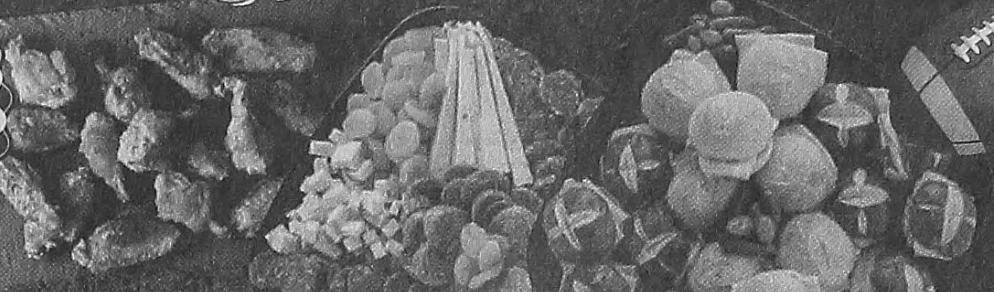


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Haggerty Road to close for culvert repair

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Starting Monday, the section of Haggerty Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads will close for repairs. The closure, which will affect Novi and Farmington Hills residents, is expected to last through October.

An old culvert that carries the Seeley Drain, which is located between MacKenzie Drive and Lilly Court, will be replaced as part of the \$300,000 project. That area will also receive new resurfacing, painting and guard rails.

“When we take out the old culvert, there will be a big open cut across the road,” said Craig Bryson, public information officer for the Road Commission for Oakland County. “So, you won’t be able to get all the way through.”

Though that section of the road will be closed to thru traffic, folks who either live or work on the stretch will be given access at all times of the day. Thru traffic will be detoured to M-5 and either 13 or 14 Mile Road to get back on Haggerty.

“If you can find another alternate route, it’s a good time to do that,” Bryson joked.

For more information on the project, visit www.rcocweb.org/449/Haggerty-Road-Culvert-Replacement.

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Oliver, 11 months, sitting, and Theo, 1½ years old, enjoy the new water table at the Kirksey Recreation Center in Livonia.
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Kirksey Rec unveils updated leisure pool

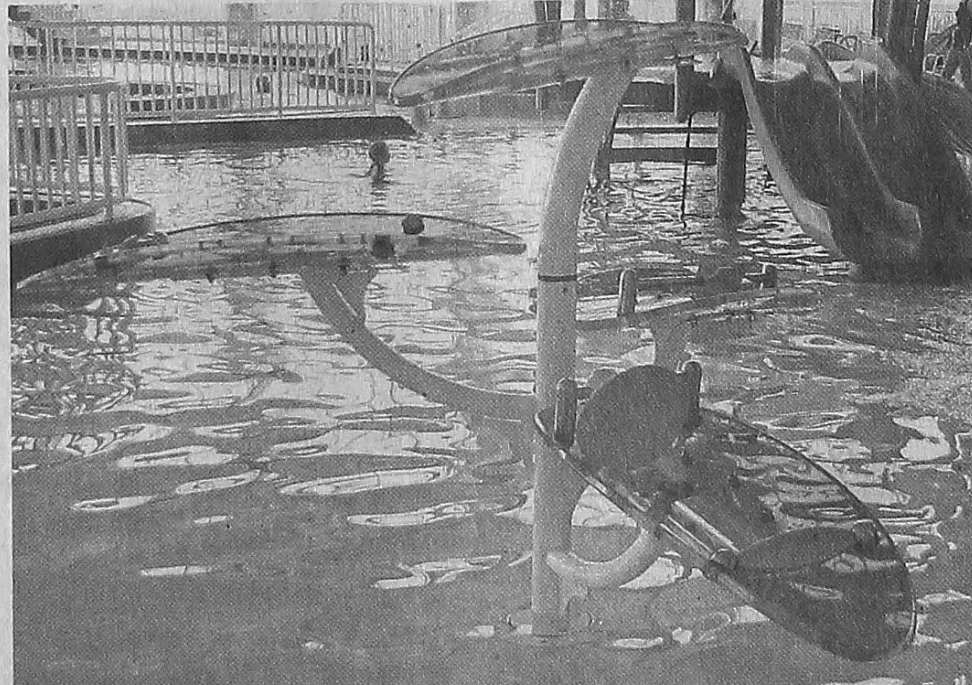
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Livonia’s Kirksey Recreation Center introduced the community to its new and improved leisure pool. Along with a fresh paint job and new decking, there’s several updated elements for young swimmers to enjoy.

Ted Davis, Livonia’s superintendent of parks and recreation, said the updates have been received positively since the Sept. 10 unveiling.

“The response has been overwhelming,” he said.

The updates included in the original budget were a water table and a water jungle gym for kids to use, sealed bolts and sealed stairs on the water slide, decking, pool gutters, pool liners and electrical work. Because that came in under the original budget of \$500,000,



The new water table is one of several new brightly-colored pieces in the pool.

Man accused of dumping body in river waives exam

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Anthony Kesteloot, the Westland man accused of tampering with a dead body, waived his preliminary examination on Friday, which automatically sends his case to Third Circuit Court in downtown Detroit.

The 25-year-old is facing four felony charges: disinterment of a dead body, obstruction of justice, failing to report the discovery of a dead body, and tampering with evidence in a criminal case; and a misdemeanor charge of removing a dead body without medical examiner’s permission.

More charges are possible since a manner and cause of death remain pending for Olivia Rossi, a 23-year-old

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Bird students’ perseverance takes shape as exercise path

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A quartet of Plymouth’s Bird Elementary School students identified a problem, mapped out an answer-finding strategy and on Tuesday, Aug. 27 — three years and two school levels removed from their first brainstorming session — enjoyed the fruits of their labor.

Three of the four emerging project-management engineers — Libby Phillips, Donovan Murphy and Isabell Kulick (the fourth, Wesley Hart, couldn’t make it because of his participation in a high school freshmen soccer match — helped cut the ceremonial ribbon for the opening of the new nearly-quarter-mile asphalt exercise path that circles behind their former elementary school.

Thanks to a series of well-orchestrated fundraising endeavors, the foursome helped raise \$33,000 for the

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Seven Westland council candidates invited to forum

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All seven candidates for the Westland City Council have been invited to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's forum at 7 p.m. Monday. The event will take place at 32111 Cherry Hill Road.

Michael Delph, Timothy Gilbert, James Godbout, Debra Kehrer, Michael Londeau, Mike McDermott and Andrea Rutkowski are running for the four open seats. Godbout and Londeau are both running as incumbents.

Out of the four open seats, the top three vote-getters will receive four-year terms and the fourth place candidate will serve a two-year term.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. Questions can also be submitted through Saturday to LWVmail@yahoo.com.

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Westland mayor joins task force to aid in promoting small businesses

Westland Mayor William R. Wild has been appointed to serve alongside Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz from Burnsville, Minnesota, as co-chairs to the United States Conference of Mayors Small Business and Entrepreneurship Task Force.

Both mayors were selected by USCM President Mayor Bryan K. Barnett, of Rochester Hills.

"Mayor Wild has long been a leader and a national voice on entrepreneurship and I was excited to appoint him to represent Westland on the national stage as we work on this important aspect of job creation and our economy," Barnett stated in a release. "Wild is in a



Wild

unique position to lead, coming from a small-business background, and I am confident that he will help the USCM develop a proactive, strategic agenda through this task force."

The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Task Force is comprised of mayors from across the country who will share their experiences with how they've successfully grown and supported small businesses and how they foster entrepreneurship in their cities. They will hear from representatives from small business to incubate new

ideas for small-business growth.

The United States Conference of Mayors is the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are over 1,400 such cities in the country today.

Wild has been actively engaged with the USCM since he became mayor in 2007.

"It is an honor to be selected to co-chair this task force as we examine the crucial topics of business retention, growth and job creation," Wild said. "I look forward to sharing best practices and ideas with the nation's mayors as we work to strengthen the United States economy one community at a time."

Livonia mayor, council candidates to face off

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Want to watch candidates for elected office in Livonia in action? Both of Livonia's mayoral candidates and the eight council candidates have been invited to the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's Sept. 26 forum.

The event will be held in the Livonia City Hall auditorium.

Council candidates will participate starting at 7 p.m., and the mayoral forum will take place at 8:15 p.m.

The two candidates for mayor are Maureen Miller Brosnan and Laura Toy. Both have history as members of Livonia City Council. Either candidate, if elected, will become the city's first female mayor.

The eight city council hopefuls are Scott Bahr, Gregory Coppola, Jim Davis, Rob Donovic, Brian Duggan, Brandon McCullough, Eileen McDonnell and Kathleen McIntyre.

Bahr and McIntyre are both running as incumbents.

Of the four open council positions,

the top vote-earner will become the council president and the runner-up will be vice president. Both will serve four-year terms.

The third-place finisher will receive a four-year term and the fourth candidate will get a two-year term.

Moderated by Livonia Chamber President Dan West, the event will allow members of the audience to ask questions as time permits.

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Women Voters plans Farmington candidate forum

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Farmington's five city council candidates will participate in a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area, a non-partisan organization, on Monday.

Starting at 7 p.m. at Farmington City Hall, candidates Sara Bowman,

Sarah Davies, Joe LaRussa, Geof Perrot and Steve Schneemann will present their case to voters as to why they deserve one of the three open seats.

Bowman, LaRussa and Schneemann all currently serve on city council.

In November, voters will choose their top three candidates. The top two vote-earners will serve four-year terms and the third-place finisher will get a two-

year term.

Once set, the council elects a mayor and mayor pro tem from among themselves.

According to a news release, residents will be welcome to ask questions at the forum.

For more information, residents can call 248-594-6602 or visit the league online at www.LWVOA.org.

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Grow Kings, an indoor gardening store at 1052 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, can outfit their customers with growing tents for about \$1,500, with lights, controlled humidity, soil, and containers. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Indoor gardening store takes root

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It's no secret Michigan's vote to legalize medical marijuana more than 10 years ago led to the opening of more indoor gardening businesses. Now, a local entrepreneur is hoping last November's passage of Proposal 1 legalizing recreational marijuana will make his new business even more attractive.

Erik Hall opened Grow Kings earlier this year and is preparing for a busy fall season. Located in the former Papa John's at 1052 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, the shop in the Sunshine Acres shopping center sells all supplies needed for indoor gardening, from fertilizer to growing tents. He's expecting business to pick up as the months grow colder and people look to grow indoors.

Opening the store in Plymouth came as Hall did not see many other indoor gardening stores in this part of Wayne County. He's hoping to attract customers from across the area, including Plymouth, Canton and Northville.



Grow Kings co-owner Erik Hall talks about his Plymouth business.

"We're experienced cultivators and we live in the area, and we noticed they didn't have a store in the area," he said. "The closest store is in Westland, Novi or Belleville. There's no store here."

Michigan voters approved Proposal 1 last year, which allowed for the recreational use of small amounts of marijuana.

"We expect a growth in the indoor

gardening center due to the laws that have changed," he said. "But we also serve all indoor gardeners."

Their systems allow for the growing of plenty of plants, though most come in to grow medical marijuana.

"You can grow anything," Hall said. "Fruit, vegetables, cannabis."

Those curious about indoor gardening can check out the in-store display, which features tomato plants.

In addition to serving individual customers, Grow Kings plans to serve larger-scale operations once licenses for marijuana become available from the state, which is expected later this year.

The hope for the store is it could eventually lead to additional stores in other areas of town. With the legalization of marijuana at the state level, they expect more types of stores will follow suit.

"I'd imagine with the legalization, it'll take off," said Adam Weber, the store's operations manager. "It'll probably follow suit with Colorado."

Canton dog park to host Howl At The Moon event

The Canton Dog Park invites area residents and their furry friends to come out for a howlin' good time at its Howl at the Moon event 6-8 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Canton Dog Park on Denton Road.

Dog owners along with their four-legged friends can enjoy live entertainment, purchase merchandise, and receive free giveaways from local pet supply and service vendors, while supplies last.

"We look forward to seeing dog owners and their pets participate in this fun-filled event," said Laura Mortier, recreation specialist. "It is designed to bring together the dog community for a night of playing and socializing, while enjoying the fall festivities."

This annual event encourages participants of all ages to come with their dogs dressed up in Halloween-themed costumes for a chance to win prizes.

