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Two running for District 21 state House seat

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Two individuals seeking office for the first time — Canton residents Laurel Hess and Ranjeev Puri — are vying for the 21st District state representative seat vacated at the end of the year by

Kristy Pagan.

The base salary of the position is \$71,685. It is a two-year term representing Canton, Van Buren and Belleville.

Hess, 52, is a small business owner and public school teacher. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications from the University of Michigan.

Puri, 36, is a business manager for Fiat-Chrysler Automobile. He has earned a master's of business administration from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

Following are the candidates' responses from a questionnaire from Hometown Life:

Why are you running for office?

Hess: Our current state government's lack of knowledge and burdensome bureaucracy is what ultimately motivated me to run for State

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Children listen as preschool director Jessica Beauvais reads a book aloud to them outside Mother Hubbard Preschool. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

At 50 years, Livonia preschool seeing lowest-ever enrollment

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About 2,000 three- and four-year-olds have known Mother Hubbard Preschool in Livonia as their first school.

But like most things in 2020, this academic year is not a typical one for the

preschool, which is celebrating its 50th year this fall.

"These are the lowest numbers we've ever had," Jessica Beauvais, the preschool's director, said. "We have 11 four-year-olds, and usually we have 22."

Beauvais said there were times she wasn't sure Mother Hubbard, at 30650

Six Mile, would be able to offer face-to-face instruction this fall. But despite that, she said it's great to have some of their young students back in class. She added the church the school rents from, Holy Cross Lutheran, has helped

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PCCS elementary students to return for half days

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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board of education voted Friday afternoon, 6-0, to allow elementary school students to return to in-person learning using a half-day, four-days-a-week model, with Wednesdays reserved for 100% virtual learning.

The decision was made after results of family and staff surveys distributed earlier this month favored the half-day model over a weekly model that featured two full days in-school learning and three per days using remote learning.

The survey emailed to elementary school families revealed that 54% (2,934) favored the half-day model compared to 46% (2,533) who favored the two-days-per-week, full-day model. PCCS staff voted 361-112 for the half-day model.

Eighty-four percent of elementary-student families responded to the survey, the district noted.

Kindergarten and young 5's will return to school Oct. 19. First- and second-graders will return Oct. 22 while third- through fifth-graders will return Oct. 26.

Families with more than one student in elementary school have been assured that their children will attend school together, either in the morning or afternoon.

A new window for families to join the district's virtual academy has been opened and will close on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

All details regarding the district's return-to-school plan can be found on the PCCS website.

The meeting became momentarily contentious when school board trustee Patrick Kehoe called out superintendent Monica Merritt for not being present in the board office for Friday's meeting, while most of the other board members were physically in the building, wearing masks.

Merritt countered by stating she has been in the board office building every day and that any issues Kehoe had with her physical presence in the building be discussed in a closed meeting.

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Accused killer's trial on hold until 2021

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Those seeking justice for Danielle Stislicki, a presumably murdered woman, will have to wait until at least 2021 to see her accused murderer in Oakland County Circuit Court again.

Circuit Judge Phyllis McMillen told attorneys involved in the high-profile case Friday that she cannot return to managing the case until the Michigan Court of Appeals is through appraising the prosecution and defense of Floyd Galloway.

"Technically, I have no authority at

this point to do anything with the case. Is that correct?" McMillen asked over Zoom, to which the attorneys agreed. "We should not be rescheduling anything until after the first of the year."

They settled on a Jan. 14 hearing,

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Representative. I want to provide a voice for small businesses and "regular people" who are not politically connected and, therefore, don't feel like they have a voice.

Ironically, as I run for a political office, this is not the time for politics. This is the time for all sides to work together to rebuild and for all of the voices of the 21st district to be heard. Let me put partisan politics aside and be your voice of reason.

Puri: To fight for a better Michigan in which we are proud to raise a family again. Unfortunately, Michigan is increasingly becoming a place where your life trajectory is determined by the zip code in which you were born. We need to ask if we are doing everything we can to make Michigan work for everyone. I have two young boys, and I will fight to ensure they grow up in a state where everyone has the opportunity to thrive regardless of background or belief.

We need someone who prioritizes our shared Democratic values in Lansing.



Hess



Puri

Are you happy with the way things are going in Michigan?

Puri: After decades of Republican control in our state legislature, our schools are underfunded, our air and water are polluted, our economy is under assault, our healthcare is too expensive and inaccessible, and far too many families don't have the resources they need to survive. Our politics are part of the problem. Our state was hit hard by the COVID-19 outbreak, and we must continue to lead with science to limit the effects to our public health and our economy. As our children grow up, we need to leave them a Michigan full of the beauty we all love.

Hess: No! Is anyone? We have all been failed by those who are supposed to represent us, work in our best interest, and be our voice. There is a way to open our state back up safely. We need a better plan that is consistent and less restrictive.

If elected, I will take my small business mindset to Lansing and advocate for less government bureaucracy, less restrictions, and more freedom to make individual decisions on how to live our lives. We need to look at what failed and why. Power needs to be given back to the people.

What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the district? What will you do about it?

Hess: The weakened economy in the wake of COVID and our now high unemployment rate. I intend to look back at what failed and determine why. Most politicians in Lansing need to be educated about what's it's really like all of the thousands of small businesses now struggling to survive. Even pre-pandemic, there were too many unnecessary rules and regulations that small businesses, their employees, and all of us had to navigate. Staying safe and having a robust economy are not mutually exclusive.

Puri: It is important to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak in a thoughtful and scientific manner which limits the effects to our public health and our econo-

my. Our state budget is estimated to face a multi-billion dollar deficit due to the economic effects of COVID-19. School districts within House District 21 in particular are already amongst the lowest funded in the state. Michigan's students deserve equitable opportunities regardless of their zip code. I will fight for Michigan's working families to find budget solutions which prioritize the values of our district.

Recent deaths of citizens during police encounters are igniting protests and calls for reform across the country, primarily aimed at preventing discrimination against people of color. How important do you see this as an issue in Michigan? What should be done to improve policing and police accountability throughout the state? Do you support any police reform efforts such as mandatory disclosure of misconduct records by police agencies or establishing law enforcement oversight boards?

Puri: I believe it is of the utmost priority to fight for a Michigan in which everyone is welcomed, and no one is discriminated against for any reason. Black lives matter.

Our country is currently undergoing a long overdue conversation to fight for social justice. We must remove any implicit bias and work to make the communities of House District 21 a role model for the rest of Michigan. I support the police reforms necessary to improve accountability to ensure all Michiganders feel safe and welcome.

Hess: White privilege is real and we all need to recognize that fact. Education and opportunities for people of all races is key. As a teacher in a Title 1 school, I see the disparity in education first hand.

We need to fund and free up our educators to teach in the ways that benefit their unique districts and demographics. We need to have continued dialogue and a seeking to all understand one another. I do not believe in defunding our police.

But, I do believe reforms in how our law enforcement are trained is needed across the board.

What is one issue currently not on the radar of the Legislature that you'd champion if elected?

Hess: Improving accountability and transparency in our state government. Michigan ranks last in a national study of state ethics and transparency laws. Our state doesn't have enough laws in place to prevent possible corruption. Our governor and legislature are exempt from state open records laws. I don't believe anyone should be above the law. When our governor makes a decision that drastically affects all of us in the state, we have the right to know why. If elected, I will fight hard for more accountability and transparency from all of our lawmakers.

Puri: I am passionate in ensuring we are working towards a better Michigan and will fight everyday for the people of the 21st district. I am passionate about the future of the automotive industry. I believe there is tremendous opportunity available for Michigan.

With so much technology coming into the industry, there are places all over the world ready to take our automotive industry from Detroit. It is vital we are taking the steps to ensure that innovation happens in Michigan to keep our plants open and our jobs in Michigan.

Why are you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

Puri: I am focused on fighting for a better Michigan in which every single Michigander feels safe and welcome. Our campaign has worked hard for over 18 months building coalitions with a diverse set of supporters and receiving over 50 endorsements including the incumbent Rep. Kristy Pagan, Attorney General Dana Nessel, UAW, Michigan Education Association, Small Business Association of Michigan, and more. I'm ready to hit the ground running on day one and find pragmatic solutions. I hope to earn your support.

Hess: I was born and raised in Wayne County, started a business and raised my boys in my district. I didn't just recently move here from another state. I am a moderate, common sense Republican who is committed to serve every citizen in my district regardless of

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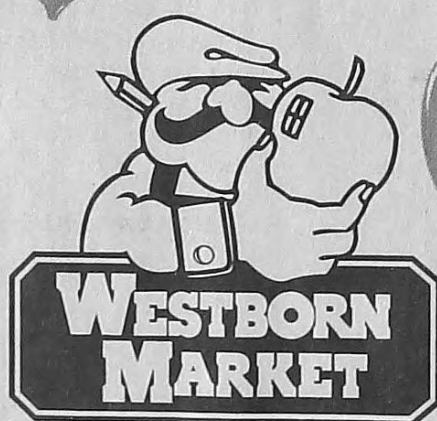
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which likely will be followed by more motions and activity prior to any trial. Any hearing will be definite movement for those eager to have a resolution.

Galloway, 33, awaits the outcome as a state prison inmate convicted of sexually assaulting another woman in the months before Stislicki disappeared on Dec. 2, 2016.

He was charged in 2019 with killing the Farmington Hills woman, 28, although a body still hasn't been found. Prosecutors say he met Stislicki while working as a security guard at her place of employment, the MetLife office in Southfield.

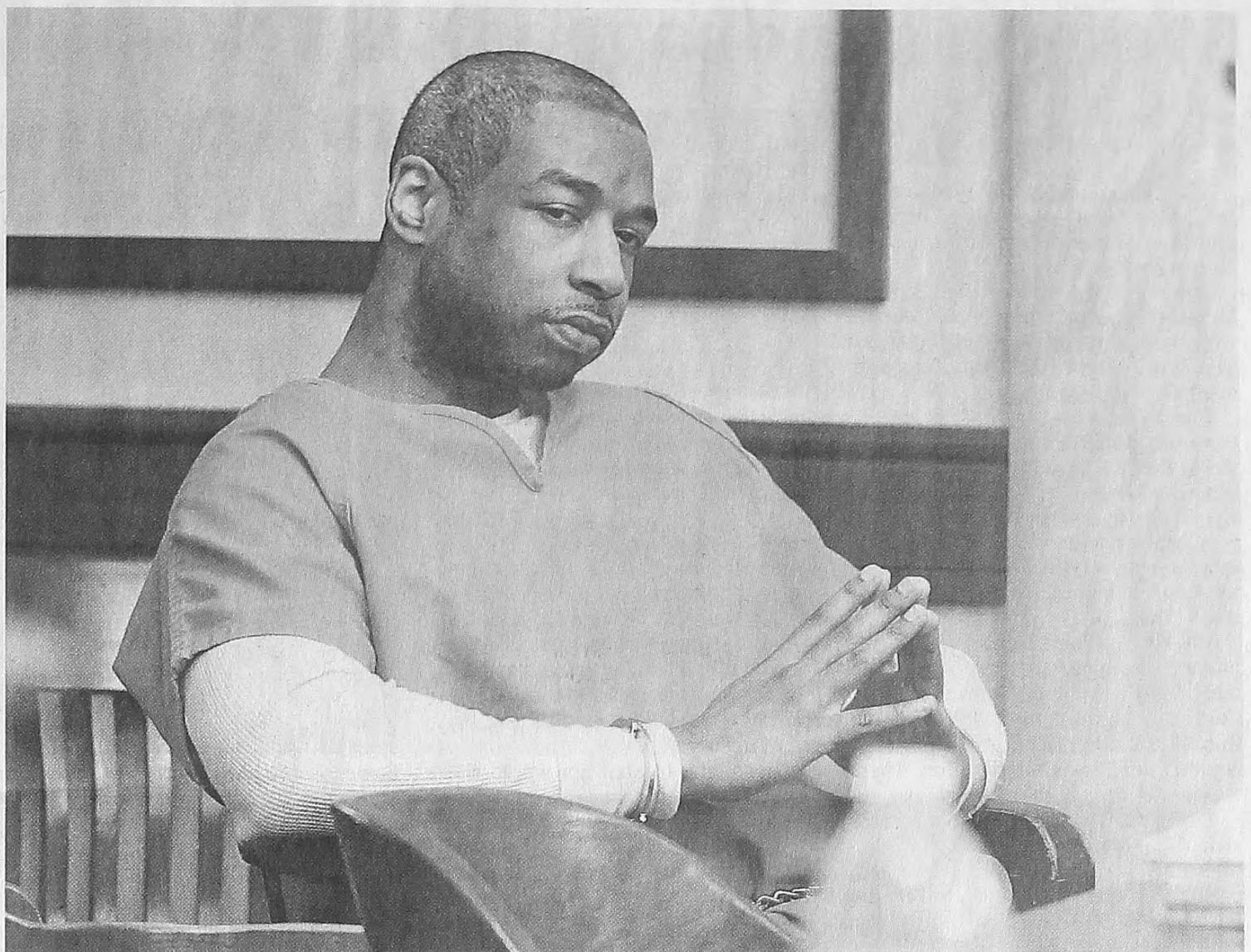
Former co-workers have testified that Galloway apparently was having car problems outside of MetLife on the day Stislicki vanished. He no longer worked there but was seen leaving a parking lot in the passenger side of Stislicki's vehicle.

