Media Day at Farmington High School. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

### BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CRANBROOK 2 HAMTRAMCK 0



Cranbrook's Evan Evans pushes the attack against Hamtramck during the Division 2 boys soccer regional championship Oct. 27 at Waterford Kettering. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Cranbrook brings home title, despite losing captain to injury

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Overtime looked imminent during the Division 2 boys soccer regional championship Oct. 27.

Especially after Cranbrook captain Nathan Hooker, arguably one of the Cranes' best players, went down with a right leg injury with 4 minutes remaining in regulation and the score still knotted at 0.

But by the time coach Chad O'Kulich and a trainer helped the senior midfielder hobble off the pitch at Waterford Kettering, Blake Johnson had booted in the go-ahead goal.

"I just knew we had to come together as a team," said Johnson, a junior forward. "We had to just play without him. We've got a lot of good players on our team. I felt that if we play our game, we could win the game in the end."

Hamtramck pushed its numbers for-

ward in response, hoping to score the equalizer.

Instead, Evan Evans, another Cranbrook captain, poked loose the ball at midfield, pushed a breakaway down the near sideline and buried a goal between the goalie's legs with just over 1 minute left.

That's right.

In the span of 3 minutes, the Cranes (14-1-3) went from losing one of their most important forwards to burying back-to-back goals to ensure the 2-0 victory over the Cosmos and capture the regional trophy.

No overtime was needed.

"This isn't an individual sport like golf where you're fully relying on how I hit that ball," said O'Kulich, who's been on the sidelines for each of those state semifinal games. "We've got a deep team. This is a team of 20 players, and our 20 players know that their name and

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Cranbrook's Ian Chang throws in the ball.

## Top local performers at cross country regionals

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Teams from the Hometown Life area had plenty to celebrate following the Michigan High School Athletic Association cross country regionals last weekend.

Northville and Milford won team championships, while several other programs placed in the top three at their respective regionals to qualify for Saturday's state finals as a team. Plus, we had several individual regional champions, runner-ups and all-region finishers.

Let's take a look at the top individual performances from our local runners at the state finals:

#### Boys

##### Liam Collins, Brother Rice

The junior is one of two Warriors headed to states. He crossed the finish line in 17 minutes, 18.91 seconds to edge Nolan Collins (17:20.85) for 12th place. Both earned all-region honors.

##### Taye Levenson, Bloomfield Hills

The sophomore is the lone male Black Hawk headed to the state finals. He crossed the finish line in 16 minutes, 30.66 seconds to place fifth and earn all-region honors. He's making his third trip to the state finals.

##### Adam Dicken, Canton

The sophomore was the lone male Chief to qualify for the state finals. His personal-best time of 16 minutes, 20.2 seconds was good enough for 14th place and all-region honors. This is his first trip to states.

##### Solomon Kwartowitz, Cranbrook

The sophomore pushed the Cranes to the state finals as a team with a third-place individual finish. He crossed the finish line with a personal-best time of 15 minutes, 58.23 seconds to pick up all-region honors.

The Cranes took third as a team after getting help from Ethan Vandenhoute (17:52.31), Eric Shan (18:09.56), Caleb Goldstein (18:30.84), Krish Kalmadi (19:26.79), Sujay Maddireddy (19:49.17) and Brennan Hladney (20:53.57).

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# Cross country

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**Jack Kelly, Detroit Catholic Central**  
The Shamrocks are headed to states as a team thanks to a second-place effort during their regional. Kelly, a senior, placed his team with a 13th-place finish after crossing the finish line in 16 minutes, 59.8 seconds, which earned him all-region honors. Joining him at states will be Ryan Illikman (17:15.1), Josh Lassaline (17:15.3), Miles Buckley (17:28.7), Matthew Atkinson (17:29.8) and Drew Abbott (17:30.2).

**Ben Yu, Detroit Country Day**  
The senior was the lone Yellowjacket to qualify for the state finals. He crossed the finish line in 17 minutes, 21.2 seconds to place 14th and earn all-region honors. He's making his third trip to the state finals.

**Eddie King, Farmington**  
The senior is one of two Falcons headed to states. He crossed the finish line in 16 minutes, 44.4 seconds to earn seventh place and all-region honors. Joining him is teammate Iggy Grynaviski (17:08.7). This is King's third trip to the state finals.

