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## Former Schoolcraft College administrator files discrimination lawsuit

Shelby Tankersley

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Schoolcraft College hired its first director of equity and engagement in January of this year.

That person, Christopher Hunter,

lasted just four months in the position. Hunter recently filed a lawsuit against the college alleging race discrimination, retaliation and First Amendment rights violations.

"Chris feels strongly about this," Attorney Jessica Salvatore said. "He's somebody who's spent his career com-

mitted to issues of diversity and inclusion and trying to fight racism. For him to personally experience it himself and then to be retaliated against for raising those concerns — he feels very strongly that, as a matter of principle, it's a

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## How metro Detroit communities voted on reproductive rights proposal

Susan Bromley

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Every Hometown Life area community in metro Detroit except one voted Nov. 8 in favor of Proposal 3, which establishes reproductive rights in Michigan's state constitution and forbids prosecution of individuals exercising the right to abortion.

Statewide, the measure passed with about 56% of voters in favor and 44% of voters opposed, according to unofficial results.

Hometown Life communities in western Oakland and Wayne counties echoed sentiments on the proposal in similar numbers, or in some cases, showed support for the proposal exceeding 60% and even 70%.

The lone exception was Highland Township, which voted against the proposal by a 265-vote margin.

In nearby Milford, voters passed the proposal by 654 votes despite the Kauffman family's efforts to defeat it.

Andy Kauffman was at Johnson Elementary with his three children, Josh, Ari, and Caleb, holding signs in opposition to the proposal. Prior to election day, he had also been knocking on doors, as he believed the proposal would allow full-term abortions and permit minors to get reproductive surgery without parental consent.

His daughter Ari Kauffman, 14, had even testified to the state board of canvassers earlier in the year in an attempt to keep the issue off the ballot.

"It's very scary to me that when I grow up, these things could be available to me, my friends, and my kids," she said. "I don't want that to happen."

Joshua Shuck voted yes on proposal 3 in Farmington Hills, joining around 70 percent of voters there. He said his grandmother was in tears over Roe v. Wade being reversed and told him of the days when some of her friends had back alley abortions.

"History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme," Shuck said. "I want my daughter and future generations to have the freedom (to choose)."

In Westland, where more than 65% of voters passed the proposal, Elise Bommarito voted no.

"I think it's not only a danger to the unborn — I have an issue with it morally as a Christian — but it's also a danger to students because there's no age limit," she said. "I think it's dangerous

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BYOC Co. founder Emma Hess speaks with employee Kerry O'Hare at the shop in downtown Plymouth. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Fill up your own container of soap at this new Plymouth business

David Veselenak

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Emma Hess wants to do her part to help reduce the number of containers in the world. Her new Plymouth store aims to do just that.

The Superior Township resident and Chelsea native opened BYOC Co., earlier this fall at 550 Forest Suite 4. Aimed at

providing a more sustainable option for home and personal care products, the store offers customers the ability to fill their own containers with laundry soap, dish detergent and plenty more.

"I had already been doing a lot of things in my life toward zero waste, so I had to play around with that concept of what BYOC could look like," she said.

The concept began after Hess graduated from the University of Michigan in

2020. With the COVID-19 pandemic in full force, she began simply as a pop-up business in a yoga studio in her native Chelsea and began selling products.

Success there led her to open her first shop in Ann Arbor last year, and it continued to Plymouth, where Hess opened in September inside the space

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# Try one of these new dishes at Andiamo in Bloomfield Township

**David Veselenak**

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If it's been a while since you last dined at Andiamo, Chef Daniel Scannell wants to invite you back. To do that, he's cooked up some new dishes on the menu, bringing some new life to the 25-year-old upscale restaurant chain.

His advice for regular customers? As he mentioned to a recent diner, try something new. It might become a new favorite.

"I said, 'You've been coming here for 20 years for chicken parmesan. You try this tonight, come back next week and you tell me what you think,'" he said. "Sometimes people don't know what they like until they have it."

The changes began last month at the restaurant's Bloomfield Township location on Telegraph south of Maple. About half of the menu has changed, with some new twists on classic dishes at the longtime Italian restaurant.

That includes new takes on all aspects of the menu, from soup to appetizers to pasta to seafood. It's something, Scannell said, needed as Andiamo marks its 25th year.

Despite those changes, customers still clamoring for many of the classic dishes the restaurant group owned by Joe Vicardi can still be found.

"We took a conservative approach, so to speak," he said. "It's just kind of changing it up a little bit. The classics that have always been kind of a stronghold on the menu, they're still there."

"You still want to have something for everybody." The changes begun rolling out at the Bloomfield Township restaurant first, with others coming at the company's Livonia, Warren, Fenton and downtown Detroit spaces.

Some dishes will remain exclusive to Bloomfield, including the Aragosta all Hoffa, or "Jimmy Hoffa Style Lobster." That dish — made up of South African lobster tail, mushroom risotto broccoli rabe with a garlic butter sauce — pays homage to the building's history as the former Machus Red Fox, the last place Hoffa was seen alive before disappearing in 1975.

Scannell, a Certified Master Chef who came to the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group in recent years after working in places like New York and Florida. The menu changes come with some of his inspiration and input, as well as others.

Another dish that's new is the Bolognese Bianco di Vitello, or Braised White Veal Sauce with Pasta. It's a take on a bolognese sauce, instead making it a white sauce instead of red. The dish harkens back to his time in Providence, Rhode Island, where he cooked with veal breast.

"We're using veal breast cooked overnight in olive oil, so it's like melt in your mouth," he said. "It's really, really good."



Diners enjoying a meal at Andiamo in Bloomfield Township. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

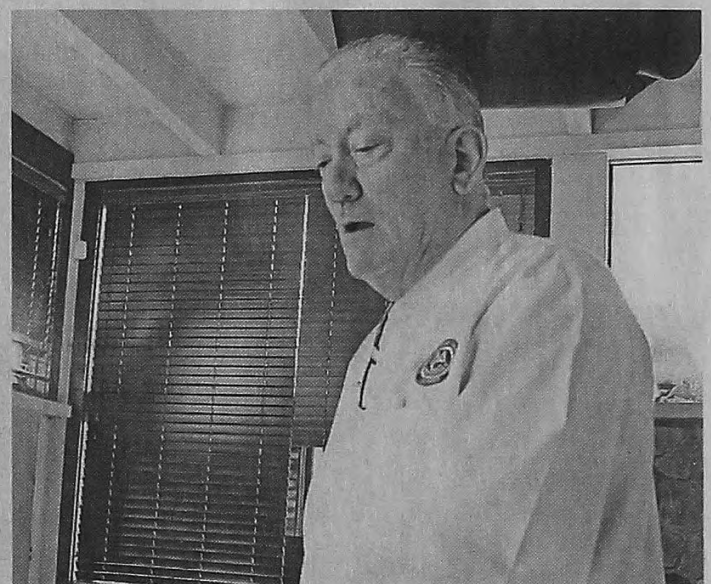
The restaurant in the Renaissance Center downtown, Scannell said, will have some different items on the menu than the rest of the restaurants simply due to its location.

"There's a couple items on this menu that won't make it onto that menu for demographic purposes," he said. "It's a different clientele."

Scannell has also assisted with the menus at other Joe Vicari Restaurant Group kitchens since he arrived in Michigan.

"Chef Scannell has been an essential part of our group. He has helped create the menus at Birmingham Pub, The Bronze Door and The Statler, all which opened in the last year and a half, so I had no doubt he would be able to pull off something amazing to celebrate Andiamo," stated Joe Vicari, Founder and CEO of Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, in a statement.

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Chef Daniel Scannell, a Certified Master Chef, talks about some of the changes made to the menu.

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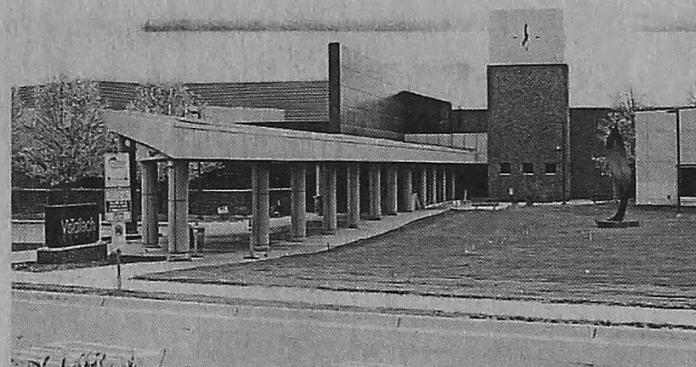
## Lawsuit

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wrong that needs to be righted."

The lawsuit was filed in federal court and will be heard by the Hon. Terrence Berg with the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division. A schedule has not been set yet.

The lawsuit names Schoolcraft College, President Glen Cerny and general counsel Patrick Sturdy as defendants. Hunter also filed a complaint of race discrimination and retaliation with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in July.



Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Haggerty Road and its Vistatech Center. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

According to the lawsuit, Schoolcraft administrators kept Hunter from doing his job as director of equity and engagement. It outlines examples of college administrators being unwilling to discuss diversifying the student body, criticizing Hunter for attempting to have conversations around diversity, ignoring staff complaints of discrimination and more.

The lawsuit says Hunter's attempts to address equity concerns were met with discipline. Schoolcraft put Hunter on a "corrective action plan" in early April and then terminated his employment before the month's end. "He was hired to increase diversity at the college, and he was reprimanded for trying to do that," Salvatore said. "It's mindboggling."

Before coming to Schoolcraft, Hunter was employed by the Center of Multicultural Initiatives at Oakland University. According to his LinkedIn profile, he's now employed by the University of Michigan as a diversity and inclusion specialist.

Hunter declined an interview, referring questions to his attorney.

Schoolcraft declined to comment on the case, noting it does not speak on pending litigation.

"At Schoolcraft College, we value diversity in our students, staff, and programming," the college said in a statement to Hometown Life. "Higher education must be accessible to everyone. We're committed to fostering a campus environment that uplifts and empowers all people with equal opportunity."

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### City of Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals Notice Thursday, December 1, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Located at Plymouth City Hall

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall to consider the following:

Z 22-14 Non-Use Variance Request for 1180 Hartsough  
Rear yard setback  
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential  
Applicant: Kelly Goble

Zoning Interpretation for floor area ratio interior modifications

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# Soap

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formerly occupied by Sunny J's Pro Bra and Swimwear. She said she saw plenty of customers from the Plymouth/Canton Township area stop by her Ann Arbor store, and she began looking in the community for a space. She took over in July, spending a few months getting the store ready before opening in September.

"I think it's really important that you're involved in the community that you open in," Hess said. "I didn't want to go outside of an area I didn't know and wasn't familiar with."

Don't have your own container when you stop by? No problem: one of the store's signature moves is stocking a shelf of donated containers customers can grab for free before filling up. They also offer some containers for sale.

In addition to the cleaning and body care products, BYOC Co. also sells items such as candles, glass straws and more. The products all come from small companies, with many of them coming from local vendors from the Ann Arbor and metro Detroit areas. The only product BYOC Co. makes itself is the toilet cakes.

The business has made a name for itself, especially on TikTok, where one of its videos showing how to make laundry detergent has been seen nearly 3 million times.

The shop is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Even some of the tabletops Hess puts her products on are recycled: many are old doors from the former Fleming Administration Building at the University of Michigan, which was torn down earlier this year.

Popular products include laundry soap, hand soaps and dishwasher pods. Hess said business is a little slow in the fall, but it's picking up. Hess said she expects business to grow as Christmas approaches, with people looking to buy gifts for people such as bars of soap.

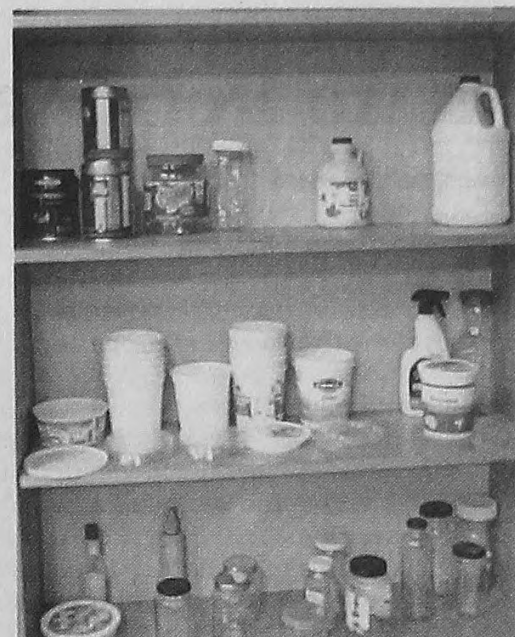
"I feel like it's a tough time of year," she said. "Everyone that has come in has been so positive."

"I'm really lookin forward to the holidays here."

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Bar soap on display in front of barrels of product at BYOC Co. in downtown Plymouth. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM




A collection of donated containers customers have brought in to fill with cleaning products.




Barrels of cleaning product. The store opened earlier this fall, encouraging customers to fill their own reusable container with items such as laundry detergent, soap and more.


