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### DANIELLE STISLICKI MURDER TRIAL

## Judge rules to suppress key evidence in case

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A judge has ruled key evidence was obtained illegally when investigating the disappearance of Danielle Stislicki and cannot be used against Floyd Gallo-

way, who is charged with her murder.

The ruling filed Nov. 16 by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Phyllis McMillen follows a request Galloway made last spring to suppress evidence, quash information and dismiss the case for violation of his state and federal due-process rights.

The judge's ruling said the decision was based on the sharing of privileged information.

According to court records, the issue stems from a lie-detector test arranged by Galloway's attorney. Galloway allegedly shared an admission with James Hoppe, who was conducting the test.

Hoppe then confidentially shared the information with Troy Police Chief Gary Mayer, who passed it to Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus, whose department was investigating Stislicki's disappearance.

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## HOLIDAY MARKET MOVES TO LIVONIA FOR 43RD YEAR

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Shoppers looking for unique Christmas gifts need not look further than the newest holiday event in Livonia.

The popular Tinsel and Treasures Handmade Holiday Market is setting up shop at the Embassy Suites on Victor Parkway in Livonia Dec. 9-11. The weekend makers market is normally held in Northville, but is relocating to Livonia for its 43rd year.

"We were doing handmade well before its recent renaissance and are thrilled to see droves of people finding joy in not only supporting a small business's dreams but also giving heartfelt

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## Westland police arrest teen for making threat against school

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Westland police have arrested a 14-year-old who they believe made an on-line threat against John Glenn High School.

The threat closed the school Monday, Nov. 21, and resulted in virtual learning Tuesday.

"In nearly every situation, parents are responding the same way saying that they could never imagine their child making a threat like this," Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "This is yet another example of how important it is for parents to be aware of their children's social media activity and the serious ramifications that will result."

The 14-year-old is an Inkster resident and is enrolled in the ninth grade at John Glenn.

The teen is being held the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center ahead of expected arraignment on criminal charges.

"The safety and security of the students and their staff are top priorities and we want to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment for all of the students," Westland police said in a release. "Law enforcement and Wayne-Westland Community Schools will continue to work together."

John Glenn was expected to resume after school activities Tuesday evening and have students back in classrooms Wednesday.

Other local districts like Novi and South Lyon have also seen threats in recent weeks.

Experts say schools can expect an uptick in threats as the 1-year anniversary of the Oxford High School shooting, which killed four teens, approaches Nov. 30.

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# 'Beverly Hills Cop 4' to shoot scenes in downtown Detroit

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One burning question about the latest "Beverly Hills Cop" movie is now answered: At least some filming will take place in Detroit — and quite soon.

The Netflix project, titled "Beverly Hills Cop: Axel Foley," stars Eddie Murphy as Detroit cop Axel Foley, the character who first arrived on the big screen in the 1984 hit "Beverly Hills Cop." It will be the fourth installment of the comedy franchise.

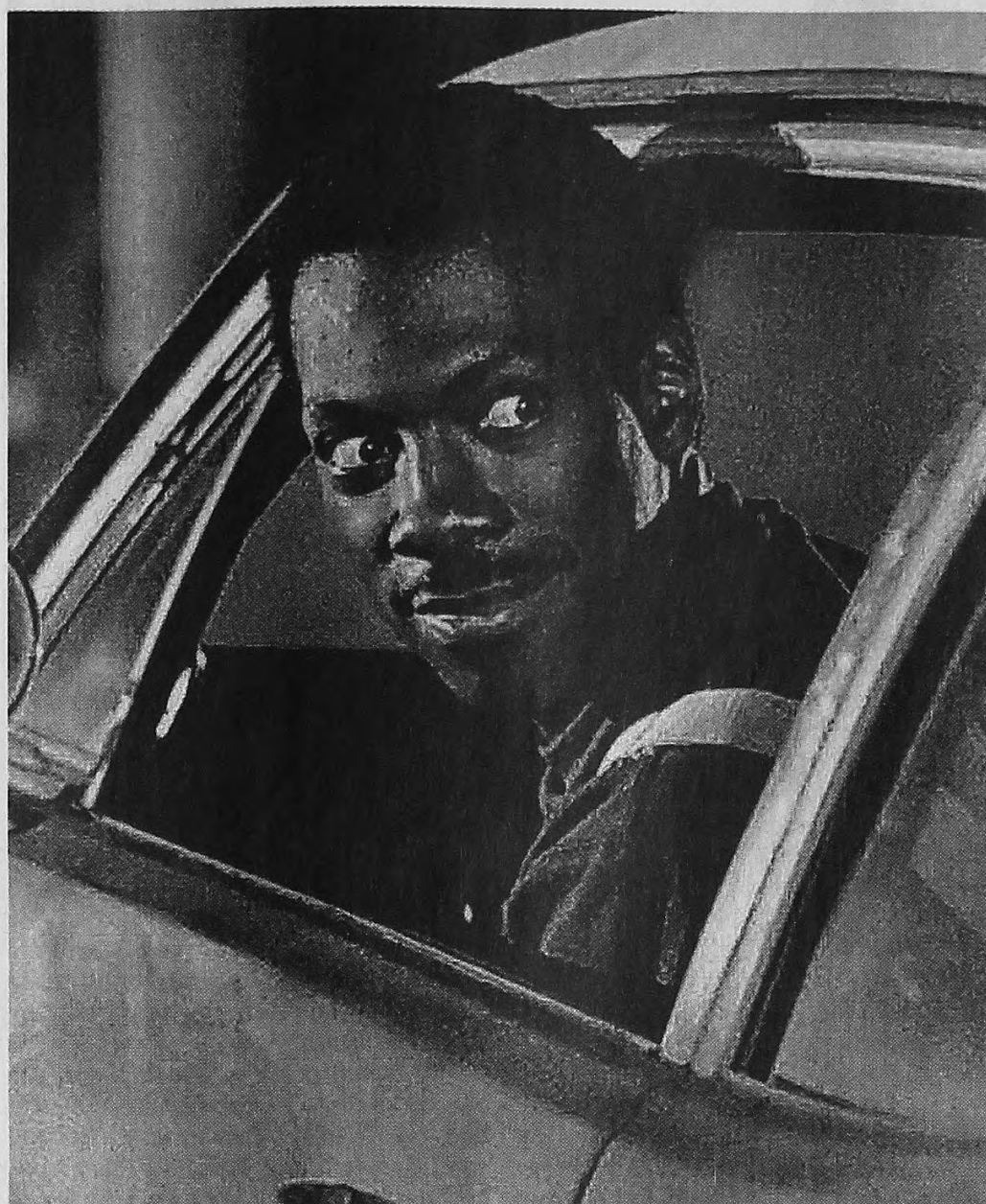
Production has been underway for a few months. Now flyers have been sent to residents and businesses saying that filming for "Beverly Hills: Axel F" (either a shorthand title or a barely disguised one) will be happening from Sunday through Friday (Nov. 27-Dec. 2) in the neighborhood known as the Capitol Park Historic District.

Streets in the filming area will be designated as no parking/towaway zones and temporarily closed at times. They include:

- Both sides of northbound Washington Boulevard from State Street to Grand River Avenue from 7 a.m. Sunday to 6 p.m. Dec. 2.
- The alley between Shelby Street and Washington Boulevard from State Street to Grand River Avenue (closed 7 a.m. Monday-6 p.m. Dec. 2).
- State Street between Washington Boulevard and Griswold (closed 5 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Intermittent traffic control of Grand River between Washington Boulevard to Griswold during the same period.

Those in the neighborhood were given a general idea of what to expect. "Stunt driving will take place in this scene. Please be aware of simulated car crashes, smoke effects and sparks may occur. Please do not be alarmed," read the flyer.

It also said that Detroit police officers and firefighters would be at the site. The goal of the shooting was described as making filming "a positive experience for everyone involved."



Eddie Murphy as Axel Foley in "Beverly Hills Cop." COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

According to the Daily Mail, Murphy was spotted filming in Los Angeles this week, sitting in a Ford Bronco and wearing one of Foley's iconic wardrobe pieces, the iconic Detroit Lions jacket.

It's not known yet whether next week will be the only shooting done here or whether more is expected. It's also not known whether Murphy will be making any visits to Detroit for filming.

The original "Beverly Hills Cop" opened with a lengthy chase scene in

the Motor City, but the remaining action unfolded in Los Angeles.

The on-site coordinator for next week's filming had no comment on anything related to the movie.

In addition to Murphy, the cast will include newcomers to the "Beverly Hills Cop" franchise Taylour Paige, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Kevin Bacon and returning actors Judge Reinhold, John Ashton, Paul Reiser, and Bronson Pinchot.

# Regulators give OK to \$30.5M DTE price jump

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State regulators approved a rate hike from the state's largest electric utility.

The Michigan Public Service Commission authorized a \$30.5 million rate increase for DTE Electric Co. That amounts to an additional 71 cents on monthly bills for a residential customer who uses 500 kilowatt hours of electricity. The approval comes after about 200 people across the state packed a public hearing in August overwhelmingly demanding the commission reject DTE's proposal.

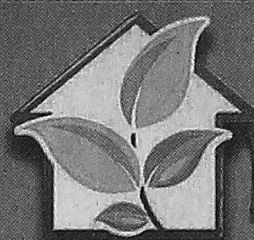
Power outages shortly after, from a storm in metro Detroit, fueled demands among elected officials and advocates to say no to the increase.

"The Commission found that, despite DTE Electric's previous projections of declining electric use among its residential customers, residential electric sales surged in 2020 and increased again in 2021, even as many Michiganders returned to working from their places of employment and resumed pre-COVID activities," according to a Friday news release from the MPSC.

Here are a few items included in the commission's approval:

- \$14.8 million approved for storm restoration operations and maintenance over five years.
- \$103.9 million approved for tree trimming, along with \$67 million in 2023 and \$52.7 million in 2024 to speed up the tree trimming.
- DTE has to file a report within 120 days detailing the company's current approach to enrolling customers in its Low-Income Assistance program and how many people were in that program from 2021 to 2022.

DTE's most recent rate increase was in May 2020. The MPSC approved a \$188 million hike.



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# Wayne County certifies vote with no chaos

## Canvassers meeting lacks drama of 2020 election

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Amid calls to certify the election that at times echoed loudly in the room where the Wayne County Board of Canvassers met Tuesday, the elections panel in Michigan's largest county unanimously signed off on the results of the recent midterm election.

The board's meeting — held on the final day under Michigan law for counties to certify election results — followed a smooth canvassing process throughout Michigan that saw every canvassing board across the state's 83 counties complete its work on time, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Two years ago, this typically routine post-election review and the ministerial body that carries it out ended up in the national spotlight when the two Republican members serving on the Wayne County canvassing board at the time initially refused to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election before ultimately reversing course.

Bipartisan canvassing boards — made up of two Democrats and two Republicans nominated by local political party organizations — spend the two weeks after an election reviewing poll books and vote totals, correcting any mathematical errors identified and then signing off on the results. The job of certifying statewide election results falls to the Board of State Canvassers responsible for straightforward addition: adding up the vote totals certified by the counties.

Ahead of the Wayne County canvassing meeting, messages circulated on social media calling for people to show up and demand the board not certify the election results. Some did, in public comment.

But outside, before the meeting began, dozens demonstrated to urge the certification of the results, gathering on the sidewalk and chanting, "count every vote."

Branden Snyder, executive director of Detroit Action, a nonprofit focused on

advocating for Detroiters of color throughout the metro region, held a megaphone and addressed a crowd urging the board to certify.

He chided those who "want to use dog whistle politics to tear us apart that want to continue to do things to harm our communities and make it seem like Black and brown folks are illegitimate or unscrupulous and that ain't right."

