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Soccer player with fatal punch gets parole

Westland victim's widow, sons reflect on loss

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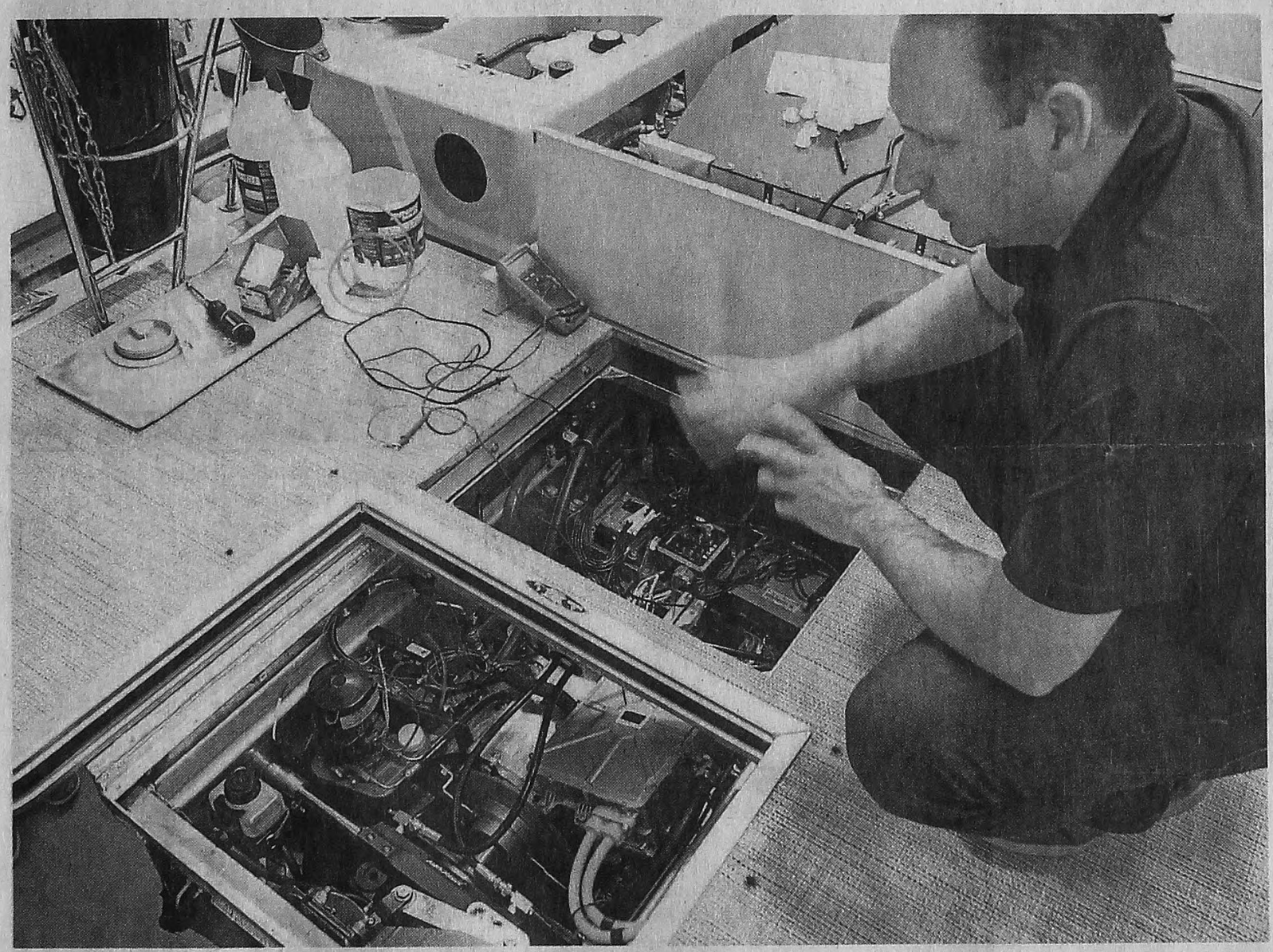
A soccer player whose fatal punch in 2014 shocked the sports world has walked away from state prison, riling the widow of the referee he killed. Kris Bieniewicz lost her husband

John when Bassel Saad, a Dearborn man with his own auto repair business, delivered his lethal blow as the referee prepared to eject him from a 2014 game in Livonia's Mies Park.

John's death hurts Kris most whenever her sons celebrate another sports win, scholastic feat, or professional

coup and her husband isn't there. Now there's a new challenge. Saad, 44 was paroled at the end of June. He's free to reunite with his wife and children, even if he gets deported to Lebanon. The Westland widow has been doubting her decision to let Saad plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter. A harsher second-degree homicide

charge with a possible life sentence was dropped in the plea deal. "Honestly, it kind of hit me a little bit this year because Saad can go back to his family," she said in late June, about a week before Saad's release. "... that's something we don't get to do again. It's been hitting me a lot lately." See PAROLE, Page 4A



Hercules Electric Mobility CEO James Breyer shows off his company's battery-electric powered 250 horsepower motor, installed below deck of a pontoon boat at the company's Farmington Hills facility. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington Hills electric motor builder gets into boat business

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One Farmington Hills company wants to become the Tesla for boats. And CEO James Breyer thinks they have just the product to do it. Hercules Mobility Company, which

operates in an industrial building on Halsted, originally began in 2018 as an operation to create electric motors. After crafting a test engine for a truck, the company set its sights on a part of the market not paid as much attention to: boats. "The premise of Hercules is really

around powerful electrification systems for recreational mobility products," Breyer said. "Basically, it's one high-performance electric machine or motor system that is scalable by software controls." See BOATS, Page 2A

Canton plans 2023 road projects on township's south side

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With the 2022 summer construction season in full swing, Canton Township officials are revving the engines on millage-funded road projects for 2023 and beyond.

At a recent study session, township engineers introduced an updated five-year plan for the township.

Next year's projects include base repairs and resurfacing of a one-mile section of Lilley Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road. The project will also address significant sidewalk gaps, including a connection to the Lilley Road bridge.

Another project slated for base repairs and resurfacing will focus on a one-mile stretch of Lotz Road between Michigan and Palmer.

The projects' costs are estimated at \$1.2 million and \$850,000, respectively, and may come with some extra perks for non-motorized vehicle users.

"We're going to try to do either one or two extended shoulders that would turn into a multi-use path/bike lane," said Bill Serchak, Canton's engineering services manager, during a study session July 19. "People walk on the shoulders anyway."

"Given the nature of Lilley and Lotz, it would be very difficult to get sidewalks in. An extended shoulder would give us a lot of room for pedestrians and bike traffic."

Next year's project plan also includes reconstruction of Sheldon Road

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BBQ, beer fans gear up for Westland festival

Courtesy of City of Westland

Southeast Michigan's top BBQ pit masters are lining up to participate in Westland's signature event of the year, Blues, Brews and BBQ at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park.

Held Aug. 5 and 6, Blues, Brews and BBQ will feature several talented musicians, all American barbecue and a selection of Michigan craft beers. The event will take place on 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, and 2-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

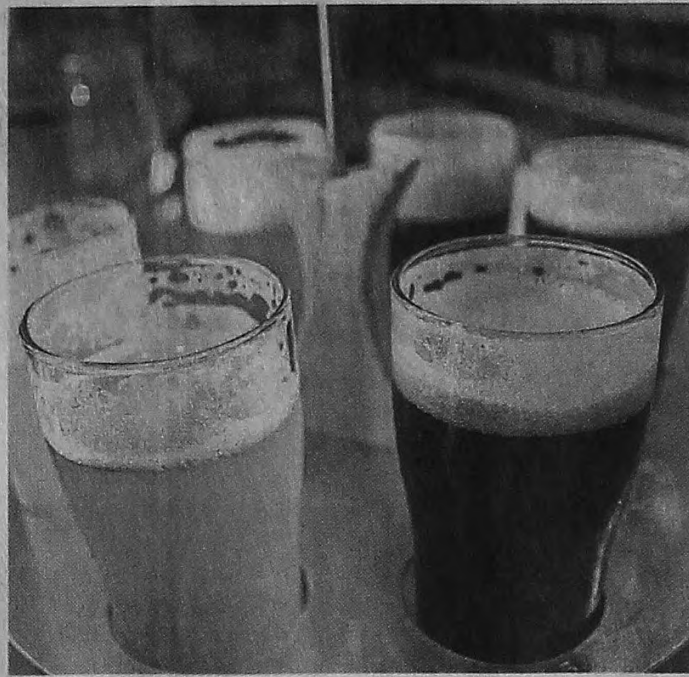
On Saturday, free family admission will be 2-4 p.m. for family fun time and free general admission opens at 4 p.m., with the event ending at 11 p.m.

Parking for this event will be free this year at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park, with overflow parking at John Glenn High School, the Friendship Senior Center and William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Free shuttle buses will be provided from the three overflow parking locations 6-11:30 p.m. Friday and 5-11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Once again, the event will feature professional pitmaster BBQers Hill Billy Bone BBQ, Heaven on a Roll, Old Dads BBQ, Hogz Backyard BBQ and Smokehouse 52 BBQ with their professional onsite, slow cooked, authentic BBQ.

Some additions outside the traditional BBQ realm will be Harvest Kettle Corn, Detroit Mini Donut, Big Dog Hot Dogs and Redd Ventures.



Westland's annual Blues, Brews and BBQ event features craft beer and hard seltzer from Michigan companies. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The event will also feature a wide selection of Michigan craft beers and hard seltzers.

On Friday night, attendees will be treated to some of

the area's most notable Blues acts with Corey Dakota kicking it off at 5 p.m. Taking the stage next will be Southern Breeze performing 7-8:30 p.m. and then Friday's headlining act, Whiskey Fixx, will finish the night 9-11 p.m.

The fun rolls right into Saturday with family fun time kicking off at 2 p.m.

Afterwards, Big Smooth and The Hellraisers will begin playing at 4 p.m. From 5:30-7:30 p.m. the Chris Canas Band will take the stage and then the headline act, Thornetta Davis, 8:30-10 p.m.

But wait ... there's more!

The event closes on Saturday with the All American Firework Celebration you won't want to miss and a one-of-a-kind drone show to close out the event.

"It has been truly incredible to watch this event grow for the past 11 years, and we are so excited to bring it back to the community better and better each year," Mayor William Wild said. "In addition to being a perfect way to spend a summer weekend, proceeds benefit a number of Westland charities. Proceeds from this event benefit local civic organizations to support their charitable work locally in Westland.

"To date, this event has raised and given back to the community nearly \$300,000."

