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New school open only to gifted scholars

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Talented and gifted students are similar to high-performance vehicles in one respect: they're more likely to reach their full potential on the Autobahn than on Ford Road during rush-hour traffic.

Getting these exceptional learners on

the right track is one of the primary goals of Steppingstone School, the newest tenant of the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex.

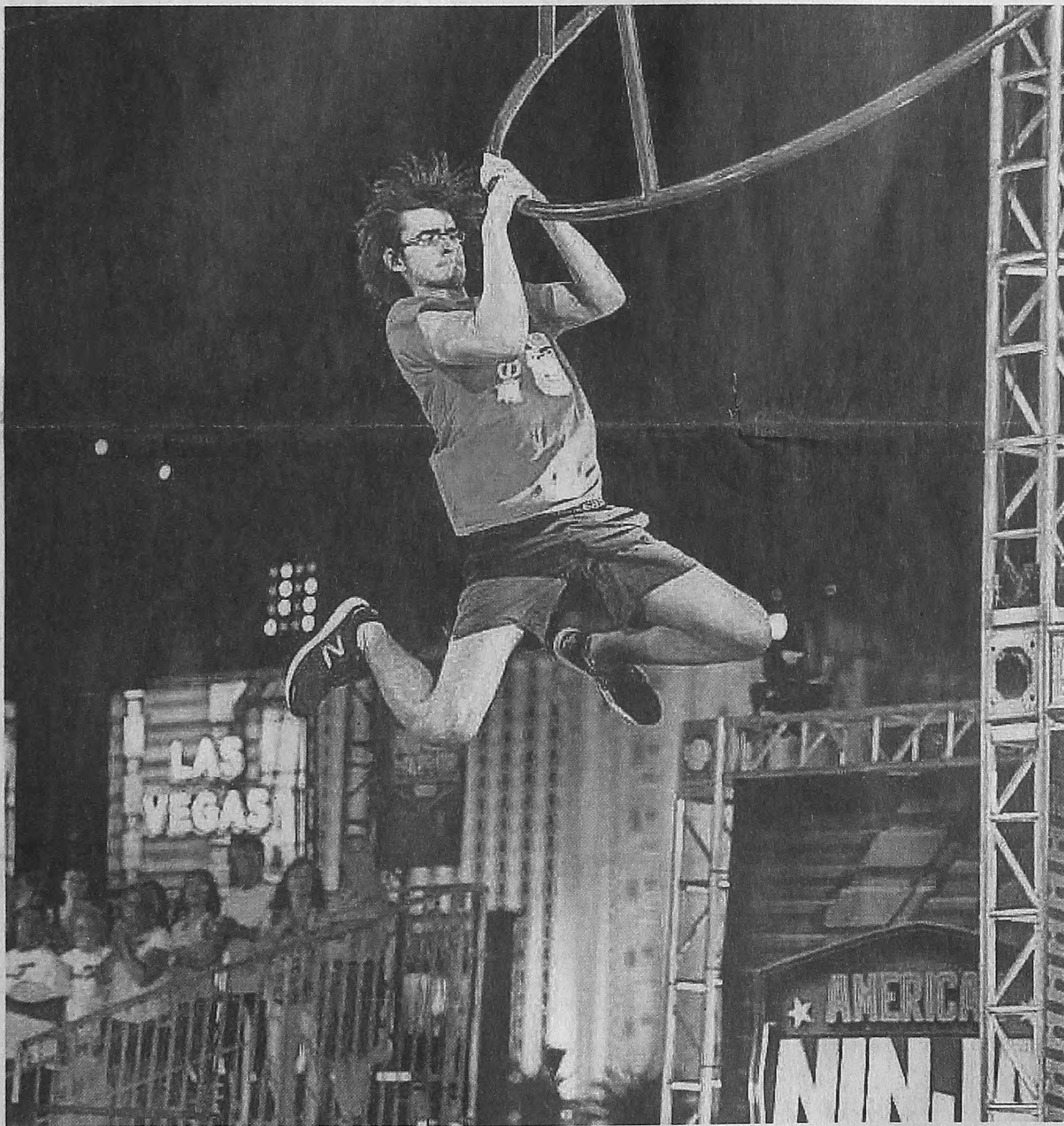
Fueled by over 30 years of educating advanced students, Philip and Kiyo Morse are revved up about their recent move to downtown Plymouth, the site of their school first school in 1981.

"Our school is for gifted kids only," said Kiyo Morse, the school's lead educator. "It's not that we have an elitist attitude or anything like that; it's just that talented and gifted students learn at such a rapid pace that if they're in a program with kids who aren't at their level, it's very hard for those kids and creates kind of a drag for the teachers when

they have to teach to two different groups."

Morse shared an example of a second-grade student who a few years ago transferred into Steppingstone with an "unable to read or complete second-grade math problems" label.

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Philip Scott is in his element on the swinging obstacles of an "American Ninja Warrior" course. COURTESY OF NBC

Plymouth man defies odds to become 'Ninja'

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Philip Scott is far from your typical "American Ninja Warrior" butt-kicker.

As a child, the 23-year-old Plymouth resident was diagnosed with Asberger's Syndrome, a high-functioning type of autism spectrum disorder, according to webmd.com.

Making Scott's summer ascension to the Mount Olympus of ninja warrior competition (Las Vegas) even more impressive is that he is a self-taught star, sharpening his obstacle-defying skills on school playgrounds during his years as a youth in Garden City and Livonia — not in state-of-the-art gyms designed specifically for the sport.

The achievement was comparable to

a golfer making it to the PGA Tour after honing his craft on less-than-pristine municipal courses, not plush country club fairways.

"American Ninja Warrior" features hundreds of competitors attempting to complete series of obstacle courses of increasing difficulty in various cities

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Longtime Livonia pastor looks back at life of service

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Forty-seven years ago, Mark McGilvrey landed his first ministry job as a youth pastor at Memorial Church of Christ, which had just moved from Detroit to Livonia. Last week, he walked up to the pulpit of the church, now called Compass Christian Church, and preached his last sermon on Romans 13.

Romans 13 is, in part, about what it means to love people in a sacrificial way.

"The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself,'" the Apostle Paul writes in verse nine.

For McGilvrey, loving people has been his whole career. In the last half-century, he's made nearly 60,000 calls to people in need of counsel, baptized 1,060 people, preached 3,760 sermons, officiated at 795 funerals and 388 weddings.

"I've married a lot of the couples here and I've started marrying their kids," McGilvrey said. "It's like family. It's hard to leave."

He became Compass's pastor by chance. After being the youth pastor for nine months, McGilvrey found himself giving sermons every week after the church lost its lead pastor.

"You apply to churches and try to find that place to serve," he said. "This one got back to me, and the pieces just fell into place. I'd never heard of a place called Livonia. But that's where the Lord sent me."

The son and grandson of ministers, McGilvrey has seen Compass through its ups and downs. Through all of it, serving the congregation and community has been his favorite part of the job.

"It's a family," he said. "You get to be with them at their best times and worst times. The best times often outweigh the bad."

One of those ups is the baptisms he's been able to be part of. For evangelical Christians, it's a rite of passage that comes when someone is ready to publicly declare their faith. McGilvrey said he's loved being part of those moments.

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Testimony gets emotional in Stislicki case

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Best friends for more than 20 years, Danielle Stislicki and Sarah Pollack made sure to connect almost daily, whether that meant hanging out together or texting and talking to each other over their cellphones.

Pollack turned to her bestie on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, the last day Stislicki was seen before her disappearance sparked high-profile searches throughout the region.

Stislicki, then 28, suggested a sleepover because Pollack was having a bad day at work.

"I was texting to her and asking her if she wanted to get together to do dinner," Pollack testified Monday in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills. "She said 'yeah' (and) that she was going to leave work."

"She would go home and pack a bag and then come stay the night."

Stislicki never showed and never responded to Pollack's texts regarding her whereabouts. Pollack never heard from her best friend again.

She fought back sobs soon into the preliminary examination of Floyd Galloway Jr., a 32-year-old convict accused of murdering Stislicki that winter day in 2016.

At the time, he was a student, security guard and married man. His wife was in the hospital.

He knew Stislicki from previously working at Stislicki's place of work, the MetLife office in Southfield. Pollack said she knew nothing about him until after her best friend went missing. Police started circling around him a few days later.

Monday's courtroom was filled with Stislicki's friends, family, supporters, court players and media representatives. Galloway sat with his attorneys.

He faces life in prison if found guilty of murdering Stislicki. He now resides at a state prison because he pleaded guilty to criminal sexual conduct – or assaulting with the intent to sexually penetrate a Hines Park runner in Livonia the September before Stislicki's disappearance.

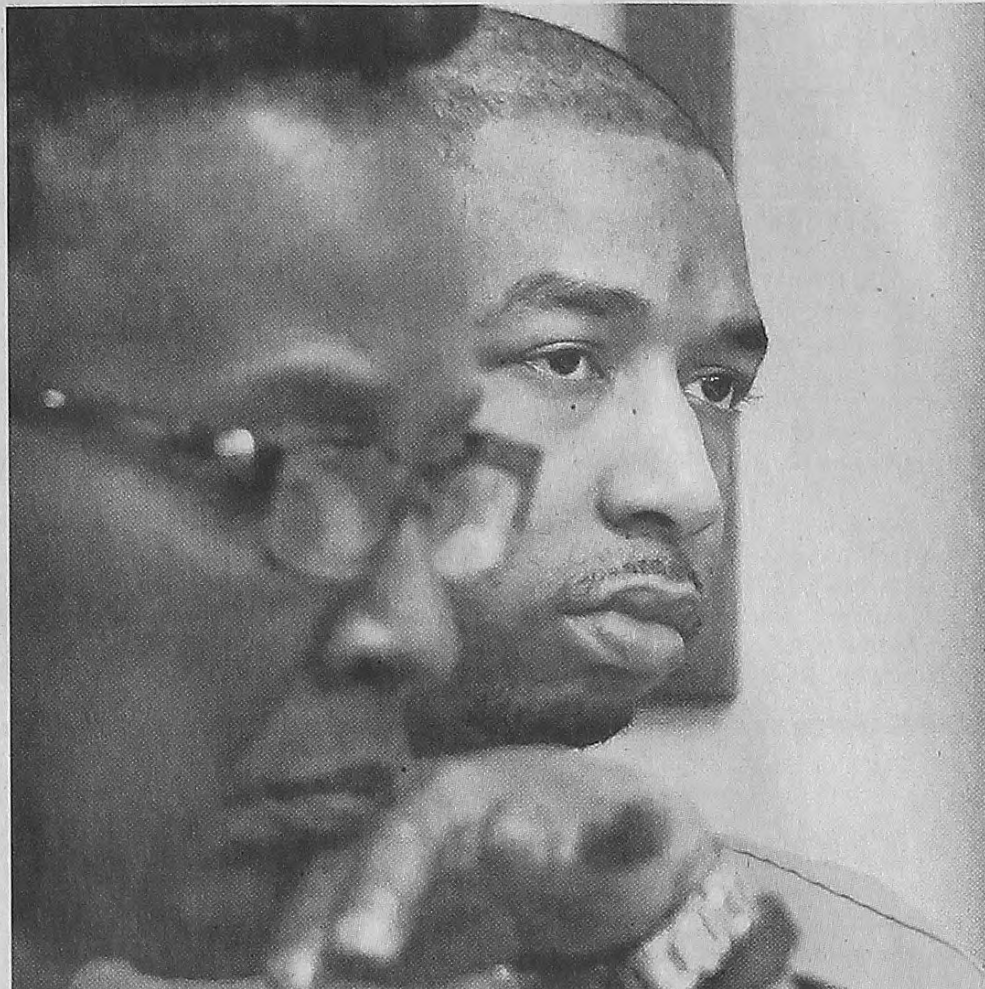
He wasn't working at MetLife when Ann Stislicki's daughter went missing. But she remembered him, since she also worked at MetLife.

