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Commission denies Wonderland project

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It's fair to say the Livonia Planning Commission doesn't like the idea of apartments going in at Wonderland Village. First, the commission recommended denial of a rezoning of the vacant lot

west of Walmart at the shopping center at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads. The most recent decision? Recommending denial of the site plan for the development, made at its June 7 meeting. The commission voted 5-2 to recommend denial of the site plan for a 201-unit, three-story apartment buildings project. The vote came after a motion

was made to approve the plan, which was turned down 5-2. Commissioners Sam Caramagno and David Bongero voted in favor of the project. The vote, taken without much discussion from the planning commissioners, came after presentations from the developer, as well as nearby residents speaking out against the plan.

Jeffrey Schostak of Schostak Brothers and Company said he was responsive to concerns about the plans and had made changes he believed were in everyone's best interest, especially to shield the development from the neighborhood to the south.

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Henry and Adele Gartner, of Livonia, will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary in August. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Seventy-five years later, couple remain smitten with each other

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Henry Gartner has absolutely no idea why the local newspaper would want to talk to him. The 100-year-old World War II veteran, lifelong baseball player and husband of almost 75 years is, according to his wife Adele, a humble guy.

"He's very modest," she said. The couple will celebrate 75 years of marriage in August, and they're still visibly smitten with each other. Their Livonia home, where they've lived for 14 years, is full of photos of loved ones and evidence of hobbies they've had over the years. Both of them say the other is simply easy to get along with, though Adele will

roll her eyes at the idea that Henry's sense of humor had anything to do with that. "I think she married me just to keep me quiet," he said. The two met after the war, during which Henry served as a guard at a prisoner of war camp for Japanese

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Canton Liberty Fest returns with fireworks

Staff Report

After a two-year COVID hiatus, Canton Liberty Fest will celebrate its 29th anniversary with three family-friendly, fun-filled days from Thursday, June 16, through Saturday, June 18 in Canton's Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. New this year, Liberty Fest's fireworks display is moving to a different day and will now be held on Friday, just after dark. Holding the fireworks on Fridays moving forward will now allow a Saturday night rain date if ever necessary. This year's event will take place 1-10 p.m. June 16; 1-11 p.m. June 17; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 18. The festival features carnival rides, games and special attractions all weekend long. Special sensory hours will be held 1-3 p.m. Thursday, where carnival rides and midway games, lights, and music will be turned off for festival-goers who are sensitive to large crowds and certain stimuli. Satisfy your taste buds throughout the festival where participating area restaurants and food trucks will present their local specialties. Liberty Festival food and the beer and wine garden will be near the amphitheater. Food trucks will be set up near the amphitheater 4-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The beer and wine garden runs 4-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday with craft beer, hard cider and wine available for purchase.

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Plymouth man arrested following standoff with police

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A man threatening a Plymouth neighborhood the afternoon of June 10 allegedly was upset with a nearby business he claimed was operating illegally and not conforming with proper zoning ordinances, city police said in a release after arresting the man.

He threatened to use a shotgun and ArmaLite rifle in an email addressed to a Junction Street business owner and the city manager.

"Within the email the suspect advised that he felt he needed to take action to shut the business down," Plymouth police said in their report. "He indicated he would use both a shotgun and AR15 and that people would get hurt or dead."

Police were at the targeted business when they heard three or four gunshots coming from the area of the suspect's Karmada Street residence.

Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox tried speaking with the suspect via telephone and requested that he step outdoors to talk with officers. The suspect refused, and the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team arrived, as did officers from Plymouth and Canton townships.

Crisis team negotiators began communicating with the suspect, who surrendered after at least two hours. He was taken into custody, and prosecutors are reviewing charges.

Because of the gunman's threat, some residents living near the intersection of Karmada and Farmer streets were alerted to "shelter in place." Officials from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools issued similar precautions for nearby East and West middle schools and Smith Elementary School.

Vince Messina, CEO of Messina Concrete Inc., said his plant manager told him about the police response to Karmada Street because of the gunman "down the street."

Traffic fight may have caused fatal shooting in Canton Twp.

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A 37-year-old Belleville man died Friday from a shooting and possible traffic fight along Haggerty Road in Canton Township.

According to the township's public safety officials, they were dispatched at about 5:18 p.m. June 10 to the shooting scene on Haggerty Road, between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue.

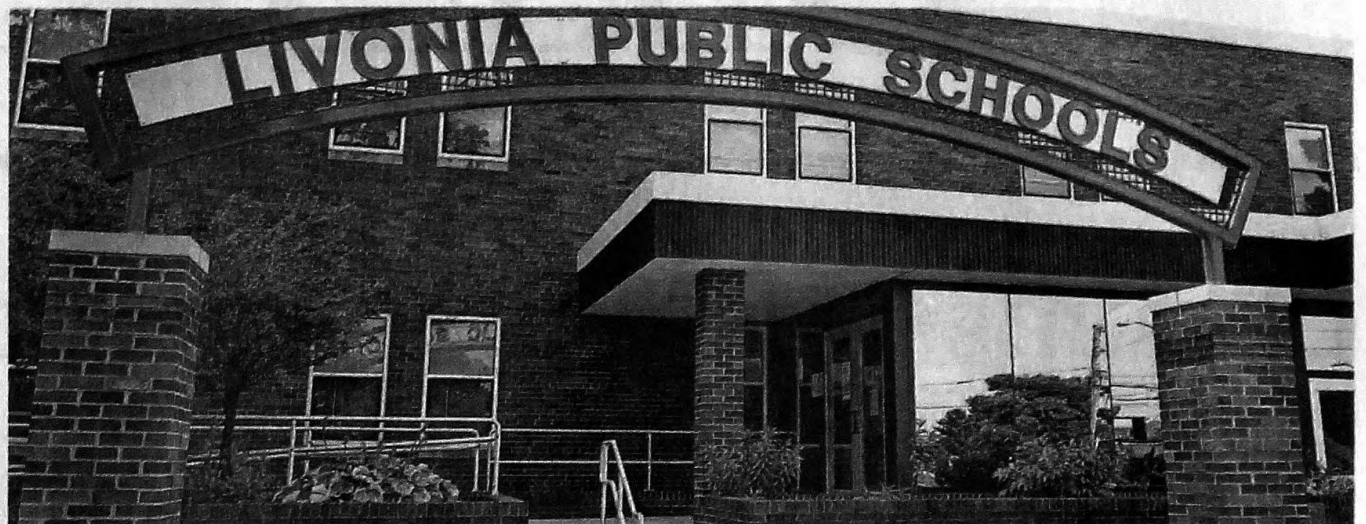
They found the Belleville man with multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to a hospital in critical condition and later succumbed to his injuries.

The shooter apparently was a male driving a 2013-2017 gray Chevrolet Equinox. Witnesses last saw him traveling north on Haggerty Road, near Haggerty Circle.

Police say a newer, white Dodge Ram pickup truck with black trim, also northbound on Haggerty Road, may have played a role in the incident.

Canton police continue to investigate. Anyone with possible information is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.



Livonia schools have a social-emotional hot line available around the clock at ses@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2737. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Livonia school officials confiscate Airsoft gun from middle schooler

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Livonia police confiscated an Airsoft pistol from an Emerson Middle School student during school Thursday, June 9.

School officials found and took the Airsoft, a pellet gun similar to a BB gun, following rumors spreading about a student with a gun in his or her bag.

Students had reported the rumor to building admiration.

Livonia police are aiding the district in an investigation on the matter.

"In any case, this is a very serious matter, we will investigate thoroughly and consequences will be

forthcoming as appropriate," a letter from school administrators sent to parents Thursday afternoon reads. "We thank those students who did the right thing by reporting this situation to school administration."

The district is encouraging students who want social or emotional resources following the incident to reach out to the school's administration or counseling offices.

Livonia schools also have a social-emotional hot line available around the clock at ses@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2737.

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Westland adopts its first three-year budget

Courtesy of City of Westland

On June 6, the Westland City Council unanimously approved a three-year budget proposal for fiscal years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 presented by Mayor William Wild. The budget proposal preserves a "rainy day" fund balance of roughly \$6.7 million.

"Coming out of the pandemic, the city is only utilizing less than 20% of its ARPA allocation to replace lost revenue and establish a three-year balanced budget, which is something the council, administration and our residents can be very proud of," City Council President Jim Hart said in a release.

Council can revisit the budget and make changes as necessary.

Highlights of proposed \$72.4 million 2022-23 budget include:

- \$5.5 million for improvements to major and local roads throughout the city in 25 neighborhoods which includes 51 major and local roads
- \$4.7 million for an expansion to the William P. Faust Westland Public Library
- \$4.38 million for water and sewer projects in six neighborhoods and 41 roads
- \$2.8 million for the establishment of a new, all-inclusive playscape at Tattan Park

• The creation of two additional positions within the Economic Development Department: a business retention and expansion coordinator and a business attraction coordinator

• Additional retiree healthcare contributions of \$438,500

• Four new positions in the water and sewer department to staff a basement flooding mitigation team

• Funding through a partnership with the Wayne-Westland school district to implement a new crossing guard safety program which offers high level training, equipment and uniforms and doubles the current staffing numbers.

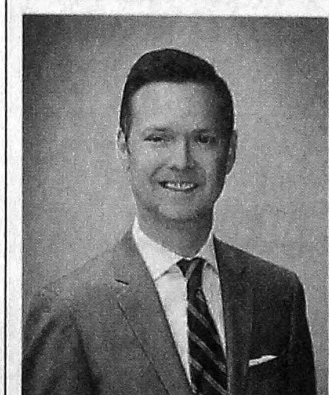
• \$150,000 to continue the city's voluntary retiree healthcare cash settlement program, which received four interested retirees in the 2021-22 fiscal year, saving approximately \$800,000 to its OPEB liability

• Funding to allow for the continuation of the popular neighborhood makeover program, now entering its fifth year

"The City of Westland achieved a major financial milestone in the history of the city with the adoption of this 3-year balanced budget," Wild said. "The city is in a strong financial position and a three-year balanced budget is a recognized best practice in local government."