Members and non-members are encouraged to let their dogs experience this off-leash dog park event designed to give owners the opportunity to learn about the Canton Dog Park, meet other pet owners and give their dogs the opportunity to become more socialized.

No registration is required for this event, but non-members must show proof of up-to-date vaccination for rabies and DHLPP, signed by an accredited veterinarian, in order to attend.

The Canton Dog Park provides six acres of fenced-in, outdoor space for dogs to run and play off-leash, with specific rules to help ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone. The park is divided into a large dog section for animals weighing over 20 pounds, and a small dog section for animals under 20 pounds.

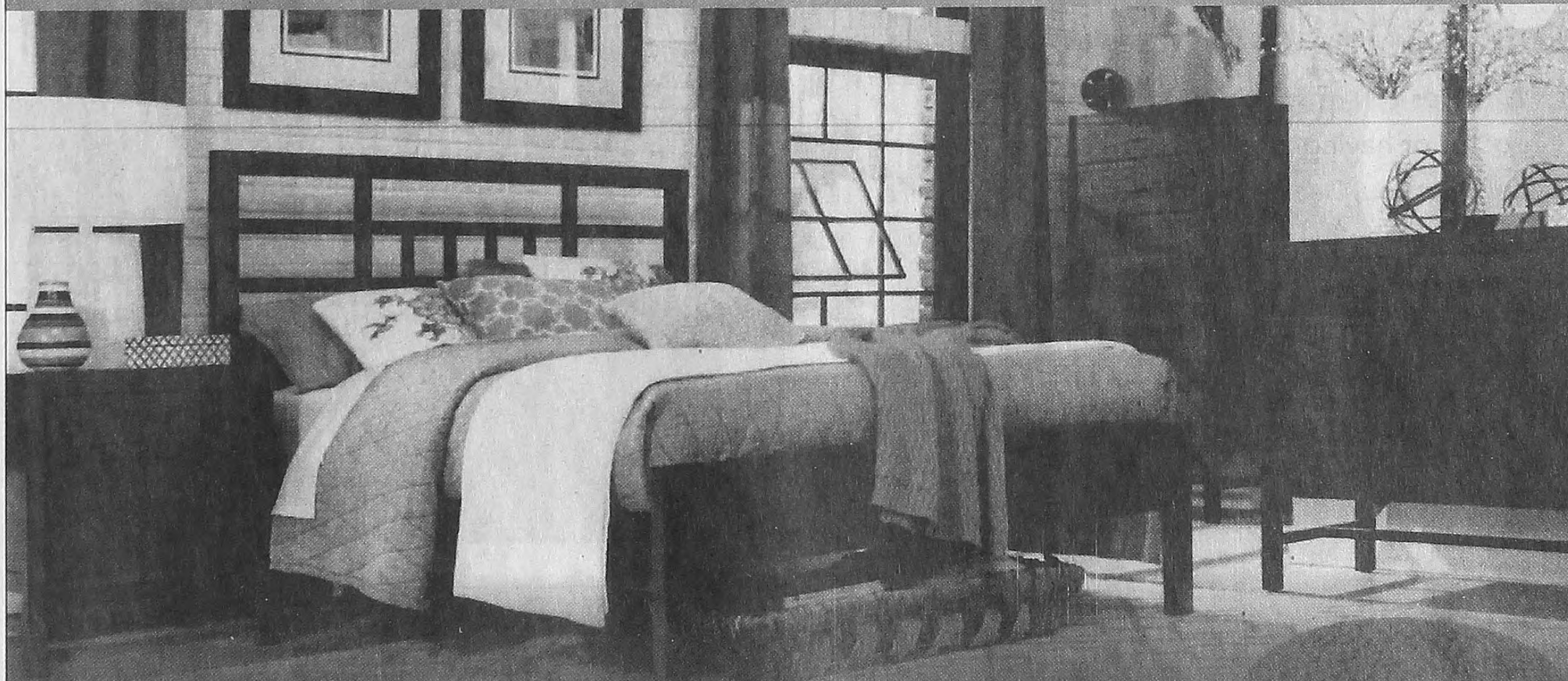
Annual memberships for the Canton Dog Park are \$25 for Canton residents and \$50 for non-residents. These fees cover up to three dogs per family. All licensed dogs must be at least 4 months old and up-to-date on all required shots.

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Study reveals state's most dangerous freeways

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press
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As Michigan State Police crack down on speeders, a new study also is revealing why motorists should slow down.

Michigan Auto Law released a report Tuesday on Michigan's most dangerous highways for 2018. The top 10 most dangerous highways have speed limits of 70 mph, with half of them in Oakland County.

Car crash and injury data were provided by the Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Reporting Unit.

Their report is a compilation of official crash data from vehicle accident reports filed by law enforcement.

Here are metro Detroit's most dangerous roads, according to the study:

Wayne County

Northbound I-75 between the service drive Warren Avenue exit and I-94 exit, Detroit

Total crashes: 42; injury crashes: 17

Northbound I-75 between the 7 Mile exit ramp and the 7 Mile overpass, Detroit

Total crashes: 35; injury crashes: 7

Despite being less than a half-mile long, this busy stretch of I-75 saw several crashes in 2018.

Oakland County

Eastbound I-696 between Bermuda Mohawk and Campbell Hilton, Royal Oak

Total crashes: 84; injury crashes: 39

This stretch of road is not quite a half-mile in length.

Southbound I-75 between 14 Mile Road Exit Ramp and 14 Mile Road overpass, Troy

Total crashes: 68; injury crashes: 19

Westbound 12 Mile Road traffic entering the freeway and merging over within this short distance is likely the cause of many of these reported car accidents.

Southbound I-75 between 11 Mile Road exit ramp and 11 Mile Road overpass, Royal Oak

Total crashes: 47; injury crashes: 22

With major construction underway last year, 11 Mile Road was likely used heavily as an alternate route.

Kent County

Northbound US-131 exit ramp between I-96 West exit and Alpine Avenue, Walker

Total crashes: 39; injury crashes: 8

This road segment is actually an exit ramp off of U.S.-131 that takes drivers to busy Alpine Avenue.

Southbound US-131 between Wealthy Street exit ramp and Wealthy Street overpass

Total crashes: 38; injury crashes: 17

Washtenaw County

Northbound US-23/Westbound M-14 between the railroad overpass and M-14/US-23 Exit Ramps, Ann Arbor Township

Total crashes: 26; injury crashes: 4

As M-14 drivers are forced to exit onto one of two busy Michigan highways, many are trying to merge into the correct lane through this road segment.

Southbound U.S.-23/Eastbound M-14 between Nixon Road and Eastbound M-14/Southbound U.S.-23 Exit Ramps, Ann Arbor Township

Total crashes: 26; injury crashes: 2

Tied with U.S.-23/Eastbound M-14, this segment is within the same vicinity along the area where three major Michigan highways converge.

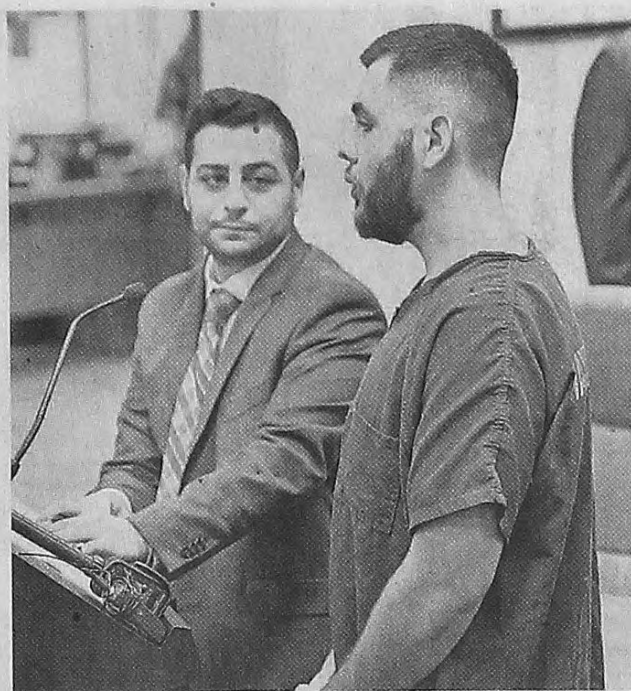
Ingham County

Eastbound I-96 between Meech Road and Dietz Road, Leroy Township

Total crashes: 22; injury crashes: 5

Southbound U.S.-127 between Michigan Avenue and Kalamazoo Street, Lansing Township

Total crashes: 17; injury crashes: 10



Anthony Kesteloot, right, stands with an attorney as he deals with a separate probationary matter in front of Judge Sandra Cicirelli on Sept. 13.

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Body

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Westland woman whose body was found partially submerged in the Rouge River in Hines Park on Aug. 23.

According to prosecutors, Kesteloot contacted Rossi the night of Aug. 18.

He visited her residence and eventually drove her back to his residence in the 29000 block of Manchester Street in Westland.

She apparently died at his home before he took her body to a Hines Park creek.

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Bird Elementary students get in gear during one of the fund-raising green runs that helped pay for the exercise path. COURTESY OF DANIELLE PHILLIPS

Students

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project — the majority of which was generated *after* they left Bird.

All currently high school freshmen, the architects of the plan received heartfelt praise from their former elementary school principal, Cathie Williams, who now serves as the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' district curriculum coordinator.

"It's an amazing accomplishment," Williams said. "Initially, when they were fifth-graders, they came to me and said they had an idea. I listened and told them, 'That's a pretty big idea. How do you think you can go about doing it?'"

"I kept kind of putting it back on them, letting them be the drivers of the project. We supported their ideas and now, a few years later, here we are."

Phillips said the plan slowly evolved from a class discussion to an energizing mission.

"One day, the four of us were sitting together, talking about how most of the



Bird Elementary students and staff joined efforts to make the exercise path on the school grounds possible. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

land behind the school couldn't be used when it rained or snowed because it was too muddy," Phillips recalled. "A project we were working on in Mr. (Neil) Dixon's class was about building a healthier community, so that's where it started."

"If it was a rainy day, we had to stay on the blacktop for recess," Murphy added. "We thought, 'What if we could come up with a plan to put a path back there?' We kind of knew it would take a few years, but we were all committed to

getting it done."

The catalysts' fundraising efforts included visiting local businesses to ask for donations, connecting with the website getmovinfundraising.com, which is similar to gofundme.com, and organizing a yearly event, The Green Run.

"The first 'Green Run' raised \$11,000," Williams said. "It was a good start, but not enough to pay for the path. What's so impressive is that even after the students left Bird and went to West (Middle School), they'd still come back and contribute to the project."

"It was definitely a great example of perseverance and persistence. They should all be proud of the legacy they've created."

