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Communities look at Rizzo contracts

Embattled trash hauler at center of controversy

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A recent FBI probe into bribery schemes prompted one community to withdraw its recent decision to use Rizzo Environmental Services, while other municipalities are watching the investigations closely to see what will happen with their contracts.

In the last couple of years, Rizzo has been growing exponentially. The company has more than doubled in size

since 2011, when it held garbage disposal contracts in 20 communities. It now serves 55 communities and, in the last couple of years, the waste hauler added Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth Township, Northville Township and South Lyon, among others.

Public officials said Rizzo got the contracts by submitting super-low bids that sometimes included recycling at no additional cost.

A Detroit Free Press article recently reported a case that

surfaced in U.S. District Court placing Rizzo at the center of a federal public corruption investigation that is expected to expose pay-to-play schemes in Macomb County.

Rizzo spokespeople have said they are cooperating with the government after a bribe scheme was allegedly exposed and a Clinton Township official was charged with selling his vote in exchange for pushing through an \$18 million deal for the trash hauler. Federal prosecutors allege Clinton Township Trustee Dean Reynolds was paid up to \$75,000 in cash.

Will others fall?

Other politicians are expected to be charged, according to the FBI's charging document.

"This is an extensive investigation into systemic corruption in multiple municipalities in southeastern Michigan, primarily Macomb County," the FBI wrote, according to the Free Press article.

On Tuesday, the paper reported Macomb Township Trustee Clifford Freitas was charged with accepting a bribe, company executive Chuck Rizzo Jr. resigned and the company was re-branding

itself as Greener for Life, or GFL, the name of its parent company.

Even though Rizzo has not been charged with any criminal wrongdoing, the news reports prompted Huron Township officials to rescind their recent decision to award a waste contract to Rizzo.

Kurt Heise, who was elected Plymouth Township supervisor beginning in January 2017, noted he wasn't part of the negotiations to approve the seven-year, \$11 million contract with Rizzo in June 2015.

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Susan and Richard Urban of Canton, enjoying a Sea Dog Wild Blueberry, a Brooklyn Brewing Sorachi Ace and a sausage and cheese board.

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★ ELECTION 2016

Canton board race draws eight hopefuls for four seats

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Efforts to fix crumbling streets, keep Canton safe, maintain healthy finances and usher in more government transparency are among the issues raised by eight candidates competing for four part-time seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Voters will choose among four Democrats and four Republicans in the Nov. 8 election. Winners will receive four-year terms.

Republican incumbent John Anthony, a retired special FBI agent seeking a third term, said one of his top priorities is ensuring the Canton Public Safety Department is adequately funded.

"Citizens must feel safe in their homes, businesses and leisure activities," he said, in response to questions submitted to candidates by email. "Our public safety department is the finest and best-trained department in Michigan and it is nationally accredited. We need to keep it that way."

Republican newcomer Geoffrey Boltach, a charter school sixth-grade science teacher, said his priorities include supporting the police and fire departments, working to improve infrastructure and maintaining a strong financial position, saying those efforts "will draw in business, raise property values and create a great climate for our residents."

Democrat Sommer Foster, seeking her first term, is director of policy and outreach for Equality Michigan and serves as vice chair of the Canton Public Library board. She said efforts to fix crumbling streets is one of her top priorities.

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Cheers!

World of Beer opens in Canton

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Pour the beer and they will drink it.

A steady flow of thirsty customers Monday poured into World of Beer in Canton — the company's only Michigan tavern — and chose among 550 bottled brews and 50 beers on tap.

Thirst no more. The drought for beer from about 30 countries had ended on an October day that was warm enough for some patrons to choose the patio.

Richard Urban of Canton sipped a Brooklyn Sorachi Ace, while wife Susan opted for the Sea Dog Wild Blueberry, a wheat



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See BEER, Page A3 Kris Rufino, pouring for customers.



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"It looks like Rizzo has engaged in pay-to-play in Macomb County," Heise said. "I hope that's not the case in Wayne County. I'd like to see the investigation run its course and see what other communities are implicated in this."

The U.S. Attorney's Office has declined comment on reports that Rizzo is the company referenced by the FBI in the court documents filed in the case. It also declined to comment on whether any bribery charges would be brought against the company. It would neither confirm nor deny Rizzo Environmental Services' involvement.

Federal authorities have reportedly said only that the Clinton Township bribery case is part of a broader federal investigation and that numerous communities are in-

involved.

Bought out

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said Rizzo told officials about six weeks ago that it bought Duncan Disposal, which provided the township's waste hauling.

"We are working with Rizzo because they are the successor," Snider said. "They hired 90 percent of Duncan employees and we've had very little to no complaints because the drivers already had experience on our roads and cul-de-sacs. It's been a seamless transition for us in Northville."

Rizzo acquired Duncan's existing contract that runs another two years, he added. "They had to buy Duncan out with the contract," Snider said. "We haven't negotiated, nor do we intend to, with Rizzo."

Duncan also provided waste hauling services for South Lyon. More than two months ago,



FILE PHOTO

Several local communities contract with Rizzo for trash service.

Duncan Disposal attended a South Lyon City Council meeting, saying it sold its business to Rizzo. When the contract expires, Snider continued, the council will decide what move to take next.

"I can't comment on the extent of the investigation that Rizzo is involved in, but to the extent of allegations, Northville Township absolutely is not involved in any aspect of an investigation. We haven't been contacted. I believe the township is completely void of whatever investigation exists in other jurisdictions."

Long negotiations

Livonia switched its trash removal provider in fall 2015, changing its contractor, Waste Man-

agement, after several decades with that company. Rizzo captured an eight-year contract.

At the time, Jack Kirksey, who was Livonia's mayor, asked the council to consider sticking with Waste Management, citing the successful relationship the city had with the company for many years.

"The service has been absolutely all that we expect and hoped for," Kirksey had said.

Current Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright pointed to the lengthy process before council hired Rizzo.

"But in the end, the city received a reduced cost for our trash pickup contract and that reduction was passed along to residents," Wright said. "Trash collection is a

major service in our community. Any transition in a city of our size is bound to have a few kinks to work out and we've had our share of calls."

Many of the issues have dealt with pickup timing, but "we generally get a good response from the company's local managers when we call with resident concerns."

Regarding the Rizzo controversy, Wright said, "I wasn't involved in the decision-making process to select Rizzo. I just know that the city of Livonia has had a long-standing reputation for integrity and above-board dealings when it comes to contracts."

Last year, Rizzo purchased a majority shareholder interest in the long-term contract holder, Canton Waste Recycling, which provided the service to the Canton Township since the 1970s. The Rizzo contract is in effect until 2020 and is worth about \$3.3 million annually.

Regarding the controversy, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Rizzo issued a statement that said they "are focused on providing service, which they've done a good job doing since they assumed the contract. Our focus is the service and

that the service will continue at the high level that the community expects."

Good marks, so far

Garden City opted to go with Rizzo earlier this year "because it was determined they offered the best value for our public dollars," City Manager/Police Chief Bob Muery said. "This, of course, was after an open and transparent bidding process. Rizzo has demonstrated years of experience in waste management and has a reputation for excellent service to its customers. Additionally, Rizzo brought in a weekly curbside recycling program, which was greatly desired by our community."

After three months as Garden City's solid-waste contractor, Rizzo "has performed well and has received numerous accolades from our residents," Muery said. "As to the controversy in Macomb, I don't feel it is appropriate for me to comment. I am not inclined to hold an entire company responsible for the alleged actions of an individual or individuals."

South Lyon Manager Lynne Ladner and Rizzo spokesman Joe Munem didn't return phone calls for comments.

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Ex-East Middle School teaching aide faces sex charge

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A former teacher's aide at East Middle School in Plymouth is facing three charges, including criminal sexual conduct, over her relationship with two underage boys.

Bridget Caplin, 41, of Plymouth is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person age 13-15, distributing obscene material to children and using a computer to commit a crime. She is being held in the

Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash or surety bond.

Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski said an investigation began in May after police received a tip from an anonymous online tipping service. The investigation, he said, involved search warrants for online data from social media outlets. The criminal sexual



Caplin

conduct charge, Grabowski said, stems from Caplin's relationship with one boy, while the charge of distributing obscene materials involves another. Both are 15.

Caplin was placed on administrative leave from East in May pending the investigation and has since been fired, according to a statement from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

Grabowski said Caplin was arrested at a Oct. 14 home in Monroe County by the sheriff's department there after a war-

rant was issued by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office. She was formally arraigned the next day in an out-county court, he said.

Caplin is scheduled for a Friday, Nov. 4, preliminary hearing in 35th District Court.

The statement from the school district said Caplin has not returned to any district school buildings since being placed on leave.

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Jennifer Ling carries two flights of beer to customers.



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World of Beer is open in Canton.

BEER

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ale. They shared a serving board of spicy sausage and cheese.

"It's very good — nice and mellow," Susan Urban said of her beer.

Her husband said his Belgian-style beer had a slightly sweet, potent taste without being overpowering.

"Finally, Canton got it right for once," he said. "This place is long overdue. I think it's going to be very successful."

Tim Hackett of Canton arrived just before the 11 a.m. opening — among the day's first customers — and still sat on a bar stool just after 5 p.m., marveling over 12 large-screen TVs mounted on brick walls. He rode his bicycle to WOB, on Ford west of Lilley, and paced himself for

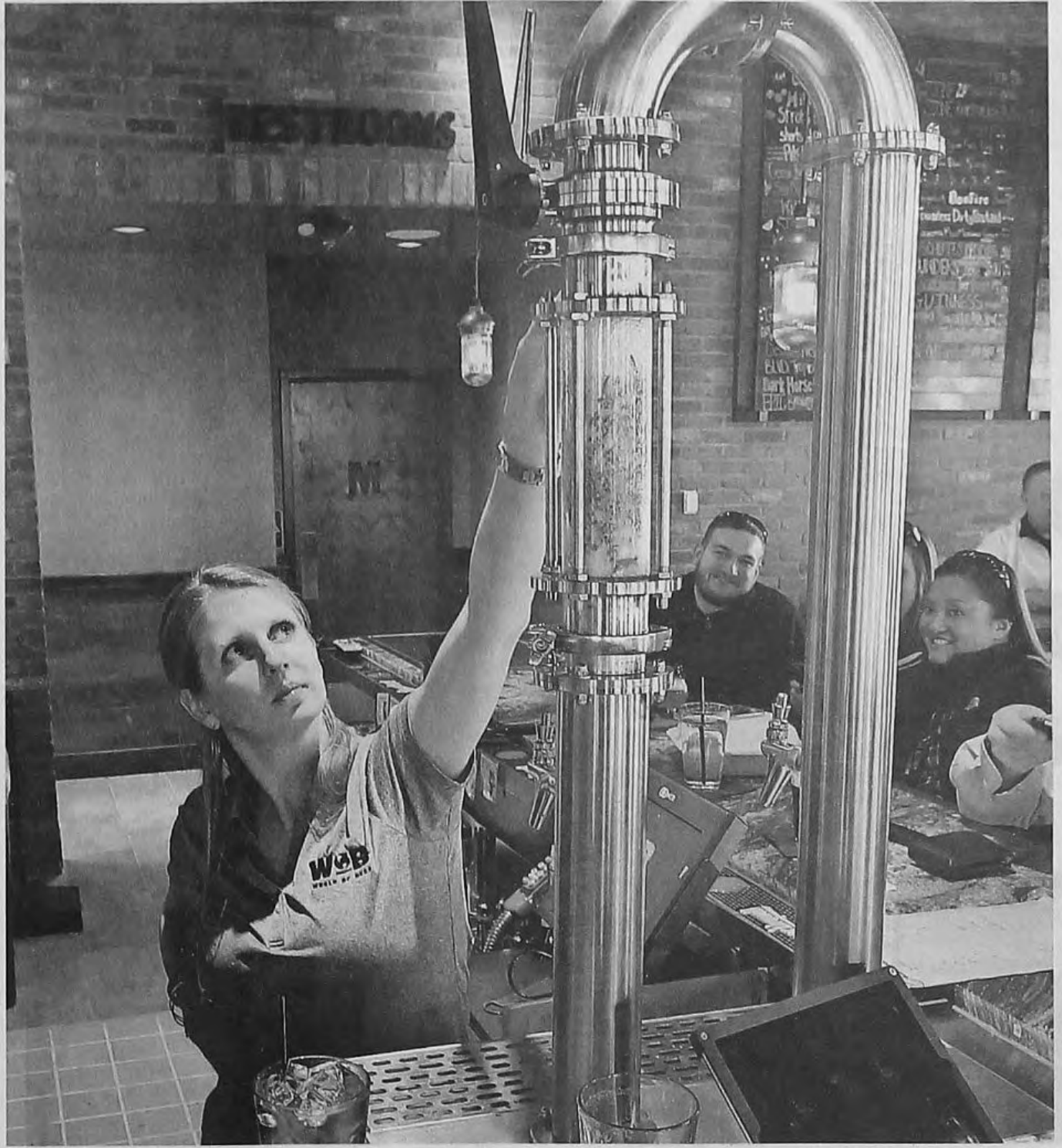
opening day.

"I'm always (one of) the first customers at every new bar in Canton," Hackett said. "This is a beautiful bar."

While most of WOB's brews are craft beers, he joked that he was having "craft Miller Lite" because his taste buds prefer longtime beers that survive the latest trend.

Sitting next to him, Jamie Benaglio of Farmington Hills sipped on a Sea Dog Wild Blueberry as she explained she wasn't a stranger to World of Beer, having worked at a former WOB location in Ann Arbor that morphed into another bar because it simply didn't have enough space to accommodate a kitchen.

That makes Canton the company's only Michigan location, though Matthew Valentino, general manager,



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Ashlee Harwell infuses Atwater Brewery Dirty Blonde with thyme and orange.

said a location could open by mid-December in Woodhaven. He and Canton WOB owner Chad Wilson bustled about the tavern as the crowd of customers shrugged off the Monday workday.

"I'm elated," Valentino said of getting the Canton WOB open. "I'm absolutely ecstatic."

Wilson said opening day marked the culmination of a dream that began more than a year

ago to bring World of Beer to Canton. WOB is not a brewery, but Wilson said he is optimistic its vast selection of beer and diverse menu will draw a customer base from a 10-mile radius.