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Nobody tops Mother Nature as market starts strong



Walt Gajewski
Guest columnist

Here at the market, we work very hard to keep things rolling. We rotate vendors in and out regularly. That's no easy task this year since we have our largest roster of vendors ever, around 90. And the calls and inquiries keep on coming: "How can I become a vendor?"

That's not all. At the market we also do things. Last week, for instance, we celebrated National Children's Day with a bunch of kid events: sampling rainbow veggie wraps, learning about wild-life and nature with our special guest Oakland County Parks, and exploring microgreens as part of our Power of Produce program - POP! for short - that teaches kids where healthy food comes from. And we did all of this while a marimba ensemble of kids and teenagers performed two shows in Riley Park.

But when it comes to dynamism, we can't beat Mother Nature, who channels herself through our farmers, foragers and producers with constant change in the form of fresh fruits and vegetables. As much as we delight in altering the marquee of the market every week, our efforts pale in comparison to an ever-changing chalkboard of fruits and vegetables.

As I walked the market last Saturday, I discovered kale, spinach, many varieties of lettuce, zucchini, summer squash, cucumbers, kohlrabi, peas and snap peas, onions, garlic scapes, radishes, beets, mustard greens, asparagus and "hot house" tomatoes. Also, strawberries are in high season. And we're only getting started! Oh, and one more thing ... well, OK, a few more: herbs, microgreens, vegetables starts, cut flowers...

It seems like everything is exploding on the scene early this year. So I stopped to ask farmer Brittney Rooney of Beaverland Farms what's going on. Are we blessed this year or what? She threw her head back with a laugh and said: "The market is a reflection of farm life - constant change. And, yes, some things are early, others I'm nurturing along. And

every day is its own day ... too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry. But in general, the market is off to a really good start."

Mother Nature no doubt will keep two steps ahead of us. So come to market to see the changes. And save this date: June 25, which brings our 8th annual Strawberry Shortcake Day. This fundraiser for the market (we receive no tax dollars), which is sponsored by Calder Dairy, Kapnick Orchards and Friends of the Market Volunteers, brings an entire dessert made for the market - Calder butter for the biscuits made from scratch at Kapnick's own bakery and served with Calder vanilla ice cream on top of Kapnick's fresh-picked strawberries. Every year we keep increasing the number of servings, and every year we sell out.

My fondest memory: The time there were two servings left when up stepped 80-year-old twin sisters from Scotland. Word gets around about our strawberry shortcake!

Also on June 25 we welcome back farmers Bill and Ellen Gass who come to market from Ray Township, as they have now for more than 25 years. Bill called last week excited to be returning to Farmington.

"I just love coming to Farmington," he said. "The set-up and surroundings are just beautiful. And yet it seems like it's always changing" - see what I mean? "And the people ... so friendly. I can't wait to see everyone."

This week Dan Goree plays the market, while we welcome the Elysian Circle Studio featuring locals Karen Quinn-Markwart and Rachel Licavoli. This duo will demonstrate and showcase the arts of blacksmithing and ceramics. Let's also welcome More Than Splinters with Julian Gonzalez and the fine art of wood turning. And Alan Love with Love's Custard Pies.

Oh oh oh ... The Detroit Tap Repertory performs at noon in Riley Park. Do you think Mother Nature can top all that? Maybe ...

Until next time and as always, here's saying, "See you at the market."

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager. The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays in downtown Farmington. Visit www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com for more.



Farmer Brittney Rooney of Beaverland Farms said, "The market is off to a really good start." COURTESY OF WALT GAJEWSKI

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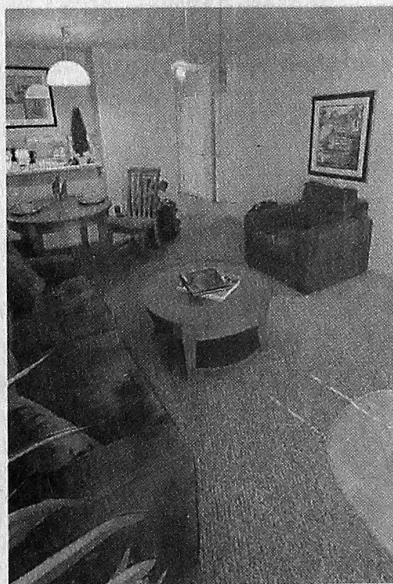
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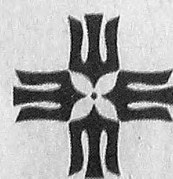
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A guide to Juneteenth events in metro Detroit

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Community groups across metro Detroit will bring people together to recognize Juneteenth this weekend.

The national holiday commemorates the day the last group of slaves in Texas were notified of their freedom: June 19, 1865.

Events across the region will give people a chance to celebrate freedom for all Americans, shop, eat and learn about the holiday's history.

Here are a few local events to check out:

Heritage Celebration in Westland

Wayne County Parks and Huron-Clinton Metroparks are partnering to host a Juneteenth event at Nankin Mills Park in Westland noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The first-time event will include storytelling, activities for children like inflatables, musical entertainment, crafts and more.

Nankin Mills is located at 33275 Edward Hines Drive.

To learn more, call 734-261-1990.

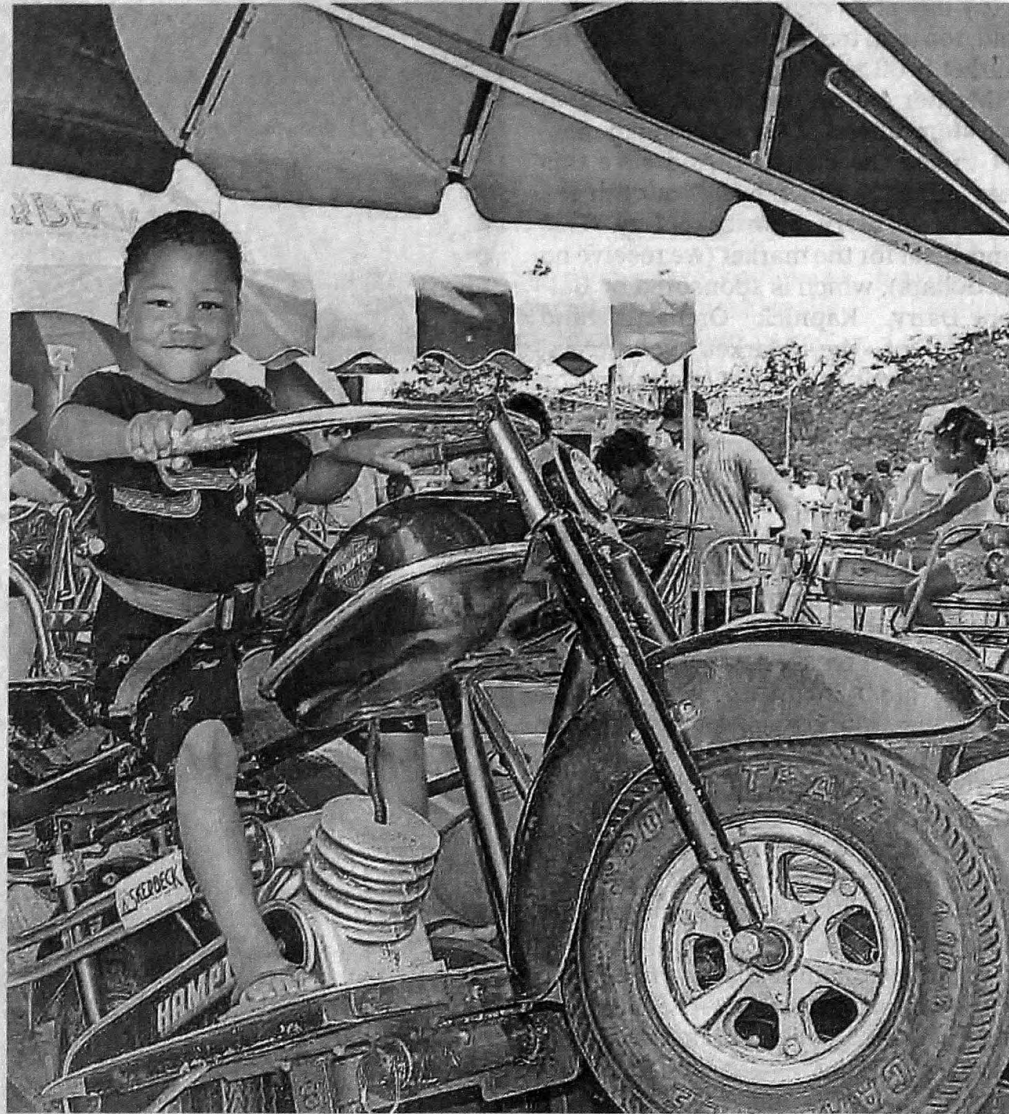
Canton Liberty Fest

Canton Township is hosting a Juneteenth celebration as part of its annual Liberty Fest through a partnership with Jack and Jill of America.

The inaugural ceremony will kick off a community tradition that will continue in future years.

People will gather at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, 1150 South Canton Center Road, 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18 for presentations and entertainment. Performers include the Oak Park Marching Band and Thornetta Davis. The Divine 9 Yard Show will also put on a step show in honor of historically Black fraternities and sororities.

Vendors at the site are will all be Black-owned businesses.