Stay up to date on all the latest news and updates about this landmark event by visiting cityofwestland.com and a complete list of this year's sponsors who made the 2022 Blues, Brews and BBQ event possible.

Roads

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from Michigan Avenue to the township border.

About \$250,000 is budgeted to begin preventative maintenance in 2023 on projects completed during the first three years of the 20-year millage.

The Canton Road Improvement Project is funded by a 1.45-mill road millage approved by voters in 2018. The program aims to provide flexibility year-to-year in order to match revenues from the millage to prioritized projects.

Current projects

Millage funds are also in place to fund local road projects. The township works with interested homeowners' associations that contribute funds to the local match program. This year, 14 subdivisions are participating, with another 16 in line for next year.

Currently, township contractors are finishing a full reconstruction of Canton Center from Ford Road to Warren Road, a \$5 million project, as well as base repairs and resurfacing of Warren Road from Haggerty Road to Lilley Road, a \$1 million project.

The improvement project on Haggerty from Warren Road to Joy Road, originally scheduled for 2022, has been pushed back to 2027 to avoid traffic conflict with the ongoing MDOT Interstate 275 project.

State road project targets 2024 start

With the Ford Road Boulevard design phase about 75 percent complete, construction on the long-touted project is anticipated to begin in 2024, depending on easement acquisition and utility relocation.

That project is run by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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Hercules Electric Mobility's John Tews, left, Dan Henry and CEO James Breyer check out their company's 250 horsepower battery-electric motor installed in a pontoon boat. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Boats

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The people behind the company say they've got a head start on a market not yet discovered for electric vehicles. While much attention has been paid to cars, trucks and SUVs, Breyer said electric boats haven't caught on on the same scale, including across the Atlantic Ocean.

"Europe is a lot farther ahead in terms of electrification," Dan Henry, product marketing manager for the company, said. "Even then, it's still very early in the electrification of recreational boats out there."

He believes the company found the sweet spot: Hercules Electric Mobility has crafted a 250-horsepower electric motor designed for pontoon boats that can charge at a dock and run completely without fuel.

The company has tested its engine several times at Orchard Lake and Houghton Lake. Breyer said the tests have gone well; so well, in fact, that it has secured orders for their product from major manufacturers.

One such agreement was recently announced: the company signed on to work with Kansas-based Coach Marine Group to produce electric propulsion systems for the company's Coach and Xcursion branded pontoon boats.

"By working together, we're confident this will be a successful venture for both parties," Chris Riddle, CMG CEO, said in a statement. "This is a collaborative effort from design to sales. We're looking forward to the retail boat show season and other display opportunities this year, showcasing the power, performance and quiet luxury that comes with a Hercules e-Drive mated to a Coach pontoon."

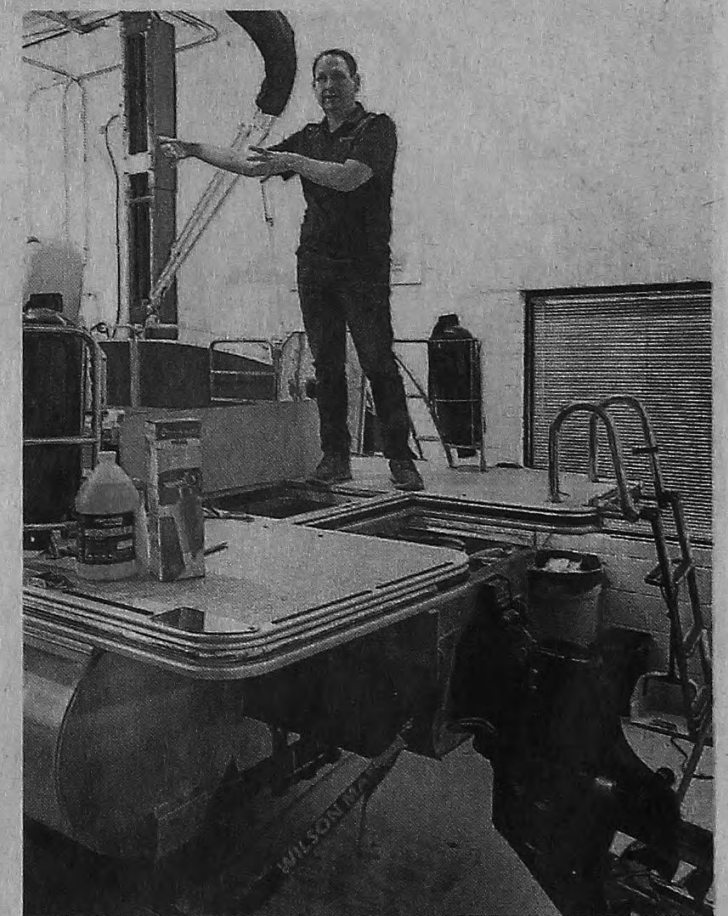
The deal means pontoon boats with the Hercules Mobility Systems propulsion could be on the market by next spring. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

It's expected boats equipped with the systems could make appearances at boat shows in major watercraft markets in the coming year, including in California, Florida and Michigan, three of the biggest boating states in the U.S.

Hercules specializes just in the motors, leaving the design and building of boats to longtime manufacturers. That allows them to tweak and improve their motors to ensure they fit with boats.

"We've leveraged our automotive and supply chains in order to solve that problem. So we can actually bring technology faster, closer in line to what automotive technology cycle looks like," Breyer said. "That's one of the reasons manufacturers like us so much. We're actually bringing something that they would like to bring themselves, they just don't have that capability in house."

The environmental impact is perhaps the biggest



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James Breyer CEO, Hercules Electric Mobility

one such a motor has. Instead of needing to refuel regularly at a port, boat owners could cruise and then plug in at a port. Such energy would be much cleaner than current gas-powered boat engines, Breyer said.

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Candidates file for school board, village council

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The filing deadline for non-partisan elected positions on the Nov. 8 ballot has passed. That includes local school district board of education, village council and a few local ballot proposals.

In Michigan, seven-member school boards set policy for the local district with a superintendent hired by the board handles day-to-day operations in the district. Typically, school board seats are staggered so only a few members are up from election any given year. The same holds true for local village councils.

Here are the candidates who met the July 26 filing deadline.

Oakland County

Bloomfield Township has two positions open on its library board. Three candidates paid the filing fee to appear on the ballot: Dani Gillman, Christine Miller Kinal, and Shane Spradlin. The term ends Nov. 20, 2024.

Beverly Hills Village Council has four positions up for grabs. Each position runs for 4 years. Eight candidates filed petitions to appear on the ballot: Rock Abboud, James P. Delaney, Gabriel Ervin, John George, Karen Gilbert, Rachael Hrydziusko, Jon M. Oen, and Mark White.

Bingham Farms Village has a presidential election for a 4-year term. That race is uncontested with Lisa M. Blackburn the only candidate to file petitions to run.

Franklin Village has three 4-year positions on the November ballot with six candidates filing petitions to appear on the ballot. Those are Nena Downing, Fred Gallasch, David Goldberg, Pam Hansen, David Albert Sahli, and Richard David.

Village of Milford has elections for both village council and council president. Neither race is contested with one candidate — Jerry Aubry — filing petitions for the 2-year position and three candidates — Jennifer Frankford, Andrew Grohowski and Harley C. Maxwell — filing petitions for the 4-year seats.

For the **Birmingham Public Schools**, there is quite a lot of interest for the two

available seats on the board, which run 6 years. All candidates paid filing fees to appear on the ballot: Art Jack, Samuel Oh, Bridget Schipper, Nicole Spencer, Kimberly Whitman, Bradley Wing, and Colleen Zammit.

Similarly, **Bloomfield Hills Schools** has a lot of interest for the four available spots on the board. Each position is a 4-year term. Candidates here also paid filing fees: Jim Baker, Lindsay G. Baker, Sandeep Chada, Tareq Falah, Nicholas Haugen, Meagan M. Hill, Paul Kolin, Harris Ng, Carolyn Noble, and Lauren Wilson.

Farmington Public School District has three 6-year terms available in the November election. The candidates who paid filing fees are T.R. Carr, Mark Forsee, Bjorn Olson, Angie Smith, Donna Swoboda, Donald Walker, and Terri Ann Weems.

The district also has one position available for a term ending Dec. 31, 2024. Michelle Bushey, Claudia Heinrich, and Katherine Massey all paid filing fees to appear on the ballot for that opening.

Huron Valley Schools has a slew of candidates interested in one of the three available 6-year terms on the school board. Ten candidates are running: Jacob Dimlick, Ryan Dolley, Benjamin C. Doby, Denise L. Forrest, Amy Grzymkowski, Debbie Lennis, Carol Nagy, Joseph Pilchowski, Michelle Ryan, and Becky Zimmerman.

The district also has two candidates on the ballot for a single position on the board for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2024. Those candidates are Lindsay Cotter and Shannon Pickering. All the candidates in the two races paid filing fees to appear on the ballot.

Novi Community School District has four candidates interested in one of the two 6-year positions on the board of education. Jason W. Michener file petitions to appear on the ballot. Betsy Beaudoin, Chris Hollman and Latasha Keller paid filing fees to seek office.

Similarly, **South Lyon Community Schools** has four individuals seeking a six-year term on the board. Voters will pick two among Miriam Corvino, Stephanie Junkulis-Pierce, Patrick Maguire, and Ann Rimaneli. Maguire submitted petitions for the ballot while the

others paid fees.

There is also one position for a term ending Dec. 31, 2024. Craig Dashner and Teresa Laszlo are seeking that position, paying filing fees to appear on the ballot.

The **Salem-South Lyon District Library** has four openings for its board, each position a 4-year term. Four candidates are running: Linda Hamilton, Erin Petricca and Russell Sims submitted petitions, and Hattie Maguire paid a filing fee to run.

Wayne County

In the **Clarenceville School District**, Riley Myers and Dennis Myer each filed to run for two of the available 4-year terms. However, there are three school board seats available in November, meaning a write-in candidate likely will take the third opening.

For **Livonia Public Schools**, seven candidates filed to run for a school trustee position: Colleen Burton, Jeffrey Ferguson, Elizabeth Jarvis, Mark Johnson, Emily Keith, Pamela Morgan, and Reina Vendramini. Three seats are available, and all three incumbents are seeking re-election.

Northville Public Schools has seven candidates interested in one of the three school board seats available. Andrew Augustine, Kimberly Campbell-Voytal, Jason McLeod, Carin Meyer, Scott Morrell, Kathleen Schafer, and Melissa Stuart all filed to run.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools a slew of candidates are seeking an elected position on the board of education. Laronda Chastang, Amanda Krinke, Patti McCoin, Nathan Morris, Sebastien Ostertag, Sheryl Picard, Nancy Sterniak, and Judy Westra all filed to run for one of the four full-term positions on the board.