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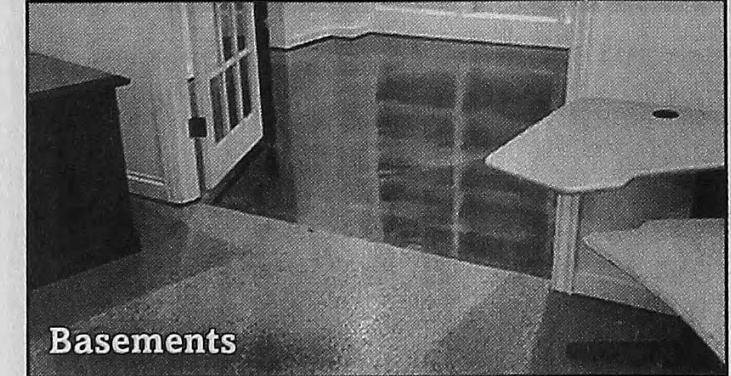
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ELECTION UPDATES

# Metro Detroiters decide school board, House, Senate races

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**Koleszar wins western Wayne house seat**

Updated 9:52 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Plymouth Democrat Matt Koleszar looks poised to serve another term in the state house. Koleszar beat his opponent, Northville Republican Cathryn Neracher, 28,064 to 23,669

Koleszar will serve two years as the District 22 house representative. The district includes parts of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

**Bayer wins big in 13th Senate District**

Updated 9:10 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
State Sen. Rosemary Bayer will return to Lansing in her current role and in a new district.

Bayer defeated challenger Jason Rhines to represent the 13th state Senate district, garnering 76,196 votes to Rhines's 57,207 votes. Those totals include the entire district, save for one Wayne County precinct that had not yet been counted as of Wednesday morning.

The 13th Senate District includes Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Northville, Northville Township, Novi Township, West Bloomfield Township, Walled Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake as well as parts of Farmington Hills, Novi and Commerce Township.

-Hometown Life reporter David Veselenak

**Pohutsky poised to return to state House**

Updated 8:53 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky appears to be headed back to Lansing as a state representative.

The Livonia Democrat appears to

have defeated her challenger, Livonia Republican Penny Crider, in the race for the 17th state House district. That district includes parts of Livonia, Redford Township and Detroit. With 49 of 58 precincts reporting, Pohutsky has a big lead, with 24,120 votes compared to Crider's 10,970.

-Hometown Life reporter David Veselenak

**Public transit millage gets OK from Oakland County voters**

Updated 8:40 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
It appears Oakland County residents will pay more on their property taxes after the countywide transit millage appears to have been approved.

With 96% of votes in, the millage request has received 330,938 "yes" votes compared to 247,221 "no" votes. With an approval, a 0.95 mill levy to help fund public transit will be levied across the county to support transit services.

-Hometown Life reporter David Veselenak

**Democrat wins House 26 seat in western Wayne County**

Updated 8:04 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
The Wayne County voters in State House District 26 are sending Democrat Dylan Wegela to Lansing for a two-year term. Wegela, a Garden City resident, earned 20,470 votes.

Republican challenger James Townsend, also of Garden City, received 9,721 votes.

The western Wayne County district includes all of Garden City and Inkster, as well as parts of Westland and Romulus.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

**District 23 voters send Morgan to Lansing**

Updated 9:56 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Democrat Jason Morgan won the District 23 state House seat. Morgan, of Ann Arbor, received 24,256 votes. His opponent, Republican Richard Sharland of Plymouth, earned 13,004. Morgan will serve a two-year term in Lansing.

The 23rd district includes most of downtown Ann Arbor, the City of South Lyon, Superior Township, Salem Township, and parts of Plymouth, Northville, Lyon and Ann Arbor townships. The district includes parts of Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

**Hoskins wins big in 18th state House race**

Updated 7:31 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
The new 18th state House district will be represented by a Democrat come January.

Southfield city councilman Jason Hoskins was victorious in the district, which includes all of Lathrup Village, the eastern portion of Farmington Hills, most of Farmington and Southfield, as well as a very small portion of Oak Park. Hoskins received 34,415 votes compared to Republican challenger Wendy Webster Jackson's 8,803 votes.

-Hometown Life reporter David Veselenak

**Polehanki retains state senate seat**

Updated 7:28 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
State Senator Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia) defeated Republican challenger Emily Bauman of Westland in the fifth district. Polehanki received 64,468 votes, and Bauman earned 41,101.

The newly drawn fifth district includes Westland, Garden City, Canton Township, Inkster and southwest Livonia. Polehanki is entering her second term and will remain in the seat for the next four years.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

**Sinking fund tax passes in Wayne-Westland school district**

Updated 7:21 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
The Wayne-Westland school district got the OK from voters to put tax dollars into its sinking fund for the next 10 years. 17,193 voters cast "yes" votes, and 12,701 people voted in dissent.

The 1-mill tax will replace the current millage in 2024. It will expire in 2034.

A sinking fund is a millage levied to support school safety improvements, technology improvements, and the repair and construction of school buildings. It is a "pay as you go" system that does not require borrowing money or paying interest.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

**Four elected to Redford Union school board**

Updated 7:14 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Voters in the Redford Union school district elected three people to serve on the school board for six years.

The winners were LaTina Miller, 2,611 votes; Jim Bailey, 2,483 votes; and Lorna Dean, 2,156 votes.

The losing candidates include Lavaris Ingram, 1,352 votes; Christian Fifelski, 1,287 votes; Kiana Schuster, 2,097 votes; Zachary Tucker, 1,882 votes; and Krystle Uzarek, 1,849 votes.

Voters also elected Tamara Moores to serve on the board until the end of 2026. Moores, the only candidate for the seat, received 5,448 votes.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

**Wayne incumbent councilman narrowly ousted**

Updated 7:05 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
The last election with Wayne's ward system saw some narrow change.

Three wards had seats up for election Tuesday. Ward 5 saw Eric Cleereman win handedly, with 2,347 votes compared to Rabih Darwiche's 1,550 votes. Ward 4 saw Deborah Wass get elected without a challenger, receiving 3,408 votes. Current councilman Phillip Wagner appeared to be ousted from his seat representing Ward 6, with challenger Matthew Mulholland receiving 2085 votes to Wagner's 2,062, a difference of just 23 votes.

Tuesday's election was the last one with wards in the city. In 2024, the entire city council will be up for election.

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with all seats being at-large.  
-Hometown Life reporter David Vese-lenak

## Garden City to see new faces in power

Updated 6:37 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
The Garden City city council will have some new leadership after Tuesday's election.

Current mayor Randy Walker was defeated by fellow councilman Mark Jacobs, with Jacobs receiving 5,481 votes to Walker's 4,464 votes. Jacobs will serve a four-year term as mayor.

The city council will also see some changes, so long as the race totals don't change. Kim Dold won a seat on city council, garnering 4,914 votes. That was slightly higher than Stacy Karafotis, who came in second place with 4,865 votes and who will also serve on council. Jaylee Lynch came in third with 4,223 votes.

The race for a partial term ending in 2024 was tight. Zachary Witt appears to have been the winner, gathering 3,840 votes to Denise Stabley's 3,810 votes, a difference of just 30 votes.

For the city's library board, Millie Tyszkiewicz received the most votes with 5,082. Andrew McMechan came in second with 4,798 votes. Both will serve on that body.

For the school board, Jill Buterbaugh received 4,458 votes, Margaret Sanders received 4,015 votes, Jamie Beccaccio received 3,925 votes and Scott George received 3,762 votes, all enough to win seats. The fifth place finisher, Charles Barnum, received 3,117 votes.

-Hometown Life reporter David Vese-lenak

## Three elected to Clarenceville school board

Updated 6:22 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Voters in the Clarenceville district elected three people to serve on the school board for four years. The Livonia-based district includes parts of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Kim Arnett won the most votes with 1,806, Cynthia Immonen had 1,542 and Dennis Myers had 1,500.

Of the other candidates. Michael Liss earned 1,384 votes and Riley Myers earned 1,331.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Livonia voters reject 'parental rights' slate for school board

Updated 6:11 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Voters in the Livonia school district stuck with familiar faces on Election Day and voted Colleen Burton, Liz Jarvis and Mark Johnson for four-year terms. All three currently serve on the board and ran as a slate.

Burton earned 19,293 votes, Jarvis received 16,982 and Johnson garnered 16,422.

Another slate pushing for more "parental rights" in schools failed to win a seat on the board. Jeff Ferguson had 14,315 votes, Pamela Morgan had 13,966 and Reina Vendramini had 9,757. Another candidate, Emily Keith, earned 11,589.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Four elected to school board in Plymouth-Canton district

Updated 5:54 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Judy Westra and Sheryl Picard were all elected to serve a six-year term on Plymouth-Canton's board of education. The three received 20,905, 20,603 and 19,625 votes, respectively. Sidhu is already on the board.

The other candidates in the race included Laronda Chastang with 17,629 votes, Amanda Krinke with 14,450 votes and Nathan Morris 18,371 votes. Chastang, who currently serves on the board, lost her seat.

Voters also chose Patti McCoin to serve on the board until the end of 2024. McCoin earned 25,453 votes and her opponent, Sebastien Ostertag, earned 15,664.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Familiar face and newcomer elected to Wayne-Westland school board

Updated 5:39 a.m. Nov. 9, 2022  
Voters in the Wayne-Westland school district elected David Cox and LeWanna Abney-Mitchell to serve on the school board for six years. Cox, a

longtime member of the board, received the most votes with 10,005. Abney-Mitchell received 8,729.

Candidates who were not elected include Denise Collop, who earned 7,066 votes; Bradley Gray, who earned 7,213 votes; and Ryleigh Strong, who earned 4,853 votes.

-Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Farmington voters return incumbents to school board

Updated 12:45 a.m., Nov. 9, 2022  
Voters returned all four incumbents to the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education in Tuesday's election.

Three current members ran for six-year seats. Angie Smith, the board's current vice president garnered 15,555 nods, while trustee Terri Ann Weems followed closely with 15,330. Board Secretary Donald Walker totaled 14,693 votes.

Challengers T.R. Carr came away with 10,737 votes while Donna Swoboda took 10,114 followed by 9,590 for Bjorn Olson.

In the race for a two-year seat, the board's current treasurer, Claudia Heinrich, earned 14,528 votes while challenger Michelle Bushey took 13,146.

Voters also approved the district's operating millage restoration proposal by nearly a two-thirds majority, with 25,715 voting in favor and 14,559 voting against.

The approval means the district will return to 18 mill levy on non-homestead properties. This does not affect taxpayers' primary home, but does affect businesses, second homes and rental units.

-Hometown Life reporter Laura Colvin

## Frustration a common thread among Michigan voters

Updated 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8, 2022  
Twenty-two-year-old Isabel Woelke said she's voted in every election since she's been eligible, but this time, Proposal 3 was top of mind.

"I definitely wanted to vote yes," Woelke said, sitting next to her dad, Derek Wolke, on a bench outside Liberty Middle School in Canton after casting ballots. "It's important to have reproductive freedom. There's a lot of misinformation out there about the proposal and I wanted my voice to be heard."

Larry Zuckett, who along with his wife Karen Bergeron, was out to vote for what they both characterized as the "best of the worst" of those candidates appearing across the ballot.

"I'm not a fan of any of the candidates," said Zuckett. "Some of the judicial candidates are stand up guys, but otherwise there's too much partisanship. Our whole political system is broken at the moment and I don't know if it will ever be fixed. It's dysfunctional."

Other than his disappointment in candidates in general, Zuckett said he was motivated by the ballot proposals.

"Abortion, right to life, it should be up to the woman to decide," he said. "It pisses me off that any guy thinks he should be making that decision, when he's the one that caused the problem in the first place."

Rachelle and Todd Benner were also voting at Liberty Middle School this afternoon.

"For me it's about the economy and the way the country is going," said Rachelle Benner. "We need to reign in the amount of money being spent. We need a new direction"

-Hometown Life reporter Laura Colvin

## Weekly gathering of Trump supporters continues in Livonia

Updated 7 p.m., Nov. 8, 2022  
It's been a mainstay for months at Seven Mile and Farmington in Livonia.

A small crowd of people with flags donning the name of former president Donald Trump, as well as other flags associated with the conservative movement, gathered on the vacant lot on the southeast corner of the intersection.

It's become a popular spot for months for those supporters of Trump. The original gathering took place last summer at the corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty in Novi, and eventually moved to its current home in Livonia. It's a popular spot for Republican candidate signage, as well as the famous Trump Unity Bridge, well-known for traveling across the country in support of the former president.