"We're very excited and very happy to bring this to Canton," Wilson said.

Canton World of Beer employs about 70 workers and has 6,000 square feet of space, including a patio that Wilson said

should be enclosed by mid-December.

"It's going to be 80 degrees in the middle of January on that patio," he said.

WOB's parking lot had nearly filled at 5 p.m., indicating a strong interest in the tavern's opening. WOB employee Iviss Belaya came from Coconut Creek, Fla., to help train the Canton WOB workforce. She said it's among the nicest WOB sites she has seen.

"I can tell you right off the bat that this will be a successful store," Belaya said.

World of Beer's hours are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For more on the company, which has some 80 locations, go to <https://worldofbeer.com/>.

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"We are a rapidly growing community and need to ensure we grow in a smart way," she said. "We need a solution to Ford Road (traffic) and our crumbling neighborhood streets. We must preserve open space and ease strain on our business corridor. A regional approach involving all stakeholders is necessary to improve safety for those who live, work, and play here."

Democrat Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, a fourth-generation auto worker and coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach, is seeking her first term. As a former executive officer of the League of Women Voters, she said government openness is a priority.

"I learned the importance of government transparency and access to elected officials," she said. "This is critical for the success of our community and needs to be a priority."

Republican first-time candidate Darian Moore, who runs a real estate team, cited improved roads and strong relationships between the township and neighborhoods as among his priorities.

"This is where the rubber meets the road in terms of Canton working hand-in-hand with residents," Moore said. "We can serve as a catalyst for training association boards and sharing best



Anthony



Boltach



Foster



Graham-Hudak



Moore



Sneideman



Vaishnav



Yack

practices regarding maintaining our neighborhoods, thus keeping the image of Canton subdivisions and home values on the rise."

Democratic incumbent Steven Sneideman, seeking his second four-year term, is a longtime telecommunications professional who previously served as president, treasurer and secretary of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. He said roads and financial stability are among his priorities.

"The infrastructure has not kept up with growth," he said, adding that "30 years of poor planning have left traffic jams, crumbling streets and life-threatening accidents as the norm." He called for better planning, including sidewalks, bike paths and green space.

Democratic newcomer Dhaval Vaishnav, who works in auto industry management and has small business ventures, said he would use background to ensure Canton is "financially solid" and

try to find ways to reduce taxes while finding ways to address crumbling roads.

"I believe in positivity, not party line," he said, "and I will work with the county and MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) to improve infrastructure."

Republican incumbent Tom Yack, a former 20-year township supervisor and Plymouth-Canton school board member seeking his second term as trustee, said his priority is to "keep Canton Canton" and he called for maintaining a high level of public services through high employment standards and a strong leadership team, among other factors.

Yack also said he would work to "maintain and enhance community assets (such as) parks, bike paths, public facilities and infrastructure."

For more questions and answers with the candidates, go to www.hometownlife.com.

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Celebrate delicious food at Vegetarian Festival in Novi

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Prafulla Kharkar has been a vegetarian for seven years.

Four months ago, he founded the nonprofit Vegetarian Society of Michigan, which is now up to 80 members and expects to host 3,000-5,000 people — herbivores and omnivores alike — Oct. 29 during the International Vegetarian Food Festival at Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

The event is free to the public and will feature at least 10 restaurants offering more than 100 vegetarian dishes and free samples.

"Everyone loves food," said Kharkar, who migrated to the United States 15 years ago with his wife and two children. "Frankly, this festival is not just limited to vegetarianism."

The festival, he explains, seeks to nourish not just the body with food, but also the mind and soul with live music as well as various speakers discussing healthy living habits and their experiences.



Prafulla Kharkar, founder of Vegetarian Society of Michigan, shows vegetarian pizzas. Samples of a variety of dishes will be available Oct. 29 at the International Vegetarian Food Festival at Suburban Collection Showplace.

One of those speakers is Meena Puri, an ayurvedic practitioner and yoga and meditation teacher who will discuss "Five Keys to Breaking Old Habit Patterns."

"Most people struggle with habits, but most of our solutions to the struggles are very superficial," Puri said. "A lot of habits are established patterns that runs deeper into the psyche. ... This discussion has to do with diving deeper

and finding a common thread in the reason for the habit and triggers. A lot of habits are subconscious, of which you are not aware. We'll talk about how to access the subconscious and real causes."

Meat consumption could be considered a habit which many Americans do without any conscious thought and both Puri and Kharkar hope to show attendees of the festival a healthier

— and still delicious — way to eat.

"Change is fearful for people," Puri said. "One of the habits people have trouble with changing is their diet. They don't know what that change looks like or how to do it. It's easy to get a hot dog or hamburger; with (a plant-based diet) they don't know what to buy or what to do with them or think it doesn't fill me up or wonder how to combine foods. ... We live in a culture where people want to be told everything, what to do and how to do it."

Help can be found at the festival, even if you don't wish to eliminate meat, but are seeking ways to reduce animal protein in your diet and eat healthier. Attendees of the festival can learn how to make meat more digestible, combine it with other foods for the best impact and much more.

Unlike vegans, vegetarians still consume dairy products, including milk, butter and cheese. Kharkar notes not eating meat does not automatically make you healthier, especially those who pile on chips soaked in

hydrogenated oil, indulge in high-fat cheese regularly or down beverages high in sugar or artificial sweeteners.

Still, there are many benefits to vegetarianism.

"It does the least harm possible to other living beings, the environment and yourself," Kharkar said. "You get all the needed nutrition and proteins from a vegetarian diet. At the same time, you help cultivate a compassionate living style and lower your carbon footprint."

Other vegetarian benefits he touts include lower incidences of cancer; better heart health from a diet low in cholesterol and saturated fat and high in fiber; less likelihood of developing diabetes; better sight; and leaner bodies than non-vegetarians.

"Many Americans think that vegetarianism just consists of different salads and breads," Kharkar said. "There are many delicious varieties of vegetarian food. Ignorance is also present about the overall nutrition one can get from a vegetarian diet. There is a belief that vegetarian

dishes are difficult and time-consuming to cook. These myths create difficulty for someone in America to change their lifestyle to vegetarianism."

To move to a vegetarian lifestyle or even one that just includes less meat, he suggests using an "out of sight, out of mind" approach, such as changing old shopping habits and even shopping at new stores; eating simply, but with an eye on variety; experimenting with vegetarian cooking methods sourced from Thailand, India, China, France, Mexico and Italy; and simply asking for help, which can be found at the festival and through mentorships from the Vegetarian Society of Michigan.

The International Vegetarian Food Festival will also feature more than 40 shopping booths offering a variety of vegan products, as well as free chair massage and aroma therapy. All speaker seminars are free. Parking is \$5.

For more information, go to www.mivegetarian.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Trunk or treat with Smores

Join the fun at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church parking lot, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Smores at 7:30 p.m. The second annual Spook-tacular Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA, takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Kroger Plaza Parking lot, northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt, in Garden City.

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ishable food items for the Garden City HOME Pantry will gladly be accepted and collected. To participate, volunteer, donate candy or for more information, email Elaine Salter at esalter1125@yahoo.com or call 734-502-2046 or 734-788-9319.

Fine arts exhibit

Artist Dawn Johnson will exhibit her works of art at the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Center Library on Five Mile in Livonia. The exhibit, which will run Oct. 30 to Nov. 29, is hosted by the Livonia Arts

Commission. Johnson loves painting all subject matter but is especially drawn to landscapes and wildlife. She enjoys painting en plein air (in the open air), on location outdoors. Dawn is intrigued by the many colors she sees in nature and enjoys mixing each color as she sees it. She uses her love of photography as an asset to painting and often takes reference photos when her painting has to be completed in the studio. Dawn attended Ringling School of Art and later received her bachelor's

degree from Madonna University.

Wreath and blanket sale

The women of the Garden City Moose Lodge will host their 11th annual grave blankets and wreath sales.

All the blankets and wreaths are handmade and decorated to fit customer needs. Customers pick colors and decorations. Blankets are 5 feet long and are \$48, including two anchors. The wreaths are \$22 and also come with a stand for grave sites. The 30-inch crosses are \$35 including a 42-inch easel. The women also make the Christmas wreaths to hang on doors for the holidays.

Special themed orders can be made for an additional charge. All orders must be received by no later than Monday Nov. 14. Pick-up dates are Nov. 26 and 27 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Garden City Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford Road. To place an order, call Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or email kdow14@yahoo.com. The items can also be ordered at the Moose Lodge.

Exhibit raises funds for charity

Mark Benglian's October Solo Exhibit, "Louder Devils," is at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The exhibit, which runs through Oct. 30, raises funds from the sale of art for the Michigan Humane Society and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Benglian is a nonprofit artist from Michigan who focuses on intuitive mark-making and storytelling. Many of his pieces are created



Artist Dawn Johnson exhibits her art at the Fine Arts Gallery in Livonia.

using salvaged or recycled materials, strong colors and abstract imagery. PCAC gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, during all public events and by appointment. Most Wednesdays, the gallery is open until 6 p.m. The PCAC's Exhibit Programming for 2016 is sponsored in part by a generous grant from the Plymouth Community Foundation.

Lost voices

Help at-risk kids by attending the Concert for Lost Voices at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at the PARC in downtown Plymouth. The concert will feature Kitty Donohoe, Jen Cass with Eric Janetsky and Mike Ball and Young Ladies of Vista Maria. Folk, blues and Celtic musicians will be featured. Young women from Vista Maria who have benefited from the Lost Voices will be at the event. For more information about the nonprofit group Lost Voices and its mission to bring life changing creative programs to incarcerated and at-risk young people, go to lostvoices.org.

Looking for volunteers

Are you look for volunteer opportunities in Livonia? If so, consider volunteering with Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, a volunteer nonprofit group that provides weekend food to at-risk children in the Livonia Public School System. The group packs more than 220 bags of food each week and is in need of help packing the bags each Tuesday night.

Go to Sign Up Genius page at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4da5a62aa0f94-filling>. To learn more, go to website at www.biablivonia.org.

Polish dinner dance

The St. Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford will sponsor a Polish Dinner Dance from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. The event will be held in the Activities Building at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of Inkster and West Chicago roads in Redford. Tickets are \$25 at the door. The price includes an authentic Polish dinner, dancing with music provided by the Polish Dukes, beer, wine and soft drinks.

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Scams, crime prevention topics of senior seminar in Canton

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Striking back against crimes such as money-swinding scams by phone, Canton has embarked on a plan to help senior citizens — who can be particularly vulnerable — stay safe.

Police Officer Patty Esselink, Canton's community relations officer, said an upcoming seminar is intended to teach seniors to avoid losing money to scam artists calling to say back taxes are owed or a grandchild needs money to get out of jail, among other false claims. Callers typically ask victims to place money on gift cards and reveal the code numbers.

One 81-year-old Canton woman recently lost \$2,000 on iTunes cards after a caller said her grandson had been jailed for texting while driving.



Esselink

To fight back, the Canton Public Safety Department and Canton Leisure Services are hosting a seminar, "Seniors, Safe, Sound & Secure," from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

"The purpose is to help the mature adults within the community

have an idea what is going on around them," Esselink said.

Guest speakers also will encourage seniors not to open their doors and let strangers inside their homes, among other safety measures.

The seminar includes guest speakers from Comfort Keepers, Canton's Community Emergency Response Team and the Canton Police and fire departments. Lunch and dessert are provided, but space is limited. Seniors should register by Friday by calling 734-394-5485.

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★ IIIII ELECTION 2016

Noble: I understand the struggles of district families

Matt Jachman
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The Rev. Jeff Noble is battling to keep the Michigan House of Representatives' 20th District seat in Republican hands.

Noble, a Plymouth Township resident, is the senior pastor at Praise Baptist Church and a first-time office-seeker. He is vying with Democrat Colleen Pobur to succeed three-term Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who has represented the 20th District since 2011.

Heise is barred by term limits from seeking re-election and is set to become Plymouth Township's next supervisor.

Noble, 55, has a bachelor's degree in political science and government from Francis Marion University and a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He helped found Praise Baptist, which grew out of the combination of two local churches, in 2008.

Noble is involved with the community through his work as a pastor as

well as through volunteering with Kids Against Hunger and various veterans groups. He also performs invocations at memorial services in the area.

The 20th District is made up of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, part of eastern Canton Township, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville.

The Observer recently asked Noble four questions on his background and on issues facing the district, and we are publishing his answers here.

Q: The Plymouth-Canton schools consistently receive per-pupil foundation grants that are among the lowest in the area. How would you work toward raising the floor for lesser-funded districts without further burdening state taxpayers?

A: First off, as one of



Noble

many sources of revenue such as property taxes, categorical grants, and federal funding, foundation grants account for only a little more than half of school revenue, so we should be looking at total per-pupil funding, not simply foundation grants.

However, foundation grants were actually established for this very purpose: to reduce funding disparities not by cutting funds to the well-funded districts, but by increasing funds to those below them.

The funding formula was based in pre-Proposal A funding levels, and the reason some districts had larger grants was because they received more funds locally before Prop A was enacted.

The baseline foundation allowance increased by about 1.6 percent this past year, but less so for the more richly funded districts. I'm open to continuing this phase-out.

Q: The Snyder administration and the Republican-led Legislature have had big successes and big failures over six

years. How would you, if elected, make sure the state stays on track with its budget and economic growth while avoiding disasters like the Flint water crisis and the still-struggling, state-controlled Detroit schools?

A: On the contrary, the Snyder administration and the Legislature have had great success correcting terrible failures.

Detroit's schools are a symptom of Detroit's economy, and the best thing we can do is continue to help small businesses grow by relieving them of needless regulations and high taxes. We need to make Michigan more economically competitive to bring new jobs and new interest in revitalizing Detroit, recognizing that an overbearing government is a burden.

As to Flint, transparency laws, whistleblower protections, and generally making government more accessible to watchdog groups may help prevent the next environmental crisis.

Indictments have been filed against those responsible for the disas-

ter, and making clear that those responsible will be held accountable sends a strong message to government employees to act in good faith to protect the public they serve.

Q: What in your background — education, work and personal experience — makes you the most qualified candidate in this race?

