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Daniel Jackson of the Austin Police Department has been the lead detective on the case since 2022. PROVIDED BY HBO

‘Yogurt Shop Murders’ suspect named

Officials say man may have been serial killer

Christopher Cann
USA TODAY

After more than three decades, police in Austin, Texas, identified the man they believe killed four teenage girls at a yogurt shop in 1991, a major step forward in a case that shocked the city and led to multiple wrongful convictions.

Authorities identified the suspect as the late Robert Eugene Brashers and described the evidence they said tied him to the grisly murders, including a match of DNA found under the fingernails of one of the victims.

“After 34 years, the Austin Police have made a significant breakthrough,” said Austin Police Chief Lisa Davis at a news conference. “This is one of the most devastating and haunting cases in this city’s history.”

The news comes as the case re-



The bodies of four teenage girls were found in 1991 when firefighters responded to a blaze at this I Can't Believe It's Yogurt in Austin. PROVIDED BY HBO

ceives renewed interest following the release of HBO’s four-part docuseries, “The Yogurt Shop Murders.”

Brashers, who died of a self-inflicted gunshot in 1999 after a stand-

off with police in Missouri, is believed to have been a serial killer who committed at least seven murders across

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Who’s in Lakeview’s Homecoming Court?

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Lakeview High School is gearing up for a weekend of purple-and-white pride as Homecoming Week 2025 begins with a full slate of community events and student celebrations.

The festivities are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 with the annual Homecoming Parade, which will begin at the 20th Street Plaza and follow 20th Street north to Territorial Road, then west to 28th Street, ending at the Lakeview Middle School parking lot, according to a



The 2025 Top Ten Court includes Kamryn Abbey, Da’Sean Page, Jessica Lininger, Santiago Alvarez, Madeleine Thawngghmung, Rykert Bloch, Arabella Jipping, Brody Brown, Lilamae Frank, Devyn Brown, Da’Nayah Williams, Owen Davis, Elizabeth Kline, Aiden Downey, Mya Bishop, Gavin Deal, Claire Van Dis, Caleb McCune, JaMirrah Parker and Lavell Marshall.

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Lawmakers act to avert state shutdown

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LANSING — Michigan state government began Oct. 1, the first day of the 2026 fiscal year, with no state budget, but with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer insisting there was no partial state government shutdown, either.

The question of whether a shutdown ever happened quickly became an academic one, as lawmakers in both chambers passed a nearly \$1.6 billion continuation budget by 1:50 a.m., appropriating enough money to fund state government for one week.

Lawmakers passed their continuation budget as a federal government shutdown began early on Oct. 1 in Washington, D.C.

Continued work to finalize the 2026 state budget was to resume at the Capitol in Lansing later in the morning on Oct. 1, with many budget details still not made public. Much work remains, but Whitmer and lawmakers bought themselves extra time.

Article 9, Section 17 of the Michigan Constitution says: “No money shall be paid out of the state treasury except in pursuance of appropriations made by law.”

In a departure from past practice and historical interpretations of the constitution, Whitmer, with the support of legislative Republicans, said Sept. 30 that state operations would continue as normal, and state employees would continue working and getting paid, with or without a finalized budget agreement, which she and

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