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Three decades-old structures demolished

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Not far from the festive, holiday-decorated atmosphere of downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Tuesday afternoon, a massive yellow shovel scooped up the carnage from three demolished structures and dumped them into the

bed of a truck designed to haul away debris.

Welcome to the ongoing transformation of W. Ann Arbor Trail, which was the site of the demolition and replacement of a decades-old pink house approximately 100 yards east in 2020.

The fate of the three buildings destroyed in the days leading up to Christ-

mas — all serving as apartments and lined up between the Saxtons development property on the west and Roose Animal Hospital on the east — was sealed this past summer when owner John Beems secured a demolition permit.

"The buildings were getting too old and run down to keep up," Beems said.

"There are no plans yet as to what we're going to build there."

Beems said 80% of the demolition process is expected to be completed before Jan. 1.

"Once the debris is gone, it's just a matter of us bringing in some dirt to

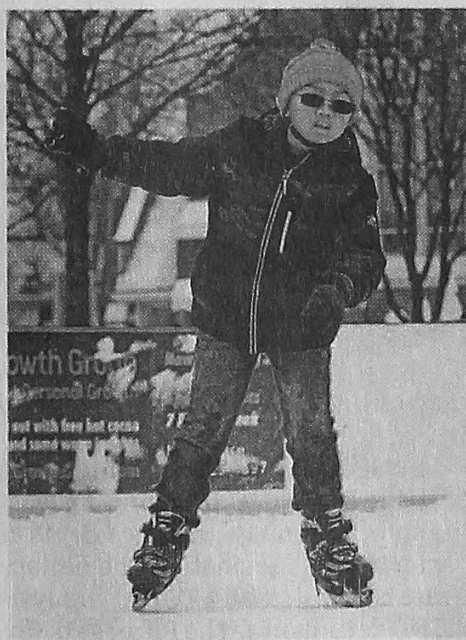
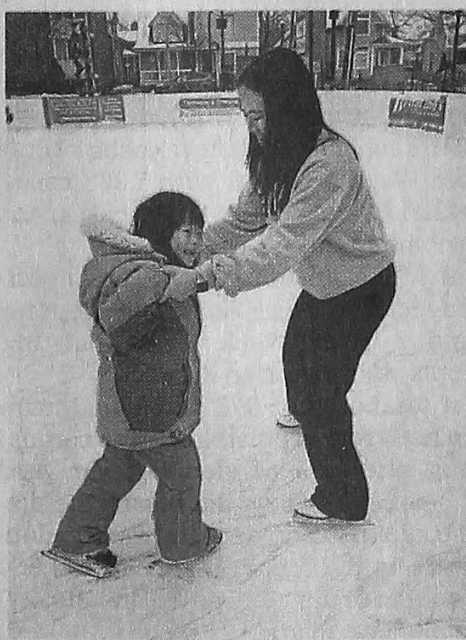
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PERFECT AFTERNOON FOR A SKATE



Above, Noah Richardson, left, and Gabe Stone hit the ice Dec. 27 at Riley Park in Farmington. At far right, Aaden Rillo, 9, speeds across the ice. At right, Quyen Bui helps Trinity Nguyen, left, around the ice rink. Trinity was visiting from Florida and it was her first experience with snow and ice. The rink at 33113 Grand River is open on most cold-weather days through February.

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Livonia police ready to greet members of 2022 Citizens Police Academy

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The Livonia Police Department announced its 2022 Citizens Police Academy.

The Citizens Police Academy will begin March 2 and meets 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 4.

Police personnel will offer residents and business owners insight into police operations, their duties and how the Livonia Police Department serves its community.

The purpose of this program is to allow attendees to become familiar with the police department through classroom instruction and practical experiences.

It is the department's intent to share public awareness about the police department and to increase police/community rapport through this educational process.

Classes will be held at the Livonia Police Department Training Room located at 15050 Farmington Road. The curriculum for the academy will include a facility tour and presentations of the following:

- Patrol/Detective/Narcotic and Traffic Bureaus
- Crime Scene Unit including the AFIS system
- SWAT/K-9
- The Criminal Justice System
- FATS/Use of Force Policy/Procedures
- Firearms Training (Optional)
- Police Technologies
- Office of Professional Standards & Community Outreach

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Clear debts ASAP so focus can shift to investment



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Dear Rick:

2021 was a big year for me. I bought my first home, started a new job where my salary increased by 25 percent, and paid off my student loan. Since I graduated college, I had been living with my parents, allowing me to pay off my student loans.

Other than my mortgage, I am now debt free. Following your advice, I've also set up an emergency fund.

My first question deals with the company's 401(k) plan. I become eligible for the plan after the first of the year. Do you recommend I use the Roth option or the traditional option? I'm in my late 20s.

My second question deals with a \$20,000 inheritance I received. My inclination is to take the \$20,000 and to put it toward my mortgage. The interest rate on my mortgage is 4 percent. My goal is to pay off my house as soon as I can.

Thank you, Mark

Dear Mark:

Congratulations to you. 2021 certainly has been a very good year for you, and I hope 2022 is even better. It is great to hear that you had the discipline to pay off your student loans. If you demonstrate that same discipline in saving for your retirement and investing, you will be very successful.

In reviewing your situation, I would lean toward the Roth 401(k) versus the traditional 401(k). The main difference is when you pay taxes. In the traditional 401(k) plan, money is contributed before taxes and grows tax deferred. At the time you withdraw the money, all distributions are taxed to you at your ordinary income bracket.

On the other hand, in a Roth 401(k), your money is contributed after taxes and grows tax free. When you withdraw the money, you will pay zero taxes. In other words, all the growth in the account will be tax-free. In addition, in a Roth 401(k), you can eventually transfer the money into a Roth IRA, and you can let the money grow tax free for as long as you choose.

In a traditional 401(k), whether you transfer the money into an IRA or not, when you turn 72, you must take distri-

If one of your main financial goals is to pay your house off as soon as possible, then using your inheritance to pay down the mortgage would make sense.

butions, known as minimum required distributions.

Since you are able to let the money grow for many decades, I believe it is best for you to use the Roth option. Yes, you are paying higher taxes today; however, you will receive a significant benefit in the future. Thus, you should fully fund your 401(k) and use the Roth option. I can assure you that when you begin taking distributions 40 or 50 years down the road, you will be very happy the money is tax free.

With regards to the \$20,000 inheritance, I'm always a believer that you should invest based upon your goals and objectives. If one of your main financial goals is to pay your house off as soon as possible, then using your inheri-

tance to pay down the mortgage would make sense. It would be a conservative decision because you're getting a guaranteed 4 percent return on your money.

However, as an alternative, you could consider investing the money in a growth portfolio and over the long run you should earn more than four percent. Of course, investing comes with greater risk. However, time is on your side.

All things being equal, I will tell you that at your age and considering how low interest rates are, you will be better off financially to take the \$20,000 and invest it in a long-term growth portfolio. Down the road as that money grows, you will be able to use it to pay down the mortgage. I believe either option will work for you.

It is hard to believe that 2022 is here. I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year and hopefully, 2022 is the year that we can finally put the COVID-19 pandemic behind us.

Good luck.

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Farmington Hills man, 51, fatally struck by vehicle on 12 Mile Road

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A 51-year-old Farmington Hills died from injuries he sustained when a Ford F-150 truck struck him days before Christmas, police confirmed.

Farmington Hills police reported that the unnamed man was trying to cross Twelve Mile Road, near Halsted Road, outside of the crosswalk when the westbound truck hit him at about 5:50 p.m. Dec. 22.

The victim was transported to Beaumont Hospital, where he died from his injuries. The truck driver remained at the scene to cooperate with investigators.

Anyone with information regarding the crash is urged to call the Farmington Hills Police Department, 248-871-2610.

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Wayne County COVID-19 tracker

Mike Stucka
USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan reported far fewer coronavirus cases in the week ending Sunday, adding 31,437 new cases. That's down 32.5% from the previous week's tally of 46,563 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 19th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 47% from the week before, with 1,388,833 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 2.26% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 26 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Christmas significantly disrupted who got tested, how many people got tested, what labs operated and what government agencies reported on time. Some cases and deaths that would have been reported last week might be reported in the coming week, which itself will have testing and reporting disrupted by New Year's. Consequently week-to-week comparisons will be skewed and these numbers will be unreliable even as they're accurate to what states reported.

Wayne County reported 7,383 cases and 109 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 9,001 cases and 137 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 258,939 cases and 6,354 deaths.

Oakland County reported 4,425 cases and 59 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 5,643 cases and 74 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 189,146 cases and 3,053 deaths.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 81 counties, with the best declines in Wayne County, with 7,383 cases from 9,001 a week earlier; in Oakland County, with 4,425 cases from 5,643; and in Kent County, with 1,562 cases from 2,606.

Michigan ranked 34th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 63.1% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 72.7%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.



Cayden Minor, 10, of Grand Ledge, gets his first COVID-19 vaccination Dec. 13 from Sparrow Hospital registered nurse Lori Lampman while his mother, Sherise, looks on. "I was really nervous at first, but I'm fine now," he said.

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In the week ending Thursday, Michigan reported administering another 292,958 vaccine doses, including 53,595 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 320,395 vaccine doses, including 53,965 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 13,791,653 total doses.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Gratiot County with 621 cases per 100,000 per week; Macomb County with 423; and Wayne County with 422. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 7,383 cases; Oakland County, with 4,425 cases; and Macomb County, with 3,701.

In Michigan, 606 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 825 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,645,578 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 28,345 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 52,280,854 people have tested positive and 816,609 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Correc-

tions and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions falling

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Dec. 26.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 3,087
- The week before that: 3,324
- Four weeks ago: 3,764

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 99,084
- The week before that: 90,677
- Four weeks ago: 76,315

Hospitals in 18 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 28 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 29 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control. Contact Mike Stucka at mstucka@gannett.com.