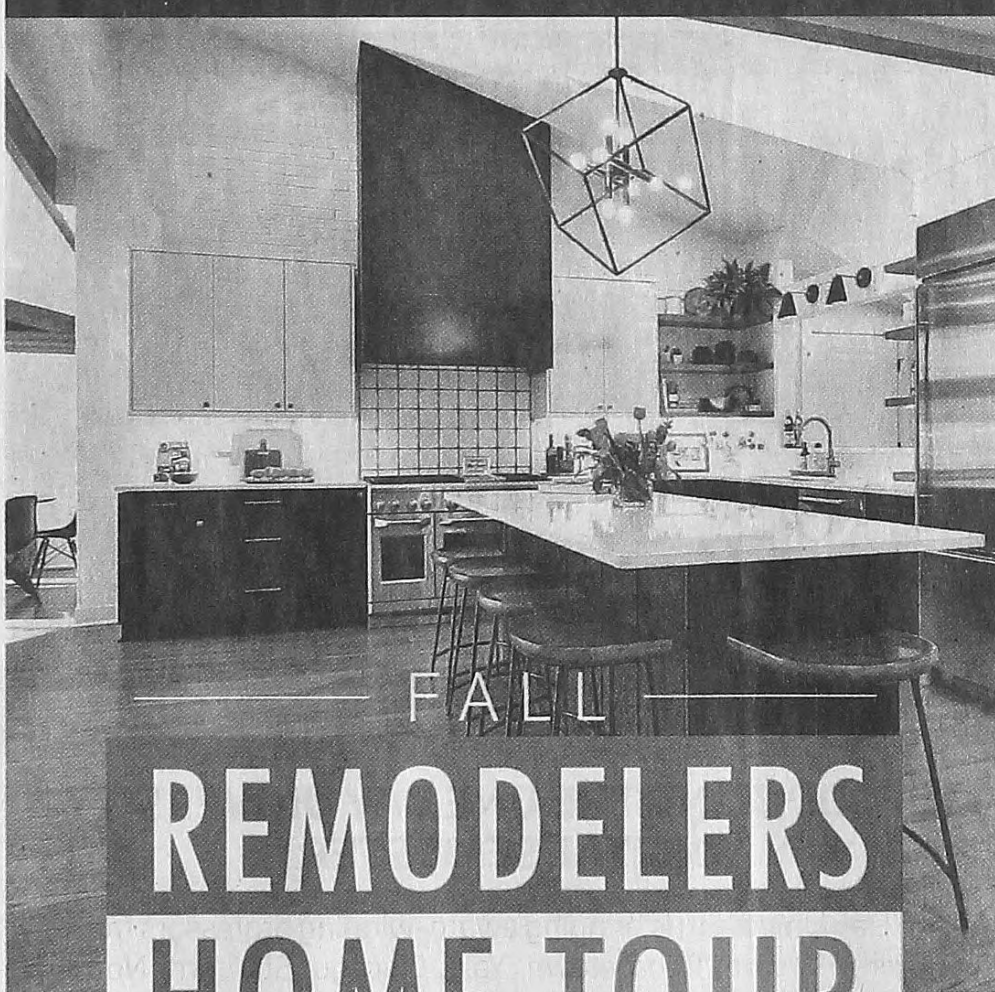
Phillips thanked Williams and Dixon for encouraging the students to pursue their vision.

When asked if he felt proud about what he and his friends accomplished, Murphy unfurled a modest smile.

"For sure," he said, looking out at the freshly-paved path. "Honestly, I never thought it would look as good as it does."

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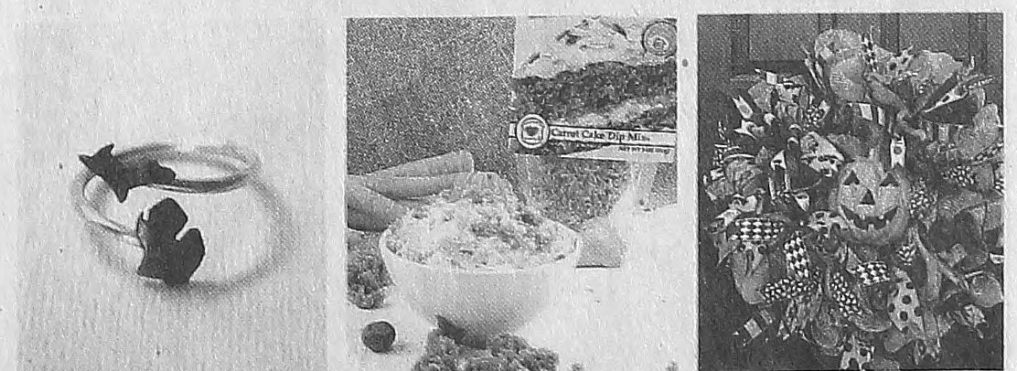
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the center also gave the room a new paint job, did some tile work, re-grouted the hot tub and did some acid washing.

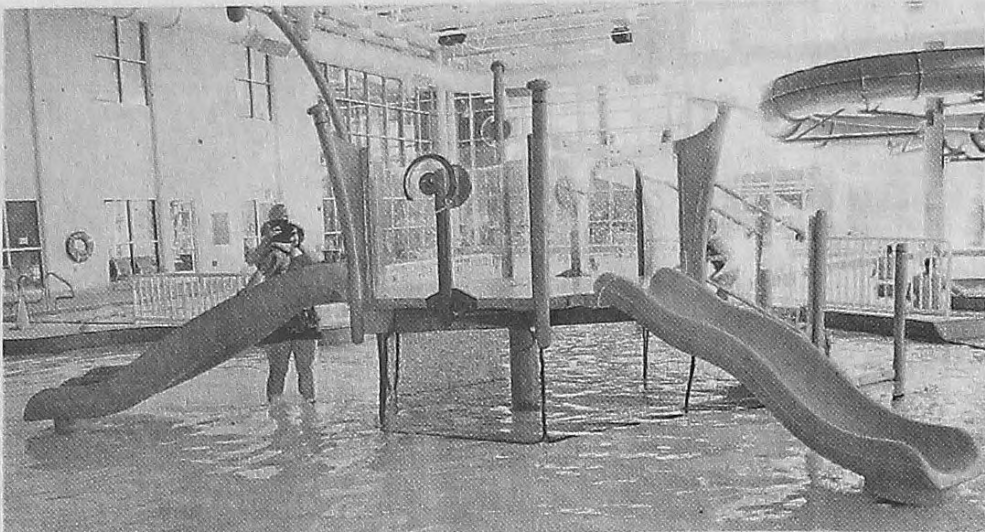
"It was a 15-, 16-year-old pool and, not that it was in bad condition, but it certainly needed things to be fixed or repaired," Davis said.

Davis said he hasn't gotten final invoices for all of the work just yet, but knows the project cost less than \$450,000.

"We basically put together a brand new indoor leisure pool and the reception has been incredibly positive," Davis said. "I would say, as opposed to a dollar figure, I look at it as money really well spent."

He added that the leisure pool's quality had been a longtime area in need of improvement, and he's glad his team was able to deliver on that.

"This project was dictated by feedback we got through our surveys..." he said. "It was class surveys and through our membership surveys. For the last



A water jungle gym is part of the Kirksey Recreation Center's updated pool. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

few years we've asked, 'What would you like to see added or changed as far as the facility?' Always, the number one is always Fit Hub expansion and that's bit tougher to do. But number two is leisure pool renovation."

Though the project took eight weeks, one week longer than expected, Davis

thinks the final product "looks great" and enjoys seeing the little tykes enjoying the new slides and water table.

Along with the new toys, the leisure pool and surrounding area should be a little safer for swimmers.

"It's a no-slip surface so even when it's wet you're not going anywhere on it,"

Davis said. "It's the same with the pool bottom. If you were wearing water shoes before or had to because you didn't want your feet getting roughed up, that's all gone now."


The parks and recreation department hopes to get at least a decade of use out of these updates before having to revisit a renovation project.

"This is something we should look at every 10 to 15 years as you would in your house with decor," Davis said.

Livonia residents can use the recreation center through a variety of membership options. This includes day passes, which cost \$5 for children younger than 14, \$7 for teens and \$8.50 for adults. Annual memberships can be purchased for \$177 for kids and \$230 for teens and adults. Kids under the age of three get in free under any circumstance.

Non-residents pay more in fees for day passes and membership, typically twice the amount a resident would pay. A day pass for a non-resident costs \$10 for kids, \$14 for teens and \$17 for adults.

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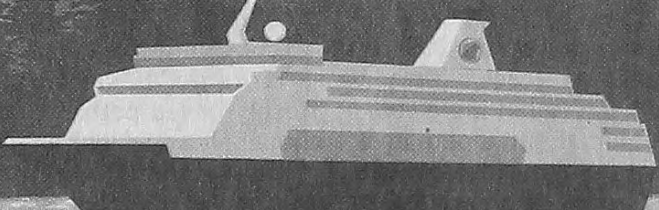
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Livonia Town Hall releases 2019-20 lineup

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Livonia Town Hall is entering its 56th season in October. From crime to comedy, town hall President Sue Nix thinks the stage at St. Mary's Cultural Center will have something for everyone.

"It just really exposes everybody to a lot of different culture, experiences and information that they wouldn't get normally, even by reading a book," she said. "It's very current and very relatable to things that are going on."

Oct. 16: Louis Masur

Masur, a professor of American studies and history at Rutgers University, has authored several books and specializes in relating the events of the past to our world today.

His Livonia Town Hall lecture is titled "Hamilton vs. Jefferson: The Rivalry that Shaped America," and will focus on the dynamic between two of America's founding fathers. Masur will relate the 18th-century rivalry to today's government.

Nov. 20: Tom Toro

Toro has spent the last nine years as a cartoonist for

The New Yorker magazine. The Yale University graduate has always been into doodling.

"We like to not have everything be real serious, and it's just kind of a more light-hearted speaker where we can all have a few laughs," Nix said.

Toro's cartoons typically center on the "absurdity" in everyday human interactions. His lecture is titled "Cartoons That Make Us Laugh and Think."

Jan. 15: Kym Worthy

Worthy will take attendees behind the scenes of some famous Detroit legal cases and talk about her history as a Wayne County prosecutor.

"She really gives an inside view of how her office works as a prosecutor," Nix said. "She helped to convict our ex (Detroit) Mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick, and she also spearheaded an effort to get rape kits that had been backlogged investigated."

Worthy is a graduate of both Notre Dame University and the University of Michigan. She is the first African-American woman to be a prosecutor in the state of Michigan.

March 18: Gioia Diliberto

In her lecture, titled "What is Fashion?" Diliberto will cover fashion's history and how it has always been

a subculture in American society that affects social and cultural movements.

Diliberto has authored a number of books focusing on women's issues and the history of fashion. She's best known for being able to bring historical events to life through her speaking and writing.

The Livonia audience will hear why she thinks fashion, particularly women's fashion, has become more than just clothing.

Ticket information and more

Season tickets, which have limited availability, are \$150. Individual show tickets cost \$50. A ticket will include the lecture and lunch as well as book signings and meet-and-greets with the speakers.

Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check to Livonia Town Hall at 37637 Five Mile Road, No. 135 or by phone by calling 734-751-1898. Checks should be made out to Livonia Town Hall.

Each lecture takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. All proceeds from the event go to local nonprofits like the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Livonia Chorus and have, in the past, gone to causes like hurricane relief.

Contact Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448.

Gallery will feature works by artists with special needs

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

When one walks into the new Mod Market art gallery in downtown Northville, customers would never guess a portion of the work is created by artists with special needs.

And that's exactly the point the people behind the Living and Learning Enrichment Center are going for. "We wanted it to be inclusive," said Rachelle Vartanian, founder of the Living and Learning Enrichment Center in Northville. "That's the whole goal."

Vartanian, a former special education teacher for Farmington Public Schools, moved the center a few years ago out of downtown Northville and up to Mill Race Village. She then began thinking about what she could do with the space and thought up the art gallery concept as a way to help teach job skills.

"When we moved over there, we still had a lease agreement over here," she said. "Then I thought, 'Oh my God, this is a blessing.'"

The art gallery at 150 Mary Alexander Court will open its door Saturday. It took several months to re-vamp the interior. It's planned to also have outdoor seating in the future for customers to enjoy a cup of



Rachelle Vartanian, director of Northville's Living and Learning Enrichment Center, and Mod Market co-creator Abby Colvin, right, talk about their new project, the Mod Market cafe on Mary Alexander Court. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

coffee from Northville's own Red Dot Coffee Company.

About 30% of the Michigan artists featured in the gallery have a developmental disability. You would

never be able to tell the difference, judging by the wide range of art in the space. It has ceramics, metal, paintings and many more styles of art, all for sale.

Abbi Colvin, a Northville High School graduate, continues to assist with the project even with moving away to college. She said she reached out to about 150 artists to see if they would be interested in selling their work in the shop.

She said she got involved at Living and Learning and wanted to do everything she could to help.

"I kind of just fell in love with it," said Colvin, a sophomore at Hope College. "I want to be a special education teacher and I love it."

The shop will employ about five people and will continue to hire in the future. Those interested can stop by the gallery and inquire.

"We also knew that we needed a place that was safe for people with special needs to be able to learn job skills, but safe for them to make mistakes," Vartanian said. "And that's what this is."

A grand opening celebration will take place at noon Saturday as a part of the second Spectrum Fest, which takes place in downtown Northville. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



Major road and utility work is finished at the Adell Center in Novi on Sept. 12. Tenants have begun building their facilities at the property after a wet spring caused delays. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Adell Center work resumes after delays

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Wet weather can take part of the blame for delays with construction of the new Adell Center at Novi Road and Interstate 96.