-Hometown Life reporter David Vese-lenak

## Livonia bakery spreads patriotic love on cupcakes

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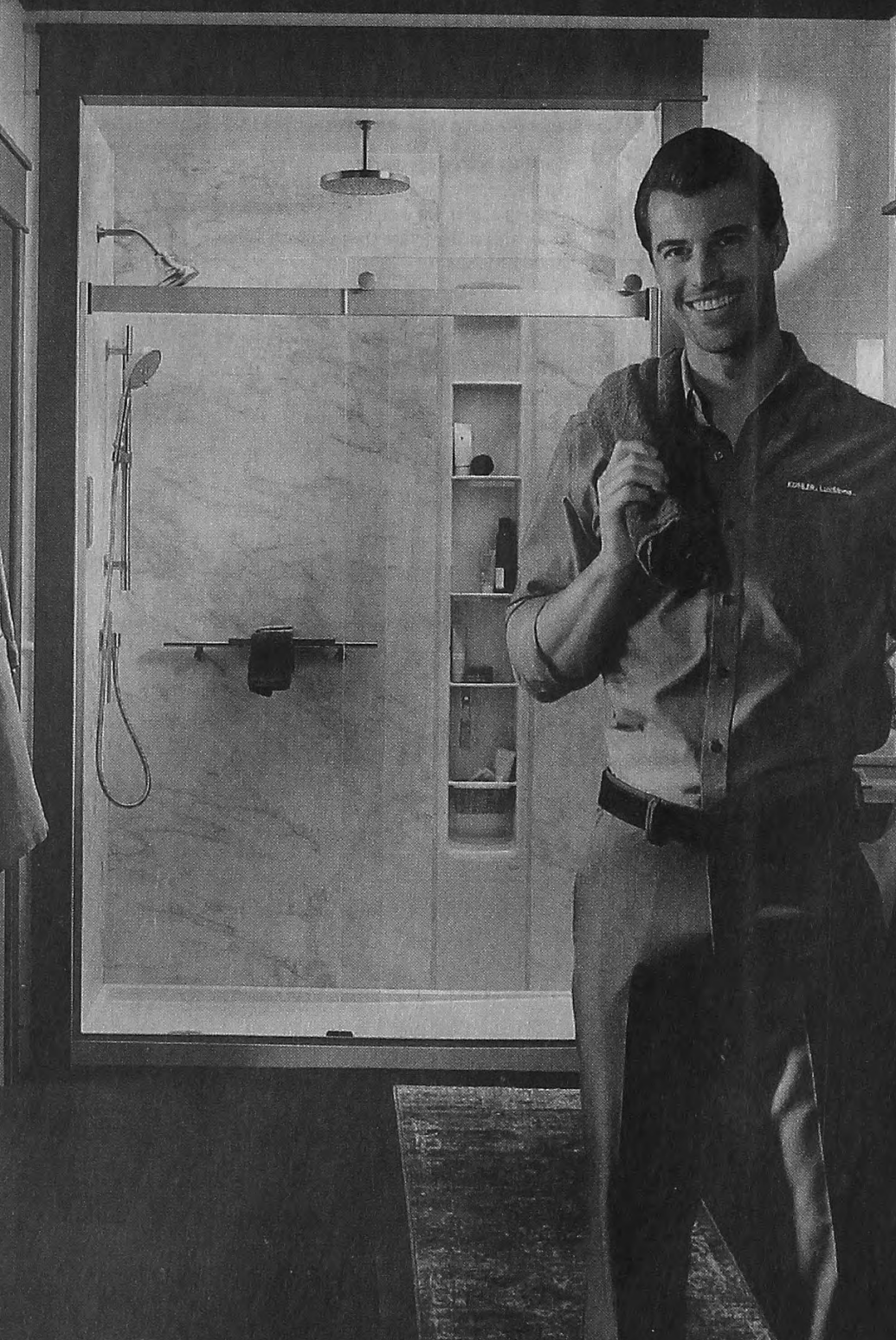
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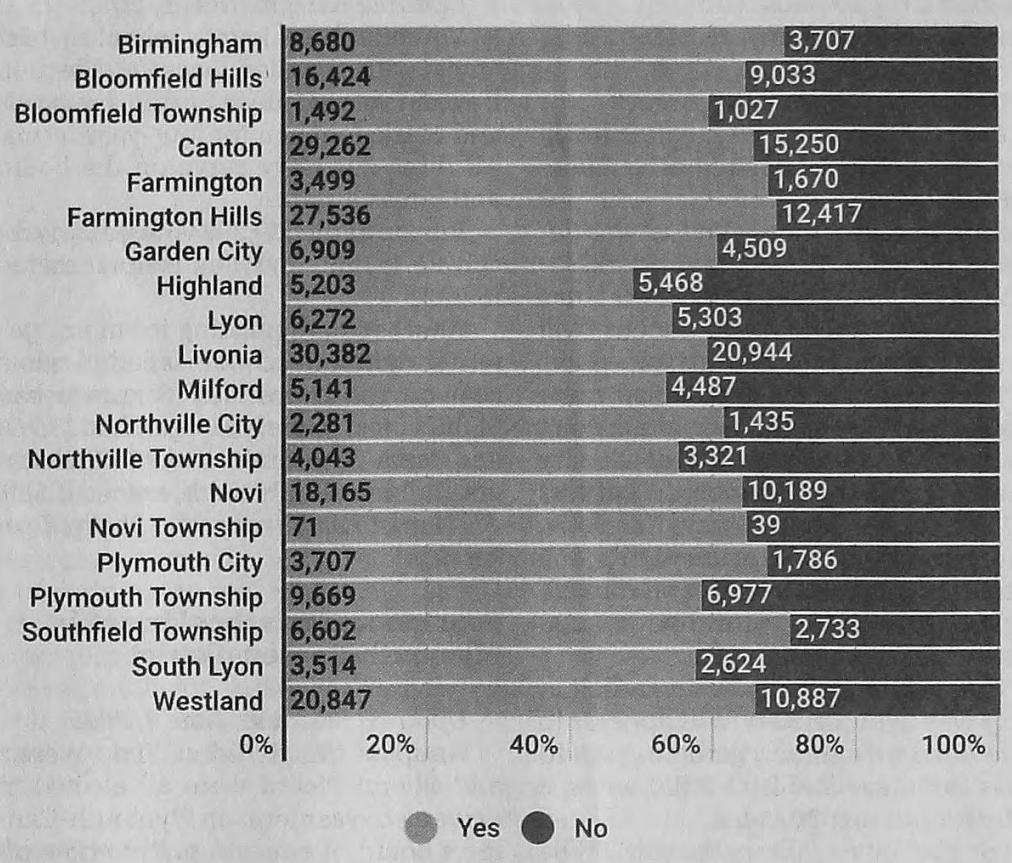
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## How communities voted

Vote totals (unofficial) in Hometown Life communities for Proposal 3 to enshrine reproductive rights in the Michigan Constitution.



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## Proposal

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for the safety and well-being of our children. I'm a mom, and I think we need to protect our children."

There were multiple mothers also seeking to protect their children in Birmingham, but with an opposite view on how to do so.

"The right for my own reproductive choices for myself and my daughter is why I made sure I was here when the doors opened," Sara Jackson, 42, said early Tuesday morning. "Nothing will stand in the way of me being able to have a say in that decision. My daughter is 11 and we talk about how this is an absolute right that is being taken away and

who should have a say in that." Sandra Van Meek, 51, noted Roe v. Wade had been established law nearly all of her life. She said it is scary to think of returning to the time before abortion was legal.

"I have a daughter, and I know people who have had to make decisions in life and death situations," she said. "I hate to think of them not here with me today because of not having that right."

Jaclyn Laske brought future voter Ella, 3, to Pierce Elementary School in Birmingham when she voted. Laske said she came out to vote for her daughter and in favor of proposal three.

"We had to go through fertility treatments," she said. "And I had to have an abortion even though I didn't want one. The baby had passed. Not everything is black and white."

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# Election

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Updated 4:45 p.m., Nov. 8, 2022

If there's one thing most Americans can agree on this Election Day, it's that cupcakes are delicious.

That's why one local bakery has taken it upon itself to spread patriotic love through frosting and sprinkles. Luca Pastry's Livonia location at 29609 Seven Mile has sold Election Day cupcakes all day. Sporting American flags, elephants, donkeys and the ever-famous "I voted" stickers on top, the cupcakes have been available all day at the bakery west of Middlebelt.

Barbara Cangialosi, mother of the bakery's owner Michael Cangialosi, said it was her son's idea to offer them again this year. They previously sold them in 2020.

The bakery has locations in Canton Township, Plymouth, Livonia and Ann Arbor, though the Election Day cupcakes are only for sale at the Livonia bakery. That shop is open until 7 p.m. tonight, or better known as "one hour before the polls close."

- Hometown Life reporter David Veselenak

## Voter turnout appears high across metro Detroit

Updated 4 p.m., Nov. 8, 2022

A steady stream of voters came and went mid-afternoon at Canton's Liberty Middle School, where Precincts 20, 21, 26 and 27 are housed. Precinct Chair Jacqueline Oparaeke said things were rolling along smoothly with no hiccups thus far.

On his way to the parking lot, Precinct Delegate Dave Wdowiak said things have been busy all day.

"Everyone's working their butts off in there," he said, referring to the other precinct delegates. "We have no coffee and no refreshments available, and that's a problem, but no one wants to leave because it's so busy."

Farther north in Milford, Beth Beattie, co-chair of Precinct 2 in Milford, said turnout was very strong. As of around noon, more than 300 voters had cast their ballots. At precinct 3, also at Johnson Elementary School, the number of voters had topped 400.

As of 1 p.m., voter turnout is higher than expected, said Jake Rollow, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of State. Poll workers are seeing more in-person voters than they're used to, Rollow said, but they're processing it well and everything is going smoothly.

- Hometown Life reporters Laura Colvin and Susan Bromley

## Michigan's eighth largest city, Livonia, begins processing absentee ballots

Updated 3 p.m. Nov. 8, 2022

Processing absentee ballots has gone smoothly for



Voter Laura Shuck (left) chats with Farmington Public School candidate Angie Smith on Nov. 8, at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

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Livonia so far, said city clerk Susan Nash.

Election workers have taken over the city's senior center at Five Mile and Farmington for going through ballots. That's a change from the primary election in August, where election workers took over the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library to count ballots.

In there, tabulators are going through ballots and checking how they're marked. Two Democrats and two Republicans are at each station, reviewing ballots as they go through to determine intent of voting. It's a process, Nash said, that goes very well and shows that — despite the charged political climate the United States is currently in — people of different backgrounds can get along.

"When they have downtime, and there will have some, they get along. They talk about their families ... their kid's recital, their grandkids. They're human beings with each other. That's how it should be."

Nash said the city has seen far less absentee ballots this election compared to 2020. As of 8 a.m. this morning, the city had received 20,181 ballots back of the 26,063 it had issued.

- Hometown Life reporter David Veselenak

## Steady stream at Cooper school in Westland

Updated 2 p.m. Nov. 8, 2022

Cooper school in Westland had a steady stream of voters all morning. Election workers said they expect a busy day.

Cooper is the polling place for four precincts in Westland.

Voter Tom Wilson said one thing motivates him to

vote: "Change," he said.

Other voters at the site said Proposal 3 and school board races brought them to the polls.

- Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Morning voters share diverging views on state, county proposals

Updated 1 p.m. Nov. 8, 2022

Chris Wolf is a Farmington Hills precinct delegate, who added a vote biblically sign outside the precinct and is voting no on all 3 state proposals because "you almost need a lawyer to go through and understand all the implications and long-term effects. It is basic, but you get lawyers and find out how far it can go bad."

Wolf also is opposed to the public transit tax in Oakland County, citing the lack of transport to cross the county line to Genesee County hospitals that north Oakland residents use. He believes the tax is bad for the working poor and points to alternatives including Uber and Lyft.

He also finds the school board race to be very important.

"We need to get the academics up and the politics out," he said.

Joshua Shuck, conversely, is voting yes on proposal 3. He said his grandmother was in tears over Roe v. Wade being reversed and told him of the days when some of her friends had back alley abortions.

"History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme," Shuck said. "I want my daughter and future generations to have the freedom (to choose)."

Jaclyn Laske brought future voter Ella, 3, to Pierce Elementary School in Birmingham on Tuesday. Laske said she came out to vote for her daughter.

"I voted for proposal 3," Laske said. "We had to go through fertility treatments. And I had to have an abortion even though I didn't want one. The baby had passed. Not everything is black and white. You can't get rid of everything— you forget all the nuances."

Laske said you can't know everyone's story and sometimes there isn't a choice. She voted to make sure there is one.

- Hometown Life reporter Susan Bromley

## Parking a struggle early on at Livonia precincts

Updated noon Nov. 8, 2022

Voters at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia were greeted with a packed parking lot mid-morning due to a professional development event for teachers at the school from morning to mid-afternoon.

Cars not only filled the front and back parking lots, but also lined the play fields behind the school.

"It's crazy," said Sheri Amici, a precinct delegate for Precinct 10A, which is housed at Riley. "There's got to be another school they could have chosen."

Amici said she feels the situation disenfranchises voters, especially elderly who may be unable to walk a long distance to the building.

"I find it really unfortunate," she said. "There's just no place to park."

Livonia Public School Communications Director Stacy Jenkins said teachers have been asked to move their cars to the back of the building, opening up spots up front for voters.

- Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Candidates make final push with voters

Updated 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8, 2022

Laura Shuck stopped to talk with Angie Smith, Farmington Public Schools board candidate, at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

Shuck, 40, never misses an opportunity to vote, but said this election she is voting for her 6-and-a-half-year-old daughter's future and rights.

"I want my kids to have more freedoms, not less," said Shuck, also the mother of two sons. "I'm also here to vote for a governor who supports those values."

Angie Smith was campaigning to keep her seat on the school board. She said it had been a rough campaign as she has had opposition from "anti-maskers and those who don't support DEI," diversity, equity, and inclusion policies.

- Hometown Life reporter Susan Bromley

## Watching the polls in Westland

Updated 11 a.m. Nov. 8, 2022

Mack Hall of Inkster set up shop at Cooper School to serve as a poll watcher for the first time.