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A year ago today, father and son killed in rare South Lyon homicide

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A year ago today, a gun's blast split the night, killing 17-year-old Dylan Stamper in his South Lyon home.

The homicide on East Liberty Street was the first in decades involving a firearm, and Dylan's death realized a bleak distinction of transforming to a double homicide less than a month later.

Kevin Stamper, Dylan's father, succumbed to his own gunshot injuries. He was 43.

"We haven't had other murders in the city in quite some time," South Lyon Police Chief Chris Sovik said. "We have had child deaths due to abuse, but the difference with the Stampers is that drugs were involved."

Relatives have declined to speak to Hometown Life since the Stampers died. Court testimony so far implicated an intended marijuana deal that devolved into gunfire.

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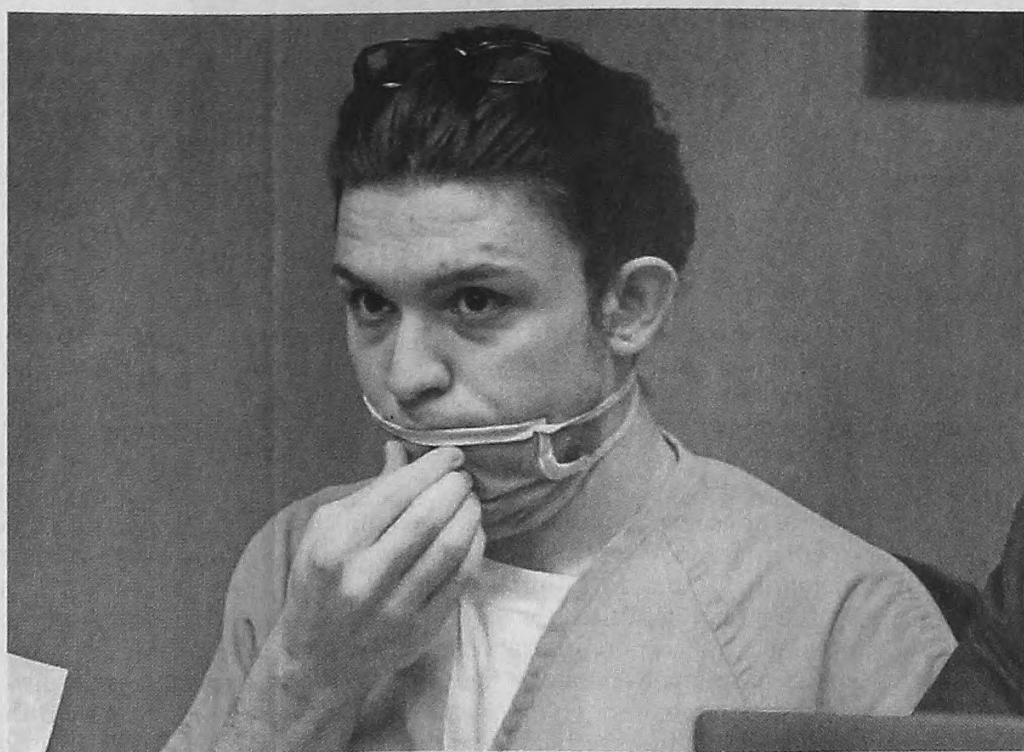
For South Lyon and Lyon Township residents curious about some of the community's more nefarious episodes, here are some details from Hometown Life archives:

December 2006: An 11-month old girl died, and her South Lyon father was accused of murdering her.

South Lyon police arrested Steven Lindsey McBurney, saying his child abuse killed Madison McBurney.

She suffered a subdural hematoma which caused severe swelling and bleeding of the brain, plus retinal hemorrhaging, which is often found with shaken baby syndrome.

Police said the father confessed to becoming frustrated with his daughter and throwing her into her crib when she wouldn't cease crying. He said her head hit a spindle, causing her to have a seizure.



Alleged gunman Fadi Zeineh, pictured in July, and his accused accomplice Anthony Marshall Porter face various charges that include murder for Zeineh and armed robbery for Porter. They are scheduled for January pre-trial conferences.

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He called 911. The child's mother, a nurse, was at work when the abuse apparently occurred.

August 2006: Christopher Adam Lucas was accused of beating his girlfriend's mother to death in the living room of her Lyon Township home.

According to police and witnesses, he hit and stomped on Martha Wallace, 44, the day before she died at the hospital.

The South Lyon High School dropout had been living with the Wallace family. He and his girlfriend had an infant daughter.

He had grown up in both Northville and South Lyon. He was convicted on a second-degree murder count.

December 1995: Tracy Schafer was accused of fatally shooting her husband Rick in the back of the head. She was convicted of second-degree murder.

According to authorities, she told in-

vestigators she returned to their Lyon Township mobile home after visiting a store to find her husband dead in bed.

The Michigan Women's Justice and Clemency Project apparently has fought for leniency.

"In a 1995 argument of escalating violence, Tracy shot her drug-addicted, abusive husband out of fear," reads the project's website.

November 1985: A family argument between a mother and her son at an East Lake Street home resulted in the mother's death from "multiple blunt trauma."

Her then 27-year-old son Kristopher Lynn Sveska, was arrested and charged with murdering his mother Evelyn, 62.

Police confiscated the 16-gauge shotgun used in the crime. They had witnessed small pieces of wood apparently from the gun stock near the body in the kitchen.

The son apparently was sitting on a

couch, still talking on the telephone to a dispatcher when officers arrived.

November 1985: A 59-year-old grocery store owner was killed during an apparent robbery attempt at his Country Stop Market on Grand River Avenue just west of New Hudson.

Brian Joubran died at the hospital several hours from a fatal shot to the stomach.

He apparently took the bullet when heeding a scream from a family member and cashier. Two young men, one bearing a 12-gauge shotgun had entered the store.

One of them had walked through the doors about 15 minutes before the shooting and had left only to return with the second man.

Detectives said the gunman shot Joubran without provocation.

The suspects apparently tried to open the cash register after firing their gun. They ran from the Grand River Avenue store when they set off a shrill alarm.

November 1976: Janet Phillips, a 19-year-old Walled Lake Western High School student, was found stabbed to death by hunters moving through a wooded area near Haas and Twelve Mile roads in Lyon Township.

She was covered in branches, bark and leaves, but the finders — a South Lyon father and son — said body parts were showing.

Prosecutors accused a Milford resident, Michael Larry O'Brien, after a private detective reported seeing a parked car along Twelve Mile Road on the Friday Phillips disappeared.

He had stopped to look inside the car and saw a purse in the front seat and a coat in the back. He documented the license plate number.

Prosecutors said O'Brien was on parole for a breaking and entering conviction when he saw Phillips of Union Lake hitchhiking after missing a school bus.

He was later convicted on a first-degree murder charge.

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Northville group talks road projects, safety

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There is a room in the Northville Downtown Development Authority headquarters — half-jokingly nicknamed “The War Room” — that is temporarily wallpapered with aerial maps of the city, most of which are brightened by curvy, fluorescent-colored lines that represent potential change.

The room’s modest group of frequent occupants — all volunteers with an eye on preparing their hometown for the seismic change that will accompany generational development (aka The Downs project) — make up the Northville Mobility Network Team, which has been meeting periodically the past several weeks.

Don’t let the team’s unpaid status fool you. They mean business.

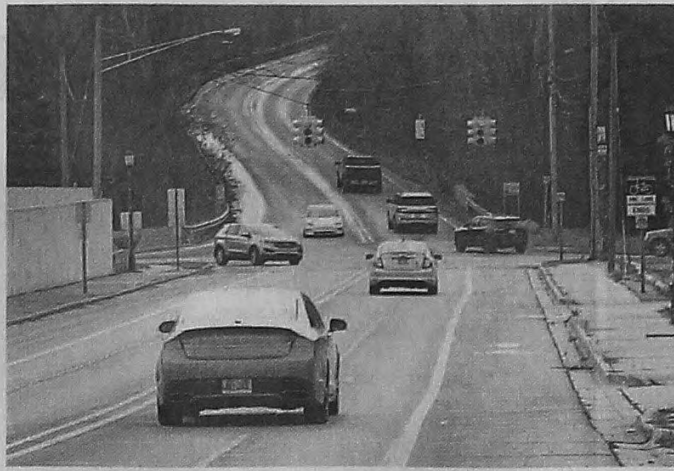
Following an information-packed presentation during the Dec. 6 Northville City Council’s weekly Zoom meeting, Nancy Darga, who chairs the Northville River Restoration Task Force, emphasized the urgency by which decision-makers must act on the team’s five prioritized action sites.

“It’s important that the city assemble (a team of consultants) quickly so we can take advantage of safe school funding programs that are available and federal infrastructure funds we’re anticipating,” Darga said.

The network’s initial goals were to outline the challenges the city faces related to safe, walkable streets, effective traffic flow and the creation of connections between city assets, business districts and parks — before prioritizing the projects based on an intense set of criteria.

Now that these goals have been accomplished, the network is requesting the city hire a consulting firm to address solutions for the specific critical action areas.

The Mobility Network consists of a convergence of River Restoration Task Force members and Sustaina-



A roundabout is being considered for Northville’s Center and Seven Mile intersection, among other projects aimed at road safety and improvement. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

bility Committee members — all of whom share a goal of enhancing the way pedestrian, bike and motor vehicular traffic moves within the city.

The study identifies a list of five prioritized “action sites” with corresponding data assembled for a professional Mobility Network Consultant to analyze and make recommendations for design solutions to these corridors and intersections of concern.