The most important qualification is a first-hand understanding of the challenges facing Michigan families. Career politicians think nothing of the harm in raising taxes: they're excited for the government jobs their programs create (i.e. votes bought with tax dollars). They don't think about the families living on the margins, where having a few dollars here, a few dollars there, taken from every paycheck, plus the hidden taxes included in the price of everything we buy, is a painful sum.

I've worked many jobs, and it took a lot of hard work and patience to build a career that could sustain my family. If elected, my votes will

be decided by how I believe each policy will affect the public at large and middle-class families in particular.

Q: Are you in favor of the Regional Transit Authority and its plan for a 1.2-mill, 20-year tax? If not, how would you address what is often called the worst major metropolitan public transit system in the country?

A: No. We don't need to raise taxes on homeowners who already pay for mass transit. The proposed tax is a 120% increase. That means a person with a house valued at \$100,000 (taxable value) will pay \$120 extra each year in taxes. Currently, that same homeowner is already paying \$100 for mass transit services that many don't even use. We can find better ways to provide mass transit without burdening the taxpayers again. (Editor's note: No communities in the 20th District are currently a part of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, or SMART.)

Pagan touts local roots, experience in re-election bid

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Democrat Kristy Pagan is seeking a second term in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The 34-year-old Canton Township resident was elected to the state House 21st District seat in 2014. The district is made up of a large portion of Canton west of I-275, the city of Belle-

ville and a portion of Van Buren Township.

Pagan faces Republican Derek Moss in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election. Moss, also of Canton, works in the homeland security field.

Pagan is a graduate of the Plymouth-Canton



Pagan

Community Schools district and has a bachelor's degree in health education from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in political management from George Washington University.

She has worked as a development officer at Wayne State University and is the founder of Kristy Pagan Consulting, a fundraising organization dedicated to commu-

nity and civic engagement.

Pagan has served on the boards of the Canton Democratic Club and the Canton Community Foundation and is an adviser in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program at Canton High School. She is a member of the Belleville Area Kiwanis and helped found Canton's Lead Like a Girl program.

The Observer asked Pagan four questions regarding her election re-election bid and issues facing her district. Here are her answers.

Moss was sent the same questionnaire, but did not submit his answers before the publication deadline.

Q: The Plymouth-Canton schools consistently receive per-pupil foundation grants that are

among the lowest in the area. How would you work toward raising the floor for lesser-funded districts without further burdening state taxpayers?

A: Since my first day in office, my top priority has been fully funding our schools. I am a proud graduate of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and I believe that

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Pobur: Range of experience is best in House race

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Democrat Colleen Pobur of Plymouth, a Plymouth City Commission member, is campaigning to represent the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The district, now represented by third-term Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, part of eastern Canton Township, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville.

Heise cannot seek re-election because of term limits and is the presumptive supervisor-elect in Plymouth Township.

Pobur, 57, is vying with Republican Jeff Noble, the pastor of Praise Baptist Church and a first-time office-seeker, in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election.

Pobur is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan's honors college. She has decades of experience in govern-

ment and the private sector, including in software sales, consulting, director of concessions for Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and four years as a member of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

She is an eight-year city commission member, was the commission's president pro tem from 1999 to 2003, has chaired the city's Brownfield Development Authority since 1997, is president of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association and has been through the Leadership Michigan and Leadership Detroit Programs. Pobur held high-level positions within Jennifer Granholm's two winning campaigns for governor.

We asked questions of Pobur regarding her experience and issues facing the 20th District, and we are publishing the questions and her responses here.



Pobur

The Plymouth-Canton schools consistently receive per-pupil foundation grants that are among the lowest in the area. How would you work toward raising the floor for lesser-funded districts without further burdening state taxpayers?

A: Proposal A was established as a temporary fix and it is long past time to build a more effective funding mechanism. I will work with my colleagues to develop a model for public education that equitably funds schools for all students regardless of ZIP code, gives them the resources they need and focuses on smaller class sizes. It is wrong that for-profit charter schools receive taxpayer dollars intended for public schools without requiring those charter schools to adhere to the same standards as public schools and provide the same services, like transportation and special education, that public schools are required to provide. I would also strive to allow school districts to ask their voters for millages

that can provide funding for teachers rather than just infrastructure and technology.

Q: The Snyder administration and the Republican-led Legislature have had big successes and big failures over six years. How would you, if elected, make sure the state stays on track with its budget and economic growth while avoiding disasters like the Flint water crisis and the still-struggling, state-controlled Detroit schools?

A: One of the biggest problems we have — which led to these crises — is the emergency manager law. It is clear that emergency managers have failed our communities and our school districts. We should be looking at adequately funding revenue sharing and growing the economy in a way that helps communities and supports local control. The Flint water crisis shows that you cannot manage a municipality with a spreadsheet. Stabilizing the state's budget in the face of dwindling revenues

will be a huge challenge for the Legislature. We need to assess the way the state is allocating resources and stop caving in to special-interest groups in order to provide for all of our citizens. This will be an area that requires collaboration and compromise on both sides.

Q: What in your background — education, work and personal experience — makes you the most qualified candidate in this race?

A: My broad professional and public service experience make me the most qualified candidate. I have served as a Plymouth city commissioner for eight years, working with a great team to build reasonable budgets that contain costs and deliver excellent services. I also served as a state liquor control commissioner for four years, gaining a great understanding of the challenges that small businesses face. As director of concessions at Detroit Metro Airport, I undid sweetheart deals and built a program based on integrity and

competition. I have endorsements from the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the United Auto Workers, the Plymouth Police Command Officers and many other groups that prove that I am an experienced, trusted leader who can reach across the aisle to solve complex problems.

Q: Are you in favor of the Regional Transit Authority and its plan for a 1.2-mill, 20-year tax? If not, how would you address what is often called the worst major metropolitan public transit system in the country?

A: I am in favor of the RTA millage because it will provide transportation options to many people who either live or work in Plymouth, Northville and Canton who have no other way to get to their jobs or doctors' offices or homes. Public transportation is often the only alternative for disabled people to get around and lead productive lives.

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in order for Michigan's children to succeed and for our economy to grow, we must invest in public education. A recent independent educational study found that the cost to adequately educate a child in Michigan is \$8,667, leaving P-CCS with a \$1,116-per-student shortfall. This is why I have introduced a series of bills to help ensure our schools are fully funded. Additionally, in this year's budget, \$2.5 million was allocated to for-profit, private schools. When we shortchange our public schools by shifting funding to private schools, we compromise the future of our children's education.

Q: The Snyder admini-

stration and the Republican-led Legislature have had big successes and big failures over six years. How would you, if elected, make sure the state stays on track with its budget and economic growth while avoiding disasters like the Flint water crisis and the still-struggling, state-controlled Detroit schools?

A: I take my job serving as your state representative seriously and believe we all do better when we work together to find solutions to challenges facing our state. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have fought tirelessly to ensure that our state budget reflects our shared priorities. This includes investing in education, fixing our roads, and creating good-paying jobs. I have worked in a bipartisan

way to advocate for an open and transparent government that is accountable to the people of Michigan. That is why I supported legislation to expand the Freedom of Information Act to include the state legislature and governor, so tragedies like the Flint water crisis never happen again and emergency managers are a thing of the past.

Q: What in your background — education, work and personal experience — makes you the most qualified candidate in this race?

A: As someone who was born in Belleville, raised in Canton, graduated from P-CCS and returned home to start a business, I truly understand the unique needs of our community. Every day I am out in our neighborhoods, going door-to-

door, seeking feedback from residents about their thoughts and concerns and asking how our state government can best work for them. My past experiences include working as an education policy aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and making higher education more affordable as a development officer at Wayne State University. These experiences, and serving as your current state representative, make me best qualified to continue building upon the work we started together just two years ago.

Q: Are you in favor of the Regional Transit Authority and its plan for a 1.2-mill, 20-year tax? If not, how would you address what is often called the worst major metropolitan public transit system in the country?

A: Mass transit can impact the success or failure of the Detroit region. An effective public transit system makes it possible for people to get to and from work and attracts new businesses and young talent. The transit system in southeast Michigan is severely underfunded and lacks

the capacity to provide reliable transportation to commuters. Southeast Michigan is the only large metropolitan area in the country that lacks a functional mass-transit system. This leads to major barriers when competing for talent and good paying jobs. With the RTA millage on the ballot, we have an opportunity to create a better transit system that will provide desperately needed transportation to the region. However, it is up to the voters to decide if they support or oppose the millage.

Theater director stages new season while taking chemo

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

James Hartman was on a mission last year. The Schoolcraft College theater professor, just back to work from a year-long medical leave, was dedicated to rebuilding the theater's audience



and bolstering its ticket sales. His hard work has paid off. "People know we're

back; our sales have gone up. This year sales are going very well," said Hartman, who is staging two dramas for a three-week run beginning Friday, Oct. 28. "We usually do three weekends. For the dinner theaters, the last time I checked, 80 percent of the shows were sold."

Hartman's health has improved a bit since being diagnosed with liver and colorectal cancer in 2014. He hopes chemotherapy will continue to help.

"I'm staying positive and am going to get through this. I have to wear a mask for my protection. I caught a cold but was able to get rid of it in three weeks and that means my immune system is still working."

Hartman was used to moving around the classroom as he taught, but now lectures from behind his desk to help save his energy. His fingers sometimes cramp, making it difficult to work on cos-



Elizabeth Allen plays Gertrude, a bar owner, and Franz Margitza is Harry, a sailor, in "The Sea Horse," opening Friday, Oct. 28 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

tumes, sets, lights, props and programs single-handedly. But he hasn't let that stop him.

Pitching in

When Cheryl Hawkins, dean of liberal arts and sciences, discovered that Hartman was having a difficult time finding enough students to help make sets, she and her administrative assistant Corrie Bertera pitched in.

"Jim has a class called Activities, and the numbers were low. He was having to rely on anyone he could find to do construction work. Cory and I put on our blue jeans and T-shirts and painted and purchased items, repaired doors and built small items," Hawkins said.

"He's such a perfectionist. We wanted him to have the same experience that he's used to. It's all about teamwork."

Hawkins said enrollment in theater classes has increased this year, in addition to ticket sales for the upcoming plays.

"We now have some part-time instructors working in the theater department," she said, noting that Hartman

previously had been the sole faculty member. "It's exciting."


Hartman will open the theater department's play season with "The Sea Horse," a 90-minute, two-character play that Hartman describes as a "dysfunctional love story," and with the 25-minute version of "Sorry, Wrong Number," a murder/suspense story.

Hartman has broken with the traditional staging of "Sorry, Wrong Number," through the use of the costumes, blocking and lighting that he selected.

"It is very dramatic, I think. The audience will either love it or hate it."

Tickets are \$27 for the dinner theater production, Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5, and \$15 for the play only, Nov. 11-12, in the liberal arts theater on campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Building and the play is at 8 p.m. Get tickets from the Schoolcraft College Bookstore or call 734-462-4596.

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Trott doesn't respond

I'm a moderate. I rarely vote in primary elections because I have to declare a political party. But I voted in the Democratic primary this year. I did so because I know Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and can't imagine any candidate who is better suited to represent her constituents as a Canton trustee. Had it not been for her, I would have probably voted in the Republican primary to support John Kasich.

I have been watching the presidential race with some concern. But as a female, I found Donald Trump's remarks about committing sexual assault appalling. I reached out to my Rep. Dave Trott to ask why he had not renounced Donald Trump like so many other Republican politicians. When reaching out, there is a box to check to say you want to be contacted. I definitely want to be contacted to understand his perspective (perhaps there are droves of his constituents demanding he retain his support).

Dave Trott has not renounced Donald Trump, his actions, nor reached out to me. I believe he has not reached out to me because I voted in the Democratic primary. How can Dave Trott represent me if he refuses to even reach out to me? I wonder how many others that he refuses to listen to — this goes against his title of "representative."

Lisa Manwell
Canton

Vote Pat Williams

I have known Pat Williams for over 20 years. I firmly believe there is no better person to succeed Phil LaJoy as Canton Township supervisor.

In my opinion, this is the position Pat has been working toward the whole time I have known him. I met Pat when we

were members of the first Leadership Canton class. From there it was onto the chamber of commerce board, where Pat served as president, while also running his own small business in the Canton community.

While at the chamber, Pat took an interest in helping the Canton Lions Club. He, along with others I know, helped to revive the club and turn it into the active group it is today. Next, it was onto the township Board of Trustees, where he has served for the last eight years.

During all these years, Pat has also been involved in a number of other activities and groups. If you have attended community events over the years, you may have run into him or his family.

In everything he has done, Pat has worked with others to do what needed to be done. He has spent years getting to know the community and working to make it better. His dedication, willingness to work hard and his vision make Pat the perfect candidate to be the next Canton Township supervisor.

Paul Schrauben
Canton

Clerks can endorse

This letter is in response to the letter from Trevor Tutro-Anderson criticizing our current township clerk, Terry Bennett, for allegedly endorsing Linda Obrec to succeed her.

Unlike Tutro-Anderson, I will identify myself. I opened the first law office in Canton in 1974, and I am a Republican. I can only deduce that Tutro-Anderson is a Democrat trying to undermine Mrs. Obrec. I have no knowledge of Mrs. Bennett endorsing Mrs. Obrec and in my person opinion, this is not in character for Mrs. Bennett.

In 1986, Mrs. Bennett was the chair of the Re-

publican district that included Canton and she asked me to run for U.S. Congress. I had an opponent in the primary who had been active in the Republican Party for a number of years. I never claimed that Mrs. Bennett asked me to run, nor that she endorsed me.

As an attorney, I know of no legal or moral reason for any elected official not to endorse a candidate to succeed them in a general election. Though Tutro-Anderson can quote County Clerk Cathy Garrett that "clerks don't endorse," this is an individual's personal decision.

Further, for the past three years, I have worked the election polls for Canton precincts. As such, I have firsthand knowledge how the votes are tallied. Contrary to Tutro-Anderson's opinion that a township clerk could affect the integrity of the vote count, this is just not possible. The clerk does not personally put the vote count together. It is the precincts and her staff that do this.

Since Trevor Tutro-Anderson's letter was published, in my opinion, it meets the legal standard of slander.