"A monitor can observe any irregularities or something false that may be said," he said. "I can write them down, document them and submit them."

Mack said election misinformation is what pushed him to serve as a poll watcher.

Voting sites like Cooper, which has four precincts, can be difficult to observe. Bob Johnson, the Westland Precinct 12 chair, said there's a balance between giving watchers the ability to observe without also impeding the voting process. In an attempt to strike that balance, Hall was seated near the gym entrance at Cooper, where he could view voting, a tabulator and one precinct's election workers.

Johnson said poll watchers in Westland aren't common.

- Hometown Life reporter Shelby Tankersley

## Metro Detroiters ready to vote

Updated 8 a.m. ET Nov. 8, 2022

Roughly 40 people were lined up outside Roosevelt Elementary in Livonia before polling place doors opened at 7 a.m. Carolyn Stewart was among the first to cast their vote. She votes in every election and is motivated purely by civic duty.

"I always vote," she said. "I marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and Aretha Franklin's daddy. That started it for me."

Over in Birmingham, the first voters in line at Pierce Elementary were Amy Murphy and Dave Barrett. Both said inflation was a driving issue. Barrett said he wanted to see proposal 1 on term limits passed.

"I just think no matter how you vote, we have to preserve that right," he said.

- Hometown Life reporters Shelby Tankersley and Susan Bromley

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### Warren Arthur Flagg, Jr.

**PLYMOUTH** - Warren Arthur Flagg, Jr., aged 78 of Plymouth, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on October 30, 2022.

Warren was born in Detroit on December 8, 1943 and was the oldest of six children. He married Katie Love on November 28, 1964 and worked hard every day thereafter to support the family they made. After Katie passed away in 2005, he found a second chance at love and a new lease on life with his wife of 11 years, Julia Hoglen.

He never let his children or grandchildren forget how proud they made him. He was charismatic and loved to tell a story. It did not matter whether his audience was a bar full of strangers or the children that called him "Bumpa". He enjoyed a hearty glass of scotch and had an infectious laugh that will be missed by many.

Warren is survived by his beloved wife Julia, his children Sue Sheerin, Liz Crawford (Bob), and Brian Flagg; siblings David (Jill), Michael, Steve (Monica) Flagg; grandchildren Amber Sheerin (Stuart Crittenden), Kyle Sheerin (Michelle), Trevor LaFond (Dommy), Katie LaFond (Eric Adams); ten great-grandchildren; and countless friends and neighbors that he loved like family. Warren was preceded in death by his wife Katie, his parents, Warren Sr. and Barbara, and his brother Paul Flagg.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, Friday, November 11, 2022 at Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E Main St, Northville, MI 48167 with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Special Olympics Michigan or the charity of your choice in Warren's memory.



### John Edward Rose Jr.

**LIVONIA** - John Edward Rose Jr., 48 of Livonia, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on November 6, 2022, in Adrian, Michigan. He was born on July 19, 1974, in Los Gatos, California to John Edward Rose Sr. and Janie (Watson) Vanduyne. John attended Narbonne High School in Harbor City, California.

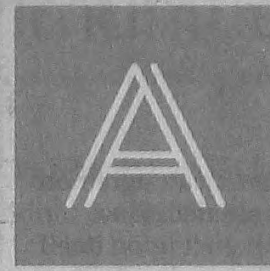
John spent 23 years of his career at Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the UAW Local 600. John lived life to the fullest, he enjoyed riding motorcycles, kayaking, mountain biking, listening to music, and playing golf. Above all these things, he loved being with his family and children.

John is survived by his parents, John Rose Sr. (Ciria) and Janie Vanduyne (Phil); sons, James (Emily) Rose of Eglin AFB, Florida; Jake Rose of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Anica Rose (Chandler) of Columbus, Indiana; siblings, Jennifer (Duane) Rose-Hopp of Belleville, Michigan; Kenneth (Molly) Rose of Davenport, Florida; and Kirsten (Chris) Stanley of Greenfield, Indiana; 3 grandchildren, Elijah, Norah, and Dean; his best friend in life, Candice Rose; 17 nieces and nephews, various aunts, uncles, cousins, and many honorary brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and friends that were like family to him. John is preceded in death by an infant daughter: Lilly Rose; paternal grandparents: James K. and Alberta Rose and Jacqueline Rose Ernst; maternal grandparents: John & Jody Watson

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will be held following the visitation at 1:00 pm at the mortuary with Funeral Celebrant, Alex Adams officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, 51299 Arkona Rd. Belleville, MI 48111 or envelopes will be available during services at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or condolence online at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com).





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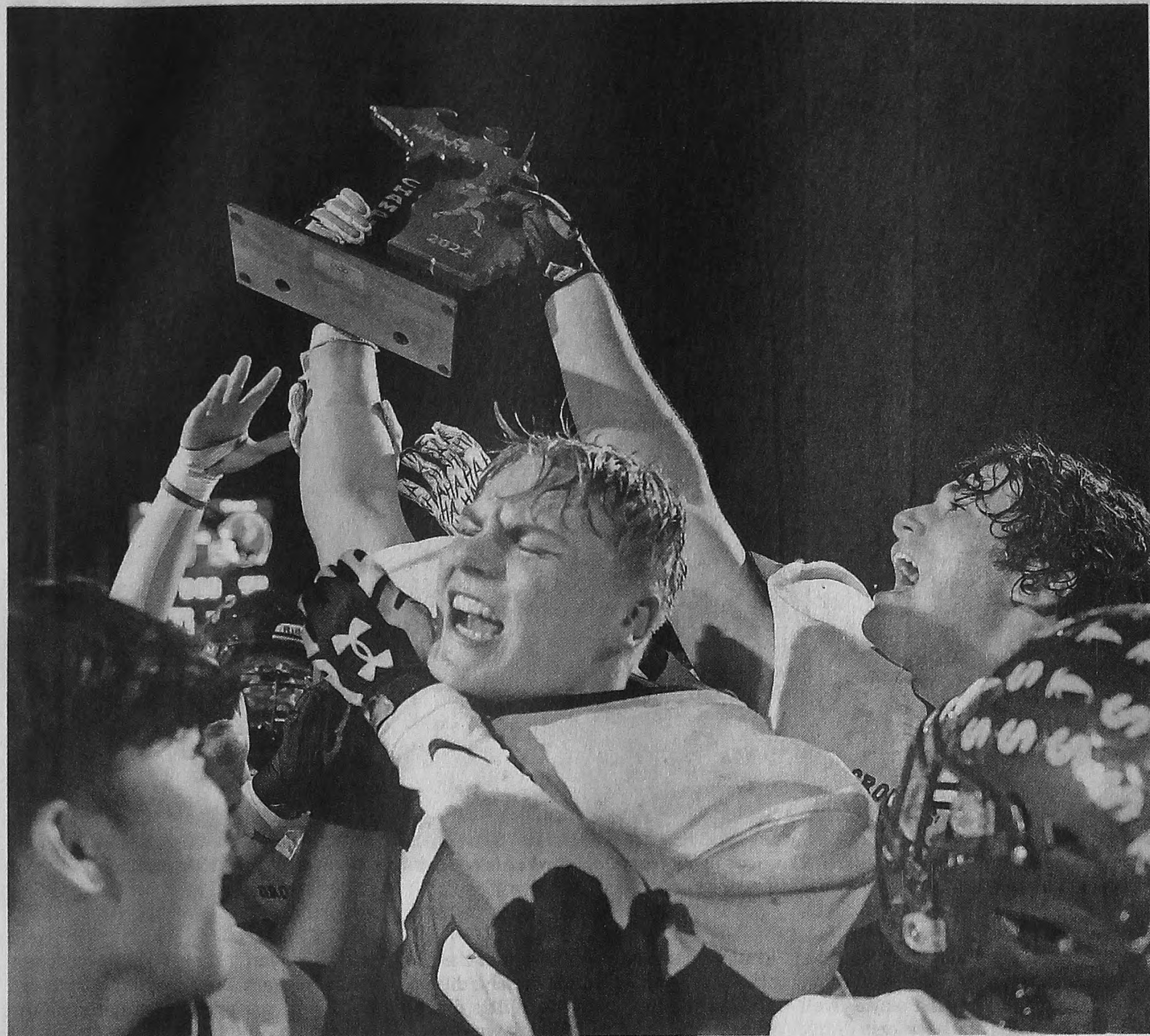
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# SPORTS



Birmingham Groves' Morgan Goldberg hoists the championship trophy after a playoff Nov. 4 at Birmingham Seaholm. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Groves staff gets heated over play call that won district title

**Brandon Folsom**  
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Last year was it. Elias Kendra has no interest in going out for the Birmingham Groves track and field team again. He gave it a shot as a junior, and he admittedly didn't do too well. But maybe the senior should reconsider being one-and-done with the sport. Why? Because he looked like former Falcons state runner-up sprinter Cedric Boswell during a 26-12 victory Nov. 5 in the Division 2 football district championship at rival Birmingham Seaholm. What a play he made. The Falcons (8-3) wound up in a 12-0 hole early in the first half, but they

scored 19-straight points to erase that deficit and take a one-score lead following Josh Woods' 80-yard touchdown to open the second half. Seaholm put together a potential scoring drive early in the fourth quarter, marching all the way down to the 1-yard line. The Maples called a fullback dive play for Granden Kinnie to knot the score. But the handoff wasn't clean, and the ball squirted loose just outside of the end zone, and Groves sophomore Aiden Leung fell on it. The turnover kept points off the scoreboard, but the Falcons didn't have the win secured just yet. Plus, they had their heels in their own end zone. One screw-up and Seaholm's defense was going to have an easy chance to get the ball back or, even worse, come up with a

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Birmingham Groves' Elias Kendra gets up field.

## Former Mercy player helps Mustangs edge Marlins in regional semis

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Around and around and around Sarah Lindstrom spun. It's become a post-game tradition for the second-year Northville volleyball coach following important victories. And Tuesday's 3-1 win in the Division 1 regional semifinal over No. 8 Farmington Hills Mercy was definitely an important victory for the second-ranked Mustangs. What's the tradition? Lindstrom carries with her a pink staff that has a purple unicorn head attached to the end of it. Her team huddles around her while she spins in circles. When she finally stops, she taps the unicorn end of the baton on the head of whomever she deems worthy enough for her Player of the Game honor. And absolutely no one in Lincoln Park's gymnasium was surprised that the majestic unicorn picked Ella Craggs this time around. It wasn't because Craggs had the best game out of all the Mustangs. Though, as their starting setter the sophomore certainly played a big role in pushing them past the Marlins in a state championship-caliber match. You could actually argue that right-side hitter Mallory Reck was the top performer, as, time and time again, the sophomore came up with clutch kills to help the Mustangs pull out each close-call set. While the final score may have looked like an easy win, it certainly wasn't. Northville edged Mercy 25-22, 25-23 and 25-21 in the sets they won and fell just 25-23 in the third set. And Reck came up with three pivotal kills and a key tip down the stretch of the final set to ensure her team would face Allen Park in Thursday's regional final. Yeah, yeah, Reck played awesome, but you want to know why Lindstrom picked Craggs as the Player of the Game instead, right? That's because Craggs used to be a Marlin. And she didn't let playing against her former squad get the best of her on such a big stage. "It's a really personal match for me, obviously," the 5-foot-9 setter said. "And it felt really nice that we came out so strong and were able to finish. I was definitely really nervous for this game,

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## Antwain White out as Redford Thurston football coach

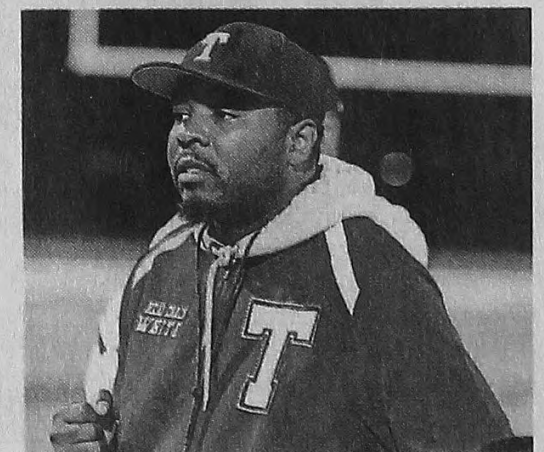
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Antwain White likely will not return as Redford Thurston's football coach in 2023. Eagles athletic director Lawrence Reeves wrote in an official statement to Hometown Life on Nov. 3 that White was not fired but confirmed the first-year coach will not be asked to return to the team next season. Reeves said White, whose Eagles were winless this past fall, was hired on an interim-only basis, as South Redford

Schools had less than a month to find a replacement for former coach Bob Snell, who stepped down following 34 seasons leading the program. White did not respond to a text message seeking comments for this story. "Although we believe there were several positive attributes and contributions that Coach White brought to the team as the Thurston Football Head Coach, we do believe that it is in the best interest of the program to reopen the search for the head coaching position at Thurston in advance of the 2023 season," Reeves wrote in the statement. "Coach White will have the opportunity

to reapply and interview for the position with a comprehensive pool of candidates. During this process of a nationwide coaching search, football operations will be run by the Athletic Department and Assistant Coaches on the current staff." White, a 2002 Thurston graduate, was tabbed as the head coach just one week before the season started in August. He was forced to scramble to put together a coaching staff, meet the team and prepare the players for the season. Officially, the Eagles finished with an

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Coach Antwain White. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Rochester Adams soccer takes Division 1 title, 2-0, over Rockford

Tom Lang

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COMSTOCK PARK – Rochester Adams was only able to muster a middle-of-the-pack finish this year in the Oakland Activities Association Red conference — but on Saturday, the Highlanders grabbed the Division 1 state championship in a 2-0 win over No. 3-ranked Rockford, which came in undefeated.