Over Zoom, McMillen assigned another Jan. 14 pre-trial status hearing for Galloway and delivered some good news regarding a backlog of trials happening because of the global pandemic.

Her first live jury trial since the shut-down is set to begin Oct. 19 and social distancing will continue to be the new normal.

"We're going to be a little delayed in how we can proceed, because we can only do one jury selection per day for the whole courthouse," McMillen said. "It's the only way we can do social distancing with the jury office set up the way we have it. We can only do one trial per floor for the duration of the trial."

McMillen said there are three courtrooms on a floor. One will be used for the trial, another will be the jury room and



Floyd Galloway Jr. sits in the 47th District Court of Judge James Brady in 2019. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

the last will serve as a public-viewing room.

"I think we're going to clear out that backlog relatively quickly, maybe by the end of January or February," the judge said.

Cases with defendants, including ju-

veniles, in custody and abuse and neglect cases with out-of-home children will be given high priority.

Of course, a spike in COVID-19 cases could cause further delays, since Oakland County health officials are overseeing the transition and will determine the

courthouse's activity.

"If they tell us 'you're shut down,' we're shut down," the judge said. "The good news is that we are proceeding and the health department is pretty confident that the procedures we've put in place will safeguard everybody."

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political affiliation I believe we all need to work together to solve problems and accomplish goals. I truly believe most of us in this state are reasonable people who don't hold extreme views. We need

to be the ones setting the agenda ... not extremists on either side.


Anything else to share?

Hess: I am 100% committed to representing all of my constituents. I promise to spend as much time as possible actually inside of my district listening to the needs and concerns of the people I rep-

resent. I do not pretend to have all of the answers or some "grand plan." I am not going to falsely promise to "fix the roads." But I will listen, I will lead, I will negotiate, and I will work hard for the people of the 21st District every damn day.

Puri: 2020 is the most important election of our lifetime, so many of our values are on the ballot. It is now more

important than ever to elect the right leaders. From when I got my start in politics working for President Obama until now, I've been working towards ensuring we have a system which works for all. Our campaigns' message of building a Michigan that is more equitable, equal and inclusive for all is something everyone can get behind. I will work hard for our district and every Michigander.



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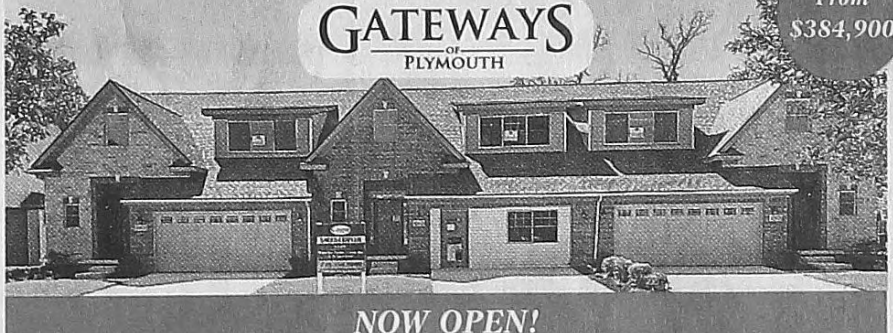
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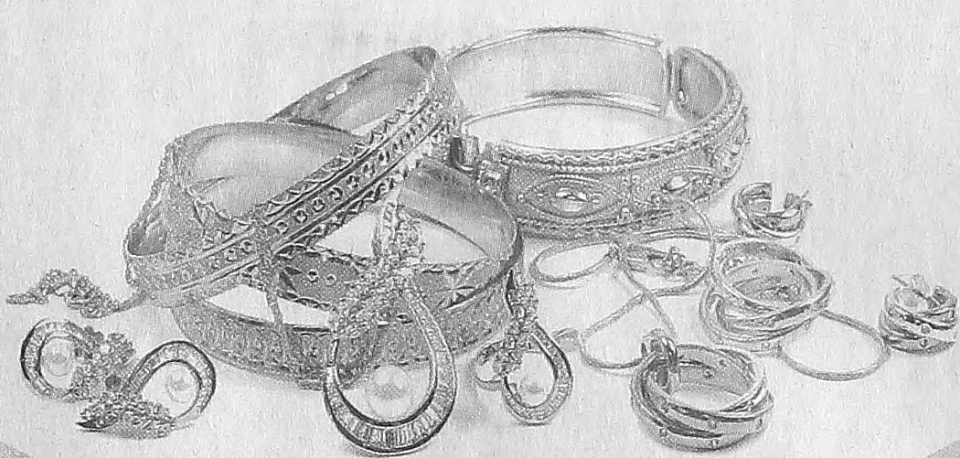
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Woman sandbagged on I-96 still recovering

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A familiar Sunday night drive along Interstate 96 turned deadly when a 40-pound sandbag crashed through Cindy Eckley's windshield.

Driving east toward her Livonia home after a rare pandemic reunion with the women in her family, she had seen the man on the Lyon Township overpass.

She had noticed he was facing oncoming traffic. Then there was a blast of windshield glass and sand ripping at her skin. The sandbag struck her windshield, steering wheel and face.

"A split second later, I'm like my mouth is full of dirt," Eckley said. "I'm thinking that wasn't a body he threw. But it was big."

"I'm driving 73 mph, slamming on my brakes, thinking, 'Don't crash, don't crash. Stay conscious. Get to the side of the road.' I'm thinking people die from this. Something hit me in the face. I couldn't see. I was totally blind. There was stuff wrong with my eyes."

Eventually, she heard the rumble strips beneath her and knew she was on the highway's shoulder. Other cars were passing but they had been trailing too far behind to realize a projectile was hurled at her vehicle.

She didn't know if the man on the overpass was going to walk down and hurt her. She fumbled behind her seat, where she had stowed a tote bag and then reached into a sweater pocket, where she found her phone.

At about 11 p.m., still unable to see but realizing there was sand and canvas in her vehicle, Eckley called 911 and told dispatchers a man apparently threw a construction sandbag at her from a bridge and made contact.

A first responder crew arrived to transport her to a Novi hospital's emergency room.

Police would arrive later and eventually arrest David Vincent-Charles Garcia, 41, at his Brighton home. State trooper say he crashed his truck on I-96, near the Old Plank Road overpass, before throwing a nearby sandbag from the overpass.

Eckley stayed conscious throughout medical treatment at Ascension Provi-



Cindy Eckley was injured by a sandbag thrown from an overpass while she was driving on Interstate 96.

COURTESY OF CINDY ECKLEY

dence Hospital, which included flushing glass and sand out of her eyes.

"My eyes hurt so bad," Eckley recalled. "My eyes were just shredded from all of the sand and the blast. They kept flushing my eyes and the water was sparkly. They just kept flushing glass out of my eyes."

Those who treated her would share astonishment that her injuries weren't worse. There were no broken bones, just a few stitches on her right eyelid and the tiny cuts on her eyes from glass and sand.

Eckley likened the initial pain to a nightmarish beach burn from too much sun, sand and wind.

"It felt like I was sandblasted," she said. "I don't know how I walked away from this. I don't. I'm amazed. I'm crazy lucky."

Eckley said Thursday her left eye seems likely to heal. The right eye's injuries were worse, and she's seeing a specialist to coach her through recovery.

The doctor has already said her body could eject the glass remaining in her right eye. If the glass remains, scarring and vision problems are possible.

Eckley owns Frame Works, a downtown Plymouth frame shop. Old photos and art are some of her personal specialties.

She's returned to the shop, where relatives are helping, but not for any great length of time. The woman accustomed to 60-hour work weeks can discern shapes, objects and paperwork but not any specific details, letters or words.

"When I open my eyes and I try to see,



Eckley is the owner of Frame Works, a downtown Plymouth frame shop.

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it gives me a crazy bad headache," she said.

Another problem is crying. It hurts "so bad," which has meant physical and emotional ordeals when talking to worried relatives about her injuries.

Daughter Julia Danielski has been working at Frame Works and plans to do as much as possible while her mother copes with her injuries.

"If need be, I'll be her eyes for her," Danielski said.

She hosted the tea party her mother attended before the crash.

Danielski found out about the crash soon after it happened but thought the collision was with another vehicle or a deer. Her mother had been returning to Livonia after chauffeuring another relative home.

It wasn't until she arrived at the emergency room at about 3:30 a.m. the next morning to pick up her mother that she learned a sandbag crashed into her mother's vehicle.

Both women are perturbed Garcia was only arraigned on one of the three possible charges originally announced

by Michigan State Police troopers.

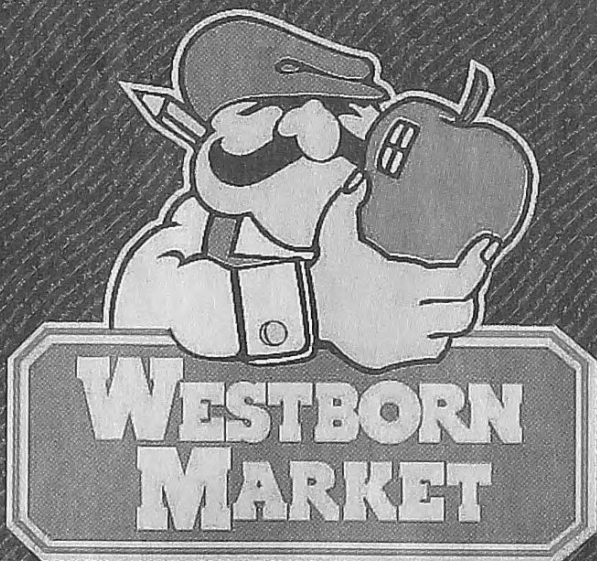
Those possible charges were felonious assault causing great bodily harm, damage to private property and throwing objects at a motor vehicle causing injury. Garcia's arraignment in Novi's 52-1 District Court was on the throwing objects charge, a 10-year felony.

"This isn't like he's some dumb kid that doesn't understand cause and effect," Eckley said. "He purposely was trying to hurt people. He's a 41-year-old man. He stood there waiting, waiting for my car, because I saw him. I saw him standing there, looking down the freeway."

"He aimed precisely. He stood there and waited for my car. ... Completely deliberate."