Anupam Sidhu is running for a partial term that expires Dec. 31, 2022.

Issue-related requests

The **City of Birmingham** has a charter amendment request to increase the spending limits that require a commission vote. The language states: "Proposed amendments to Chapter VI. - Contracts, Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of the City of Birmingham Charter.

The proposed amendments substitute in these sections the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the current amounts of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) in Section 1. - [Specifications for bids.], Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) in Section 2. - [Bids required.], and One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) in Section 3. [Commission approval required.]. While the first Section relates to all City contracts, the latter two (2) Sections relate solely to contracts for public improvements. Shall the proposed Amendment be adopted?"

The **Farmington Public School District** has an operating millage restoration proposal on the ballot to increase the tax rate for non-homestead properties in the school district to the maximum level allowed. State funding for school districts presumes the non-homestead millage is levied at 18 mills.

The language states: "This authorization will: (i) restore the authority of Farmington Public School District to levy 18.00 mills previously authorized and levied for general operating purposes on all property, except principal residence and other property exempt by law which has been reduced by 0.6152 mill by application of the Headlee Amendment; and (ii) increase the prior authority by 1 mill in the event of future Headlee roll-backs of the same amount. This authority, combined with other unexpired authorizations, would allow the School District to receive revenues at the full foundation allowance permitted by the State. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on all property, except personal residence and other property exempt by law, in the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased by 1.6152 mills (\$1.6152 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, the years 2022 to 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses? This millage would raise an estimated \$878,336 for the School District in the first year that it is levied."

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Parole

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Who is Saad now?

Michigan Department of Corrections representatives said the criminal justice system considers Saad a foreign national. Michigan Parole Board members interviewed Saad in February before granting him a two-year parole term at the end of June.

He spent July in an undisclosed county jail waiting for federal law enforcers to pick him up for deportation.

"Upon expiration of the two-year parole term, he will be discharged from sentence," MDOC spokeswoman Brianna Brugel said. "If Saad returns to the United States illegally during parole supervision, he will face parole violation proceedings which could include return to prison to resume serving the balance of the original sentence, which would be up to 2029."

Attorney Brian Berry continues to represent Saad, whom he said remains contrite. The parolee has wanted to talk to Kris Bieniewicz to explain how sorry he is and that he never intended to kill her husband.

Saad has taken self-improvement classes. He apparently has been behaving well since he spent eight years incarcerated, the minimum of an 8-15 year sentence, before getting paroled.

According to Berry, Saad wants to offer advice so other people don't let their irrational actions ruin lives.

Feeling alone after John Bieniewicz died

Over the years, Kris Bieniewicz has adjusted to parenting alone. She has raised Kyle, now 21, and Josh, 17, while continuing her coaching career and working other jobs.

She has preferred to not think about Saad, to not stir up any lingering rage.

"I've been involved in sports basically my entire life, and I've never seen anybody get that upset on the field, on the court, wherever, that you're capable of killing somebody," she said, Kyle sitting nearby as the family's dogs played together. "Really, I've tried to avoid thinking about it because all that would do is put me farther down the rabbit hole. I knew that I had to keep going."

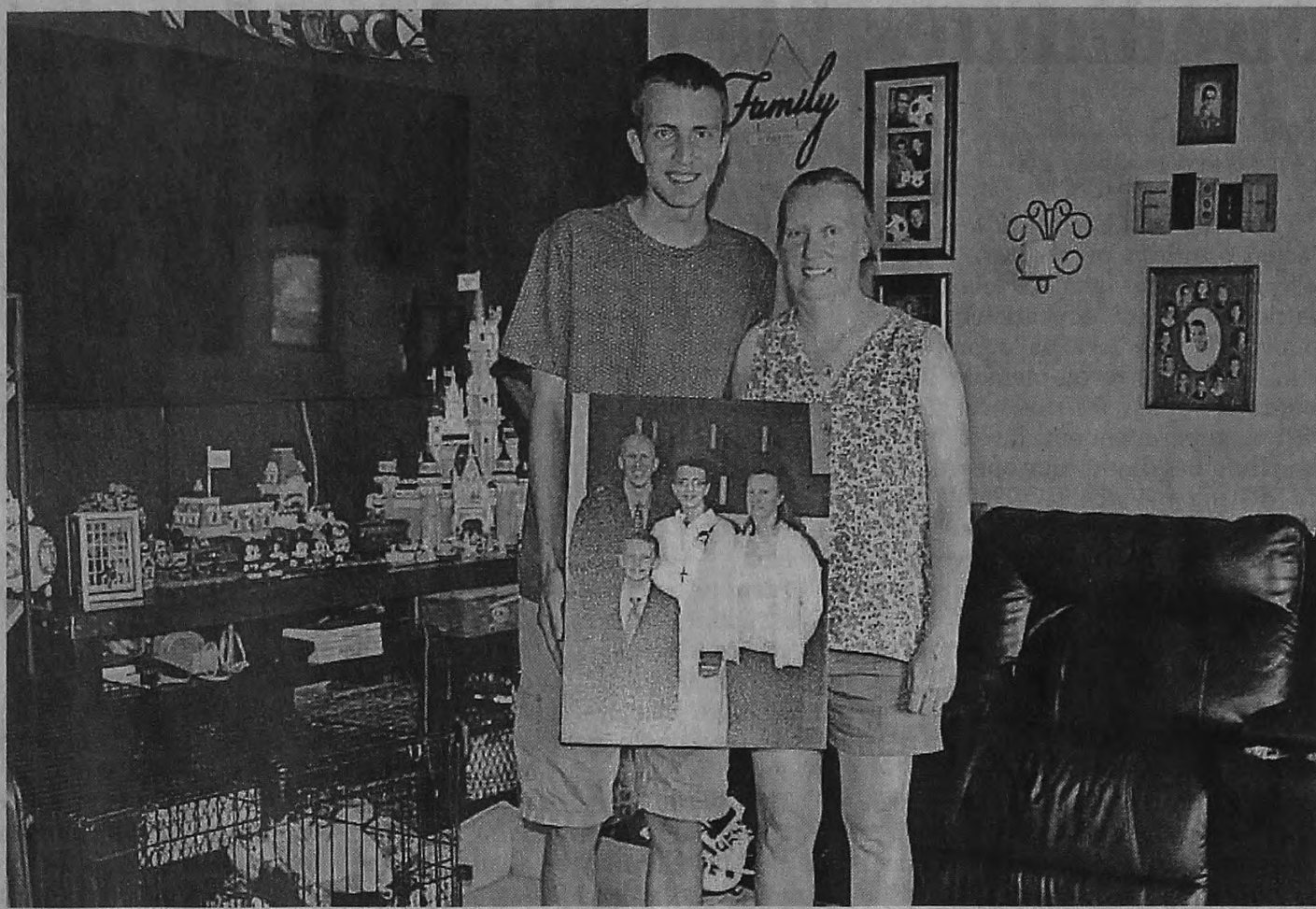
She's aware of Saad's apologies. She has a tough time believing that someone could go from acting out a deadly rage to turning around to say he's sorry.



Bieniewicz



Saad



Kris Bieniewicz and her son Kyle stand with a family portrait inside their home in Westland on June 22. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"At the time, I felt he was only sorry because he knew what was coming down the line," she said. "That's just the way I felt at the time. I just try to block that whole aspect of it out."

She filed a \$51 million wrongful death lawsuit against Saad, and the case was settled with a confidentiality agreement in place.

A marriage started through sports

John Bieniewicz graduated from Catholic Central High School. His widow was a three-sport athlete at Lutheran High School West in Detroit, and she returned there to coach.

They met while she was coaching women's basketball at University of Michigan's Dearborn campus during the mid-'90s. He drove the bus transporting the team to games, and they started talking and getting to know each other during road trips.

They were married more than 15 years when he started making the switch from refereeing youth league soccer games to men's soccer games. He told his wife "I love you" before walking out the door to ref-

eree his last game in late June 2014.

They had already talked about another fatal Utah incident involving a soccer player and referee. John had assured her something like that couldn't happen with him since he didn't ref for non-sanctioned leagues.

Her sons were up north with grandparents when she returned home from church. Her husband wasn't there but she figured he might have taken on another game, like he occasionally did. Then she received a call from the Livonia Police Department. She rushed to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Police would say that Saad became angry with Bieniewicz for preparing to eject him from the game.

"John served him with his yellow (card)," Kris Bieniewicz said. "You keep your red in your opposite pocket. So he reached in and the card got stuck. He was bent down, in a relaxed state, not expecting anything, (and) went to try to pull out the red card. That's when (Saad) charged at him and hit him. He didn't even see it coming."

His death days later made international headlines, as did the sentencing of Saad.

People still ask attorneys Cyril Hall and Amir Makled about their defense in the case that sparked heated opinions. Makled said Saad pleaded guilty to the lesser charge because it was in everybody's best interest.

"The case was an aberration of his character and who he was as an individual and as a father," Makled said. "He served his debt to society. He hopes that the family of the decedent has healed as much as they can after having lost a father themselves and a husband. Tempers were heated and things got out of hand. He struck a referee one time and the gentleman died as a result of the blow."

Despite multiple requests, Saad's attorneys did not provide contact with the man and his family.

Remembering John fondly as life moves on

John Bieniewicz worked in the pediatric chronic dialysis unit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"John was ridiculously proud of his kids," Kris Bieniewicz said. "In his little cubicle at work, he'd put pictures up. He was constantly telling the other nurses what was going on and what they did. You know, that they could walk and chew gum at the same time. It didn't matter, he was still proud of it."

He and his family liked to share silly emails. He also had an email group for friends.

"John's friends – we called him 'Benny' – miss him every day," attorney Jim Acho said. "John used to chime in on there every day for 15 years until he passed. And we've kept it going every day since he died. Every year on the anniversary of his passing we remember Benny and his absence is still felt years later."

Kris Bieniewicz looks back at the years that have passed since her husband died.

At a Livonia YMCA game, she snapped soon after her husband's death and yelled at another coach whose rage with an official reminded her of what Saad did.

She has watched parents and players unable to keep their mouths shut. She has watched her sons deal with their own challenges as they pursued sports and refereeing.

"I don't know that I'll ever recover completely," said Bieniewicz, a Concordia Lutheran coach who can't imagine a world without sports. "I honestly think I would have been a bigger mess if it wasn't for the kids."

"Because I took the attitude that I have to prove to these kids that we're still going to go on. There's things to do. Life has to go on. We still need to make Dad proud."