Owner Kevin Adell said a wet spring and early summer caused developers to lose months of construction time at the 21-acre property earlier this year.

Couple that with a longer time to get the proper permits from the City of Novi and, and construction has been delayed that was expected to begin earlier this summer.

Now that the weather has dried up and the permits are in hand, Adell said the work has now begun across the planned center, which will contain two hotels, a Marriott and a Hilton; a new two-story Planet Fitness; Carvana; iFLY indoor skydiving; and a Texas Roadhouse restaurant.

"We lost three months," he said. "They're all starting to get their footings in before mid-November."

With the footings in place, Adell said, construction could continue throughout the winter.

What was originally planned as a center that would open around Christmas now is expected to open sometime in spring/summer of 2020, Adell said.

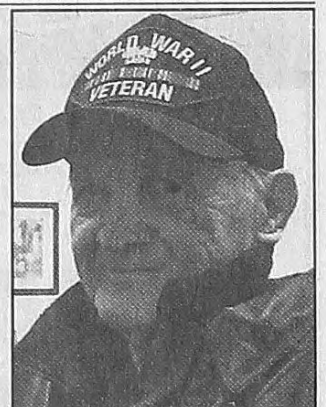
Some businesses could open sooner than that, depending on how quickly they finish building.

Much of the infrastructure for the center is in place, including water retention and water and sewer. DTE Energy and Consumer's Energy are expected to come out in the coming days to work on providing gas and electrical services to the area.

Obituaries

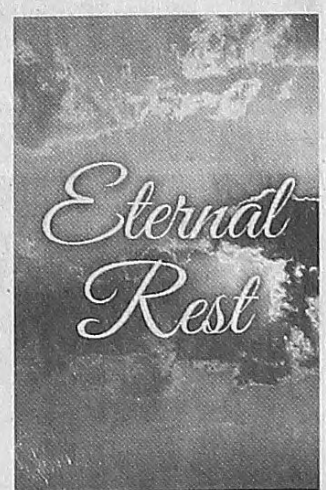
Norma "Mickey" Arim

DETROIT - Arim, Norma "Mickey" September 9, 2019, Age 99. Norma was born June 2, 1920 in Detroit, Michigan to the late William and Laurretta Haase. She was the beloved wife of the late Maurice "Maury". Maurice and Norma were married October 19, 1946 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament and celebrated 62 years together until his death on December 19, 2008. They were dedicated to raising their four children to love and pursue learning; all earned college degrees. They loved to travel locally and internationally. Norma was the loving mother of Barbara (Thomas) Wagner, Elizabeth (Stephen) Palms, William (Kristin) Arim and Robert (Carolyn) Wilhelm-Arim. Grandmother of Laura (Aaron Keller) Wagner, Katherine (William Dean) Palms, Kevin (Julia) Palms, Jeffrey (Sophie Heuschling) Palms, Matthew (Jill) Arim, Kendra Arim and Sophia Arim. Great grandmother of Isobel, Benjamin and Olivia. Preceded in death by her siblings, Miles George Haase, Alton William Haase and Muriel Helen Morrissey. Norma was the first in her generation to go to college. She attended Highland Park High School and Junior College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943 from Wayne State University. She was among the top three in her graduating class and was awarded her first teaching job at Doty Elementary. Norma taught in the Detroit Public Schools from 1943-1992. She was a 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade teacher at Doty, DuBois, Vernor, Clippert, Columbian, McGraw and Herman elementary schools. Norma set high goals for herself and achieved them. Upon retirement in 1992 she received a letter from the Detroit City Council thanking her for her years as a professional educator. Reading was her lifelong passion and one of her greatest joys was teaching her students to read. Visitation 2-8 pm Friday, September 13, 2019 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 248-348-1800 with a scripture service at 7pm. In-state 10:30 am Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi until the funeral Mass at 11 am. Internment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Detroit Public Schools Foundation www.DPSFDN.org for Literacy and Early Childhood Education. Please indicate that the donation is in memory of Norma Arim. The family is also establishing an endowed fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in memory of Norma Arim to support elementary education literacy programs in the Detroit Public Schools. To make a contribution, please make your check payable to "Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan" or "CFSEM", note in the memo line "Norma Arim" and mail to Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, 333 W. Fort Street, Suite 2010, Detroit, MI 48226. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



Joseph Hutnik

- - Hutnik, Joseph, Age 92. September 8, 2019. Sergeant, US-AAF, WWII veteran. Beloved husband of the late Ethel Hutnik for 68 years. Loving father of Douglas, Karen Reistroffer (Doug) Gary (Julia), Susan Melvin (the late Paul), and JoAnn. Dear grandfather of Evan, Stephanie, Liam, Christian and Lauren. Please share a memory of Joseph at www.rggrharris.com



Should reverse mortgage pay for college education?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

My husband and I are both retired and are in our early 70s. My husband has a pension, which I will continue to get upon his death. We also both have Social Security, and we both have started taking our required minimum distribution from our IRAs.

Our Social Security and my husband's pension generally cover our living expenses, and we're using our IRA money for travel. We are totally debt free and our house is currently worth about \$250,000.

Our granddaughter just started college and had to take out loans for her education. My son has approached us about paying for our granddaughter's college education. We'd like to help. Our son has recommended that we take out a reverse mortgage and use that money to pay for our granddaughter's education.

My husband and I have started reading about reverse mortgages, and I wanted to get your thoughts as to whether you think a reverse mortgage would work in our situation. Between my husband and I, we have about \$75,000 in our IRAs and that's pretty much our entire investment portfolio.

Thank you, Beth

Dear Beth:

I believe reverse mortgages are a tool many seniors should use to improve the quality of their life. A reverse mortgage allows a senior to tap into the equity of their home and at the same time, to remain in their home for as long as they choose. The key for the senior is to make sure that they are using the reverse mortgage proceeds appropriately. I question whether using the money for your granddaughter's education is an appropriate use.

The issue is, are you putting yourself at risk by doing a reverse mortgage? As you mentioned in your letter, you and your husband are doing fine financially, and are enjoying your retirement.

However, if you do the reverse mortgage, are you giving up your cushion? It would not be beyond the realm of possibility for you and your husband to live at least another 20 years. One thing I can guarantee is that if you are around 20 years from now, your costs will be significantly higher than they are today. I can also guarantee you that your pension and Social Security are not going to keep up with the increased cost of living.

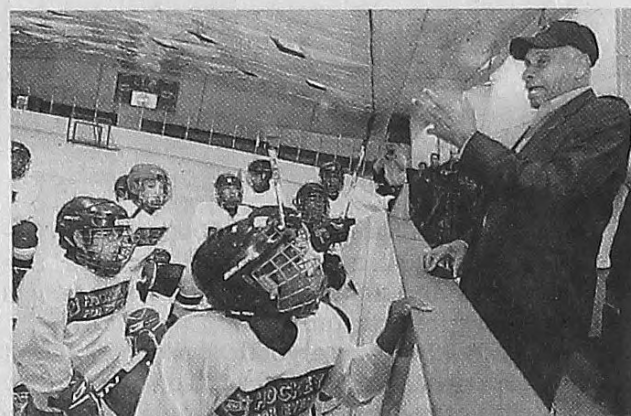
The equity in your house would provide you the cushion to cover your needs. On the other hand, if you did the reverse mortgage now and used the proceeds to pay for your granddaughter's college education, you could have difficulties.

As selfish as this may be, I believe for the great majority of people, they should only consider doing a reverse mortgage if they're going to use the money for themselves. I personally do not believe that someone should use a reverse mortgage for the benefit of others. Remember, your home can be an excellent cushion, and you have to be cautious before you use it.

One last note regarding reverse mortgages, for those of you who are considering one: the key is to make sure you understand how the reverse mortgage works and know ahead of time what you plan to do with the money. In addition, don't let anyone talk you into a reverse mortgage; make sure it works for your individual situation.

Good luck!

Rick is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Champions of Wayne on Wednesday will show the film "Willie," about the life of Willie O'Ree, the NHL's first black player, at right. GETTY IMAGES

Champions of Wayne event shows story of first black NHL player

One need not be a hockey fan to love, appreciate and connect to the story the must-see film "Willie" tells of the first black player in the National Hockey League, Willie O'Ree, who broke the color barrier in 1958. Its message about inclusion, diversity and perseverance has the power to affect people of all ages.

Champions of Wayne, in partnership with Phoenix Theatres and State Wayne, will hold an exclusive private screening of the documentary at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the historic State Wayne Theater. The \$50 ticket includes a VIP red carpet reception with live entertainment, beer, wine and complimentary hors d'oeuvres as well as the opportunity to meet the cast and crew of the movie and other special guests.

The film follows the incredible story of O'Ree's family, from his great-grandfather's escape from slavery and flight to Canada, to Willie's ascent to hockey's highest honor: induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2018.

Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com/o/champions-of-wayne-26335477877. Contact Debbie Vigliarolo at deborah@championsofwayne.org for more information.