"We're not here to disrupt, we're not here to cause any havoc. We come here to shine a little light on the process and make sure we count every vote, is that right?" he said.

The canvassing board's meeting saw a few hiccups such as interruptions from those tuning into the meeting over Zoom and an emphatic call from one Republican member for answers regarding an error in some Detroit precincts.

GOP canvasser Katherine Riley blasted state election officials, calling the issue that occurred in Michigan's largest city widespread. In a statement issued on Election Day, the city's elections department said that the electronic poll book in some precincts indicated that a ballot they were about to issue a voter had a number that was already issued as an absentee ballot. The department called the issue a "harmless data error" that was resolved by creating a mechanism to differentiate the two numbers.

Riley said that workers in Detroit had to scramble to address the problem, with some using paper poll books and others developing their own solutions so those impacted could vote.

"This unnecessary and irresponsible error created much chaos for us on the canvass as well," Riley said. She said she was met with "obfuscation" when she spoke with the state Bureau of Elections about what happened in Detroit. "This is unacceptable. These are the questions that must be answered. What went wrong and why," she said before joining the other board members in voting to certify the results.

During a public comment period that followed the vote, some celebrated the board's certification of the midterm results while others — including former GOP state senator and election conspiracist Patrick Colbeck — leveled allegations of misconduct and called for a so-called forensic audit.

Hundreds of audits, court rulings and post-election reviews undercut allegations of widespread fraud and misconduct and upheld the results of the 2020 election in Michigan. Trish Oliver, who addressed the canvassers over Zoom, called Detroit the epicenter of voter fraud in 2020 and said nothing had changed in the last two years.

Wayne County was not the only area that saw pushback against certifying the results. Ottawa County Clerk Justin Roebuck said the canvassing board unanimously certified the election results and resisted public pressure from commenters calling on the board not to do so.

Roebuck wrote in an email that "our Board of Canvassers is very solid in terms of their understanding of the statute and of their ministerial role and responsibility within the process — they take it seriously, and I'm thankful for them!"

## Certification of midterm follows dramatic 2020 canvass in Wayne County

In 2020, former President Donald Trump refused to accept his loss in Michigan, a lawsuit attempted to delay the certification in Wayne County and the chair of the Michigan GOP at the time celebrated the GOP members of the Wayne County canvassing board at the time for initially refusing to certify the election results.

But this year, all but one Trump-endorsed candidate seeking statewide office — Republican secretary of state candidate Kristina Karamo — have publicly conceded their losses to the Democratic incumbents Michigan voters re-elected by large margins in the Nov. 8 election.

The recent midterm has also not seen a similar frenzy of litigation seeking to overturn the election. While some who deny the legitimacy of the 2020 election have called for investigations, unlike in 2020, their calls have so far gone unmet by state lawmakers.

Following the 2020 election, local Republican parties nominated those to fill open GOP slots on canvassing boards who have embraced falsehoods and misinformation about fraud in the 2020

election. Their appointment raised the prospect that the boards could become a partisan bottleneck in the effort to certify the results of future elections.

In Wayne County, the GOP members who served on the canvassing board in 2020 were both replaced ahead of this year's midterm: one whose term expired and another who died last year.

Republican canvasser Robert Boyd, one of the new members of the board, told the Free Press last year that he wouldn't have certified the results of the 2020 presidential election and, at the time, gave no assurance that he would certify the results of future contests.

But Boyd and Riley, the other GOP canvasser, both joined the two Democrats on the board to certify the results of the primary election held in August and then the results of the November midterm.

During the August meeting to certify primary election results, Riley called her experience canvassing Detroit's election results in the primary "a great experience" and said that she was generally "very impressed with how smoothly it went."

Two years ago, the GOP chair of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers at the time suggested certifying the results everywhere but Detroit which initially recorded a significant number of unexplained imbalances between the number of ballots cast and the number of ballots recorded in the poll book. A post-election audit identified explanations for most of the mismatches.


An out-of-balance precinct — which election officials say typically reflects clerical errors — may have more voters' names listed in the poll book recorded as having voted than ballots or more ballots than names. In this year's midterm, Detroit balanced or identified explanations for any imbalances in 92% of its Election Day precincts and 100% of its absentee voting precincts, Wayne County elections director Gregory Mahar said during the canvassing meeting Tuesday.

The Board of State Canvassers is scheduled to meet Nov. 28 to certify the results of the recent midterm across Michigan.


Staff writer Arpan Lobo and Lansing Bureau Chief Paul Egan contributed.

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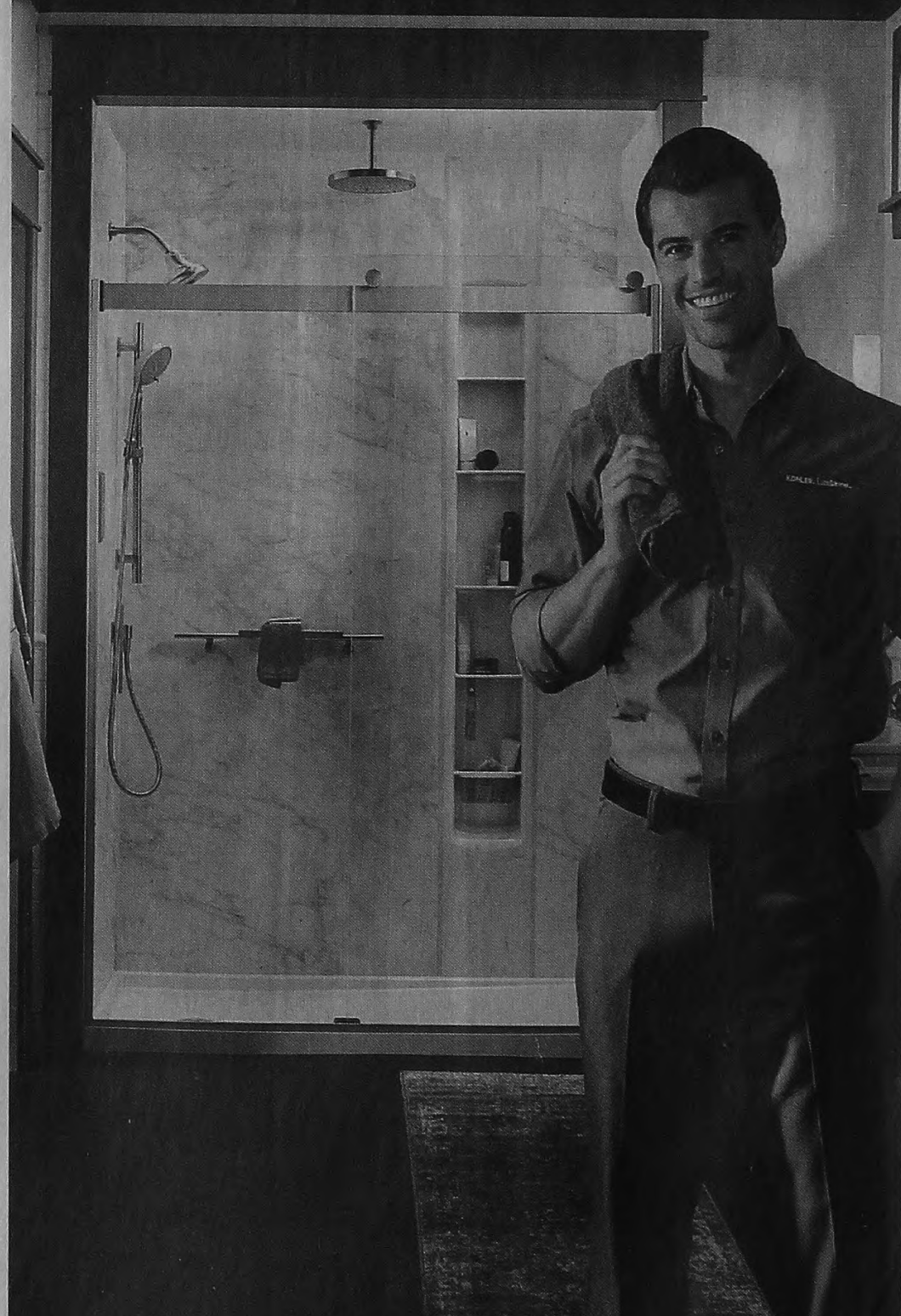
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# Addressing financial affairs when young will pay dividends later



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

**Dear Rick:**

I am in my late 20s and I've truthfully never been interested in my financial affairs. I have an IRA, some cash in the bank and I own my home. My house is worth approximately \$250,000 and I have a \$230,000 mortgage at four percent. I also have a little over \$13,000 in credit card debt. The average interest rate on my credit cards is 20% percent.

My grandparents plan to gift me \$15,000, and they told me they want me to use the money to improve my financial situation. My grandfather is a big fan of yours and showed me a number of your columns and I'm hoping you can help me regarding what to do with the money. I've narrowed it down to three main options:

1 Complete a Roth conversion. I will be able to convert the great majority of my IRA without being moved into a higher tax bracket and between state and federal taxes, the conversion would cost me a little less than \$10,000.

2 Invest the money outside of my IRA

3 Pay off my credit card debt.

Which option would you recommend?

Steve

**Dear Steve:**

Obviously, you have very generous grandparents and it's wonderful that they want to help you with your financial affairs.



No matter the size of the account, you must take an active interest in your personal financial affairs. GETTY IMAGES

In analyzing your options, I believe that the best thing you can do is to use the money to pay off your credit card debt. Since you are paying 20% percent interest, paying off this debt is like you're getting a 20% percent return on your money.

In addition, since charge card interest is not deductible, your real return is 20% percent after taxes. I can assure you that there's no investment that will give you a guaranteed 20% percent tax free.

From purely a financial standpoint, I would pay off your credit card debt.

I love the idea of someone at your age taking advantage of a Roth IRA. The benefit of allowing money to grow tax free for decades is a huge benefit to you; however, it does not offset the 20% percent you're paying on your credit cards. However, you may find that there are opportunities to continue to do Roth conversions in the future.

Potentially, you can use the money

that was allocated to paying the credit card interest to do a Roth conversion.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for adults to take an interest in their financial affairs. I recognize that handling personal financial affairs can be boring; however, it is critical. Mistakes made at a young age can have a lingering impact. Many think that if they don't have a lot of money, they don't need to be involved with their finances; that is not the case. No matter the size of the account, you must take an active interest in your personal financial affairs.

Running into problems with your personal finances affects more than your pocketbook; it also wrecks havoc on your state of mind. In other words, it is not good for your mental health nor your physical health to have financial issues. That is why it's important to take an active role in your personal financial affairs, no matter what stage in life you're in.

Personal finance is the only hobby I know of where you can actually make money as opposed to costing you money.

Therefore, as we close out 2022, everyone's 2023 New Year's resolution should be to improve the handling of their personal financial affairs. By taking an active interest, not only will you be able to have more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs, but also, it'll help you sleep at night.

Good luck!