Asked whether she and her sons have done that, she smiled and said "well, it depends on the day of week you want to talk to me."

Kyle, a graduate from Michigan Technological University, has a new engineering job at Cleveland-Cliffs in Dearborn. Josh is preparing for his senior year at a Catholic high school in Ann Arbor.

Their mom is thankful they have memories of their father, and share some of their dad's personality traits. Kyle's sense of humor is similar to his dad's yet his tone was serious when he talked about watching his mom over the years.

"It has also allowed me to see her strength and her perseverance and what she sacrifices, which is pretty much everything," he said.

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Judith Levin Cantor

Judith Levin Cantor, 93, died on July 26, 2022. A 4th-generation Detroit, granddaughter of Rabbi Judah Leib Levin and daughter of Lillian Keidan Levin and Professor Samuel M. Levin, she was married 71 years to Bernard Cantor.

She taught us to live with strength and fire, the importance of family, community, and roots, and about being a Jewish woman. She passed on her love of travel, adventure, and learning. Teacher, entrepreneur, archivist, exhibit curator, and editor.

Author of *Jews in Michigan: Discovering the Peoples of Michigan*; recipient of many honors including the "First Lady of Michigan" award by the State of Michigan, the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's Leonard N. Simons History Award, the Eight Over Eighty Award from Jewish Senior Life of Metro Detroit, and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

She will live on through the beautiful community and family she created for us all: Bernard; Children: Glenn (Inge Eriks), Cliff (Pauline), Jim (Susan), Mark (Karen), and Ellen, who predeceased her in 2013; Grandchildren: Lani (Stig Vatland), Alida (Travis Pritchard), Clara (Juliette Larmier), Dan (Anna), Emma (Josiah Brown), Tilly (Tadd Pearson), Lauren, Brian, Erica; Great-grandchildren: Lily, Kai, Arthur, Leo, Luca, Max, Aya; and mentor and honorary mother to many more.

A service will be held on Sunday, July 31, 1:00 p.m., at the Ira Kaufman Chapel, in Southfield MI, followed by burial in Clover Hill Park Cemetery, Birmingham, MI. A video link will be available.

Remembrances may be sent to the American Technion Society to support mental health telemedicine for Technion students, 55 E 59th St, Fl 13, New York, NY 10022 or to the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, 33228 W 12 Mile Rd #349, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

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Beverly Rowley

LIVONIA - Beverly A Rowley, age 85, went to be with the Lord on July 28, 2022. Beloved wife of Melvin, Daughter of Claire (Pence) Blanke and Albert Miller; Sister to Thomas (all deceased.)

Beverly was born on September 27, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Bentley High School, Livonia, Michigan, in 1954. On August 3, 1957, she married Melvin Rowley.

Together they had six sons; Mark (Carol), Greg (Darlene), Scot (Tracy), Robert, Brian, and Jeff Rowley; ten grandchildren; Jackie, Michelle, Kevin, Greg Jr., David, Christopher, Tiffany, Allison, William, and Amanda; and four great-grandchildren; Khloe, Thomas, Elijah, and Lucas.

Always musical, Beverly enjoyed playing the piano and organ, and singing in the St. Genevieve Parish choir. As a former high school cheerleader, Beverly served as Director of Cheerleading for the Livonia Eagles Football Program, as well as a CCD teacher for St. Genevieve Church. She was also very active with the parish bowling league and pinochle club. Beverly worked in the Livonia Public School System for over twenty years as an administrative accounting clerk. After retirement, she loved spending time at the Six Mile Lake Cabin amongst the wildlife, bird watching and spoiling her grandchildren. Her favorite activities included watching movies, golfing, and playing games.

Visitation will be Monday, August 1st at 10:00 am, with an 11:00 am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church located at 207 Nichols St. East Jordan, MI 49727. Funeral procession immediately following, with a return to the church for a memorial luncheon. Donations can be made in memory of Beverly Rowley to: Maryknoll Ministries, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545. To leave condolences, please visit: <https://www.penzienfh.com/>



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MI zip codes turn up gold for residents

Contents inside sealed Vault Bricks reveal old U.S. coins with rare 24 Karat Gold Layering issued by the U.S. Gov't nearly 100 years ago are actually being handed over to Michigan residents who find their zip code below; but only those who beat the 48 hour deadline are getting them at just state minimum

"If you live in the state of Michigan you need to find your zip code listed in today's newspaper announcement and call immediately," said Laura A. Lynne, Director of Coin and Currency for National Mint and Treasury.

That's because Michigan residents who find the first three digits of their zip code listed in today's publication are getting Sealed Vault Bricks containing the only Michigan State Gold Bank Rolls known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design and each loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Buffalo Nickels layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold by National Mint and Treasury. This is all happening because thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to claim the gold. Now any resident who finds the first three digits of their zip code listed in today's publication and calls to verify it gets to claim the Gold Vault Bricks for themselves and keep all the valuable gold found inside.

And here's the best part. Michigan residents can really cash in for the next 48 hours. That's because non-state residents and those who miss the 48-hour deadline must pay \$8 per coin, but Michigan residents who take the Vault Bricks cover just the \$4 per coin state minimum. That means Michigan residents get all 125 coins with rare 24 Karat Gold Layering for just \$500 which is a real steal since non-state residents must pay over \$1,000 for each Vault Brick. And it gets even better for those claiming the Jumbo Gold Vault Bricks.

"As Director of Coin and Currency for National Mint and Treasury, one of my jobs is to deliver breaking news. And today's announcement confirming the release of Sealed Gold Vault Bricks to residents of the state of Michigan is as big as it gets," Lynne said.

"So my advice is this, anyone who gets an opportunity to get their hands on one of these Gold Vault Bricks full of coins issued by the U.S. Gov't nearly 100 years ago with rare 24 Karat Gold layering from the National Mint and Treasury better jump at the chance while they still can," Lynne said.

"These Gold Vault Bricks make the most impressive gifts for Christmas, birthdays, graduations, weddings, and any other occasion, especially for that hard-to-buy-for person," Lynne said.

According to Ms. Lynne, since thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to claim the gold, today and tomorrow are intended as a "special 48 hour release" for the benefit of Michigan residents. This gives them a fair chance to claim the Sealed Gold Vault Bricks and all the valuable gold loaded inside for themselves.

But, Ms. Lynne added, "The Sealed Gold Vault Bricks are only available as inventory permits during the special 48 hour release so please do not miss the deadline." The director added, "We have no power to stop coin dealers, resellers or collectors buying up all the Gold Vault Bricks they can get their hands on," Lynne said.

"We already know the phones will be ringing off the hook. That's why hundreds of agents are standing by to answer the phones beginning at 8:30am this morning. We're going to do our best, but with just 48 hours to answer all the calls it won't be easy. So make sure to tell everyone to keep calling if all lines are busy. We'll do our best to answer them all," Lynne said.

"That's why National Mint and Treasury set up the State Distribution Hotlines in order to make sure residents of Michigan can get them now," Lynne said.

The only thing readers of today's newspaper publication need to do is make sure they live in one of the zip codes listed and call the State Distribution Hotlines before the special 48 hour deadline ends midnight tomorrow.



FLYING OUT THE DOOR: Lucky Michigan residents are hoping to find their zip code listed in today's publication, but not everybody will. That's why those who do need to immediately call the State Distribution Hotlines. Everyone who does is authorized to claim sealed Vault Bricks loaded with the only Michigan State Gold Bank Rolls known to exist for the lowest ever \$4 per coin minimum set for Michigan residents - non-state residents and those who miss the 48 hour deadline must pay \$8 per coin, if any remain.

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Q: Why are so many Michigan residents calling to get them?

A: Because they are the only Michigan State Bank Rolls known to exist we're bracing for the flood of calls. These are not ordinary Bank Rolls. These are full Bank Rolls containing 25 Buffalos dating clear back to 1900's. Best of all each Buffalo is layered in 24 Karat Gold and the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents who find the first three digits of their zip code listed in today's publication beat the deadline only. That means Michigan residents cover only \$4 per Buffalo when they claim the Gold Vault Bricks, which is just \$500 for the next 2 days.



Q: How do I get the Gold Vault Bricks?

A: The only thing Michigan residents need to do is find the first three digits of their zip code in today's publication and call the State Toll-Free Hotline at 1-800-997-8036 Ext. BNA1104 before the deadline ends. Everyone who does is getting the Bank Rolls for just the state minimum. That's a sealed Gold Vault Brick containing the only Michigan State Bank Rolls known to exist each loaded with the rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Buffalo Nickels layered in valuable 24 Karat Gold for just the \$4 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, which totals just \$500 for the full sealed Gold Vault Brick. That's a real steal because state residents and non-state residents who miss the deadline must pay \$1,000 for each sealed Gold Vault Brick if any remain.



FIRST LOOK INSIDE GOLD VAULT BRICKS: Shown above is a sneak peek inside the Gold Vault Bricks. The Gold Vault Bricks are loaded with Michigan State Gold Bank Rolls containing U.S. Buffalos each layered in 24 Karat Gold. The phone lines will be ringing off the hook beginning at precisely 8:30 am this morning. That's because Michigan residents can really cash in for the next 48 hours. Here's why. Non-state residents and those who miss the 48-hour deadline must pay \$8 per coin, but Michigan residents who take the Gold Vault Bricks pictured above cover just the \$4 per coin state minimum. That means Michigan residents get all 125 coins with rare 24 Karat Gold Layering for just \$500 which is a real steal since non-state residents must pay over \$1,000 for each Gold Vault Brick. And it gets even better for those claiming the Jumbo Gold Vault Bricks.