Peter B. Bundarin
Canton

Vote Hudak for Canton

For the past several years, I have had the privilege and honor of working alongside of Anne Marie Hudak in various forums where she has sought to make Canton a community for all. She currently serves as the coordinator of the Interfaith Community Organization, a group of deeply committed folks from the great faith traditions of our world who call Canton their home. Anne Marie works tirelessly to set up events where people from diverse backgrounds can share meals together and offer their time and talents to various charities

in our community.

Additionally, Anne Marie has served as an executive officer for the League of Women Voters, helping to make sure that our election process is as accessible, transparent and trustworthy as possible. She deeply believes that everyone deserves an opportunity to have their voice heard by practicing their right to vote.

I have also, as Anne Marie's pastor, been blessed to have her serve on the governing board of our church for the past couple of years. I can vouch that she is a person who has deep integrity, tremendous energy, and a commitment to serve the people of this community. I wholeheartedly endorse her as she seeks election as a Canton Township trustee. My hope is that she will be elected to that office so that she can offer her many talents to help guide our community into the future.

Bryan Smith
Canton

Support Dr. Taj

I have known Dr. Syed Taj for over two decades. Dr. Taj was my family physician for many years. He serves with me on the board of directors of The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, and he was very effective when he served on the Canton Board of Trustees. He's smart, business savvy, community oriented, and he has a servant's heart. I'm proud to call him a friend. Dr. Taj understands smart development and the need to balance development with quality of life issues and traffic problems on Ford Road. He also reflects the changing population in Canton very well and will be a supervisor who serves and represents all of the people. I am confident that Syed Taj will do a great job as Canton Township supervisor, and I urge you to support him.

Tom Jankowski
Canton

Stop with the tax proposals

If you've ever seen any horror films, you'll know that if you try killing a monster like Dracula, Michael Myers or Jason, the monster always comes back. This is a lot like the bloodsucking elitists who continually keep coming back to us, hat in hand, crying about how they're out of money and need more taxes.

In Livonia, we recent-

ly renewed the public safety millage. Now the Nov. 8 ballot has county-wide millages for the RTA and schools. We also have had millages for parks, the zoo, etc., all heaping up runaway taxes upon the homeowner. And this is all on top of the annual 8 percent water rates increase.

Because Proposal A and the Headley Amendment limit taxes on a city level, these miscreants now do an "end-run" by running countywide millages. I'm also disgusted at how newspapers and public officials almost always endorse these tax increases. After all, it's easy to spend away other people's money! I also find it insidious that the school millage was already offered in 2015 and rejected but here are the bullocks back again for another bite of the apple.

The fact of the matter is, we don't need a dumpty bus system, and when we have less children in school, we receive less money from the state because we should be spending less with less students. It's illogical to suggest that when we have less children in school, we must then increase spending as if we were living at the levels of several years ago!

The problem is, this school money is going to pay for pensions, not a new bottle of glue for Little Johnny, a new gym basketball, textbooks, buses, or anything else. The lottery gives these idiots millions of dollars and they still can't make ends meet. Vote no on the RTA and school millage.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Support Sneiderman in Canton

Steven Sneiderman has been a leader in our community for 15 years. He has been president of many local organizations: The Cruiser Swim Team, The Fox Run Subdivision, the Salem Swim Boosters and a trustee for the Canton Community Foundation and Partnership for the Arts. He helped ensure each of these organizations have financial and planning stability.

He led the Plymouth-Canton school board for six years as trustee, treasurer and president; As treasurer he helped end the district's annual practice of seven-digit deficits by ensuring they balanced the district budget in 2007 and the five years to follow.

Having Steven on the township board the last

four years has greatly benefited our community as he worked diligently to make Canton safer for everyone (through ordinance updates and investing in our infrastructure), easier to navigate (pressing for increased road and sidewalk/bike path funding) and financially stable (ensuring a balanced budget).

I highly recommend a vote for Steven Sneiderman this Nov. 8.

Wade L. Davis
Canton

Keep Kellogg Park simple

Regarding the letter to the editor from architect Scott Silvers, I want to comment that he failed to mention that he is a member of the planning commission that is pushing the grandiose design for Kellogg Park. Kellogg Park is not a "great urban park" like Union Square in New York. It is a simple gathering place/park that is the anchor of the Plymouth downtown.

People in Plymouth know what they like, and don't need to be told of the "physical components and critical relationships between these components that make for a wonderful public space." The current park and fountain are wonderful public spaces. Plymouth citizens already know that! We do not need experts to tell us what we like. We are not interested in the dated five critical elements that define urban spaces.

Kellogg Park is a simple park that reflects the history and heritage of our city and functions well. Mr. Silvers references a book, "Image of the City," that was published in 1960 by Kevin Lynch who was severely criticized for his theories that stressed the visual and ignored functional design elements that contribute to the overall success of a design.

The gutting of the park, adding hard scapes, manicured plantings and planned areas is not a citizen-supported idea. Heritage is an important component of small town America. Urban planners are taking away that heritage by imposing static designs which may look great on paper, but have no place in citizens' hearts.

Bring the fountain back to life by refurbishing it where it presently stands. Maintain the park by caring for the trees and plantings. The basic design is compatible with our town — simple, classic and timeless.

Martha Walton
Plymouth



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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Drunken panhandler, pants down, arrested

A drunken panhandler, reportedly roaming a parking lot asking for money while his pants were down around his ankles, was taken into custody by Canton police.

A woman who was with him was so drunk she was taken to a hospital for treatment, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 8:25 p.m. Oct. 19 outside a retail shopping center northeast of Ford and Sheldon roads. A witness notified police to report the 35-year-old Ypsilanti suspect was walking in front of vehicles and asking for money while his pants were down around his ankles, the report said. The witness said the man also had taken off his sweater.

His female companion, a 35-year-old Canton woman, told police the two of them already had urinated behind the building. Police gave the suspects a breathalyzer test that indicated the man's blood alcohol level was more than three times the legal limit of .08 percent, while the woman's was more than four times the legal limit.

Police arrested the man for disturbing the peace but the woman was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Rat flees car fire

A 51-year-old man whose Jeep Cherokee caught fire told police he noticed a rat fall from underneath his vehicle after he pulled off the road on Cherry Hill, near Haggerty.

Police cordoned off the area until firefighters doused a fire that fully engulfed the vehicle about 7:45 a.m. Monday, a police report said.

The driver, a Westland man, told police he was on southbound Haggerty when another motorist alerted him that his vehicle was on fire. He pulled off the road, got out and noticed what he described as a large rat fall from beneath his vehicle and scurry away.

The man told police he has had no previous mechanical problems with the vehicle, which sustained extensive front-end damage.

Workplace dispute

The atmosphere heated up inside the Chipotle Mexican Grill when an ex-girlfriend went to the eatery where her former boyfriend and his new girlfriend work, even though neither of them was working or at the eatery.

The 19-year-old ex-girlfriend told police she went to Chipotle for lunch, and employees who recognized her be-

gan to talk among themselves, saying it was a good thing the new girlfriend wasn't there. She told police she didn't acknowledge the conversation and left after getting her food about noon Oct. 13.

The next day, she told police she sent an email to Chipotle to complain of the employees' behavior. She said she received a reply from the company with an apology and saying the company would handle the matter.

In what the police report indicated could be workplace retaliation, the new girlfriend apparently emailed the ex-girlfriend's employer, Planet Fitness, to report that a scene had occurred at Chipotle and false allegations were made against her.

Then, the ex-girlfriend told police she began getting Facebook messages from people claiming to be relatives of the new girlfriend, warning her not to cause any more problems and advising her to move on with her life, the report said.

The ex-girlfriend also said a woman claiming to be the new girlfriend's mother went to Planet Fitness and tried to no avail to get her fired, the report said. Police advised her to report any further incidents.

— By Darrell Clem

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D1 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Canton readies for rematch against Northville

First-round playoff meeting follows Week 9 clash

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton will open the Division 1 MHSAA state playoffs where it ended its regular season: Northville's Tom Holzer Ford Field.

The Chiefs (7-2) will square off with the Mustangs at 7 p.m. Friday in a rematch of the Week 9 Kensington Conference championship game, which Canton won, 42-27.

In that game, Northville (7-2) fell behind early, but stormed back in the second half thanks in large part to their

halftime adjustments on offense.

In the second half of that game, Canton head coach Tim Baechler said Northville head coach Matt Ladach used formations that he hadn't used all season.

"(Ladach) brings out the tackle box and it was just a big-time fishing trip; I mean different formations, different stuff we haven't seen," Baechler said following the game.

In preparations for the playoff game, Baechler realized that his team has a tackle box of its own filled with lures as far as the eye can see.

"We will make some changes. I made mention of (Ladach's) tackle box. I'm, like, 'You know, we have a tackle box, too.' We have a spread offense in that we stole from Livonia Franklin. It's just sitting in that tackle box. We have some new things that we can do, too," Baechler said in a phone interview Sunday night.

Changing it up

Ladach's changes in the conference championship centered around getting the ball to 6-foot-2 junior receiver, A.J. Abbott. He finished the game with nine catches for 203 yards and two touch-

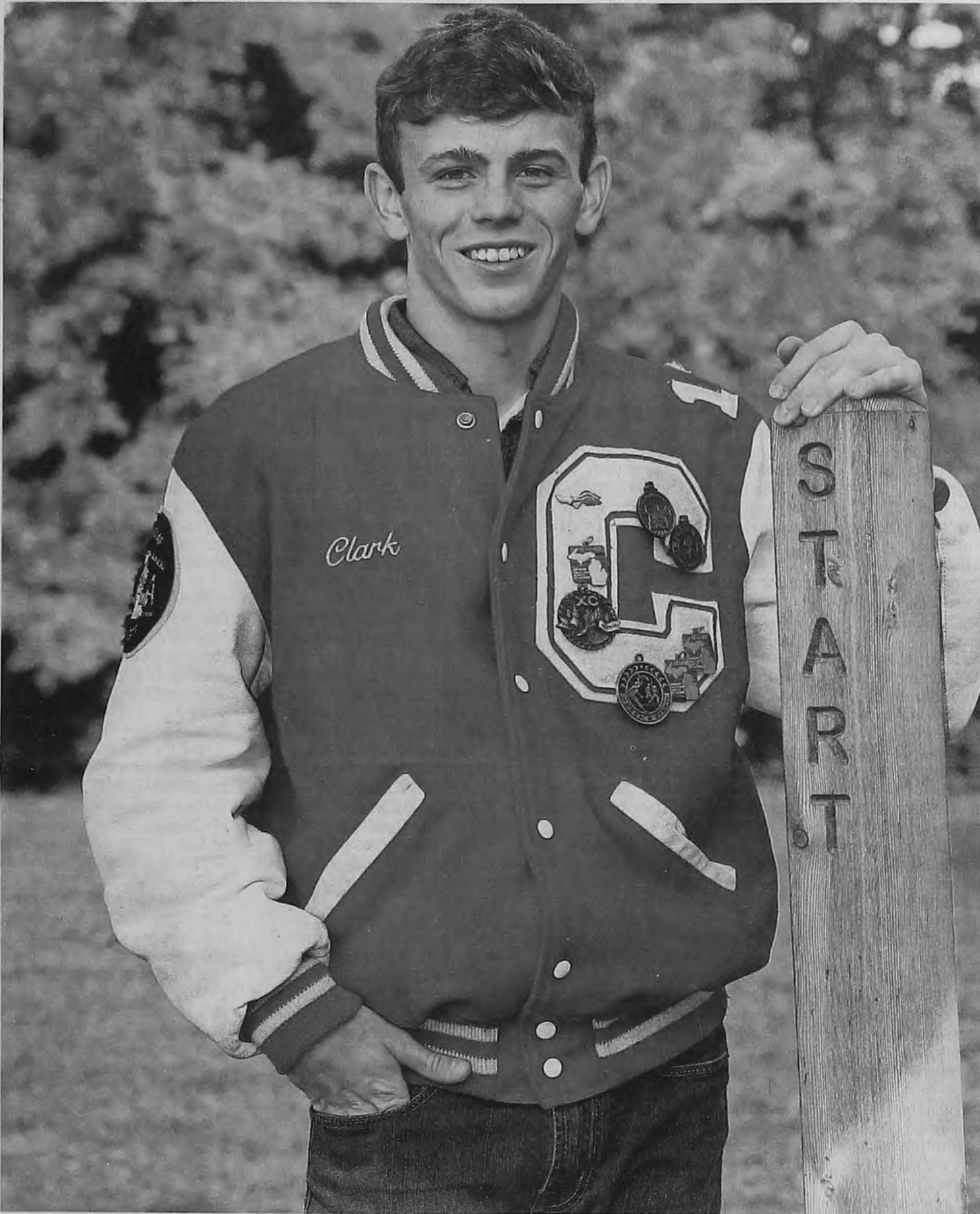


MICHAEL VASILNEK

The last time Canton football coach Tim Baechler and the Chiefs were in a state playoff game was last season's Division 1 semifinal. The Chiefs open up the 2016 postseason Friday at Northville.

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PREP SPOTLIGHT



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Throughout his four-year cross country career with the Canton Chiefs, hard-running Zac Clark has "lettered" in excellence.

ZAC ATTACK

Clark is rewriting Canton's boys cross country record book this season

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Zac Clark relies on mind over matter when taking on another stiff varsity cross country challenge.

"Honestly, I have no secrets," said Clark, a record-busting Canton Chief. "I train with everyone else. I do the workouts. I try to eat right. At the end of the day though, it's really all a

mental game."

That doesn't diminish that he has physical game, too.

Clark recently set a new Chiefs record with his time of 15:58 at the River Rat Open at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Last week, the senior finished the KLAA Kensington Conference meet in seventh with a time of 16:09, breaking his year-old record for best time

by a Chiefs runner at that event.

Not yet done

The best could be yet to come as Clark and the Chiefs will compete Saturday at the Division 1 regional, also at Willow Metropark. A good showing there could lead to a spot in the D1 state finals, Nov. 5 at Brook-

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D1 DISTRICT FINAL

More OT magic for Salem in 3-1 victory

Rocks score twice in overtime to win district championship

Tim Smith
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For the second time in less than 48 hours, the payoff for Salem's varsity boys soccer team working overtime was a district win — and coming with the second one was a championship trophy.