Canton's Liberty Fest usually draws thousands of carnival goers.
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Culture, unity event at Novi library

The Novi Public Library, 45255 Ten Mile Road, is putting an educational spin on the fun during its "Unity in the Community" event 12:30-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The free event is sponsored by the Novi Rotary and will feature a traveling Black history museum, presentations, a step show, music, food and more. Slows

BBQ will have a food truck on site featuring some of its signature dishes like pulled pork and mac and cheese that will be available for purchase.

The library is requesting people sign up at novilibrary.org.

Annual Farmington area Juneteenth event

First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME) Church of Farmington Hills

hosts a Juneteenth event every year inspired by the late John H. Burns II, who died in 2019 and was a priest at the church. The celebration this year begins 7 p.m. Friday, June 17 and ends 6 p.m. Sunday at Nardin Park Church on 29887 West Eleven Mile Road.

Organizers will show family-friendly movies beginning 7 p.m. Friday night and Saturday will bring food and activities as part of a freedom celebration. On Sunday afternoon, organizers will hold an "intercultural ancestral and collective healing event."

The event is free, but people are asked to register beforehand at the weekend's Eventbrite page.

Week of events in Detroit

Detroit's department of civil rights, inclusion and opportunity along with its office of arts, culture and entrepreneurship will host a slate of events June 16-23.

Some of the highlights include a Black business crawl on June 16-19, a public reading of the Emancipation Proclamation 3 p.m. Thursday, June 16, and a Juneteenth celebration Sunday, June 19, including entertainment and education. All events will take place at the civil rights office on 2 Woodward Avenue.

To learn more and see the full schedule of events, visit detroitmi.gov.

Ann Arbor Juneteenth

Ann Arbor's branch of the NAACP has been hosting a Juneteenth event since the 1990s. Things will get started this year 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18, with a unity march beginning at Fuller Park, 1519 Fuller Road.

Starting at noon, a daylong program will happen at Wheeler Park, 200 Depot Street, complete with children's activities, vendors, food, entertainment and more.

Learn more at annarborjuneteenth.com.

Smitten

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prisoners, while working at Bohn Aluminum and Brass. Adele worked the payroll counter, and Henry would always pick up his check from her so he could spend some time flirting. The two married and lived in Redford for 56 years before moving to Livonia.

According to Denise Socia, one of their daughters, Henry has referred to being Adele's guy as the best part of his life.

"I listened to what she said just to hang onto her," he said.

Socia said her parents were very involved in the lives of her and her four siblings growing up. They'd cart neighborhood kids along to family camping trips, and Adele, now 99, made their home welcome to everyone.

"They always had a habit of leaving the door open, even at night," Socia said. "Somebody would come knocking and she'd yell 'Come in!' not knowing who it was. She fed everybody, and she'd still do it to this day if she could."

Socia and her sister Beth Kish attribute their parents' lengthy lives to the fact that they've remained active. One of their shared interests is baseball — Henry played with a senior league in Warren until he was 95, coached until he was 97 and still throws the first pitch at the start of the season.

"He's always enjoyed baseball," Adele said. "Even if he just stood around, he loved it."

Henry continues to watch the Tigers and Kansas City Royals play on TV, and the two still go to Warren games as spectators. They watch a little baseball and head out for coney islands with chili and onions afterwards.

In Henry's opinion, the best Tigers were the ones who played when he was growing up. Mickey Cochrane, a catcher who played for Detroit in the 1930s, is his favorite player of all time.

Miguel Cabrera got a shrug. "Cabrera is a good ball player, but the good guys were back in the '40s," Henry said.

These days both Adele and Henry are homebodies who enjoy a good nap. But if there's anything Kish has learned from her parents' long marriage and long lives, it's to make sure things stay fun no matter the circumstances.

"Laugh a lot and find fun in everything," she said.

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Henry and Adele Gartner on their wedding day in 1947. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE GARTNER FAMILY

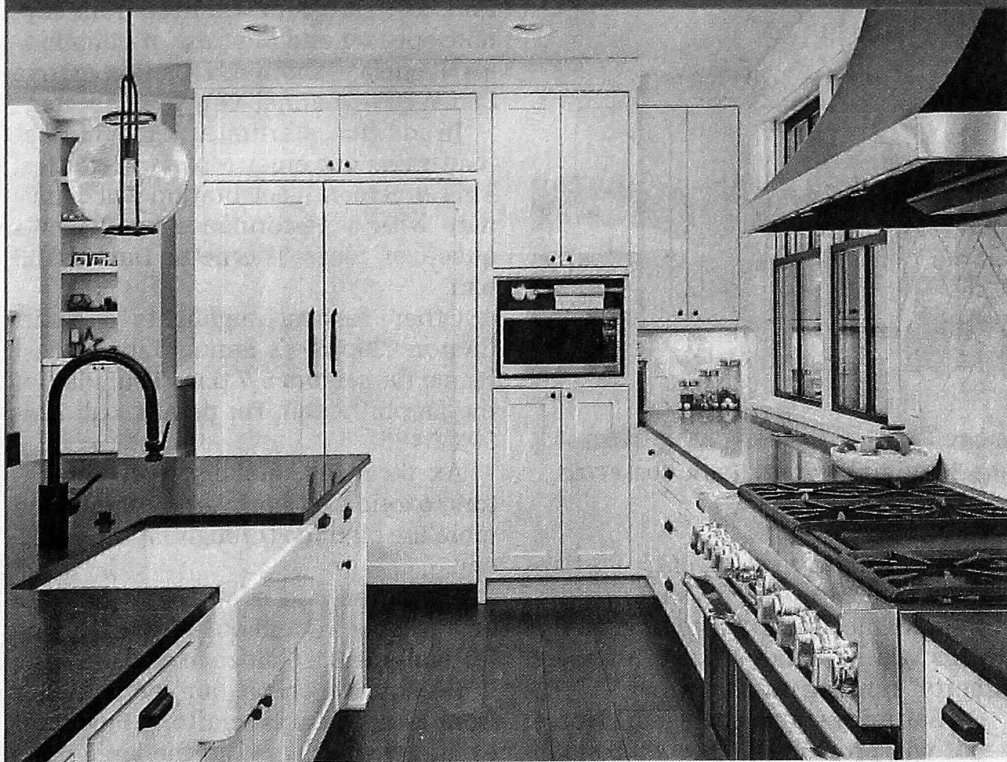


The Gartners' 2018 Christmas card photo. Costco loved the image so much, the company included it in its magazine.



The Gartners decided to switch things up for their 70th wedding anniversary. Henry wore a wedding dress and Adele wore the suit. COURTESY OF BETH KISH

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Festival

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Music will fill the Canton LIVE and Heritage Park Amphitheater stages all three days.

On Thursday, Flight will perform rock and jazz hits at the Canton LIVE Stage starting at 5 p.m. Starting at 7 p.m., Allentown, a Billy Joel tribute band, will take the stage playing all of the piano man's hits.

On Thursday, the Canton Chamber of Commerce 50th Anniversary Walk of Fame Opening will be held at 5 p.m. near the amphitheater stage. In addition, Trilogy performs at the Heritage Park Amphitheater starting at 6 p.m., delivering Pop and Top 40 hits. Freelance will perform starting at 8 p.m., covering top 40 hits that the whole family will love.

Friday's Canton LIVE stage highlights include Canton community groups performing 1-5 p.m. Starting at 5:30 p.m. Mainstream Drive Band will get the audience dancing with popular covers in all genres. Then at 8 p.m., The Fruits will take the stage performing alt-rock, power pop, funk and jazz.

Friday amphitheater entertainment will feature the Surfzup Band - Music of The Ventures, who will entertain audience members with 1960s hits 5-7 p.m.; a special hula performance with local dancers is at 7 p.m., and Air Margaritaville, Jimmy Buffet tribute band, will



Canton's annual Liberty Fest is returning June 16-18 to Heritage Park. SUBMITTED

perform starting at 8 p.m.

Saturday highlights include the Canton Lions Club's annual Pancake Breakfast 8-11 a.m. at the north pavilions. Chris Cakes of Michigan returns to flip pancakes high onto plates for those brave enough to catch them. In addition, a variety of fun characters will also be on hand adding to all of the fun 9:30-11 a.m., including Princess Leia and Darth Vader.

Canton Leisure Services is again joining forces with Running Fit to host the eighth annual Liberty Run, including 5K, 10K, and one mile events. Participants are encouraged to register at www.cantonlibertyrun.com and run,

walk, or stroll in these events. Participants will also receive finisher medals, as well as a race T-shirt. Running-theme awards will be handed out to the best "Liberty" running outfit.

On Saturday starting at 11 a.m., Home Depot will provide DIY hot air balloon model kits to the first 200 kids ages 4 and older who stop by their craft tent, located near the Amphitheater.

Other Saturday Canton LIVE! entertainment highlights, include: The International Festival's cultural performances and displays will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will run most of the day.

Saturday Amphitheater Stage highlights include: a special Juneteenth Cel-

ebration stage presentation starting at 3 p.m., featuring performances by Jack and Jill of America Incorporated and The Oak Park Marching Band. In addition, festival-goers will hear from keynote speaker and Mistress of Ceremonies Pamela Osborne, a Canton native and WDIV-Channel 4 anchor/reporter.

In addition, starting at 5:30 p.m., festival-goers can enjoy Motown favorites. This Juneteenth celebration will culminate with a performance by Detroit's queen of blues Thornetta Davis, 8-10 p.m.

Other festival highlights include: Canton Club 55+'s annual Liberty Fest Picnic for seniors 5-7 p.m. Thursday, at the amphitheater. For details, call 734-394-5485.

Ax throwing, archery, surf simulators, exotic and barnyard animals and more are planned throughout the weekend.

Hydration and misting stations will be available throughout the park giving festival-goers a chance to cool off.

Be sure to check out merchandise from local artisans, crafters, businesses, and vendors around the large pond at the Liberty Fest Marketplace 4 p.m. to dusk Friday, and 11 a.m. to dusk Saturday.