Garcia's 52-1 court record does not identify a defense attorney. Attempts to reach Garcia, who is scheduled to return to court on Wednesday, via social media were unsuccessful. A phone number was not immediately available.

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Dozen candidates seeking PCCS board seat

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Twelve candidates will be vying for three, six-year trustee positions on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the Nov. 3 general election.

Among the incumbents seeking re-election are Anupam Chugh Sidhu, John Lazarowicz and Patrick Kehoe. The newcomers seeking office are Rob Baty, Sheryl Picard, Lauren Christenson, Jeannie Moody-Novak, Gina Thibault, Christopher Vos, Sebastien Ostertag, Michael Lloyd and Shawn Wilson.

Sidhu is a 49-year-old instructional technology manager and PCCS school board vice president. She has earned a bachelor's of science degree with a mathematics major and science minor, with a second education certificate.

Following are the candidates' responses to a questionnaire distributed by Hometown Life. All but three of the candidates responded.

Kehoe, 54, is an EVP product manager for a customer communications software company.

Picard, 57, is an assistant preschool teacher. She earned an associate of science in business degree from Madonna University.

Christenson, 36, is an interior designer. A PCCS alumna, she earned a bachelor of science in architecture degree and a bachelor of interior architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University.

Moody-Novak, 55, is an associate director of stewardship, scholarships and impact reporting for the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree.

Thibault, 55, is a trustee for the Educational Excellence Foundation with a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

A graduate of Plymouth High School, Vos, 22, is a student at Michigan State University and Schoolcraft College.

Ostertag, 20, is a college student studying education.

Wilson, 46, is the president/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. He earned a bachelor's degree in business.

Following are the candidates' responses to a questionnaire distributed by Hometown Life:

Why are you running for office?

Christenson: I am running because I know the value of a PCCS education and want to represent my district and community to ensure all students have the best educational experience and opportunities available. My leadership, fresh perspective, and unwavering commitment to our community make me an ideal candidate for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. I am rooted here, raising my family here, and I am passionate about education.

Kehoe: I've been engaged since 2013 and appointed to the board in 2015. I was unopposed for election in 2016. I'm running for re-election because I provide a unique voice on the School Board advocating for kids, while supporting & holding the administration accountable. A board member is a delicate balance of attention to detail and asking probing questions, while recognizing that our role is to guide the district, not to directly manage the school district.

Moody-Novak: I wish to serve my community and contribute my expertise to the current board and community as we move forward toward 2021 and beyond. I have served my community as a Canton Library Board Trustee previously and established and fundraised for the endowment of the Library and worked with the board to expand the physical landscape and offerings of the library. I am a parent in this community. I want what is best for all of our children and that goal is for them to obtain the very best education possible.

Ostertag: I'm running to push for changes and address problems that have been ignored thus far for the most part by the current school board. I strongly be-



Christenson



Kehoe



Moody-Novak



Ostertag



Picard



Sidhu



Thibault



Vos



Wilson

lieve that as a former student of the district, I know what student life is like. I want to push to help the student population most of all. We need to address problems ranging from mental health and safety, to teen pregnancy and parental rights.

Picard: I have decided to run for school board because I'm concerned about the future of our country and because I now have the time to dedicate to this position. As Abraham Lincoln once said: "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next".

Sidhu: I'm running for school board because I believe that every child deserves the best educational opportunities where they feel safe, welcomed, encouraged, challenged, and supported to learn and thrive. I care deeply about students, my school district, and community. I am passionate about education and want to work on eliminating the opportunity gaps that exist in some of our subgroups. We have the potential to be the best district in the state.

Thibault: I am a dedicated advocate of PCCS schools and believe strongly in public education. After nineteen years as a volunteer in the district, I have the experience to serve on the school board. Through my volunteer work, I have seen the needs of the district and want to ensure that every student receives an equitable education and is fully prepared for whatever future endeavors they wish to pursue and to be a voice for all.

Vos: I am running because I want all students to have what I had: schools with caring adults who lovingly help them become the people they want to be. So many of our students are struggling with all kinds of challenges at home, which inevitably affects their ability to focus and succeed in school. This makes the role of schools in creating safe and loving spaces even more critical. It also means that we have to look at the educational system in context.

Wilson: My four PCCS students are my "why." I want to ensure that my children and all PCCS students not only survive but thrive during these unprecedented times. Additionally, PCCS is a proud and diverse district and I'm committed to helping the district rise to the challenge of closing the equity gap for all students.

What attributes or skills do you bring to the school board that will help move the school district and education forward into the future?

Wilson: My experience as an innovator and social entrepreneur will help PCCS navigate the tumultuous waters ahead due to COVID-19. My experience leading multicultural and community relations efforts for Ford Motor Company Fund and my current position as CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan will bring a diverse representation and perspective to the PCCS Board of Directors.

Vos: I am an excellent collaborator. School board members must work with the community, school staff, and stakeholders. Rather than imposing rules from above, a good board member values the input of community members. It understands that involving the community and stakeholders will help it make decisions that are in tune with local values and needs. I am committed to focusing on the students and prioritizing continual improvement.

Thibault: I have an extensive knowledge of the district with 19 years of volunteer work at all levels. I have an accounting background and am a member of the EEF finance committee. I have built relationships with teachers, students, staff, administrators' and community members. I bring a unique perspective as a parent,

volunteer, accountant, Parapro, and trustee; I will serve as an empathetic board member who understands the impact of my decisions.

Sidhu: I have been serving on the school board for four years and have led the district, as the board president, through the passing of the school bond without increasing taxes, advocated for diverse curriculum resources and additional social-emotional support, and supported teachers in obtaining updated and adequate resources needed for student success. I am a collaborative thought partner and a compassionate leader who is focused on equity and creating multiple pathways for student success.

Picard: I have lived in Plymouth for 34 years. My four children attended and graduated from the PCCS. They have been successful in their careers after attending college. As a PCCS parent, I volunteered in the classroom, for the football and lacrosse booster clubs, and on the PCCS housing committee. I have an Associate of Science in Business and have studied Nursing, Emergency Management and Child Development and work as a preschool teacher assistant.

Ostertag: I bring the perspective of a young adult who has been through the district from kindergarten to senior year. I have been involved in the district and in the community for years, where I was involved in the Sexual Education Advisory Committee, the foundation of the local Right to Life affiliate, the kids ministry at my church, two mission trips to Haiti with the high school ministry, the P-CEP Perspective, among many other groups. I am passionate about what is right and I will work hard to protect the students, the district employees, as well as the rights of parents.

Moody-Novak: I bring a strong financial background and understanding of financials. I worked in banking, specifically trusts and investments, for 12 years at PNC Bank and have worked with UM in fundraising for scholarships and investments for 14 years. Our district will be facing tough financial days ahead with per student spending decreasing and the school aid fund being repurposed by our state's leaders. Our board needs a strong and decisive advocate. The board needs someone who is not afraid to dig deep into the finances and bring stability during unstable times.

Kehoe: Since 2015 I've been on the PCCS board and the Board Treasurer and chair of the Finance and Operations Committee since January of 2017. Professionally, I've been in software and technology for 35 years. I'm currently EVP of product management for a customer communications software company. I have a deep background in finance, marketing, and management that help me in my role as a board member as well as treasurer.

Christenson: As an educational interior designer, I work with multiple stakeholders with differing viewpoints on projects daily. Designers are problem solvers. I work with school boards, administrators, students, parents, and staff of school districts throughout Michigan and Ohio. My ability to listen, research, collaborate, communicate, and think on my feet will serve well on the board. I plan to work hard and collaborate with fellow board members and superintendent to make informed decisions for our students.

What do you see as the most pressing issue facing your district? What will you do about it?

Christenson: COVID-19. As a parent of two elementary students, I truly wish they were in school. Yet, schools should continue teaching remotely until the

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Half days

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School board member John Lazarowicz immediately offered support to Merritt, revealing that the superintendent and Lazarowicz were the only two decision-makers present in the building during a board meeting held last week.

Among the precautions that will be taken to maintain returning students' health are the required wearing of masks for students and staff (except for eating and drinking), the proposed purchasing of air purifiers for classrooms, and the daily health screening of students and staff.

Plans for the return to face-to-face learning for middle- and high-school students will be discussed during the Tuesday, Oct. 13, school board meeting. An Oct. 27 vote on the middle- and high-school plan is the projected goal, Merritt said.



Jessica Beauvais, director of Mother Hubbard Preschool, teaches students outside the school.
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Preschool

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financially and parents have willingly donated things like snacks when asked.

As Livonia School District students went back to face-to-face instruction Oct. 5, Mother Hubbard staff is hoping to see preschool enrollment increase, suspecting younger siblings remained at home while school-age children learned remotely.

Students who do come back can expect to wear a mask all day and wash their hands more than normal. Beauvais said she's been pleasantly surprised to see kids adjust to the health protocols so easily. Though they cannot go on field trips and do everything as they usually would, teachers said so far school has run smoothly.

The play-based approach the school uses has kept it popular over the years, and staff hopes that will continue.

"Now it's so different because kindergarten is full day and it's so academic," Roxy Tracy, a teaching assistant at the school, said, "This type of thing used to be kindergarten and it's not like that anymore. So this is just a great way for the kids to play and get an introduction to school."

Tracy, who sent her son to Mother Hubbard when he was young, said the school helps set children up for a positive education experience.

"If their first exposure to school is positive, it just sets them up for a positive experience," she said. "Playing is natural for kids to want to do and they don't even realize they're learning."

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science and data proves it is safe to return. The safety and welfare of our students is a top priority. Students who need most support services should be first to return to school safely. Eventually we can begin to slowly phase students back into the buildings.

Kehoe: Supporting all kids, families, and staff during Covid-19. School started virtually because we didn't have a plan to keep kids and staff safe with an increasing number of cases in our community and region. We must find a way to get kids back to in person learning. Having a set of science and health metrics as well as protections will allow us to safely return students that have elected Safe Start to the classroom.

Moody-Novak: Our goal is for our children to get the very best education possible within our districts budget. In order to do this, we must have the very best teachers and support staff possible. Currently, we are facing a very serious teacher shortage. In order to attract, retain and incentivize the best teachers and staff, we must have strong infrastructure and finances. We must offer competitive packages and benefits to these teachers. We must establish strong connections and network with partner schools and think creatively. We must provide a safe work environment for these teachers.

Ostertag: As of now I see many different issues facing PCCS. For one I would argue that we need to support students in their mental health issues by communicating to them and listening to them. We need to really talk to them and find out what they consider to be beneficial and important, since especially with this pandemic, mental health is a serious problem.

Picard: The most pressing issue is the need for a curriculum that teaches the basics without incorporating political agendas. This affects students learning both virtually and in-person. It is important for students to first become responsible, independent thinkers, with the understanding that respect for one another does not require embracing everyone's beliefs and choices. Then they will be able to discern and engage in free speech on the issues that are important to them.

Sidhu: The most pressing issue is safely opening schools during the COVID-19 pandemic as cases rise. The decisions we have had to make have been very difficult when you take into account the family, health, and economic challenges along with meeting the varying instructional and social-emotional needs of our students. I will continue to put student and staff safety at the forefront, while advocating for regular communication about the ongoing changes to school plans and options.

Thibault: The main issues facing the district are Covid-19 and funding. We need to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff when we return to face-to-face learning and we need to ensure that we are delivering a robust remote and virtual curriculum to meet standards. We need to work with legislators on how public schools are funded. Our district receives the lowest per pupil funding and we need to close this funding gap.

Vos: 1. Community trust; 2. Fiscal health; 3. Employee morale. Information-gathering strategies: maintain open lines of communications with superintendent, listen to the concerns of the community, school site visits are very important, elicit feedback from relevant district-level committees and board meetings.