Junior Jackson Craft came up with the first goal, in the first half, before senior Matthew Vostriakov (on a Craft assist) added an insurance goal with 4:12 remaining to seal the championship. The program's last state title was in 1999.

"The ball came up on my right and I saw it and cut in and shot it," Vostriakov said. "I know we could take the one goal and be fine, but this was a nice cushion."

Only moments before Vostriakov's goal, Rockford had a great chance to tie the game when Adam Flanders beat the Adams defense and had a wide-open shot from about 20 yards, but junior goalie John Coon made the save.

"Yes, that was a close one," Vostriakov said. "John made a great save. John got the better of (the matchup)."

Adams coach Josh Hickey said he really wasn't nervous about the attempt, and that he was very comfortable with the one-score lead most of the game.

"Our goalie's been great all year," he said. "I knew he'd get a touch on it. And your heart is pounding because you want to get a win, but I wasn't nervous at all about it. I knew he'd get it covered."

"In a state final, you're ecstatic with any goals, especially against a good team like Rockford. We just had to hold onto it, and after Matthew got that last one, that really was huge."

Coon appeared focused the entire game. He had three saves.

"All I was thinking was, just keep it out of the net," he said. "I didn't know what the score was at that time, but the whole game was just keep it out of the net, keep it at zero and let the rest of my team do the work first."

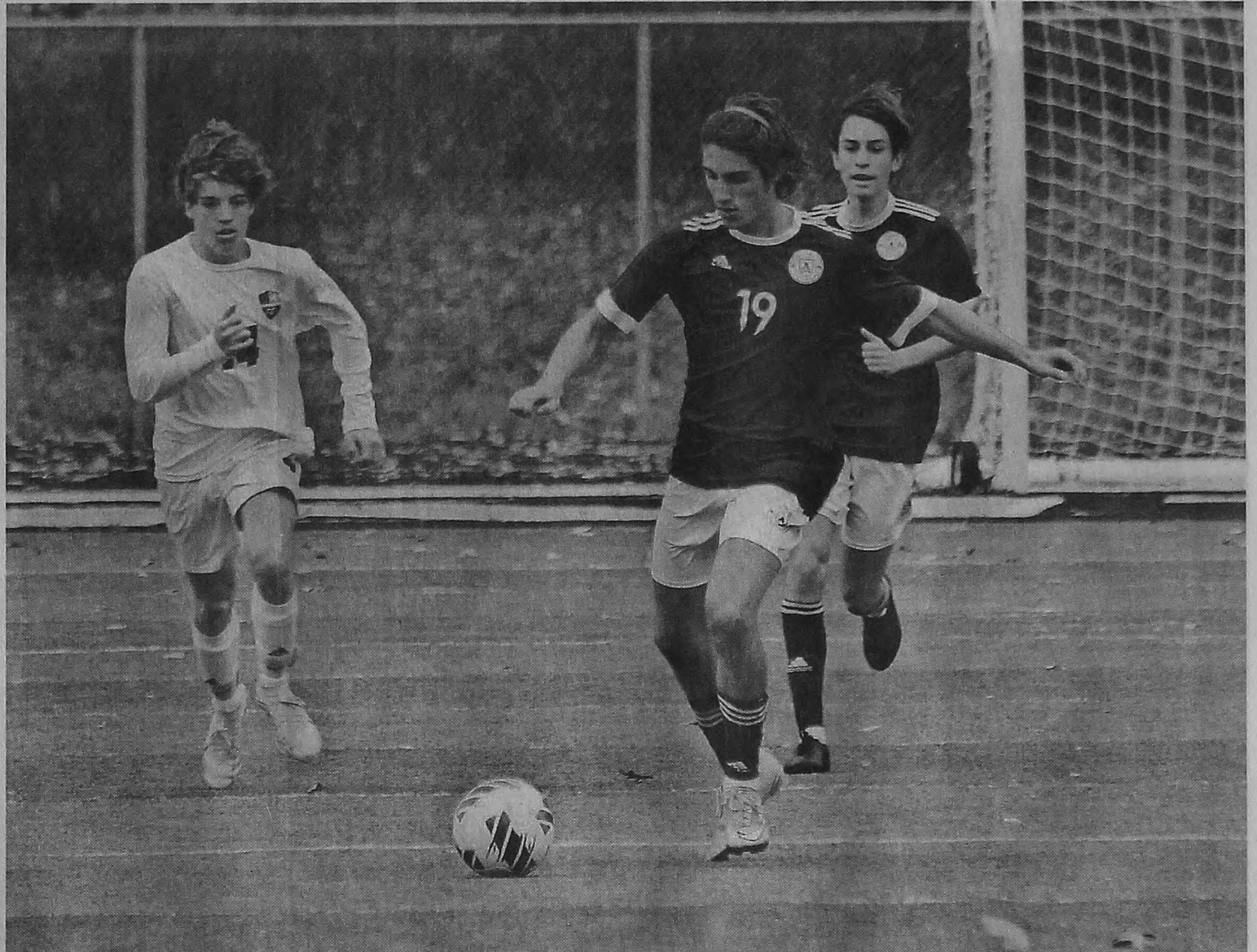
"I think we were underrated all season, and never really got the respect we deserved. It just came down to we won every single game in the tournament, and we did that with heart and effort, and I think we just really turned it up in the tournament."

Hickey credited league play for the end result.

"It's hard to put into words for it to make sense, but our league is so tough," he said. "It was just a matter of inches in most of those games. And we only lost one game all year (to Troy). We tied Clarkston, Berkley, Adams. Those were dogfights with great teams that could have gone either way. That's how it happens. It's crazy."

Adams finished 17-1-6 and advanced through the tournament by avenging its only loss, to Troy. Rockford was 22-1-1.

"We didn't really play to our potential, in some ways," Rockford coach Tim Boelman said. "We worked hard but



Rochester Adams' Michael Elzerman (19) moves away from Rockford defenders in the Division 1 state title match in Comstock Park. TOM LANG/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

there were times we just didn't find the people that have really done everything for us all season. Just didn't play as well as we wanted to. Today we just didn't show up.

"Adams played a really good game. All credit to them. They've got some really good players, they worked us over and worked us really hard. We didn't do what we should have done today."

## Division 3: Holland Christian 2, Grosse Ile 0

The gruesome weather late Saturday afternoon was as much of a challenge to the state finals match than the teams were on the field.

As rain and high winds pounded the pitch at Comstock Park High School early in the first half, neither Holland Christian or Grosse Ile could garner much traction.

Once the rain subsided and faded away for most of the second half, Holland Christian scored two goals to take the Division 3 championship, 2-0.

"We were against the wind in the first half and the wind kind of died in the second. So, it was a little difficult for us to get out of our own end in the first," Grosse Ile coach Jon Evans said.

"I thought we put forth a really good effort. We've come a really long way from the beginning of the season, when we started out the season 1-3, and going into the playoffs at 8-7. To make it to five

straight finals, and for the senior class to win two, lost two. ... Obviously, the result on the field today is a little disappointing but overall, I think it was a successful season to get here, back to the finals."

Holland Christian (20-1-3) got its two goals in the second half, one by Derek Huisman in the 62nd minute, and by Michael Pierce with less than 12 minutes remaining.

"We knew that the ball was going to skip through, and it was going to carry a little further when we had the wind," Holland Christian coach Dave DeBoer said. "But defensively we played pretty stout, our backs did a really nice job. Obviously, our goalkeeper, he's the best goalkeeper I've ever coached. Really proud of them all."

"Super, super excited for them (the boys). Obviously, this is the hope and the dream at the end of every season. These kids just kept trusting each other, trusting the process. I'm very proud of them."

Regarding the challenging weather conditions, DeBoer said, "We like to try and play possession style, so it wasn't the cleanest game for us for sure, but on set pieces I felt we had an advantage in regards to just our size, and obviously we could take advantage of a couple of those."

Evans said his team really didn't see anything they were not expecting.

"They moved the ball really well," he

said of Holland Christian. "They've got strong players in every single position. We knew what we were getting ourselves into."

Grosse Ile had six straight victories in the tournament coming in, but ended the season 14-8-0.

## Division 2: Richland Gull Lake 1, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 0

Ryker Corstange slammed a shot from the left side in the first minute for Gull Lake for the only goal of the game at Novi High School, and goalie Evan Kaiser continued his shutout streak — the Blue Devils didn't allow a goal over six games in the state tournament. The title was the first on the boys side for Gull Lake coach Jeff Corstange (Ryker's uncle), who won three as Gull Lake's girls coach.

## Division 4: Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 1, Ann Arbor Greenhills 0

Ann Arbor Greenhills allowed just one goal in its 2022 state tournament run; unfortunately for the Gryphons, it came in the 76th minute Saturday as Matthew Bradford-Royle hammered home a rebound off Ashton Leffring's free kick for WMC's eighth state title. WMC started this season 2-5-0 and finished the season 16-8-2.

## Mustangs

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but I'm really glad we were able to pull through. We knew they were a really tough matchup and one of the hardest we had to get through, so I think we can just keep going from here and, hopefully, just push through to Battle Creek."

Craggs, who is actually the younger sister of former Detroit Catholic Central power forward Cooper Craggs, who is now playing basketball at Oakland University, is an All-American setter for the Pontiac-based Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy.

But since she was just a freshman on a talented roster a year ago, she played outside hitter on Mercy's varsity.

That wasn't why she transferred to Northville this past summer. She actually thought being in a public school setting like Northville's was a better fit for her personality. And it has been.

But she's definitely happy about playing her natural position again, which she hasn't taken for granted. She was one of four Mustangs recently named to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's all-conference team.

And for her to step up, keep her nerves in check and play heads-up against her former team, it said everything you needed to know about Prep-

Dig.com's fifth-ranked recruit from Michigan in the 2025 class.

"You know what, for her to be doing what she did today in this setting and against *that* team, I think it just speaks volumes of her maturity and composure," Lindstrom said. "All we really talked about today was, 'Hey, trust your hitters. You have more than (Michigan Miss Volleyball nominee Abby Reck).'"

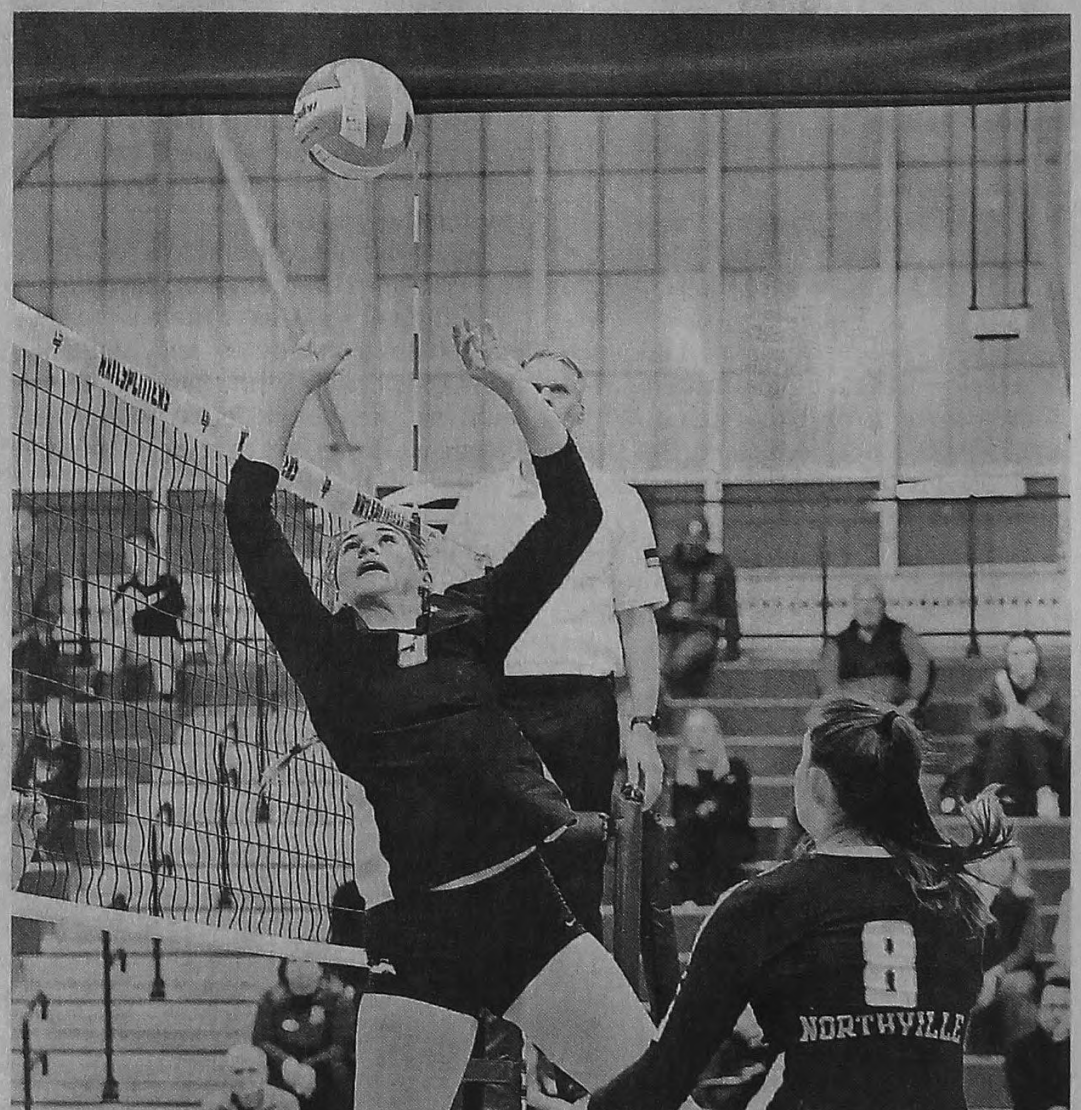
"We didn't even want the first ball to go to Abby tonight. We wanted everyone else to know how deep we run, and I just think she did a great job moving the ball around. Her setting decisions were there. She got after it early in the front row and showed them (Mercy) that she can be offensive and aggressive, and that was her holding their blockers. You saw her hold the middle blockers and get one-on-one matchups left and right, and Ella made our hitters look better than they are sometimes, and she did a great job of that tonight."