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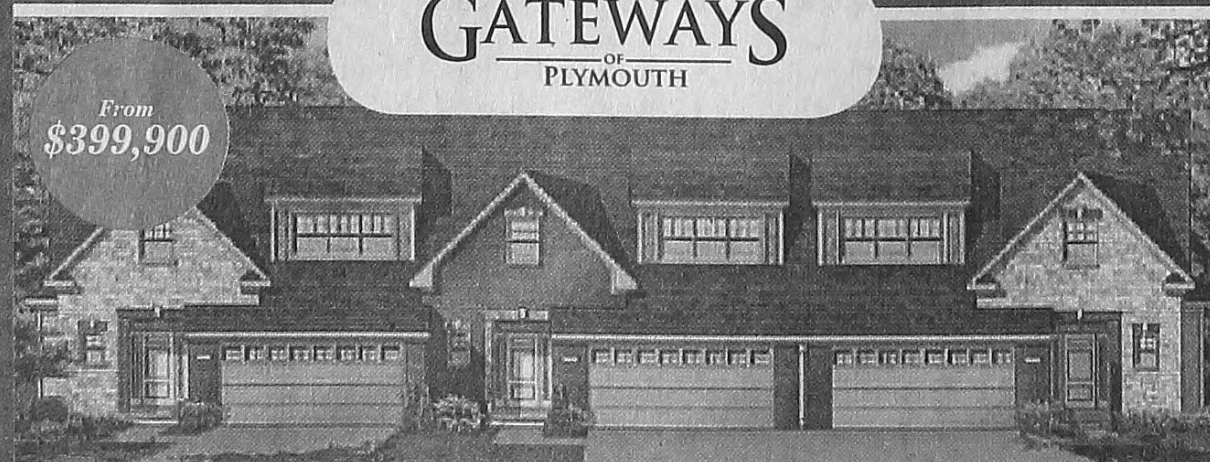
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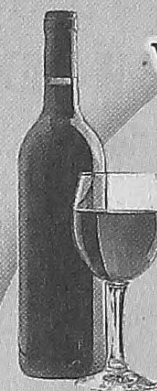
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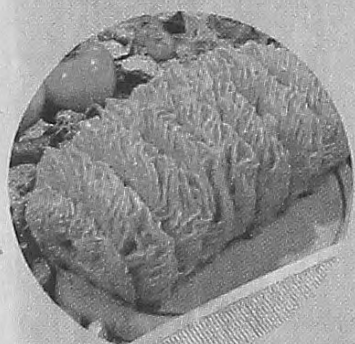
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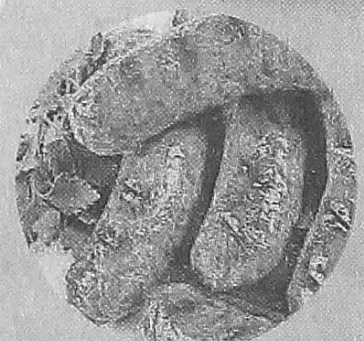
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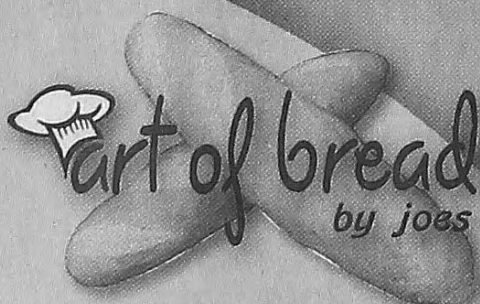
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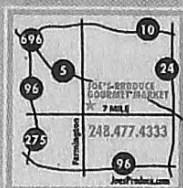
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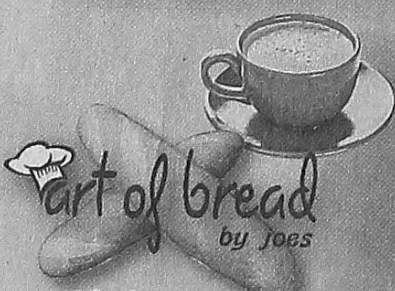
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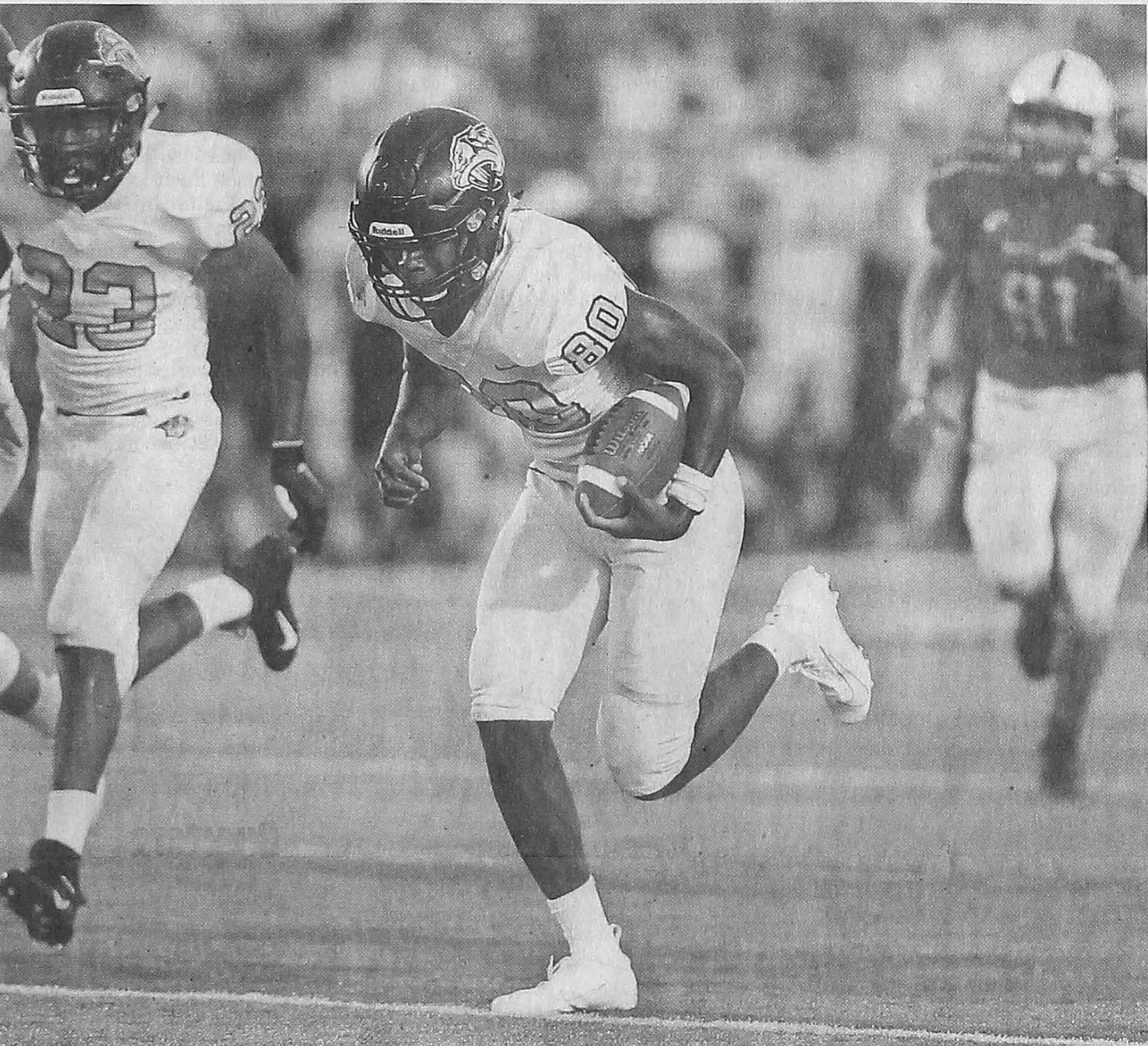
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Down 17-6 late in the fourth quarter, South Lyon senior wide receiver Brenden Lach saw a matchup he could exploit. With the 5-foot-11 Lakeland defensive back Leo Skupin defending him in

man coverage, Lach ran a post, using his 6-foot-3, 180-pound body to reach over the defender and grab the touchdown, bringing the Lions within five. South Lyon quarterback Conner Fracassi liked what he saw, and, with just under three minutes to go in the game, found Lach — whom South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson called a matchup

nightmare — again for the 37-yard score, giving the Lions (3-0) the comeback win against Lakeland (1-2) on Friday night, 18-17. “Our kids found a way,” Henson said. “The word of the week was courage, and we showed some courage in the fourth quarter there in those last six or eight minutes. We found a way to get it done.”

Here are three takeaways from South Lyon’s one-point road win against Lakeland on Friday. **‘We found a way’** When Henson addressed the huddle See **SOUTH LYON**, Page 3B



Plymouth’s Ian Davis scoops up a fumble and runs it in for the Wildcats first touchdown against Canton on Friday night. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth beats Canton in KLAA West showdown

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Not only was Friday night’s battle between Plymouth and Canton a huge rivalry game, it also was a key showdown in the KLAA West division. Both the Wildcats and Chiefs have high expectations and are considered two of the top three division contenders along with Brighton, but after tonight, the path to the top is much more clear for Plymouth. The Wildcats held off the Chiefs 15-13 at Canton High School in a game that had its start time delayed due to weather. It was a sloppy affair, but Plymouth was able to take advantage of several Canton miscues to get its first win over the Chiefs since 2016. The Plymouth players and fans erupted with excitement after the clock



Canton’s Caden Domzalski makes a miracle touchdown catch against Plymouth.

Fordson runs rampant over Stevenson

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The best thing about football is that winning doesn’t always have to be pretty. After all, in a sport based on physicality, blocking, and unforgiving collisions, the last thing it should resemble is a beauty pageant. Less is more, and when taken into account the physical reality that is football, if it ain’t ugly, it ain’t right. Such was the case in Friday’s KLAA East contest, with host Dearborn Fordson pulling off a 47-29 win over Livonia Stevenson in a game chock full of penalties, missed extra points and turnovers. In what was a callback to the smash-mouth football of yesteryear, Fordson head coach Fouad Zaban admitted that he’ll take the win any way he get it. “Our play was really sloppy today and we had a lot of penalties,” Zaban said. “It didn’t help our cause, but the ‘W’ is always good to have.” Down by a 23-19 margin in the final minute before halftime, the Tractors (3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA East) were able to find their groove, thanks to a 70-yard kickoff return by senior wide receiver Andrew Holston. Utilizing the short field, Fordson needed just three plays to finish the job, which came on an 11-yard strike by quarterback Ali Beydoun to Holston. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the touchdown by the Spartans placed the Tractors at the one-yard line for the point after, where running back Bashar Alijahmee ran the ball up the middle to make it a 27-23 affair with two quarters in the books. Beydoun (5-14 passing for 154 yards) added his fourth touchdown pass on the game on the opening drive of the third quarter, connecting with running back Hassan Mansour for a 35 yard strike, followed by Kiem Smith’s 2-point conversion. Turnovers became a concern in the stanza for both squads, with Fordson tossing a pair of interceptions, while Stevenson (2-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA East) also threw a pick. Needless to say, the Spartans were able to convert on one of those opportunities, as tight end Maxim Smith hauled in a 22-yarder in the corner of the end zone from quarterback Ray Kastl (10-19 for 89 yards) to pull within a touchdown of the Tractors, despite a missed extra point. With the lead in tow, Fordson continued to pummel their opposition on the ground, scoring on consecutive drives to begin the final frame with touchdown runs by Leonard Smith and Keyshawn Smith for four and

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Detroit Catholic Central vs. U- D Jesuit	CC	CC	CC	CC	U-D Jesuit
Brother Rice vs. De La Salle	De La Salle	Brother Rice	De La Salle	Brother Rice	De La Salle
Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Stevenson
Fordson vs. Livonia Churchill	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson
Howell vs. Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Howell
Northville vs. Hartland	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland	Northville	Northville
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Plymouth vs. Brighton	Brighton	Plymouth	Plymouth	Brighton	Plymouth
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BYU vs. Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	BYU
Mississippi State vs. Kentucky	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Kentucky	Kentucky
Philadelphia Eagles vs. Detroit Lions	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Last Week's Record:	16-4	17-3	16-4	15-5	9-11
Season Record:	47-12-1	48-11-1	45-14-1	47-12-1	32-27-1

Fordson

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14 yards, respectively.

“It takes some character in that you don’t quit or fold when something bad happens,” Zaban said. “We tell them to forget that play and move onto the next play. I’m proud of the character they showed today of sticking together and working to overcome our mistakes, our penalties, and the big plays that Stevenson made. We grinded and were able to pull out this win.”

Here are three other takeaways from Friday’s KLAA East clash:

Caden’s cadence

Junior running back Caden Woodall proved to be a stalwart for the Spartans by scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter, the last of which went for 80 yards to put Stevenson ahead by a 14-7 margin.

Woodall’s punishing play yielded 168 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries, along with five receptions for 21 yards.

But it wasn’t all offense, as Woodall also added an interception to his credit in the third quarter while lined up at safety.

“Caden’s a special player who does it on all avenues because he’s our running back, our safety, and our long snapper,” Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. “He’s a tough kid to bring down after the first hit and gets yards after contact. He can catch the ball and that’s something that he’s developed this year.”

Weapon of choice

Fordson had their pick of the litter when it came to options of offense, as

they utilized a wealth of players to spread the ball downfield.

Of the 467 yards of total offense by the Tractors, 301 came from their ground game alone.

Junior running back Kiem Moore led the pack with eight carries for 109 yards, followed by Keshawn Smith (four carries for 77 yards) and running back James Wheeler Jr. (six carries for 64 yards).

On the receiving side, Holston, Mansour and sophomore wide receiver Antonio Gates each finished with two grabs apiece for 83, 55 and 48 yards respectively.

“The one thing we talked about this year when we first started is that we have multiple guys who can make plays for us from the backfield and at receiver,” Zaban said. “It’s a team game and they need to understand that. They’ve bought into that and know that they don’t always have to be the guy who has to score a touchdown. We have a few guys who I think we can start the game with and some guys who can come in later and punish you toward the end of the game. I think we’re a little blessed this year.”

Under pressure

Stevenson was still able to get key stops, tallying 3.5 sacks and forcing two interceptions.

Special teams also came into play, with junior Jack Rushlow recovering a botched kickoff return by Fordson in the opening quarter.

Late in the second, the Spartans caught another break when the Tractors failed to punt the ball out of their end zone, thus awarding Stevenson two points on a safety.

Stevenson converted four plays in on the ensuing drive, with Kastl finding an isolated Coltrane Rubner in the end zone on a 23-yard lob to make it 23-19.



Stevenson’s Caden Woodall runs to the end zone for his second touchdown against Novi on Aug. 29. Stevenson lost to Fordson on Friday, 47-29. FILE

Plymouth

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hit zero and celebrated the big victory.

“Look at this, you see it. These kids go to the same classes together,” Plymouth coach Brian Lewis said. “They’re in the same classes, they walk next to each other in the hall. This is not like Churchill-Franklin where they’re separated. All these kids know each other, so it just means more in a park rivalry.”

Plymouth improves to 3-0, while Canton falls to 1-2.

“It’s heartbreaking, we came into this game prepared, we thought we had a great scheme,” Canton senior quarterback Ben Stesiak said. “We did, I mean defensively we dominated. Offensively, we just have to find a way to get the ball rolling.”

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Capitalizing on mistakes

Plymouth started out the game exactly how you’d want to begin a rivalry game — with a big-time special teams play that resulted in a touchdown.