**Seth Pianga, Livonia Churchill**  
A third-place team finish has the Chargers headed to the state finals. Pianga, a senior, paced his team with a fifth-place individual effort, as he crossed the finish line with a personal-best time of 15 minutes, 47.50 seconds. Joining him at states will be Ian Lewis (16:21), who also earned all-region honors, Caden Morche (16:34), Alex Aljets (16:53.90), Malcolm Speigle (17:01.70), Joseph Rohmfeld (17:04.20) and Ethan Morche (17:21.20).

**Reuben Philip, Livonia Stevenson**  
The senior was the lone male Spartan to qualify for the state finals. His personal-best time of 16 minutes, 3.4 seconds was good enough for ninth place individually and all-region honors. This is his first trip to the state finals.

**Tom Shafer, Lutheran Westland**  
The sophomore's third-place finish ensured the Warriors would qualify for the state finals as a team. He ran a personal-best time of 17 minutes, 21.90 seconds to earn his second trip to states. Joining him in Brooklyn will be Max Brannan, whose 18:03.90 was also an all-regional performance, and Dominic Catallo (18:31.50), Jeffrey McGuire (18:34.20), Luke Witte (18:57.40), Andrew Abramowicz (19:18) and Nathan Betke (19:19.70).

**Quaid Schimetz, Milford**  
The Mavericks three-peated as regional champions thanks to this senior's ninth-place time of 16 minutes, 47.9 seconds. Joining him at states will be Kyle O'Rourke (16:49.8) and Ryan Carrannanto (17:02.3), who both also earned all-region honors, Thomas Kennedy (17:36.3), Bastien Beaubien (17:53.5), Brayden Mullins (17:59.8) and Aidan Malik (18:00.6).

**Brendan Herger, Northville**  
The Mustangs finished as regional champions thanks to this junior recording a personal best. He finished in 15 minutes, 23.9 seconds to win the meet. Joining him at the state finals will be Brady Heron (15:45.30), Ethan Powell (15:50.90), Brock Malaikal (15:57.90), Brandon Latta (16:24.70), David Whitaker (16:33.30) and Nicholas Yaquinto (16:39.80).

**Griffin Conway, Novi**  
The senior was one of two Wildcats to qualify for the state finals. He crossed the finish line in 16 minutes, 37.3 seconds to take fourth place, while teammate Nathan Riddering (16:45.6) took eighth place. It's Conway's third trip to states, while it'll be Riddering's second.

**Jacob Skidmore, Novi Christian Academy**  
The Warriors are headed to states thanks to the senior's personal-best time of 17 minutes, 38 seconds, which was good enough for eighth place during his regional. Helping him push the team to a second-place effort were Dennis Wilson (18:10.24), who also earned all-region honors, Jobe Skaff (18:10.49), Ryan Williams (18:43.58), Nolan Gallagher (19:39.93), Luke Gallagher (19:41.74) and Joey Harris (19:50.27).

**Sean Byrnes, Plymouth**  
The Wildcats placed second as a team with the help of this senior recording an individual runner-up time. He finished in 15 minutes, 35.3 seconds to earn all-region honors. He was the individual champion at this meet a year ago. Joining him at states will be Alex Bobak (15:42.10) and Anirudh Krishnan (16:11.50), who both were also all-region, and Tyler Gaylord (16:22.20), Jack Chadwick (16:25.40) and Ben Mussen (16:43.60).

**Adam Moore, Plymouth Christian Academy**  
The senior was one of three male Eagles to qualify for the state finals. He crossed the finish line with a personal-best time of 18 minutes, 5.24 seconds to place 11th and earn all-region honors.



Farmington's Molly Baracco, Walled Lake Western's Alisia Olteanu, and Milford's Grace Harkenrider and Jacie Remtema. Baracco won an individual championship and is headed to the state finals after finishing in 18 minutes, 54.2 seconds.



Wayne Memorial's Rene Vazquez accepts his medal after qualifying for states during the Division 1 cross country regional Oct. 29 at Willow Metropark.

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Joining him in Brooklyn will be Emmanuel Mehari (18:08.95), who also made the all-region team, and Vincenzo Lewan (18:17.97).