"You would see him coming and going," she testified. "He also frequently would talk to Danielle. He would go ahead and come up to our fourth-floor cafeteria. I thought it was strange for him to be up there and questioned why he was up there. I've never seen any other security guard up in the cafeteria during anyone's break, let alone the time that Danielle and I were specifically taking our lunch together."

She said they seemed to be on friendly terms. The daughter once found flowers on her desk from a "secret admirer," who said, in a note found in her apartment, he hoped they made her smile.

"She was quite disturbed," Ann Stislicki said. "As much as it was exciting to have a secret admirer, she was concerned and a little creeped out about someone just going ahead and leaving flowers on her desk."

A MetLife co-worker testified that



Floyd Galloway Jr. watches a witness testify during his preliminary exam Sept. 9 in Farmington Hills 47th District Court. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

she left work Dec. 2 and saw Stislicki talking to Galloway in the parking lot. His car hood was up. Another said he saw Stislicki drive out of the parking lot with Galloway in the passenger seat.

Police detectives said they later talked to a cab driver who said she picked him up at the Tim Horton's near Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road, about a 10 minute walk from Stislicki's Independence Green apartment on Lincoln Court in Farmington Hills.

Detectives testified to finding Stislicki's keys and Fitbit near there.

Her Jeep Renegade was parked outside the apartment building when Pollack and her best friend's parents went there, trying to find Stislicki. Police shared video footage that seemed to show Stislicki's Jeep Renegade, with distinct mud stains, traveling east on

11 Mile Road around 5:03 p.m. and then westbound at 7:56 p.m.

Eleven Mile, police said, was a convenient thoroughfare to Galloway's residence on Oxford Road in Berkley.

They also shared a patch of carpet in Galloway's master bedroom near the bed, where they had detected evidence of blood, and texts between Galloway and Stislicki. Stislicki did not respond to the last text police were able to retrieve.

Testimony continued Tuesday and was expected to wrap up earlier this week before Judge James Brady decides to bind over the case. Visit hometownlife.com for the latest on the court proceedings.

Stislicki remains missing and supporters hope the ongoing court proceedings will help the family find her body. svela@hometownlife.com

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"I had him in my office on his first day and asked him to read one paragraph of a second grade-level book," she recounted. "He not only read the paragraph, he was reading at a fifth-grade level a few months later."

"The reason he refused to read at his former school was because he didn't care about (the material) he was being asked to read. It didn't make sense to him that he was asked to read material that was boring to him."

"Later in the day, I visited his classroom and he was drawing with colored markers. It looked to me like a bunch of splotches. When I asked him what it was, he told me he was painting all the planets in the Solar System, how far each one was from the earth, the substance of each planet ... It turned out that this kid, who supposedly couldn't read or do math, was probably the smartest kid in the building."

Steppingstone, a school for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade, is a member of the Association of Independent Michigan Schools (AIMS).

It is not a charter school, thus not regulated by the state, Morse said.

Due to its late-summer move to PARC, the school had just six students enrolled as of Aug. 29 — "We actually have more teachers than students at this point," Morse said, smiling — but its leaders expect that to change once word gets out about its most-recent relocation.

"The No. 1 thing that stood out to us about moving to PARC is that Don Soenen is in charge," said Morse. "I've known Don for several years and know him to be an ethical philanthropist. If he feels we'll be a good fit here, it's probably a good decision on our part to be here."

"It was tough to recruit at our former location (the former Holiday Chevrolet site in Farmington) because even though our classrooms were in the former showroom, most of the complex is a big warehouse. People would drive by and see that and, well, it wasn't a good selling point."

Morse said the gifted students who would be good fits at Steppingstone would not be fazed by an in-season transition from another school.

"These kids learn at their own pace, so a mid-year change of schools wouldn't be an obstacle," she said.

Steppingstone's curriculum offers, among other things, Steppingstone Magnetic Resonance Training (SMART), a program designed to train middle and high school students to use advanced instrumentation to formulate and carry out their research products.

"The equipment we have gives young students the opportunity to do research that is usually reserved for (college) graduate students and post-doctoral fellows," Morse said. "We also offer a strong arts program and we emphasize good nutrition and exercise."

"Candy is prohibited in our school and most mornings the students are encouraged to exercise. We start them out running a half mile before extending that to a



Steppingstone School staff members prepare to unpack following their move from Farmington Hills.
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mile as the year moves on. The fact that PARC has its own swimming pool is also a bonus for us because we used to have to arrange carpools to get the kids to a swimming facility. Now they just have to walk down the hall."

"We are delighted to welcome Steppingstone School to the PARC community," PARC Executive Director Gail Grieger said. "They will complement the other outstanding educational organizations that are currently located at PARC, including College for Creative Studies and Friends of the Rouge."



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"That's what it's all about," he said. "We're here to seek and to save people who are far from God and bring them close to God. They're dying physically and spiritually, it's going to be a tragedy of Jesus doesn't come into their life."

As for the downs, McGilvrey has found often sad events like funerals some of the more enjoyable things to speak at, even when he doesn't know the deceased.

"This is the pinnacle of a person's life and you better get it right," he said jokingly. "But I got to where I liked it. When you're there, people are thinking serious thoughts and not thinking about frivolous things... You just try to bring the eternal perspective to it, because this is not the end. If you're a Christian, this is the start of the best part."

He's been with the church and community through collective downs, too. He remembers the Great Recession as a defining moment in the church's history.

"When the whole economy went south and the auto industry was on the rocks, a lot of people got transferred out, and our young people — to get a job — had to go somewhere else," McGilvrey said. "That was a big blow to us. We took a lot of losses at that time and we never really got it back. The young people were gone and we just couldn't get on a growing trend."

In an attempt to reach a new generation and grow, McGilvrey stepped down as the lead pastor in 2017 and Compass sought adoption from 2|42 Community Church, a multi-campus outfit that Compass helped start. McGilvrey said it's like having a son or daughter come back to lend a helping hand.

2|42 broadcast videos of live sermons to the Compass congregation until attendance passes 500 people. Then, Compass will be one of the campuses 2|42's five speakers attend. McGilvrey said the church has five preachers to try and "kill the celebrity" that can sometimes come with having a longtime pastor like himself.

As for McGilvrey, he and his wife of 49 years, Jeanie, are moving to Marshall to be closer to their family. They'll attend a church in Battle Creek and he "hopes" he can still be involved in ministry to some degree. Compass will say goodbye to its longtime pastor officially on Sept. 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"We're probably going to be taking a lot of time with the grandkids," he said. "They way I look at it, she did what I wanted to do for 47 years. Now it's her turn."

But Jesus and the gospel will always have McGilvrey's heart, even if he isn't a full-time preacher.

"Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life more abundant and free.' That's what I've tried to do, help people to know Jesus so they can have an abundant life here," he said, tears in his eyes. "Free from worry, free from guilt, free from sin so that they can be free from death and live eternally with Him."



Compass Christian Church sits on Five Mile Road in Livonia. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMERTOWNLIFE.COM

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Pastor Mark McGilvrey talks about his career. He and his wife are moving to Marshall to be closer to family.

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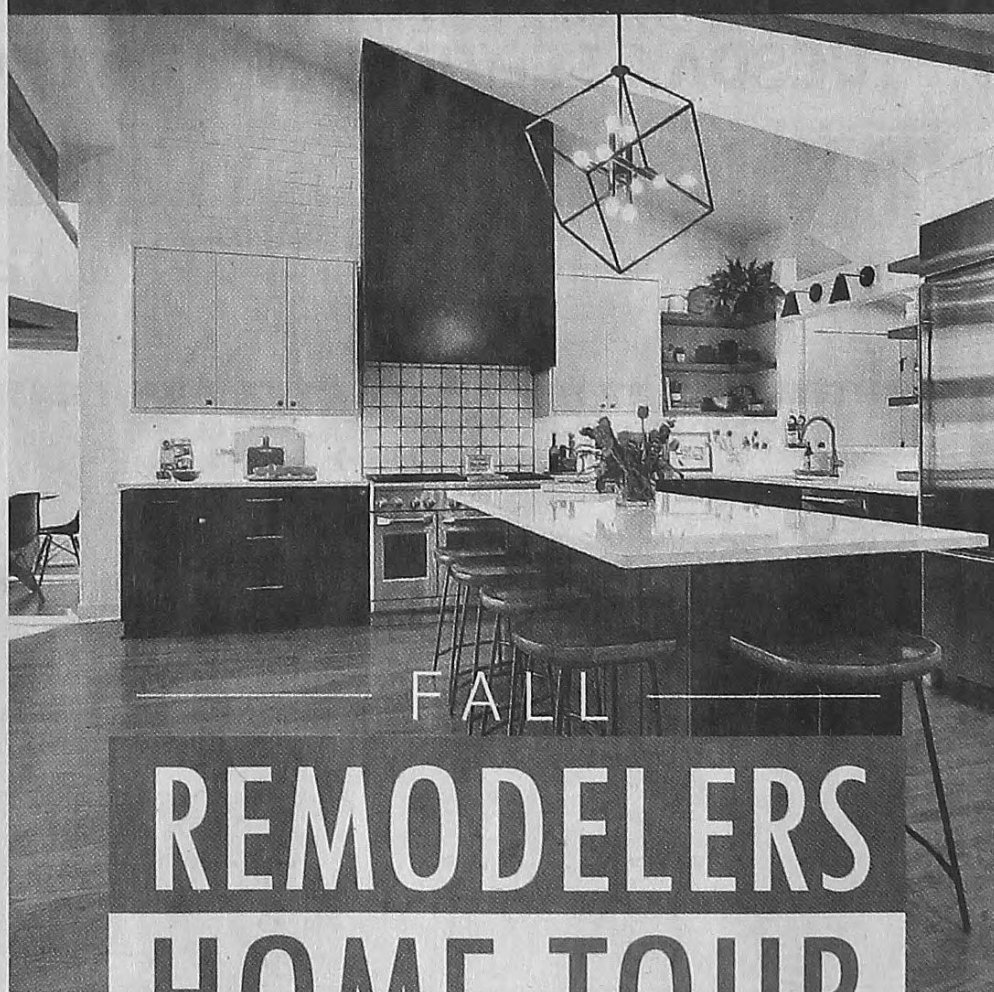
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across the United States, in hopes of advancing to the national finals on the Las Vegas Strip.