The five action sites include:

The Seven Mile Road corridor, from Wing Street to Main Street. Two of the biggest challenges with this site are the intersection of Seven Mile and Center streets and the awkward convergence of Seven Mile and Hines Drive, said Darga, who added the team determined both intersections are prime candidates for roundabouts.

“Anyone who has driven through the Seven Mile-Center Street intersection can relate to the challenges

that area presents,” Darga said. “Not only are there daily traffic backups during high-volume traffic times, the steep hill on Center leading into the city is dangerous when icy conditions exist.

“Additionally, it’s a sterile, unwelcoming entrance to the south end of the city for visitors. It’s just blah.”

Darga said the team would like to see dedicated bike paths added to the corridor to ramp up its safety.

South Center Street. Landscaping, bike lanes and crosswalk improvements are recommended to address walkability concerns, particularly at the Fairbrook Street-Beal Street intersection.

Old Core (the heart of the city business district). Among the recommendations are Cady Street, from Center to Main, that needs to be evaluated for traffic capacity, parking and pedestrian interface; and Hutton and Church streets, from Main to Cady, that need to be evaluated for capacity, parking layout and direction of flow because they are major connectors from the new development to the business core.

River Street will play a heightened role as a connector to the Downs project, so an evaluation of the type of connection — whether enhanced vehicular or a multi-use bridge — is needed. The study concluded that an overall improved street cross section that includes two-way traffic, on-street parking and walkways is also needed.

The Doheny safe school passageway under the railroad bridge needs a box culvert opening to allow pedestrian and bike traffic under the tracks separate from the Doheny/S. Main Street vehicular passage, especially considering elementary-aged students who live in the Downs project are projected to be attending Silver Springs Elementary School.

The team encourages that solutions to the action sites should be presented to Wayne County Road Authority for an agreed upon final solution and funding strategy.

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Police

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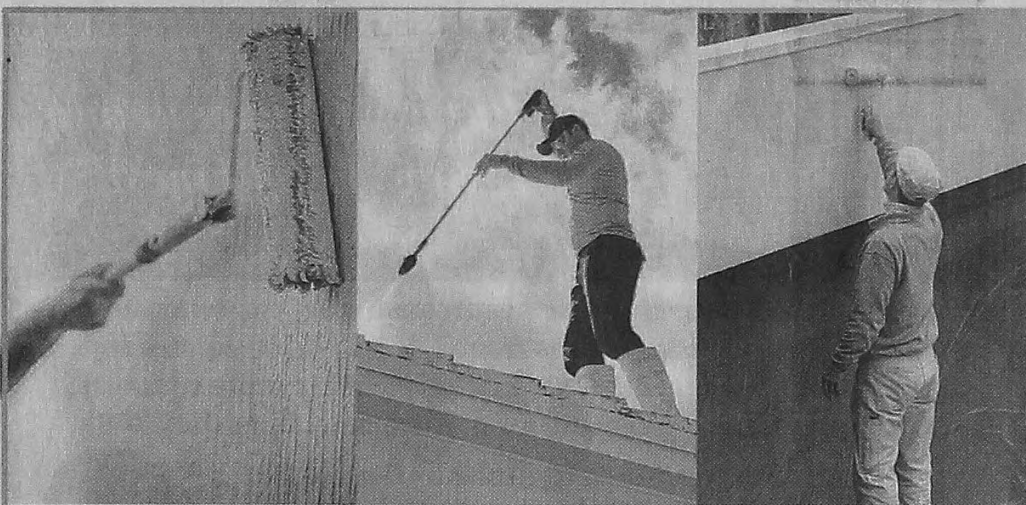
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Three homes along Ann Arbor Trail near downtown Plymouth have been demolished to make way for another development. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Demo

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level it out,” Beems added. “Working with the city’s building department (to secure a demolition permit) went very smooth. We had no issues whatsoever.”

Beems’ property sits just to the east of the Plymouth Historic District. Structures located within the boundaries of the historic district cannot be leveled or altered without a series of scrutiny-heavy meetings and public hearings.

In August, Joseph Koch, the owner of 132-year-old structure at 711 W. Ann Arbor Trail since 1999, submitted an application to the city’s Historic District Commission seeking permission to have the structure razed, explaining in a letter at-



Two of the three structures that were demolished the week before Christmas. COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

tached to the application that, “the value of the property would increase tremendously if the building were removed and the site was developed to a higher and best use.”

Even though Koch’s property is just a stone’s throw from Beems’ acreage, it sits in the historic district, which raises the bar when it comes to demolition.

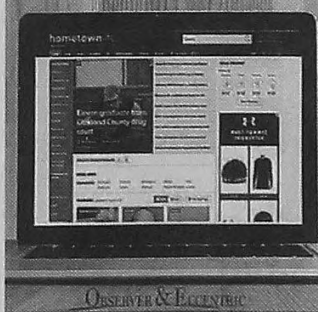
Days before the commission was scheduled to discuss the application at its Sept. 1 meeting, Koch asked to have the matter

postponed. Several city historians — including members of the Plymouth Preservation Network — were upset when they initially heard of Koch’s demolition plans.

Beems’ property is zoned residential, so he has options — single-family homes or a multi-unit complex are possibilities — as to what can be built on the site, City of Plymouth administrators concurred.

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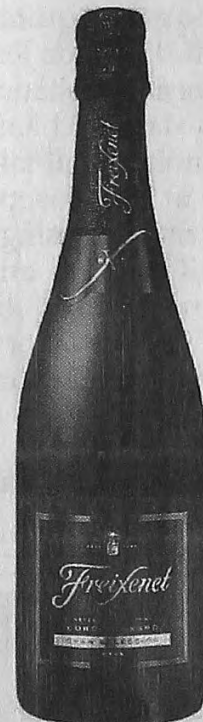
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Antoinette "Toni" Bye

LIVONIA, MICHIGAN AND LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA. - Antoinette (Toni) Delicato Bye was born on February 9, 1930, in Cassino, Italy. She was the first-born child of Antonio and Giovanna Delicato. When she was 10 years old, she, her mother and sister Rose joined her father in Detroit.

Antoinette was a warm and generous person who had many friends. She was a wonderful cook who often hosted holiday dinners for family and friends. She enjoyed making crafts and traveling to Italy with her siblings and visiting her family there. Her lifelong career as a cosmetologist brought beauty to her customers and many became lifelong friends.

Antoinette loved her family. She was predeceased by her husband (of 60 years) Joseph Bye and son Jerry Bye and is survived by Rick (Patty) Bye, Sandra (Stuart) Crawford, and Dan (Debbie) Bye. She has 5 grandchildren; Brian Bye, Erica Crawford, Patrick Crawford, Jesse Bye and Stephanie Crawford. She has eight great-grandchildren; Katelynn, Tyler, Arianne, Cody, Jayvin, Amelia, Christopher and Matthew.

She is also survived by her brother, Armando (Connie) Delicato and brother-in-law Clyde (Rose-deceased) Riopelle, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside ceremony at Glenn Eden Cemetery for family. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

Arrangements are by Strickland Funeral Home & Crematory, 103 W. Franklin St., Louisburg, NC www.stricklandfuneralhome.net.

Karen L. MacIver

LIVONIA - Age 65, passed away Friday, December 17, 2021. Surviving are her children, Kim (Matt) Madden, Dan (Veronica) MacIver, Tim (Elisha) MacIver and Becky (Tony) Kales; grandchildren, Kameron, Ashlyn, Kaylee, Trevor, Kelsey, Marissa, Madison, Jessica, Nico and Ellie; loving former spouse, Steven MacIver; in-laws, Penny McIlrath, Linda (Vince) Maylone, Karen Gidley, Lori (Bill) Nagy, Patti (Jerry) O'Chel and Robert (Carla) MacIver; aunts and uncles, Beverly Hallonen, Kathy Ronald and Mike (Pat) McIlrath; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Karen was preceded in death by her parents, William and Marilyn (McKissick) McIlrath, and her brother, John William McIlrath. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. Memorial tributes Clarenceville Education Foundation. heeney-sundquist.com



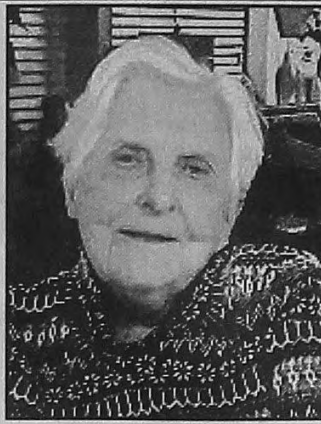
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Donald J. Summers

FARMINGTON - Age 90, of Farmington, passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Graduate of Dearborn St. Alphonsus and U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. Spent early working career with the Bert L. Smokler Residential Construction Co., then soon thereafter, through ambition and sheer determination, developed numerous retail/commercial real estate sites throughout the SE Michigan area, remaining actively engaged in his business concerns right up to his final weeks. Beloved husband of 63 years to June; loving father of Donna (Michael) Jones, Steve (Renee) Summers and Nancy Summers; dear grandfather of Andrew Jones, Michelle Jones, Stephanie Pierce, Nicole Summers, and Gregory Summers; and great grandfather of Eliana Pierce and Beau Pierce. Don was preceded in death by siblings, Charles, Frank, and Dorothy. A memorial service is planned for the spring of 2022. In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial tributes are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3521 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184, or St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd, Farmington 48336. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington (248) 474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com



HEENEY-SUNDQUIST



Mary Lou (Mulholland) Kidd

EAST LANSING - Mary Lou (Mulholland) Kidd, age 91 of East Lansing, formerly of Birmingham, passed away on her birthday, Dec. 17, 2021. She was born in Birmingham on Dec. 17, 1930 to Frank and Mary (Wright) Mulholland.