**Noah Walters, Redford Union**  
The senior was the lone Panther, boy or girl, to qualify for the state championship. He placed ninth during his regional, finishing in 17 minutes, 8.22 seconds, which was his third-fastest time of the fall.

**Elliot Carey, Salem**  
The senior is the lone male Rock headed to states. He ran a personal-best time of 16 minutes, 1.1 seconds to place eighth and earn all-region honors. He's making his second trip to the state finals.

**Rene Vazquez, Wayne Memorial**  
The senior was the lone Zebra, boy or girl, to qualify for the state championship. He placed 11th during his regional with a personal-best time of 16 minutes, 9.70 seconds. It's the second-straight year he's headed to states.

**Jared Platt, White Lake Lakeland**  
The Eagles punched their ticket to the state finals as a team with a third-place finish. Helping them get there was Platt, who finished in 16 minutes, 41.6 seconds to take fifth place and earn all-region honors. Joining the senior at states will be Pierce Grzymkowski (16:44.3), Ryan Ward (17:29.7), Gavin Johns (17:50.4), Noah Tiernan (18:01.4), Matthew Verellen (18:19.3).

## Girls

**Addison Herr, Bloomfield Hills**  
The freshman was the lone female Black Hawk to qualify for the state finals. She finished in 20 minutes, 5.5 seconds to place 13th and earn all-region honors.

**Abby Walton, Bloomfield Hills Marian**  
The junior is the lone Mustang headed to the state finals. She ran a season-record 21 minutes, 11.3 seconds and placed 12th to earn all-region honors. She's making her second trip to states.

**Natalie Gibbs, Bloomfield Hills Roeper**  
The sophomore was the lone Roughrider to qualify for the state finals. Her time of 21 minutes, 03.8 seconds was good enough for a seventh-place finish and all-region honors. She'll be making her second trip to states.

**Cara Newman, Canton**  
A second-place finish has the Chiefs headed to the state finals as a team. Some of that has to do with this senior placing third with a season-best time of 18 minutes, 55.1 seconds. Headed to states with here are Nora Schley (20:23), Alexis Pickerel (20:33.40), Rosa Brody (20:44.10), Yana Chamiso (21:03.10), Sanya Ahmed (21:18.60) and Mya Pickerel (21:38.60).

## Sophie Endrud, Detroit Country Day

The senior was an individual regional runner-up while helping the Yellowjackets qualify for states as a team. She picked her sixth top-five finish of the fall by crossing the finish line in 19 minutes, 56.7 seconds. Ensuring the Yellowjackets their third-place finish were Nell Stover (21:04.12), who also earned all-region honors, Claire Heller (21:58.90), Addison Hartley (22:58.02), Ella Schueller (21:14.66), Evangeline Greenwald (24:43.97) and Han Zhang (25:35.73).

**Molly Baracco, Farmington**  
The sophomore won an individual regional championship and is headed to the state finals after finishing in 18 minutes, 54.2 seconds. Joining her at states are three other Falcons: Olivia Lincourt (20:31.5), Faylann Wong (20:35.8) and Catherine Steele (20:40.2).

**Rianna Radulescu, Livonia Churchill**  
The freshman is one of two female Chargers headed to states. She finished with a personal-best time of 19 minutes, 28.3 seconds. Joining her at the state finals will be teammate Morgan Brown, whose 19:33.10 finish was also good enough for all-region honors.

**Ava Peters, Livonia Franklin**  
The sophomore was the lone Patriot, boy or girl, to qualify for the state finals. She crossed the finish line in 19 minutes, 39.70 seconds to take 10th place and earn all-region honors.

**Kaelin Hughes, Livonia Stevenson**  
The sophomore is one of three female Spartans headed to the state finals. She placed fourth after running a personal-best time of 19 minutes, 15.7 seconds. Joining her at states will be Elaina Braunscheidel (19:45.10) and Layla Krayem (19:56.10), who both also earned all-region honors.

**Michaela Kurth, Lutheran Westland**  
The senior was the lone female Warrior to qualify for the state finals. She took 13th place during her regional with a season-best time of 21 minutes, 18.4 seconds. She'll be making her fourth trip to states.