After stopping Canton on its first possession, Plymouth senior Mike Mathias blocked a punt by Stesiak. Senior Ian Davis picked the ball up and sprinted to the end zone for six points. The Wildcats followed that up with a two-point conversion by senior Van Riley. Davis later left the game with what appeared to be a serious knee/leg injury.

“Any time there’s a rivalry game, special teams is a big factor and you never know what’s going to happen,” Lewis said. “We knew special teams would play some type of role in this game, we were just lucky that we were on the pos-

itive end of those plays.”

Plymouth senior quarterback Nick Downs gave plenty of credit to coaching staff for spending so much time on special teams, calling the coordinators the best in the state.

The Wildcats took advantage of Canton mistakes all night long, including several fumbles. Stesiak lost two fumbles himself, both on exchanges with the running back. The first one didn’t lead to Plymouth points, but the second did and it came at a bad time for the Chiefs.

Plymouth had forced a Canton punt, but junior Preston Long muffed it and Canton senior Atlee Mark recovered it. However, just a couple plays later, Stesiak lost the ball and the Wildcats recovered. Moments later, Downs hit senior Logan Walkley for a 62-yard touchdown, making it 15-6 with the extra point.

“We would’ve loved to have cashed in a little more early,” Lewis said. “I just tip my cap to the kids. Canton is a good team, they’re physical, you have to prepare for them. Our kids came out and were ready to go and believed they could get this win.”

Mathias ran the ball 15 times for 98 yards and Downs completed three passes for 76 yards and a touchdown.

Comeback falls short

Canton scored its first points of the night in the second quarter on a seven yard run by senior Caden Domzalski. The Chiefs then went for two but were shut down.

The Chiefs’ offense never felt like it established a rhythm, especially given the turnover problems. Stesiak completed five passes for 81 yards and a touchdown and Domzalski ran the ball seven times for 81 yards and a score.

The play of the night, however, came late in the fourth quarter. Canton faced a 4th and goal from the 20-yard line and Stesiak fired a pass into triple coverage to Domzalski who somehow went up and snagged the ball away from the defenders and came down with it for the touchdown. It was a highlight reel play that gave the team new life.

Stesiak said his coach, Andy LaFata, told him he had to make a play and he delivered, calling Domzalski’s catch “amazing”.

Down two with 4:42 to go, Canton attempted an onside kick, but Plymouth recovered and ran out the clock.

“This win is huge, my freshman year was the last time we beat these guys,” Downs said. “This is just the biggest game of the year. We all had this one game in mind. As freshmen, we were all really tight, we said in four years we’re going to get these suckers again and we worked so hard all off-season in the weight room.”

Unbreakable

Plymouth’s team theme this year is to be unbreakable.

That’s exactly what he felt the Wildcats were Friday night, even after Canton scored its late touchdown to make the game close again.

“I wasn’t nervous,” Downs said. “We didn’t waver on the sideline, our new theme this year is unbreakable and we worked really hard on that. We knew everybody on the sideline said ‘hey we’re good, we’re up by two points, we’re going to get the ball, go down and take a knee to win it.’ None of us really wavered, it was just a minor setback.”

Plymouth had to milk more than four minutes off the clock in order to get the win and Canton still had all three timeouts. However, Lewis relied on his run-

ning game with Mathias and his quarterback Downs to get the job done.

On two consecutive third downs, Downs ran the read option and kept the ball himself for first downs. Canton put the Wildcats in third and mediums scenarios, but just couldn’t make the key tackle on third down.

“We were going to come to this play if we really need a first down, so I knew in the back of my mind that (Lewis) was going to call that,” Downs said. “We talked about it there during a timeout. Alec had a great block there on the edge to seal it. I found a hole and was able to get the first down and stay in bounds.”

Lewis said he knew he could count on his seniors to do their jobs and that having a quarterback like Downs is great for the team.

“Presence, that’s what he has,” Lewis said. “The way he sets in the huddle, he has a presence about him, the guy’s unflappable. He commands the huddle, that’s what guys do that love this game and prepare and do those things, that’s what those guys do in big game, they make plays.”

Next week, Plymouth will face Brighton, which is also 3-0. The game will likely determine the KLAA West division champion and at least give one team a lead in the race. Brighton beat Plymouth last year, but the Wildcats are confident they can come on on top this time around.

“We just have to win week in and week out,” Downs said. “Brighton is a very tough opponent. Last year didn’t go our way against them, but we got the 24 hour rule, we’ll enjoy this win for 24 hours and then get back in the film room and break them down. The division title is our goal and then to make a run at Ford Field. ... everybody is really coming together and that’s when special things happen.”

South Lyon

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after his team's one-point victory on Friday night, he sighed and said a simple phrase.

"We found a way."

It's a phrase that has been characteristic of this South Lyon team for the past two seasons: showing resiliency in the end to come out on top.

"We find a way to get it done at the end," Henson said. "It may not be pretty all the time, but we find a way."

South Lyon was able to take advantage of some mistakes in the fourth quarter by Lakeland.

Down five points and driving with 3:17 left on the clock, the Lions faced a 3rd-and-9 from their own 43-yard line. The Eagles were then called with a pass interference, extending the drive, and leading to the second Lach touchdown.

"When you look back at it, I think you are going to decide we let some things go," Lakeland head coach Joe Woodruff said. "Give credit to them, they made the plays. If you were a spectator, I don't know much it cost to get in here, what five bucks? You got five dollars worth."

With 2:29 left on the clock, Eagles quarterback Jordan Shaw had one last chance to give Lakeland the victory on his senior day. After starting the drive with an incompletion, Shaw threw the ball into the hands of South Lyon senior defensive back Steve Shelton, who slid on the turf towards his sideline, securing the victory.

Fracassi knew this was not the team's best performance. But he said it's an important trait to be able to pull off wins even if the team is not at its best.

"It just shows the courage we had as a team and character: to be able to come together when the chips are down and be able to pull through," Fracassi said.

Or in the words of his head coach: to find a way.

Defense steps up

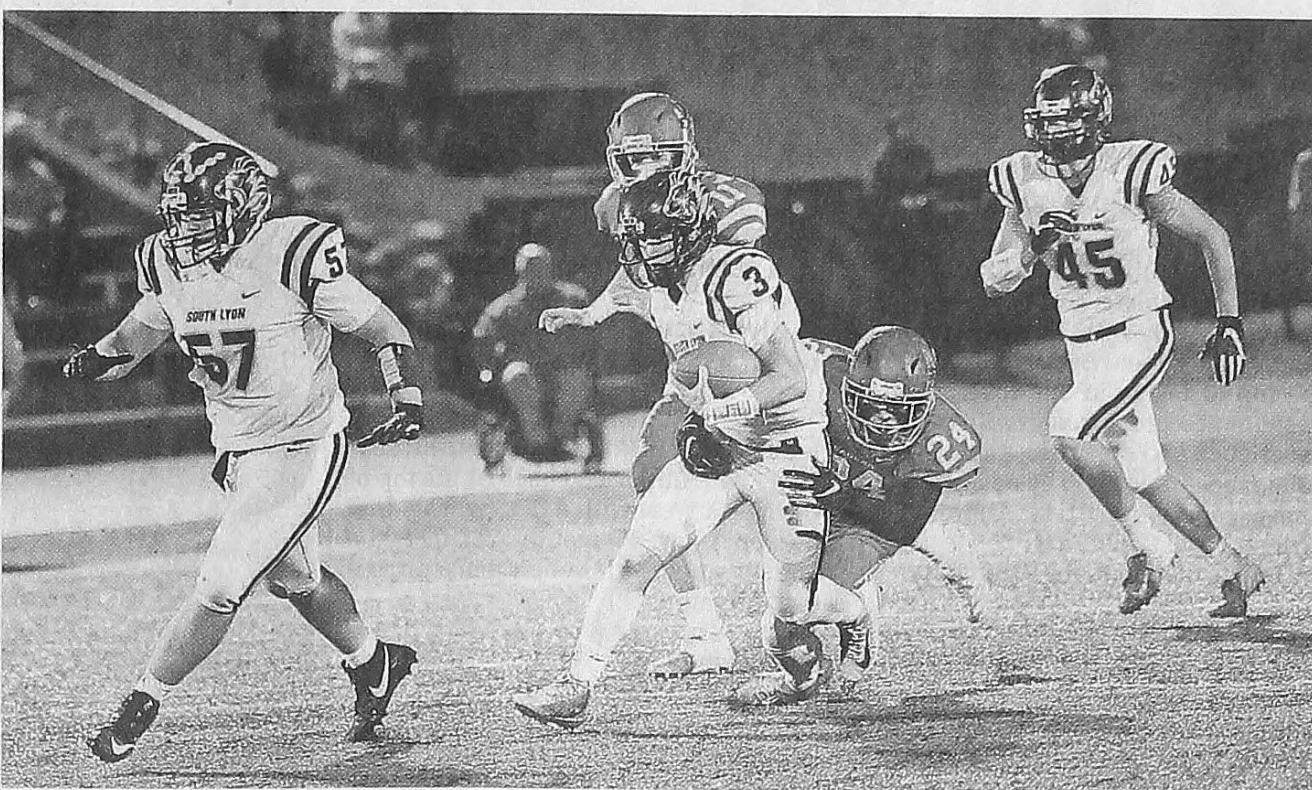
If anything was consistent for Henson and his staff throughout the game, it was the performance of the defense.

The head coach said the defense played "a hell of a first half," allowing negative yardage for the Eagles offense and recording an interception.

In the second half, after adjusting to a few wrinkles Lakeland made in the locker room — allowing a 60-yard touchdown run to sophomore running back Luke Kaletto in the third quarter, which was his second of the day — the Lions settled down again.

"We are a senior-dominated defense," Henson said. "We have nine starters back from last year, and they played like it in the first half."

Most of that had to do with the pressure South Lyon was showing. Henson credited defensive lineman Gus Taylor and linebacker Jesse Powell for the disruption they caused for Shaw and sophomore Tate Farquhar in



South Lyon senior quarterback Connor Fracassi, center, breaks free from Lakeland defenders Sept. 13.
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the pocket.

Woodruff even had to change his formation to try and keep South Lyon at bay.

He said he brought four or five wide receiver sets in triple-T formation to try and keep the Lions off balance. But, in what he described as another mismatch, he could not keep them away for long.

"They are animals up front," Woodruff said.

Fracassi steps up late

With Lakeland fired up, ready to secure a home win on its senior night, Fracassi had a bit of a slow start.

In the first half, the South Lyon senior completed only 3-of-10 pass attempts for 38 yards, throwing an interception in the Lions' first drive of the game.

Fracassi said this was the second-straight week that the South Lyon offense did not meet its expected results.

"We obviously did not play to the best of our ability. We had a very off day," Fracassi said.

However, Fracassi did keep the Lions in the game offensively, scoring on a 4-yard option run early in the second quarter for the first score of the game.

However, with the late fourth quarter rally — scoring 12 unanswered points late in the fourth quarter to secure the third victory of the season — those things have an ability to be fixed with another win in the win column.

"It's always better to learn from a win than from a loss because if you win ugly, you can learn from it, because at least it's a 'W,'" Fracassi said.

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Top 10 high school football teams: Week 4

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Week 3 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 4:

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

Groves continued to show why it is ranked in the top spot in its third win of the season. Senior quarterback Markis Alexander and Co. walloped Rochester 42-0 at home, the first time the offense had put up 40 points or more this season. The Falcons have a test in front of them, as they travel to face Oak Park this Friday.

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

With senior quarterback Jake Kelbert at the helm of an experienced offense, Livonia Franklin seemingly can't be beat. The Patriots' third win of the season was a 55-0 blowout of Wayne Memorial, continuing the streak of putting up at least 40 points and allowing less than three touchdowns.

3. South Lyon (3-0, Last Week: No. 2)

In what head coach Jeff Henson referred to as his team finding a way, South Lyon came back after facing a 17-6 deficit in the fourth quarter, rallying behind two touchdown passes from quarterback Connor Fracassi to wide receiver Brenden Lach to defeat Lakeland 18-17. The resiliency of the Lions keeps them in the top half of the top-10.

4. Brother Rice (3-0, Last Week: No. 4)

Brother Rice started its difficult

stretch of games with a win, defeating University of Detroit Jesuit 27-7 at home this past Friday. With the win, the Warriors have allowed only 10 points to opponents through three games.