Wilson: Disproportionate learning loss due to extended school closure and distant learning will exacerbate the equity gap. Hardest hit will be students of color and those with special learning needs. I'll work with the district to implement a short and long-term strategy to address learning loss and equity gaps for all students.

What do you consider the school district's strongest attributes?

Wilson: PCCS teachers are the district's greatest treasure! Their commitment, creativity and flexibility has truly stood out over the past 7 months. Additionally, PCCS student diversity is attractive to parents who want to provide their children with a well-rounded and inclusive educational experience. Lastly, PCCS provides a strong offering of athletics and clubs to help students find their spark.

Vos: Effective instructional and administrative leadership is required to implement change processes. We see this kind of leadership and educators at PCCS. Effective leaders and teachers are proactive and seek help that is needed. They nurture an instructional program and school culture conducive to learning and professional growth.

Thibault: The diversity of our community is our strongest attribute. Our PCCS programs including TAG, the IB Program, and the academies offered at the high schools are second to none. Our teachers and staff are dedicated, compassionate and definitely one of our districts most important resources.

Sidhu: Plymouth-Canton has a lot of great attributes which includes world-class programs (STEM, Engineering, Arts, and Business Academies, IB curriculum, award winning Robotics and band programs, CTE, etc.) and a dedicated staff that cares about students. In addition, the diversity of our students, staff, and community makes Plymouth-Canton one of the best districts.

Picard: The strongest attributes of the district are its ability to offer a variety of classes for a variety of subjects and the teaching staff. Having three high schools on the same campus allows flexibility for student schedules to accommodate student abilities and choices.

Ostertag: The thing that I have always loved about PCCS is the fact that we have a lot of diversity in both the student population as well as the teachers. I have had teachers on all sides of the political aisle, as well as students from places around the world. We have a lot of diversity which in my opinion is something that I would very quickly miss if ever I were to go to a very homogenous area. That's something that makes the district superior in my opinion to many of the other schools in the area.



Twelve candidates are vying for three Plymouth-Canton schools board of education seats. PROVIDED

Moody-Novak: Our schools and our community are very strong at this point in time. We must continue to maintain our commitment to investing in the infrastructure of our schools. When we do this, we will see the reward in the upward trend in market valuations of real estate in our communities and the success of our children as they pursue their desired career goals. Our schools are safe and desirable and our students are performing well.

Kehoe: One of our strongest attributes is our sense of community. This brings together our students, families, and teachers all working together towards success. We genuinely want every student to achieve their very best. There certainly work to be done to improve this, but everyone that works for the district has student's success and well-being first and foremost.

Christenson: Our size, diversity and community support are our strongest attributes. Therefore, we need to continue our diversity, equity, and inclusion work. Support services are needed to shrink the achievement gaps, which greatly affect our minority populations at PCCS. Our curriculum should also reflect the diversity of our students. We need to continue to improve our restorative justice practices to address misconduct that focuses on healing rather than punishment and values accountability over exclusion.

What should your school district do to better prepare students as citizens?

Christenson: We should be teaching and fostering resiliency in our students and uplifting student voice. These traits help individuals deal with unforeseen circumstances linked to change, challenge, and adversity. By uplifting student voice, students feel more connected to their educational community and allows for student autonomy in their learning experiences.

Kehoe: From Pre-K to graduation, we should focus on equity to help students to be meaningful participants in society. This doesn't have to be a 4-year university, but also 2-year programs, Career and Technical Education, the armed services, etc. Every student graduating should have a clear understanding of their next step. While they are with us, we need to continue to provide the social and life skills including cultural / financial proficiency, awareness, and support.

Moody-Novak: There are many things our district can do to better prepare our students as citizens. I have previously mentioned my dedication to the importance of strong DEI training and implicit bias training for students, staff and teachers. In the absence of mandatory civics education, we, as a district, must also teach our students to think for themselves. Students must be taught how to research subjects related to current events and learn to process opposing viewpoints and sides of an issue to understand the big picture and not just one side. This approach will serve our students well in their future.

Ostertag: We need to encourage students to take more foreign languages, seeing as the world is becoming smaller and smaller due to globalization. We need to teach our students the truth in regards to history and their rights. Many students don't understand the importance of religious liberty, or of the right to free speech or the right to bear arms. We need to teach them that they have rights and that those rights are important and come from God.

Picard: First, the district needs to recognize that PCCS students are citizens of the United States since the district's mission statement states, "PCCS will develop capable and involved citizens who recognize they are citizens of the world". Second, a U.S. history curriculum supporting truth, national sovereignty and patriotism needs to be taught through all grades. Courses pertaining to civics and the U.S founding documents would give direction on how to become an active citizen.

Sidhu: The district needs to expand opportunities for students in apprenticeship programs, project based learning, design thinking, and dual enrollment where students can earn college credits/associates degrees. We need to reimagine education through multiple perspectives to provide personalized and relevant learning experiences to all students. We also need to eliminate the opportunity gaps that exist in some of our subgroups so that all students are thriving and prepared for the next phase of their lives.

Thibault: The district needs to provide an equitable education to all students and ensure that every student feels safe and secure. Every student regardless of socio-economic background, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation is entitled to receive the best education to ensure they are fully prepared for their future. Providing an equitable education to all students will help close the achievement gap between groups.

Vos: One thing I hope to bring to this race is a focus on the way that all the systems in Plymouth Canton work in determining how students show up to school (or do not show up). Teachers cannot do this work alone. It matters whether the families of our students have stable housing, food security, health insurance, employment, mental health treatment services, and all the rest of it. The community schools movement is a good start in addressing this issue, but we need to think bigger, starting with the way that schools are financed in Michigan.

Wilson: Teach students how to create and work towards a shared vision which benefits the whole community. PCCS should help students develop servant leadership skills which ensures that all citizens have what they need to reach their full potential.

Anything else to share?

Wilson: I, along with Anupam Sidhu, Lauren Christenson and Patrick Kehoe have created a four-candidate slate for the upcoming election. PCCS will face many challenges and we believe our slate of passionate parents and professionals best positions the district to meet those challenges successfully.

Thibault: I have experienced every level in the district as a parent and a volunteer. I have served on numerous task forces, committees, PCCS Parent Council, as a substitute Parapro, attended school board meetings and board subcommittee meetings. I hope to continue to support the district by serving on the Board of Education and to be a voice for all students, teachers and staff. Please visit www.ginaforpccs.com and <https://www.facebook.com/ginaforpccs>.

Sidhu: In June, I was appointed to Governor Whitmer's Return to School Advisory Council to provide guidance on creating the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap. I serve on multiple statewide committees to provide equitable support and services to schools. I have extensive experience working with students and school districts as an administrator, consultant, and classroom teacher. I am also a proud mother of a teenager at PCCS.

Picard: I would like to share this quote from Ronald Reagan "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Ostertag: My website is <https://sebastienostertag0.wixsite.com/mysite>. I have all my policies there as well as my endorsements. Please check it out.

Moody-Novak: I believe our district still has room to improve. As we move through this pandemic, I want us to come out of it thriving and reaching new heights. One of the main reasons parents want their students back in the classrooms is due to their need for socialization and mental health. Our district needs to focus on and provide resources for the social, emotional, mental and physical well-being of our students to a greater extent than we currently do. I hope you will consider allowing me to represent parents in our community on this board. Your concerns are my concerns.

Kehoe: I, with Anupam Sidhu, Lauren Christenson, and Shawn Wilson have created a slate for school board. As the parents of kids in all levels at PCCS, we believe that this slate provides the optimal balance of leadership, experience, innovation, and diversity. There are many challenges facing PCCS over the coming years, and we believe that this slate is best positioned to meet those head-on and guide the district to greater heights.

Christenson: Patrick Kehoe, Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Shawn Wilson and I have joined together to run as a slate for this election. We feel that each of us brings strong leadership, experience, innovation, and diversity to the board. We are parents of PCCS kids at all grade levels. We feel the slate is best positioned to meet the challenges of PCCS faces and have the passion and the vision to help move PCCS to greater heights.

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Obituaries



Bonnie Berg

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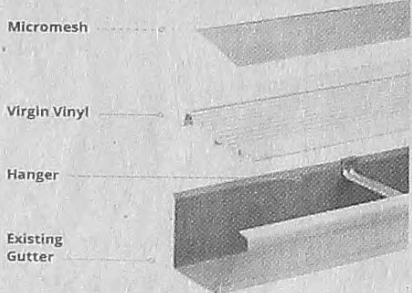
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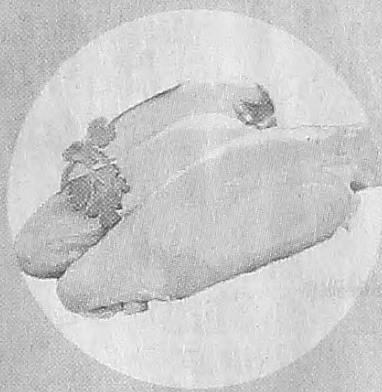
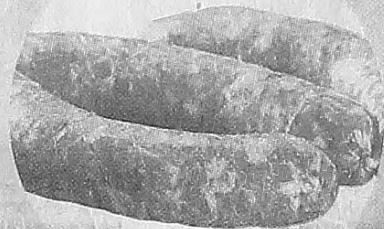
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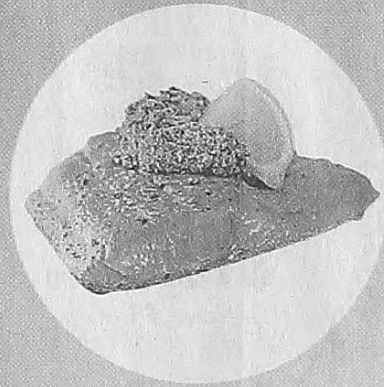


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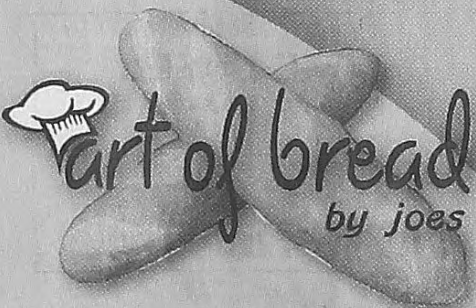
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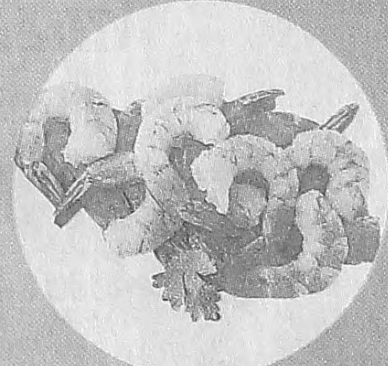
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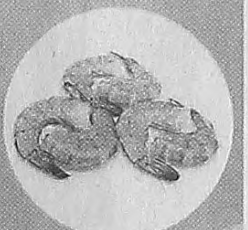
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SPORTS

Week 5 high school football games to watch

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Two weeks remain in Michigan high school football's regular season, and the stakes for a high seed in the postseason remain high.

Here's a look at five games in the Hometown Life- area to keep your eye

on in Week 5.

Churchill vs. Stevenson

Both Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson come into the fifth game of the regular season with bad tastes in their mouths.

Stevenson, having lost the season

opener to Belleville on a field goal, earned its second loss of the season to Livonia Franklin on a two-point conversion in overtime. The Spartans have a plus-54 point differential despite a 2-2 record.

Churchill, after holding a lead with 38 seconds in the game against Dearborn Fordson, allowed a 68-yard Hail-Mary

pass to wide receiver Antonio Gates Jr., giving the Chargers their first loss of the season.

Having allowed a combined 412 rushing yards in its past two weeks, the Churchill defense will have to try and stop Stevenson running back Caden

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Franklin football players celebrate their overtime, trick-play victory over Stevenson on Oct. 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin comes back to beat Stevenson in OT

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Head coach Chris Kelbert believes in Livonia Franklin football. He saw what it was capable of.