In mid-June, Scott advanced to the ANW championship in Vegas — a noble feat for anyone, considering an estimated 50,000 people apply for the hit NBC show each January, with less than 100 ultimately qualifying for the finals.

He actually competed in Las Vegas in mid-June, but the show did not air on NBC until Aug. 26.

Becoming an Asberger's role model

Although Scott fell on his fourth obstacle on the course laid out just one block away from the Las Vegas Strip — his nemesis was the dreaded Jumping Spider, which requires competitors to bounce vertically off a trampoline and catch themselves with their arms and legs between two plexiglass walls several feet off the ground — he has attained role-model status in the Asberger's community and admiration among his ninja warrior competitors.

"I've received an overwhelming number of messages from people who have been diagnosed with Asberger's, telling me how inspiring my performances have been for them," Scott said. "One lady sent me an email, saying her son with Asberger's has anxiety, but when he watches me compete, it makes him happy."

"Honestly, the response I've received has been more than I can handle sometimes. I'm not used to this and I haven't had time, unfortunately, to reply to all of the messages."

Stardom in one of the most physically-demanding competitions known to man wasn't even close to being on Scott's radar during his pre-teen years.

"When I was young, I had no athletic background whatsoever," Scott revealed. "I guess you could say I was uncoordinated. I played outside a lot, but I wasn't involved in team sports."

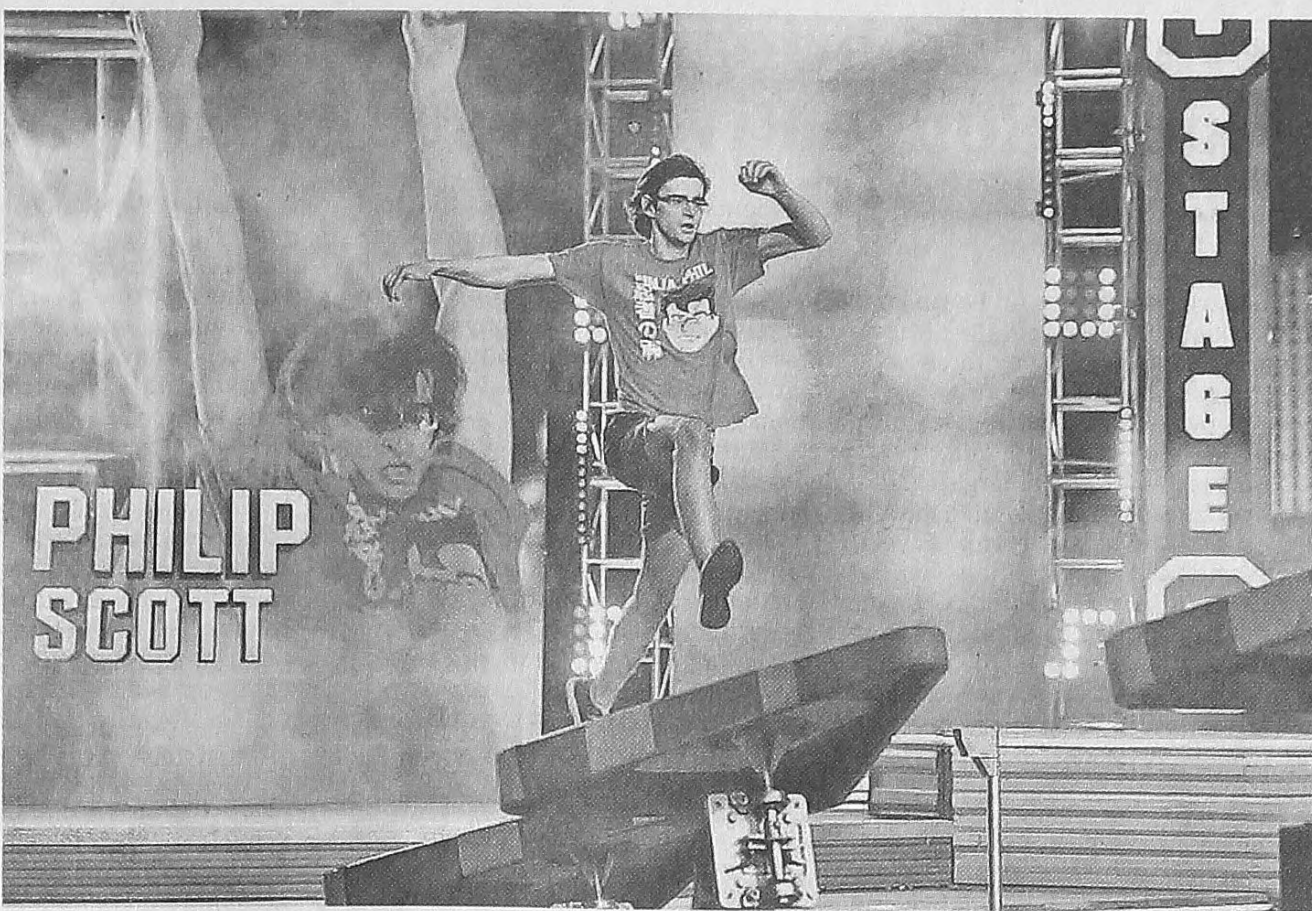
"Due in part because I'm on the Asperger's Syndrome spectrum, I developed an obsessive interest in the ninja warrior shows that the G4 network used to show from Japan. When I was 11 or 12, I started to go by myself to one of the nearby school playgrounds and make up my own courses."

When did Scott realize he may have a future in the ultra-competitive world of "American Ninja Warrior"?

"One day when I was 18, I hopped on a scale and discovered I was 40 pounds heavier than I am now," the 6-foot-2, 160-pounder recounted. "I knew then that if I ever wanted to get good at this, I had to start training more."

Persistence pays off

On Jan. 1, 2018, the first day he was eligible to apply for the ANW show, he meticulously filled out an online application and sent in the required three-minute



Plymouth resident Philip Scott competes on NBC's "American Ninja Warrior" last month. COURTESY OF NBC

highlight clip.

"I didn't make it," he said, "but I learned what I needed to do to get better."

One year later, he applied again.

"I didn't get a call (from the ANW casting directors) until mid-April of this year," he said. "They told me I had qualified for the Midwest round of the competition in Cincinnati. From what I understand, I was the only person from the Detroit area who made it."

Despite battling an expected barrage of nerves, Scott did well enough in Cincinnati to advance to the Super Bowl of ninja warrior competition in Vegas.

"The competition in Cincinnati was over two nights," he explained. "I finished 22nd the first night to move on to the next night. That's when I made it to the ninth obstacle (out of 10) before falling. I finished in the top 15 to advance to Las Vegas."

One of just 86 finalists, Scott said his first trip to Las Vegas was unforgettable, but not because of his initial fling at gambling.

"I tried the slot machines because, well, that's what you do when you're in Vegas, right?" Scott said. "But to tell you the truth, I feel more comfortable playing the games at Chuck E. Cheese."

More accustomed to the spotlight after his successful stint in Cincinnati, Scott said nerves weren't in issue under the bright lights of the finals.

However, with the difficulty of the obstacles ramped up for the national-television audience, he

was bitten by the Jumping Spider.

Scott said Asberger's may actually help him a bit in ANW.

"I analyze the obstacles and think the courses through more than other people, which I think is an advantage," he said.

Undeterred, the still-in-his-prime warrior is already looking forward to applying for the 2020 competition.

When he is not training, Scott works as a ninja warrior coach at Gripz training center in Southfield. He also contributes his graphic-design skills to the National Ninja League's website.

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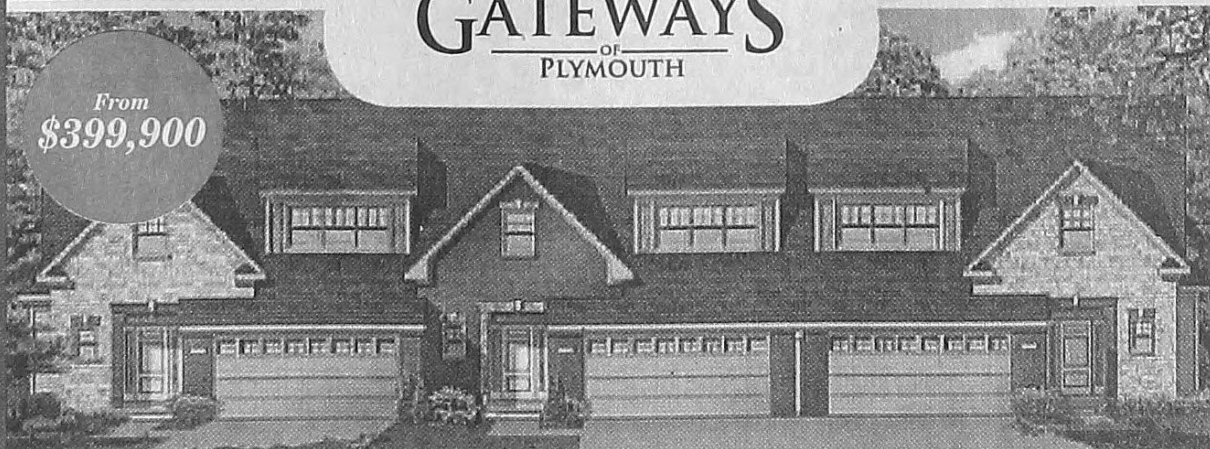
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"We need to prioritize larger, higher use structures and compared to most of our county bridges, Riverview is relatively small with low traffic volumes," said Beverly Watts, director of Wayne County Department of Public Services in a press release. "Closing the bridge to motor vehicles slows down deterioration and ensures the bridge can stay open safely for pedestrians and bicyclists."

Watts said the closure to cars will delay repairs and ultimately extend the life of the bridge.