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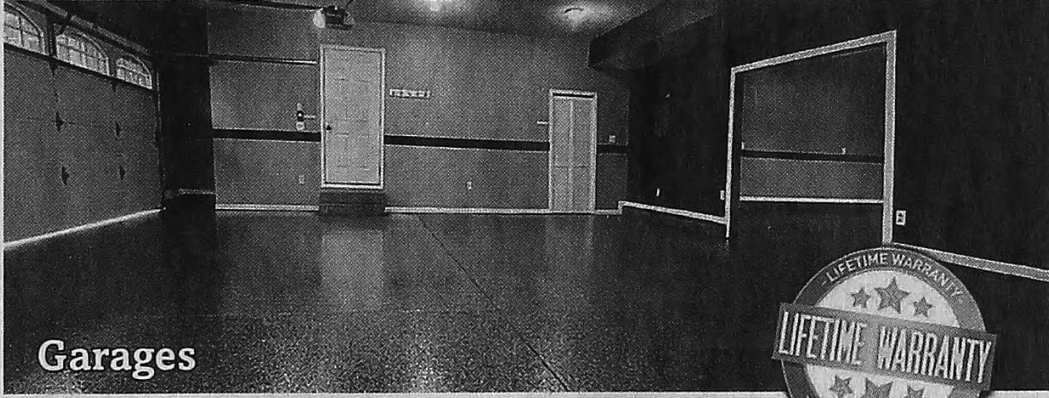
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# Find the next great piece for your home at Birmingham shop

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Looking to refresh your home's look? A new shop in downtown Birmingham hopes to help you do just that.

Serena and Lily, a national boutique known for its higher-end home furnishings and artwork, recently opened its first store in Michigan in the southeast Oakland County community. Occupying the space formerly held by Linda Dresner — who closed her iconic shop last spring — the storefront at 299 W. Maple now sports furniture and paintings rather than clothing.

It joins a pair of other stores in Illinois as the first Serena and Lily shops in the Midwest. Selecting Birmingham for a new location just seemed to make sense for the company's leadership when looking to locate in Michigan.

"Aesthetically, the brand just really resonates," said Carla Rummo, the company's chief marketing officer. "It's a good fit with the architecture and the beautiful homes here."

Customers looking for the latest trends can walk in and find pieces for their sunroom, living room, bedroom and more in the 6,000 square foot showroom. The company prides itself on making its own patterns for upholstery, which are manufactured here in the United States.

That local manufacturing also allows for items orders to be delivered faster than other furniture shops: custom-made pieces can be delivered to a customer in a matter of weeks from ordering.

"In the scheme of things, it's fast for furniture," Rummo said. "It's not the Gap, it's not that fast, but for furniture, it's fast."

Chief Design Officer Kirsty Williams said the patterns found are unique to Serena and Lily, something the company works hard on to insure a wide variety of offerings.

"We do spend a lot of time working on our patterns," Williams said. "So we can be very unique in our pattern offering by doing that."

While the larger items in the showroom are for order, some smaller items, such as candles and coffee table books, are available for purchase and taking



Carla Rummo looks at a bed set on the second floor of the Serena and Lily in downtown Birmingham.

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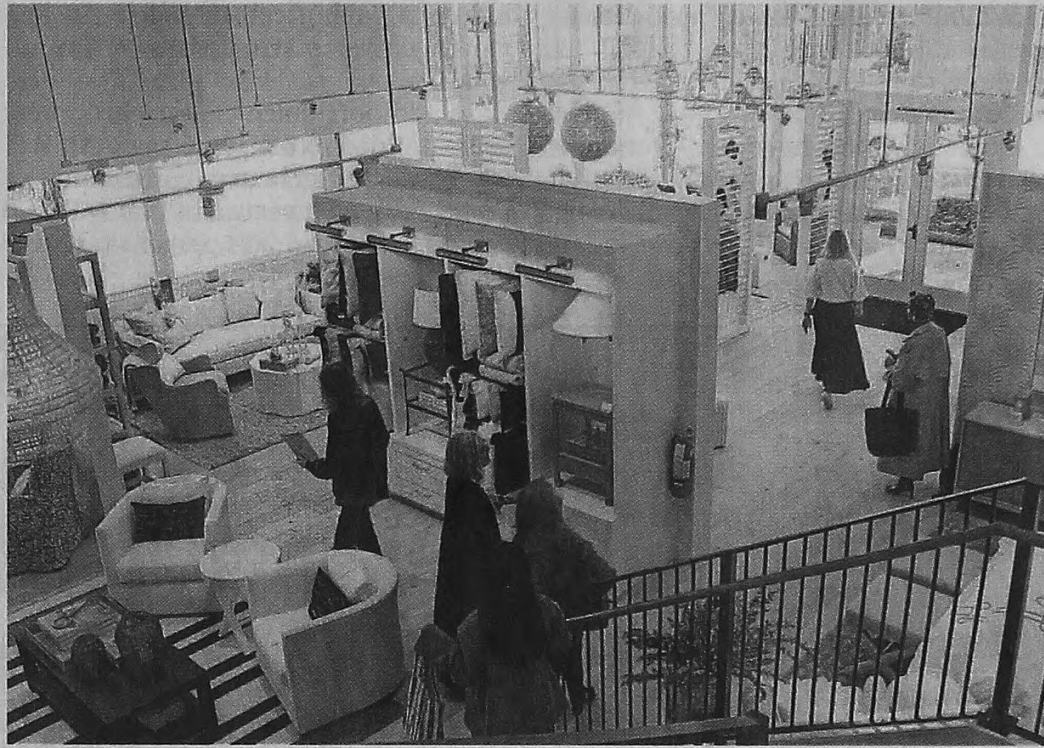
Allyson McGrath, Serena and Lily's senior vice president of design shops, said customers work with designers on just simple accents to rooms to doing their whole home through the company.

"It really varies. Sometimes they start because they fell in love with a throw pillow or they were at a friend's house and they saw the Riviera chairs and then that's kind of the gateway to a lot of customers," she said. "Then once you get to experience a store, it's a slippery slope."

The shop is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found at [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com).

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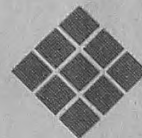
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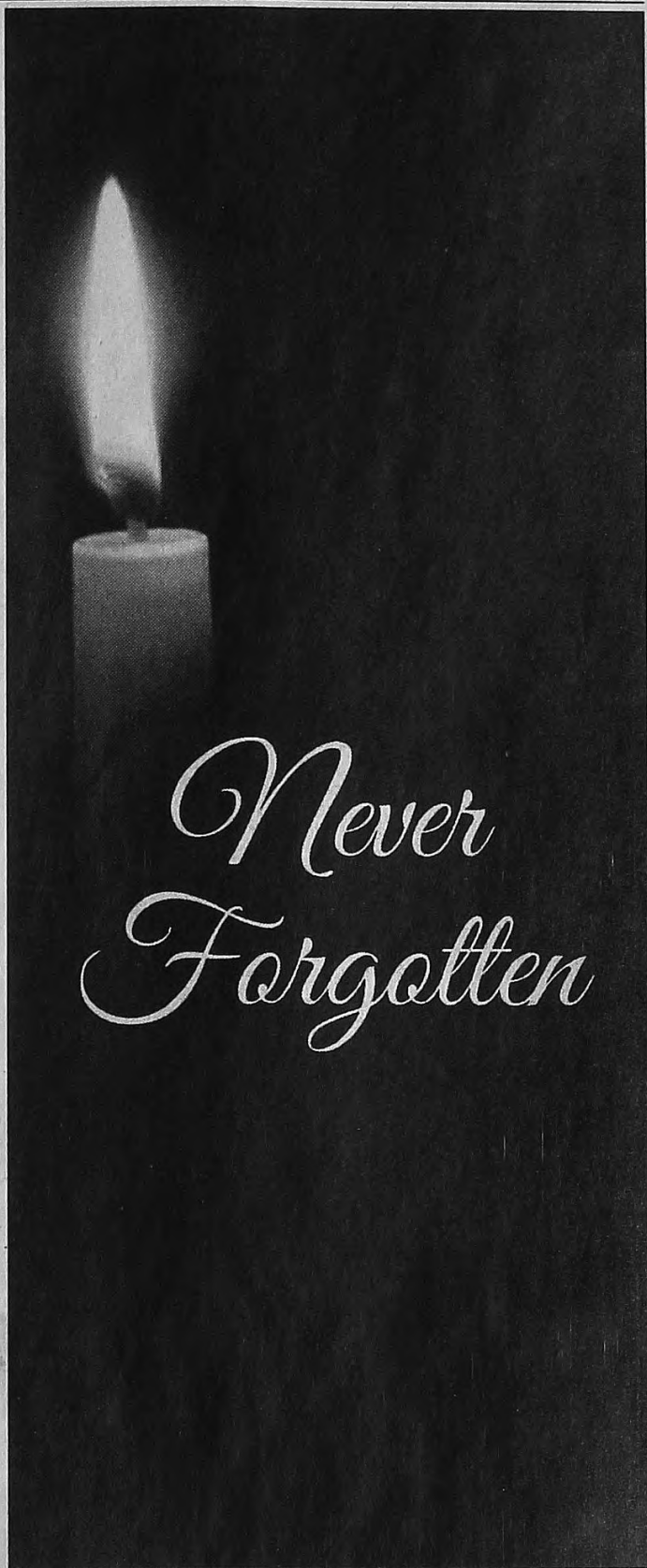
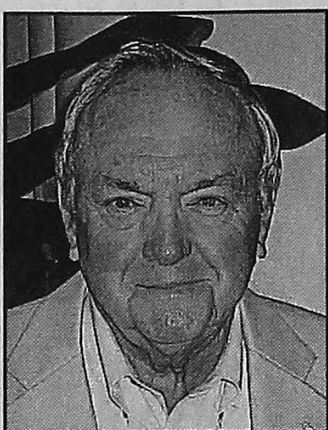
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Al Maass, formerly of Birmingham (MI), went to his heavenly home from Stuart (FL). Raised in Defiance (OH) by parents Alvin and Emma, he lettered in three high school sports. He served in WW II aboard the USS Iowa (Pacific), earned his BS from BGSU and married Dorothy Amos of Portage (OH) in 1950, who predeceased him in 2020. They raised Peggy and Craig in Oak Park (MI), Ft. Wayne (IN), Greeneville (TN) and Birmingham (MI). Al actively supported his kid's sports & activities, coaching Franklin Village football 1969-72 and countless hours of driving & bleacher time. As a successful business owner and engineer (ACI) he invented environmentally friendly rapid fill systems for the automotive industry and rebuilt the Franklin Cider Mill candy apple red water wheel (2008). Both Dorothy & Al raised their children at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and enjoyed golf with many friends at OHCC. Al was Executive Director for the '96 US Open, exceeding revenue records for the club. An avid reader, he served on the Friends Board of the Bloomfield Township Library. Uncle Al was admired by Pepper Amos and his nieces & nephews for his fun snipe hunts, button games, and hand cranked ice cream. He was respected as a kind, compassionate & generous man in the community. Thankful for his caregivers Yvie & Carmen and Treasure Coast Hospice, he is survived by his children, Peggy (Tom) and Craig, grandkids Robin & Tim, Caroline & Kathryn and their mother, Laurie and five great granddaughters. Celebration of Life planned for early 2023. Info and/or donations in his memory: Redeemer Lutheran Church Youth Group, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009.



## Velma Marie (Evans) Smith

In loving memory of Velma Marie (Evans) Smith.

Velma was born April 22, 1926 in Plymouth to George and Mabel (Avery) Evans, and passed away peacefully on October 31, 2022 at the age of 96, after a long, full life. She was an avid golfer, card player and traveler. Velma would never turn down an invitation, and knew how to have a good time wherever she was. She had many treasured friends and never met a stranger.

Velma was employed by Anchor Coupling and Gold Seal Photo Company and was a school bus driver for Plymouth schools. She was a member of New Hudson United Methodist Church.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Robert R. Smith, who passed away August 2, 1993, her parents and her brother Harold Evans. Velma is survived by her two children, Raina Allegra, partner John, and Ken Smith, wife Moira. She was a beloved grandmother and great grandmother to Chad and Christine Allegra (Caedon, Cylus, Cruz and Cash), Brett and Hannah Allegra (Jordan and Graham), Kyle and Ashley Smith (Andi and Karter) and Erica and Russell Bellomy (Payton). She had many loved nieces and nephews.

Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon, Michigan is handling the arrangements. A memorial service is to be held on April 22, 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Hudson United Methodist Church



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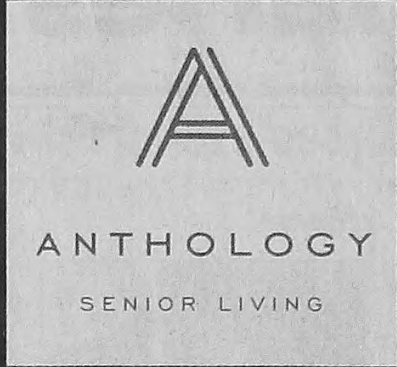
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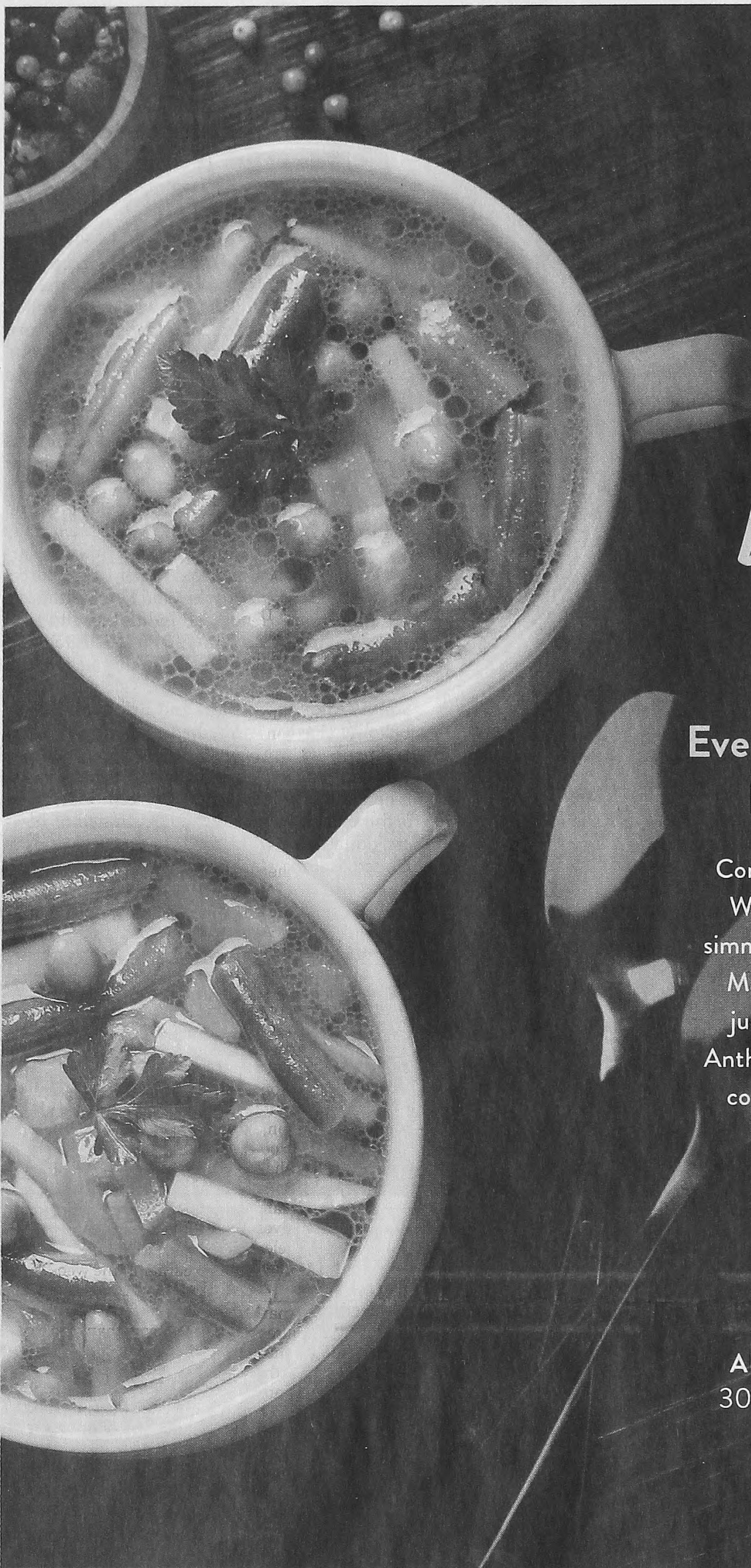
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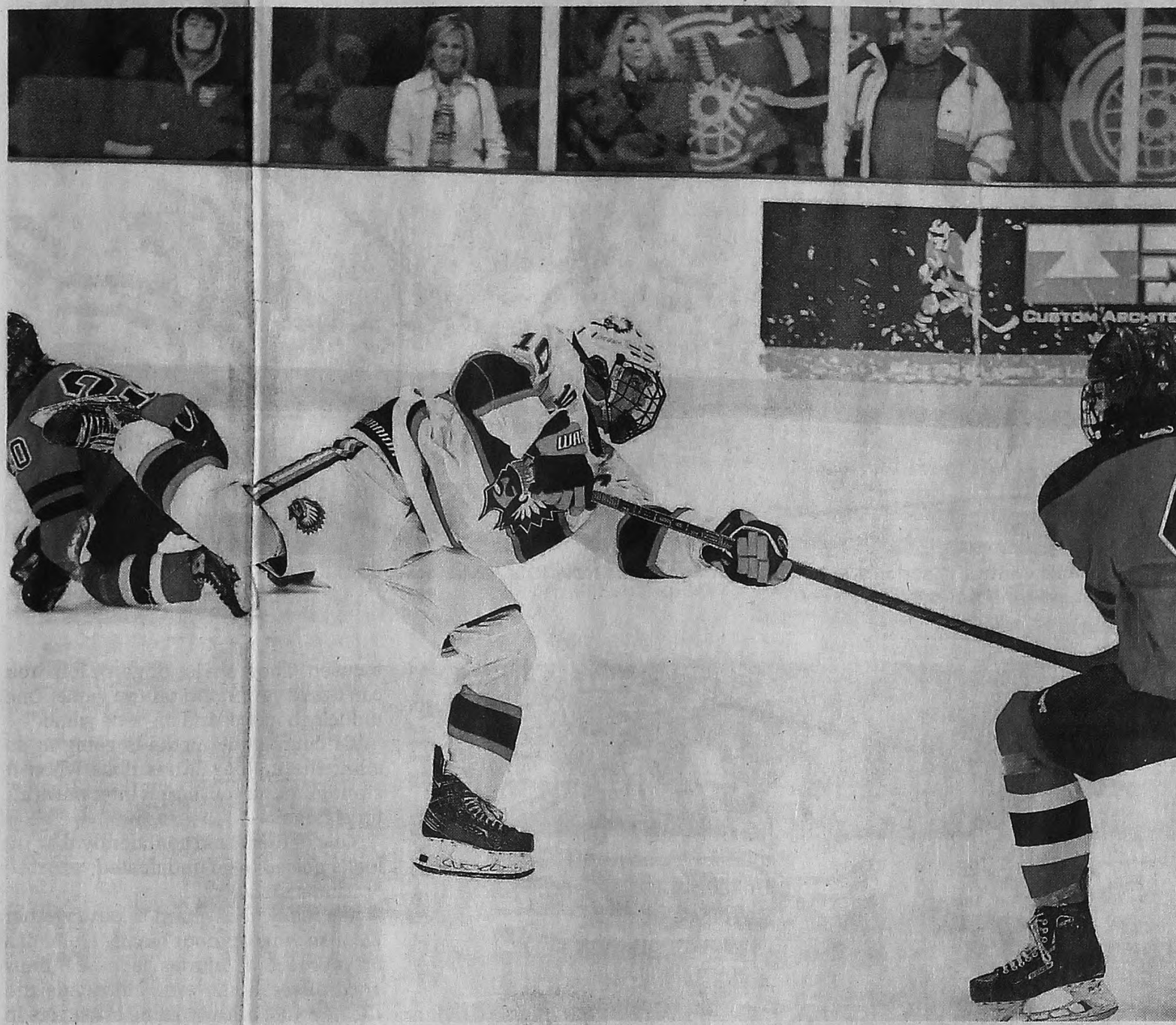
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# SPORTS



Brother Rice senior Peter Rosa scores a goal against Marquette on Nov. 18 at Oak Park Ice Arena. Brother Rice won, 4-2. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Mr. Hockey candidate back to lead No. 2 Brother Rice

**Brandon Folsom**  
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Peter Rosa started beating himself up.

The Brother Rice senior attacked the net. He had the perfect one-on-one set up. He just needed to beat Marquette's goalie. Instead, his slapshot was a nice glove save for the Redmen.

It was the third scoring attempt Rosa hadn't converted early on during a recent 4-2 victory over No. 3 Marquette. He had a couple earlier go wide of the net, including one that smacked the glass behind the goalie.

But that third missed opportunity frustrated him. He skated toward the faceoff circle with both gloves on the sides of his helmet in an "I just can't believe this" manner. And then that look of disbelief turned into one of disgust because he didn't give the Warriors a two-goal lead.

Thankfully, a teammate skated to him, gave the forward a bear hug and

helped reset his attitude.

But that's Rosa, Brother Rice's reigning first-team all-stater.

When things don't go his way, he takes it personally. He prides himself on leading by example.

Each shift is an opportunity to push the Warriors to a win.

Each shot attempt is a chance to get his team one step closer to another state championship.

And the captain will definitely be in the running for Michigan's Mr. Hockey Award this winter. Counting the playoffs, he totaled 47 points a year ago, which included him scoring 29 goals. He's one of the best snipers the state has to offer.

But the craziest part about all of this? He doesn't even need to be here right now.

He's good enough to play in juniors. He went to tryouts with the Shreveport Mudbugs in the North American Hockey League and he made the team.

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Brother Rice's Andrew Marone moves the puck against Marquette.

## Reminder kept CC hockey team's emotions in check on opening night

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Detroit Catholic Central hockey coach Brandon Kaleniecki reminded his players four different times.

He reminded them during Tuesday's practice. He reminded them throughout the day ahead of the season opener. He reminded them just before the first puck dropped. And he did it again one final time while the Shamrocks' celebrated a 7-1 victory in their dressing room.

And that reminder?

Win or lose, CC still has to practice the next day.

You're probably wondering what the heck that even means.

All eyes were on USA Hockey Arena this week. Out of all the season openers around Michigan, none were as big as CC facing Hartland. The last time both teams played in this arena, fans saw the Shamrocks and Eagles hoisting state championship trophies.

CC took down Brighton in the Division 1 championship to claim its 20th state title. And Hartland edged Trenton in overtime to take home the D-2 wooden mitten and secure its third championship.

To add to the stakes, CC and Hartland were ranked Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in the season's first Super 10 poll released by Michigan High School Hockey Hub earlier in the week.

And if that wasn't enough, it also marked the first time the Eagles were dressing as a D-1 team thanks to a rules change by the Michigan High School Athletics Association in the off-season. The state changed how it draws up its divisional lines to combat competitive disparity involving larger co-op programs. And while that should make the playoffs much more exciting to watch, the fallout of the rules change meant teams such as Hartland, Livonia Stevenson and Novi got moved up to the division that CC has won six of the past 10 state titles in.

Obviously, it was a packed house in Plymouth, which will host the three state championships at the end of the season. And every media outlet you could imagine showed up to this thing.

Kaleniecki reminding his players four times about the next day's practice? That was his way of saying: *Hey, this is just the start of the season. Don't get too emotional on the ice. Don't get too wrapped up in the spectacle of*

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## Busignani helping Marian chase 3rd-straight state title

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Mayssa Bazzi had just wrapped up a four-year career as a college volleyball player.