5. Plymouth (3-0, Last Week: No. 7)

After dominant wins against Wayne Memorial and Howell to start the season, Plymouth placed itself at the top of the KLAA West with a 15-13 win against Canton. Now, Plymouth will face the team it's tied with in first place on Friday: Brighton.

6. Farmington (3-0, Last Week: No. 8)

Farmington took it to Ypsilanti Lincoln in a high-profile road game last week, winning 35-14 on Lincoln's new gray and blue turf. Max Martin accounted for three touchdowns and running back Keion Shaw had himself a big day on the ground, rushing for 133 yards and two touchdowns.

7. Birmingham Seaholm (3-0, Last Week: No. 6)

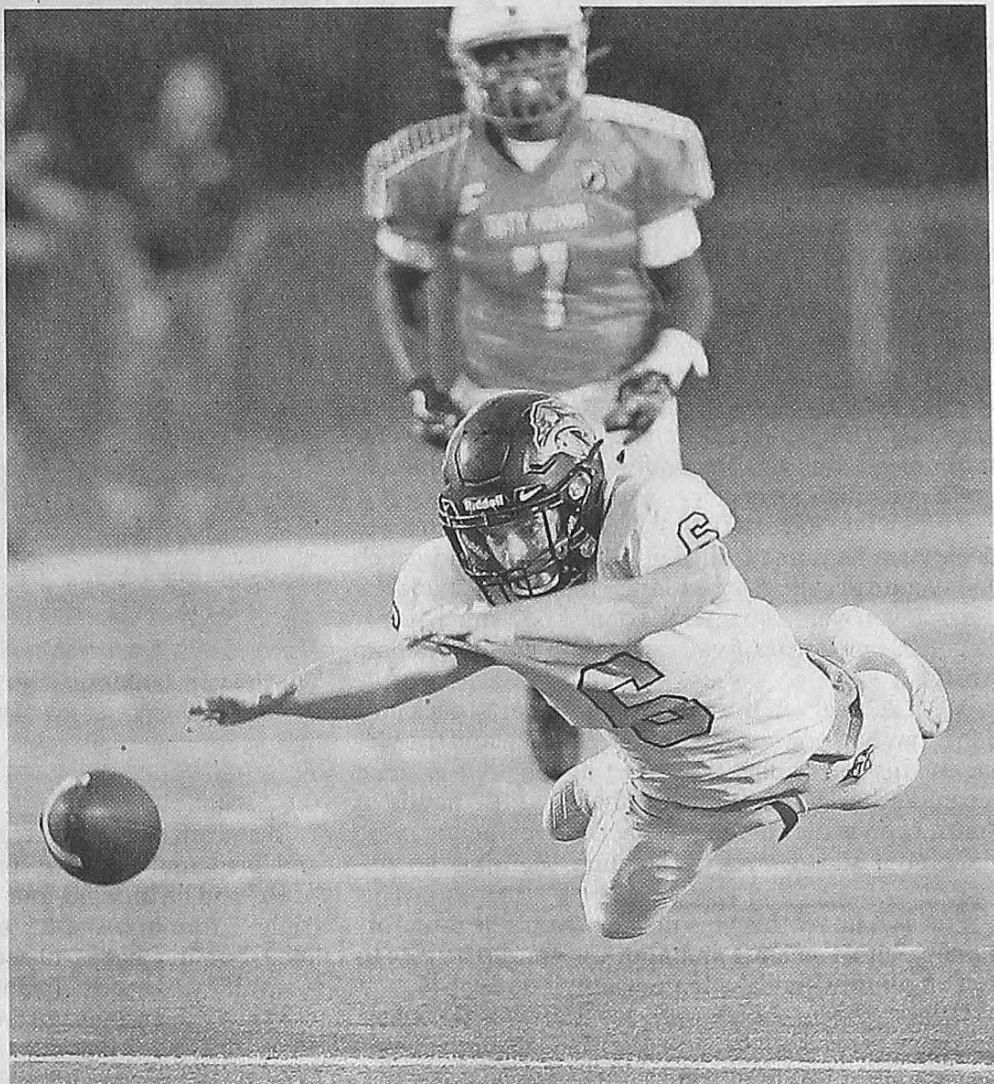
Seaholm cruised along with a 44-0 clobbering of Troy. This team appears has both the talent and schedule to have a very good season. It seems odd to have the Maples at No. 7, but that should tell you how strong the area football are so far this year.

8. North Farmington (3-0, Last Week: NR)

The Raiders might be one of the area's biggest surprises this season, but thanks to the additions from Harrison High School, this group is a true OAA contender. We'll have our eyes on that week eight showdown with Farmington.

9. Detroit Country Day (3-0, Last Week: NR)

Country Day is quietly putting together another great season and is 3-0 after beating Warren Michigan Collegiate last weekend. The Yellowjackets



Plymouth's Logan Walkley comes up a bit short as he dives for a pass.
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are ranked as the Detroit Free Press' No. 1 team in division four.

10. Livonia Stevenson (2-1, Last Week: No. 10)

The Spartans put up a great fight against Fordson, one of the best teams in the state. In fact, it was only a four-point game at halftime. Stevenson will have a huge opportunity to rebound this week with a rivalry game against Franklin. It'll need a win to stay in these rankings next week.

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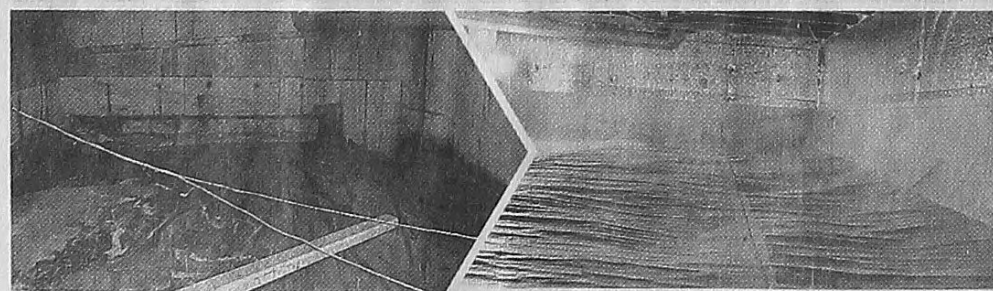
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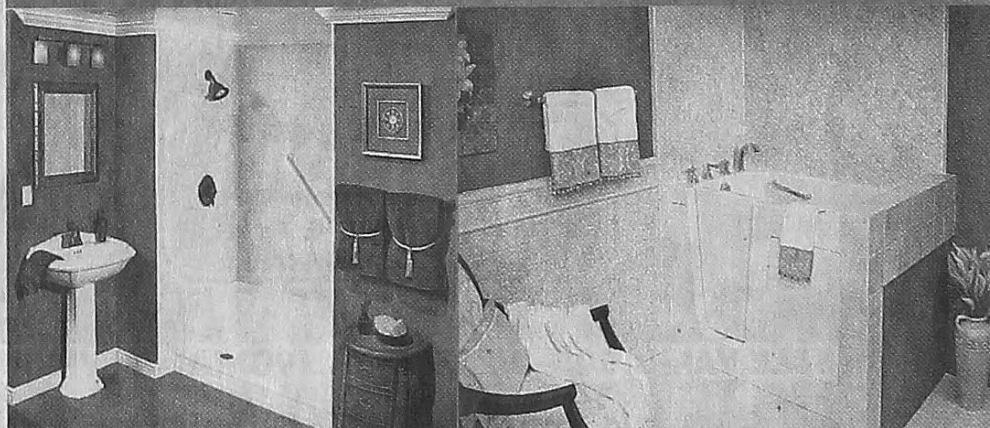
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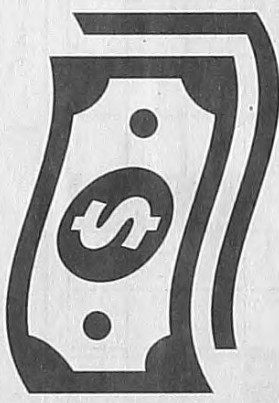
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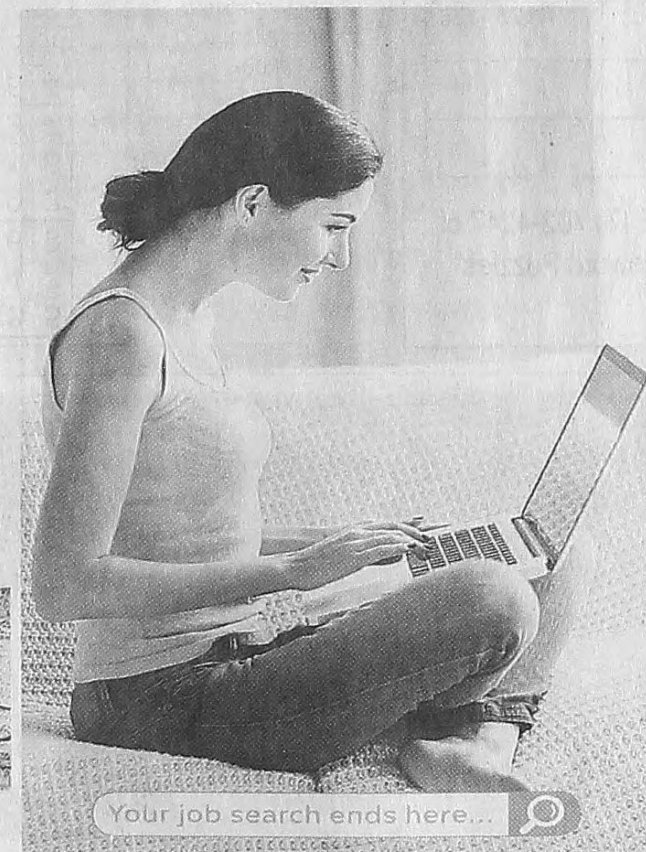
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22 Purple fruit from a palm
23 Candid bow wielder? [Anne]
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26 Lisa formerly of "The View"
27 Bread eaten at Passover
28 Gallic senior citizens? [Victor]
31 Subside
33 Earnest and solemn
35 D.C. VIPs
36 Four doubled
37 Ebony-colored card given on February 14? [Karen]
41 Stable scrap
42 Writer Ayn
43 Houston site
44 Little bit
46 A Great Lake
50 Cry of worry
- 53 Precious gem that formed just recently? [Neil]
57 Port in Italy
61 Boot leathers
62 Chi preceder
63 Hueless
64 Focus or
65 Fiesta? [Betty]
67 Self-help writer LeShan
68 Butts in
70 Long-eared hopper
71 Undersized carriage with a fold-down top? [Martin]
76 Prefix with plane
77 University of Maine's town
79 Reply to "Are you?"
80 Annoyed small songbird? [Christopher]
82 PD alert
83 Mutiny
87 Pioneer in graph theory
88 Sweetheart prone to sulk? [Ron]
92 Sailor who flew on a roc
97 Absorbed by
98 Follower of "Co.," often
- 99 Little bit
103 The last Mrs. Chaplin
104 Showery
106 Robust artisan working in precious metal? [Oliver]
111 Venue
114 Byte lead-in
115 Brand of fake fat
116 Wee, in brief
117 British noble who feels no affection? [Patty]
121 Quartets doubled
123 Oratorio solo
124 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)
125 Clear quartz fashioned to look like a suitor's flower? [Billy]
129 Mets' clubs
130 In tatters
131 Tickle pink
132 Long-term con
133 Louver strip
134 ERA or HRs
135 Quick
136 Up to, now