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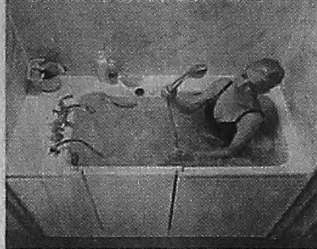
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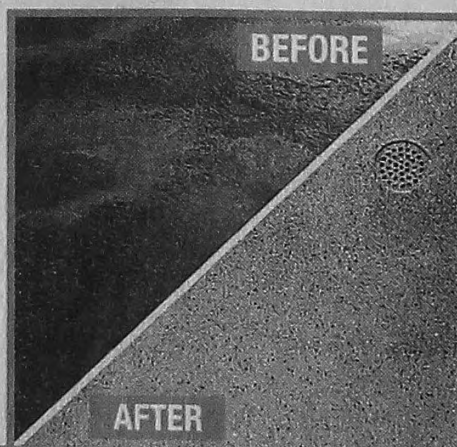
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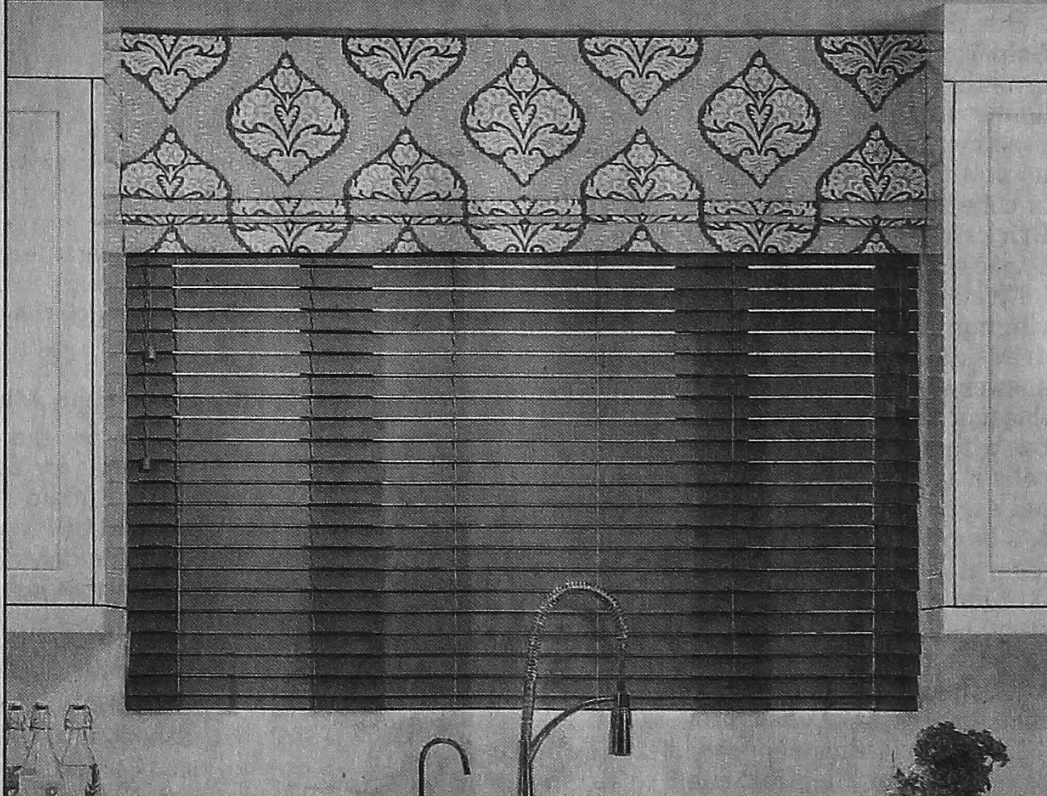
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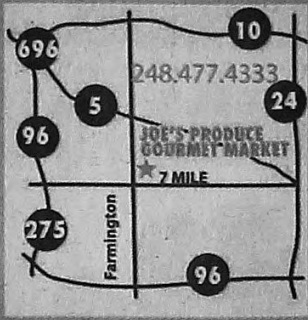
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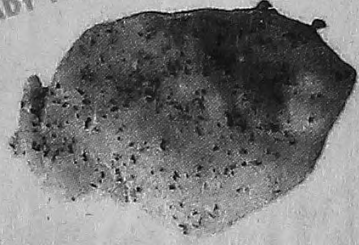
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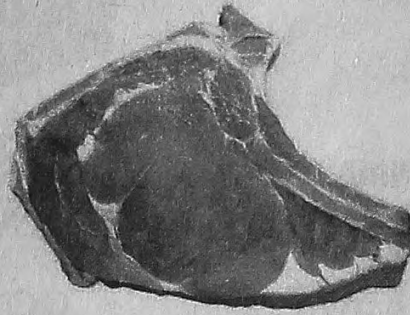
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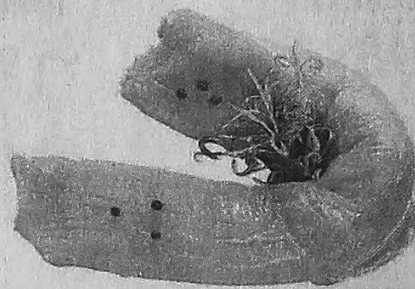
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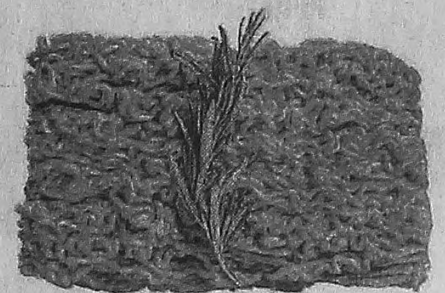
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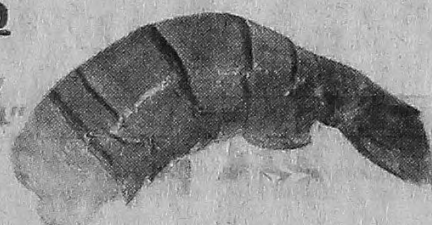
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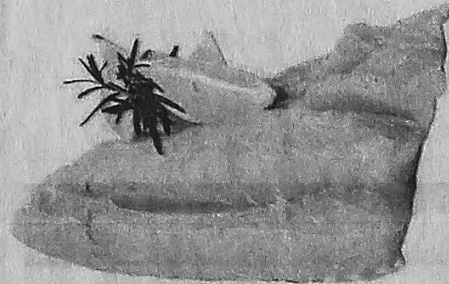
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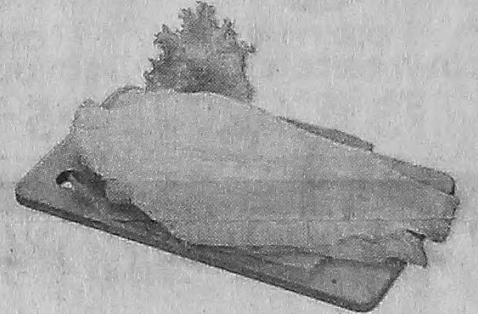
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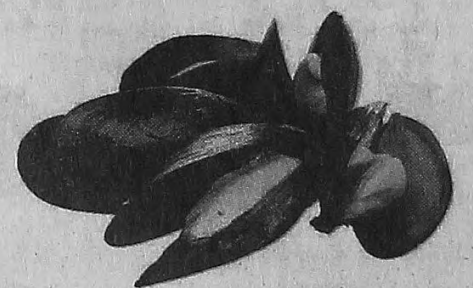
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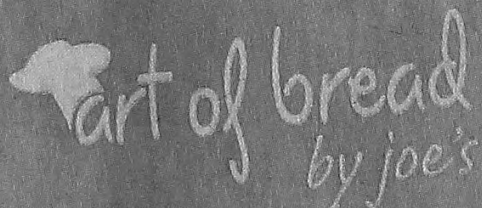
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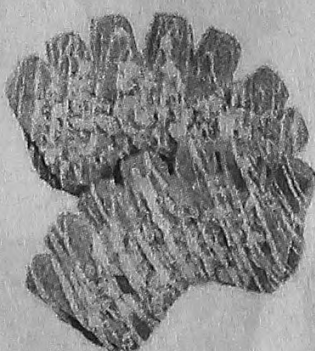


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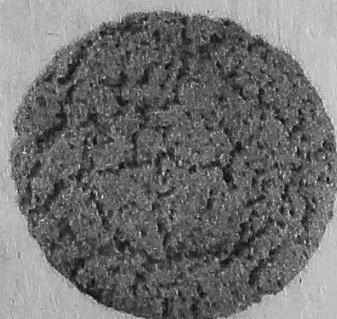


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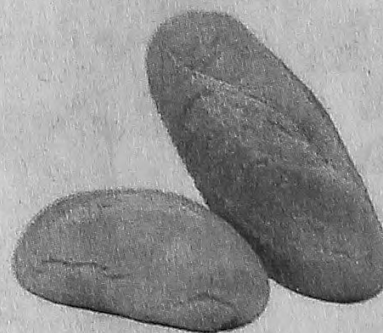
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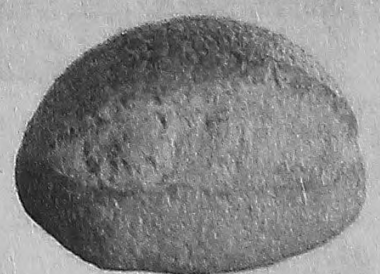
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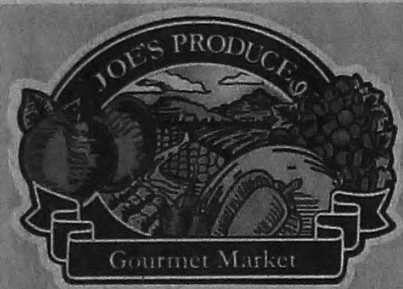
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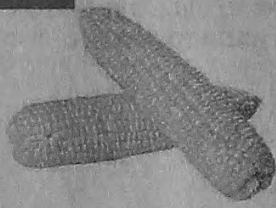
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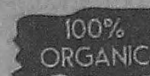
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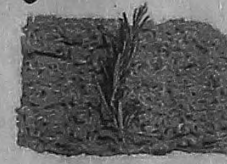


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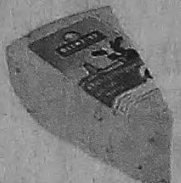


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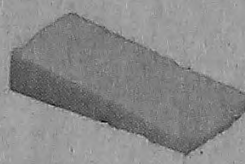


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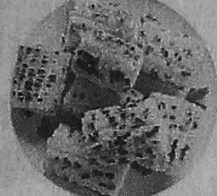
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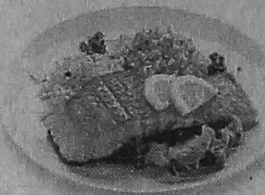


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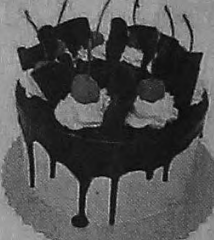


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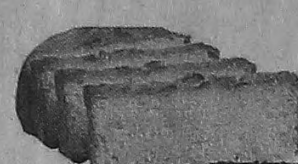
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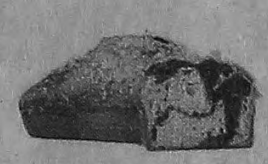
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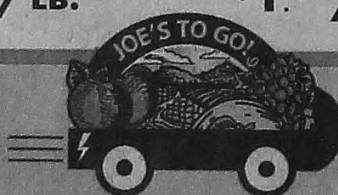
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SPORTS

Football camp brings Sunshine



Ian Fox and Edison Winiger go through drills during the eighth annual Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic.
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Former Oakland golfer now jeweler to PGA pros

Carlos Monarrez Detroit Free Press
 USA TODAY NETWORK

Alicia Zuckerman walked around the Rocket Mortgage Classic at Detroit Golf Club on Friday morning wearing gleaming diamond earrings, a ruby-and-diamond ring fashioned into the shape of a snake, a massive 18-carat gold Rolex Yacht-Master II and an engagement ring so large that someone might confuse it for a really shiny quail egg.