**Grace Harkenrider, Milford**  
The senior pushed the Mavericks to a second-place team finish during their regional after crossing the finish line in 19 minutes, 32.3 seconds, which was good enough for fourth place. Joining the Lakes Valley Conference champion as states are Jacie Remtema (19:42.8), who also earned all-region honors, Leah Merriam (20:47.2), Shawna Monsere (21:01.3), Abigail Schwendenmann (21:07.4), Macy Jenkins (21:07.7) and Brooklyn Wolcott (21:11.7).

**Ella Christensen, Northville**  
The Mustangs won a regional championship with the help of Christensen

running a personal best. The junior took first place with a personal-best time of 18 minutes, 35.6 seconds. Helping her were Cassie Garcia (18:54.20), Rose Gregory (19:55.30) and MollyKate Coates (20:01.90), who each also earned all-region honors, and Anna Gdowski (20:12.10) and Sammi Gale (20:35.40).

**Anjali Kidambi, Novi**  
The senior was one of two Wildcats to qualify for the state finals. She crossed the finish line in 20 minutes, 1.9 seconds to take 10th place during her regional, while teammate Abigail German (20:24.1) took 16th. This is Kidambi's second trip to states.

**Josie Dubuc, Novi Christian Academy**  
The junior is one of two female Warriors headed to states. Her 12th-place time of 21 minutes, 24.52 seconds earned her all-regional honors, while teammate Mya Guillermo (21:37.35) was right behind her in 13th place. This is the second trip to the state finals for both juniors.

**Madi Hare, Plymouth Christian Academy**  
The freshman is the lone female Eagle headed to states. She took fourth place with a personal-best time of 20 minutes, 24.8 seconds.

**Sa'Nyah Wilkes, Redford Westfield Prep**  
The senior was the lone Warrior to qualify for the state championship. She placed eighth during her regional with a personal-best time of 20 minutes, 52.98 seconds. It was her second top-10 finish of the fall.

**Lily Hetzel, Salem**  
The junior is the lone female rock headed to states. She ran a personal-best time of 19 minutes, 22.8 seconds to place fifth and earn all-region honors. She's making her second trip to the state finals.

**Kayla Ward, South Lyon**  
The freshman is the lone Lion, boy or girl, to qualify for the state finals. Her time of 19 minutes, 17 seconds earned her ninth place during her regional. It also marked her sixth top-10 finish this fall.

**Amyla Eberhart, South Lyon East**  
The senior is one of two female Cougars headed to states. She ran a personal-best time of 19 minutes, 15.1 seconds to place eighth during her regional. Right behind her was teammate Bella Grant (19:19.8), who took 13th to also earn all-region honors. This is Eberhart's third trip to the state finals, while it's Grants second.

**Erika Van Loton, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran**  
The senior is one of two Hawks headed to states. Her third-place time of 19 minutes, 43.9 seconds was her 10th top-10 finish this fall. Joining her at the state finals will be Natalie Malczyk, a senior who's season-best time of 21:10.6 was good enough for an 11th-place finish and all-region honors.

**Ava Walsh, White Lake Lakeland**  
A third-place finish at their regional has the Eagles going to the state finals as a team. Leading the way was Walsh, who took eighth place with a time of 19 minutes, 58.7 seconds, which earned her all-region honors. Joining the senior at states will be Ava Alicandro (20:06.4), Alena Tiernan (20:43.0), Natalie Joiner (21:00.1), Mia McDonald (21:16.9), Trinity Mann (21:38.9) and Mackenzie Hendry (22:22.2).

**Brigit Foley, Wixom St. Catherine**  
The senior was the lone Star to qualify for the state finals. She crossed the finish line in 21 minutes, 15.8 seconds to earn 14th place at her regional. She's making her second trip to states.

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# Media Day

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circuit, either. These were green hockey players.

Yet, as a junior, Duff did his best to score points. He led in each offensive category, which included him totaling nine goals and 12 assists. His 21 points were almost triple what the next player on the stat sheet tallied.

Despite his best efforts, United was the worst team in the OAA, regardless of division.

"When you're in a spot where you've had so many guys who should have realistically probably been playing JV last year, it's hard," coach Anthony Lietz said about his star returning senior. "There were so many times, like the Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan quotes, where his assist stats were way more than the actual scoring."

"There were so many times where he was trying to move the puck and guys just weren't ready or whatever. With that comes frustration."