On Saturday on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, two overtime goals in the first 10-minute overtime period enabled the Rocks to defeat Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 3-1, in the Division 1 district final.

"One of the biggest things we talked about was to keep that level of energy coming off the Canton game," Salem head coach Kyle Karns said, referring to the Oct. 20 comeback 3-2 win over the favored Chiefs (also decided in overtime). "It took a little while for us to get going, to get into it. But again, along the way, you have to play all the way until the end.

"Whether that means the end of regulation or the end of overtime, you just got to keep going."

Salem (12-6-3) was scheduled Tuesday to face Saline at the Ann Arbor Huron regional.

"The theme for us is to survive and advance," Karns said. "We just continue to do that, one game at a time. On to the next one."

The Chargers had forced extra time when they scored with 13:56 to play in the second half.

But Salem carried the play in overtime and took the lead 2-1 with 5:53 left in the first OT on a goal by

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Staying a couple of steps ahead of Dearborn Heights Crestwood players is Salem's Mikey Schwartz.

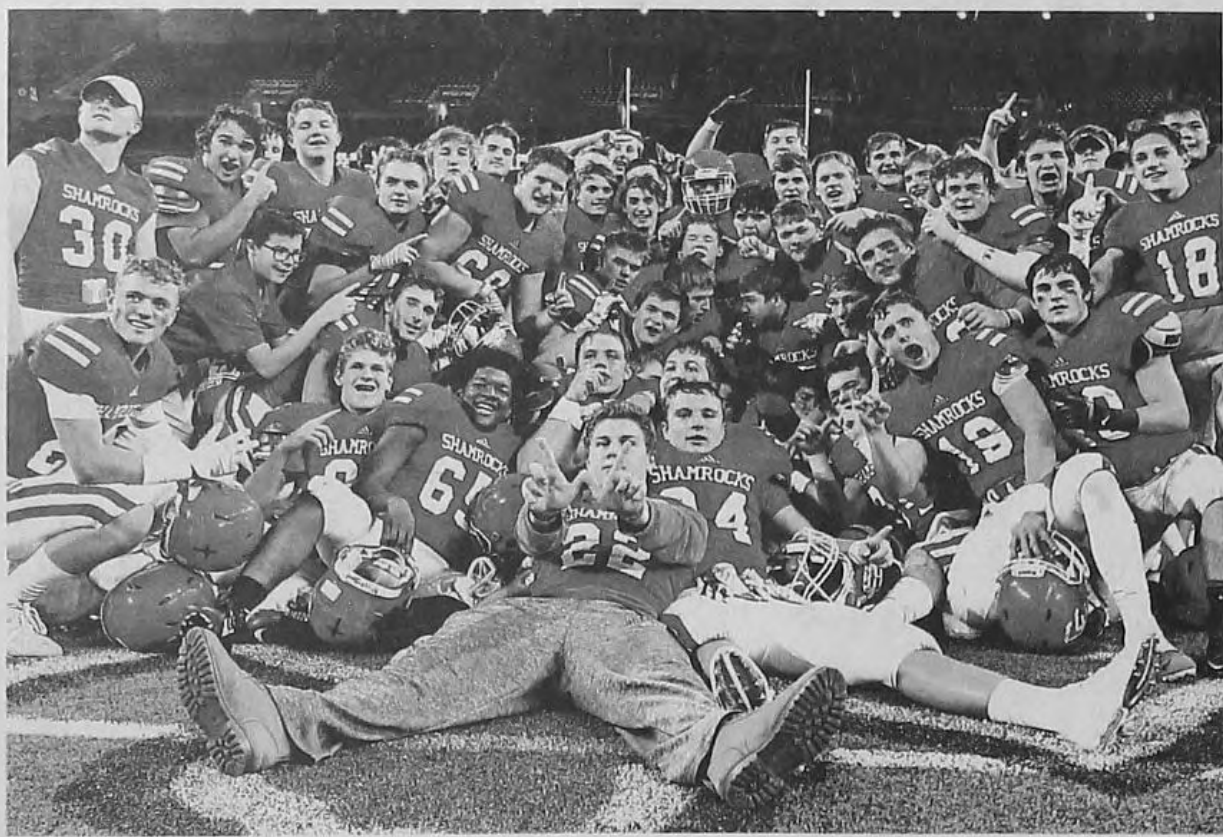
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PREP FOOTBALL



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central players celebrate at Ford Field after rallying to beat St. Mary's in the Prep Bowl, 17-14.

Brown proves clutch as CC earns Catholic League title

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central's 35th Catholic League football title in school history came in Houdini-like fashion Saturday night in the Prep Bowl at Ford Field.

The Shamrocks' undefeated regular season was on the line after Orchard Lake St. Mary's got a 46-yard touchdown pass from Caden Preiskorn to Josh Walls with 8:18 to go in the final quarter, giving the Eaglets a 14-10 lead.

But sophomore quarterback Austin Brown pulled a rabbit out of his own hat, orchestrating a clutch 15-play, 80-yard drive in the final 2:45. He connected with Chris Jakubik for the game-winning 12-yard TD pass with only 22 seconds left to give CC an improbable 17-14 victory.

The Shamrocks' Jack Morris then sealed the win when he picked off a deflected pass with only 11 seconds remaining after the Eaglets had attempted the hook-and-ladder play.

Brown was masterful down the stretch, completing 6-of-8 passes for 57 yards while running for an additional 20 yards as the Shamrocks kept the chains moving with six first downs.

"We do it in pregame, but we don't normally do it practice," Brown said of the two-minute drill. "We did it really good this week. We got it down in 30 seconds and we felt pretty confident coming into it."

The 5-foot-9 Brown, who was 13-of-19 passing on the night for 159 yards, was Fran Tarkenton, Doug Flutie and Johnny Manziel all rolled into one with his improvising scrambling and throwing ability.

"I like basing my game around Johnny Manziel. I love that dude, so that's what I try to do," Brown said of the former Heisman Trophy winner from Texas A&M. "My coach really trusts me in making a play ... and running, so if there's not a pass open, he wants me to run the thing."

Jakubik, a senior wide receiver, found himself all alone in the middle at the goal line for the game-winning TD.

"I was real wide open, the ball was right there, it was a real good call," said Jakubik, who also had five solo tackles on defense. "I did a curl route and the guy behind me did a wheel and they both bit on the guy on the wheel, so I was wide open and I have to thank Isaiah Popp on that. It was a great drive, that last drive ... unbelievable this team."

It also helped that CC had banked a pair of timeouts to use during the final drive.

"We were rolling, so we didn't need the timeouts too much," Brown said. "We came to play and we showed it in the last two minutes."

It was a frustrating finish for the Eaglets (5-4), who played the Shamrocks much tougher than an earlier season meeting, when they lost, 28-7.

Led by linebacker Josh Ross, a Michigan commit, the Eaglets' defense held CC to 94 yards rushing on 41 attempts.

"We tried not to let the quarterback get outside too many times," St. Mary's coach George Porritt said. "He's very, very good, he's clever. The last drive, they were in quarterback draws with him just coming straight up the chute. They were getting those 5- and 6-yard plays or a big play to sustain the drive. He was hitting those out-routes, those quick routes. They did a nice job in the last three minutes of the game."

The Eaglets, who had only 171 yards total offense to CC's 253, couldn't get much traction on ground, either, with just 62 yards on 22 carries.

"We had to throw the ball a little bit more," Porritt said. "Their defense is strong up front. We had trouble moving them, but we did a little bit better job throwing the ball the second half, but we came up a few points short. Shoulda, coulda, woulda."

After CC was pinned in its

own end on its opening possession of the game and forced to punt, St. Mary's Shermond Dabney returned it 46 yards to the Shamrocks' 5.

But it took all four plays for the Eaglets to score as Kyren Cunningham blasted in on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 7:20 left to make it 7-0 after Ben Fee's extra point.

CC then got on the board with 1:21 left in the same quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Jacob Nichols.

The Shamrocks took the lead with an 80-yard, 19-play drive, capped by Matt Young's 1-yard TD run with only 19 seconds left. Nichols' PAT made it 10-7 at intermission.

The score stay that way well into the final quarter before Preiskorn, who was 7-of-14 passing for 109 yards, hit Walls for the go-ahead TD with just over eight minutes remaining.

But the Eaglets couldn't get another first down and run out the clock. They were forced to punt, giving the Shamrocks another chance with just under three minutes left — and Brown delivered.

"They showed great poise and effectiveness and good decision-making," CC coach Tom Mach said of his offense. "It goes down to the idea that the magic is in the believing. You got to keep making plays. They made play after play after play. You keep believing you're going to do it."

The Shamrocks were able to pull out the victory despite St. Mary's giving them all they could handle on the line of scrimmage. Isaac Darkangelo led CC's defense with one solo tackle and eight assists, while Matt Poet was in on five.

"They play such good defense and they're really tough on both sides of the ball," Mach said. "It was a matter of will, going at each other and banging it out and they do a great job. It was a fantastic Central Division football game. My hat goes off to St. Mary's, because they're a very difficult to beat."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

CC grad Godin is the spine of U-M's line

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Matt Godin is right in the nerve center of Michigan football these days.

The fifth-year senior from Novi Detroit Catholic Central has become an integral part of a defensive line that has allowed just 62 points in six games, while holding opponents to just 99.2 yards rushing per game, including just 2.9 per rush.

And that was no more in evidence than during Oct. 1 top 10 clash with Wisconsin, as the fourth-ranked Wolverines held the sixth-ranked Badgers to just 159 total yards in a 14-7 win. That was followed up with a dominating 78-0 win Oct. 8 at Rutgers, where U-M gave up just two first downs and 39 total yards.

Against Wisconsin, it was a good old-fashioned knock-down, drag-out battle between two unbeaten in the Big Ten.

"We came out playing physical," the 6-foot-6, 294-pound Godin said. "It was a fun game. There's always high enthusiasm, but when you know teams are going to try to run the ball first ... and that's what we love, too, taking away the run, so we were really excited for that one."

Michigan's interior defensive front was a big reason why the Badgers were held to a mere 71 yards on the ground.

Great chemistry

"We feed off each other, big time," Godin said. "We definitely knew it was going to be physical. We watched them on film. We love that 22-personnel, 23-personnel. That's what we work on all off-season with these guys (the offensive line), too. We were ready for it. It was good to have (Bryan) Mone back, too, so everyone is healthy and ready to go. So it was great."

Godin, a three-year letter winner, has played in 32 career games while starting nine, including the last five.

Against Wisconsin, he contributed four stops and has 18 tackles already on the season, including 1.5 for loss and a sack (against Penn State). He was coming off a career-best 17 tackles in 2015, including one tackle for loss and a sack.

"I'm just a guy who is really focused on his technique and works hard and I'm just ready to do anything my team asks me to do," Godin said. "I stay in the middle of the D-line, play tackle, play nose at times."

Godin rotates through with a group of experienced and talented defensive linemen that also includes Chris Wormley, Taco Charlton, Ryan Glasgow, Chase Winovich and Mone, along with highly-touted freshman Rashan Gary.

Strong unit

"They play extremely well," U-M head coach Jim Harbaugh said during a press conference. "When one guy is out, another steps up. It's impressive. I think Greg Mattison does a tremendous job. Credit to the youngsters and players themselves for their effort and talent. It's the spine of our football team, a strength."

Co-defensive coordinator Greg Mattison makes the line calls and does it with the intent of keeping everybody fresh.

"If we go three-and-out, he'll come over and say, 'Who he wants in?'" Godin said.

"But a lot of times when we get into the heat of the game, it's just every three plays usually. We always say, 'Three as hard as you can go and the next guy up.'"

U-M's defensive line, perhaps its best in more than a decade, has also built a special bond.

"We have a lot of chemistry and I think it's because we've been with each other for so long," Godin said. "We take pride in that. In our room, our team always says, 'This team goes as far as the D-line goes.' And as long as we play well, we just have to do our part."

Wolverine ties

Godin grew up a Michigan fan. His father Kevin, brother Jonathan and sister Jackie all attended U-M. Godin was recruited to Ann Arbor by former U-M coach Brady Hoke.

"All my family went to Flint Powers Catholic," Godin said. "I lived in Flint half my childhood then moved to Fenton. It was about 40 minutes to CC. I carpoled with friends."

At CC, Godin recorded 70 tackles, including nine sacks as a senior en route to all-state honors as the Shamrocks finished 12-2 while reaching the 2011 MHSAA Division 1 state final.

He said his experience as Shamrock has served him well.

"Toughness," Godin said. "Coach (Tom) Mach always wants you to be tough football players, technique, fundamentals and I think those fundamentals helped me when I came to college."

Godin red-shirted his freshman year before appearing in seven games as a sophomore while earning his first letter.

In 2014, he gained more substantial playing time on the defensive line as he made nine tackles, including one for loss, to go along with a sack and an interception (against Northwestern).

No. 99

Godin, who wears jersey No. 99, said there was no hesitation about coming back for his fifth year of eligibility. He is enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, majoring in American culture and history.

"I did the whole graduation thing and all that with my family and stuff, but I'm still in one class right now that I need to finish up," said Godin, who enjoys U.S. history and studying world wars. "It's a great situation. I get to focus more on football and get in the training room more, in the tubs, so it's nice."

When Godin officially graduates from U-M, he plans to go into orthopedic sales work.

"I'm definitely going to miss it," said of his five-year run at Michigan. "When you're somewhere for half a decade, it's going to be a little bit of a change. But I'm just excited to have a successful next half of a year and just keep working hard with my teammates."

With a lot of meaningful games yet to play, Godin remains focused on just doing his part as the Wolverines enter the bye week 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the Big Ten.

"We want to get better every week, come out physical, great technique," he said. "We have everyone back healthy, so rotate and play well."

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U-M fifth-year senior Matt Godin makes a tackle against Central Florida.

CANTON

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downs. "Defensively, we're going to change some things, too," Baechler said. "We have to prepare for concepts. Obviously, (Abbott) is very good and their quarterback (Jack Burke) is very good. We're going to change a lot as far as how we're going to defend their pass game."

Playing the same team two weeks in a row in a must-win game is nothing new for Canton. In the 2012 season, Canton played Salem in the final two weeks of the regular season with the Chiefs needing both wins to qualify for the playoffs.