DOWN

- 1 Very close bud
2 Eternally, in poetry
3 "Glitter rock" group
4 Sicilian spewer
5 "For shame!"
6 Circus tumbler
7 "Glee" actress Lea —
8 Pt. of NCAA
9 Pear waste
10 Actress
11 Poet Rod
12 Razor feature
13 Hotel listing
14 U. lecturer
15 Slashed-price product
16 Pastry bag fill
17 Cowboy's workplace
18 Vision
24 127-Down between Russia and Ukraine
29 Prefix with plane
30 Stephen of the screen
31 Spanish river
32 Boring
34 T. —
38 B-F linkup
39 "No" vote
- 40 General on Chinese menus
41 Stage prize
45 Total up
47 More stringy
48 Possible follower of "Psst!"
49 Menlo Park "wizard"
51 Grow mellow
52 Ring arbiters
54 Meat stamp
55 Subtlety
56 Horned viper
58 Osaka drama
59 "— y plata"
60 "This is not —!" ("Red alert!")
63 Self-reflective question
64 Talk about ad nauseam
65 1950 Asimov classic
66 Five doubled
67 Elegant tree
69 With 109-Down, unprocessed facts
72 "Mon Oncle" star Jacques
73 Actress Joanne
74 MSN rival
75 Employs
78 Suffix with audit or arm
- 81 — Lanka
84 Revise copy
85 Ryder vehicle
86 A maestro conducts it
89 In Maine
90 Doze off
91 Dude
93 — de plume
94 Removes via very hot water, as impurities
95 "No" voter
96 Writer Roald
100 Oxfam or Amnesty Intl.
101 Huge statues
102 Voted in
105 Twisty fish
107 Gung-ho
108 Writer Santha Rama —
109 See 69-Down
110 Fishhook lines
111 Hefty slices
112 Deep pink
113 Madonna musical
114 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
118 Ingests
119 Old Chrysler
120 Bombeck of humor
122 Sextet halved
126 "I reckon so"
127 Body of water
128 Drop the ball

SUDOKU

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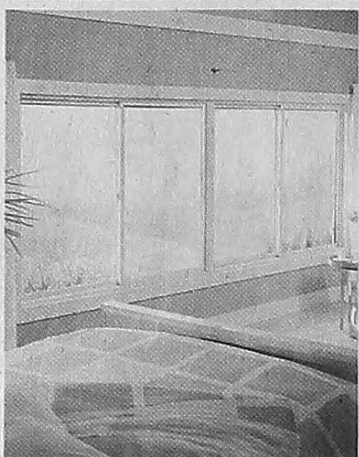
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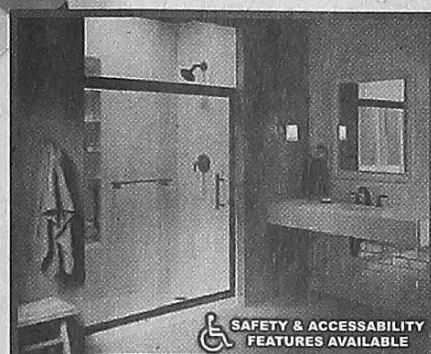
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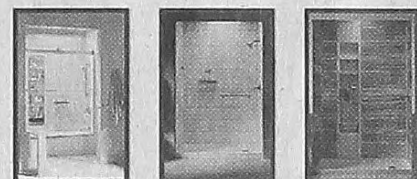
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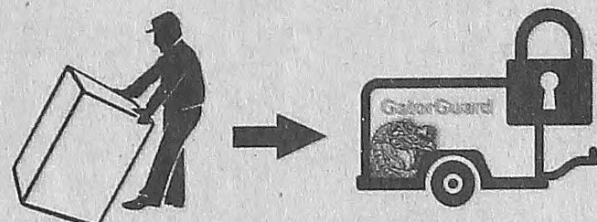
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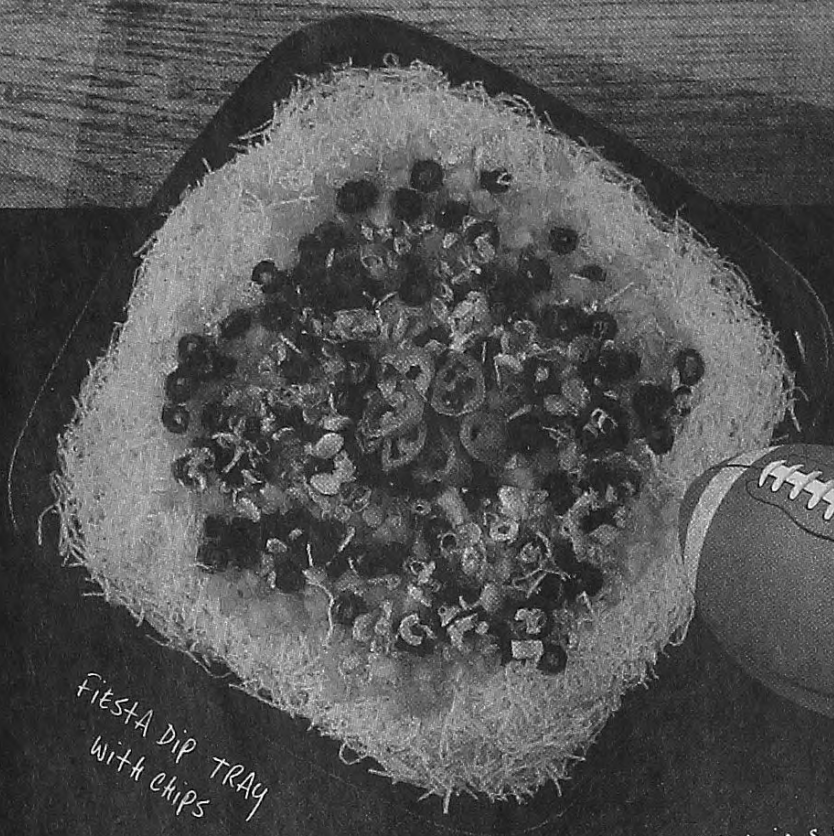
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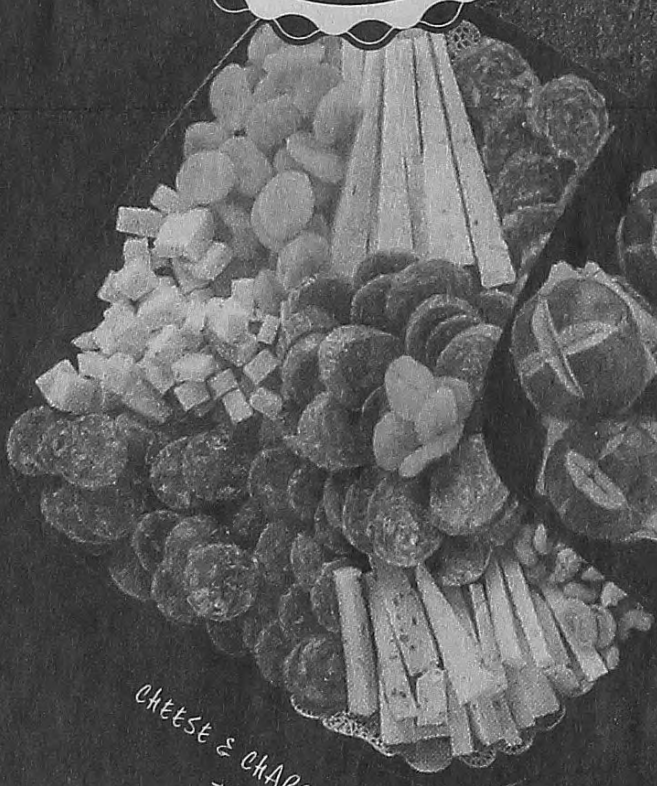
TAILGATES & GAME DAY PARTIES



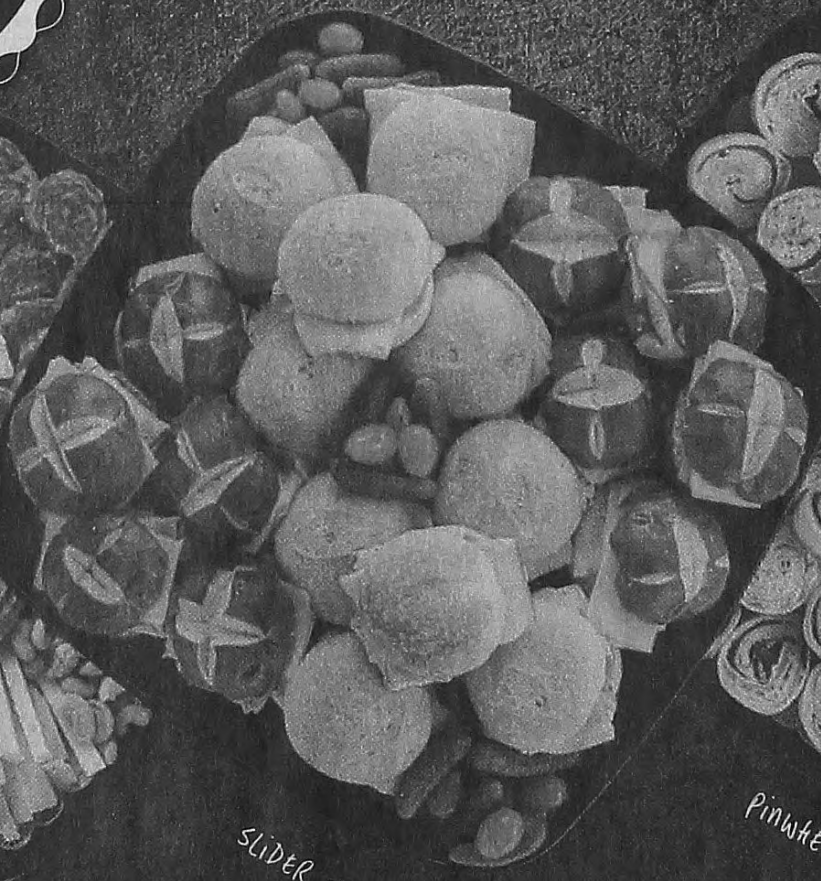
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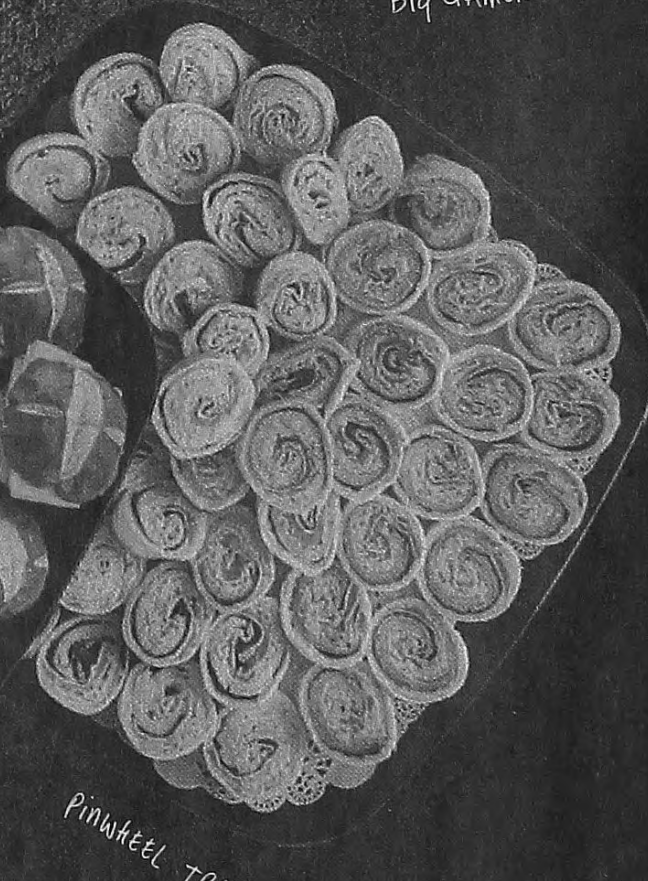
Big GAMER SUB



CHEESE & CHARCUTERIE
TRAY

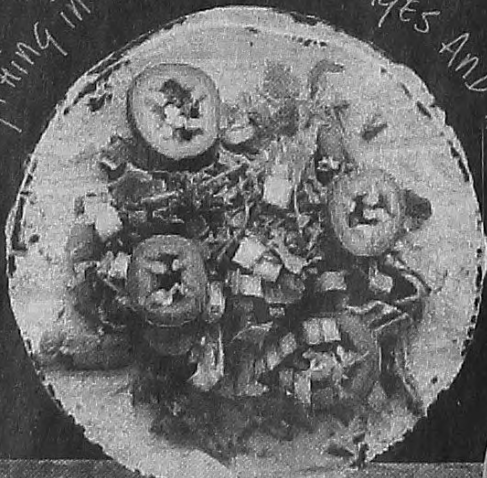


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