Northville will be favored in the regional championship.

And a victory means they'll need just three more to claim a state title.

That's five more unicorn spins from Lindstrom for those keeping score at home.

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Northville's Ella Craggs sets during the Division 1 volleyball regional semifinal Nov. 8 at Lincoln Park. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Groves

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safety or defensive TD.

Instead, Groves called *the play*.

Yes, *the play*.

When quarterback Cayden Hardy tossed a 23-yard TD pass to Jalin Samuel to put the Falcons ahead, 13-12, just 57 seconds before halftime, Groves wanted to run *the play* to convert the ensuing two-point conversion and go ahead by a field goal.

But a brief argument amongst the coaching staff ensued. And, alas, *the play* was not used, and Hardy's pass on the call that Groves actually ran for the conversion fell incomplete.

"We knew it was going to be a big play," said coach Brendan Flaherty, who's in his 22nd season leading the Falcons. "We just thought it was kind of a gadget play that we thought we could get. It's one of those one-time only types of things. We didn't run it, and we actually got into an argument before half. We were going to run it for the two-point play, but I'm glad we saved it."

So what the heck is *the play*?

The Falcons stole a tight end jet sweep recently used by Georgia. Basically, the QB looks as if he's about to hand off to the running back for an off-tackle run, but instead he sneaks the ball into the belly of a tight end who is sweeping in the opposite direction. It works a lot like a counter or reverse.

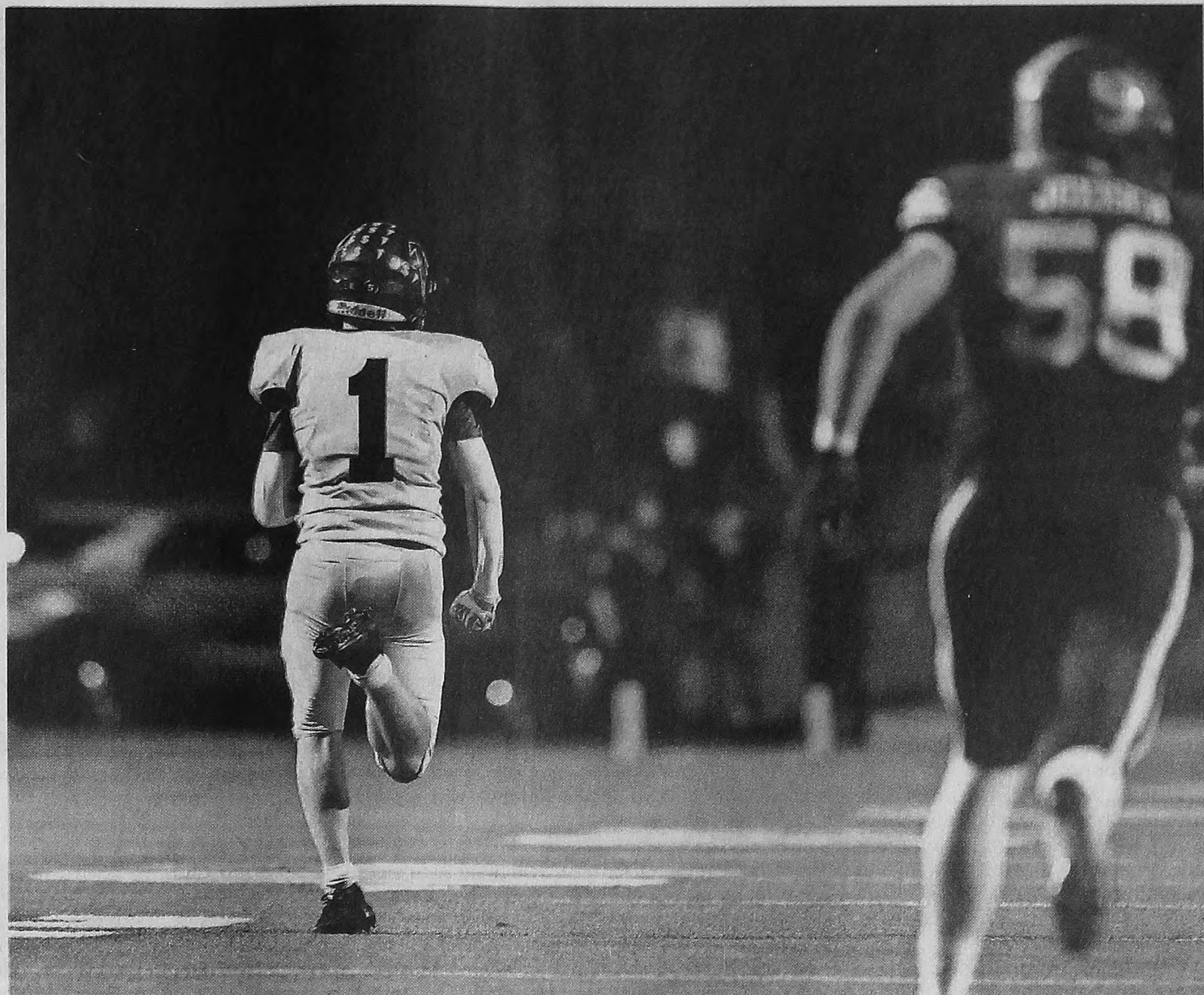
And Groves called it at just the right time.

Seaholm's defense overcommitted to stop Woods, Kendra tucked the ball under both of his arms and away the senior went on a 92-yard sprint down the near sideline. Completely untouched.

Kendra's personal best in the 100-meter sprint last spring was 12.45 seconds (side note: Why is an almost 200-pound H-back competing in the sprints?). And that earned him a fifth-place finish during a dual meet against North Farmington.

But in this race to reach the end zone, he looked as fast as Boswell, who ran a school record 10.72 seconds in the event during the 2015 state finals.

"I've never scored a more wide-open touchdown in my life," said Kendra, who scored just his second TD of the season. "It's amazing. I just wanted to make sure we won this game. This game meant ev-



Birmingham Groves' Elias Kendra scores a game-clinching TD during a Division 2 playoff Nov. 4 at Birmingham Seaholm.

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everything to us. We're rivals across town. I just had to do it. Two hands on the ball. And I just took it. ...

"I did track last year, but I'm not a track star. I wasn't that much of a runner. But this was probably the fastest I've ever ran in my life."

The score gave the Falcons' defense, which came up with four turnovers, breathing room throughout the final 9 minutes of regulation. And it basically put all hopes of a comeback out of reach for the Maples, who also lost to Groves, 14-7, in the regular-season finale two weeks ago.

"It feels amazing, just making my mark on Groves history," Kendra added.

"It feels good."

The victory gave the Falcons just their fifth district championship ever and their first since their state semifinal run in 2018.

Groves entered the fall coming off an abysmal 2-7 effort in 2021. Bouncing back to make the playoffs this fall seemed unlikely.

When Flaherty asked his seniors about what their goals were for this season, most of them said they'd like to win at least four games.

Which is wild to think about because the Falcons are on a four-game winning streak *right now*.

"The hardest thing was to get these

guys to believe," Flaherty said. "Just to believe that they could be pretty good. ... Shoot, this was like Week 4 of the playoffs for us. We had to win the last two to even get in, and then we've won these first two rounds, so it's like we've been in the playoffs for a month."

Thanks to this playoff run, the Falcons are now believers.

And thanks to *the play*, Kendra should now be a believer in his sprinting speed.

Just a heads up, Elias: Track practice begins March 13.

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# Thrown for a loop

## Lions mailbag: Does Jared Goff return in 2023?

**Dave Birkett**

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I didn't win the delayed \$1.9 billion Powerball drawing Tuesday, sadly for my heirs, but I hit the mailbag lottery with your questions this week. Let's hop in.

**Do you think Goff is on the Lions roster next season? — @crowlick**

It's been an interesting half-season for Lions quarterback Jared Goff, who played well enough in the first month that he looked like he might stick around for a few years, but has struggled badly enough in the four games since that it seems obvious the Lions will be looking for his replacement come spring, whether quarterbacks coach Mark Brunell wants to acknowledge that or not.

I think the final nine games will determine Goff's future in Detroit, though if I had to guess right now I'd lean toward him returning for one more season. The Lions absolutely need to find a young quarterback to build around, but there's no guarantee they will be in position to land one in the draft, and I don't see many other viable alternatives out there.

If the Lions own the first or second pick of the draft or are able to swing a deal to acquire one of those choices before the start of the 2023 league year, the decision is easy. Goff is due a \$20.65 million contract next season, has a \$5 million roster bonus due in March, and the Lions could free up roughly \$20 million in cap space by letting him go.

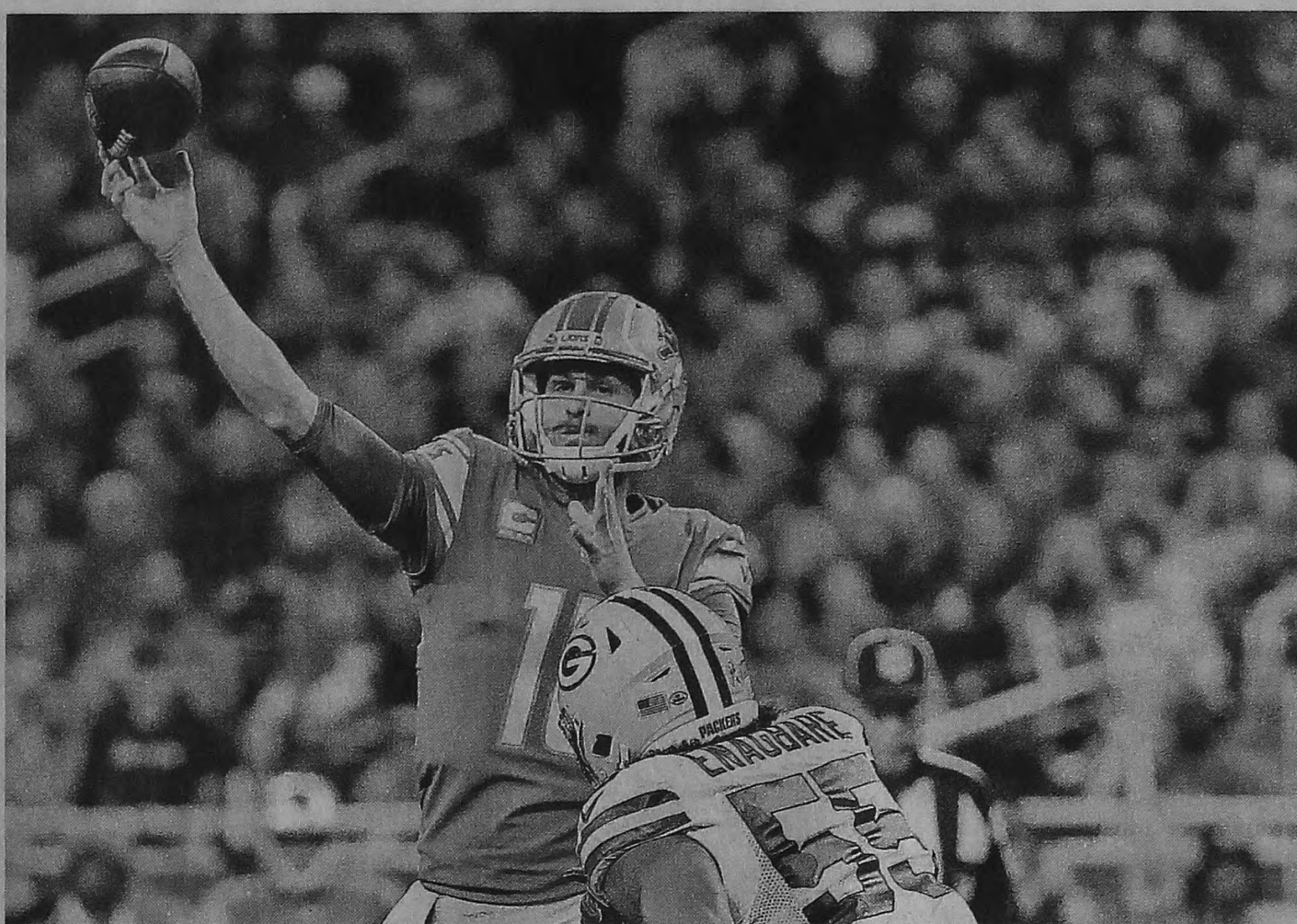
If the Lions don't have a top pick, cutting Goff becomes more difficult because the team still may need a bridge to its future or someone it believes can win in the present. There is no obvious Deshaun Watson/Russell Wilson-type veteran that will be on the move next spring, and the potential free agent options — Baker Mayfield, Jimmy Garoppolo, Jacoby Brissett — are Goff-esque.