The hope is to have more families and

residents enjoy the outdoors the area provides without worrying about encountering vehicles.

"This increases our desire to have more families enjoy more physical fitness like walking a bike riding into our parks," Watts said. "So this will help them."

"I know a lot of people enjoy when you don't have to be concerned with vehicles."

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Contact Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter at @shelby_tankk.

Healthy Westland's free fall fitness festival returns

Healthy Westland presents its annual Fall Fitness Festival at Tattan Park 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. For the first time ever, the Splash Pad Park will be open beyond Labor Day weekend and free as part of this event.

Along with free healthy food, contests and prizes, fan favorite Scooby Doo will also make an appearance.

This all-ages free program will include giveaways, fun workouts by certified instructors as well as free healthy demonstrations.

Healthy Westland is a community coalition of businesses and organizations interested in helping people achieve a healthy lifestyle.

The Healthy Westland coalition spearheaded by Beaumont Health in partnership with the City of Westland and Wayne-Westland Community Schools District offers free healthy living programs focused on improving health.



Healthy Westland will host its annual Fall Fitness Festival on Saturday at Tattan Park. The Splash Pad Park will be open during the event. SUBMITTED

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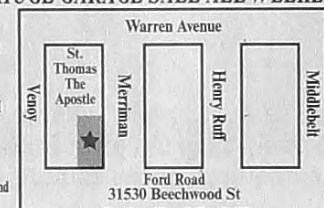
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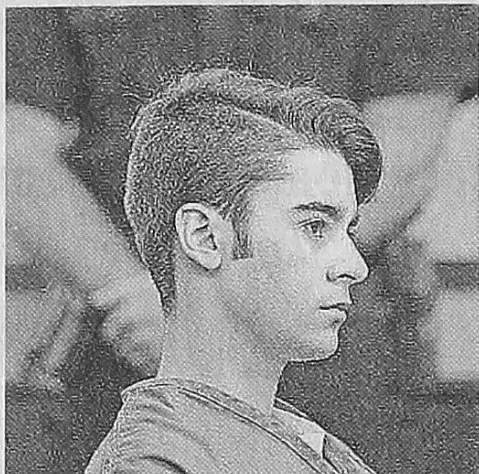
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The Michigan Court of Appeals released an opinion Thursday supporting an Oakland County judge's decision to allow video and statements to police that could implicate Muhammad Al-Tantawi, a Farmington Hills teen accused of killing his mother.

Judge Martha Anderson made her decision about a year ago. She then granted a defense motion to stay the Circuit Court proceedings pending an appeal to the higher court.

Clarence Dass, Al-Tantawi's attorney, said they plan to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

"We are disappointed by the ruling," Dass said. "We believe the record shows that the seizure of the DVR equipment without a warrant and the police interview of our 16-year-old client without a



Muhammad Altantawi is awaiting trial on a first-degree murder charge in the death of his mother. FILE

parent were both unconstitutional." An appellate panel consisting of

judges Michael Gadola, Deborah Servitto and James Redford heard arguments in July.

Servitto partially dissented by saying Al-Tantawi was clearly in police custody when speaking to them at his home.

Case law, she said, has emphasized such interrogations can mean intense pressures that lead to a frighteningly high percentage of people confessing to crimes they never committed.

She cited from a U.S. Supreme Court 2011 opinion: "That risk is all the more troubling—and recent studies suggest, all the more acute—when the subject of custodial interrogation is a juvenile."

"The totality of the circumstances set forth above, including defendant's age, indicates that defendant was in custody while the police were questioning him," Servitto concluded. "I would therefore have found that the trial court erred in denying defendant's motion to sup-

press his statements made during the August 22, 2017 interrogation."

Al-Tantawi was 16 on Aug. 21, 2017, when his mother Nada Huranieh flew from a second-story window at their Howard Road home, where she lived with Muhammad and his two younger sisters, and landed on the patio. She had been estranged from her husband.

Police returned the next day to interview the son. Prosecutors later accused him of killing his mother and trying to cover up his crime.

Autopsy results showed Huranieh was dead before she landed on the patio. A representative from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office testified that the cause of death was asphyxia and smothering.

A certified fitness instructor, Huranieh was known by friends as a bundle of energy trying to move on with her life. She was 35.



Christian Andrew Gardner was sentenced Sept. 4 to up to 20 years in prison for trying to kill his girlfriend of about three years. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Would-be killer sentenced months after victim's death

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Cindy Bally's absence was felt Wednesday as a Wayne County judge sentenced her former boyfriend, Christian Andrew Gardner, to up to 20 years in prison for trying to kill her.

Bally, 44, died in March, and family members say Gardner's crimes and the toll of prosecuting someone she dated on and off for about three years contributed to her death.

Gardner, 52, of Monroe, appeared to stare straight ahead as his former girlfriend's family members read statements of sorrow for their lost loved one and hopes that Gardner, found guilty in a bench trial, would reform himself through sobriety, anger management and better relationships with his own family.

He directed his apology to Third Circuit Judge Bridget Mary Hathaway, right after his attorney James O'Donnell told the judge what happened the night of July 12, 2018, was more complicated than "just a simple stranger coming to the house."

"I want to apologize to Cindy's family (and) my family for what they're going through," Gardner said. "I know they're going through a lot. I'm sorry. I do love Cindy. I still do. I still care about her and I do have remorse. I apologize again."

Hathaway sentenced him for three felonies — assault with intent to commit murder, 15 to 20 years; assault with a dangerous weapon, two to six years; and resisting or obstructing police, one to three years — and misdemeanor domestic violence, 90 days. The sentences will run concurrently.

Family members thanked prosecutor Duane Brown afterward. At some points of their ordeal, they expected Gardner to serve much less time.

"I'm just happy it's done, and it's closure for all of us," said Kathleen Sestak, who lost her daughter on March 10. She

was a hospice nurse with a young son.

Sestak said her daughter was a good, caring person who became involved with an arrogant man who took advantage of her after preying on her sympathies. As far as Sestak knew, Gardner did not have a car or job.

Bally testified against Gardner in the weeks after she was attacked. She then said she heard the front door open at her Northville Township condominium soon after she returned from shopping. She had left the door unlocked.

An uninvited Gardner grabbed her when she tried to phone for help. He then started stabbing her. She was able to escape but she testified that she had to undergo abdominal surgery and hospitalization because of four wounds to the abdomen, another to her upper left arm and another to a finger.

A police officer testified that he saw blood on Bally's shirt and hands before she was taken to the hospital the night Gardner visited. Gardner's arrest came after a five-hour standoff with police.

Reading his statement during the sentencing, Dan Jones said his daughter had a toxic relationship with Gardner.

"Everything was OK until the drinking started, which was frequent," Jones said. "Many times, Cindy would call us to ask us to come over and to help out (and) quiet their disputes. This time, Chris' violence went too far."

"During the trial, it was obvious that Cindy loved Chris more than he loved her."

"His lack of remorse and sympathy demonstrated a violent temper that is only amplified during his drinking. We hope that Chris gets the help he needs and uses his time wisely to seek forgiveness."

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Livonia mother's revolver stolen, returned a week later

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A Livonia mother reported a missing loaded revolver to police and then found it — unloaded — on her porch nearly a week later.

According to police reports, officers visited a residence near the intersection of Beatrice and Schoolcraft the morning of Aug. 22 because of a possible breaking and entering incident.

The resident told police her daughter woke her up at 4:30 a.m. to say she had found her mother's wallet in the yard and a bedroom window open.

They searched their home and discovered the weapon gone. The mother told police her daughter had been traveling in and out of the home with a visitor. She also suspected a former neighbor.

Police did not notice any footprints near the open window. They observed that cobwebs there were undisturbed.

The mother visited the police station on Aug. 28 to say she heard the doorbell ring that morning. She went to the door and no one was there.

But she saw a blue T-shirt rolled into a ball on her porch. Her gun was tucked inside.

Obituaries

Cheryl Anne Queener

ROGERS TOWNSHIP - Cheryl Anne Queener age 61 of Rogers Township passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on September 2, 2019.

She was born October 5, 1957 in Detroit to Gordon and Carol (Willhite) Anderson.

Cheryl graduated from Livonia's Bentley High School in 1975. She met Dennis at ACO hardware during her senior year and they married on November 4, 1978. She worked briefly at GM Fisher Body Livonia until her children were born in 1980,81.

In later years Cheryl also worked at her mother's copy center (Graphic Connections) in Dearborn Heights, but finally found her calling as a bar tender, and was fortunate enough to hone her skills at the Bench pub of Livonia where she made many more friends during her 10 years there.

Cheryl retired with Dennis in 2016 and moved north to Rogers City where they have a family cabin and many friends that are retiring also. She enjoyed most of all spending time with her grandkids, walks on the shores of Lake Huron looking for pudding stones, and happy hour on the beach with her family and friends.

Cheryl literally shined as a wife, friend, life partner, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and especially a grandmother in which she was known as "Grammy" to her precious grandkids. She touched a lot of hearts and will be missed tremendously.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Dennis; 2 children, Dennis (Ashley) Queener of Lachine and Lindsey (Ken) Stark of Livonia; 3 grandchildren, Oliver, Elizabeth and Gordon; she is also survived by her father, Gordon Anderson, and partner Nancy Soho of South Lyon / Northville; brother Gordie (Carol) Anderson of Whitmore lake, and several loving nephews and nieces.

She was welcomed into Heaven by her mom, Carol.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Arrangements are in care of the Beck Funeral Home.