Trailing 29-14 in the third quarter, the Patriots offense came back, scoring two touchdowns — a 51-yard run by junior quarterback Zac Olesuk and a 20-yard pass from Olesuk to senior slot receiver Connor Hatfield, capped off by a two-point conversion — to tie the game at 29.

While running back Caden Woodall handed the Spartans back the lead with a 52-yard score, Franklin answered, capping off an 11-play, 60-yard drive — and two successful fourth down conversions — with a 10-yard touchdown run by sophomore Cordell Mabins.

Kelbert believed in Livonia Franklin football. He saw what his team was capable of. And when overtime hit, he put that belief into practice.

After allowing a 10-yard touchdown run from Woodall to start overtime, Olesuk

answered one play later with a 10-yard pass to Hatfield. But instead of taking the extra point, Kelbert told his team to stay on the field.

He knew what his offense could do, but he was afraid of what would happen if the overtime periods continued.

"I just didn't think we would be able to stop Caden for much longer," Kelbert said. "Ten yards, he's tough to stop four times in 10 yards. We had to take the chance we could take."

Olesuk, with a confident head but a

pulsing nervousness throughout his body, took the snap. Rolling out to his right, he saw senior receiver Brandon Reiten break free from his defender. The junior quarterback threw near the sideline.

"We knew we had to win," Reiten said. "I knew I had to get that ball."

Reiten caught the pass, and the Patriots rejoiced.

Franklin (2-2) took home the 44-43

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Canton boys tennis team wins district title

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After a year off, the Canton boys tennis team is back in the state finals.

The Chiefs won their district championship match against West Bloomfield, 5-3, Wednesday, securing a spot in the state finals for the first time since 2018.

Canton earned the sweep in each of the four singles matches.

No. 1 singles player Naeem Saleem earned the three-set victory against West Bloomfield's Matt Gordinier, winning the first set, 6-3, dropping the second, 3-6, and winning the final 1-0 (9).

Canton's Avneet Singh, Suriya Subbiah and Vishwaas Nayak each swept the remaining three singles games.

While West Bloomfield won three of the four doubles matches — with each loss going to three sets — Canton's Carl Christenson and Evan Aldrich came through in the No. 2 spot, sweeping West Bloomfield's Brendan Moran and Daniel Litman to secure the win for the Chiefs.

Here are the final scores from Wednesday's match:

Canton 5, West Bloomfield 3

Singles:

No. 1: Canton's Naeem Saleem beats West Bloomfield's Matt Gordinier, 6-1,

3-6, 1-0 (9)

No. 2: Canton's Avneet Singh beats West Bloomfield's Sahith Shankar, 6-2, 6-1

No. 3: Canton's Suriya Subbiah beats West Bloomfield's Varun Talluri, 6-0, 6-0

No. 4: Canton's Vishwaas Nayak beats West Bloomfield's Jin Park, 6-1, 6-1

Doubles:

No. 1: West Bloomfield's Mick Gordnier and Aaryan Chandna beat Canton's Marcus Boone and Shreyas Nath, 6-0, 3-6, 7-5

No. 2: Canton's Carl Christenson and Evan Aldrich beat West Bloomfield's Brendan Moran and Daniel Litman, 6-1,

6-2

No. 3: West Bloomfield's Andrew Ingber and Lukas Graff beat Canton's Kartikeya Shukla and Cameron Laidlaw, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (8)

No. 4: West Bloomfield's Connor Joyce and Max Joyce beat Canton's Cameron Maddock and Christian Mosca, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (5)

The Division 1 boys tennis team state finals will be held in the Novi area Oct. 15-17.

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Hometown Life top 10 football teams: Week 5

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As the regular season nears its end, we have a new No. 1 team.

Here's a look at the top-10 teams in the Hometown Life coverage area heading into Week 5 of the regular season.

1. Detroit Catholic Central (4-0, Last Week: No. 3)

As the new number one team, the Shamrocks had their best game of the 2020 season against Orchard Lake St. Mary's: with quarterback Declan Byle throwing three passing touchdowns and the Shamrocks defense allowing 120 yards of offense, including only 46 yards rushing.

2. Lakeland (4-0, Last Week: No. 2)

Lakeland has started the 2020 season undefeated through the first four games for the first time since 2016 — before the Eagles lost four straight and failed to make the playoffs.

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

The Canton offense is averaging 36.5 points per game, its highest total since 2017, while the defense has allowed 78 points through four games, its lowest total since the 2017 season.

4. Livonia Churchill (3-1, Last Week: No. 1)

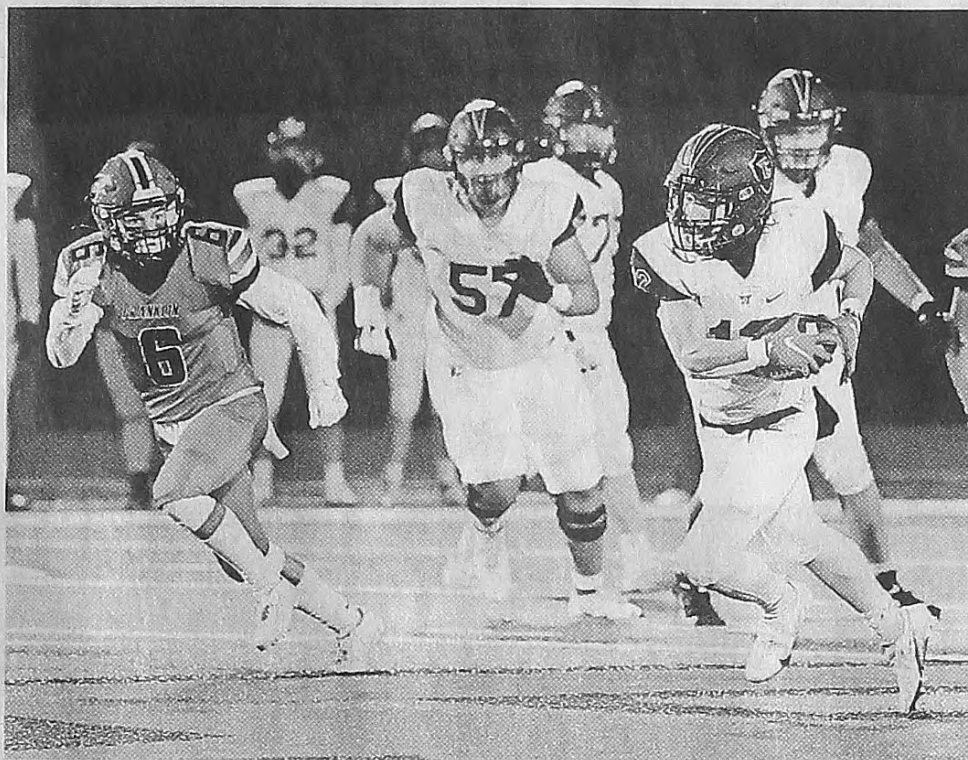
Livonia Churchill suffered its first loss in the last 36 seconds of its game against Dearborn Fordson, the team's second loss in the last calendar year. The Chargers are in second place in the KLAA East behind Belleville.

5. Seaholm (3-1, Last Week: No. 7)

Seaholm continued its win streak against area-rival Groves, scoring 35 points, the most the Falcons have allowed in a game this season, due to key performances from quarterback Caleb Knoer and running back Jackson Vance.

6. Brother Rice (3-1, Last Week: No. 9)

After a last-second field goal win against Orchard Lake St. Mary's in Week 3, Brother Rice exploded in Week 4, beating Bloomfield Hills, 43-7, remi-



Churchill junior WR Bailey Brooks races Franklin defensive back Tyler Whisman. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

niscent of wins against Windsor Holy Names and Cody in 2019.

7. Livonia Stevenson (2-2, Last Week: No. 6)

While Livonia Stevenson suffered its second loss of the season to Franklin, opponents have had a hard time stopping the Spartans in 2020. Stevenson is averaging over 40 points per game and has a scoring differential of plus-54, losing its two games by a combined four points.

8. South Lyon East (3-1, Last Week: No. 8)

The Cougars squeaked by Walled Lake Central with a last-second scramble by quarterback Zander Desentz, but the South Lyon East passing game is still making noise in the Lakes Valley Conference, recording 313 yards through the air last Friday.

9. Livonia Franklin (2-2, Last Week: No. 10)

Livonia Franklin hopes to have turned its season around with a two-point conversion in overtime against Livonia Stevenson. The Patriots — with a young offense led by junior quarterback

Zac Olesuk — will hope that level of magic remains as they take on KLAA East- leading Belleville on the road.

10. Groves (2-2, Last Week: No. 5)

Groves earned its second loss of the season, losing to Seaholm for the second time in the past year. Each of the Falcons' two loss have come within 10 points in an extremely contested OAA White.

• The Hometown Life sports (HTL sports) area consists of 28 teams representing Catholic League (Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Independent (Detroit Country Day), the Oakland Activities Association (Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington), the Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union), the MIAC (Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland), the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Novi, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial) and the Lakes Valley Conference (White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East, South Lyon, Milford).

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD: WEEK 4

Oct. 9

Catholic High School League

Brother Rice (3-1) 43, Bloomfield Hills (2-2) 7

Detroit Catholic Central (4-0) 27, Orchard Lake St. Mary's (1-3) 10

Kensington Lakes Activities Association Canton (4-0) 43, Salem (0-4) 6

Belleville (4-0) 68, John Glenn (1-3) 0

Dearborn Fordson (2-2) 27 Livonia Churchill (3-1) 22: Leading with 38 seconds left,

Churchill allows a 68-yard touchdown reception from Antonio Gates Jr. to give the Chargers their first loss of the season.

Churchill senior quarterback finished with 199 yards and three touchdowns, while Jordan Garcia added 88 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Livonia Franklin (2-2) 44 Livonia Stevenson (2-2) 43 OT

Hartland (3-1) 43, Northville (2-2) 26

Howell (3-1) 42, Novi (1-3) 33: The Wildcats allowed 236 yards rushing and four touchdowns on the ground, leading to their third loss of the season. Quarterback Luke Aurilia led Novi with 126 passing yards, completing each of his four passes, and a touchdown, adding 103 yards and a touchdown on the ground.

Brighton (2-2) 28, Plymouth (1-3): Plymouth recorded only 133 yards of offense, leading to their third loss of the season.

Quarterback Connor Sherman completed 11-of-16 passes for 103 yards and an interception.

Dearborn (2-2) 35, Wayne Memorial (0-4) 22

Lakes Valley Conference Lakeland (4-0) 16, Waterford Kettering (1-3) 7

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (3-1) 21, Milford (1-3) 6

Walled Lake Western (3-1) 35, South Lyon (2-2) 21

South Lyon East (3-1) 22, Walled Lake Northern (1-3) 21: The Cougars earned their third win of the year on a last-minute scramble by quarterback Zander Desentz, converting the two-point try on a pass to Dorian Armstrong to secure the win. Desentz finished the game with 313 passing yards and two touchdowns

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland (1-1) 46, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (1-3) 28

Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (0-3); 7 p.m.

Oakland Activities Association Seaholm (3-1), 35, Groves (2-2) 28

North Farmington (2-2) 38, Farmington (0-4) 14

Western Wayne Athletic Conference Dearborn Heights Crestwood (4-0) 39, Redford Thurston (1-3) 0

Redford Union (3-1) 35, Garden City (3-1) 15

Oct. 10

Macomb Lutheran North (2-2) 14, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-2) 0

Week 5

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Woodall, who recorded 295 yards on the ground against Franklin and has scored 15 touchdowns in his past three games.

While Stevenson holds the 34-18 series lead against Churchill, the Chargers have found more success against the Spartans as of late, winning eight of their past 13 matchups.