Surviving are her husband, Claude; sons, Charles, Kevin, Terrance and Christopher; daughters, Claudia, Mariann and Sandra; brother, Frank; 19 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Dec. 30, 2021 at 12 noon at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Rd., East Lansing. Visitation before Mass at 11 a.m.

Committal will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lansing.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.GorslineRuncimanEastLansing.com

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Detroit Catholic Central school president Ed Turek, left, and Father Patrick Fulton look at some blueprints of their Novi facilities planned STEM expansion on Dec. 14. Catholic Central will be constructing a new building just to the north of their current main facility. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Catholic Central preps for future of science with massive expansion

Susan Bromley HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Catholic Central in Novi is set to double in size, beginning next summer.

A \$35 million STEM center will add 57,000 square feet of academic space to the private high school located at 27225 Wixom Road.

The amenities are abundant and forward-thinking — the expansion will add eight new science laboratories, four dedicated lab prep rooms, an engineering lab, a 5,300-square-foot robotics competition space, a robotics building room, a greenhouse, a lecture hall, several multi-use spaces and even an observatory.

"If you want to reach for the moon, you've got to shoot for the stars," Fr. Patrick Fulton said. "We want our students to have the full experience of science curriculum, and that includes astronomy."

With all of the additions, the school is looking to prepare its more than 900 students for "vigorous growth" in science and engineering career fields. School officials cite the Bureau of Labor Statistics which predicts STEM jobs will increase by 10.5% before the decade is out. The average STEM job pays more than twice as much as non-STEM jobs as of 2020: \$89,780 compared to \$40,020 annually.

Still, Catholic Central also retains a liberal arts focus and the STEM addition will allow for former science classrooms in the original building to be utilized in the arts area.

"We want to provide a rich experience and expand career opportunities and we're not pigeon-holing to science," Fulton said. "Catholic education doesn't produce people as products, but gives them a broad experience that helps them discover things about themselves. In the future, we want to preserve dramatic offerings."

Fulton does not expect to dramatically increase the school's enrollment, which currently stands at about 930 male students, but said some teaching staff will be added with the expansion. Construction is expected to be completed by January 2024.

The STEM center addition has been planned for about three years and is funded entirely by donations, many from alumni, with no tuition dollars used.

"The incredible generosity of our alumni and benefactors makes our vision to provide a world-class education possible for our students,"



A student passes in the central hallway of Catholic Central in December.

"If you want to reach for the moon, you've got to shoot for the stars. We want our students to have the full experience of science curriculum, and that includes astronomy."

Fr. Patrick Fulton

Catholic Central president Ed Turek, a 1985 graduate of the school, said. "It is important to us that we offer the best possible facilities and experience for our students, but it is even more important that we work to remain accessible for students from all backgrounds. We can only do that if we are funding projects with private donations."

Detroit Catholic Central, founded in 1928, moved to Novi from Redford in 2005. The addition is the third major project in the campus master plan. The most recent was renovation of the school's Learning Commons, which opened in August. The first was an improved school entrance on Wixom Road, completed in the fall of 2020.

Fulton is thrilled to see the STEM center addition come to fruition ahead of the school's 100th anniversary in 2028.

"I never thought I'd live to see the day, but we're more than excited to provide greater opportunities for teachers to teach and students to learn, participate and be engaged," he said.

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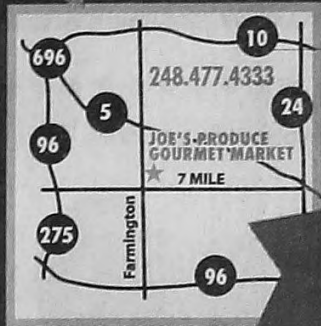
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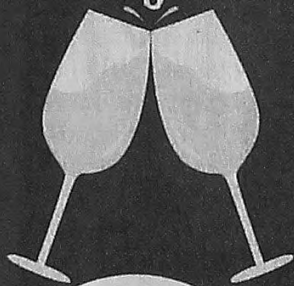
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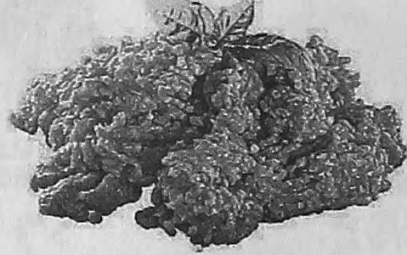
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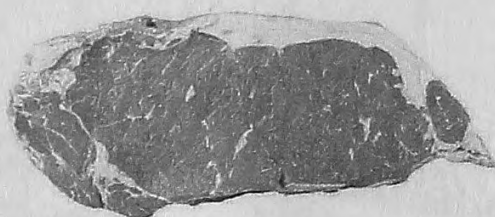
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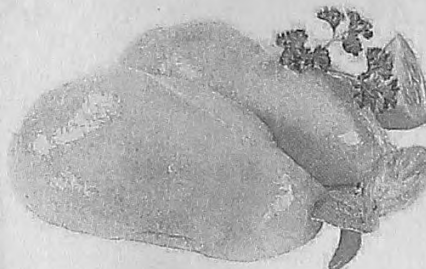
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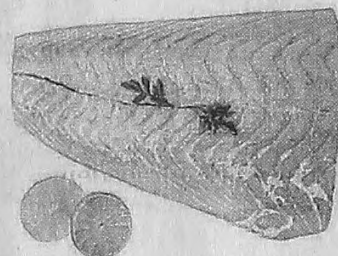


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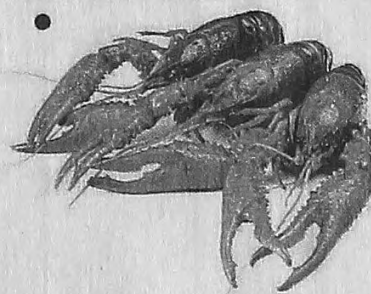


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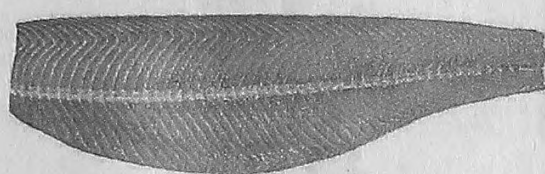
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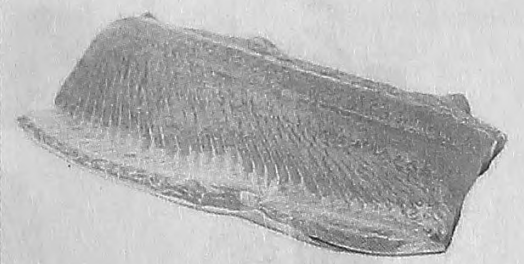
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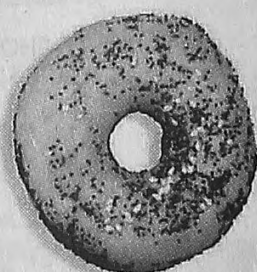


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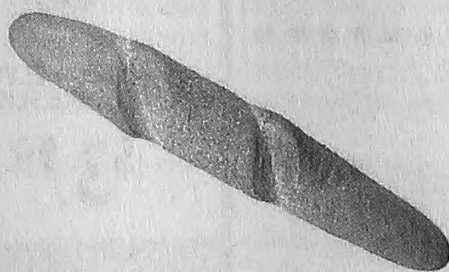
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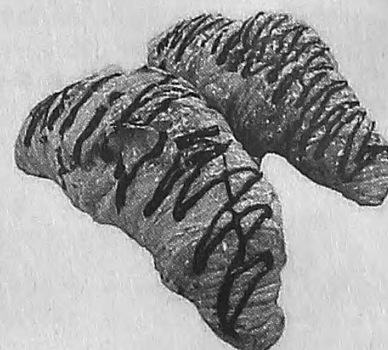
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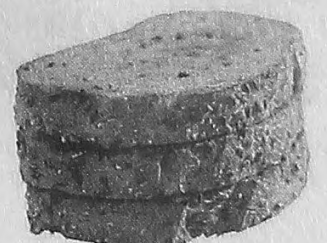
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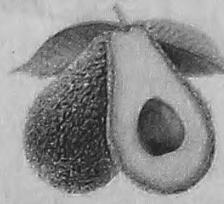
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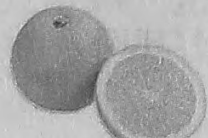
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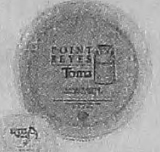


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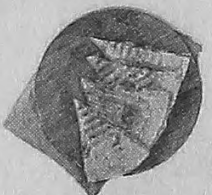