All that serious bling isn't just for show — it's all business.

Zuckerman's father, David, owns Leo's Jewelry in Wayne, and she has become the unofficial jeweler to the PGA Tour's pros and their wives and girlfriends. She estimates she has sold jewelry to about a quarter of the tour's pros and basically wears merchandise as a walking billboard.

Whenever someone on the golf course compliments her jewelry, Zuckerman's standard response is, "I'm in the business." And the sale begins. She has literally sold the earrings off her ears several times. She even sold the earrings she got for her 21st birthday.

"Nothing is sentimental to me," she said.

But all that flashy brilliance that adorned Zuckerman's ears and hands didn't match her mood Friday; she was feeling sentimental in a different way.

"I'm usually never like this," she said. "Ask anyone."

The reason for Zuckerman's unhappiness was obvious. She was following fiancé Brian Stuard, who was struggling on his way to missing the cut at the Rocket Mortgage Classic. The former Oakland University golfer from Jackson shot a 2-over-par 74 and finished at 1-over, missing the cut by four strokes.

But this isn't a story about Stuard, who has been well-chronicled for his play and local support at the tournament. This is a story about Zuckerman and the side of the PGA Tour few see or understand. It's the side of those who love and support PGA Tour pros, who ride the highs and the lows, who cheer from the periphery but can do nothing to help them when they struggle.

"It just sucks to watch," Zuckerman said.

Stuard slumped his shoulders in the fairway after an approach shot to the 12th green landed 37 feet short of the pin, leading to a disappointing par. Two holes later, he found the water and triple-bogeyed.

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Plymouth grad leads skills clinic for children with special needs

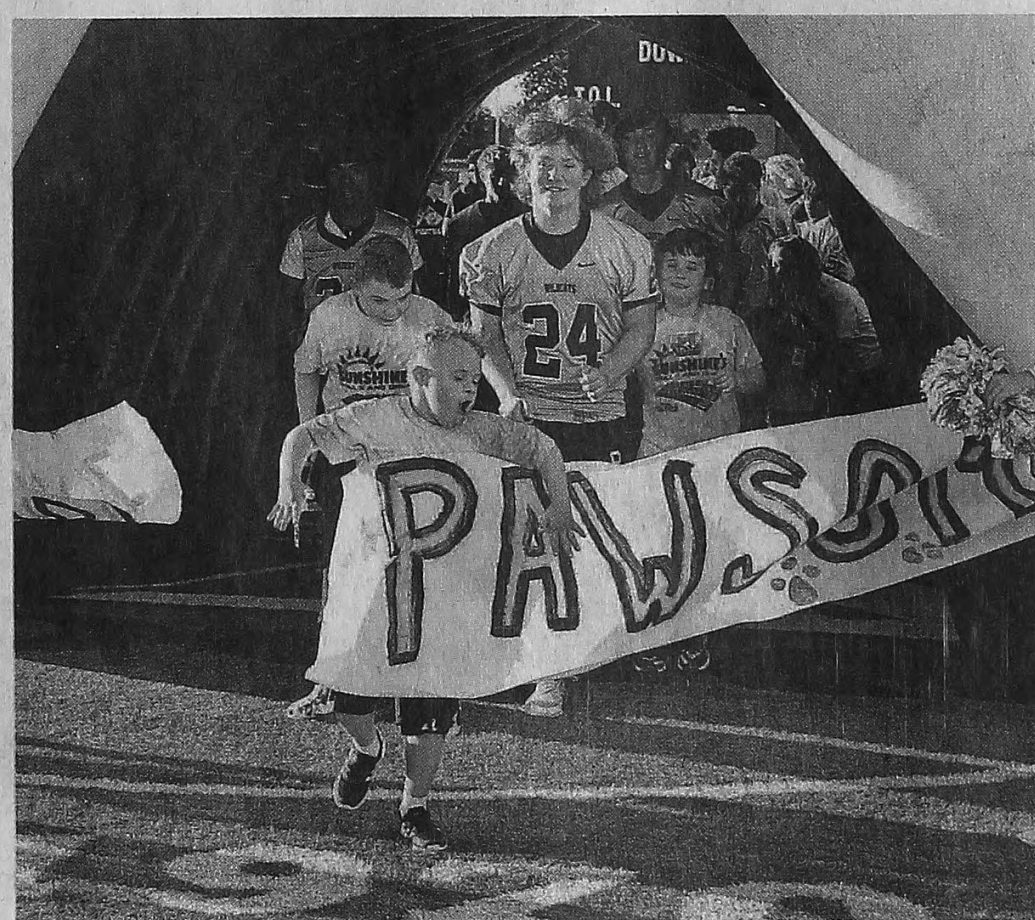
Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

With college athletes preparing to leave for training camp in the next few days, most of them are taking advantage of every last second they have remaining to sit on the beach, hang out with friends and just take it easy.

Not Connor Sherman. The recent Plymouth graduate leaves for Kalamazoo College Aug. 6. He's hoping to make a strong first impression in camp and, hopefully, land somewhere high on the quarterback depth chart as an incoming freshman.

And instead of toveling off after a dip in the swimming pool or kicking up his feet on the ottoman while playing video games with his buddies, there he was Friday night at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park varsity stadium, quickly evading a series of 10 or 12 blocks as Plymouth sophomore Joey Portman pushed wheelchair-bound Carlos Teran for what went down as a 54-yard rushing touchdown.

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Players run through the Wildcats' tunnel.

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Sunshine

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That's right.

It was the eighth annual Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic for Children with Special Needs, and Sunshine himself almost got run over while Teran gripped tightly his silver and black football all the way to the end zone.

To tell this story, we need to go back to the fourth grade.

That's when Sherman came up with the idea for a football camp for children with special needs.

His teacher at the time held what was called the "Miracle Hour Project." Basically, each student got one hour per week to work on some sort of dream project. Some kids wrote books. Others teamed up to make a student newspaper. And Sherman wanted to do something involving football, his biggest passion.

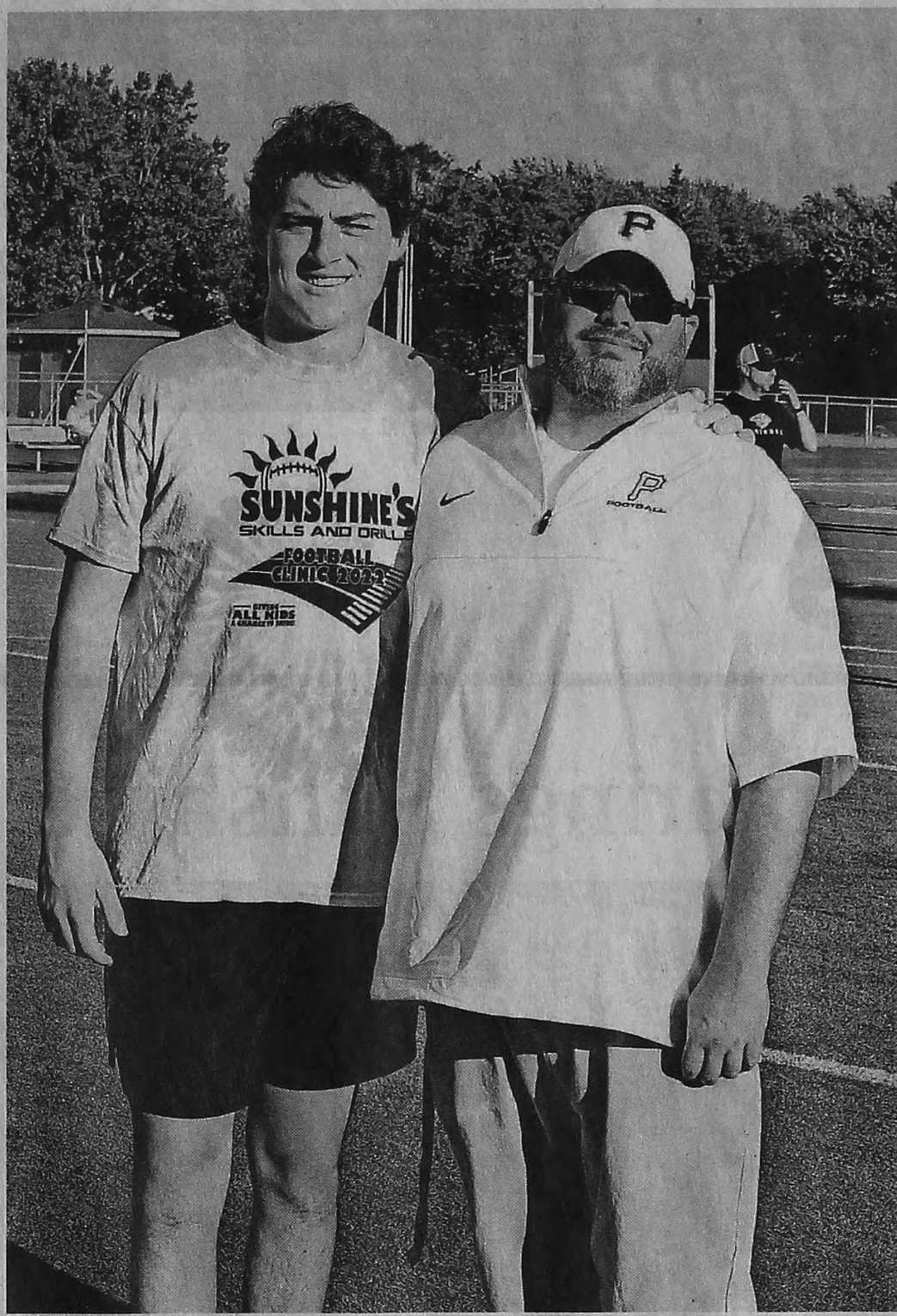
He and his parents brainstormed ideas for him to give back to his community through football. And then he remembered his neighbor, Steven, who was a special needs child.

"He came up with the idea to give every kid a chance to experience what he was fortunate enough to experience when he was growing up, and that was playing football," said Plymouth teacher Brian Rochon, who helped Sherman co-found the clinic.

Even back then, Sherman was a quarterback. Except he had long, golden blonde locks sprouting from his head. He looked a lot like Ronnie Bass from the movie "Remember the Titans." And as you might recall, Bass' nickname in that film was Sunshine. And just like that, the clinic got its name.