Festival-goers are reminded that no dogs are allowed on festival grounds and all bikes must be parked in a bike corral.

For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call 734-394-5360.

Wonderland

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"We've made a lot of improvements since our last meeting here," he said. "We added two more rows of evergreen trees, plus the fence, and there is no sight line at all from the third floor apartments into the homes. It cannot be seen."

The plans for the apartments included both one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments with rents ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,700. The 201 units would be contained within two C-shaped buildings, which would have a courtyard and other amenities.

Justin Dunckel, who oversees the management company that would run the development called Wonderland Flats, said the demand for apartments across metro Detroit is incredibly high right now and believes the proposed development will see plenty of people looking to lease.

"There is a huge lack of housing out there right now," he said. "To put it in perspective for you, I manage 4,000 apartments I had four apartments available in a 4,000 unit portfolio."

"The demand is there."

Despite those arguments, the planning commission recommended the denial, which came after several area residents from the neighborhood of the south spoke out against the project.

Bill Schmidt, who lives on nearby McIntyre, said he did not believe having apartments in a shopping center outlot would not be an attractive place to live.

"I'm very curious about the notion that this is going to be high-end luxury housing," he said. "I don't think we're going to get high-end luxury strivers. Matter of fact, we're so sure we're not going to get luxury, high-end strivers that we built in a lot of firewalls to keep out ne'er do wells."

Schostak refuted that claim, saying he believed the flurry of activity in the area showed the level of interest that part of Livonia has.

"I think Amazon and Chick-fil-A coming to this neighborhood says a lot about this neighborhood. Companies

want to be here," he said. "I disagree that no one wants to be here because it's next to a Walmart."

Despite the recommendation to deny the site plan, it doesn't mean the project is dead. The developer can appeal the decision to the city council, which has the final say. That happened with the rezoning: the planning commission recommended denial, though the city council narrowly moved it forward with a potential rezoning.

The final rezoning does not happen on a site in Livonia until a site plan is presented and reviewed by the city council as well.

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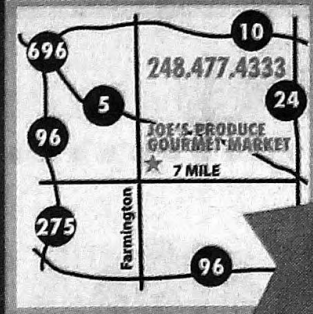
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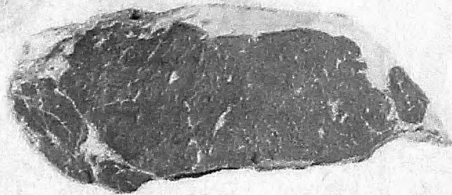
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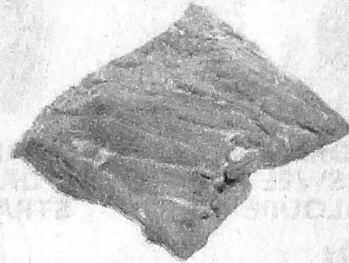
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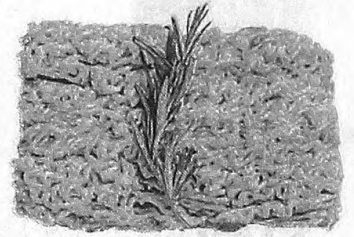
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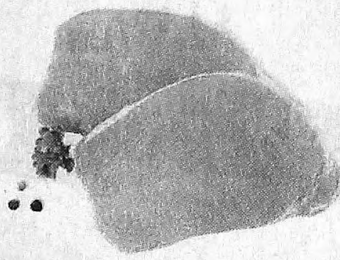
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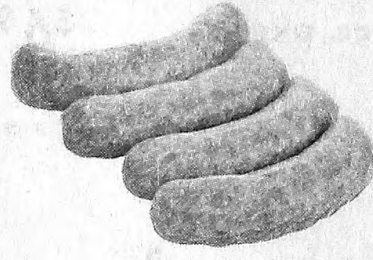
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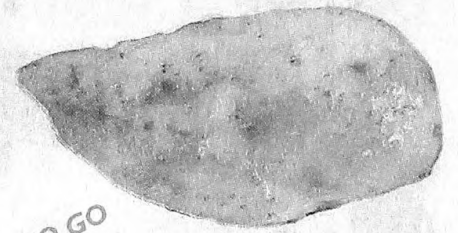
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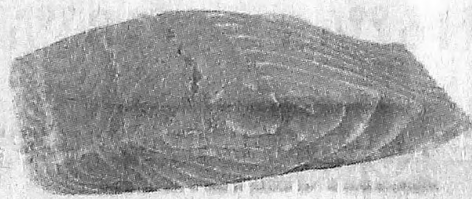
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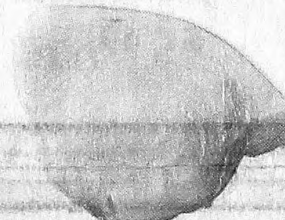
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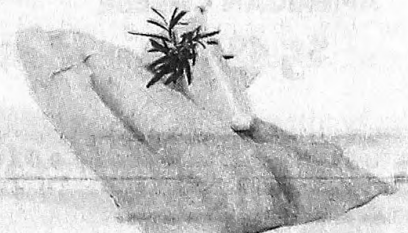
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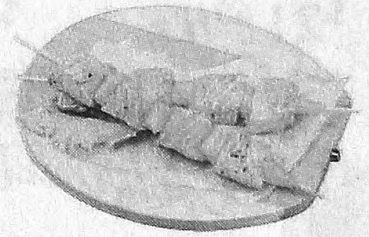
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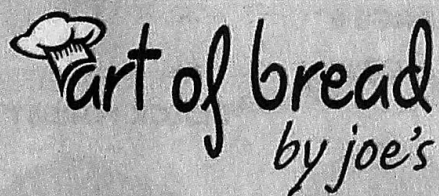
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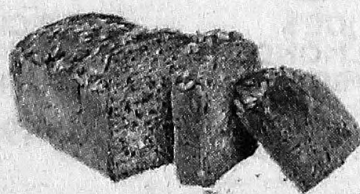
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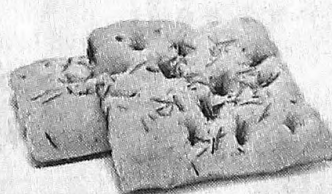
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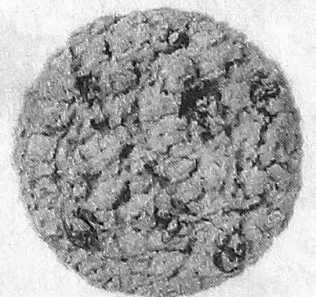
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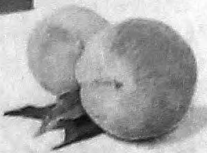
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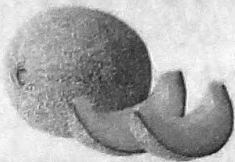
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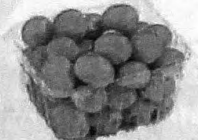
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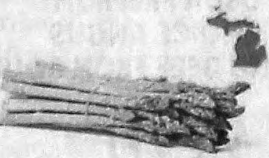
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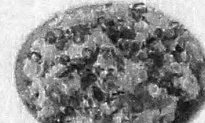
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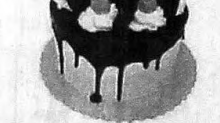
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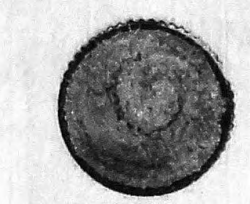
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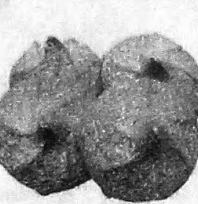
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SPORTS

'It was a total group effort'



South Lyon's Ava Bradshaw celebrates a home run in the Division 1 regional final against Dexter on June 11 at Northville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

South Lyon's Ava Bradshaw wins Gatorade POY honor

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Ava Bradshaw wasn't merely offering lip service to prove she's a good sport and an even better teammate. The South Lyon sophomore was being dead serious. "Really, it is an individual award," the pitcher said. "But I feel like this team won it with me. Does that make sense? "It was a total group effort." And that award? Pretty much the best one you can win.

On June 9, she was named the Gatorade Softball Player of the Year for Michigan. You know, just a little banner that'll hang in South Lyon's gym that says Bradshaw was the best player in the state in all of 2022. It's a pretty big deal. Entering the week, she carried a 28-2 record with a 0.88 ERA and had struck out 314 batters through 175 2/3 innings pitched. She had just 31 walks. Offensively, she batted close to .400, smacked three homers and drove in 34 runs. Not only does she carry a 4.0 grade-

point average but she has also been ranked the No. 10 2024 recruit in the entire country by Extra Inning Softball. And, according to Gatorade, those stats put her heads-and-shoulders above the rest of the state's players nominated for the honor. But here's why it was a total group effort for her to win it. First of all, her pursuit of being the best began well before the No. 1-ranked

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Plymouth Christian wins 5th straight district crown, despite sloppy base running

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Phew, that was close! Much closer than Plymouth Christian Academy baseball coach Joseph Bottorff wanted it to be. For one, the Eagles swept rival Lutheran Westland during Michigan Independent Athletic Conference play. And, for two, they were aiming for their fifth-straight Division 4 district championship.

Plus, they were the home team, playing in their own dugout, in front of their own crowd of parents and students. With Joey Lavigne, arguably one of best pitchers in program history, if not the best, on the mound, Friday's district final had the makings of being an easy, fun outing for Plymouth Christian. And it turned out to be anything but that.