Churchill will take on Stevenson at home 7 p.m. Friday.

Canton vs. Hartland

Canton has been on a roll in 2020.

Led by senior Marco Johnson and junior Zack Badger at running back, the Chiefs offense has outscored opponents 146-78, through the first four games of the season, coming off a 43-point performance against winless Salem.

The Hartland offense has been just as good. Other than a 13-point performance in their one loss to Howell, the Eagles have scored more than 38 points in their other three games.

Canton has not allowed more than four touchdowns in a game this season, last allowing more than 38 points in a

game in its first round playoff loss to West Bloomfield in 2019.

Canton holds an active five-game win streak against Hartland.

The Chiefs take on Hartland 7 p.m. Friday.

South Lyon vs. Milford

Since the start of the Lakes Valley Conference, South Lyon has dominated Milford.

The Lions have beaten the Mavericks in three-straight seasons, beating them by an average of 31.3 points per game.

After the last two weeks of play, South Lyon is in dire need of a win. Losing a senior-heavy team from 2019, the Lions have dropped their past two games, allowing 74 points combined to Waterford Mott and Walled Lake Western after allowing 19.5 points per game in 2019.

In its past two games, South Lyon has come to rely on its passing game. Led by quarterback Dawson Skupin, the Lions have recorded an average of 223.5 passing yards per contest, while recording less than 100 yards rushing — including an average of 1.3 yards per carry against Mott.

While Milford has stepped up defensively, having failed to allow more than

four touchdowns in a game this season, it has been stifled offensively. After winning their season opener against Waterford Mott, 19-12, the Mavericks have scored 19 points in the past three games.

South Lyon will host Milford 7 p.m. Friday.

Detroit Catholic Central vs. River Rouge

Detroit Catholic Central quarterback Declan Byle continued to lead the rejuvenated pass-first offense in Week 4 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, recording 241 yards through the air and all three touchdowns.

But as of late, the Shamrocks defense has stepped up in a major way.

The Shamrocks have not allowed more than two touchdowns in a game this season — with opponents averaging 11 points per contest — and have allowed less than 170 yards of offense in each of its last two wins, including 120 to the Eagles.

River Rouge has shown up when given the opportunity in 2020. The Panthers have two shutouts — a 53-0 win against Ecorse and a 41-0 win against Benton Harbor — and limited East Lansing, a team that averaged over 30 points per game in 2019, to three touch-

downs in its only loss.

The Shamrocks will take on the Panthers at home 7 p.m. Friday.

Franklin at Belleville

Livonia Franklin hopes it turned season around with one two-point conversion.

With junior quarterback Zac Olesuk at the helm of the offense, the Patriots turned around a 15-point deficit and earned a one-point overtime victory against city rival Livonia Stevenson.

Now, Franklin's attention turns to Belleville, a team the Spartans nearly beat in the season opener.

However, since that three-point victory, the Tigers have been rolling opponents. While the defense has not allowed a point since Week 1, Belleville has scored 206 points in their last three games combined.

Franklin has allowed more than four touchdowns in each of their four games this season, including five rushing touchdowns to Spartans tailback Caden Woodall last week.

Franklin will take on Belleville on the road 7 p.m. Friday.

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Franklin

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overtime win against city rival Stevenson (2-2) homecoming night, ending its two-game losing streak.

Kelbert knew this was a must-win for his team. After falling to city rival Livonia Churchill by 11 the week prior, he admitted that if the Patriots would have lost, it would have been a rough road in terms of keeping morale high.

But he said this game has the opposite effect.

"I think this will help us get positive again," Kelbert said. "Everything's good after a win. Everything's bad after a loss, so just keep doing what we are doing. Keep getting better and just keep improving as a team."

Matching offenses

Coming into Friday night's game, Franklin knew it had to stop the run. The Patriots had to stop Woodall.

Early on in the contest, the plan worked. Woodall was limited to 26 yards on his first nine carries. But Woodall soon broke free.

Taking the ball from senior quarterback Ray Kastl, Woodall found room on the outside, taking the ball 88 yards for a touchdown. And while Franklin answered with a 42-yard touchdown pass from Olesuk to Dom Ufferman, on his next carry, Woodall ran 61 yards for a touchdown.

With two touchdowns in the second half and a touchdown in overtime, Woodall finished the game with 292 yards and five touchdowns.

"He's a special player," Micallef said. "He understands the offense, he understands what to do, he understands football. In certain situations, it's a matter of 'Can we give him enough space?'"

"He's a game-breaker every time he touches the ball."

But while Woodall wrecked havoc on the Patriot defense, Olesuk was able to answer, much with the help of Hatfield.

The junior quarterback completed 14-of-25 passes for 266 yards and four touchdowns — three to his senior slot receiver, who recorded 139 yards receiving — and two interceptions.

To Olesuk, the offense showed up. "We showed big heart, definitely," he said. "We were down by two scores and

we didn't give up.

"We prepared for this."

Olesuk complimented his "huge" offensive line, who helped the Patriots move the ball down the field, adding 228 yards on the ground.

Mabins served as Franklin's leading rusher, recording 115 yards on the ground and a touchdown, while Olesuk added 70 yards and a touchdown.

The Patriots' defense stepped up at times too, limiting Stevenson to one yard passing, with junior Dom Ufferman snatching an interception from junior quarterback Kyle Brown in the second quarter.

Based on how the offense had been working, especially in the final minutes of regulation, Olesuk said he knew the outcome was going to be in their favor.

"I already knew that our guys were going to come back and convert on that," Olesuk said. "I had big trust in my guys all season. Coach has big trust in us doing that and we came out."

Reality check

When he addressed his team after its one-point overtime victory, Kelbert had to give his players a reality check.

"That's who we are," Kelbert said. "The three quarters before — the stupid personal fouls, the stupid holdings, the dumb lack of missed assignments, that's not who we are. This is who these kids are. They just don't know it yet. That's why I'm going to have a heart attack."

"They just don't know how good they are. We're capable of doing that all the time."

As players gazed, filled with adrenaline and excitement, Kelbert instilled the message of belief, one he hopes will carry into future games, and will carry into a playoff run.

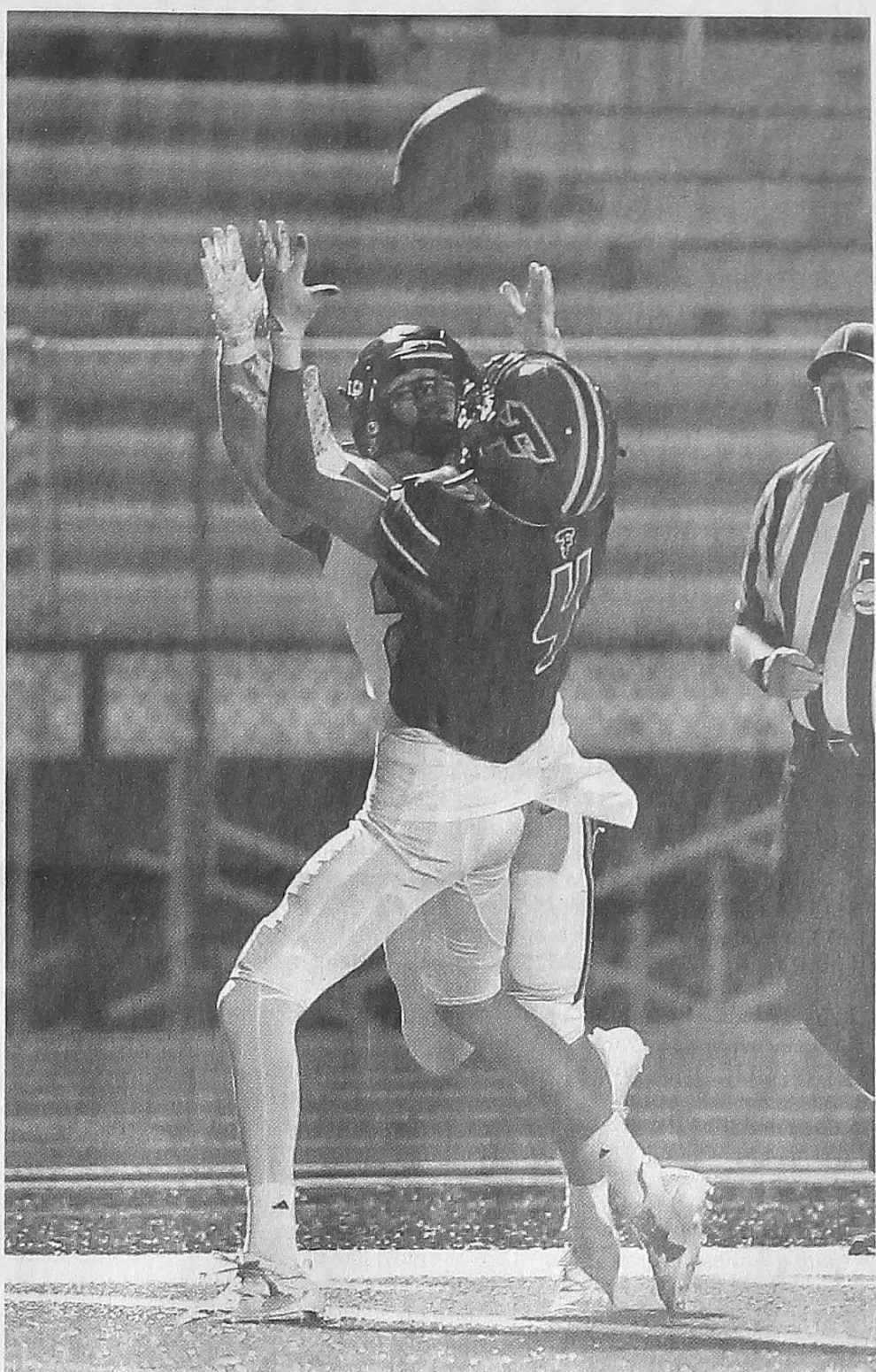
Olesuk just remembered the feeling when Reiten caught the game-deciding conversion. To him, it was the best feeling in the world, sprinting across the field with his teammates.

The junior quarterback said he felt good. And he's confident Franklin will continue to feel good.

"We can make it all the way," he said.

Franklin will try and build off its win on the road against Belleville Oct. 16, while Stevenson will try and regroup on the road against Churchill.

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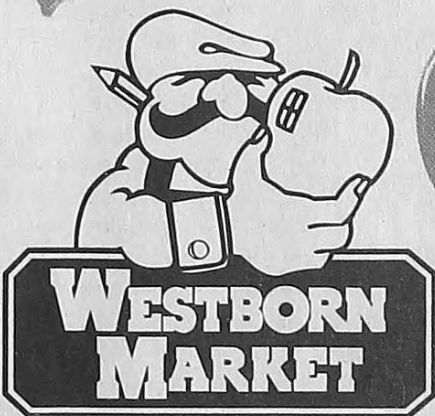
Franklin's Don Ufferman, front, came away with an interception on this play. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"That's who we are. The three quarters before ... that's not who we are. ... They just don't know how good they are."

Chris Kelbert
Head football coach, Franklin, on the team's overtime victory against Stevenson

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Seaholm tops cross-town rival Groves

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Friday night between Groves and Seaholm produced a moment that will live on the lips and tongues of Birmingham residents for years to come.

This moment stole the momentum in a game of swings that led Seaholm to a 35-28 win over its cross city rival.

Making the key stop

Seaholm was driving down the field in a tied ball game, 21-21, entering the fourth quarter. The Maples (3-1) attempted its only pass of the game on fourth down with the ball deep in Groves (2-2) territory.

Senior quarterback Caleb Knoer found a teammate over the middle, but was quickly separated from the ball. A flag was thrown, but was picked up after a brief conversation that would have not only kept the drive alive, but put the ball inside the 15-yard line.