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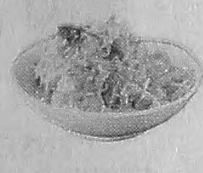
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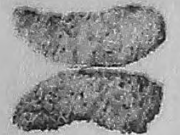
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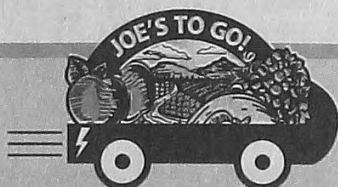
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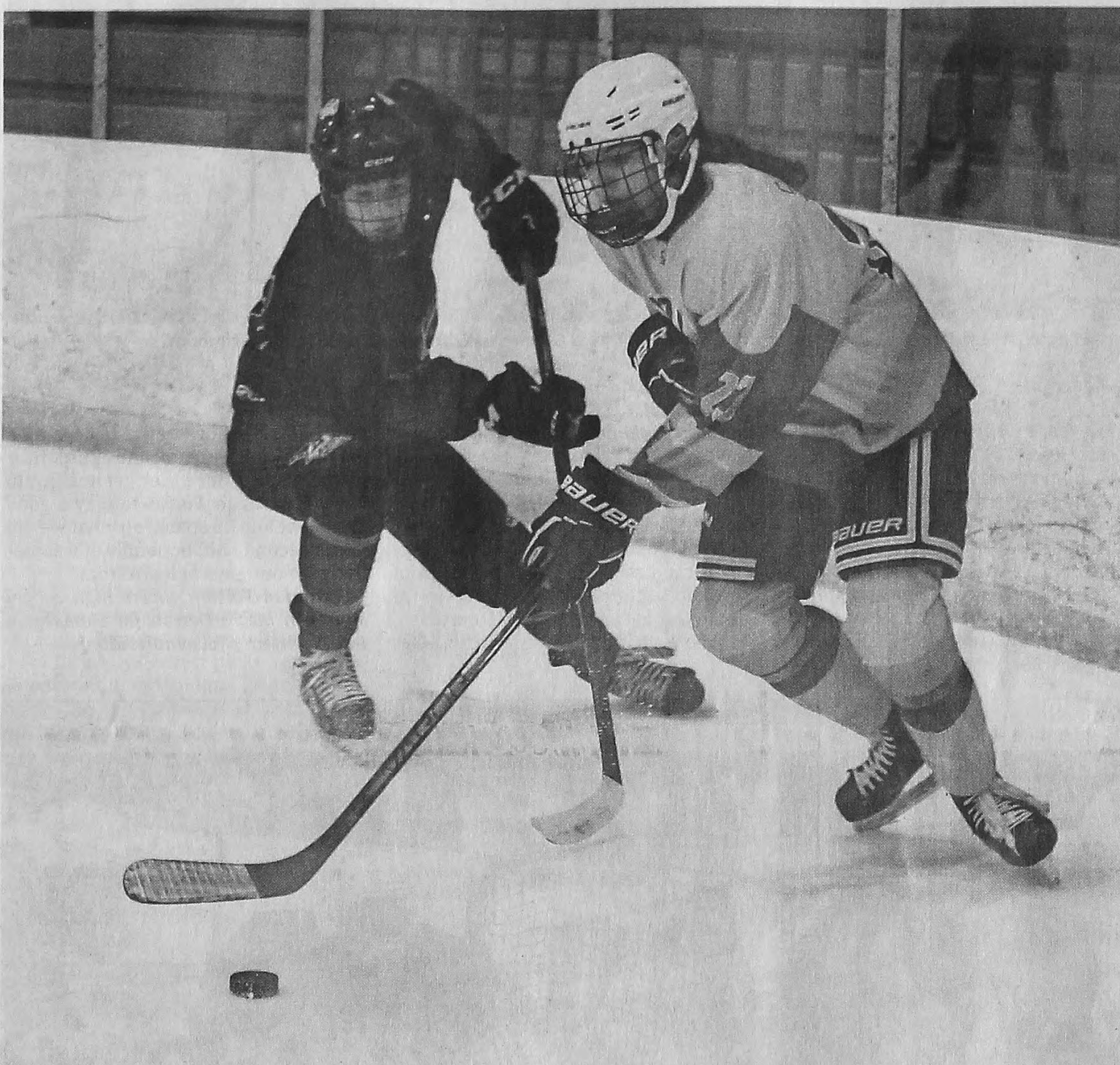


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Stevenson's McKenzie Siroky, right, scoops the puck off the boards and heads to the Plymouth net. Stevenson won, 6-0. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevenson junior first female to score goal in team history

Ben Szilagy Special to Hometownlife.com
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Standing on the bench overlooking the ice, Livonia Stevenson coach Dave Mitchell has seen a lot of special moments in his 13 years leading the Spartans.

He's seen a lot of great players come through the locker room and mentored many more along the way as well. But on Dec. 22, Mitchell saw something he's never seen before in the Spartans' 6-0 victory over Plymouth.

Junior forward McKenzie Siroky became the first female player to score a goal in program history.

"It was a great moment. I'm so proud of her, and happy for her," he said. "McKenzie has set records in the pool and jumped out of it to set a record here. She's just driven to be the best player she can be."

"She's special."

"McKenzie (Siroky) has set records in the pool and jumped out of it to set a record here. She's just driven to be the best player she can be. She's special."

Dave Mitchell Stevenson hockey coach

The moment came when the game was well in hand late in the third period, but it was a moment that was bound to happen in her seventh game.

"The whole game I was like, 'blocker side, blocker side.' It was there. I had a couple of chances earlier in the game," she said. "But in between periods, I was visualizing the goal. I knew it was going to go in one time, but it felt good when it

did."

With 4:55 left to play, junior forward Jeff Rand intercepted the puck in the neutral zone and chipped it ahead to Siroky. She then coasted down into the offensive zone, and fired the shot, blocker side, for a 6-0 lead.

Thanks to the Spartan (9-2) power play, the game was already decided. The unit is coached by assistant Keith Robertson and has been hard to stop.

"Coach Robertson has put in a lot of work with our power-play units," Mitchell said. "He's taken over the coaching there and has done a tremendous job."

"He has that unit playing at a very high level. He's just so diligent with them and goes over video with them. Just finding ways to get them better. When you mix that with great players, success follows."

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Milford basketball hoping to build off first loss

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Through three weeks, the Milford boys basketball team has played every game close.

Wins over Salem and Walled Lake Northern were decided in overtime, while another was a two-point victory over Detroit Old Redford.

That competitive streak appeared to be ending when Hartland grabbed a 19-point lead over the Mavericks late in the first half of Tuesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association vs. Lakes Valley Conference showcase at Novi.

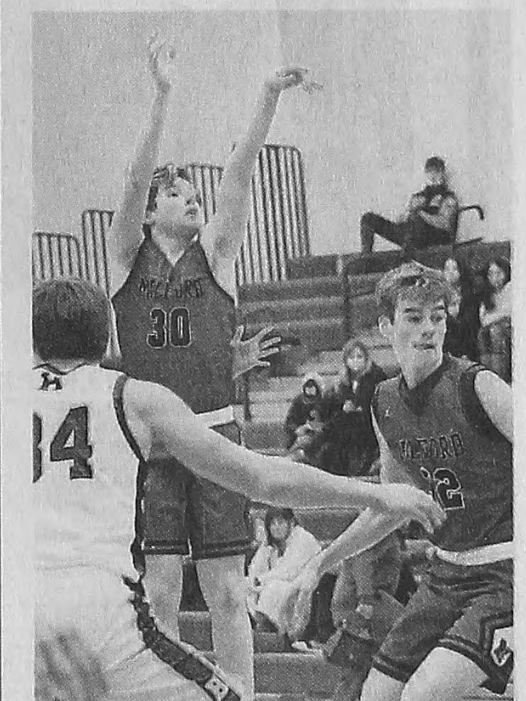
"I told them that it's varsity basketball. You've got to come out ready to play every single time," Milford coach David Gilbert said he told his players at halftime. "We didn't in the first, but we came back in the second, and that shows the grit and character of our team."

The Mavericks (3-1) played inspired in a 20-point third quarter, trimming a 30-13 halftime deficit to just five points thanks to a pair of long runs.

They opened the period on an 11-2 run thanks to a pair of jumpers from Samuel Lewis, who scored a team-best 14 points, and then they finished with another 7-0 scoring spree following some baskets down low from both Lewis and Anthony Hutter.

Early in the fourth, Lukas Jaklic (six points) drove through the lane and somehow juggled in a layup that made it a 40-35 score with 5:28 left.

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Milford's Aiden Verhey shoots a 3-pointer Dec. 21 against Hartland. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Milford's Anthony Hutter shoots in traffic Dec. 21 against Hartland.
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Milford coach David Gilbert talks to his players during a timeout.

Milford

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Moments later, Hutter scored down low again to make it a three-point game, the closest it had been since Hartland's Ryan Bohlen (14 points) made the game's second basket.

But that's where Milford's comeback attempt ended.

Hartland went on to score 11 of the next 16 points in the final 3 minutes and ultimately held on for the 51-43 win.

The Eagles (3-1) made five foul shots in the bonus to preserve the victory.

"I think we just woke up and started to play," Gilbert said of the comeback attempt. "I know we have that in us. We

have the potential to do that. We've played better in our first three games than we just did right there."