That included her leaving Wayne State with a handful of school records and being named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Libero of the Year.

So, of course, there was room for her in the Thursday night men's league at Warren Community Center.

"I was like 21 or 22 years old, and they needed someone good at serve-serve, and I was a libero," she told Hometown Life following Bloomfield Hills Marian's 3-0 victory over Forest Hills Northern in the Division 1 state semifinal Nov. 17 at Kellogg Arena.

Now that she's married, she goes by Mayssa Cook.

And this is the third-straight season she has the Mustangs (48-1) playing for a state championship in Battle Creek.

But back then, she was still Mayssa Bazzi, and playing in that men's league predated her two-decade career as a coach at both the club and high school levels.

And you're probably wondering what her rec-league exhibitions have to do with Marian going for the three-peat state championship.

Well, across the net from her back then was Roland Busignani.

They didn't have much of a relationship outside of the occasional chit-chat before and after matches.

But they know each other a little bit better now.

That's because Busignani's daughter, Izzy, has been one of the catalysts keeping Marian's dream season alive.

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## CC hockey

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playing a mock state championship game in a professional hockey rink. We still have work to do tomorrow.

"Obviously, we can't deny that," Kaleniecki said about playing in an NHL-like atmosphere for what was essentially a ho-hum, non-conference game with no actual stakes. "We knew the hype was going to be there and all the talking was going to be there. It went back to we just had to focus on how we had to play and try not to let that dictate too much. You get emotional in some of these games, and you kind of forget what you have to do and that can kind of go the other way. I think we did a good job of controlling that."

And for the most part, CC kept its emotions in check.

But the boys are human. They did get excited throughout the night. Or, as a few of them called it afterward, "amped up."

Seven different Shamrocks scored, which was an impressive feat, certainly.

But nothing was as impressive as CC winning the opening faceoff and getting a pass to Jackson Walsh, who pushed in a goal just 10 seconds into the game.

"Was it 10 seconds?" the junior said in disbelief. "I mean, it was just a team effort. The D had a perfect pass for a neutral zone breakout, and Landy (captain Landon West) just got it to me, and it was a quick goal. It was kind of luck involved a little bit, but it was a team effort overall."

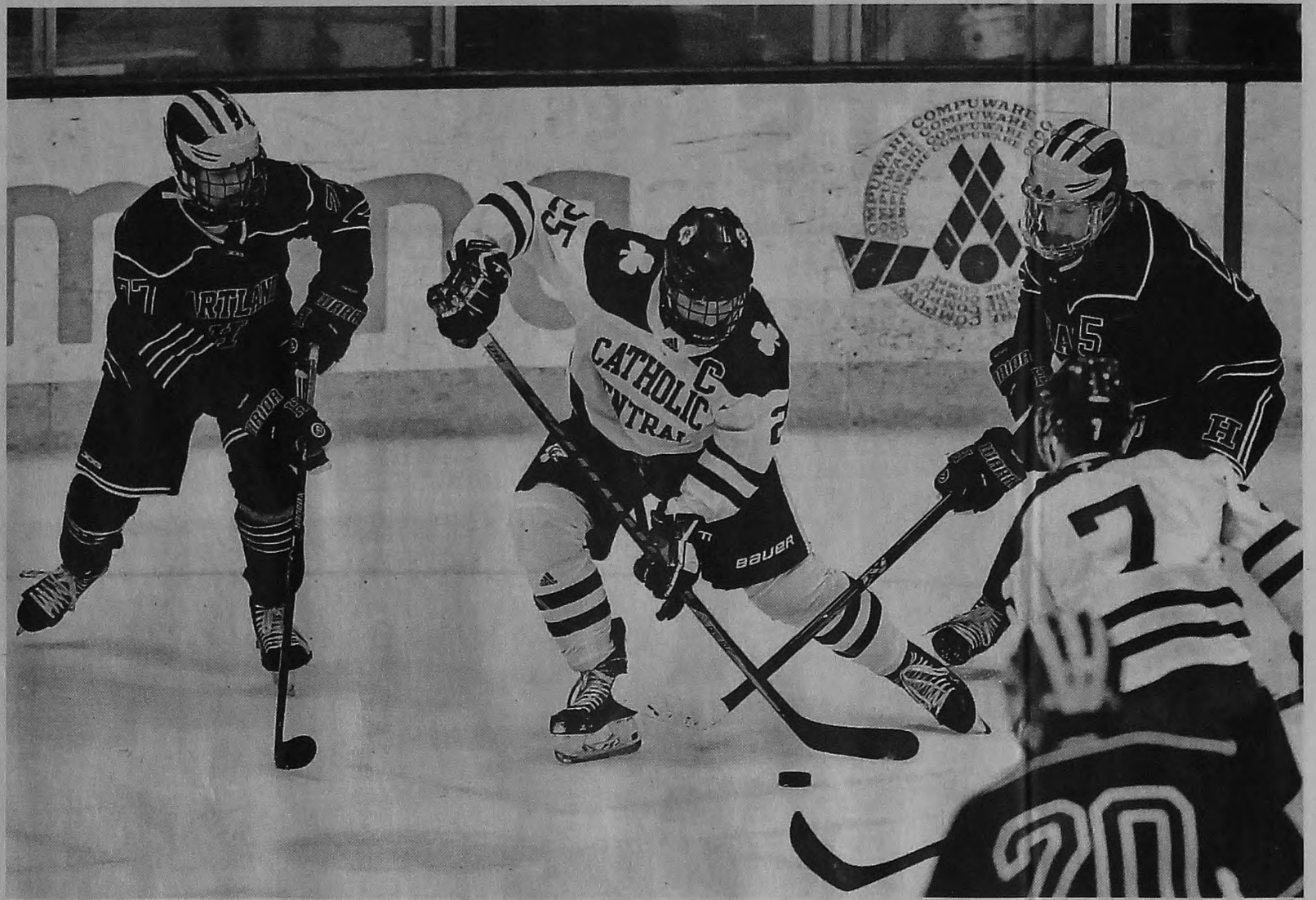
"It really set the tone early and gave us a ton of momentum to keep the effort going throughout the game."

Not to be outdone, but Andrew Urbain also scored 12 seconds into the second period.

"We really showed everybody as a team what we can do," Walsh added. "It really set the tone early for our season. We just treated tonight like any other game. We didn't want to overthink anything and worry about the media talk and stuff. We just wanted to take it one game at a time, and we did."

CC carried a 3-0 lead into the second period and led 5-0 before Hartland finally scored.

You'd think scoring in bunches would make life easier for goalie Luca Naurato. Well, yeah, it certainly did. But it was also all business between the pipes for the former triple-A player, who finished



Detroit Catholic Central's Landon West passes during a game Nov. 16 at USA Hockey Arena.

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Detroit Catholic Central's Jackson Walsh celebrates a goal.

with 19 saves.

"The boys, when they go out there, play strong D zone and have good fore-check, it really makes it easy on me,"

Naurato said of Walsh's early goal. "You feel a lot of energy rush through the body, and you're pretty pumped up, but at the end of the day, you've got to stay

focused. There's a lot of game left. You can't take your mind off the game. One unlucky bounce, and it's a tie game."

Of course, the media is going to do what the media always does when it stands around waiting for interviews after a game.

One of them said confidently that CC looks poised to go undefeated.

That's unlikely.

It's really, really hard to put together 25 or so wins without having a blemish on your record. Injuries happen. Bumps and bruises, homework, girlfriends and the new Call of Duty game often gets in the way, especially during a 4-month season that includes a lot of travel and late nights.

The Shamrocks won't be immune to any of it, regardless of how dominant they looked against the second-best team in Michigan.

But, you bet, whenever that first loss comes, Kaleniecki will be there with a post-game reminder: *We have practice tomorrow.*

## Brother Rice

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He should be bussing around the country and playing in some of the best minor-league barns out there. He should be beginning his journey to becoming a professional hockey player.

Instead, he's here, at Oak Park Ice Arena, for one final high school season.

"I was slated to play juniors this year, or I at least signed a tender with Shreveport, and I loved it," Rosa said after his second-ranked Warriors beat a tough Marquette squad. "But I wanted another year with all of my friends and my buddies. And I talked with all of my coaches down there, and they just said, 'Listen, just keep developing and being the man.' They said they've never seen a kid stay back an extra year and have it hurt themselves."

It's not the first time Rosa has had to make a tough decision like this.

He actually grew up watching his older brothers, Nick and Andrew, play for Brother Rice. He remembers watching their 2015 team win a state championship.

The fanfare and excitement inside USA Hockey Arena that day inspired him.

But he still went the triple-A route as a freshman, electing not to go out for the Warriors' varsity. It was a tough choice. The following year, however, he couldn't wait to play for Brother Rice.

And that wound up being a boon for his career. He totaled 10 goals and 13 assists in 16 games. But, what's more, he helped the Warriors win a state title. They beat undefeated Byron Center with a goal in the final 7 seconds to secure their fifth-ever championship.

"They both won a state championship in 2015, and I got to witness that. It just looked unbelievable," Rosa said of his older brothers. "I was about 12 years old, and it was an unreal experience. I've always looked up to them. The crowd, everyone. Your school classmates coming to support you there, there's just nothing like it. And witnessing that, I was like, 'Wow, this is something I want to be part of.'"

"My freshman year, I played triple-A, and it was a good experience. I was on a good team. I was with a couple of guys

who are playing on the collegiate level now. I got better that year. (But going out for my high school team the next year) was one of the best decisions I've ever made."

And coming back for one final year should pay off as well.

The Warriors (2-0) began the season ranked No. 6 in the Michigan High School Hockey Hub Super 10 poll, which ranks the 10 best teams from any division. They were also ranked No. 2 in Division 2, behind only Trenton.

They have a legitimate shot at winning another state title.

Not only do they return Rosa but also returning are forwards Andrew Marone and Jack Cassidy, two of Rosa's favorite pals to skate alongside. In fact, Marone was a second-team all-stater a year ago after tallying 30 points. Cassidy had just six goals and seven assists for 13 points as a junior, but he stepped up big during the postseason, recording 2 goals and 2 assists in just two outings.

Rosa, Marone and Cassidy are three of Brother Rice's four captains. Forward Jack Schwartz, who had seven points as a junior, is the Warriors' other leader on the ice.

Brother Rice has a strong mix of veterans and even some players good enough to play in college. But they also have six sophomores who've never played at the high school level.

Facing a highly-ranked team such as Marquette in Game 2 was like throwing those underclassmen to the wolves, but coach Kenny Chaput thought they played well.

They'll be key in helping Brother Rice compete for a state title and giving Rosa a chance at being named Mr. Hockey.

"Speed-wise, intensity-wise, crowd-wise, it's a huge learning experience for those guys, and it was good to come out on the strong side of things, but we've got a lot of work to do," the seventh-year coach said. "It's a dramatic difference in the intensity in what you have to do. This game is not easy, especially when you have a good, strong team like this (Marquette) coming at you constantly with speed and some strength."

But that's where guys such as Rosa, who's 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds, come in handy. He's built to carry the load when the Warriors need that extra effort, especially when younger players are still trying to find their feel for the game.



Brother Rice's Jack Cassidy looks to score against Marquette on Nov. 18 at Oak Park Ice Arena. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"He's with linemates he's had for a couple of years, but everything around him is different this year. It's a new group," Chaput added. "His talent level is off the charts, and his work ethic is off the charts."

"I apologize to him quite often because there are times when he might look like he's out of shape or he's tired, and it's because I overplay him. Sometimes you just have to, and I'm trying to back off the best I can, but that depends on the other guys. When the other lines are going good, and I can get him the rest he needs, he's that much better of a player, and his skill level is next level

without a question."