Sherman helped organize the inaugural clinic in 2014 when he was still in elementary school. And every year since, with the exception of the 2020 summer during the pandemic, special needs children with a wide array of disabilities from all over have attended Sunshine's. From Windsor to Toledo and the western parts of Michigan, upwards of 50-75 campers show up every summer for one special night at PCEP.

Local businesses and community members make donations to help put on the clinic, while Plymouth's football coaching staff as well as several players in the program volunteer their time to put special-needs children through all sorts of drills. There's blocking. There are touchdown dances. There are agility drills. There are three-point stances. Campers get to run through the giant Wildcat tunnel the varsity players use during their pre-game ceremonies. And there's a pizza party afterward.



Former Plymouth quarterback Connor Sherman and teacher Brian Rochan pose for a picture during the eighth annual Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sherman said it's his favorite night of the year, and this is coming from a guy who was both the starting quarterback and the ace pitcher for the Wildcats. He's been part of some pretty important outings on campus.

But none of them quite compare to Sunshine's.

"He's definitely selfless, right? He's a selfless guy," Plymouth coach Greg Souldourian said about his former 6-foot-4, 205-pound QB. "I've been working these camps ever since he came up with the idea. I've known him since he was a little tike, and he was a lot shorter back then, let's just put it that way. And it's just a cool experience. A great experience for all involved, and I'm really hap-

py that we are able to help him and these campers live out their dreams out here."

The best part about it? This isn't a one-time deal for most campers.

While some were making their first-ever touchdown catches, others were there celebrating their fourth or fifth year hanging out with Sherman and the Wildcats, who have made it an incredibly inclusive event for campers who range from 5 to 19 years old.

"Our first year, we had 30 kids come out, and this is the eighth year, and it has turned out pretty huge," Sherman said. "My expectations have really been exceeded. The first year we were just expecting a great night, and it turned out to become something a lot bigger with



David Bowen and Joey Allen team up.



Joey Portman and Carlos Teran.

the public and community getting behind it and donating money. Really seeing how the kids love it and the players (enjoy it), that pushed me and my family to do the clinic every year."

It's rare a special needs child gets to participate in athletics, and it's even rarer for one to be able to call someone like Plymouth's 6-foot-9, 225-pound lineman Kelvin Amoako their teammate for a night. But that's what Sunshine's is all about, and Sherman wouldn't have wanted to spend the summer vacation any other way.

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Golfer

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Zuckerman is different than many of the women who watch their husbands and boyfriends play; she was once an accomplished golfer and knows exactly what she's watching.

After she graduated from Ann Arbor Huron, Zuckerman played at Oakland University, where she met Stuard, 3two years ahead of her. She aspired to play on the LPGA but didn't make it past qualifying school, then decided to work for her father.

I hadn't met Zuckerman before Friday, but I knew of her. I saw her follow the 39-year-old Stuard when she was his longtime girlfriend, happily embracing him after he tied for fifth in the inaugural tourney at Detroit Golf Club in 2019. I saw her again Thursday when I followed Stuard and spoke with a friend of theirs (who also works at Leo's) who told me about the way Zuckerman has expertly pivoted by selling jewelry on golf courses instead of in the store.

The coronavirus pandemic showed Zuckerman how much more effective she could be working remotely using her phone and contacts. In the past two years, she has tripled her sales. The key is obviously access to millionaire athletes, but also the convenience no other jeweler has, as she attends every one of Stuard's tournaments.

"I make it easy for them," she said. "I hand-deliver. If they want something, I can have it overnighted to wherever I am and then I hand-deliver it to them in the clubhouse or in their locker. They don't have to walk in (to a store) and deal with a salesperson trying to sell them something they don't need.

"They call me and say, 'Hey, Alicia, my wife wants this.' I show them a couple options, they send me a text back with a thumbs up on the picture they like, I get it and I literally just put it in their locker. They send me a check or write me a check and put in Brian's locker, and Brian gives it to me."



Alicia Zuckerman watches her fiancé, Brian Stuard, play on the 18th green during Round 2 of the Rocket Mortgage Classic at the Detroit Golf Club on July 29. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Zuckerman isn't too forthcoming with details about her clients because she wants to respect their privacy. You can see some of her clients' jewelry on her Instagram account, jewelsbyalicia.

But one of her key clients is Jon Rahm's wife, Kelley. They met when Rahm was paired in one of his first PGA Tour events with Stuard. Zuckerman has sold Kelley all of her jewelry since then, including the snake ring she wore when she walked onto the 18th green at Torrey Pines after her husband won the 2021 U.S. Open.

Kelley Rahm's jewelry collection has helped spread the word on tour about Zuckerman's expertise.

One example is the five to 10 requests she gets each week for the Rolex Cosmograph Daytona with a white dial, commonly known as the Panda Daytona. It retails for \$14,550, but it's scarce. Players happily pay Zuckerman its market price — anywhere between \$35,000-40,000, according to chrono24.com.

Her family's history in the jewelry business, which dates to 1945, has helped Zuckerman forge connections that make it possible for her to acquire almost any watch or jewelry.

The most expensive watch she has sold is a diamond-encrusted Rolex Day-Date for \$106,000. The most expensive piece? An \$800,000 ring.

As for her engagement ring? It's a work of art that Zuckerman designed. It's huge and much larger than she would actually prefer, but she wears it to help catch clients' eyes. It works. Right after she started wearing it, she sold two 13-carat rings.

And yet, it seems like Zuckerman would have traded it all Friday for the chance to watch Stuard play well. She was emotional when fans rallied around him three years ago in Detroit. But this year brought a quiet struggle for Stuard and a different kind of emotion for Zuckerman; she cares deeply about jewelry and making sales, but she reserves her sentiment for things that truly matter.

MSU coach sees silver lining for offensive line

Ryan Black Lansing State Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

INDIANAPOLIS – At the beginning of the spring, Michigan State's offensive line already had its share of question marks.

It had lost three starters from the group that paved the way for running back Kenneth Walker's stellar season and the team's 11-2 campaign. The Spartans' depth up front had taken a hit as well, leaving just five linemen on the roster who ever had appeared in a college game.

Then things, on paper, went from bad to worse.

Three of the five returnees, Matt Carrick, J.D. Duplain and Jarrett Horst, sat out the entirety of the spring as they continued rehabbing from injuries.

The situation became so dire the Spartans couldn't even hold a traditional spring game.

"We actually had to move some walk-on defensive linemen to our offensive line," MSU coach Mel Tucker said Wednesday at Big Ten football media day, "but we did that knowing that come fall camp, we would be healthy and we'd be full strength."

Carrick, a sixth-year senior from Minerva, Ohio, could be a key piece to that depth. He has appeared in 38 games (18 starts) for the Spartans over the past five seasons and played in MSU's first seven games last year before missing the remainder of the season with a leg injury.

Tucker said Carrick is "on the mend" and looking forward to preseason camp.

"I feel like he's going to be able to help us. He's played a lot of football for us," Tucker said. "He's been out, but he's worked really hard to get back. So we'll see how it unfolds when we start camp, see what he can do and how far he's come."

With the benefit of hindsight, Tucker now views the adversity the offensive line faced during the spring as a blessing in disguise.

He praised position coach Chris Kapilovic for doing "a really nice job rotating" younger players into the mix.

Because of the injuries, players such as Brandon Baldwin, Ethan Boyd, Geno Van DeMark, Dallas Fincher and Kevin



Michigan State's Jalen Nailor, right, celebrates his touchdown with Matt Carrick during the third quarter in the game against Youngstown State in 2021 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Wigenton received far more reps, Tucker said, "than they normally would have gotten."

That only will benefit them, and the

team, going forward.

"We saw some (younger) guys develop probably a little bit faster in terms of technique, mental and physical tough-

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Buy Michigan Now Festival returns to Northville

Susan Vela HometownLife.com
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Northville is preparing to become a central piece of the state's annual Buy Michigan Week.

The yearly time to celebrate Michigan-made products and businesses concludes with Northville's Aug. 5-7 Buy Michigan Now Festival in the downtown.

Fans have only had to wait a few pandemic years to finally experience the 12th annual Michigan-centric jubilee that's being broadcast as "the ultimate party to celebrate our state's annual Buy Michigan Week."

Founder Lisa Diggs laughed when discussing the importance of this year's comeback event.

"That's kind of an understatement," she said. "We worked hard to put this right back in to downtown, which wasn't easy."

"We really felt like it was important to the merchants in downtown Northville that we bring this event right back in to the heart of the town, so it is going to be on Main and Center streets. We're the first ones bringing something back inside the town like that. We're going to come right to Town Square."

Here are five things to know while you consider strolling Northville's downtown during the much-anticipated event.

History of Buy Michigan Now

Buy Michigan Now began with a website containing grocery and gift guides along with this pledge: "I hereby pledge to play an active role in building a strong, vibrant and diverse Michigan economy. I will be a part of the solution by speaking positively about the state, learning about our products and services, and making a concerted effort to buy from Michigan businesses. I will think Michigan first!"

Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm proclaimed the first Buy Michigan Week in 2009, which included a weeklong Northville celebration that evolved into this year's event.

The event generates money for the Buy Michigan Now campaign. Up to 30,000 people are expected.



Up to 30,000 people are expected at the Buy Michigan Now Festival in downtown Northville. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Shopping for Michigan goods, food

Those hoping to find gifts for themselves and others can browse among the downtown businesses and vendor booths.

About 100 vendors are expected, and a lot of them will be new, ready to present their their Michigan-proud art, accessories, candles, jewelry, woodwork and more.

Returning favorites including Little Diablo Salsa and Nature's Wooden Treasures.

When hunger calls, food is one of the festival's main attractions. There's plenty to sample and buy, along with a variety of sit-down restaurants.

Diggs expects festival-goers to experience "tasting things like the salsas and the hot sauces and the different baked goods."

"Just getting your meal, there's going

to be shawarma and barbecue and burgers and Baklava and cookies and cakes and all kinds of great stuff," she said.

Entertainment

"We're shaking things up for 2022," organizers said on their website.

Northville Square and Town Square will feature some of the live entertainment acts but, for the most part, entertainment will be on the move and a tad eclectic.

The three-day planned lineup includes performances by The Soulshiners, Acoustic Ash, and Loose Chords.

"We're actually going to put vendors in Town Square," Diggs said. "We're going to take to the streets with the entertainment. You might happen upon a juggler, somebody on stilts, a magician. There will still be live music. They'll just be in the streets."

There will be plenty of activities for

children and more than 20 Michigan authors signing and selling their books. Mystery writer Donald Levin, whose books take place in the Detroit area, is making an appearance.