The 9-8 victory was an absolute battle thanks to some poor decisions made on the base paths. And, coincidentally, it was Micah Lavigne's keen baserunning skills that guaranteed the win, as the freshman made it home for the walk-off run after the Warriors threw a wild pitch. "We had ran ourselves out of a bunch of runs," said Bottorff, who's in his 15th year leading the team. "We had three, four really bad base running mistakes. We shouldn't have even needed that run in the seventh but we did because of how bad our base running was at times. "We were getting hits, but we were making dumb base running mistakes." "We were happy to get the win, and we were in the game the whole time, but I'm not happy we took the lead early and just gave it away," Bottorff added. "We got the pitching to win the game. Joey was pitching a game we could win. Joey was giving us a chance to win. We just need to clean up the base running."

Lutheran's Josh Reddeman singled past the shortstop to drive home Jack Ellis in the sixth inning, giving the Warriors an 8-6 lead. But then Plymouth Christian's Noah Etnyre doubled to center field to score Joey Weertz and Riley Rodhagen to knot the score a half-inning later. Closing pitcher Noah Spicer put two on in the seventh, but Eshton Krieger got the Eagles out of the jam by recording back-to-back put-outs from second base. That set up the winning run for Micah Lavigne, who got on with a fielder's choice and advanced to third on a

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Bradshaw

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Lions started their Division 1 state title defense earlier this spring. It was her and catcher Madison McKenzie getting together multiple times a week during the fall and winter. Throwing and catching. Simulating being in a jam. Balls and strikes. Hour after hour of practice.

And it wasn't like Bradshaw could just show up. She's just a sophomore. She didn't have a driver's license until recently. So it was McKenzie putting tons of miles on her car so the two could get to the gym and work together.

But McKenzie said it wasn't too bad driving Bradshaw around. The two would often detour for whatever tea flavor of the week South Lyon Nutrition was selling. And they didn't spare any expense. They'd get the large \$9 teas. Those drinks provided plenty of energy to get them through those throwing sessions.

"Of we would get Bigby (Coffee) if we were feeling spicy and wanted a cold drink that day," McKenzie said.

When South Lyon coach David Langlois heard Gatorade had nominated Bradshaw for its award, that required him to send in regularly-updated stats. Every strikeout. Every inning pitched. Every home run. Gatorade needed to know about it as the regular season was winding down. And Langlois and his coaching staff had to do their part to make sure Gatorade always knew just how well Bradshaw was playing down the stretch.

But Langlois admitted that he and his assistants got the easy job.

He said Bradshaw's parents, Scott and Calli, had to do most of the heavy lifting.

Gatorade doesn't just hand out these awards because of great stats. You also have to be a great person. Scott and Calli had to hunt down former elementary teachers for letters of recommendation. Background checks on Bradshaw needed to be performed and turned into Gatorade. Report cards, progress reports, all of it. The Bradshaw family was put to

Local scoreboard

Division 1 softball

South Lyon 15, Dexter (5 innings)

Farmington Hills Mercy 10, St. Clair Shores Lakeview 0 (5 innings)

Division 2 softball

Detroit Country Day 3, St. Clair 0

Division 1 baseball

Northville 9, Brighton 3 (regional final)

Battle Creek Lakeview 7, Northville 2 (quarterfinal)

Grosse Pointe North 7, Birmingham Groves 4 (regional final)

Grosse Pointe North 5, Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley 0 (quarterfinal)

Hartland 5, Detroit Catholic Central 4 (regional final)

Orchard Lake St. Mary's 7, Hartland 0 (quarterfinal)

work, and it paid off for their daughter.

"They had to get those letters of recommendation," Bradshaw said. "I credit a lot of my growth as a person to my parents. I have great parents. Beyond my athletic achievements, they've made me a great person.

"That's the biggest takeaway about this. Beyond my softball career, I am a great person, and that's because of my friends and because of my parents and because of my family for making me this way."

Bradshaw repaid all of her teammates, coaches and family members back for helping her win the Gatorade Player of the Year award by guiding the Lions (35-3) to a regional championship.

South Lyon blanked both Ypsilanti Lincoln and Dexter 15-0 in back-to-back games at Northville.

And that victory over the Dreadnaughts in the regional final was a beauty for Bradshaw, who threw a no-hitter, striking out 11 and walking just one batter in a five-inning, mercy-rule effort.



South Lyon celebrates a home run during the Division 1 regional final against Dexter on June 11 at Northville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The final three batters she faced all went down swinging.

"Catching for her, I just find it a lot easier than it normally is because she makes it so it's not a lot of work on my behalf as a catcher," McKenzie said. "The most I have to do is frame. She always gets it to me in the right spot."

Grace Walters got the offense going by smacking a solo home run to left-center during the game's first at-bat.

Four at-bats later, Bradshaw raked a two-run homer herself, as she also scored Julia Duncan from second base.

She raised her right arm in the air and pointed toward the fence as she raced to first base.

"Go!" she shouted, watching her shot to center field. "Go! Go!"

Once it cleared the fence, she hoisted both arms as she rounded first and made it to second. And then she slapped five with Langlois after touching third. Her teammates met her at home plate for a big celebration.

South Lyon left the first inning with a 4-0 lead and never looked back as it tal-

lied at least one run in each of the next four frames. Plenty of celebrations followed.

"This game, it was all about execution," Bradshaw said. "That's what we've been saying all year long. 'We say, 'The only ones who can beat us are ourselves,' and that's the truth. We played really clean all day, and our offense had a breakout day for us."

"The kids are just dialed in," Langlois said. "They have a single goal in mind. We stay focused on that. We keep it light in practice. We practice pressure a lot."

After Bradshaw threw her last strike to record the game's final out, but before celebrating with her teammates near the dugout, she made a brief detour to home plate to hug McKenzie.

The hours in the gym practicing together during the winter were worth it. The trips to get tea and coffee had paid off. Bradshaw was the Gatorade Player of the Year, and South Lyon had just repeated as regional champions.

And that's what that hug signified: A total group effort.



Plymouth Christian Academy's Josef Weertz crosses home plate in the Division 4 district final against Lutheran Westland on June 3.

Eagles

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wild pitch. Two pitches later, he made it home on another wild one.

"The message to them before they went out there was: Let's win it now," Bottorff said. "We knew we had our 8-9-1 hitters coming up, and they (Lutheran) had their 3-4-5 if it would've went to an eighth inning."

The Eagles are hoping to win their first regional championship since 2018 and qualify for only their second state quarterfinal in program history.

Bottorff knows exactly what the boys will be working on in practice this week.

"We just need to clean up the base running," he said. "We have some things to work on. Base running has been the Achilles heel. We've gotten out a lot that way. For us to go much farther, we can't be doing that.

"We're playing pretty well and pitching great. We have a few mistakes to clean up, and I think we'll be fine."

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Local scoreboard

Division 1

Northville 11, Plymouth 6

Livonia Franklin 12, Redford Thurston 0

Birmingham Groves 16, Royal Oak 1 (3 innings)

Detroit Catholic Central 11, South Lyon East 5

Brother Rice 8, Farmington 2

White Lake Lakeland 7, Walled Lake Western 0

Division 2

Livonia Clarenceville 12, Redford Union 9

Dearborn Divine Child 10, Garden City 0 (5 innings)

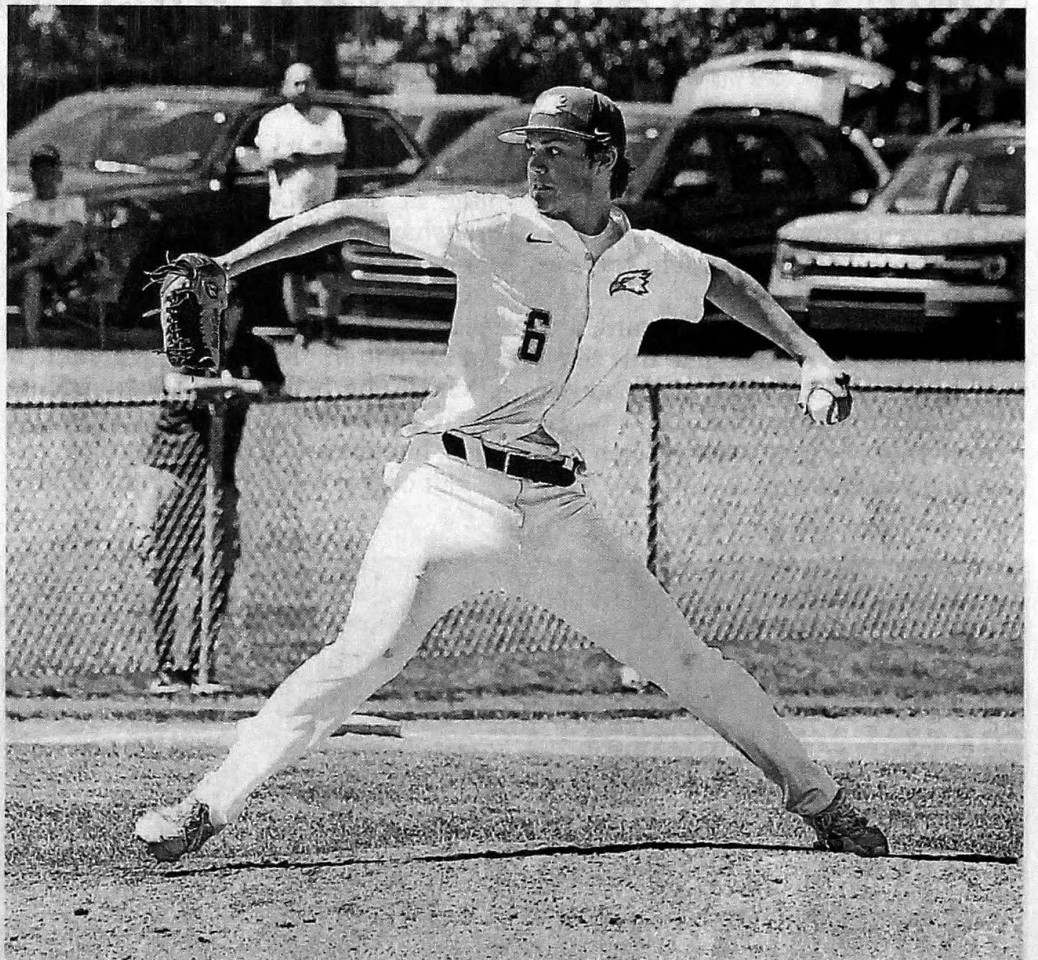
Madison Heights Lamphere 6, Detroit Country Day 3

Division 3

Taylor Prep 15, Canton Prep 0

Division 4

Plymouth Christian Academy 9, Lutheran Westland 8



Plymouth Christian Academy's Joey Lavigne pitches in the Division 4 district final against Lutheran Westland. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Brighton falls short against Northville in regional final

Bill Broderick Battle Creek Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Brighton ran into the No. 2 ranked team in the state in the regional finals.