That's why Lietz has done his best to surround Duff with talent for this season. He's convinced a handful of club kids who attend Farmington and North Farmington to come out for the high school team.

While United will still be young in 2022-23, it now has depth.

"I can't tell you how many times I went to random rinks on Wednesday and Thursday nights when we didn't have practice to meet some of our players who are now on our team and just introduce myself to their parents, saying, 'Hey, we want your kid here,'" Lietz said. "It's going to be a year where we don't have to play everyone. Guys are going to have to earn their shifts this season, and I'm looking forward to that."

But can United get out of the league's basement and inch closer to being a conference title contender?

"One hundred percent," Duff said. "Our whole forward core now is going to be infinitely better than last year, and we've got lots of new players. ... Last year was kind of a one-man season. Now with all these new players, I can move the puck around again."

"Last year, I'm not going to say we were completely out of it, but we were. This year we should be competing."



Farmington United hockey's Landon Wiesner, Colton Duff, Ryan Elenich and Paul Elenich. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Birmingham Unified should be just fine between the pipes

Birmingham Unified lost 19 seniors to graduation following last season.

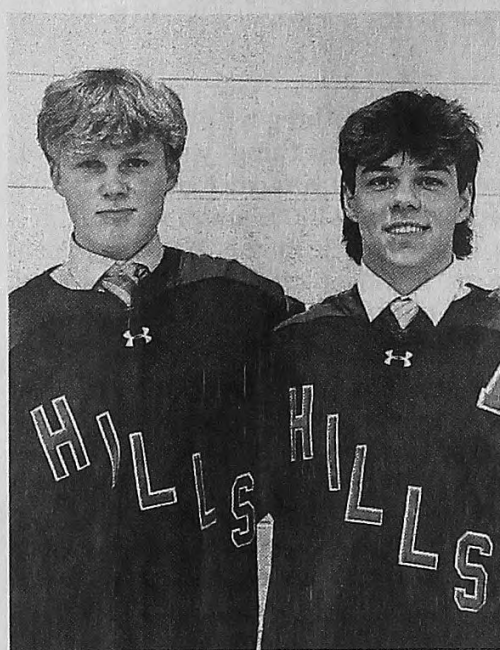
And to make matters worse, two of those players were goalies Max Kepler and Henry Ellenbogen, who combined for 25 starts and an 18-5-1 record.

That seems like a lot to overcome as the Kings hope to improve on last year's second-place finish in the OAA-Red.

But neither coach Zack Warson nor his players are worried about first-year goalie Joaquin Robinson.

"Joaquin has been with our program for two years and, frankly, by just where we were at in the cycle, he was behind two really good guys the last two years," Warson said. "At most other schools in this league, he'd be a three-year starter at this point. And he's worked every single day to get ready for this. He's going to get a majority of the minutes in the net for us."

The junior has been a stalwart on BU's JV team for the past two seasons.



Jack Eidt and James Somero, Bloomfield Hills hockey.

He's not nervous about finally getting his opportunity to start on varsity. He wants to prove he should garner most of

the minutes in net and keep the Kings' chances of winning a division title alive.

"My goal is to fill in the spot just as good if not better than the other goalies did last year," Robinson said. "Every year we have a chance (to win a league title), and I think this year is going to be a good one, even though we have a lot of new players in the program. The roles will be filled just as good as last year if not better."

## New leadership, same family culture for Black Hawks

Bloomfield Hills captain James Somero said what he loves about playing for his high school team is the family atmosphere within the program.

But you'd think that'd go away after former coach Bruce McAlister stepped down after 12 years, which included the past 10 as head coach, following last year's OAA-White championship season.

Wrong.

Former Walled Lake Western coach DJ Fichter has stepped into the role and the team has welcomed him with open arms.

"We've always been a family. Since I joined as a sophomore, that's always been our thing. We're a family," said Somero, a senior. "But losing our coach, Bruce, was a hit. But DJ came in, and we met him this summer. Right away, we knew he was a nice guy, he really cared and he knew what he was doing."

"He fit right in, and we love him in the locker room."

Fichter has a big task on his hands in helping the Black Hawks, 14-9-1 a season ago, replace their top-two point-scorers in former captains Kyle Lucia (44-28-72) and Drew Speaks (27-39-66), who have since graduated.