The Chiefs won the first match-up handily, 34-7, but had to hang on for a 28-27 victory the next week.

Baechler said that after the first victory over Salem, the Chiefs did not make any adjustments and that made the second game more difficult.

"We did not change a thing and I think that was a mistake," he said. "We tried to stay

very simple and try to do what we did before even better and I think it hurt us.

"This time, we're going to change some things up, especially defensively, so there will be a whole new game plan defensively. Offensively, we're going to do what we do. But again, I have some stuff in the tackle box offensively if I need to change lures."

After losing consecutive games to Dearborn Fordson and Walled Lake Western to start the season, Canton rattled off seven straight wins and enters the postseason with plenty of momentum.

With just about every game in the first five weeks of the season going down to the wire, Baechler can see his team reaping the rewards of battling through close games.

Battle-tested

"Our kids have been in a lot of close games; we're in shape now," Baechler said. "I think that not having that chance to scrimmage hurt us early as far as conditioning goes. When you play a tough early schedule, it hardens you and makes you tougher."

"We're going to be ready.

This group is very, very tough physically and mentally. They are going to be ready to go."

The winner of Canton-Northville will face the winner of No. 1 seed Saline (9-0) and No. 4 seed Belleville (7-2). The Chiefs knocked off Saline in last year's regional final.

"Last year, Northville and Saline were undefeated and we had two losses. You have to throw that stuff out now, everybody is good. It is a tough district, there is no question. We just have to go be us, play well and whatever happens, happens," Baechler said.

Riding the seven-game winning streak into the playoffs and coming off of last week's victory over Northville gives Canton momentum, but Baechler noted that he builds his team to be at the same level of consistency each and every game.

"We try to stay at a certain level of consistency and hope that everybody else just breaks against us. That's all we can control as coaches, to make sure that we stay at the same level of consistency and toughness. We're in a good place right now," Baechler said.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Park teams show their stuff at conference meet

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Northville and Novi finished first and second at the recent KLAA Kensington Conference varsity boys cross country meet.

But don't discount what the three teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are accomplishing and coaches are optimistic to ride positive momentum into Saturday's Willow Metropark-hosted Division 1 regional.

Finishing fourth at the conference meet, held Oct. 20 at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton, were the Canton Chiefs with 124 points. Plymouth and Salem came in sixth and seventh, respectively, with 134 and 139 points.

Plymouth junior Ethan Byrnes was individual medalist, completing the 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 58 seconds — just ahead of Northville's Ben Cracraft.

Also in the top 10 from Park teams were Canton senior Zac Clark (seventh, 16:09) and Plymouth freshman Carter Solomon (ninth, 16:12). Other top finishers included Salem sophomore Luke Haran (11th, 16:14), Canton junior Shane



SALEM ATHLETICS

Salem's top seven runners at the Kensington Conference meet were (from left) sophomore Shane McKimmy, junior Andrew Beyer, senior Tyler Dew, sophomore Luke Haran, senior Alex Kroll, junior Owen Parks and senior Ryan Exell.

Andrews (13th, 16:16), Canton senior Nick Socha (24th, 16:52) and Plymouth sophomore Jarrett Warner (26th, 16:55).

Right behind them were Salem senior Alex Kroll (30th, 17:02), Salem junior Andrew Beyer (32nd, 17:06), Canton senior Zach Carey (36th, 17:13), Salem sophomore Shane

McKimmy (39th, 17:15), Salem senior Tyler Dew (40th, 17:16), Salem junior Owen Parks (42nd, 17:19), Plymouth junior Adam Stepek (43rd, 17:20) and Canton junior Andrew Lake (44th, 17:21). In 55th for the Wildcats was Jacob Steward (17:52).

"Ethan ran a great race to

show he is the top runner in the conference," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "Carter also had a top 10 finish to improve on his great inaugural season. Jarrett, Adam and Jacob were all within five seconds of their PRs."

Mikosz said it was a solid gut-check effort by his team,

because it was down a man and came within 10 points of the fourth-place Chiefs.

Also buoyed by his team's performance was Salem head coach Steve Aspinall, whose team was led by Haran.

"We are rounding into shape at exactly the right time, running our fastest times for the most important meets at the end of the year," Aspinall said.

With his PR of 16:14, Haran set a new Rocks record for a sophomore and moved up to No. 14 in school history.

"Luke is a special talent who has been a joy to coach this season and his continued improvement is a direct result of the amount of work he has put forth over the past year," Aspinall said. "He has dropped over a minute off his best time as a ninth-grader and he will continue to improve over the next couple of weeks."

Exell's 16:58 not only was the second-best performance by a Salem runner, but it was his personal best. "He has been working back from an early season injury and will be looking to drop more time before the season is over," Aspinall said.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi conquers KLAA Gold Tournament

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The Novi volleyball team proved to be as good as gold for the seventh consecutive year in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament.

The defending Class A champions and top-ranked Wildcats, the hosts, survived a stiff three-set challenge Saturday from rival Northville in the semifinal and went on to claim the championship with a convincing 25-4, 25-19 triumph over upstart South Lyon in the final.

Going 6-0 on the day, Novi improved to 41-1 overall after also defeating Plymouth (25-14, 25-11), Hartland (25-17, 25-9), Walled Lake Northern (25-16, 25-12) and Walled Lake Central (25-14, 25-22).

Setter Erin O'Leary, a ju-

nior committed to Michigan, turned in another outstanding all-around performance with a total of 124 assist-to-kills, 44 digs and 17 kills on the day.

Other standouts included Notre Dame commit Abryanna Cannon (47 kills, 38 digs), Valparaiso University commit and Miss Volleyball nominee Ally Cummings (37 kills, 25 digs), Claire Pinkerton (61 digs, nine ace serves) and Kathryn Ellison (36 kills).

After beating Northville in the opening set, the Wildcats found themselves forced to a third after the state-ranked Mustangs (43-6-1) took the second set.

"We just tried to get them refocused on what has made us special to date," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "I think we were more focused on just winning and not on what we need to do to win. We

were able to pick up on what they were doing offensively and were able to defend that a little bit better in the third set."

It was the third time this season Novi has beaten Northville. The two teams could possibly meet a fourth time in the Class A district final Friday, Nov. 4, at Plymouth.

"They're a great team," Cottrill said. "We were kind of expecting it a some point, to struggle against them. We were expecting that, which is good. We always need to be challenged and you want to see your team show some character to rally back after being down. We haven't played a tiebreaker, a third or fifth set this year, so anytime you're playing those, it's a good experience for playing later on."

Northville, meanwhile, went 3-1-1 on the day, defeating KLAA West Division champion Brighton twice, 25-16, 25-14 and 25-14, 25-15, along with Walled Lake Northern (25-19, 25-10). The Mustangs' split with Hartland, 22-25, 25-12.

Setter Rachel Holmes enjoyed a productive day for the Mustangs with 126 assist-to-kills, 27 digs and nine aces, while Oakland University commit and Miss Volleyball nominee Emily Martin added 50 kills (hitting .349) to go along with 35 digs.

Other standouts for Northville included Kiera Borthwick (30 kills, 22 digs, six solo blocks), Bryce Quick (24 kills, eight solo blocks, seven aces) and Hannah Grant (55 digs).

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Brother Rice brings an end to CC's reign

Shamrocks had won last nine Catholic League titles

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Ty Buckley and Mark Borek finished first and second, but the Shamrocks relinquished their Catholic League Division I-II boys cross country title for the first time in nine years Saturday at Kensington Metropark.

Birmingham Brother Rice, taking the next three places, tallied 32 points to earn its first crown since 2003, when it shared the A-B Division crown with CC.

Buckley and Borek, both seniors, covered the 5,000-meter Possum Hollow course in 16:50.8 and 16:54.07, respectively.

Other scorers for CC included seniors Brendan Canavan, 17th (17:55.22); Andrew Clark, 18th (17:56.38); and Ryan Whinnery, 21st (18:01.47) as the Shamrocks tallied 52 points.

Dearborn Divine Child (95), Warren DeLaSalle (111) and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (133) rounded out the top five in the nine-school field.

CC's non-scorers included seniors Brennan Koehler (25th, 18:08.27) and Ben Racine (33rd, 18:25.7).

Kensington meet

South Lyon East (264 points) and South Lyon (312) finished 10th and 11th, respectively, Oct. 20 in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Northville paced the 11-team field with 43 points, while defending champion Novi (53) and Livonia Stevenson (95) placed second and third, respectively.

Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes edged Northville's Ben Cracraft for individual honors in the 5,000-meter race with the identical time of 15:58.

East's scorers included sophomore Jack Marchand, 41st (17:17); senior Josh Clark, 50th (17:38); junior Max Hoorn, 56th (17:54); junior Roy Swartzinski, 57th (17:55); and freshman Ryan Tippy, 60th (18:05).

The Cougars' non-scorers were senior Carter Reeds (72nd, 18:31) and freshman Andrew Zeug (75th, 18:37).

South Lyon's scorers included senior Josh Chezick, 46th (17:26); junior Joey Yonkin, 62nd (18:09); Keisuke Motai, 66th (18:22); junior Evan Leslie, 18:24; and sophomore Greg Jowett, 71st (18:36).

The Lions' non-scorers were seniors Brandon Goins (74th, 18:36) and Rory McGillen (76th, 18:46).

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CLARK

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lyn's Michigan International Speedway.

His coach, Bill Boyd, wouldn't be surprised to see Clark continue his "assault on the record books" sometime over the next couple of weeks.

"Zac is one of the hardest-working kids I have ever had a chance to coach," Boyd said. "Zac is a great student and a good person with a great family. You can't help but cheer for his success."

Clark's performance at the conference meet enabled him to break his 2015 record of 16:17 set in 2015. In addition to that and the River Rat record, he set a fastest regional mark of 16:22 last season. All told, he has seven school records.

But all of the medals and accolades aren't what motivate Clark to keep setting up goals and knocking them down. He merely wants to stay sharp, mentally and physically, and let the chips fall where they may.

It's as simple as that. "Being in physical shape allows you to get to a certain point," Clark said. "But if you get psyched out or lose your focus, then it can stop you from getting to the next level. You have to have the mindset to just focus on the race and run."

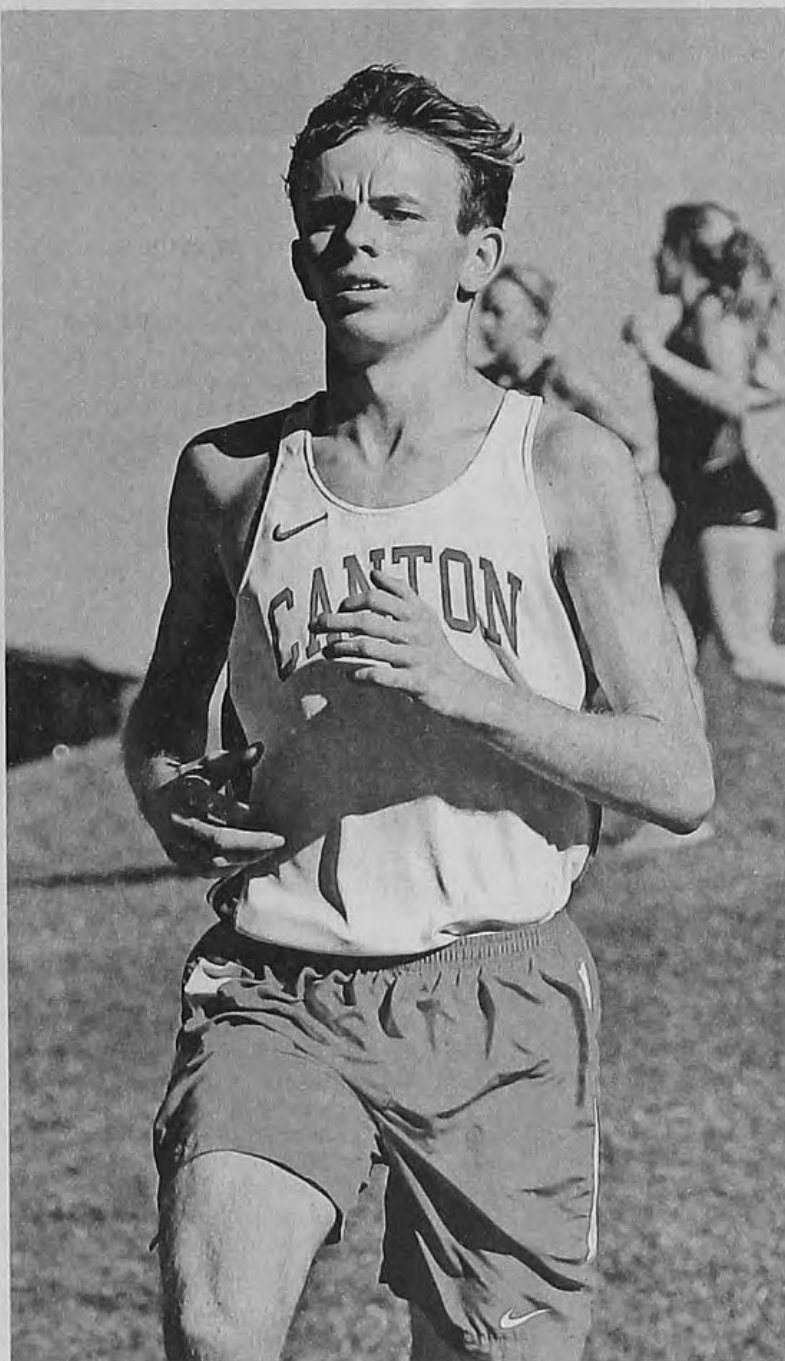
And that's what he does, regardless of whether race conditions feature scorching heat, whipping wind or continuous rain.

"Don't worry about the weather, the course conditions, the size of the meet, the time — just run," he said.

In it together

According to Clark, however, his cross country success at Canton has had a lot to do with his friends and teammates on the squad. There are several other standouts on this year's team, including junior Shane Andrews and seniors Nick Socha and Zach Carey.

"Over the past four years,



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Grinding out another winning effort is Canton cross country runner Zac Clark. The senior recently set a new school record.

we have all gotten closer as a team and started to realize what we are all capable of," Clark said. "It's nice to have other guys that you can run with and pace off of. It keeps it competitive on the team itself."