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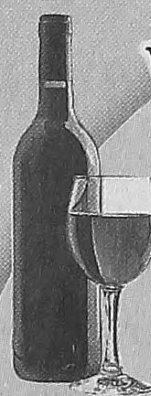
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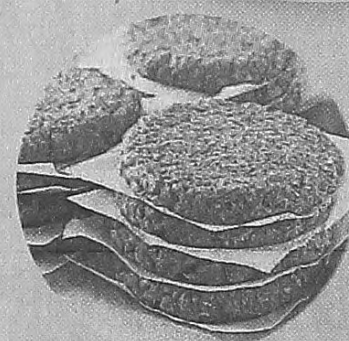
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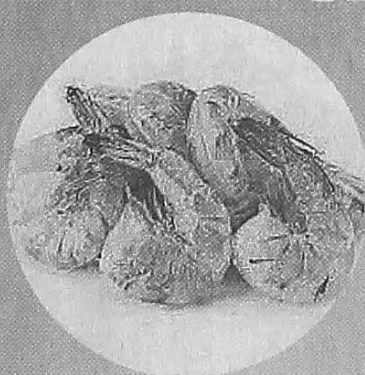
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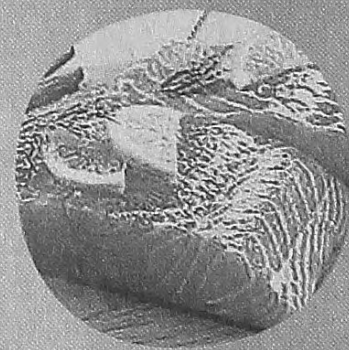
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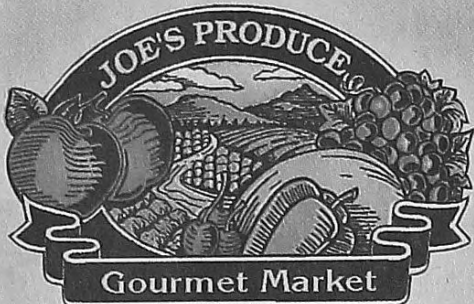
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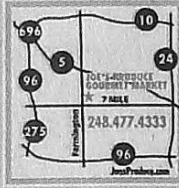


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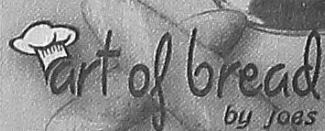


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Defense leads Franklin past Dearborn

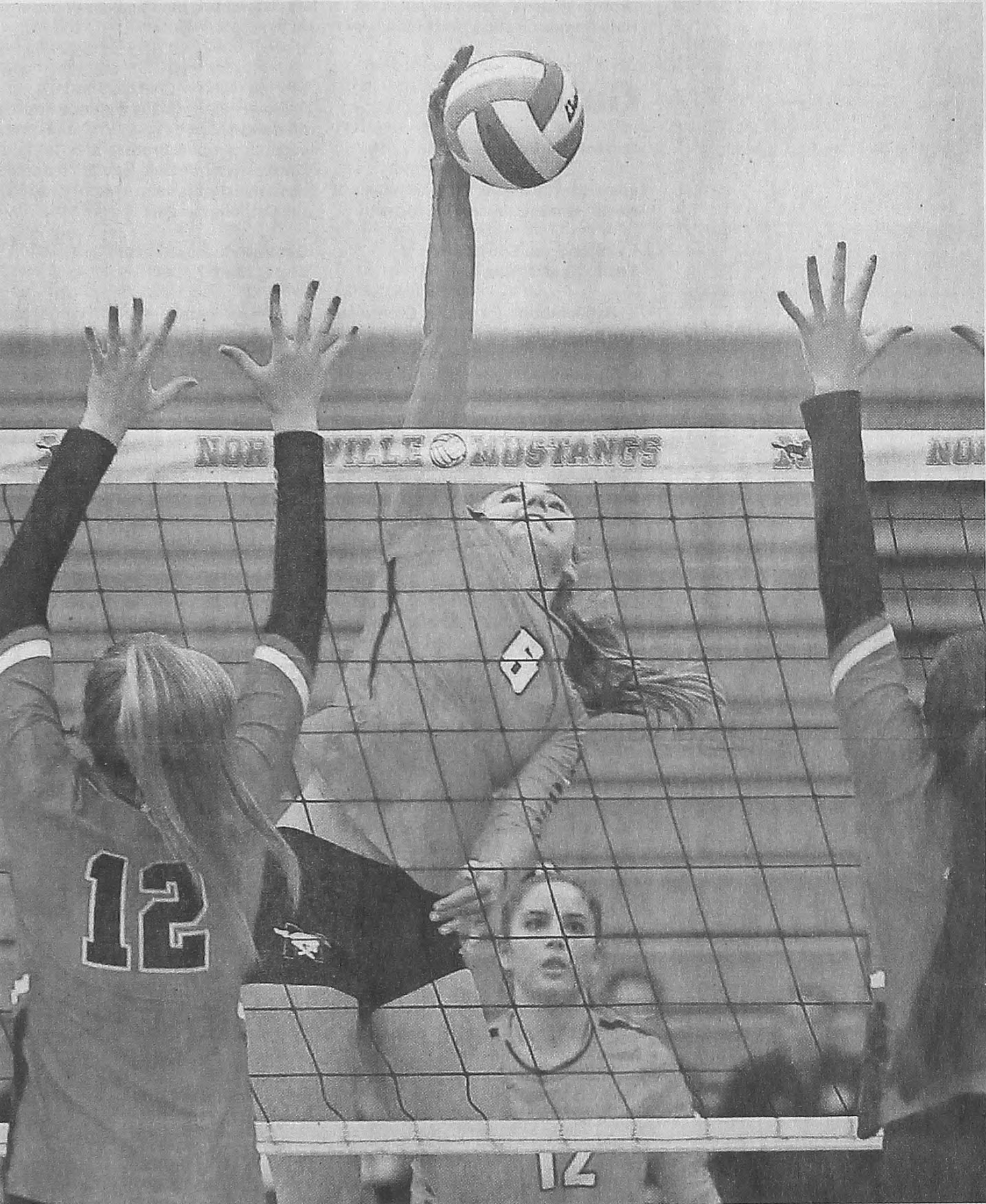
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It's well known within football circles that it's typically the offense that tends to get the lion's share of attention. Given the shift in coaching philosophies toward spread offenses, coupled with highlight reel touchdowns and the

competitive juices within fantasy football leagues, it's hard to not to favor the offensive side of the ball. But when the defense has a breakout game, it's only proper to acknowledge a job well done and give the less glorious unit its much needed day in the sun. That's exactly what happened in Livonia Franklin's tilt against Dearborn, as the Patriots held their foes to just 221 total yards of offense to secure a 42-20 win on the road. Franklin's night-long terror on Dearborn began in the first quarter, when junior linebacker Evan Pittenger picked up an Ali Murray pass on third down and ran it back 92 yards to put the Patriots ahead by two touchdowns.

"That moment felt unreal...I didn't know what was happening, but all I knew is that the ball fell into my hands and I was gone," Pittenger said. Not gassed one iota by his marathon run, Pittenger would later pitch in on the offensive side to haul in an 18-yard

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Northville's Sydney Reed, center, goes sky-high for a spike against Churchill on Sept. 4. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville beats Churchill in thrilling five-set match

Andrew Vaillencourt
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Livonia Churchill had revenge on the mind as it traveled to Northville for the opening night of KLAA volleyball. The Chargers and the Mustangs met in both the conference championship and the state playoffs last season, with Northville winning both times.

The third time wasn't the charm for Churchill either, as Northville hung on in five sets for the win (18-25, 25-20, 25-20, 24-26, 15-8). It was an exciting night of action that saw Churchill explode for a five point run late in the fourth set that eventually led to the Chargers forcing a fifth and deciding set, but the Mustangs proved to be too tough, finishing the match on a 10-3 run. "I want to give a lot of credit to Churchill, they stepped up their play, especially in the fourth set," Northville coach Rick Vander Veer said. "They put the pedal on us and we had to up our level to stick with them, and we did in the fifth set to be able to pull it out." Churchill senior Sarah Dunn led her team with 21 kills, while junior Olivia

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Canton, Plymouth to face off in Week 3

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As Week 3 of the high school football season approaches, Hometown Life area teams are trying to continue their early-season momentum after a memorable second week of the season. Here is a look at area games to watch, including our game of the week.

Canton vs. Plymouth:
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

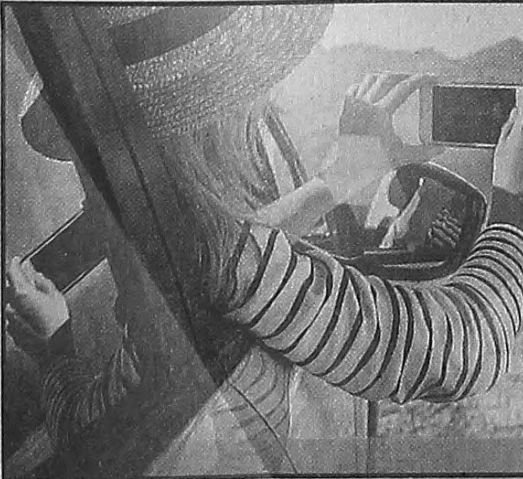
Canton seemed to return to form in week two. The Chiefs blasted Northville 37-14, on the heels of impressive performances in the run game by sophomore running back Zack Badger and junior back Marco Johnson. Plymouth, on the other hand, has shown up in each of its first two games of the season. The Wildcats have outscored opponents 81-7 in the first two weeks, defeating Howell at home on Sept. 6. With the success of the Canton running game, Plymouth has found a go-to back as well in Mike Mathias, who recorded 93 yards on 12 carries, scoring three times: a 73-yard interception return for a touchdown, a 53-yard touchdown pass and a 55-yard touchdown run. Stopping Mathias will be key for a Canton defense that kept Northville from scoring until the Chiefs had amounted to a 37-0 lead. For Plymouth, this Canton matchup starts a two-week stretch against tough opponents, in the Chiefs and Brighton in week four. A win could prove to be important in determining the Wildcats success against the Bulldogs next week.

Here are five other games to watch this week:

North Farmington at Ferndale:
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

After a five-point win against Waterford Kettering in the season opener, North Farmington earned its first convincing win of the Jon Herstein era in week two, defeating Berkley 42-6. Ferndale may prove to be the first difficult task for the Raiders. After losing to Seaholm in convincing fashion to open the season, the Eagles stormed back to a 44-6 win against Pontiac. Although the true tests come later in the schedule, this may be the first