Groves looked to take the lead and build on the momentum three plays later on 3rd-and-7. Senior QB Caleb Garner was blitzed hard, leaving junior wide receiver Jaden Mangham wide open on the left hash. Mangham caught the pass and ran down the field with Knoer trailing him.

"He's running 60-yards down the field and I'm 10 yards behind him. Once I barely catch him, he's on the one-yard line. I'm not going to let him walk in," Knoer said of the moment.

That's when Knoer stuck out his hand in a diving effort and stripped the ball on the one-yard line preventing a 73-yard go-ahead score.

"To be honest, I wasn't thinking much other than I'm going to get there. And I'm going to punch the ball out," Knoer said. "Once I did it, it was the best feeling I've ever had."

The ball bounced around the to the back of the end zone resulting in a touchback, leaving the game tied. On the ensuing drive, Knoer and the Seaholm offense went to work to secure the lead.

"As a leader on the team, it's my job to keep our heads up," Knoer said. "Before every play, before every drive, I tell them 'Let's use this to our advantage. Let's go

down there and score."

Nine plays, and five minutes later, running back Jackson Vance burst through the middle of the Groves defense and took the lead on a 10-yard touchdown run, capping a three-touchdown effort by the senior.

The Maples led, 28-21, with 2:38 left in the fourth quarter.

"In the moment you're thinking, OK, we're going to be down a score. And we can't score fast, so you just try to stay in the fight. If they scored, we'd go back after the kick return, and just focus on the next play," Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald said of the sequence.

"But what a momentum swing. That takes the life out of a team."

That momentum swing, specifically that strip from Knoer, will not soon be forgotten by the Seaholm head coach.

"That play will be forever a legend in Seaholm football. Just the effort, the desire to go make that play," DeWald said.

Back-and-forth affair

A Seaholm lead was never safe, however. Each time the Maples grabbed the lead, Groves was able to get the score tied just as quickly.

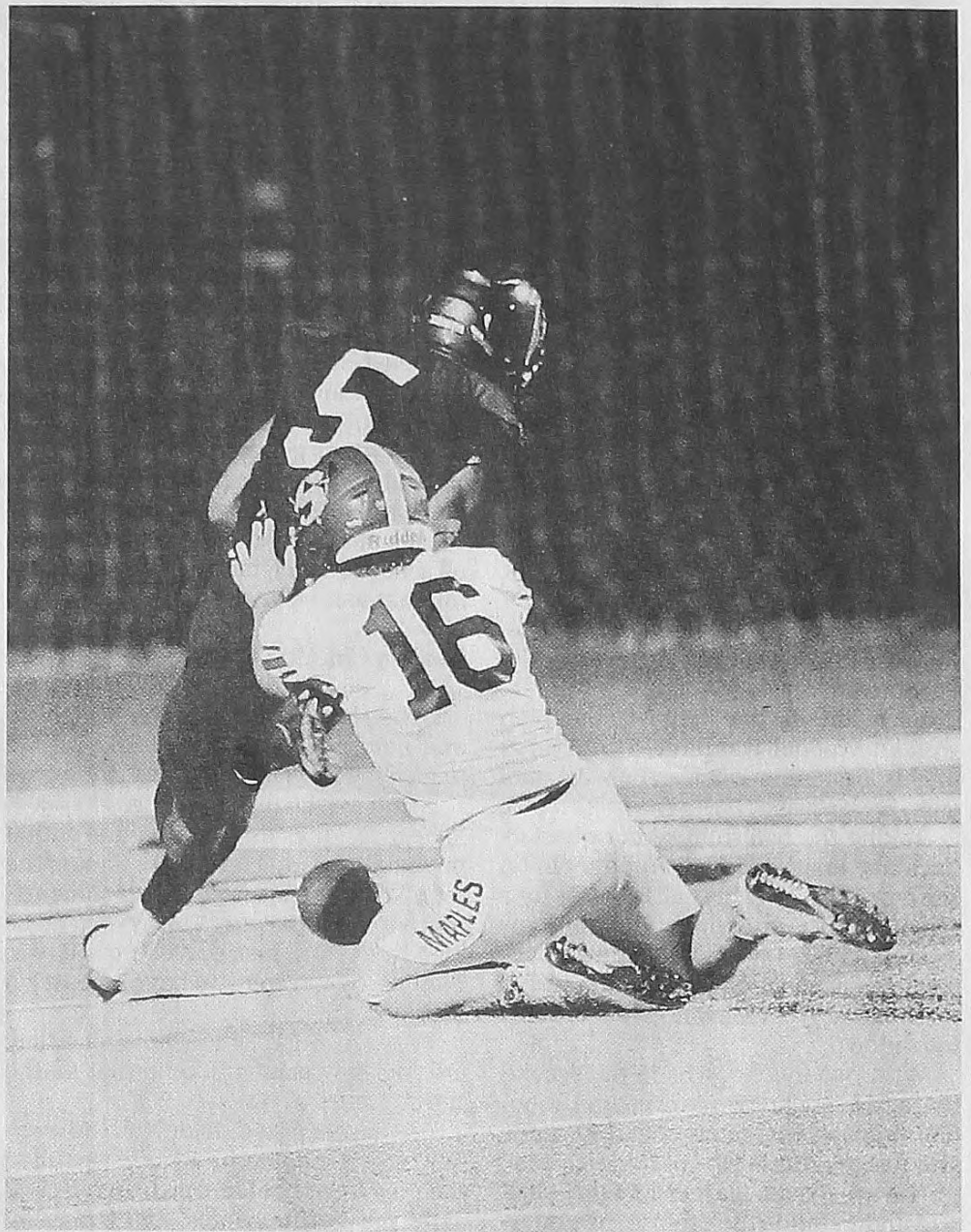
The entire night was a see-saw battle of wills.

"Nobody could stop anybody," Groves head coach Brendan Flaherty said. "They had one more stop than we had, and they got another possession. It's a little what I expected.

"It was just a great game. When we look at the film, we'll be disappointed. There were a lot of plays to be made out there, and we didn't execute the way we'd like to execute."

Seaholm scored on its opening drive on a six-yard run by Vance. Groves answered 15 plays later on an eight-yard run by junior Stavros Panos. The ensuing drive by the Maples resulted in Vance's second touchdown before Groves answered with a 20-yard touchdown pass from Garner to Jackson Tinsley to tie the score, 14-14.

"I was afraid we were scoring too fast," Flaherty said. "Sometimes there is just some bad luck. Heck, they must have put the ball on the turf three or four times (during the game), and they came up with every ball.



Senior Caleb Knoer strips the ball away from Groves receiver Jaden Mangham in the fourth quarter. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Sometimes there's just some bad luck. We just have to keep workin and stick together."

Seaholm kept the pressure on thanks to its scat back in Miles Mentag in the second half.

The senior accounted for two touchdowns, including a tough six-yard score late in the fourth quarter that put the Maples up 35-21 with 51 seconds left in the game.

Mentag finished the game with nine

carries for 67 yards.

Garner was able to secure his third touchdown pass of the night, connecting with Mangham on a five-yard end zone fade that cut back into the lead with seven seconds left in the game.

Up next, Groves looks to bounce back next week on the road against Oak Park, while Seaholm hopes to extend its win streak against a stout Clarkston team.

Send game results and stats to LivSports@hometownlife.com.

Nissan Rogue ready to take on leading SUVs

Mark Phelan
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Nissan is poised to challenge a couple of America's bestselling vehicles when the new 2021 Rogue compact SUV arrives in dealerships in October.

The Rogue's already a big-league player. The old model is probably the No. 3 non-pickup in the country, although it's impossible to be sure because Nissan insists on counting sales of the Rogue and the smaller, less expensive Rogue Sport as a single vehicle.

Corporate sales count shenanigans aside, the new 2021 no-adjective Rogue is primed to be a hit, one of the bestselling compact SUVs in the country.

Value, looks and space make the 2021 Rogue even more competitive with the class-leading Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V, both of which are getting on a bit in age.

The Rogue's other key competitors include the Hyundai Santa Fe and Kia Sorento, both of which have new models debuting shortly; Chevrolet Equinox, Ford Escape and VW Tiguan. The competition is intense because the loosely defined compact SUV class has become one of America's best sellers as buyers move away from sedans.

The Rogue is the first Nissan vehicle based on a new platform developed by the Renault Nissan Mitsubishi alliance, an automaking giant that appears to be on shaky ground as Renault and Nissan feud over control in the wake of the arrest in Japan and subsequent escape to Lebanon of longtime top dog Carlos Ghosn.

If the alliance crumbles, buyers will be among the losers. The '21 Rogue is the latest in a line of fine vehicles that were likely better than any of the three automakers would have created on their own.

Driving impressions

The 2021 Rogue is about the same size as its predecessor but offers more rear head room and cargo space. Those welcome improvements owe to a new rear suspension that enabled a lower floor and a squared-off body design that created a bigger hatchback opening to load



Nissan Rogue Platinum PHOTOS BY MARK PHELAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

Standard safety features

- 10 air bags
- High beam assist
- Lane departure alert
- Blind spot alert
- Rear cross traffic alert
- Automatic front braking with pedestrian detection
- Rear automatic braking

large objects. Rear leg room is fine, too.

The interior was quiet, with good headroom, an accommodating bin in the center console and easy to use controls.

I tested a top-of-the-line, all-wheel-drive Platinum model with the best interior trim and features, including diamond quilted semi-aniline leather upholstery. The gauges were exceptionally legible, thanks to crisp digital projections of analog instruments. The display is configurable, if dials and pointers aren't your thing.

The steering in the preproduction model I drove was sharp and nicely weighted, feeling unusually precise for this class of vehicle. The suspension, which includes a new six-point multilink rear, kept the Rogue flat and stable, with virtually no body roll as I rounded curving country roads faster than most compact SUV owners probably will.

The Rogue's 2.5L four-cylinder en-

gine uses less technology than the smaller turbos most competitors offer, but acceleration was adequate. The engine produces 181 horsepower and, coincidentally, 181 pound-feet of torque.

Nissan's devotion to continuously variable automatic transmissions continues to pay off in the Rogue.

The CVT operates unobtrusively and delivers good acceleration.

Official EPA fuel economy projections are not available, but Nissan's estimates are modest enough that I'm not inclined to doubt them: the company projects the AWD Platinum I tested will score 25 mpg in the city, 32 on the highway and 28 combined. The key combined figure trails the CR-V and RAV4's EPA ratings slightly and matches the Escape. It's always a bit of a disappointment when a new vehicle doesn't raise the bar for fuel economy in its class.

The lack of a hybrid model is a puzzling omission. Nissan and Renault have both tried to position themselves leaders in electrification, but not with the alliance's bestselling vehicle in North America.

Best new features

Nissan's useful ProPilot Assist driving assistant, which can handle much of the steering, braking and accelerating on highways when adaptive cruise control is engaged, got a couple of tweaks that will be welcome on long hauls.

It's important not to confuse ProPilot

Assist with hands-free driving. Only Cadillac's pricey Super Cruise offers that on any current vehicles.

It does, however, make highway driving easier by managing speed, following distance and keeping the vehicle centered in its lane under normal conditions - as long as the driver has a hand on the steering wheel. I found the first generation of ProPilot useful on long highway runs.

The new function, called Navi-link, gets information from the navigation system and GPS to adjust speed for upcoming curves and ramps. Nissan says that will let drivers use ProPilot more.

The '21 Rogue's styling is consistent with the old model, but adds crisp new lines to go with its more upright sides and squared-off tail. Key design elements include the appearance of a "floating" roof thanks to black pillars, LED signature lights and a prominent new interpretation of Nissan's "double-V" grille.

How much?