Fortunately, he'll have Somero (18-37-55) back, while Bloomfield Hills has added a couple of triple-A travel players that should give them some exciting and talented depth.

But will it be enough for them to repeat as division champions?

"I guess we'll find out," Somero said. "We've got a really good defensive team and a new coach. We've just got to work through it and find our way, find out who we are."

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The Cranbrook boys soccer team with the championship trophy after winning the Division 2 regional championship Oct. 27 at Waterford Kettering. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Cranbrook

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number might be called at any point this season. We've had guys injured. We've had guys sick. And we've had players step up. And that's what they did today."

Evans said he took charge following Hooker's departure.

He rallied the team with a quick speech and a couple of reminders about how tough Cranbrook has been throughout this playoff run. And away the Cranes went.

From Hooker going down to Johnson scoring his goal, about only 30 seconds ticked off the scoreboard.

"Of course, there's some worry," Evans said. "Nathan, he's such a vital part of our team. To see him go down, it was obviously devastating, but I just told my players to keep on going. It doesn't mat-

ter. There's nothing we can do about it.

"It's about the things you can control, not the things you can't control. So we kept on giving 100% and it paid off."

Following the match, O'Kulich insisted each player stick their tongue out while they took their celebratory team photos with the championship trophy. Even Hooker was in the group shot with an ice bag wrapped around his leg.

"Keep those tongues out," O'Kulich said, laughing. "It's rare you get to take many team photos like this."

And it's even rarer to score the game-winner in crunch time while shorthanded.

Cranbrook has yet to win a state championship in boys soccer. Perhaps this moment will inspire the Cranes to finally get over that hump.

"This was a hell of an experience," Johnson said. "I'm just so happy for my team. I'm so happy for us looking forward."



Cranbrook's Blake Johnson celebrates a goal.

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| Angelfish | Constrictor | Gobbie  | Mewing | Soft      |
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| Arid      | Crab        | Grunt   | Moose  | devil     |
| Bass      | Deer        | Habitat | Neigh  | Tiger     |
| Bison     | Dodo        | Hare    | Numbat | Toads     |
| Boar      | Dogs        | Hiss    | Puma   | Wall      |
| Boom      | Dove        | Hoot    | Racon  | Wallaby   |
| Bovid     | Drum        | Howl    | Rock   | Whale     |
| Bray      | Feed        | Jaguar  | Secure | Whine     |
| Cats      | Fire        | Lemur   | Sheep  | Wolf      |
| Climb     | Goat        | Lion    | Snarl  | Zebu      |

**TODAY'S ANSWER**

Cute critters

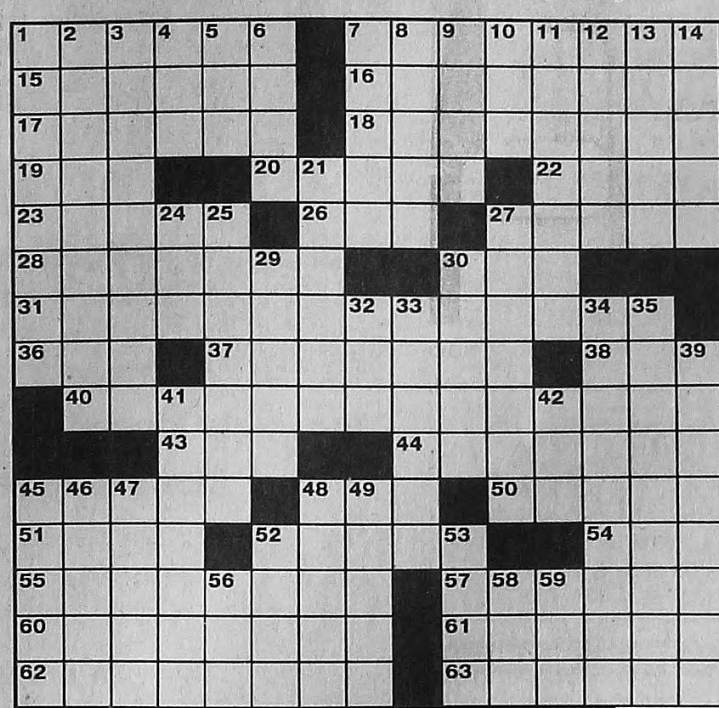
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**ACROSS**  
 1 Not very quick  
 7 Be persnickety  
 15 Didn't go straight  
 16 Work for yourself?  
 17 Was in circulation  
 18 Bierce's "despair, disguised as a virtue"  
 19 DC soccer venue for the Atlanta Olympics  
 20 Target area  
 22 Much, with "of"  
 23 Foremost  
 26 Beef that's not prime  
 27 Address in M\*A\*S\*H scripts  
 28 The Epsom HX-20s (1980) were the first of them  
 30 Serious profession  
 31 Mystic contemplation of one's navel  
 36 Very slight  
 37 One standing near the conductor  
 38 Antonym of "prince"  
 40 Handler of fried eggs  
 43 Edible you should dispense with  
 44 Guy of verse "whose beard with age is hoar"  
 45 Manual alternative to a food processor  
 48 Get behind  
 50 Shade from the Latin for "mole"  
 51 What you hope will come out in the wash  
 52 Capital city closest to the equator  
 54 Competitive pair that finally got together in 'NW Ulah