I do not believe the Baltimore Ravens will let Lamar Jackson become an unrestricted free agent, so I'm not including him as an option, and the Geno Smith-Seattle Seahawks pairing looks too perfect to break up. A lot can change between now and March, so this is a better question for after the season. But I wouldn't be surprised if Goff returns for one more year.

**Dave, it seems with a weaker schedule over the last 1/3 of the season Detroit may play itself out of QB contention. What's the play if they end up 7-13 in the draft? — @MatthewAPaulso1**

I still think a quarterback could be in play in that range for the Lions, if the draft grades for Kentucky's Will Levis check out. Levis is big, strong-armed and mobile. I doubt he'll surpass Alabama's Bryce Young or Ohio State's C.J. Stroud in the prospect pecking order, but he certainly feels like a first-round pick.

The Lions, don't forget, also have the Los Angeles Rams' first-round choice, which opens plenty of possibilities. They could try and package both picks to move up if they fall in love with a quarterback (though they'd likely need the Jacksonville Jaguars to leapfrog the Houston Texans or Carolina Panthers in the draft order for that to happen). Or they could take the two best defensive players available and try to bling out that unit.



Lions quarterback Jared Goff makes a pass against Packers linebacker Kingsley Enagbare during the first half of last Sunday's win at Ford Field. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Door No. 3 might actually be the best option, taking Levis and a defensive player, in whatever order the draft winds dictate.

The Lions badly need a young signal-caller, but they have enough holes that adding a top-notch defender in that 7-13 range would feel pretty good, too.

**Was health really an issue (with D'Andre Swift) or are the Lions being too careful with their "star" running back? He looked fine during the game, yet only got 7 targets compared to 10 the week before vs the Dolphins. Duce mentioned it's "a process", but something isn't adding up. — Ken Sussex**

Ken sent this question via email as part of a longer query about Swift, but it sums up what he and others on Twitter have asked as Swift has battled injuries this season: How and where does Swift fit into the Lions' short- and long-term plans?

First, yes, Swift still is battling shoulder and ankle injuries. That's why his snaps have been limited the past two weeks. The Lions have tried to optimize his workload by putting him in situations and giving him plays where there is the potential for big or important gains. Four of his six touches/targets in last week's win over the Green Bay Packers (including one that was nullified by penalty) came on the plus side of the field or at the 50-yard line, and he averaged 10 yards a play when he touched the ball.

Jamaal Williams has run well as the lead back in Swift's absence and will continue in that role for the foreseeable future, at least until Swift's health problems subside.

As for Swift's long-term future in Detroit, he has one more year on his rookie contract and is a difference-maker when healthy. He should remain a part of the offense in 2023, but the Lions can't count on that happening and need to find a back in free agency or the draft with a similar skill set.

**Other than injured players, who has been your most disappointing Lion this year? I'd say Alim McNeill —@FriedrichsJk**

McNeill has been solid in the middle of the Lions defensive line, but he has not made many impact plays. I understand why you'd say McNeill if you hoped to see more from him as a pass rusher, but I think the most disappointing Lion is obvious: cornerback Ama-

ni Oruwariye.

I never saw Oruwariye as a lock-down cornerback, but he had a productive six-interception season in 2021 and was supposed to bring stability to the secondary while Jeff Okudah was making his way back from a torn Achilles. Instead, Okudah has been the Lions' best cornerback this season and Oruwariye has twice been benched from his starting job.

With Jerry Jacobs back and Mike Hughes looking more comfortable on the outside, I doubt we'll see much of Oruwariye at cornerback the rest of the season. For a player who appeared headed for a nice contract extension this offseason, it's been quite the fall from grace.

**Why does Dan coach like he's playing a video game? —@THEREDRANGER3**

The Lions have converted just one of their past 10 fourth down attempts and are 9-for-22 (40.9%) on fourth down tries this season. That may have a video game feel to it, but the reality is most of those decisions were supported by analytics.

Campbell has said he trusts his gut more than he does analytics in those situations, and I think his gut sometimes forgets who he has playing quarterback. But I applaud Campbell's overall approach, despite the numbers, which I think he summed up well when I asked about his decision to go for two instead of kick an extra point after the Lions' first touchdown against the Packers.

"If we had an opportunity to get points, I wanted to get points," he said.

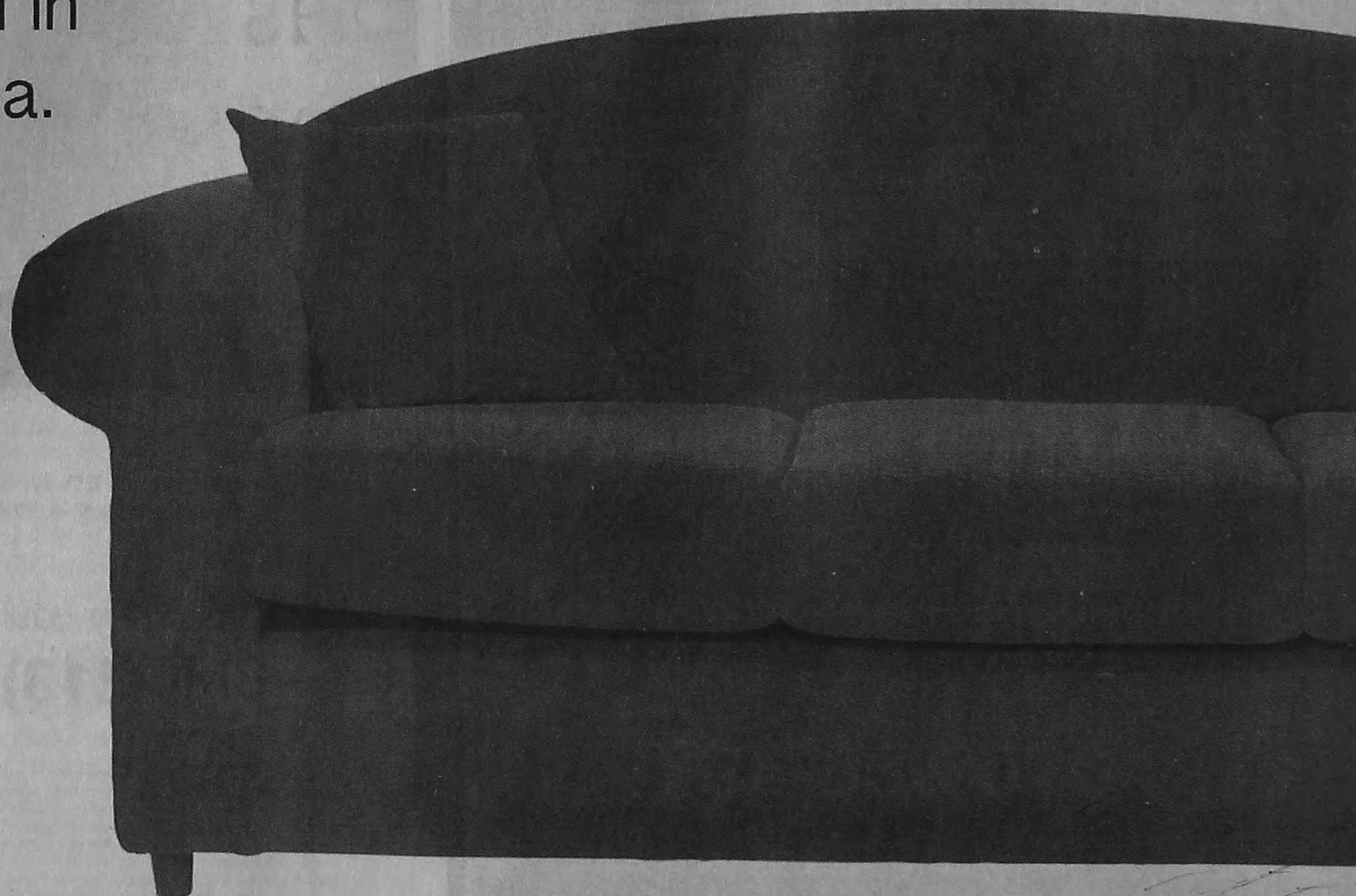
**Justin Fields over or under 100 yards rushing against the Lions? Will the Lions employ a spy or not? —@spleen95shortbr**

Give me the under. The Bears have started to unlock Fields' potential by embracing his dual-threat ability and they'd be foolish to change that up against a Lions defense that has struggled to defend rushing quarterbacks this season. Smith and Jalen Hurts both had big days on the ground against the Lions, and even Aaron Rodgers scrambled for 40 yards last week.

Still, 100 yards rushing is a lot for a quarterback. I think Fields has a nice day, but I'm leaning toward starting Dak Prescott over Fields on my fantasy team. Put me down for 60 or so yards rushing.

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# Coach

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0-8 record as their Week 7 matchup against Romulus was canceled because 11 players were suspended following an altercation with Dearborn Heights Robichaud the previous week.

Though, White had plans to turn around the program and was excited about the team's outlook. And his ouster has sparked some animosity among the parents of the current players.

One parent, Tamara Anderson, said many parents have written Reeves letters and emails asking for White's reinstatement as head coach. She said she and 11 other parents attempted to have an in-person meeting with Reeves late last week, but they were denied access to the AD.

Anderson did receive a response from Reeves via email, which she shared with Hometown Life.

In part, Reeves reiterated what he has told Hometown Life in the email to Anderson, including that White "has not been officially terminated or 'fired.' Due to the coaching search that occurred over the summer for (the) next Thurston Coach being less than one month we initially deemed the head coaching position an interim position, that we should reopen if deemed necessary at the end of the season to give a longer time to search for the best candidate for Thurston."

Anderson claims that White being named head coach on an interim-only basis wasn't made known to the players, the parents or the Thurston football community at large.

"When the season began, White did not have a staff that had experience with varsity football," Anderson wrote to Hometown Life. "As the season pro-



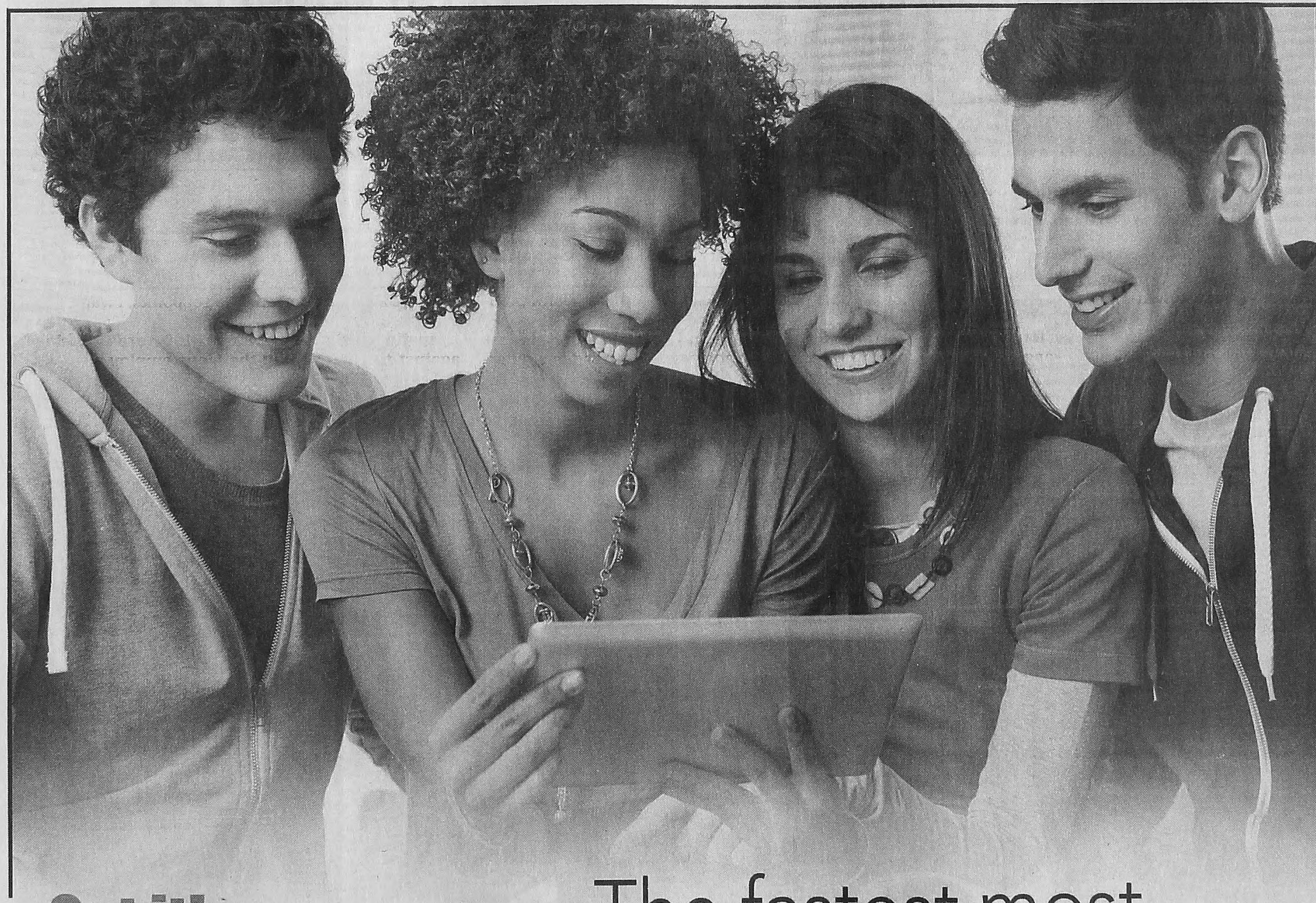
Redford Thurston's Charles Nelson rushes during a game Oct. 15 at Redford Union. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

gressed, White experienced blatant disrespect from the staff at Thurston High School. ... We are trying to advocate for White as well as the entire football team. I have several parents who are

just as angry as I am. ... This isn't about losing, this is 100% about this school removing a head coach that believed in our kids, mentored our kids, and wanted to do more for the community that he

came up in."