"But we all get along and are good friends outside of cross country, too, so that makes it even more fun when we all do well and can cheer each other on."

Andrews "has already made it on the top 10 board at school and Nick and Zach are getting close. So it's good to watch everyone have some success."

Clark is setting the pace in that category, especially with his school-record showing at the River Rat Open. He said reaching the top spot was in the back of his mind going back to the start of the season.

"That was my season goal

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BILL BOYD
Canton cross country coach

and I was close to it going in to that meet and so that was what I was aiming for," he said. "When I crossed the finish line, I knew that I had broken it and I was just really, really happy that I finally did it, after getting so close at the end of last year."

Staying the course

Individual honors pale in comparison to team glory, of course.

"I look forward to doing well at regionals and, hopefully, making it to states again," said Clark, whose parents are Angie and Aaron Clark. "I think it would be especially cool if we could make it as a team this year, so I could share that experience with them."

No matter what happens at Willow Metropark and, perhaps, in Brooklyn, Clark plans on running toward another goal — to compete at the collegiate level.

"I'm still in the midst of deciding where to go," said Clark, owner of a 3.6 grade-point average. "I think it'd be definitely fun to run in college and, if I can, I will."

"I've been looking at colleges with that in mind more seriously as my times have dropped, so we will see."

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DIVISION 1 BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL

Salem stings Hornets with rally in second half

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Once Salem fought back to tie Tuesday's Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal against Saline, nothing was going to deny Christian Freitag with the game on the line.

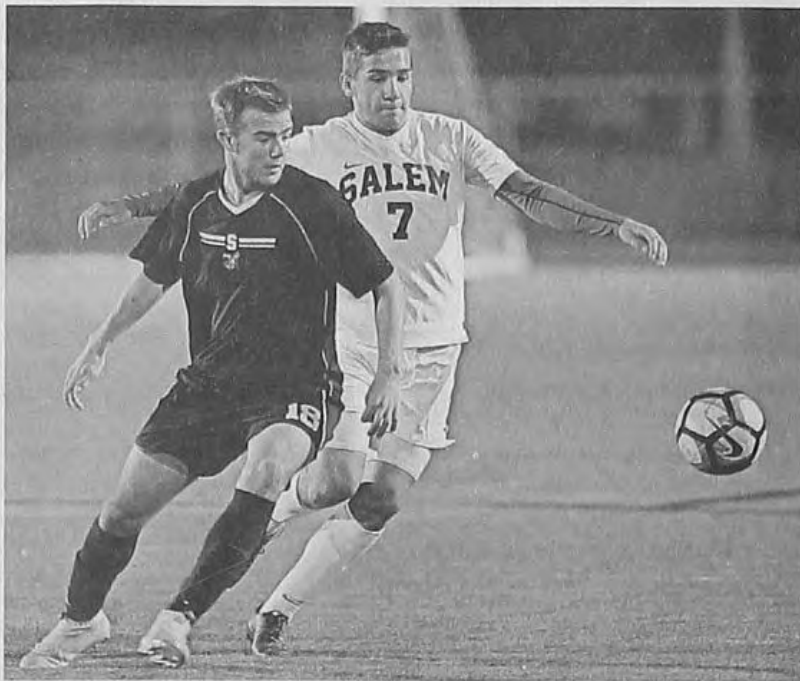
The lanky junior midfielder continued his torrid scoring pace during the state tourney with the winning goal in Salem's 2-1 win over the Hornets at Ann Arbor Huron.

Salem (13-6-3) will face Novi at 6 p.m. Thursday in the regional final.

"I was super-focused. It was, like, 'I'm going to win this ball,'" Freitag said. "When I put my mind to it, I can do anything, so that's what I did."

With about 11 minutes remaining, sophomore midfielder Josh Stevens served a corner kick from the left corner right to where Freitag was stationed near the right post. Freitag calmly headed it inside the opposite post past Hornets senior goalie Nolan Krause.

"It's definitely to get set early, because you're throwing off the defenders," Freitag



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Salem's Shane Rusinek (right) moves in against Saline's Ryan Nichols during Tuesday's D1 regional contest.

said when asked about what is the key to getting favorable position near the goal. "Who's got who's man? I think that messed them up, because there

was no one on me. "But all the credit to Josh Stevens. He does a really good job on those corner kicks, puts them in every time."

Finding a way

Salem head coach Kyle Karns shook his head when discussing Freitag's goal-scoring ability.

"He finds a way to score goals and you need a guy that's going to be up there, just a good target, being dangerous up top," Karns said.

Freitag's winner wouldn't have been possible without the Rocks scoring a big goal just six minutes into the second half to tie the contest at 1-1.

Stevens punted a free kick over the wall of Salem and Saline players and it took a bounce in the direction of senior forward Jamie Crosby.

The subsequent sharp-angle shot hit under the crossbar and bounced down over the goal line.

"That was a free kick and somebody headed it back out and the ball just landed nicely for me," Crosby said. "I took a nice swing, it hit the crossbar and just went in."

The Rocks had the better of territorial play in the first half, only to trail 1-0 at the intermission.

Scoring with 12:34 left was Hornets senior forward Matt Kocibelli, who got on the end of a splendid through ball by sophomore midfielder Ryan Nichols.

Salem made a bid to draw even before halftime, but could not connect.

Freitag smoked a shot from the left side of the field that sailed over the crossbar, then a slide tackle by Saline's Cole Larence stopped Freitag from making a potential run into the Hornets' end with about five minutes remaining.

During the intermission, Karns told his players to stay patient, because momentum was turning in their favor.

"It took us quite a while to settle into that game, to calm down and start to play the game we know we can play," Karns said.

Saline (14-6-3) was hurt by infractions, such as a red card against junior forward Anthony Sweier with about 22 minutes to go and the game still deadlocked.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Richard defeats Marlins, gains CHSL repeat

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Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard had a simple but very effective strategy for its volleyball rematch Monday evening with Farmington Hills Mercy.

The tactical plan was for the Fighting Irish to play with themselves, be consistent and not give away easy points needlessly in the Catholic League championship match.

Gabriel Richard did that and accomplished its strategic goal by winning the A-B Division title for the second consecutive year at Madonna University.

After losing the first set, 25-21, the Fighting Irish captured the momentum early in the second and never gave it up. Though it was close all the way, Richard won the next three sets, 25-23, 25-19, 25-21.

"I just knew, if we could outplay them off our ball control and keep them out of system, I think our serving (would be a decisive factor in Richard's favor)," Irish coach Maysaa Cook said. "They have more hitters, more terminating players, but we kept them out of system often enough to win."

"I said to the girls at the beginning of the season, 'If we lose, we're going to lose because our ball control falls apart.' We pretty much only have two hitters. If our ball control is off even a little bit, it could be the factor in whether we win or lose."

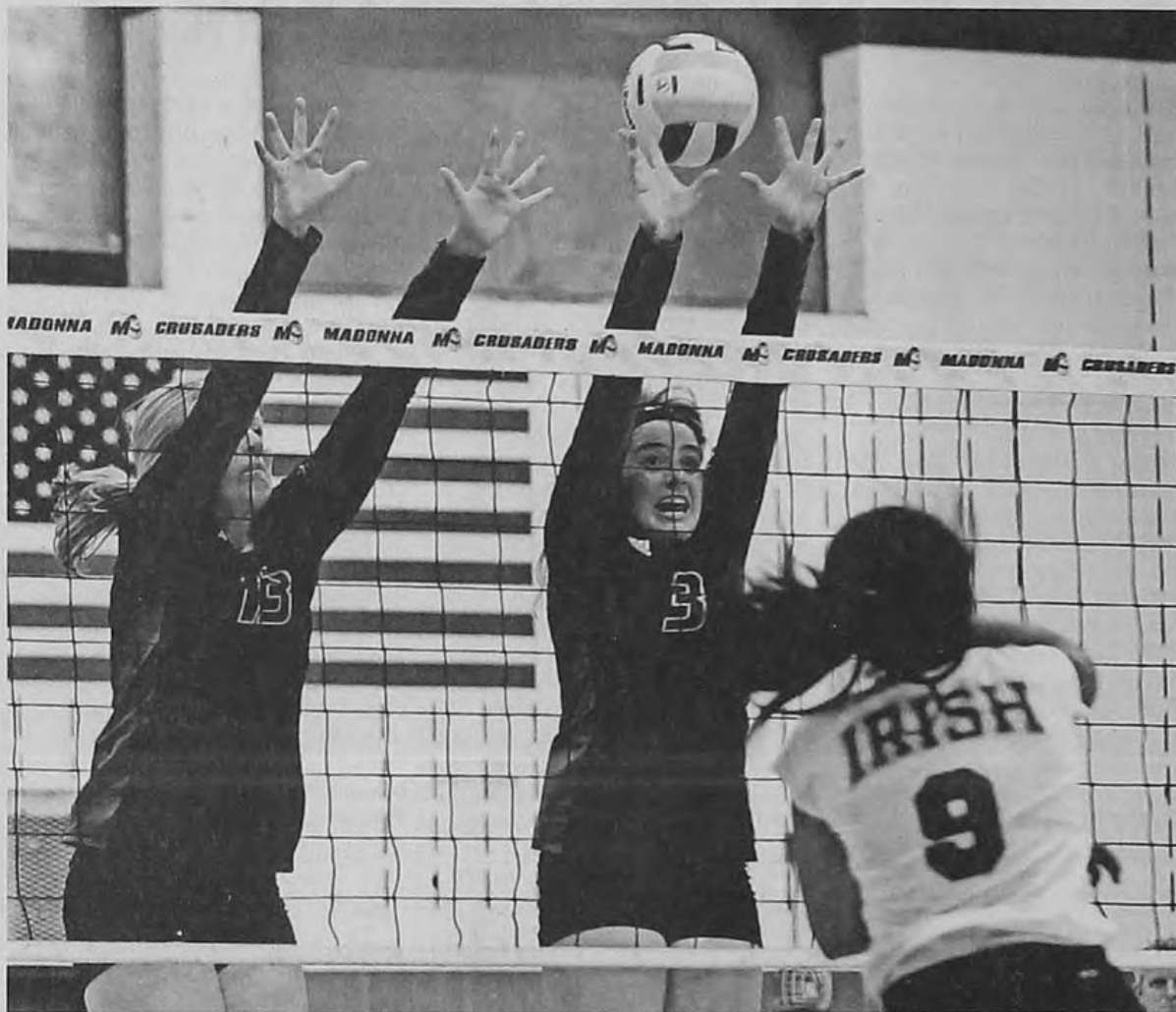
"Our ball control came through tonight. We played with composure the whole time. This is a big win and a confidence booster."

The Irish (23-5), who are the defending Class B state champions, also had a very potent offensive dynamo in senior outside hitter Jurnee Tipton, who produced a match-high 37 kills.

"We couldn't stop (Tipton)," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said. "She was unstoppable. It's embarrassing that she's not up for Miss Volleyball. She's one of the best I've seen this year."

"She's a great teammate, a high-character person," Cook said. "I could talk as much about her personality and who she is as a person as I could her volleyball. Her volleyball speaks for itself. She's one of the best players in the state, easily."

The Irish also avenged a four-set loss Oct. 5 to the Marlins at Mercy. Tipton, who will play at Howard University,



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Mercy's Jordyn Kreucher (left) and Kennedy Kuffner and team up to try to block a spike by Gabriel Richard's Olivia Hervey.

echoed Cook's statement about Richard being more consistent Monday.

"I think we eliminated a lot of our errors," she said. "Of the 100 points they got (in the first match), we gave away about 50 of them. We just worked on cleaning up our game, being fluid and working together."

"Our hitting was definitely a lot better in this match. It all starts with a pass. We cleaned up everything, so we could have a good attack and that really helped us."

Tipton, who also served three aces and had a dozen digs, was asked if the Irish played a perfect match in defeating the Marlins.

"It wasn't perfect," she said. "I think we can still be better. We still had some mistakes. We were just able to limit a lot of them."

While Tipton led the way, the Irish had key contributions from other players, too. Senior Jesse Fannon had 11 kills, sophomore Elyse Brown four, senior India Woods and junior Olivia Hervey three apiece. Brown and Woods also had five and four blocks, respectively.

Richard was very good on defense, too, as junior libero Alexis Rhodes, senior setter Emma Nowak, Tipton, Fannon and sophomore sub Gabrielle Jacobs combined to make the Irish shine in that aspect of the game. Nowak, who had 52 kill assists, had a team-best 17 digs, Fannon 14, Jacobs 13 and Rhodes 10.

"Defensively, the girls really did bring it tonight," Cook said. "We didn't let (Mercy) have too many runs. Other teams are going to get their aces and their kills. Jessie Mruzik on the other team is a force. We didn't let her score too many times in a row. We didn't let her get comfortable and get on a roll."

Mruzik, a 6-foot-1 freshman and all-round player, led the Marlins (36-7) with 15 kills. Senior Lauren Hunter had 12, sophomore Logan Beyer six, senior Kennedy Kuffner five and senior Bella McDonald three.

"I didn't think our passing was as precise as we wanted," Vogel said. "I didn't think we got really successful swings like we wanted. We couldn't be as successful as we wanted in our passing, and that's the key

to everything."

While she was working at her day job Monday, Cook said she couldn't stop thinking about the big match that evening and Richard's attempt to repeat as league champion.

"I think this year was tougher," Cook said. "We had so much talent last year. It was a matter of the coaches staying out of the way and letting the girls win. I think it was a little more rewarding this year. It's always awesome to have that first one, but this one was more of a battle."

"It's awesome," Tipton said of the repeat. "Even before the game, we were so excited. We really, really wanted it. It feels great to win a second time in a row, especially for us seniors, knowing this is our last Catholic League game."

The Marlins will turn their attention to the Class A district tournament next week at Farmington High School and hope to do well there.

"This is just one night," Vogel said. "There's another whole session taking place. The biggest part of it is being able to pass and perform a little better than we did tonight."

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Schoolcraft scores big in weekend victories

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Schoolcraft College's men's club hockey team just outscored Calvin College by a combined 21-4 in two wins last weekend.

But Ocelots head coach Rob Lindsay and his second-year team isn't about to slack off. Not with two games coming up against Grand Valley State University.