Rosa's a battler, that's for sure.

Yeah, he was frustrated with the shots he missed early on against the Redmen.

But, guess what?

He got the puck near the blue line to open the third period, and he sniped in a goal no glove could snag from about 20 feet away. This time, he welcomed the hugs from his teammates. No attitude adjustment was required.

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# NCAA Final Four is set to bring throngs of fans to Detroit in '27

**Miriam Marini**  
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Detroit is set to host college basketball's biggest event in 2027, along with the droves of fans sure to descend upon the city and its best in entertainment and dining.

The national semifinals, slotted for the first weekend of April, are anticipated to attract more than 100,000 fans and basketball enthusiasts, a beacon of blessings to come for local restaurants and bars.

Tuesday's announcement from the NCAA cements 2022 as a "banner year" for sports in Michigan, said Detroit Sports Commission Executive Director Dave Beachnau, as it comes just months after the NFL selected Detroit for the 2024 Draft.

"It's significant," Beachnau said. "It gives instant credibility to our city when we're out pitching opportunities for major events."

"It just helps as we're pursuing other events that Detroit is a great place to host a large-scale event."

Beachnau points to the NFL's selection as the catalyst for Detroit gaining momentum on a national scale. He recalled similar action in the early 2000s when Detroit was awarded to host the Super Bowl in 2006, the Ryder Cup in 2004, and the PGA Championship in 2008.

"You can't discount the fact that landing the draft helped us win the Final Four bid," Beachnau said. "I think that that opened the eyes of the committee that the NFL has awarded Detroit the draft, and so as we look to pursue other opportunities, I can see that mirroring the early 2000s in a way. That's all going to start in 2024."

The 2027 event will be the city's first time hosting the NCAA Final Four at Ford Field since 2009.

The decision to bring the event to the Motor City has been a year in the mak-

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**Dave Beachnau**  
Detroit Sports Commission Executive Director

ing and involved a number of Michigan athletic entities, including the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the Detroit Lions and the city of Detroit.

"Detroit is increasingly being recognized as one of America's great sports towns and one of the best places in the country to visit," said Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan in a release.

The NCAA Final Four is just one of many sporting spectacles drawing national attention set to come to Detroit, including the 2023 USA Boxing National Qualifier, 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Regionals, 2024 NFL Draft, and eight future United States Golf Association (USGA) championships.

"The secret is out; southeast Michigan is the place to host world-class events, and the Final Four is another exciting win for Detroit that will be a powerful economic driver for our region," said Claude Molinari, Visit Detroit president and CEO.

The national semifinals are set for April 3, 2027, at Ford Field, with the national championship game tipping off on April 5, 2027.

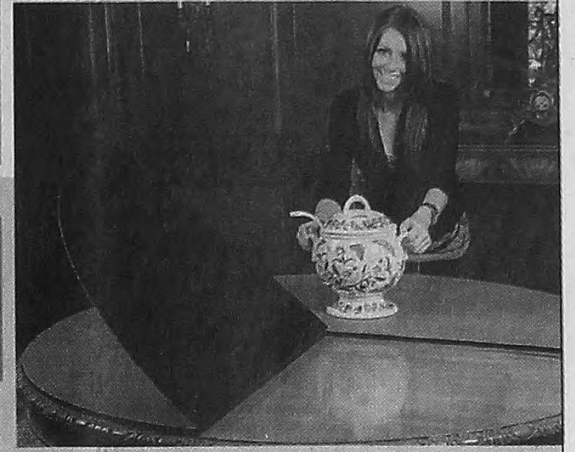
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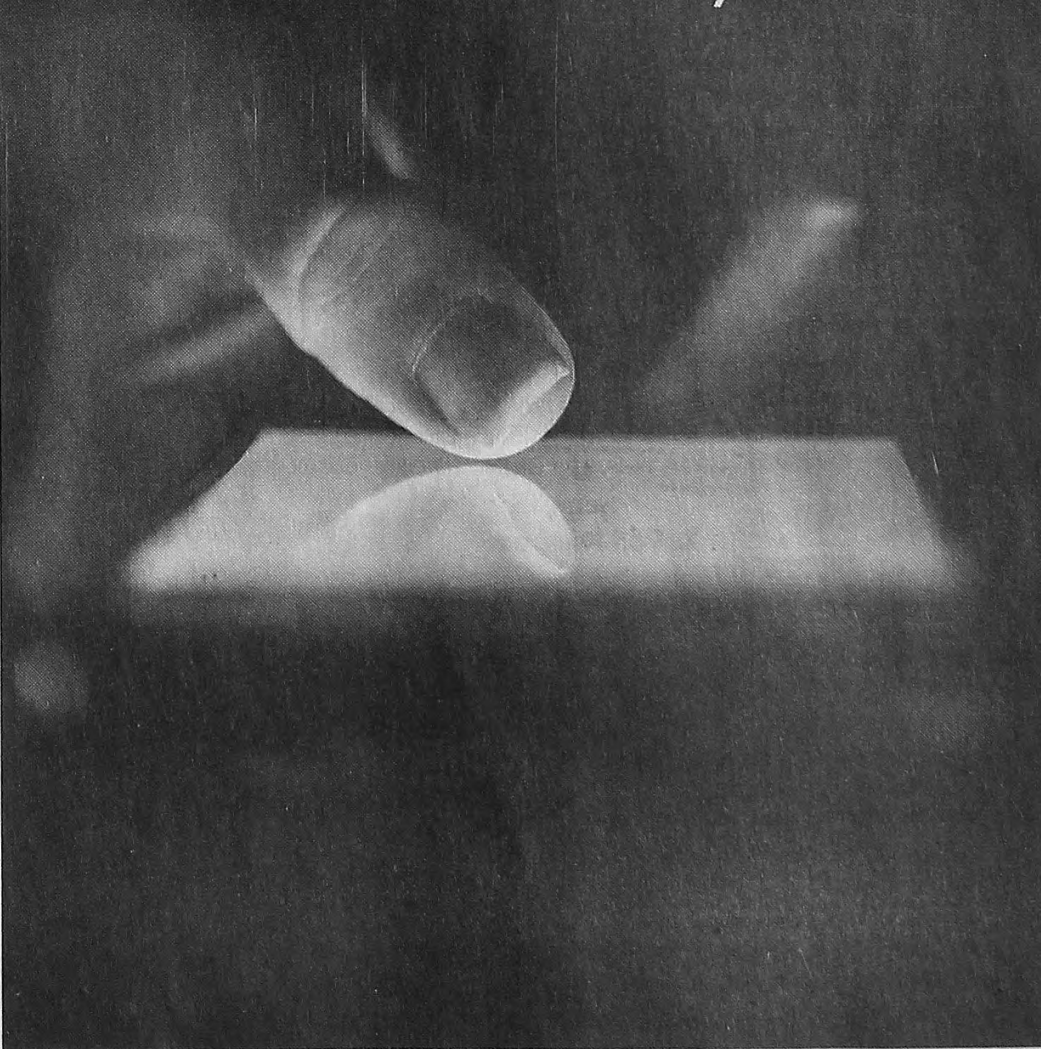
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# Marian

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All throughout the playoffs, she has come up with big play after big play, despite being only a sophomore.

And she had a handful of big plays down the stretch of the Mustangs' semifinal win. That included her coming up with a kill that made it 22-17 late in the third set, followed by her getting a dig that set up McKenzie Swanson for another big point. Moments later, Marian had match point with Izzy toeing the service line. And then Ella Schomer, Izzy's big sister (we'll touch on this later), smoked home the winning point for the two-time defending state champions.

"I never, ever thought that one day I'd be coaching his (Roland's) daughter," Cook said about Izzy. "That was 14 years ago, and Izzy would've been 1 or 2 years old when I was playing against her dad in a men's league. I never really had a relationship with him. We knew just each other having played against each other."

"Ten years later, she's trying out for my 12s team, and I'm coaching here. When I saw her dad again, I'm like, 'I know we know each other,' and then we got to talk about the good old days again."

Cook's been asked a lot about the good old days lately.

Not about her rec league experience but about Marian's past two state championships.

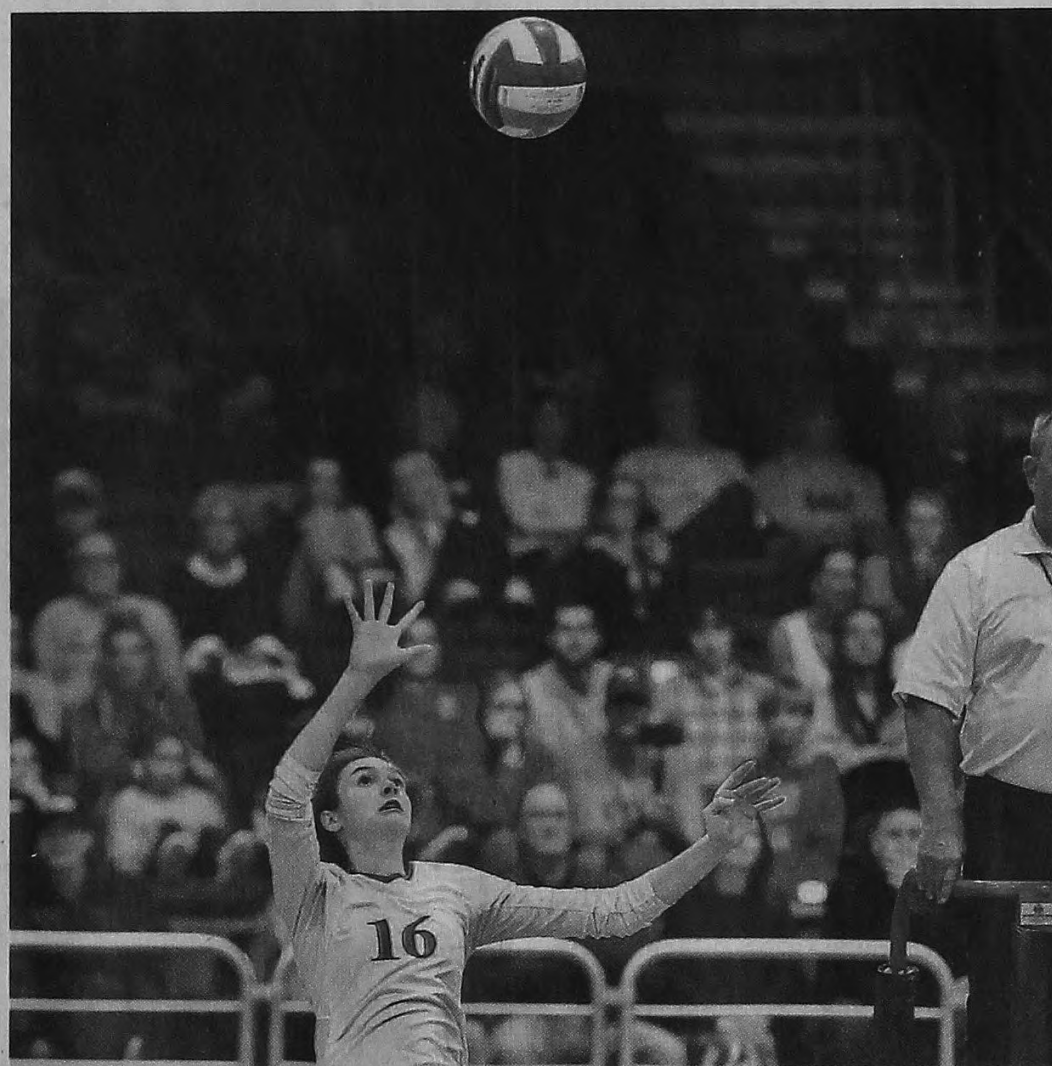
Those teams were loaded with Division I college players, from last year's Michigan Miss Volleyball winner and NC State signee Ava Brizard to TCU's Sarah Sylvester and Brown's Sophia Tredler, among others.