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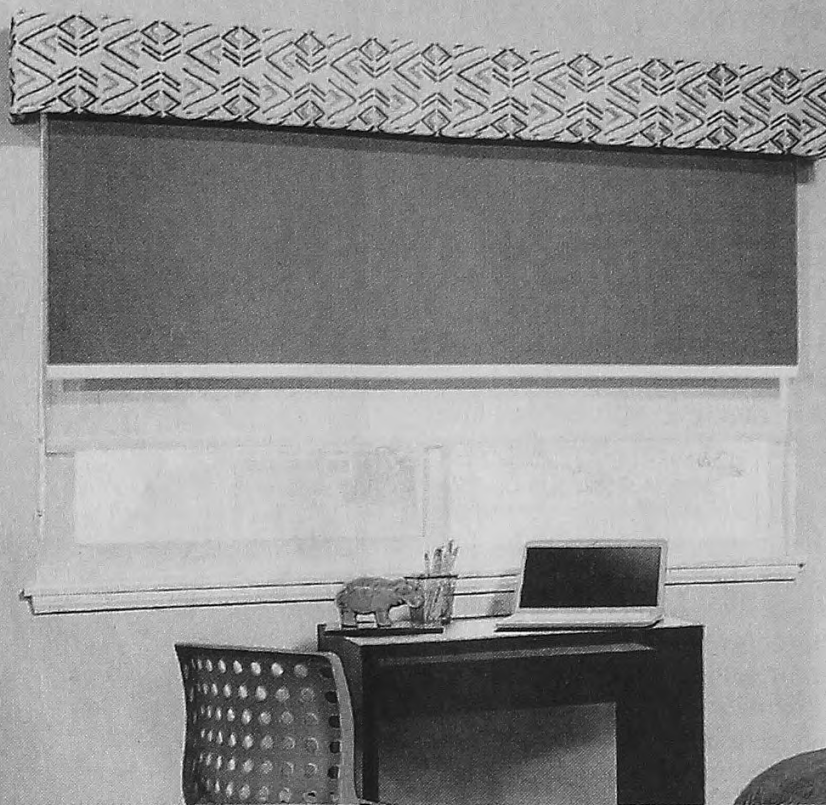
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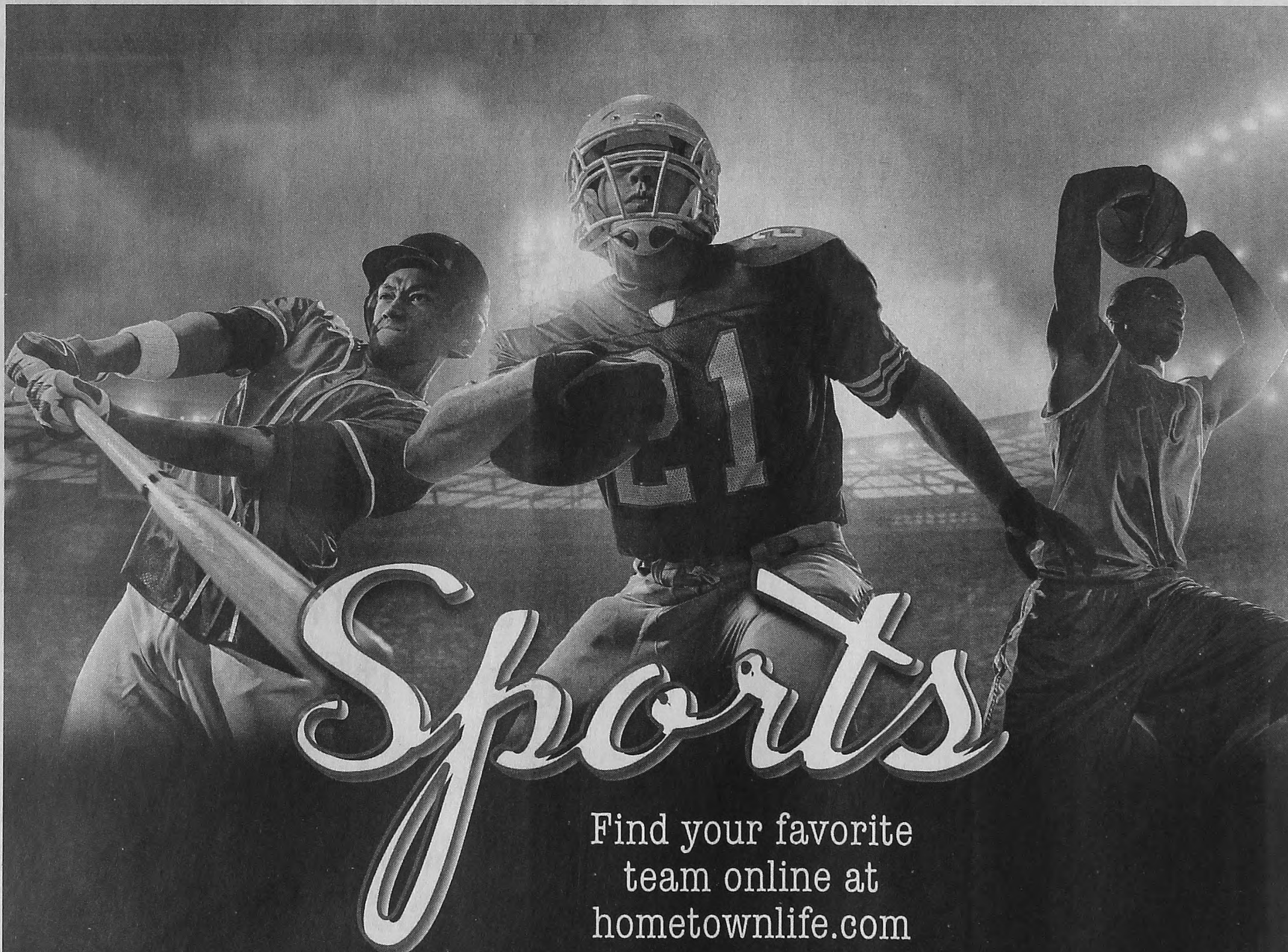
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated at right. Find the listed words in the grid. They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once. Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Absinthe  | Cold      | Inns   | Relax   |
| Ales      | Cordial   | Julep  | Rose    |
| Bar stool | Crowded   | Kegs   | Sake    |
| Beer      | Crush     | Lamb   | Soda    |
| Boag      | Disco     | Loud   | Soft    |
| Booze     | Empty     | Mains  | Spirits |
| Brews     | Enjoyment | Mates  | Table   |
| Bundy     | Gin and   | Music  | Taste   |
| Cans      | tonic     | Noisy  | Till    |
| Cask      | Glass     | Ouzo   | Toddy   |
| Chaser    | Hahn      | Pies   | Vino    |
| Chips     | Hock      | Port   | Wedges  |
| Club      | Home      | Prawns | Wine    |

**TODAY'S ANSWER**

A few drinks with friends

**Cheers!**

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**NEWSDAY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- 1 One making long-distance calls
- 11 Swiss partner
- 14 Large racket
- 15 Twenty-seven connection
- 16 What ranch houses typically haven't
- 17 Heads up
- 18 Sounding stuffy
- 19 Pushing the most
- 21 *Città che circonda il Vaticano*
- 24 Coherence
- 25 Prime minister after Brian
- 28 Agricultural block
- 30 Gung-ho
- 33 Group taking in imports
- 36 Mystic's reading material
- 37 Time best forgotten
- 40 Writing on jackets
- 41 Paused
- 42 Of the above
- 45 Quick sketch
- 46 Go with
- 47 What bassoon music begins with
- 49 Mozzarella alternative for lasagna
- 51 They're assumed by many novelists
- 53 What a seminarian may become
- 57 Publisher of two Water Polo newsletters
- 58 National litter cleanup program

- 61 Nothing exciting
- 62 Largest break in the California Coastal Range
- 63 What can precede giving or taking
- 64 Requiring conserving
- 7 Dock denizen

- 8 Yucca cousin
- 9 Wades through
- 10 Type of tabby
- 11 Play adaptations
- 12 Familial female
- 13 Clue card designation
- 15 What you might take a walk to get
- 20 \_\_\_ minute
- 22 Eminent
- 23 Appropriate
- 25 Hajji's destination
- 26 Depression on a trunk
- 27 Chips or scratches
- 29 You can buy them for about a buck
- 31 Stop lying
- 32 Precipitation

- 34 Person paid to play
- 35 Shared first
- 38 Disclaiming postscript
- 39 Clooney threw it in a '97 film
- 43 Culinary go-between
- 44 French writer of "Facts are stubborn things"
- 48 Consumed
- 50 Alternative to Peggy
- 51 Three-syllable fruit
- 52 Totally in
- 54 Male mink
- 55 Restrain
- 56 Picked out
- 57 Division sharer with ATL and PHI
- 59 Cell ancestor
- 60 Top \_\_\_

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**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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1	3	4	2	2	2-
1	3	4	2	2	2-
3	2	4	1	4	1-
3	2	4	1	4	1-
4	1	3	2	3	3+

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**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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## Can you make more money working one full-time job or a bunch of part-time gigs?

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Working a full-time job has its benefits. For one thing, you're guaranteed a certain number of hours each week, which may lead to a more robust paycheck. And it often means you get workplace benefits like health insurance, paid time off, and access to an employer savings plan for retirement.

But working full-time may not be the best solution for you. If you're struggling to find a job you like, having to do it for 40 or more hours a week may be draining. In some cases, you can actually earn more money by going the freelance route. That's because freelancers generally don't get benefits, so they tend to command a higher wage on an hourly or project basis.

If you're not thrilled with your main job, or if you have a side hustle or two that you really enjoy, you may be contemplating swapping your full-time role with a series of side hustles. But is that the right move for you?

### It's all about crunching the numbers

It's easy to assume that a full-time job will pay more than a bunch of side hustles. But that may not always be the case.

Let's say you earn a salary of \$40,000 a year, and that you do so by working 40 hours a week for 50 weeks. That's an hourly rate of \$20.

But what if you're currently making \$25 an hour freelance writing on the

side, and you also have a restaurant gig that allows you to earn up to \$40 an hour in tips during dinner shifts? If that's the case, and you're able to put in enough hours between your two side hustles, it could make sense to ditch your full-time job and ramp up your writing and restaurant hours.

That said, when running the numbers, you'll need to calculate the cost of losing your workplace benefits. What happens if you need to take a couple of sick days? If you're a freelance writer and part-time restaurant worker, that could mean losing a few days of income.

There's also health insurance to consider. If you have a spouse whose

workplace plan you can join for little money, that may not be an issue. If you're single, you'll need to see what buying insurance on your own will cost you.

### A mental component to consider with side hustles

You may do the math and determine you can do well financially by working a bunch of side hustles instead of a full-time job. But will that lack of stability wreak havoc on your mental well-being?

There's something to be said for the security of a full-time job. You can be busy as a freelancer until one day, some clients stop needing you and you're

suddenly left with a giant income gap on your hands. You'll need to think about whether you want to take that risk.

The state of your savings account should play into that decision, too. If you have a lot of money socked away for emergencies, then you may feel more confident working a bunch of side hustles knowing you have cash reserves to fall back on if your income takes a temporary hit.

### Should you really quit your full-time job to freelance?

Working full-time isn't the ideal setup for everyone, and you may end up better off with a series of side hustles instead of a single full-time job. Of course, you might also decide to keep your full-time role and work a side gig on top of that. Ultimately, you'll need to see what works best for your schedule, wallet, and mind.

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