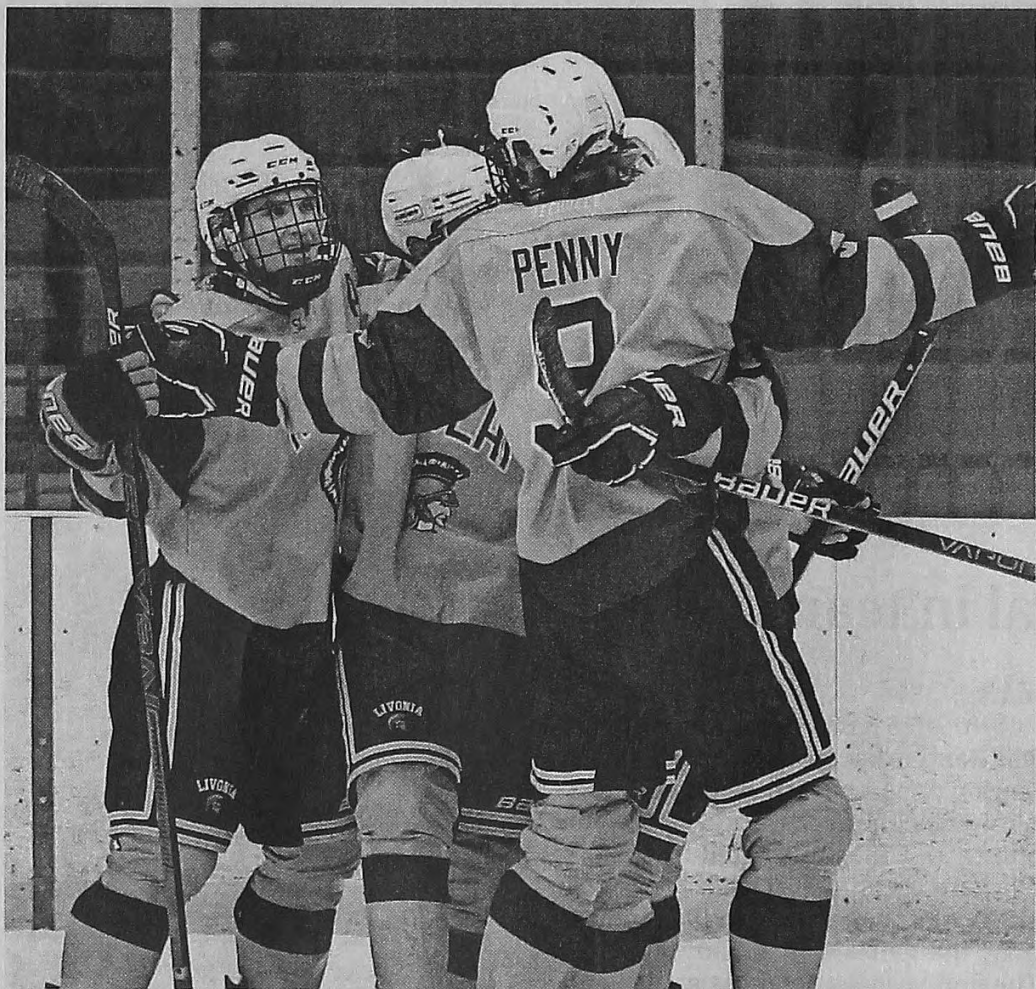
Lucas Theriault added eight points for the Mavericks.

Hartland, which buried six 3-pointers in the first half, got 14 points from Spencer Bulthuis and nine apiece from Justin Odoms and Anthony Huerta.

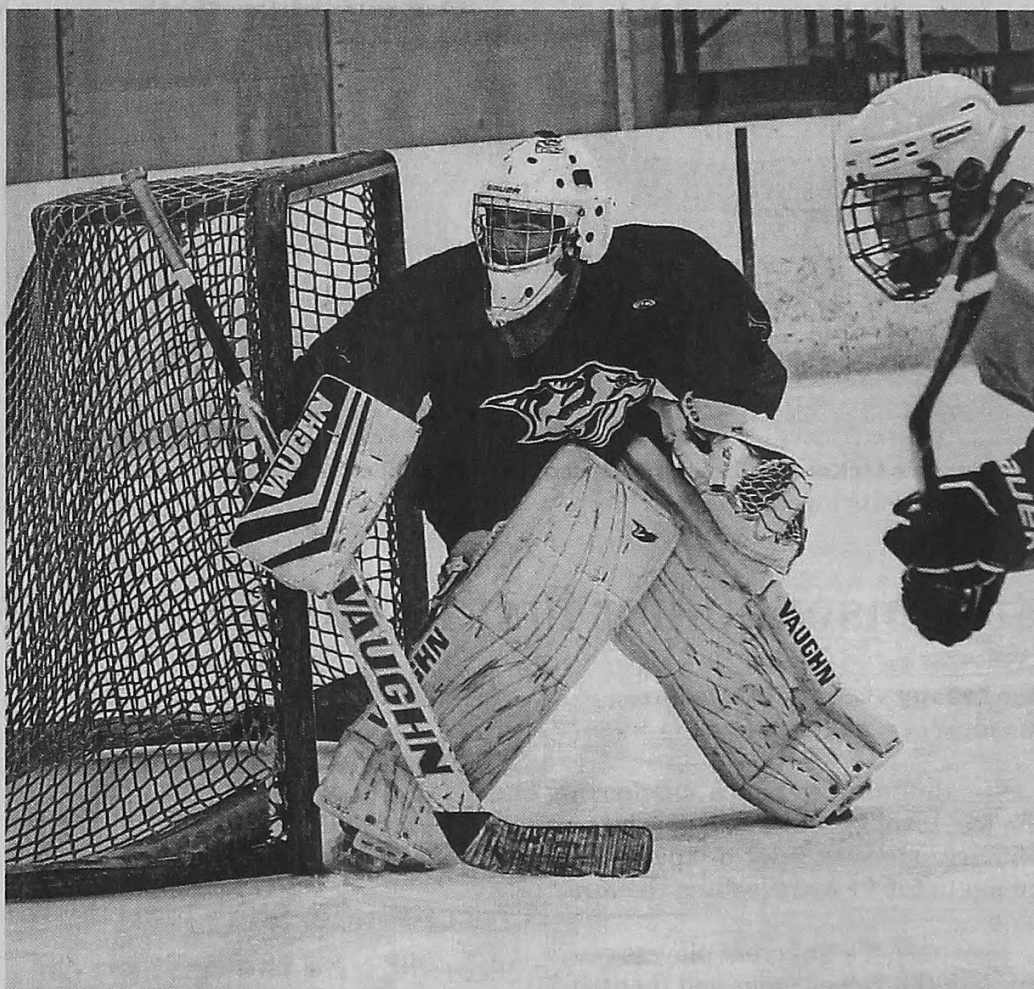
"There's a lot to learn from this," Gil-

bert added. "I know they're (Hartland) a very high-quality team, and I know they have a chance, once they get healthy, to win their league. For us to play a good opponent and be able to do what we did in the second half, hopefully, it's something for our guys to learn from."

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The Spartans celebrate Ty Heath's first-period power play goal.
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Wildcat goalie Tanner Olepa keeps an eye on the puck at Eddie Edgar Arena.

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The Spartans went 4 for 8 on the night, getting two power-play goals in the first and third periods, respectively. It helped pace the game when the Spartans had a man advantage.

Junior Ty Heath put in a rebound to start the scoring just 4:32 into the first, while senior forward Andrew Elliott put in a long rebound from the point for a 2-0 lead later on in the period.

Junior forward Owen Penny built upon the lead, making it 3-0, 17 seconds into the second with his 10th goal of the season before sophomore Derek Buchanan added a power-play goal. Elliott added another shot from the point for a 5-0 lead midway through the third period (his 12th).

Both Elliott (23 points) and Penny (24) have paced the Spartans.

"The hockey IQ of Elliott and Penny is just great," Mitchell said. "They play at a

high level, and have great vision. Their ability to see the ice is second to none. They can make plays with their skill set, and both of them are just really good hockey players."

There's a lot to like about this Stevenson team.

It plays hard, is tenacious and is a coachable group. It's similar to Mitchell's past teams.

Although the season is halfway over, Mitchell knows there's more work to be done to ensure this group's potential.

"We talk about having good sticks in play," he said. "When you can get your sticks in the right spots, you make things incredibly hard on your opponents. We've been really working on that in practice and fine-tuning the little details to make sure we're controlling all 200 feet when we can."

"This group is extremely coachable. They listen. They do what is asked of them all the way through, and all the way around. I'm so proud of where they've come, but we have a long way to go."



The Livonia Stevenson Spartan bench.

U-M offensive line must avoid getting tied up by Georgia's twisting, stunts

Michael Cohen Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

DANIA BEACH, Fla. – More than two months ago, in mid-October, Michigan returned from its bye week to prepare for a date with Northwestern. The Wolverines were 10 days removed from a thrilling 32-29 win over Nebraska featuring three lead changes in the fourth quarter as coach Jim Harbaugh's club clawed its way to a 6-0 record.

Percolating beneath the surface of an undefeated start was a problem that gnawed at U-M's offensive line, a group coached by Sherrone Moore that would eventually be recognized as the best in the country with the Joe Moore Award earlier this month.

For as dominant as Moore's group had been through the first five weeks, the Wolverines were flummoxed by Nebraska's use of stunts, twists and games to generate pass rush by looping one player around another at the line of scrimmage. The Cornhuskers had nearly as many quarterback hits that night (four) as Michigan's three previous Power Five opponents combined.

"It was definitely a learning moment for us," right tackle Andrew Stueber said on Oct. 19. "That was the first time we've really kind of experienced a good twisting team, a good penetrating team."

The problem resurfaced less than a month later when Indiana tallied three sacks and seven quarterback hits by pairing inside linebackers with defensive linemen in a series of twists that gashed the Wolverines. So stunning were Michigan's breakdowns in protection that even former U-M lineman Jon Jansen, host of the "Inside Michigan Football" radio show, said on an athletic department podcast that there were "things they did in that game that I was shocked at because I hadn't seen."

Struggling to pass off stunts and twists is perhaps the only identifiable weakness for an offensive line that leads the nation in fewest tackles for loss allowed with 27 and is tied for second in fewest sacks allowed with 10. But in facing Georgia, a team with eight or more future NFL draft picks among its defensive linemen and linebackers alone, the Wolverines will be tangling with a group that relies heavily on — and excels at — the types of simulated pressures that have perplexed them.

Of the 28 quarterback hits allowed by Michigan's offensive line this season, twist-happy defenses from Nebraska



Georgia defensive lineman Jordan Davis runs drills before the SEC championship game Dec. 4 against Alabama in Atlanta. BRETT DAVIS/USA TODAY SPORTS

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**Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH,
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION**

PROPOSED ACTION: Request for an Amended Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Inn at St. John's (PC #2414)

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to redevelop the existing Inn at St. John's facility (Tax ID: R-78-013-01-0001-003, R-78-013-99-0001-001, and R-78-018-03-0075-001) with an amendment to the existing Planned Unit Development (PUD), pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The subject site is zoned the TAR, Technology and Research District and consists of 187 acres.