And Northville lived up to that ranking.

Northville defeated Brighton, 9-3, in a Division 1 baseball regional final at Coldwater High School on Saturday.

Northville jumped on Brighton with five runs in the first inning and never gave up the lead in advancing to the state quarterfinals.

"We gave up those early runs, but our guys never let up," Brighton coach Charles Christener said. "I thought we battled and our kids were in it the whole way."

Brighton had a glimmer of hope with a 3-run home run by Nicholas Baker off the scoreboard in the fourth inning to cut the lead to 6-3.

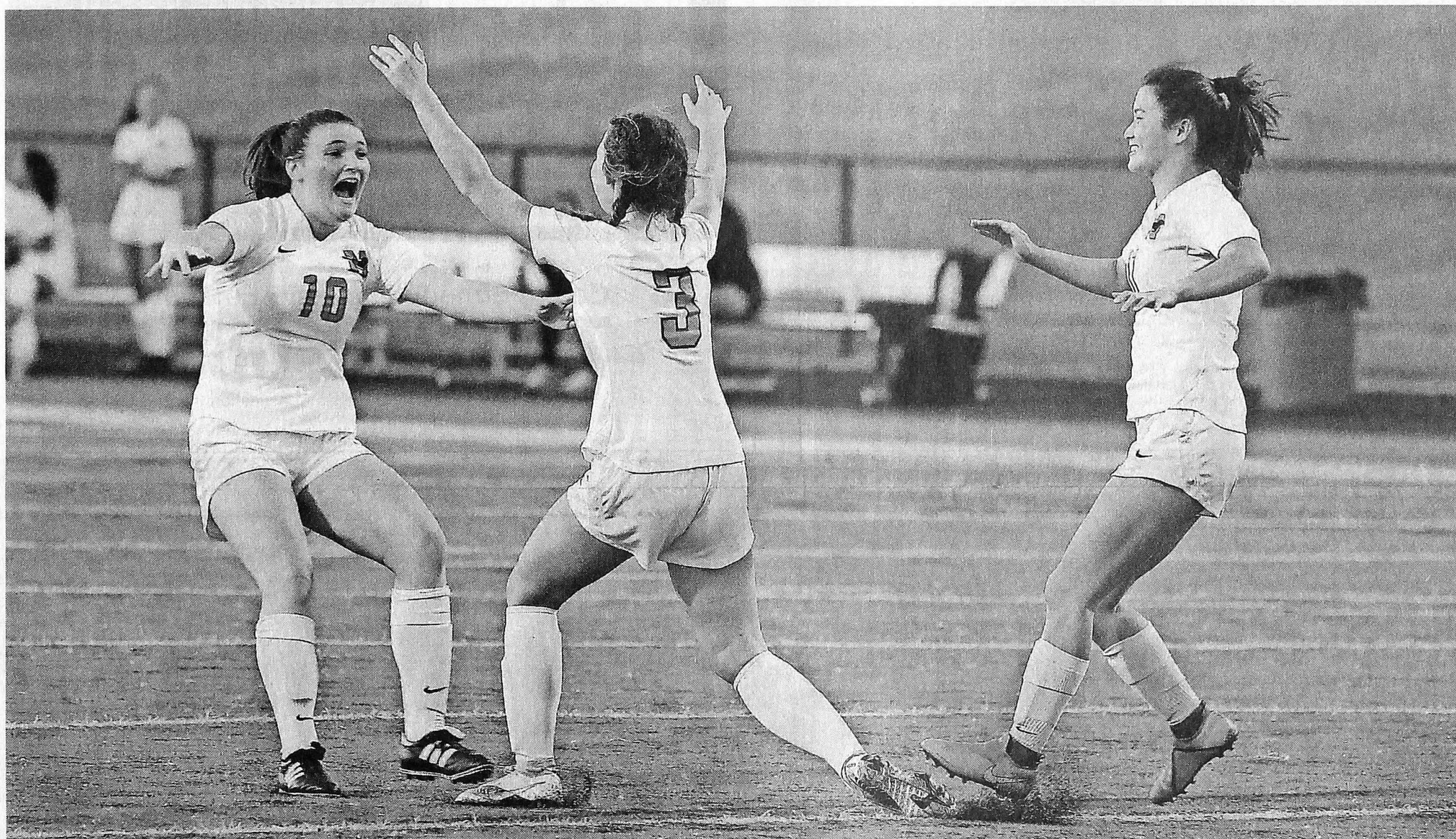
However, Northville starter Joey Broughton was tough throughout, as the Mustangs allowed just five hits overall, and was able to earn the win. The Mustangs padded their lead by adding three runs in the sixth inning, with two coming off an infield error.

Brighton ends the season at 22-12.

"That home run was a big swing for us. We just couldn't put enough of them together over the course of seven innings," Christener said. "I'm proud of my guys, we fought today and they have fought all year."



Brighton pitcher Luke Micunek throws home during the Division 1 regional final against Northville at Coldwater High School on Saturday. BILL BRODERICK/THE BATTLE CREEK ENQUIRER



Northville's Addie Saline, left, Reese Cassie and Abby Park celebrate a goal during the Division 1 regional semifinal against Grosse Pointe South on June 7.

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Six Mustangs score as Northville blanks Grosse Pointe South

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
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For anyone who's concerned about it, we're calling it an excused absence for Kaitlyn Rogala.

The senior missed Northville's girls soccer match on April 23 at Grosse Pointe South.

She's headed to the University of Michigan in the fall. So she used that weekend to visit the Upper Peninsula and meet her future college roommate, who lives in Menominee. There's great kayaking up there.

So she missed a heck of a Saturday non-conference game.

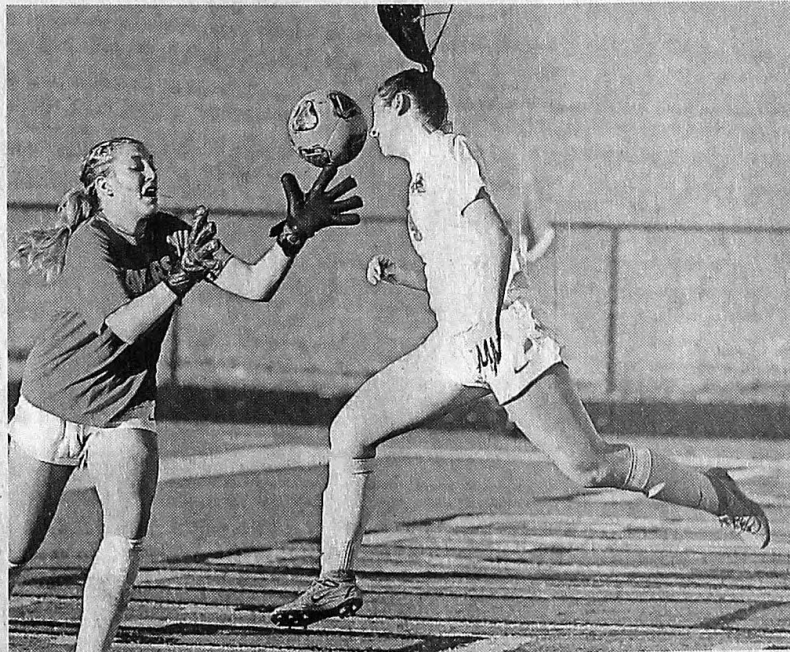
Sylvia Bohlen scored to put the Mustangs ahead, and it looked like they were going to hold on for their sixth victory of the season. But, alas, the Blue Devils scored the equalizer with about 30 seconds left.

That's understandable. South does play in the Macomb Area Conference-White, the second-toughest division of the MAC and one of the best soccer leagues on the east side of metro Detroit.

But Northville wasn't happy about giving away the win and settling for the 1-1 tie.

The No. 1-ranked Mustangs (15-0-5) got their chance to right that wrong when they hosted South for the Division 1 regional semifinal June 7.

Not only would a win avenge their earlier-season woes against the Blue Devils but it'd advance them to the re-



Northville's Jessica Belknap heads a ball during the Division 1 regional semifinal against Grosse Pointe South on June 7.

son. We all wanted to play for each other. After the last game (against South), we all had pretty high motivation because it was not the best game. We didn't want to prove they could hold their own against us twice."

Rogala scored an unassisted goal to open the second half, and then Reese Cassie put in another to ensure the Mustangs the eventual 6-0 victory.

It was a stark difference from the last time the teams met two months ago in Grosse Pointe.

"It took us a little bit, and we just had to get into a rhythm," said Koski, who also recorded an assist. "Once we got started and got that first one in, we were all hyped up. We knew we had tied this team before, so it was just a lot of adrenaline with what was on the line. Once we got it going, we just went from there."

"That last game was on a Saturday, and we all drove out there, and our heads weren't really in it that game. It was an unlucky tie, and they got that free kick in the last 30 seconds to tie it. This went much better for us."