People have wanted to know: Having graduated so much talent, how would it be possible for the Mustangs to defend their state championships?

Well, they still had Schomer and Ava Sarafa returning, a pair of Miss Volleyball nominees themselves, as well as serving specialist Evey Oegema, libero Lauren Heming and Swanson, a towering middle blocker.

But they also had a 6-foot-1 sophomore outside hitter returning.

"A lot of time, they always say, 'What's next year going to be like?' because we were graduating the Sophia Treders and Ava Brizards," Cook said. "And I've been like, honestly, guys, I've



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Izzy Busignani hits against Forest Hills Northern during the Division 1 volleyball state semifinal Nov. 17 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

got a freshman on the bench who'd be starting for most varsity programs who will be playing six rotations.

"And, Izzy, for sure, is the kid I was not concerned about this season. She's been buying herself time, waiting for those two (Tredler and Brizard) to graduate because she could've been this good last year. But why have her play when there are two seniors who were just as good as her? They had been there (to the state final) before."

"But I wasn't worried about her."

Yes, Cook's confidence in Izzy comes from watching her grow at the club level. But the fifth-year coach had also used Izzy in spots as a freshman. Whenever the team needed to be bailed out, or if it needed to come back from a deficit, Cook would throw Izzy out there, and the underclassmen always came up with the right play. The Mustangs dropped just four sets in all of 2021.

Izzy has carried that effort over to this

season now that she's a starter on the left side.

"Honestly, it was great," Izzy said about watching from the bench. "They were all such great players and just great girls. Obviously, I wanted to play, but it was such a great experience, and it meant so much to me to be a part of it. It was great. (Now that I'm a starter), you have to have trust and confidence in yourself and hold yourself in such a matter that you can do this and you are capable of doing it. You have to have self-confidence to perform."

Izzy gets a lot of that confidence from her friends.

When she first started at the club level, she got to practice alongside Brizard. And Izzy also got to play with Julia Bishop before Bishop, another Miss Volleyball winner, graduated from Farmington Hills Mercy and landed with Michigan State. Then she met MSU's Molly Johnson, too.

And Izzy never really stopped making friends.

"When I was a junior, our coach told me, 'Ella, go talk to this girl,' and that was during our club practice," said Schomer, who's signed with Wofford. "I walked right up to Izzy and was like, 'Hi, I'm Ella Schomer.' We had seen each other and trained with each other, but we didn't know each other."

A tradition at Marian is for older juniors to become big sisters to the freshmen.

After that meeting in club practice, Schomer asked to be Izzy's big sister. The two have basically been inseparable since.

Not only do they play across from each other on the court, but they also ride together to practices, team dinners and anywhere else Izzy needs a lift to, as Izzy jokingly refers to Schomer as her "Uber."

Though, Izzy makes up for the free rides by being the car's DJ. It's her job to play the music, pick the playlists and keep their energy levels high as they drive to the gymnasium.

Izzy often plays one of their favorite songs, "Shell Shocked," by Juicy J, Wiz Khalifa and Ty Dolla \$ign from, strangely enough, a recent Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles soundtrack. Credited with recommending that song to the girls is Schomer's younger brother, Charlie.

The two are also warm-up partners before matches.


"We've gotten very close over the years, especially with being on the same volleyball teams," Schomer added. "We would have meetings in school and talk strategy at practice. We're always holding each other to higher standards, and we're both very competitive people. So we always try to pick each other up."

To demonstrate that point, Schomer smacked Izzy on the forehead.

"Where's Izzy?" Schomer said, pretending to cheer up her little sister.

Saturday is it for the Mustangs' seniors. Schomer, Sarafa, Oegema, Heming, Swanson and Molly Banta, among a few others, will no longer have high school eligibility left. It's state championship or bust for them, and girls such as Izzy will be tasked with carrying on the vanguard that is volleyball excellence at Marian next season.


And to think, 14 years ago it started with Izzy's coach playing against her father in a Thursday night men's league in Warren.



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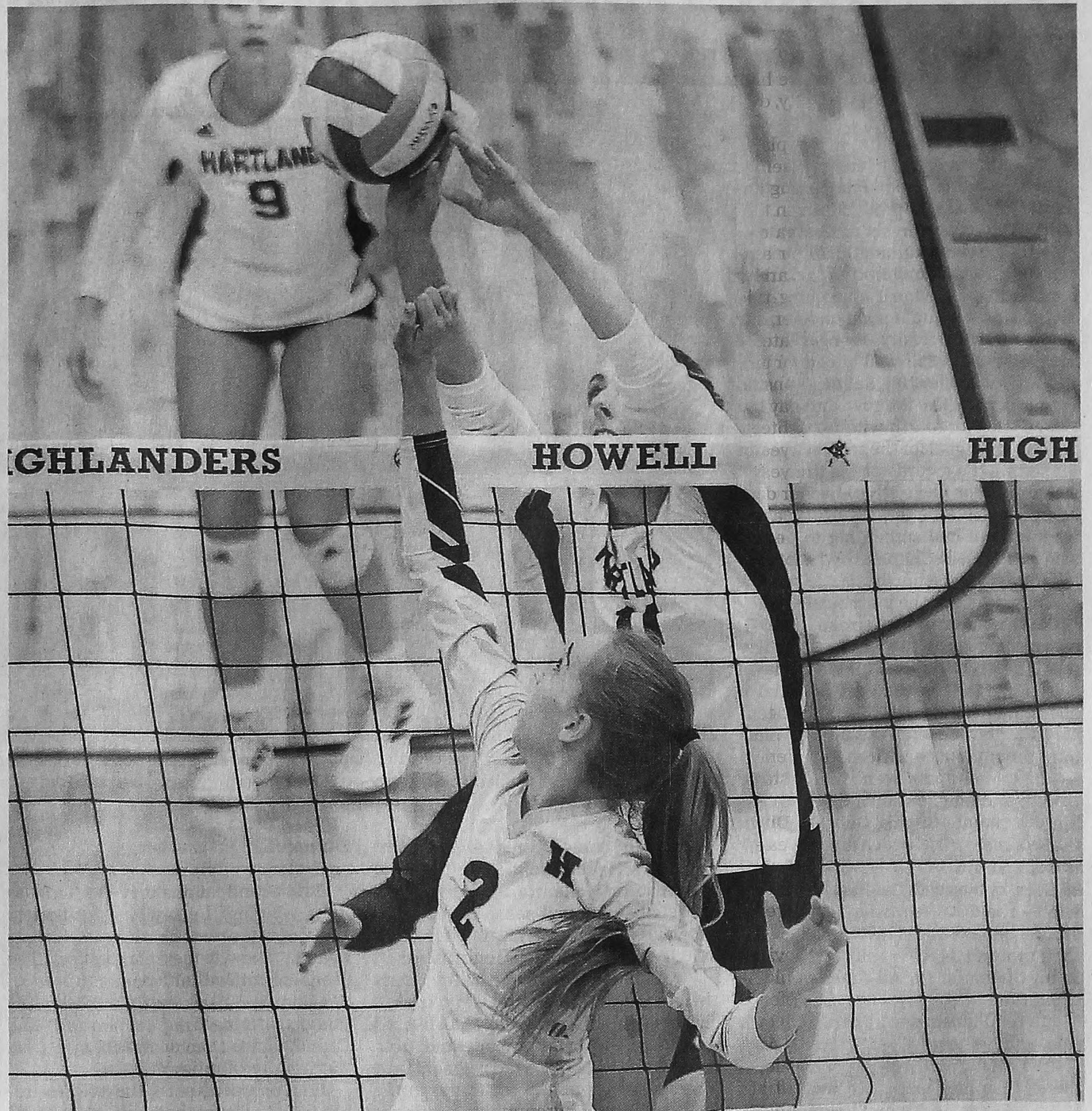
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# Ann Arbor Pioneers girls swim and dive team dominant in 3-peat for Division 1 title

**Wright Wilson**  
Special to Detroit Free Press

Even by Ann Arbor Pioneer's standards, this one was pretty strong.

The Pioneers won six of 12 events — recording seven automatic All-American times — and motored to their third consecutive Division 1 swimming and diving state championship on Saturday at Oakland University. Pioneer scored 322 points to finish well ahead of runner-up Northville (218), Saline (174), and Farmington Hills Mercy and Grand Haven (tied for fourth with 167 apiece).

"Our main goal for the season was not for setting the records or the times, but swimming for each other, because we knew we had a target on our back and we knew we had something to prove," said junior Stella Chapman, who figured in four first-place finishes.

Chapman won the individual medley (2:01.91) and the backstroke (54.07), plus swam legs on the Pioneers' medley relay (1:43.19) and 400-meter freestyle relay (3:24.90). But it was far from a one-person show: the Pioneers occupied the top steps of the awards platform throughout the afternoon.

Lucy Mehraban won the 50 free (23.07) and finished second (49.93) behind teammate Sophia Guo (49.89) in the 100 free — all of which are All-American standards.

Even in the relay the Pioneers didn't win — the 200 free, where they were second behind Grand Haven (1:34.57) — their time of 1:34.81 was still fast enough to hit the cutoff for All-American consideration.

It's the Pioneers' third straight team title, and 19th overall.

"We knew we were expected to be there," Chapman said. "We had to train at a certain level. We had to prepare for everything. We didn't take anything for granted, we knew we had to work for it, regardless. Starting on day one, we made it our goal to be very precise in what we do and make sure everything had a reason, then we knew it would work out in the end if we didn't worry about all the different competition that we had."



After winning the Division 1 state title, Ann Arbor Pioneers Eva Woods, Sophia Guo, Yan Yee Adler and Ursula Ott take the trophy for a swim at Oakland University on Nov. 19. WRIGHT WILSON/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

Actually, some of the Pioneers' competition was pretty solid as well. Livonia Stevenson's McKenzie Siroky won the breaststroke by four seconds in 1:00.27, a day after setting an all-time record of 1:00.07 in Friday's preliminary heats.

"You don't take anyone lightly; every swim is all-out," she said. "My key is I like to go all-out, as fast as I can like it's the 50 in the medley relay, and from there I take it one 25(-yard segment) at a time. I think I've just got to get to the next wall, then bring it home, bring it home."

West Bloomfield freshman Elizabeth Eichbrecht was a double-winner in the distance events, taking the 200 (1:48.42) and the 500 (4:52.71). Northville senior Emily Roden won the butterfly with an automatic All-American time (54.05), and Saline senior Alice English was the champion diver (419.90 points).

## Division 2

East Grand Rapids moved up a class after winning the Division 3 title last fall, and was able to continue its success against a new field of competitors. The Pioneers totaled 280 points, ahead of Jenison (219), three-time defending champ Birmingham Seaholm (181) and Grand Rapids Northview (181) on Saturday at Calvin University.

East only won once, the 200 free relay, with Caroline Flermoen, Alysa Hein, Ellery Chandler and Kate Simon (1:36.44), but scored points from the championship heat in 10 of the 12 events.

Dexter senior Lily Witte set an all-class record in one-meter diving, scoring 554.65 points for her 11 dives. Jenison sophomore Sophia Umstead won the individual medley (2:00.33) and the

breaststroke (1:01.11).

## Division 3

With East Grand Rapids moving up, that cleared a path for Birmingham Marian to claim the Division 3 title at Holland Aquatic Center. The Mustangs had 245 points to edge top-ranked Holland Christian (230.5) and second-ranked Milan (208).