"There is certainly room for improvement and we will need to be at the top of our game next weekend against Grand Valley," Lindsay said. "So we will be working on the neutral zone and neutral zone face offs this week at practice."

Lindsay said there was plenty to like about how the team competed against Calvin, of course.

"We raised our level of play in the defensive zone and offensive zone even though we had a few turnovers in the neutral zone," he explained. "The boys did a great job on the power play and penalty kill."

Schoolcraft opened the weekend with a 10-1 rout, with forward and captain Andrew Lindsay registering a hat trick.

Also coming up big in the victory was Zach Nichols, with a pair of goals. Salem alum Zach Goleniak recorded a goal and an assist.

The following night's 11-3 victory was spearheaded by co-captain Vinnie Glenn's four-goal performance. Setting up the game's first goal was defenseman and 2016 Plymouth grad Zack Wiener.

Owen Hund (Garden City/Belle Tire AA) also had a productive night with three goals and three assists.

Schoolcraft's next scheduled home game (at Redford Arena) is Saturday, Nov. 5 against Northwood University, with a 6:15 p.m. puck drop.

The roster includes a number of players with ties to Observerland high schools, such as forwards Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill), Brendan Nutting (Livonia Franklin) and defensemen Andrew Nowak (Livonia Stevenson).

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SALEM

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sophomore forward Bryan Rodwell.

The sequence began on a corner kick sophomore midfielder Josh Stevens, who served the ball into the box.

Junior forward Jason Waras took the initial shot, which was blocked and bounced over to Rodwell — who wasted no time drilling a low shot inside the left post. Rodwell ran toward the Salem bench thrusting his arm in celebration sev-

eral times.

"I was so excited, I could barely contain myself," Rodwell said with a smile. "I think it showed in my celebration. ... It was probably the biggest goal I've ever scored. Hopefully, more will come in the future."

Karns said Rodwell's clutch goal was "a good finish. You just continue to grind and find ways to score, whether it's off corners and set pieces."

For good measure, Salem added another goal with 1:38 remaining in the first overtime. Junior midfielder Christian Freitag got to a high, float-

ing direct kick taken by Stevens and headed in the ball.

"Christian's always a big target up top," said Karns, in his first season as Salem coach. "To find him, he's obviously a key piece. We were fortunate to have another one to have some insurance."

The Rocks then held off the Chargers through the end of the mandatory second OT, with senior goalkeeper Andrew Kozan diving to deny one particularly dangerous attempt.

"You just don't want to have any reason for them to catch any momentum, so to have that save keeps us going," Karns

said.

Great to respond

For a long stretch, it looked as though the game's first goal would be the winner. Salem senior midfielder Mikey Schwartz buried a penalty kick with 16:06 to go in the opening half.

Crestwood fouled Schwartz in the box, at the end of a direct kick by Stevens.

"Someone put a great ball in to me and I came up for the header and I felt two hands push me on the back," Schwartz said. "I went down and we got the penalty, lucki-

ly."

Schwartz added that it was a relief that his team was able to respond in overtime, following Crestwood's equalizer.

"I think we started sleeping a little bit at the end of the second half," Schwartz said. "But we came out in overtime and just went all out. It was a good win."

"We got a great squad and the guys want to win so badly. So I think we're going to keep going and give it our best shot."

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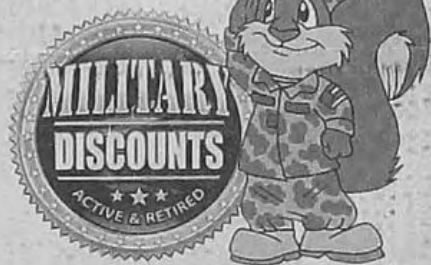


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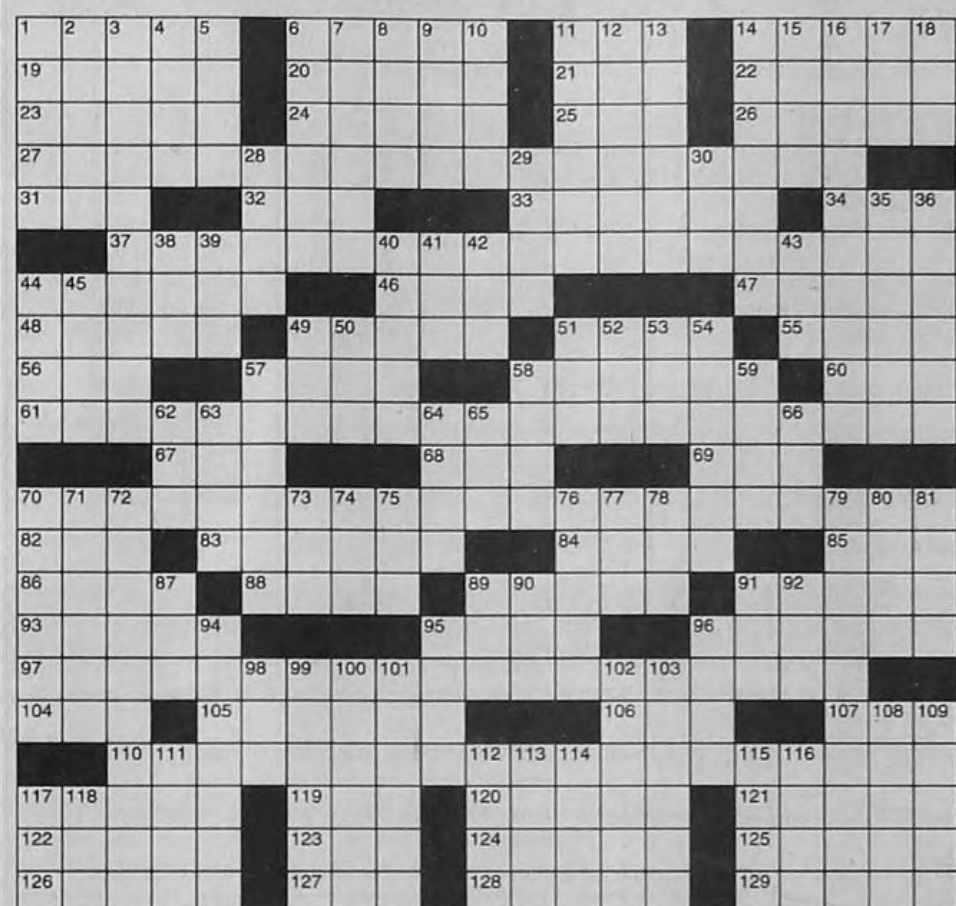
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Carried, as a load
 - 6 University in Druid Hills, Georgia
 - 11 Old TV's "Mayberry —"
 - 14 Mythical man-goat
 - 19 Sub in WWII
 - 20 Coloratura Callas
 - 21 The "E" of REO
 - 22 Milo of films
 - 23 Toot one's own horn
 - 24 Tidy up
 - 25 Secul soldier
 - 26 Bridle straps
 - 27 Start of a riddle
 - 31 Volcano stuff
 - 32 Basilica seat
 - 33 —Lorraine (region of France)
 - 34 Break bread
 - 37 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Made up for
 - 46 Cupid's counterpart
 - 47 Mello — (drink brand)
 - 48 Paint type
 - 49 Trembly tree
 - 51 Pepsi or Tab
 - 55 Picnic spoiler
 - 56 Pitching star
 - 57 Clog or pump
 - 58 Skylight?
 - 60 No-frills shirt
 - 61 Riddle, part 3
 - 67 Actress Long or Vardalos
 - 68 Hurry-scurry
 - 69 People with power
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 82 Lac liquid
 - 83 Bumper finish
 - 84 Assistant
 - 85 Man-mouse connector
 - 86 eBay offers
 - 88 Stitches
 - 89 Signed one's name to
 - 91 Up and about
 - 93 Weeps
 - 95 Slushy drink
 - 96 Gave in exchange
 - 97 End of the riddle
 - 104 Me, in Lyons
 - 105 Old game consoles
 - 106 Near-infinite time span
 - 107 Shiny stone
 - 110 Riddle's answer
 - 117 Student
 - 119 Hill VIP: Abbr.
 - 120 Sky hunter
 - 121 Feel jubilant
 - 122 Beneficial
 - 123 Ending for Sudan
 - 124 "Pippin" fabric brand
 - 17 Osaka coin
 - 18 Coll. dorm supervisors
 - 28 Barreled
 - 29 Fezzes, e.g.
 - 30 Learning loc.
 - 35 More homely
 - 36 Gives a call
 - 38 "Liftoff!" precursor
 - 39 Really annoy
 - 40 Ward off
 - 41 Prior to, to a bard
 - 42 Swindle
 - 43 Beyond, to a bard
 - 44 "Woel"
 - 45 Tijuana nosh
 - 49 "I caught ya!"
 - 50 Fa-la link
 - 51 Bovine chew
 - 6 Was a roast host, say
 - 7 African land
 - 8 Russian city
 - 9 Iranian coin
 - 10 Yin's partner
 - 11 Throw again, as dice
 - 12 Like silky down
 - 13 Authoritarian decree
 - 14 Black magic
 - 15 On a cruise
 - 16 Sleeping bag
 - 17 Osaka coin
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 - 50 Fa-la link
 - 51 Bovine chew
 - 52 Eye, to a bard
 - 53 Mauna —
 - 54 Make it
 - 57 Mown paths
 - 58 Before long, to a bard
 - 59 Ex-governor Carlson
 - 62 Savings acct.
 - 63 Blu-ray —
 - 64 Unvarying
 - 65 Suffix with block
 - 66 Suffix with balloon
 - 70 Skype setup
 - 71 Colfure
 - 72 An amplifier receives it
 - 73 "— you in?"
 - 74 Drag
 - 75 Ambulance inits.
 - 76 "Star Trek" actor George
 - 77 Rush along
 - 78 Mix in
 - 79 Holders of frankfurters
 - 80 Maumee Bay's lake
 - 81 36 inches
 - 87 Month no. 9
 - 89 German "I"
 - 90 Born, in Lyons
 - 91 Klee's forte
 - 92 Took a chair
 - 94 Waldorf's Muppet partner
 - 95 Formal reply to "Who's there?"
 - 96 Scads
 - 98 Biblical verb suffix
 - 99 Lectern platforms
 - 100 "Hondo" actor James
 - 101 Official seal
 - 102 Lie at rest
 - 103 Bewailed
 - 108 "The Office" actress Kemper
 - 109 Deals (out) French river
 - 112 Den fixture
 - 113 Pressing tool
 - 114 Nasal spray, e.g.
 - 115 Dreamcast company
 - 116 Firewood splitters
 - 117 Peas' place
 - 118 ET carrier



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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	2	9	5	8	3	7	4	1
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	8	9
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2	9	4	7	6	8	9	3	1
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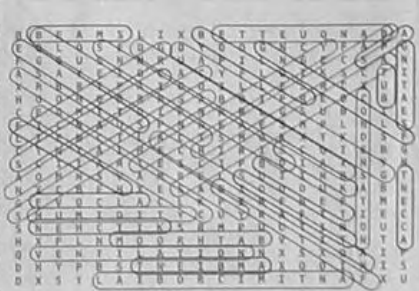
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- BACKSPLASH
- BANQUETTE
- BATHROOM
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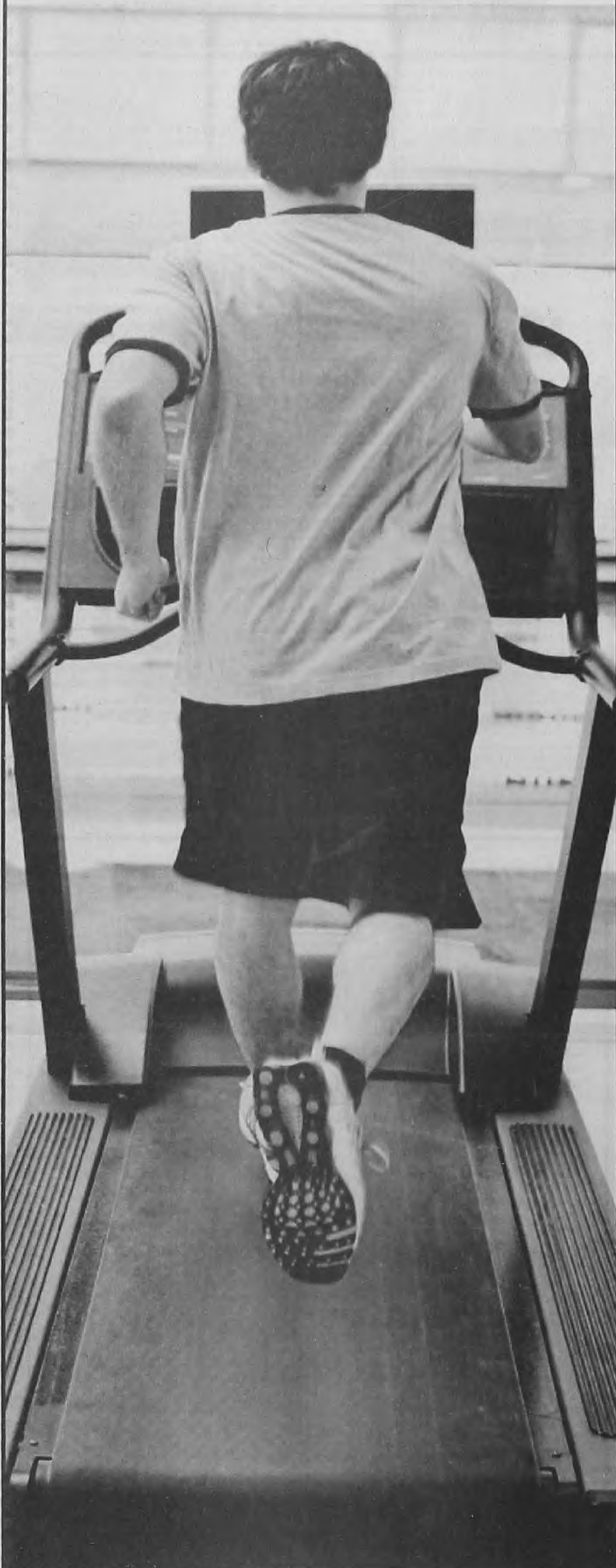
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 NIA ADO TINS
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