Surprisingly, six different Mustangs scored.

"We played really well against them, and we've really been working on finishing in the box and getting the ball to certain people around the net," first-year coach Jeannine Reddy said. "I'm happy I was able to play everybody, which is something you don't always get to do."

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gional championship, just two wins away from qualifying for the state championship.

Rogala couldn't wait to finally play this tough South squad her friends had told her about in practice.

"I wasn't there for that first game, but I heard about all the drama with it being tied 1-1 and it just being a really aggressive game with them," she said. "I was curious coming into this game, like, let's see how they (South) are."

"I came in and just couldn't understand how we had tied them 1-1. I just couldn't imagine it."

It's easy to see why Rogala's perspec-

tive toward the Blue Devils is a bit biased.

The two squads battled for the opening 15 minutes, and then Rogala assisted Lauren Moraitis on a goal in the 17th minute. And then she assisted Bohlen on another one.

In fact, Jessica Belknap scored soon after, too, and then Grace Koski put one in as well.

In a matter of about 10 minutes, it was 4-0, Northville, and the match was almost entirely sewed up.

"We all had a lot of adrenaline after the first goal," Bohlen said. "Going into the game, we didn't want to end our sea-



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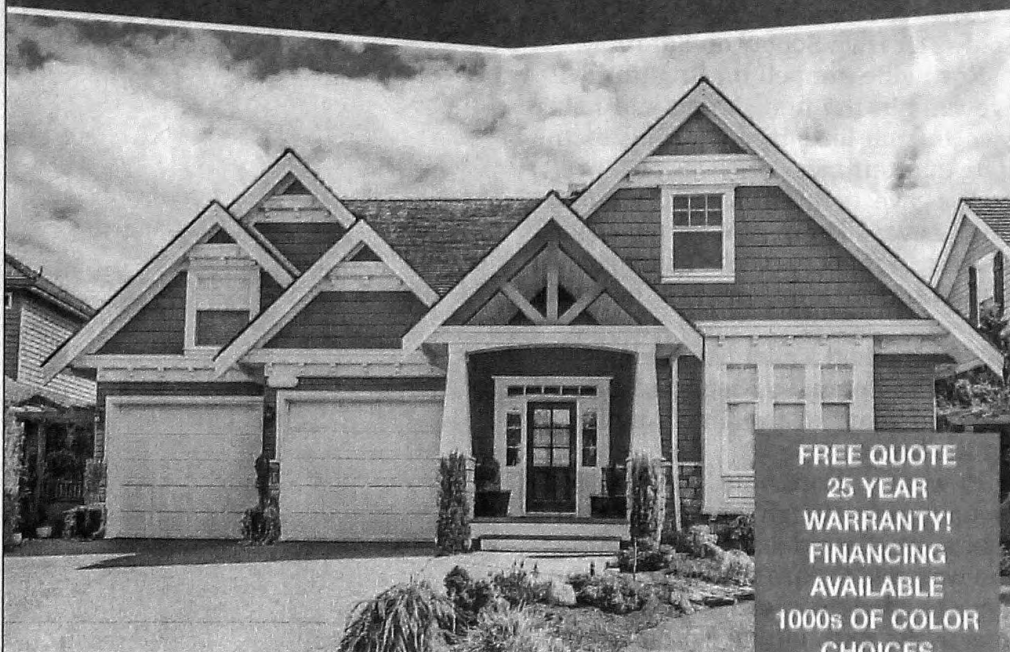


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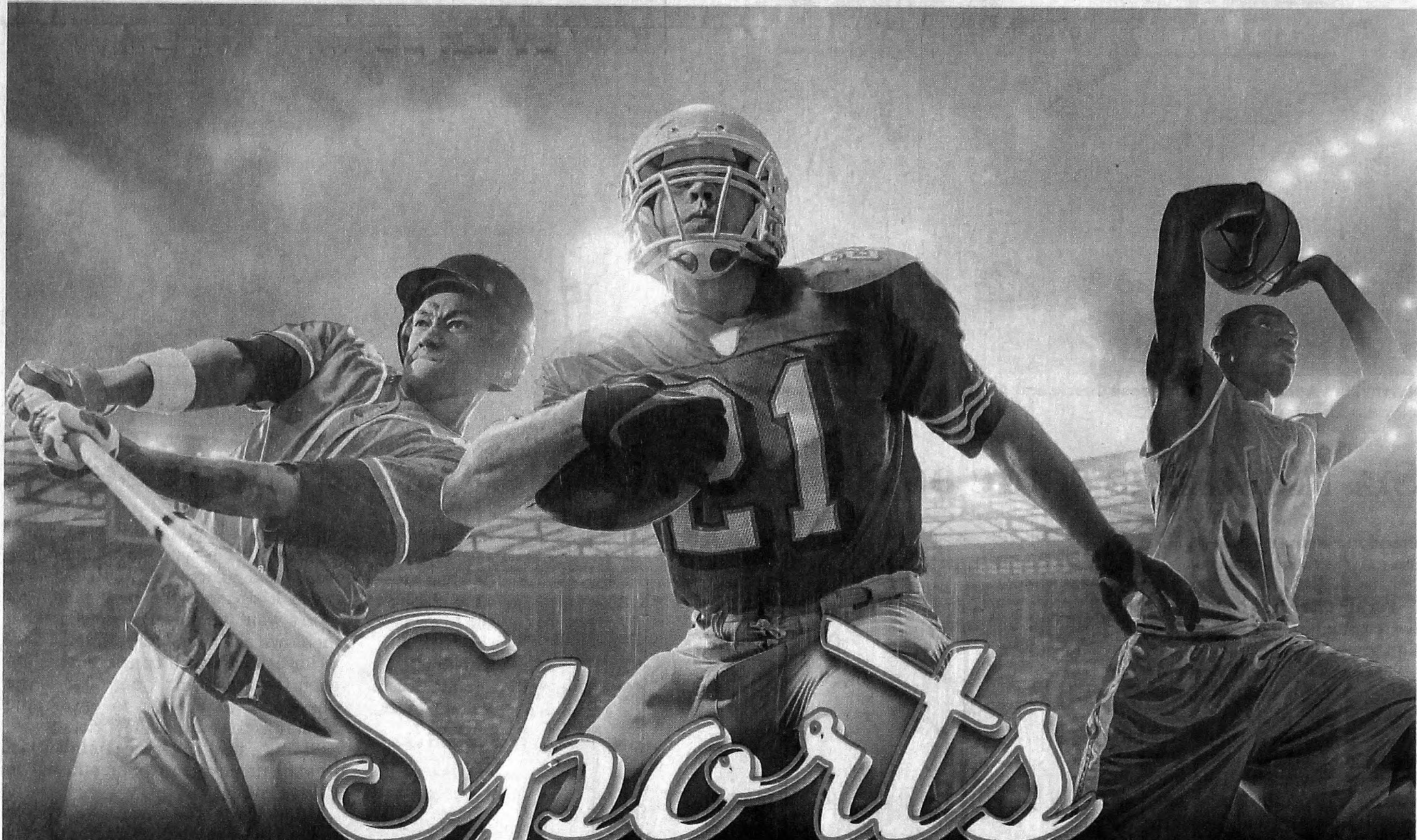
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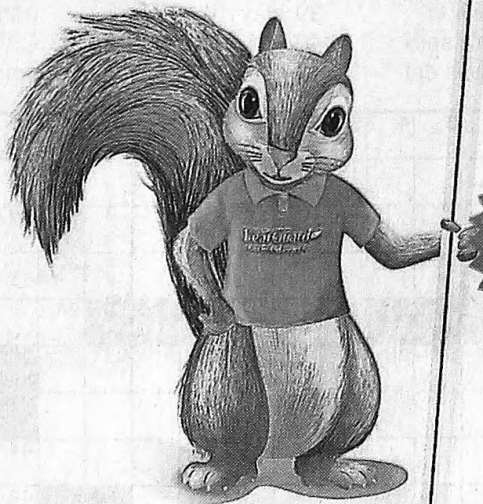
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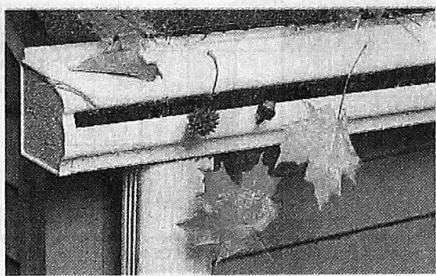
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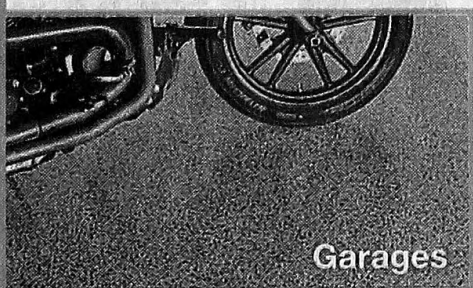
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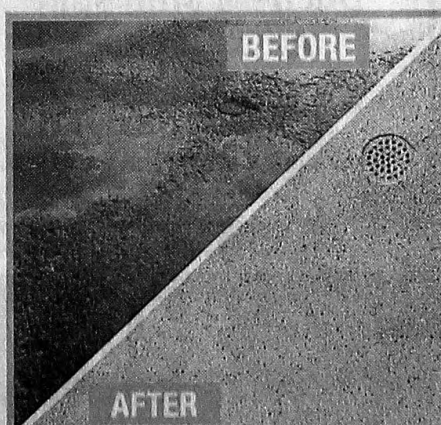
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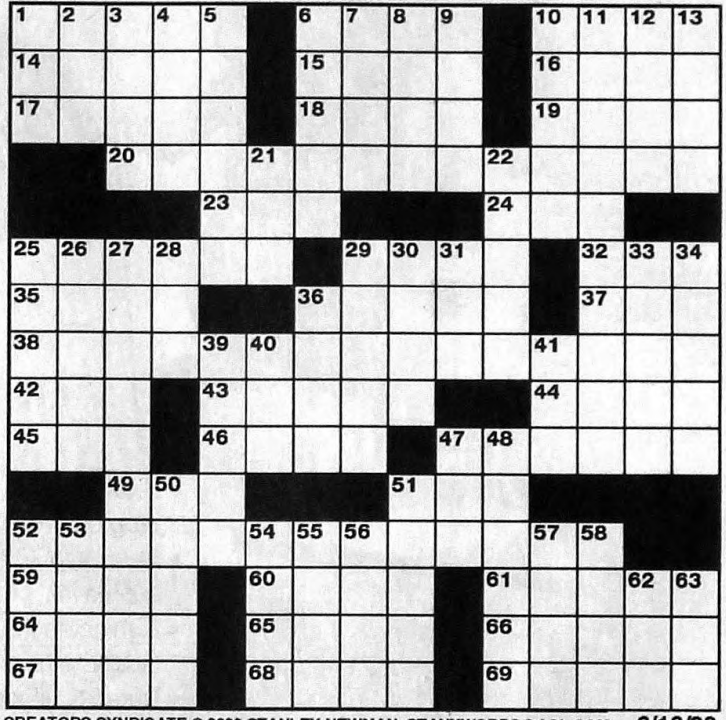
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- 1 Hangs in there
 - 6 Whole bunch
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 - 17 Sudden burst
 - 18 Always
 - 19 M ___ "mnemonic"
 - 20 Line on a Harrod's bill
 - 23 11/11 marcher
 - 24 Green veggie
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 - 29 *Exodus* author
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 - 47 "Humble" dwellings
 - 49 Chow down
 - 51 Chinese tea
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 - 60 RNs' workplaces
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 - 65 Send overnight, say
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 - 25 Rack and ruin
 - 26 Pulitzer author
 - Walker
 - 27 City on the Arkansas River
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 - 29 Eclipse shadow
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 - 31 "My turn!"
 - 33 Major 2011 hurricane
 - 34 Some cell-phone messages
 - 36 Soon, in poems
 - 39 Ray that swims
 - 40 Neighbor of Ore.
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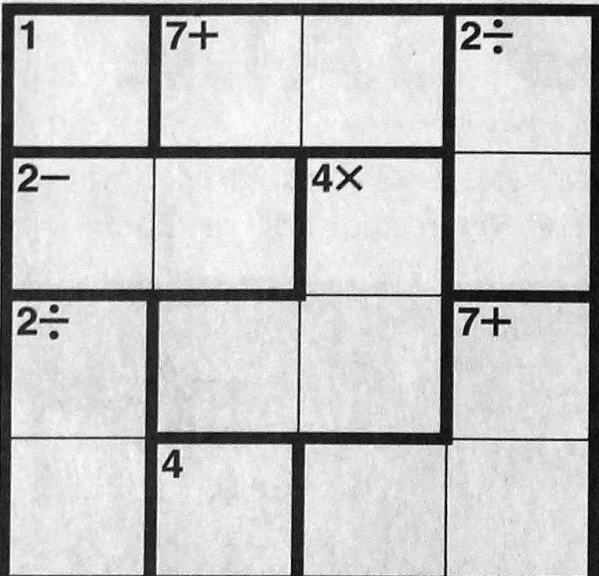
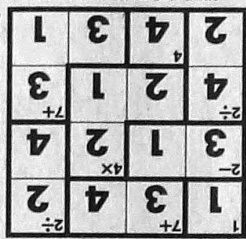