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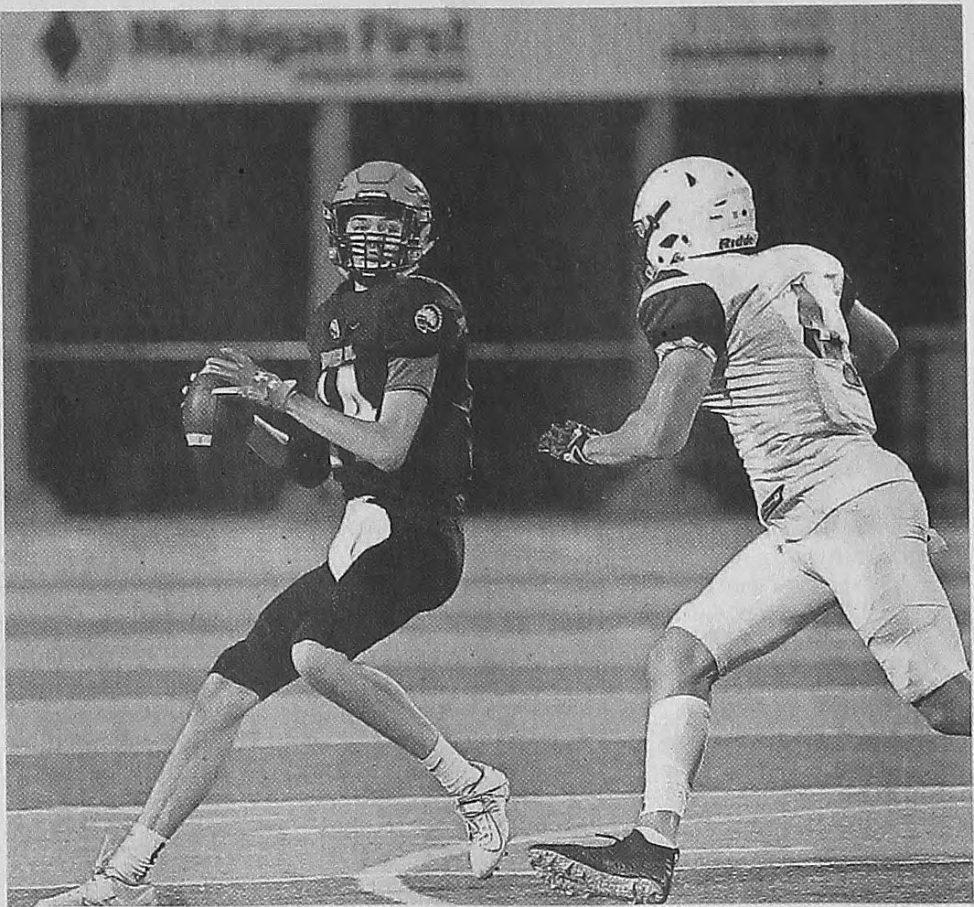
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Milford vs. Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Walled Lake Western	Milford
Toledo Central Catholic vs. Detroit Catholic Central	Toledo Central Catholic	Toledo Central Catholic	Toledo Central Catholic	Detroit Catholic Central	Detroit Catholic Central
Brother Rice vs. U-D Jesuit	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	U-D Jesuit
Dearborn Fordson vs. Livonia Stevenson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Stevenson
Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
John Glenn vs. Livonia Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Salem vs. Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Salem
Howell vs. Northville	Northville	Northville	Howell	Northville	Howell
Canton vs. Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	PLYMOUTH (Best bet!)	Canton	Plymouth
Michigan State vs. Arizona State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Arizona State
Iowa State vs. Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa State	Iowa	Iowa State
Virginia vs. Florida State	Virginia	Virginia	Florida State	Virginia	Florida State
Detroit Lions vs. Los Angeles Chargers	Chargers	Chargers	Lions	Chargers	Chargers
Last Week's Record:	16-3-1	16-3-1	13-6-1	14-5-1	12-7-1
Season Record:	31-8-1	31-8-1	29-10-1	32-7-1	23-16-1

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Brother Rice quarterback Jake Coulter, left, attempts a pass against Windsor Holy Names on Sept. 5. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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game that tests the staying power of North Farmington moving forward.

Lakeland vs. South Lyon:
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

Expectations for South Lyon were extremely high coming into the 2019 season, with 15 starters returning after an undefeated regular season. To start the season, the Lions have met those expectations, defeating both Walled Lake Central and Trenton for their first two wins.

However, Lakeland proves to be the first real test for South Lyon, a team that has not lost in the regular season since Oct. 20, 2017. After a 41-16 loss to area powerhouse Walled Lake Western to open the season, the Eagles destroyed Waterford Mott 47-0, bringing the team back on track after its second-round playoff exit last season.

A season ago, South Lyon was able to pull off the 17-14 win against Lakeland at home.

Heading into week three of the 2019 season, it will be interesting to see how a hard-fought battle at the Eagles home turf will turn out.

Brother Rice vs. University of Detroit Jesuit:
Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

After proving what the defense could do with a week one win against Utica Eisenhower, the Brother Rice offense showed up against Windsor Holy Names without senior quarterback Greg Piscopink.

The Warriors put up 53 points with sophomore quarterback Jake Coulter leading the offense, completing 7-of-11 pass attempts for 148 yards and four passing touchdowns, including three

to wide receiver Cole Lacanaria.

However, both the defense and the offense will have to play at its maximum capability when Brother Rice takes on University of Detroit Jesuit, a team that has consistently been a team to watch in the Catholic League.

Groves vs. Rochester:
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

After a comeback 24-17 win against West Bloomfield, the No. 1 team in the state according to the Detroit Free Press, Groves now has a target on its back.

With quarterback Markis Alexander leading the offense and linebacker Ralph Donaldson leading the defense, expectations remain extremely high for the Falcons moving forward, as they look to try and go past the state semifinal, which Groves has lost in two of the past three seasons.

Even though it may be inferior talent-wise, Rochester has the opportunity to do what Toledo Whitmer did to Catholic Central, last week's No. 1 team, in week three: beat the Shamrocks 14-7.

Stevenson at Dearborn Fordson:
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

Stevenson has continued its momentum through the first two games of the season, earning wins against Novi and Glenn, defeating the Rockets 35-0 this past Friday.

But things get remarkably more difficult in week three for the Spartans when they take on Dearborn Fordson, a team that defeated Wayne Memorial 60-0 in week two.

The Stevenson defense will have to stop Fordson quarterback Ali Beydoun, who is in his first season as the starting quarterback for the Tractors.

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Defense

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touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jacob Kelbert to make it 21-0 with less than six minutes left in the half.

Contributions for the Patriots (2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA East) also came via special teams, where defensive lineman Erik Reaves blocked a Dearborn punt and executed a 30-yard scoop-and-score just before halftime.

"I didn't even think I was going to do that today, but it was so much fun," Reaves said. "We just played hard and were into it."

"I love the sport, love the feeling, and love to hit."

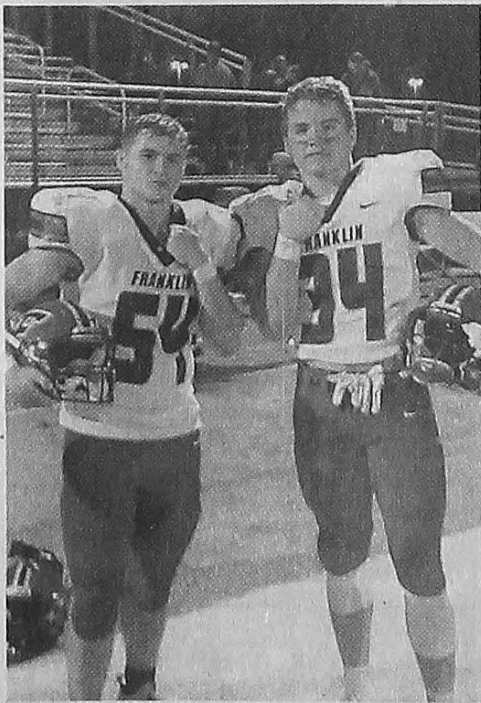
A senior, Reaves also accounted for four of Franklin's five sacks, thus proving the old adage that the defense never rests.

"Those two touchdowns with the blocked punt and the pick-six are the types of plays that win big games for us so you have to have that from your defense," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. "Our kids are built to be hard-working kids and it's a part of our mentality."

Here are three other takeaways from Friday's KLAA East Clash:

Dangerous duo

As outstanding as Franklin was on the defensive side, there were also some



Franklin defeated Dearborn thanks to a great defensive performance led by Erik Reaves and Evan Pittenger. TOM MORELLI/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

standout performances on offense, particularly with Kelbert and running back James Carpenter.

Now in his third year as a starter, Kelbert showed the fruits of his labor by completing 13 of 18 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns, while running in another.

Carpenter tallied a game-high 116 yards on 11 carries, followed by Kelbert's

10 rushing attempts for 35 yards.

"We've always preached to finish strong and we don't want to give up what we did in the fourth quarter, but it happens," Carpenter said. "We just kept our heads up and kept pumping and hopefully that's how our season's going to go too."

Sophomore receiver Brandon Reinten had three receptions for 54 yards and a touchdown, with Connor Hatfield (five catches, 44 yards) and Pittenger (two catches, 29 yards) also contributing.

"We have weapons on the outside," Jacob Kelbert said. "Our receivers are young, but those kids are some of the best players on our team."

Shutout spoiled

Franklin's opportunity to secure a shutout came to an abrupt halt in the final minute of the third quarter following a Kelbert goal-line plunge to make it a 35-0 affair.

On the ensuing kickoff, Dearborn senior Ryan Timani juiced and jived his way past defenders for a 90-yard return in a mere 14 seconds.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, it ended up being too little, too late according to head coach John Powell.

"We played a really good team today that's really well-coached," Powell said. "Franklin only turned the ball over one late. We gave them a blocked punt and a pick-six. They're too good to beat when you give points away. We have to be better. Last week we didn't make mistakes,

but this week we made mistakes and that starts with me."

On the bright side

While Dearborn (1-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA East) struggled to make plays early on, the Patriots had their moments throughout the second half.

A Franklin interception to begin the fourth quarter allowed Dearborn to generate its first offensive score of the contest.

With backup Ali Albdaire under center, the senior launched a 12-yard strike to wide receiver Ali Kleit, followed by a 28-yarder to Adam Rammouni to put the Patriots in the red zone.

Just three plays later, Kleit took a handoff from Albdaire and reached pay-dirt to make it 35-14.

Albdaire (4-for-7 for 99 yards) showed off some impressive arm strength with four minutes remaining when he threw a deep ball down the middle to junior Connor Whitaker, who took it to the house from 50 yards out.

"Albdaire has a big-time arm and he can fling it," Powell said. "He should have been a baseball player. He made some throws tonight and scored two touchdowns and we're going to have to give him some more chances in practice."

Tommy Guajardo and Ahmed Makled each recorded four catches for 33 and 26 yards, respectively.

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Groves leads Hometown Life-area top 10 football teams for Week 3

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Week 2 of the high school football season is complete, and Hometown Life Sports is back with its weekly top-10 teams in the area. Each week, we rank the top 10 teams in our coverage area based on record, strength of schedule, experience and of course, the game results. The ranking will be decided on by our two sports reporters: Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay.

Here is the top 10 for Week 3:

1. Birmingham Groves (2-0, Last Week: No. 3)

In what proved to be a back-and-forth game to remember, Birmingham Groves came out on top against West Bloomfield, which has been ranked as the No. 1 team in the state according to the Detroit Free Press. Moving forward, the Falcons are viewed as the team to beat in the area, with the veteran leadership of senior quarterback Markis Alexander and his control of the offense, along with Darryl Allen and Ralph Donaldson on defense.