Prices for the 2021 Rogue start at \$25,650 for a base front-wheel-drive model. All-wheel-drive Rogues start at \$27,050. The top model, the all-wheel-drive Platinum I drove, was lavishly equipped and stickered at \$36,830.

Across the model line, Rogues offer good value versus competitors like the RAV4 and CR-V. All prices exclude destination charges.

Standard features on 2021 Nissan Rogue Platinum:

- Wireless charging
- 19-inch wheels
- Apple CarPlay
- Android Auto
- ProPilot Assist
- Navi-Link
- Navigation
- 9-inch touch screen
- Three-zone climate control
- Semi-aniline leather diamond-quilted upholstery
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The Township of Plymouth will begin pre-processing ballots on Monday November 2, 2020 from 10:00am-8:00pm. This will take place at the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. For further information contact the clerk's office at (734) 354-3224.

Jerry Vorva
Plymouth Township Clerk

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Discovery MS- Fire Alarm Replacement

will be received through Building Connected until **11:00 AM on, 10.30.20.**

1. All proposals shall be submitted electronically through Building Connected: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
2. For instructions on how to submit a bid please go to the following link: <https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-to-submit-yourbid-through-BuildingConnected->

Bids submitted after this time and date will not be considered or accepted.

Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be accepted.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. **11:00 AM on, 10.30.20 Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.** Follow this link to access the Zoom Meeting for the Bid Opening- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86367377622>

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture**, will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020 via Building Connected.

There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, located at 45083 Hanford Rd, Canton, MI 48187.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING.**

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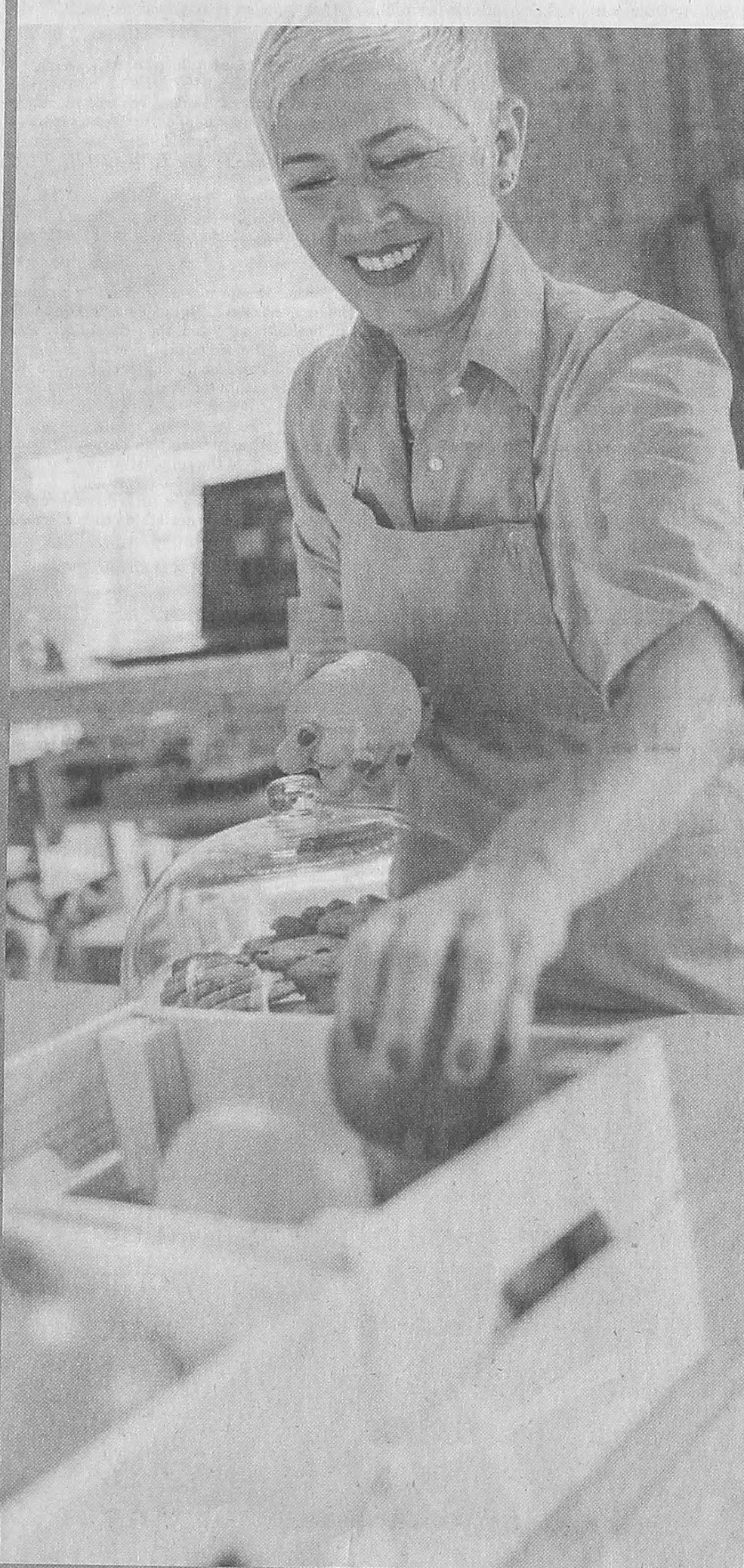
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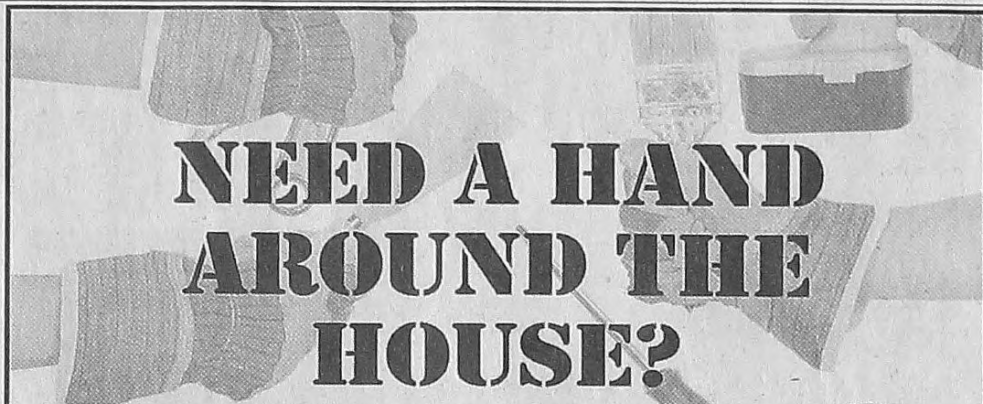


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 - 20 Condor claw
 - 21 Emollient plant juice
 - 22 Incandescent
 - 23 Good occasion to buy securities
 - 25 After-hours
 - 26 Youngest of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
 - 27 Davenport, e.g.
 - 28 Dish of melted cheese on toast
 - 31 Small marsupial with long hind limbs
 - 35 Doubtters
 - 36 Dutch painter Jan
 - 37 Actress Thurman
 - 38 Depot: Abbr.
 - 41 Financier Onassis
 - 42 Rocker Nugent
 - 43 Tiny flash of light
 - 45 Light classical orchestra
 - 51 Flips out
 - 53 Met again, as a legislature
 - 55 Painful spots
 - 56 Mendelssohn orchestral piece in A minor
 - 62 Merlot, e.g.
 - 63 "Yentl" actress Feldshuh
 - 64 Paranormal gift, for short
 - 65 Prankster's messy missile
 - 66 Prankster's messy missile
 - 67 Hunt quarry
 - 68 Pack animals around Lhasa
 - 73 Actor Julia
 - 75 "Dr." of rap
 - 76 Lean red meat source
 - 77 — Bo
 - 78 Eisenhower's wife
 - 79 On Soc. Security, say
 - 80 Popover served with roast beef
 - 86 Thin as —
 - 88 Gorbachev's wife
 - 89 "Count" of jazz
 - 90 "The Simpsons" airer
 - 93 "Lorna —"
 - 95 — cone
 - 98 U.S. spy org.
 - 99 Part of OTC
 - 101 Platform for iDevices
 - 102 Entr'— (interludes)
 - 104 Dispute go-betweens
 - 109 Very sleek
 - 112 Maine and Montana, to Canada
 - 115 Fact fudgers
 - 116 Firefighter Red
 - 117 Residence apropos to this puzzle (hint: see the starts of 10 long answers)
 - 123 Resolved to accomplish
 - 124 Fairway club
 - 125 At the zenith
 - 126 Org. looking for aliens
 - 127 Party givers
 - 128 Annoyer
 - 129 Playwright Clifford
 - 130 Eve's garden
- DOWN**
- 1 Yank's rival
 - 2 Instruct
 - 3 Flew, as a plane
 - 4 Patron of physicians
 - 5 Ogden native
 - 6 Pothole filler
 - 7 Lean red meat source
 - 8 Fish spawn
 - 9 Bisected
 - 10 Corridor
 - 11 " 'Tis so sad"
 - 12 Fliers drawn to flames
 - 13 African mongoose
 - 14 Very sharp road curves
 - 15 Heron variety
 - 16 Cover story
 - 17 Pick-me-up
 - 18 Hits hard
 - 24 Thom — shoes
 - 29 Canon camera
 - 30 Prefix with space
 - 31 Q-U link
 - 32 Big swallows
 - 33 Mennonite subgroup
 - 34 Oversaw
 - 39 Recipe amt.
 - 40 Ark builder
 - 43 Moo goo — pan
 - 44 Lovers' get-together
 - 46 "You can't — train"
 - 47 Sports drink brand
 - 48 Art of paper folding
 - 49 Waddling bird
 - 50 Opposite of NNW
 - 51 Didn't leave the house
 - 52 To the — degree
 - 54 Ones who can sense others' feelings, in sci-fi
 - 56 Engine additive
 - 57 Jockey Angel or baseballer Wil
 - 58 Burden too heavily
 - 59 Lay eyes on
 - 60 Suffix with neat
 - 61 "Absolutely!"
 - 68 Novelist Josephine
 - 69 "I believe ...,," in texts
 - 70 Small donkey
 - 71 Water nymph
 - 72 "— darn tootin'!"
 - 74 Chair piece
 - 78 Roman 1,501
 - 79 Brit. mil. fliers
 - 81 Go- — (kid's racer)
 - 82 Certain Indian believer
 - 83 Kindle buy
 - 84 Violet variety
 - 85 Purpose
 - 87 Podiums
 - 91 Stadium part
 - 92 Frigate, e.g.
 - 94 Engine additive
 - 95 Really raged
 - 96 Web location
 - 97 —Kosh B'gosh
 - 100 Suffix with Vietnam
 - 102 Luc's gal pal
 - 103 Vulgar
 - 104 Embarrass
 - 105 Calf-roping competition
 - 106 Little imps
 - 107 — -proof
 - 108 Place to shop
 - 110 Retort to "It ain't so!"
 - 111 Ice mishaps
 - 113 "Famous" cookie guy
 - 114 Teepee
 - 119 Purpose
 - 120 No. on a road sign
 - 121 Decay
 - 122 Mark, as a ballot square

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

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Can you find all the words containing ICE? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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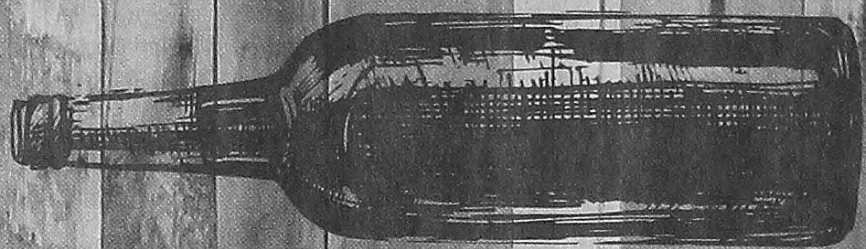
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