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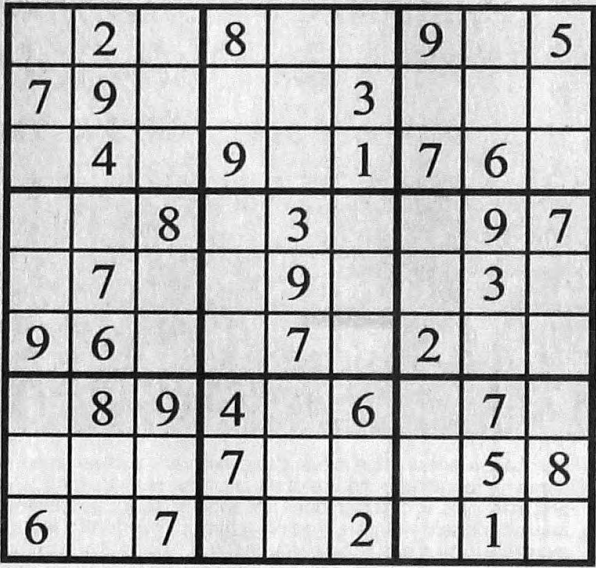
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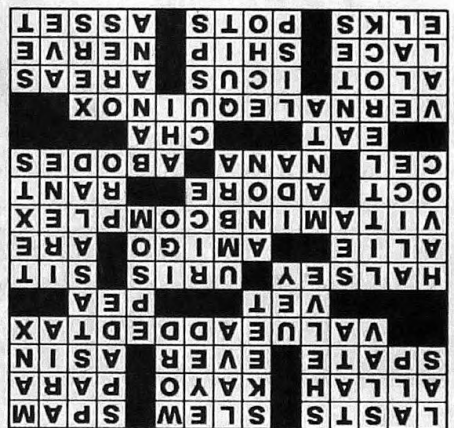
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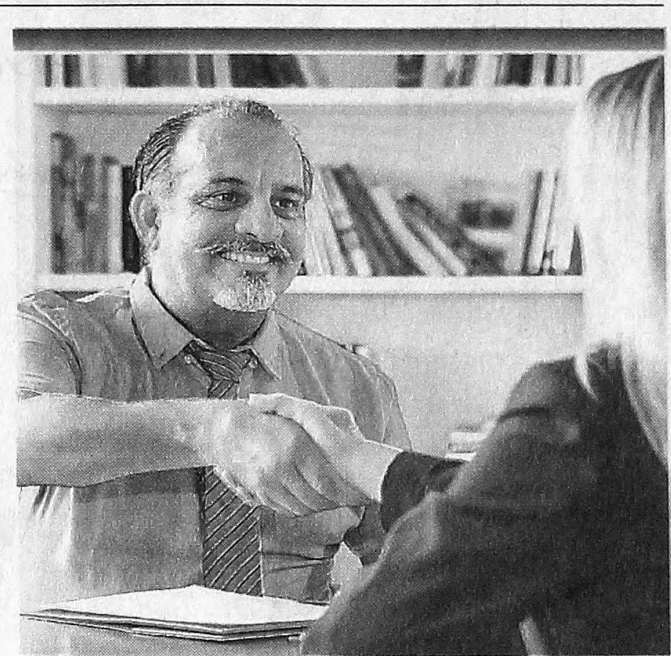
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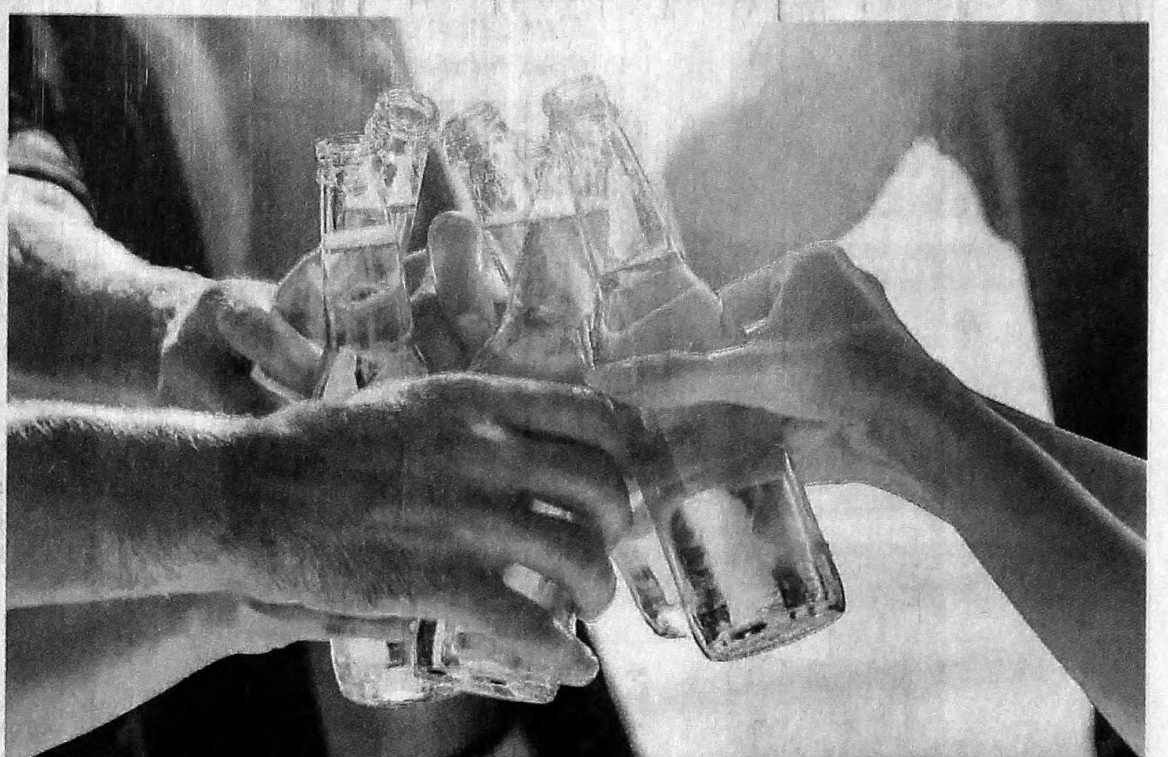


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