2. South Lyon (2-0, Last Week: No. 2)

Returning 15 starters after an undefeated season in 2018, South Lyon continues to roll. The Lions have outscored opponents 75-21 in the first two games of the season, shutting out Walled Lake Central on the road in week one. Now, with Connor Fracassi still at quarterback, South Lyon will get its first in-conference test of the season against Lakeland.

3. Livonia Franklin (2-0, Last Week: No. 4)

The Livonia Franklin offense has been exceptional through the first two weeks of the season. Led by senior Jake Kelbert, who is in his third season as the varsity quarterback of the Patriots, Franklin has scored over 40 points in

each of the first two game, scoring 100 points combined. This offense is rolling, and it seems like it will be hard to stop moving forward.

4. Brother Rice (2-0, Last Week: No. 5)

Greg Piscopink sidelined with a shoulder injury? No problem for Brother Rice. The Warriors defeated Windsor Holy Names 53-3 led by sophomore quarterback Jake Coulter. The offense stepped up after the defense carried Brother Rice to a week one win against Utica Eisenhower. Heading into a week three matchup against University of Detroit Jesuit, Brother Rice will need both its offense and defense at its best to pull out the win. And, according to the team, Piscopink will be back under center for the Warriors on Friday.

5. Detroit Catholic Central (1-1, Last Week: No. 1)

One week after upsetting Detroit King, Detroit Catholic Central struggled against Toledo Whitmer, losing to the Panthers 14-7 in the Shamrocks' home opener. Things do not get any easier for quarterback Jack Beno and Catholic Central, as the Shamrocks will take on Toledo Catholic Central on Friday, one of the top teams in the state of Ohio.

6. Birmingham Seaholm (2-0, Last Week: No. 6)

Seaholm took care of business against Stoney Creek to stay undefeated. It may be a few weeks until the Maples are truly challenged, with another winnable game up next against Troy up next.

7. Plymouth (2-0, Last Week: No. 8)

Plymouth put a beat down on Howell last week to stay undefeated. Mike Mathias scored three touchdowns, one on defense, one rushing and one receiving in the dominating effort. Things get much, much tougher this week, howev-

er, with a rivalry showdown against Canton.

8. Farmington (2-0, Last Week: No. 7)

Farmington has continued to look solid and has a chance to move up in the rankings next week with a big game against Ypsilanti Lincoln. It beat Royal Oak 49-10 last week and hasn't really been challenged yet.

9. Canton (1-1, Last Week: No. 9)

The Chiefs picked up a road win at Northville in a contest that was a must-win for Canton, which is hoping to contend for the division crown. Canton scored early and often in the 37-14 blow-out and did so both offensively and defensively. Now, the Chiefs must take on Plymouth in a game that's always exciting.

10. Livonia Stevenson (2-0, Last Week: No. 10)

John Glenn clearly has taken a step back, but Stevenson took care of its business once again to improve to 2-0 with its 35-0 win. Running back Caden Woodall has been the offensive catalyst and could lead the Spartans to new heights. A difficult game against Fordson awaits.

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Here is a look at what the scores look like for Hometown Life area high school teams in the second week of the football season.

Thursday, Sept. 5


Brother Rice 53, Windsor Holy Names (Ontario) 3

Friday, Sept. 6

Belleville 35, Livonia Churchill 14
Birmingham Groves 24, West Bloomfield 17
Birmingham Seaholm 20, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 13
Brighton 28, Novi 20
Canton 37, Northville 14
Clarkston 51, Bloomfield Hills 7
Clarkston Everest Collegiate 45, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 6
Detroit Country Day 27, Detroit Mumford 3
Hartland 39, Salem 6
Farmington 49, Royal Oak 10
Fordson 60, Wayne Memorial 0
Garden City 21, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 20
Livonia Clarenceville 21, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 15
Livonia Franklin 42, Dearborn 20
Livonia Stevenson 35, Westland John Glenn 0
Milford 46, Walled Lake Central 21
North Farmington 42, Berkley 6
Plymouth 38, Howell 7
Redford Thurston 6, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 0
Redford Union 42, Melvindale 6
South Lyon 29, Trenton 21
Toledo Whitmer, Ohio 14, Detroit Catholic Central 7
U-D Jesuit 40, Cranbrook-Kingswood 3
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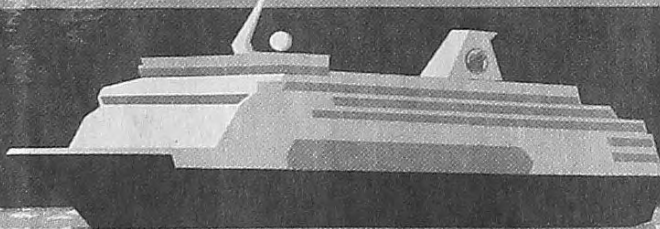
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Hartland graduate on world stage in soccer

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It's one thing to dream, quite another when it becomes reality.

Growing up in Hartland, Maddie Pogarch envisioned herself wearing a United States soccer uniform and playing on the international stage.

When it actually happened, it was a lot to process as she stood on a field in Loughborough, England, as a member of the U.S. under-23 women's national team, preparing to face the host nation in the Nordic Cup on Aug. 30.

This game was different than any of the hundreds in which she played going back to a Hartland youth league when she was 5 years old.

"Right before the whistle blew, getting to my spot, getting ready for the game to start, I looked over at the bench," Pogarch said. "I looked at the team I was playing with, standing next to Sam Staab and playing with Jordan DiBiasi and Imani Dorsey, who was rookie of the year last year.

"Looking at the people I'm playing with and where I am, realizing I was in England playing for the U.S. against England, who has a very good team. That kind of was a realization for me, 'Yeah, we're definitely here, you definitely made it to this stage,' which was awesome. I got maybe five seconds to think that, then I had to flip a switch to game time."

Pogarch was one of 23 women selected to the team. She is one of 16 players from the National Women's Soccer League, the premier women's professional league in the country. Pogarch is in her first season with the Portland Thorns.

She played in two of the three games in the Nordic Cup, starting against England and playing the second half against Sweden.

"It was awesome," said Pogarch, a 2015 Hartland High graduate. "It's kind of hard to put into words, because this is something I really hoped for since I was 12. I remember watching the World Cup with my dad one day and asking, 'Do you think I could do that?' It was always like a question in the back of my mind, 'Will I be able to reach this level at some point?' For the opportunity to finally



Hartland graduate Maddie Pogarch controls the ball for Portland in a game against North Carolina in June. ANDY MEAD/ISIPHOTOS.COM

present itself was huge; we're grateful for it."

In Portland, Pogarch has nine teammates who played in the World Cup for various nations, including Tobin Heath, Lindsey Horan, Emily Sonnett and Adriana Franch of the championship

American team.

Playing with, and against, some of the top players in the world prepared Pogarch for her opportunity on the world stage.

"I didn't feel like it was an amazing, crazy thing I shouldn't be able to accom-

plish," she said. "I had a certain level of confidence that it's time, it's time. This is what I've worked for and I'm super excited to be there. I was able to perform pretty well and went in with a good group and we ended up getting really great results. Overall, it was a great experience, an amazing experience, and I'm hoping there's more to come."

Playing for the under-23 team gets Pogarch on the radar to potentially make the senior national team down the road.

"This is like a pipeline to the full team," she said. "They consider U23s a preparation team for the full team. It's a good opportunity to be seen to get experience before you get called in to the full team. With that being said, it doesn't always work out for everyone. There's so many different pathways to the full team, but U23s is a good opportunity to be seen and be considered for that."

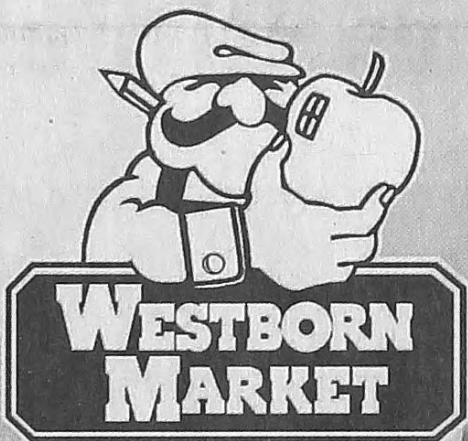
It was an opportunity that was almost lost for Pogarch. She knew she was being considered for the team when she sustained a Grade 2 ankle sprain in early August. The healing process is typically four to six weeks, which would've prevented her from going to England. She was back to practice in a little more than two weeks.

"That's probably the first injury of my career that's made me sit out for a while," she said. "That was difficult. Then the timing really stunk. I'm happy I was able to get back to my feet. The trainer worked hard with me so I was able to go to camp."

Back in Portland, Pogarch has four regular-season games remaining before the start of the playoffs. The Thorns are in first place with a 10-4-6 record heading into a huge game Wednesday at second-place North Carolina.

"It's definitely taken time, but I think I'm way further along now than when I started preseason," she said. "Just the atmosphere we play in every week, the training atmosphere we have. I'm playing with nine people who went to the World Cup. I'm lucky enough to get to play with lots of people with that skill level and that talent."

"It's been an adjustment, for sure, not just soccer-wise, but lifestyle-wise. I think I've been able to manage it pretty well."