Generally, the subject site is located at 44045 Five Mile Road, at the southeast corner of the intersection of Five Mile Road and Sheldon Road. Approximately 11 acres of the site will be impacted by the requested development; this includes a ballroom addition and entry garden; a ceremony building addition; and a golf course pro-shop addition, among other site, parking, and landscaping improvements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Public Services Department (second floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
WORLD STONE GROUP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of World Stone Group, a company specializing in countertops, who has requested an industrial development tax abatement for its facility located in the Ridge 5 Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of World Stone Group is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the legislative board of any affected taxing unit in the township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the clerk will be considered.

A public hearing will take place during a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The meeting will be held in the town hall meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170, commencing at 7:00 p.m. For additional information call 734-354-3224.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PEACH BOWL

How Michigan State plans to fix leaky secondary vs. Pitt's new quarterback

Chris Solari Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

What initially appeared to be the toughest test for Michigan State's problematic secondary this season transformed into an entirely different type of challenge.

Figuring out who is Nick Patti. He is the Pitt quarterback who will replace Heisman Trophy finalist Kenny Pickett when the 10th-ranked Spartans face the 12th-ranked Panthers in Thursday's Peach Bowl.

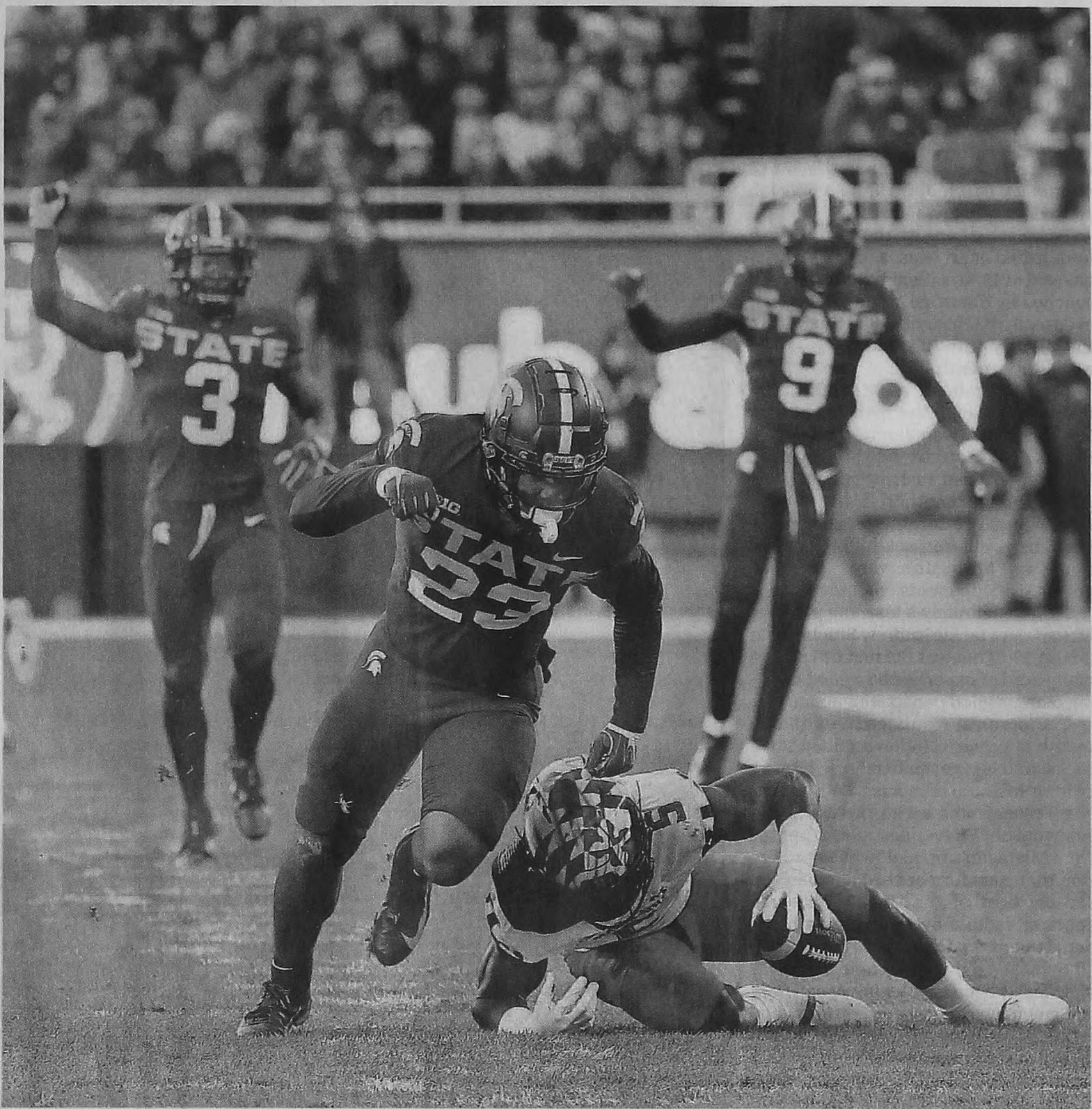
"We don't have as much film as we do with Kenny Pickett, but we're going to treat him like he's a great quarterback," safety Darius Snow said Monday morning before MSU's practice in Atlanta. "Nick Patti's his name. He's a redshirt junior. He's actually from the same state as Mr. Pickett. And we're going to assume that he's the best quarterback we've ever played. That's just how we approach every single game."

One of the top-tier New Year's Six bowl games lost a lot of its star power when Pickett as well as highly decorated Spartans running back Kenneth Walker III each opted out to begin preparation for the NFL draft. Both were finalists for the Maxwell Award that goes to the nation's best player, and Walker beat out Pickett for the Walter Camp national player of the year award.

Without Pickett, Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi will turn the ball over to Patti, and Snow's quick synopsis comes as good intel.

Patti, 6 feet 3, 220 pounds, is a former three-star recruit from Hillsdale, New Jersey and St. Joseph Regional High. He took a limited amount of snaps in eight games this season, completing 12 of 14 passes for 140 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. Patti also ran for a 9-yard score on his only carry, back in the Panthers' opener against Massachusetts.

Though he played in just two games



Michigan State Spartans safety Darius Snow (23) makes the tackle on Maryland Terrapins wide receiver Rakim Jarrett (5) during first half action Nov. 13 at Spartan Stadium. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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U-M

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and Indiana were responsible for 39.3% of them.

"Those simulated pressures have been around forever," said an offensive analyst for an SEC team that played Georgia this season, "but for some reason this year they've shown up more. They kind of seem to be all the hype right now."

Stunts, twists and games fall under the umbrella of simulated pressures because they're designed to harass a quarterback without dedicating five, six or seven defenders to a rush. Instead, defensive coordinators find a happy medium between coverage and pass rush by asking two or more players who are already in the box to trade places after the ball is snapped. Those players arc around one another to simulate a blitz by probing the communication and rec-

ognition skills of the offensive linemen, who must pass off assignments on the fly as defenders realign.

"It's all about timing, it's all about chemistry," said Georgia nose tackle Jordan Davis, a likely first-round pick in the 2022 NFL draft, during a Zoom call on Monday morning. "It takes timing from the D-line, takes timing from the OLBs, from the inside linebackers, everybody. If you're misjudging time or shooting the gap too early, you could be in somebody else's gap, and that's not good. But it's definitely a timing thing. A split second can mean the world."

Simulated blitzes are a primary weapon for the Bulldogs because of their affinity for split-safety coverages. Defensive coordinator Dan Lanning and head coach Kirby Smart, who served as the defensive coordinator at Alabama from 2008-15, prefer to keep two safeties deep on nearly every snap to protect their cornerbacks and guard against long passes. By relying on simulated pressures rather than traditional blitz-

es, Georgia can stress opposing offensive lines while keeping six or seven players in coverage. They simply vary which four players are rushing the passer to keep quarterbacks guessing or utilize stunts and twists to change the angles.

While nearly every defensive coordinator employs stunts, twists and games to some degree, the teams who adopt them as staples are often searching for remedies to physical limitations in the trenches, according to three coaches whose teams faced the Bulldogs this season. In Georgia's case, the combination of well-choreographed movements executed by elite players makes them extremely difficult to defend.

"That's why they're good because they're very athletic and they're good doing that," said an SEC offensive line coach. "It's not like they're doing it because they're undersized. People do it because they're undersized. They're doing it because they can, which makes it harder."

The pass rush embraces a by-committee approach. Edge rusher Travon Walker, a potential first-round pick, and defensive tackle Jalen Carter, a backup who has played the seventh-most snaps in the front seven, are tied for the team lead with 25 quarterback pressures. Eight other players have at least 10 pressures this season, and there are 11 players with at least 1/2 sacks. This includes all three off-the-ball linebackers — Nakobe Dean (23 pressures, five sacks), Quay Walker (18 pressures, 1/2 sacks) and Channing Tindall (16 pressures, 4/5 sacks) — who are frequently involved in stunts and twists as part of UGA's third-down package.

Georgia's defense presents a remarkable challenge for an offensive line that endured learning moments against Nebraska and Indiana. The Bulldogs are the final exam.

"Their talent along with their pressures and simulated pressures and twists is really good stuff," another SEC offensive line coach said.

MSU

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in 2020, running for two touchdowns and completing 2 of 5 passes, Patti made one career start in 2019 against Delaware as a redshirt freshman. That season, in which he played six games and was 26-for-43 for 301 yards, three touchdowns and an interception, provides the bulk of his collegiate game tape.