**DOWN**  
 1 Superabundance  
 2 They're fit for kings and queens  
 3 42-year veteran of ABC News  
 4 Ocean State sch. Experience  
 6 Inspiration for Wagner's Ring Cycle  
 7 Potable associate of Rice-A-Roni  
 8 Take to the next level  
 9 *Se creuser la* (think really hard: Fr.)  
 10 Meter leader  
 11 Seasonal fishing tools  
 12 Hit in the wallet  
 13 Coveted Art Deco knight  
 14 Yuletide sextet  
 21 It's just under a foot  
 24 Ultimate power of science  
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 29 Fall over in elation  
 30 Ride for a tour of Rome  
 32 Green stuff for greens  
 33 It's inevitable  
 34 Monitor monitors  
 35 It's less than usual  
 39 Refuses to even think about  
 41 Drive, for example  
 42 *Participante de reunion familiar*  
 45 They're hardly hard-fought  
 46 It has the most acreage of Forest Service land  
 47 What program notes provide  
 48 Top  
 49 Ryder's mom in *Edward Scissorhands*  
 52 Moment of a monologue  
 53 Swimmer in every ocean  
 56 PD data  
 58 Dot-com bubble beneficiary (for a while)  
 59 It's not good



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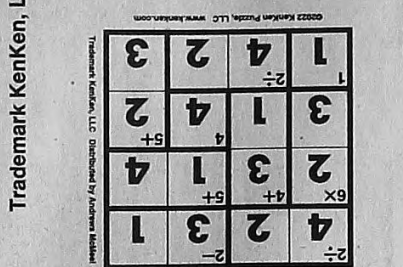
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**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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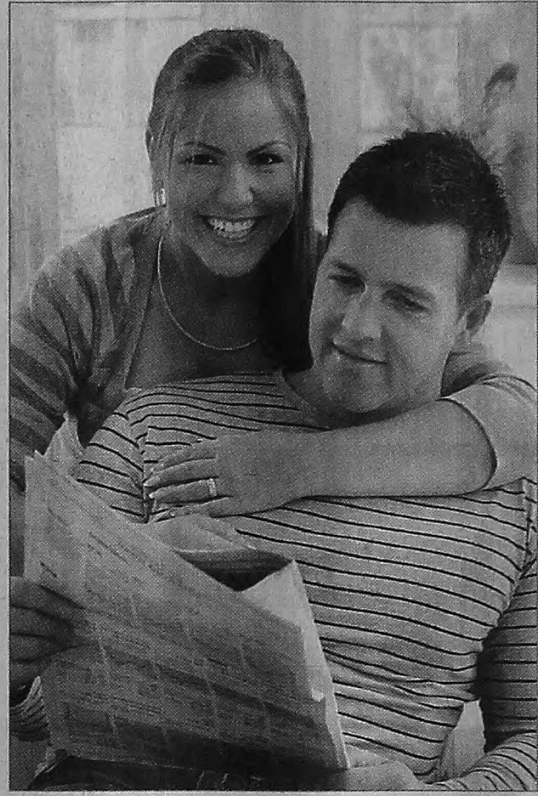
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