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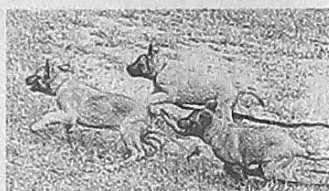
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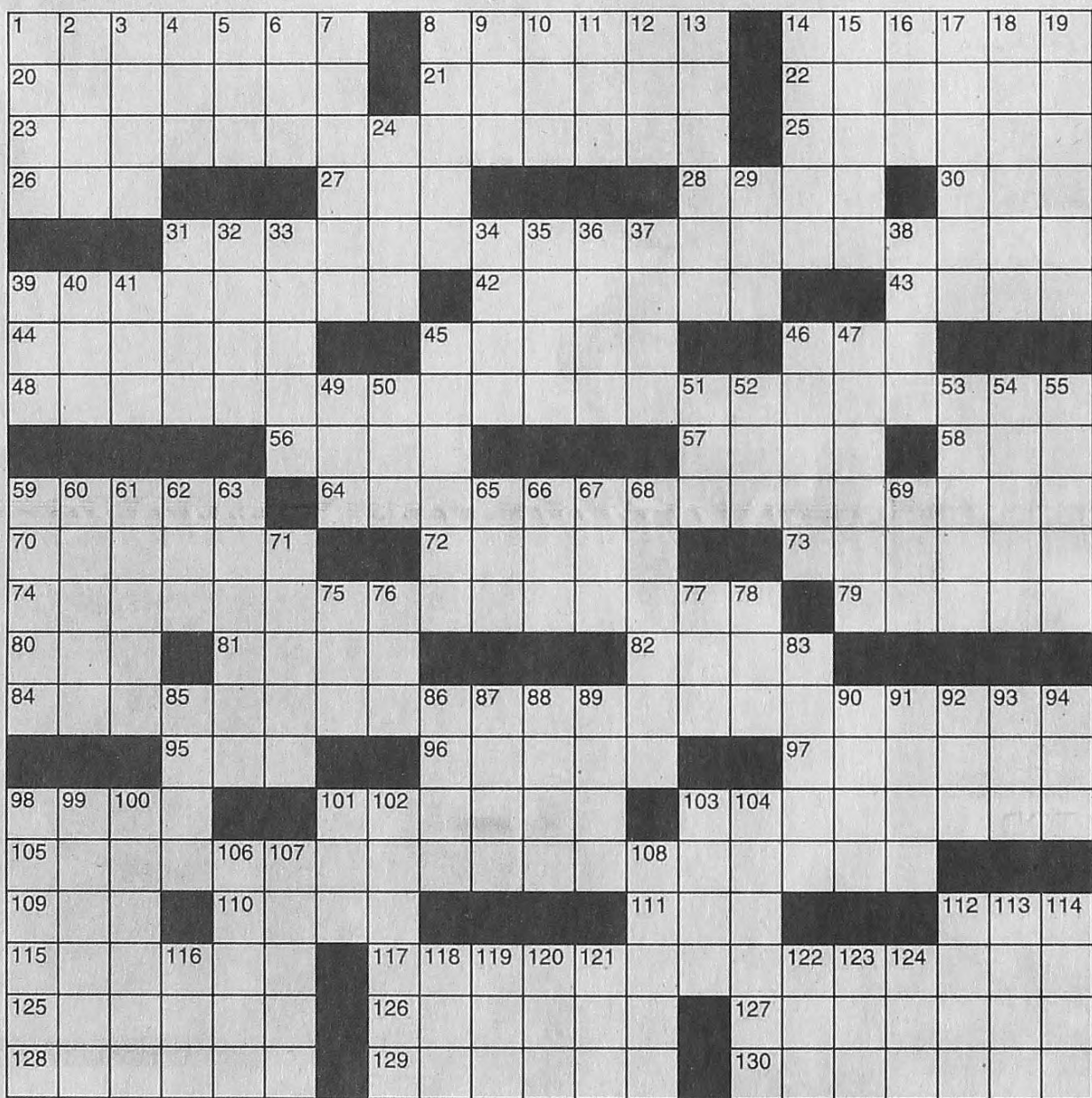
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Earns back, as losses
8 Study of vision
14 One who's not stinky
20 Shrunken Asian lake
21 Disperse from a central point
22 Spacecraft segment
23 Will soon obtain U.K. citizenship?
25 Like Peru's mountains
26 Revered Fr. nun, maybe
27 Motorist's crime, for short
28 Soccer icon
30 "Phooey!"
31 "That louse just hatched a few hours ago?"
39 Aim at
42 Styling sites
43 Hilarity
44 Book after Song of Solomon
- 45 "To recap ..."
46 Swiss river
48 Hairy pollinator's darting movement?
56 Hairstyle
57 On — streak (lucky)
58 "Hamilton" composer — Manuel
59 Watch over
64 Partial mending of a paper cut?
70 Excited pointer's cry
72 Diner
73 Pink pencil tip
74 Siblings who compose legal orders?
79 Spacek of film
80 Dude's prom duds
81 "Now, Voyager" actress Chase
82 In — (as first placed)
84 "My career as a tailor will start soon?"
95 Tee lead-in
96 Chris of tennis
- 97 Certain pizza chain logo
98 Depletes
101 Major road
103 4 p.m. social event, maybe
105 Interweave while wearing a lustrous Sir Lancelot costume?
109 Omelet need
110 Get up
111 Hockey hero Bobby
112 Historical unit
115 Headwear for Fred Astaire
117 Occupy a chair to apply Visine drops?
125 Invent
126 Like green bananas
127 Filthy place
128 Closet staple
129 Mini and midi
130 Orthodontic separators
- DOWN**
- 1 Rally cheers
2 "QED" center
3 Costco unit
4 Suffix with schnozz
5 Kind of PC port
6 For each
7 Declined the offer
8 "Come —!" ("Get real!")
9 NBA'er Gasol
10 Blasting stuff
11 Debtor's note
12 Mongrel
13 Get involved
14 Teeny
15 Sweetie pie
16 Tack (on)
17 Very sorry
18 Paige on a stage
19 Backpedal
24 Lookalike
29 High rollers?
31 End-of-workweek cry
32 Make whole
33 Moral tenet
34 Lacks life
35 Kimono belt
36 Swivel
37 Burial locale
38 Ugly fairy-tale figure
39 — for tat
40 Silver-gray
41 "Norma —"
45 Less sure
46 Outranking
47 Fiddles with
49 Talking- — (scoldings)
50 With
51 Egypt and Syr., once
52 Conductance unit, once
53 Hallow
54 German indefinite article
55 See 113-Down
59 Mafioso John
60 "Yep"
61 Siri's Amazon counterpart
62 Ticket info
63 Fishing boats
65 Asian ideal
66 "Addams Family" cousin
67 "Eh, so-so"
68 Determine beforehand
69 — tai (drink)
71 Drying ovens
75 Ruling from a boxing ref
76 Ball swatter
77 See 50-Down
78 Actor Gilliam
83 Allow to flow again
85 Life jacket, e.g.
86 Himalayan humanoid
87 Fifty-fifty
88 Actress Polo
89 — Mawr College
90 Hurly-burly
91 Epps of "House"
92 Fish feature
93 "Ltd." cousin
94 Boot tip
98 Brief outline
99 Longhair cat
100 Filthy place
101 Horse's kin
102 Monkey used in research
103 Fills with black gunk
104 Slip-ups
106 Fuming mad
107 Gunpowder stuff
108 Stabs
112 "Jane —"
113 With
114 Some cobras
116 Ugly fairy-tale figure
118 Signing stuff
119 Prefix with cycle or color
120 Holiday tree
121 Make a pick
122 Jay-Z's genre
123 Ticket info
124 List abbr.



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		8					2	4
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1			5	9	4			7
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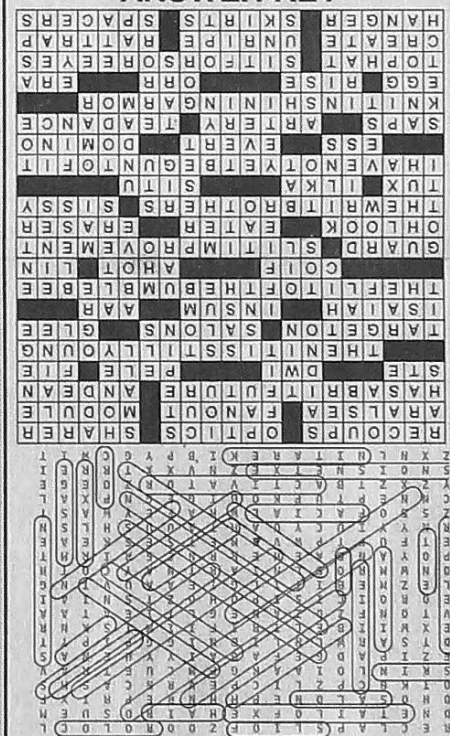
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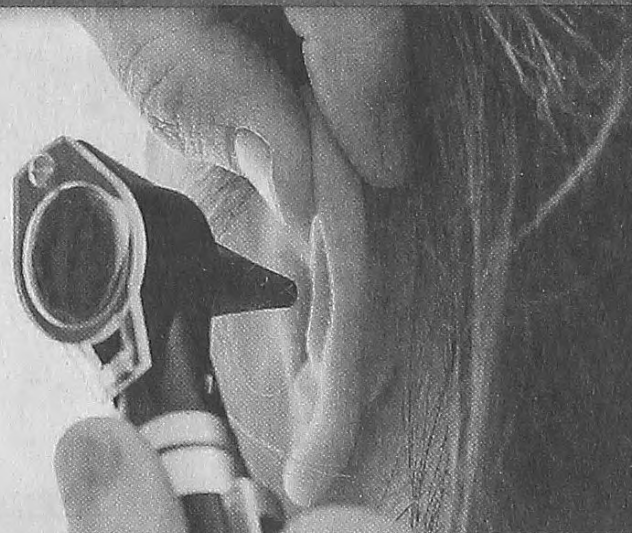
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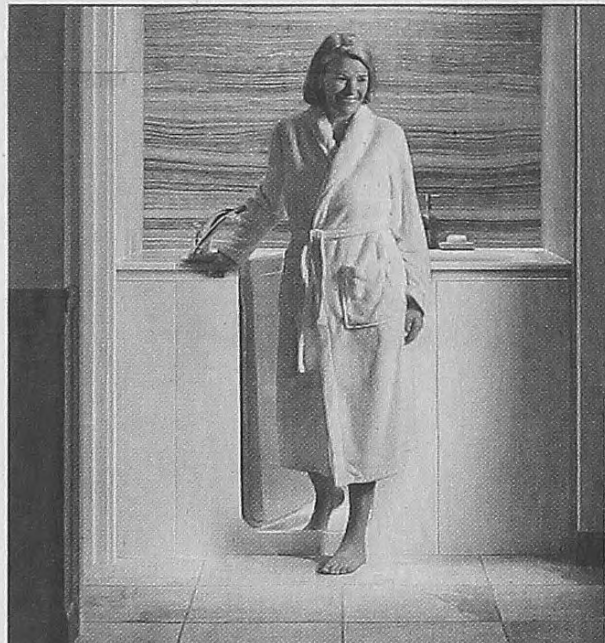
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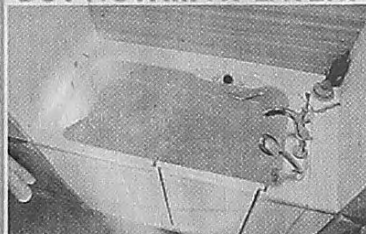
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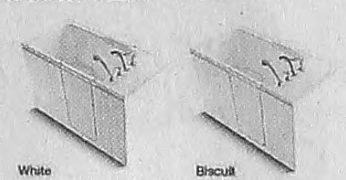
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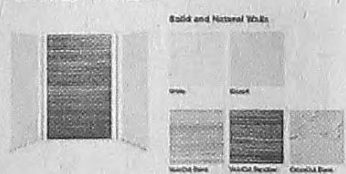
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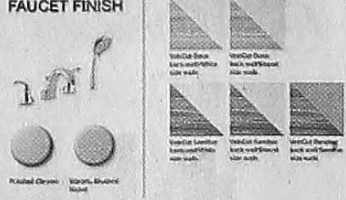
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