Marian's Rachel Bellow won the individual medley (2:06.08) and breaststroke (1:04.55), and swam on the two Mustang champion relays: the medley with Lily Low, Marianna Becharas and Axelle Ballarin (1:48.67), and the 200 free with Low, Ballarin and Lena McKenney (1:38.72).

It was the fourth title in school history for the Mustangs.

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| Bark   | Chow chow | German    | Spitz    |
| Beagle | Coat      | shepherd  | Strong   |
| Bitch  | Cocker    | Guide     | Toys     |
| Bones  | spaniel   | Loyal     | Whippet  |
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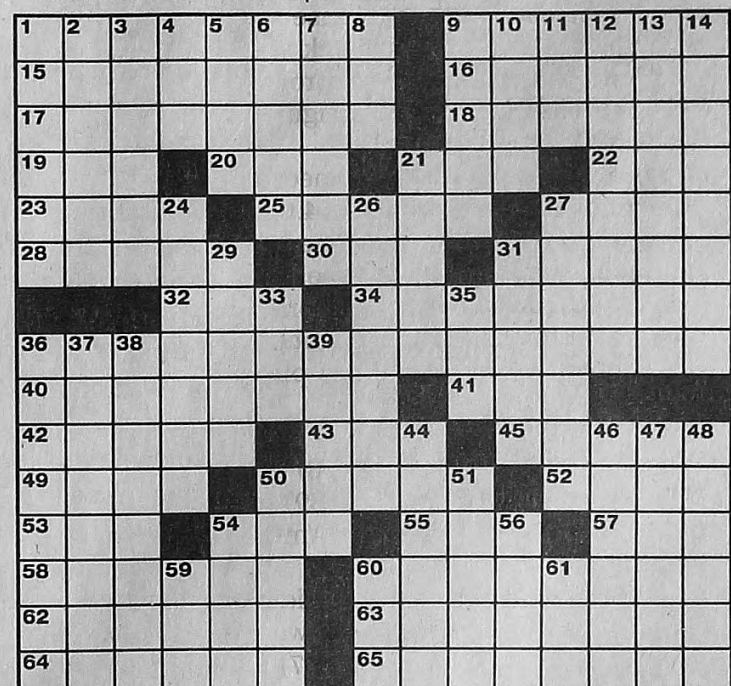
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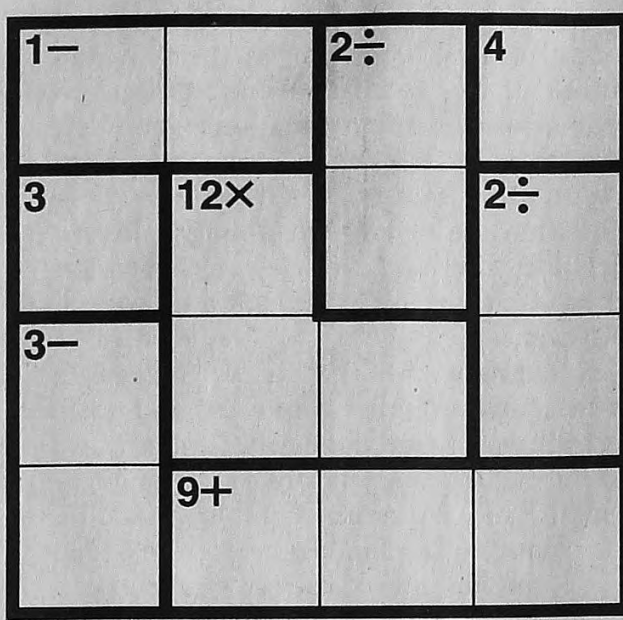
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stamp of approval
  - 9 Tries to draw
  - 15 Western direction
  - 16 Layout with a PYFGCRL line
  - 17 National dog of a Caribbean land
  - 18 Seem to go quick
  - 19 Word associated with Santa
  - 20 Suppose
  - 21 Party
  - 22 Scrub hub
  - 23 Jack's beat poet pal
  - 25 Major influence on Scorsese
  - 27 Dramatic overture
  - 28 Order of the Eagle (Mexican medal)
  - 30 It's seen seven times on the California county list
  - 31 Mineral in some detergents
  - 32 32+-mile challenge, for short
  - 34 Canvas for Grandma Moses
  - 36 You can afford them
  - 40 Less-than-enthusiastic assent
  - 41 "How ill to forget thee!": Whitman
  - 42 End notes
  - 43 Station with a Global Public Square blog
  - 45 Fight or fragrant
  - 49 Antonym of "absorb"
  - 50 Erupts, with "over"
  - 52 Fiddler on the Roof performance
  - 53 Cricket striker
  - 54 Hoppers, for instance
- DOWN**
- 1 Advisor to Odysseus
  - 2 California schools close on his birthday
  - 3 Admonition
  - 4 Navigational projection
  - 5 Galley array
  - 6 Minor refinement
  - 7 Low-effort learning
  - 8 What highlighters have
  - 9 Rusher's success
  - 10 They repaired Skylab in '73
  - 11 Sheep shearer's shoe
  - 12 Verb for the past
  - 13 Count up
  - 14 London's Emirates Stadium has an entire tier of them
  - 21 Certainly not scintillating
  - 24 Anagram of SEATTLE
  - 26 What Snoopy drives in *She's a Good Skate, Charlie Brown*
  - 27 Born leader
  - 29 Testy
  - 31 Drills down
  - 33 Special entrées
  - 35 \_\_\_ double
  - 36 Asian cuisine staple
  - 37 Me, me, me, me, me, ...
  - 38 Course for an accountant
  - 39 Part of a Lestat costume
  - 44 48 Down's home
  - 46 Recent arrival
  - 47 Impassioned
  - 48 Southwestern sluggers
  - 50 Two-time loser to McKinley
  - 51 Pundit
  - 54 *Trecento-sessantacinque giorni*
  - 56 Apple originally shaped like an egg
  - 59 Not at work, these days
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  - 61 It was left in Genesis 8



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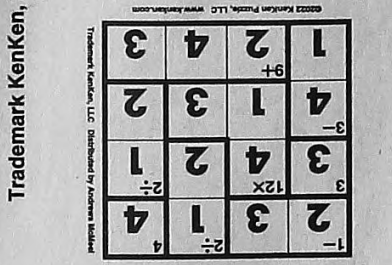


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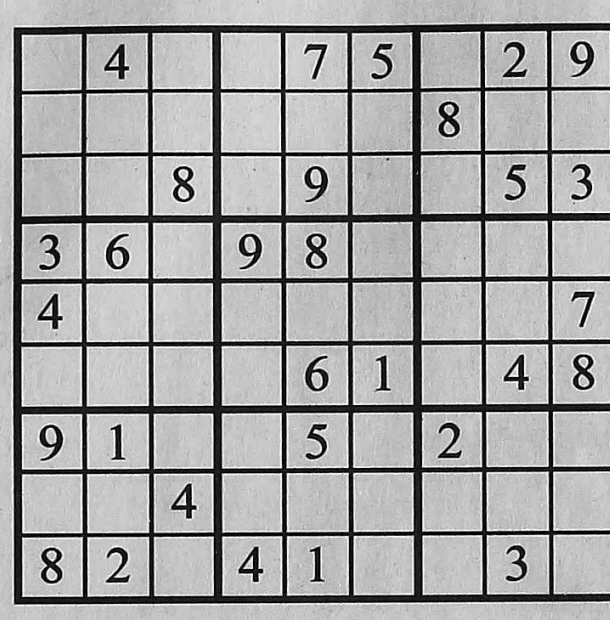
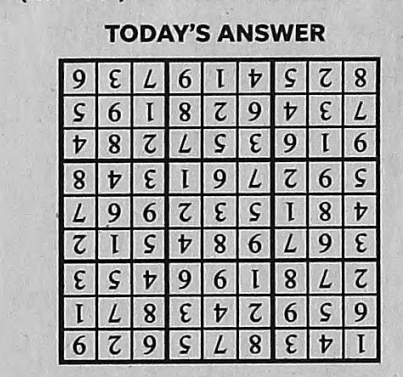
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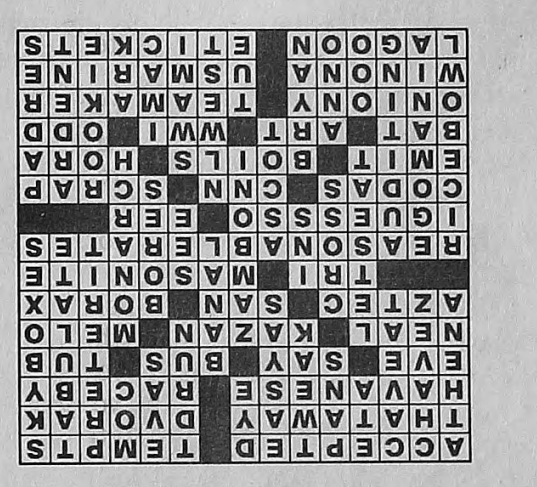


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## Career burnout? Here's how to fix it

**J. Gerald Suarez**  
University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business

Like background noise, burnout may go unnoticed, but its effects gradually impair our capacity to function. And it's the reason 40% of professionals have sought new career opportunities recently, according to a 2021 Limeade survey.

The trigger is stealthy and develops incrementally, with the potential of achieving chronic levels and the ultimate status of an occupational or psychological hazard.

Burnout, if left unattended, can debilitate our mental, physical and emotional health. But similar to other medical conditions, the earlier burnout is detected, the faster we can find an off-ramp and reroute our pathway to harmony.

The good news is that we know the warning signs. Emotionally, we may feel disappointment and disillusionment with work or sentiments of being undervalued. Physically, we may experience stubborn fatigue, restlessness and an inability to sleep through the night. Mentally, confusion, inattentive disposition and clouded thinking are leading indicators.

There is no quick fix for burnout — it takes time to get burnt out and even more time to overcome it. If you're missing deadlines at work, perceiving routine tasks as stressful, thinking about quitting while displaying increased tardiness, absenteeism, irritability or loss of motivation, it may be time for a change.

Here are a few tips that professionals and job seekers can consider when contemplating a career move to help avoid or mitigate burnout:

Listen to the click. Much like how a gas pump clicks as the tank reaches its limit, life

provides a click for stress, tension and physical ailments. It's a sign that we're at capacity, and it's time to stop pumping. Listen to your body and adjust accordingly, whether it's by making time to engage in relaxing activities or pursuing a new challenge.

Know your "why." Reconnecting with the mission or purpose of your work provides the context to "zoom out" and put daily tasks into perspective. Understanding how your work contributes to an overall mission is the key to meaningful engagement. Feeling valued and consequential comes from the outcomes of your work and enables you to ignite

your inner fire without fear of burnout. Once you know your "why," you can seek out professional opportunities that satisfy it.

Use your time-outs. In sports, coaches call a time-out to bring focus, assess the flow and momentum of the game and craft their next play. Professionally, micro-vacations serve that same function by helping you reassess your current situation. Shortened, yet frequent, time off is the antidote to burnout taking hold and gaining momentum. Leverage any vacation time at your current job or make it a priority in the job search.

Take a moment to take stock. Engage in authentic reflection, quiet your mind and make an inventory of your concerns. Uncertainty and ambiguity can intensify disengagement and burnout. Combat them by scouting the landscape for the scope and volume of your current responsibilities to better understand where to focus your attention in the future.

Schedule your life, not just your tasks. Rather than filling out your calendar based on things to do, organize it around your primary roles in life. Think in terms of your role as a spouse, parent, friend, colleague or employee. This allows you to see if you are neglecting any of these roles over a period of time. It may feel unnatural to formally schedule your time with a family member, but doing so brings visibility to your choices and offers tangible feedback in terms of how you spend time doing what matters most to you.



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