Patti's career numbers pale in comparison to Pickett's tremendous season. The senior won ACC Player of the Year and guided Pitt to its first conference title while breaking Dan Marino's school record with an ACC-record 42 touchdown passes that ranked third in the Football Bowl Subdivision during the regular season. Pickett was fifth in the nation with 4,319 passing yards, helping the Panthers' offense rank fifth in FBS at 502.9 yards per game and third in scoring at 43.0 points.

Still, MSU defensive coordinator Scottie Hazelton said he sees plenty of similarities between the quarterback he'll face in Patti and the one his defense will miss in Pickett.

"He's a decent-sized guy, moves around similar," Hazelton said. "He still breaks — we try to work to find his scrambling patterns, to see what he does and how he moves around in the pocket and stuff like that. It was good. He's got some time in the games this year, too, and he throws a good ball and has a strong arm. And so we're really excited about playing him and see how it works."

"But it was a real deal to be able to say, OK, who is this guy?"

Safety Xavier Henderson said the Spartans watched plenty of film with Pickett before he opted out to dissect the scheme and formations Pitt uses. He said that will help in preparing for Patti, but he also planned to digest some of the former backup's older game footage to try and dig a little deeper on his tendencies.

"You're preparing for the scheme, then you also prepare for the players and what they like to do," Henderson said. "And so you just kind of have to take note of what the new guy can do and compare. ... You just got to study what the other quarterback can do."

Patti still has Jordan Addison to whom he can throw the ball. The sophomore wide receiver won the Biletnikoff

Award as the nation's top receiver, leading the country with 17 touchdowns among his 93 catches for 1,479 yards.

Addison joins a long list of top receivers MSU has faced this year, along with Ohio State's big-play trio, Purdue's David Bell, Western Kentucky's Jerreth Stearns and Penn State's Jahan Dotson. Four of those players rank in the top 15 in receiving yards nationally, with Addison third this season, having the second-best season in Pitt history, behind only Larry Fitzgerald's 1,672 yards in 2003.

"He's just really smooth with his route-running," Henderson said of the 6-foot, 175-pound Addison. "I'm sure he's fast — I know he'll be fast when we get out there — but it doesn't look like he needs to run too hard. I mean, he looks smooth. ... And he goes and attacks the ball pretty well."

Facing Patti instead of Pickett is somewhat of a respite for the Spartans' secondary, which struggled all season and ranks last among 130 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in allowing 337.7 passing yards per game and 84th in passing efficiency defense (138.88). MSU also ranked 126th in the regular season with 304 first downs allowed, 186 of those coming through the air, and

have given up 26 of its 35 opponents' touchdowns through the air.

MSU played without freshman Chuck Brantley in the final three games after aggravating a shoulder injury against Purdue and had cornerbacks Brantley, Ronald Williams II and Marqui Lowery all playing hurt down the stretch. The same goes for Henderson, who sat out the second half of a blowout loss to Ohio State and pushed through the pain in the win over Penn State in the finale.

But those late limitations only added to issues that existed all season.

The Spartans hope to be as close to healthy as they've been thanks to the month off since the Nov. 27 win over Penn State.

"When you play this game, obviously it's hard to be at 100% near the end, but that's why I think this break has helped a lot," Snow said. "It's helped us get healthier as a group — not just in the secondary, just entirely as a team. But at the end of the day, even when you're hurt and you're limited and things like that, it's all about theamentals. It's all about theamentals. Things can physically hurt but if you force yourself with will power, and you play as hard as you can, you can work through stuff."

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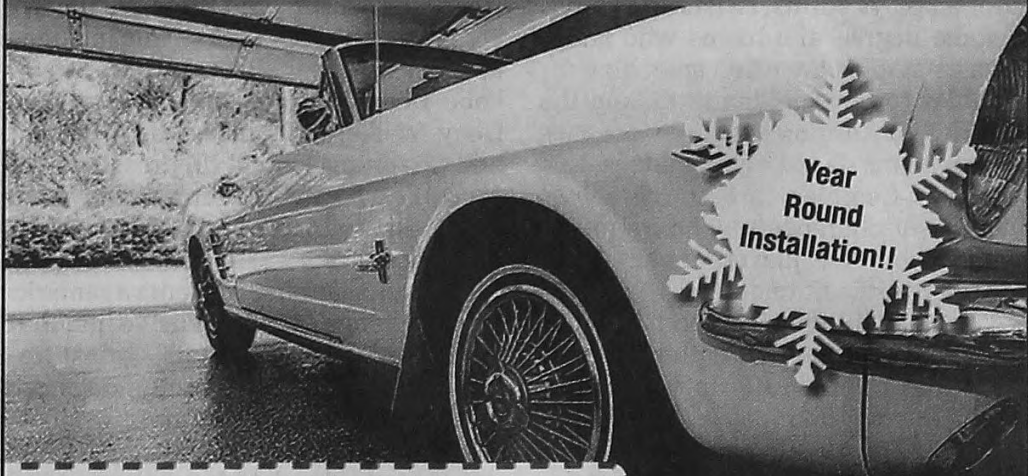
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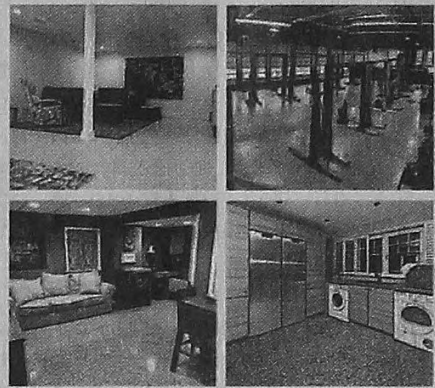
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|---------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 54 Convents and abbeys | 100 Highway good | 7 Anti's call | 44 Lucy's Arnaz | 84 Bracing drink |
| 1 Holds inside | 56 Colored rings of irises | 101 End of the riddle | 8 Catch sight of | 45 BBQ sides | 88 Singers executing quavers |
| 9 Scrams | 58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography | 106 "Perhaps ... ask me about it later" | 9 "Goldfinger" singer Shirley | 50 In present times | 89 With vehemence |
| 16 Many millennia | 61 Footed vase | 107 Band with the hit "Whip It" | 10 French thirst quencher | 52 Church topper | 90 Genetic ID |
| 20 Chart of the Pacific, e.g. | 62 Agnus — (Mass prayer) | 108 — date (plan for marriage) | 11 Electric guitar connection | 53 Bishops' toppers | 92 — choy |
| 21 Eeyore's creator | 63 Riddle, part 3 | 109 Exuding testosterone | 12 Pointers | 55 Greg Evans' long-running comic strip | 96 Conclusion |
| 22 "Blue Jasmine" | 66 "This is SO frustrating!" | 111 Catch sight of | 13 Actor Everett | 57 Isolated | 97 "Goodness!" |
| Oscar winner Blanchett | 69 Beelzebub | 113 Hobbit hunter | 14 Customs worker | 59 Poker IOUs | 99 Mil. officer |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 70 Tools used in fixing flats | 115 Tide type | 15 Golf bag item | 60 Fliers' military branch | 102 Share, as a blog entry |
| 25 Cawing bird | 72 Huge fad | 119 Exhort | 16 Fender bender, e.g. | 64 Neopagan practice | 103 Web-footed wading bird |
| 26 Collate, e.g. | 76 To date | 120 Riddle's answer | 17 Tagged for a particular use | 65 Full of racket | 104 "Me neither" |
| 27 Couch potatoes stare at them | 80 Ship's swerve | 126 Aspersions | 18 Plains tribe | 67 Autos such as Ramblers and Pacers | 105 Pioneer Boone |
| 28 Maple stuff | 83 Brow's curve | 127 Carry in the uterus | 19 Bulletin fodder | 68 Half of Hispaniola | 109 Maudlin sentimentality |
| 29 Thin coins | 85 Bygone | 128 They could use a welcome sight | 24 Iris' layer | 71 Tanzanian tourist treks | 110 Guthrie of folk singing |
| 30 Prayerful plea starter | 86 Most speedy | 93 Comic-strip light bulb | 29 Miles of jazz | 73 Must | 112 Legendary snow beast |
| 34 Designer Saarinens | 87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design | 94 Sliding-open car option | 31 Student transcript no. | 74 Pant-length measure | 114 Hacienda house |
| 37 Sparks' state | 91 "Oops, I messed up" | 95 Like below-zero nos. | 32 Long-used adage | 75 Perfume from petals | 116 "Orinoco Flow" singer |
| 39 Riddle, part 2 | 93 Comic-strip | 96 "— culpa" | 33 Least shallow | 77 Chevy SUVs | 117 Yemeni port |
| 45 Subject for Dr. Ruth | 94 Sliding-open car option | 97 "— it just me?" | 35 P-shaped Greek letter | 79 Chuck Berry title woman | 118 "Hey, over here ..." |
| 46 "Zip- — Doo-Dah" | 95 Like below-zero nos. | | 36 Sculler's tool | 80 Rural assent to a woman | 120 Org. for club swingers |
| 47 "... Mac — PC?" | 96 "— culpa" | | 38 Promising solemnly | 81 Together, in music scores | 122 Part of TGIF |
| 48 Hostess snack cake | 97 "— it just me?" | | 39 Illinois city | 82 Bringing to a conclusion | 123 "Just joking!" |
| 49 Onetime senator Trent | | | 40 Size | | 124 Lingerie item |
| 51 Hiccup or charley horse | | | 41 "— culpa" | | 125 The, in Arles |
| | | | 42 Oreck product, for short | | |
| | | | 43 St. Pat's land | | |

SUDOKU

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/30
 Here's How It Works: 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!

PUT IT ON

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? 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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 PONCHO
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