"Whether somebody is looking for new things to read or wants to talk to somebody about how they wrote their book or why they wrote their book, it's a really cool opportunity I think that you don't find at a lot of places," Diggs said.

Other details

The festival hours are 4-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7.

For information, visit buymichigan-now.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request for Approval of a Conditional Rezoning (Map Amendment)
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 17, 2022
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

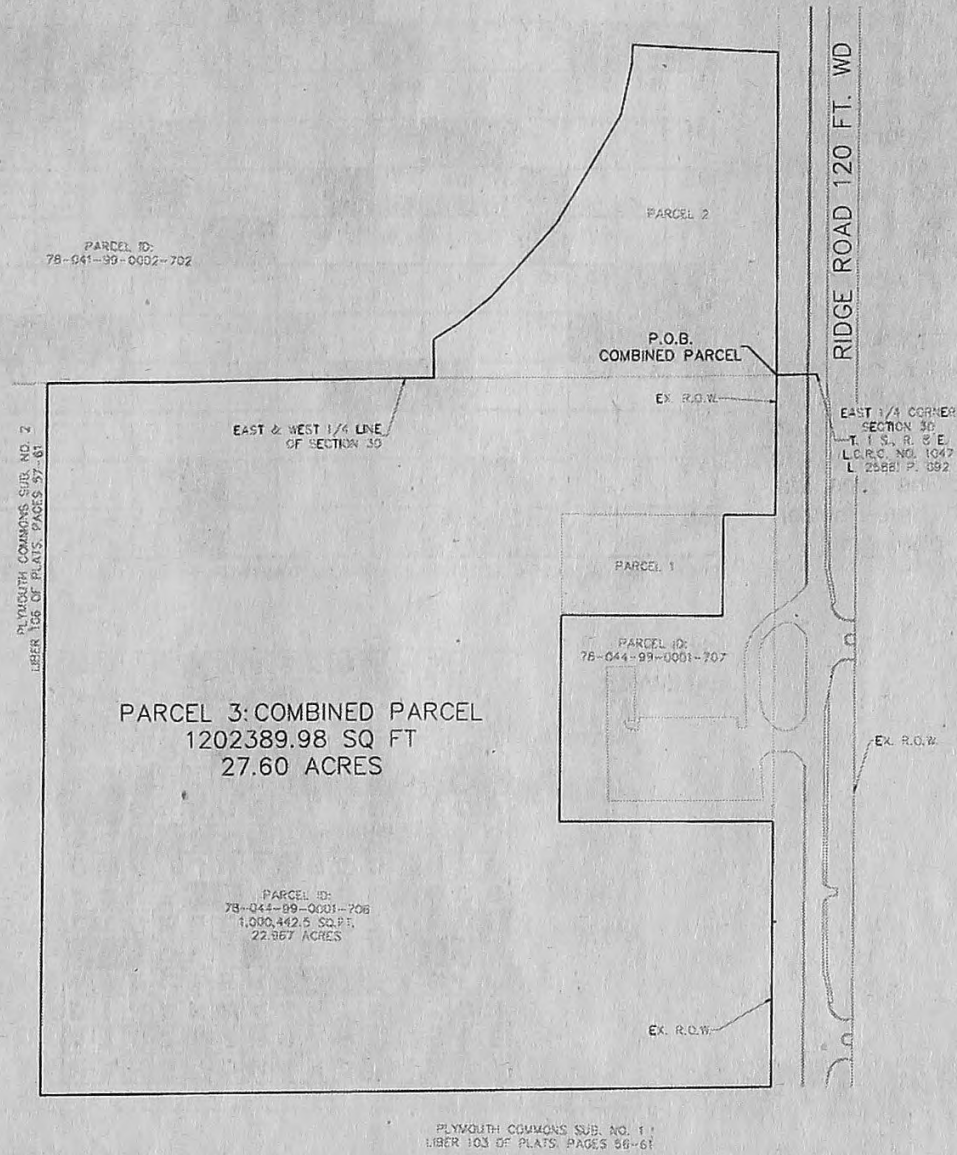
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to conditionally rezone Tax ID No.'s R-78-044-99-0001-706, R-78-044-99-0001-707, and R-78-041-99-0002-702 from the R-1-E, One Family Residential District, to the R-1-H, One Family Residential District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The subject application is for a conditional rezoning (map amendment) to the Township's adopted Zoning Map.

Generally, the subject site is located south of North Territorial Road, west of Ridge Road, north of Powell Road, and east of Napier Road. Access to the site is currently provided from Ridge Road. The property is proposed to be developed as single-family, detached residences, which would require further review and approval by the Township.

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Kendra Barberena, Secretary,
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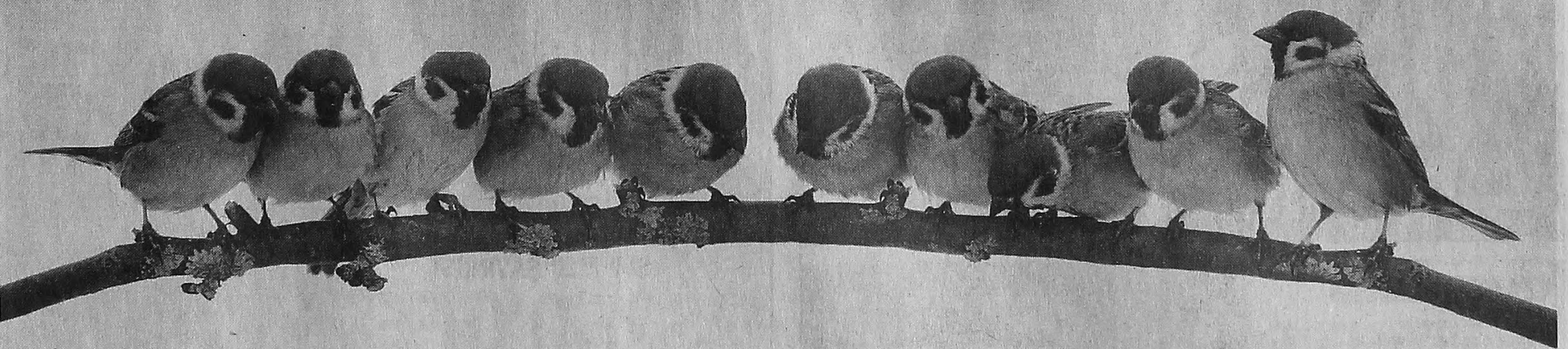
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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Mom's mom
 - Starfish arms
 - Electrical weapon
 - Hang in there
 - Minimal progress
 - Steel 39 Across in concrete
 - Author Stanley Gardner
 - "Queen of the Blues"
 - Art studio
 - Relaxed
 - NBA Southeast Division team
 - Middle
 - Iconic vibraphonist
 - Better than good
 - Became famous
 - Shelley's sphere
 - Have a tab
 - Gravy, on menus
 - See 15 Across
 - Opposite of paleo-
 - Gabriel Mountains
 - Rick (apt name for a cowpoke)
 - Japanese cuisine staple
 - Cotton Club bandleader/composer/pianist
 - Cardinals, for example
 - Title akin to 41 Across
 - " and his money . . ."
 - Had the privilege of performing
 - Pioneering jazz composer/pianist
 - She loves: Lat.
 - Three-Pulitzer playwright
 - " all work out"
 - Starfish arms
 - Electrical weapon
 - Cal (tech school)
 - Bring aboard
 - Got comfy
 - Tolstoy topic
 - Lacking principles
 - facto
 - Nation with a monsoon season
 - It's east of Omaha
 - Upturned
 - Discussed, with "out"
 - Triple trio
 - Job-based move, for short
 - Deck officer
 - In a facetious way
 - App starter
 - Monorails, often
 - Self-serving endeavor
 - Horseshoe-shaped fasteners
 - Fructose, to glucose
 - Ike's command after WWII
 - Short of shut
 - Hurricane response org.
 - Nivea competitor
 - High spirits
 - Herr von Bismarck
 - Well-behaved child
 - None other than
 - Chinese calendar animal
 - Slangy suffix
 - 2,000 (what the four longest answers have in common)

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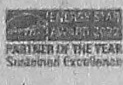
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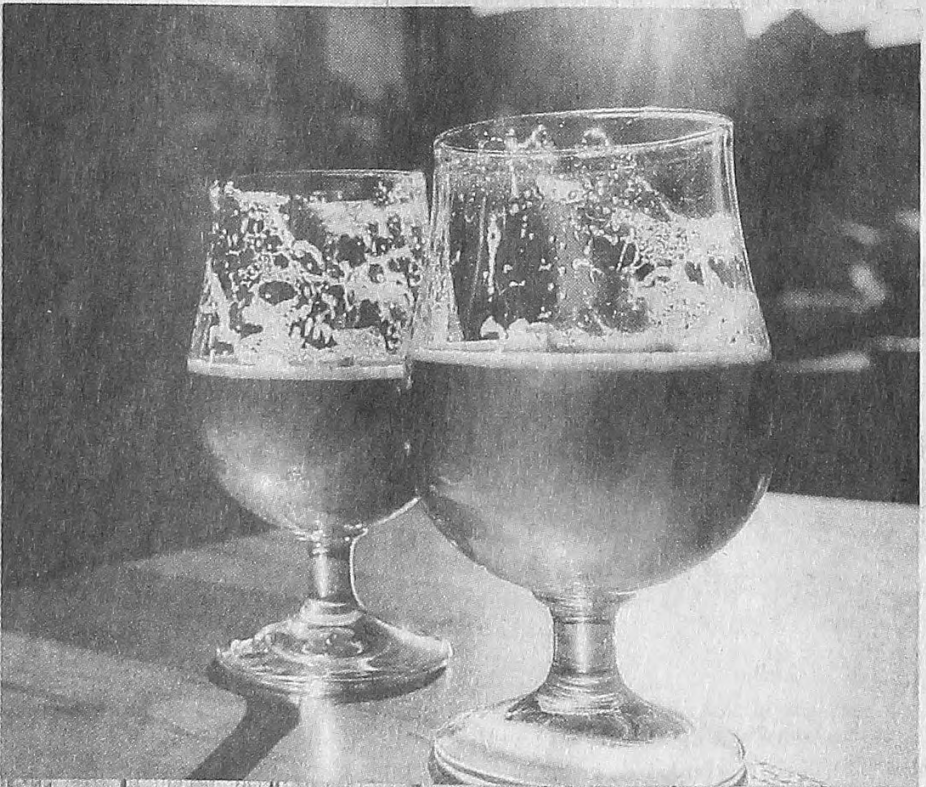
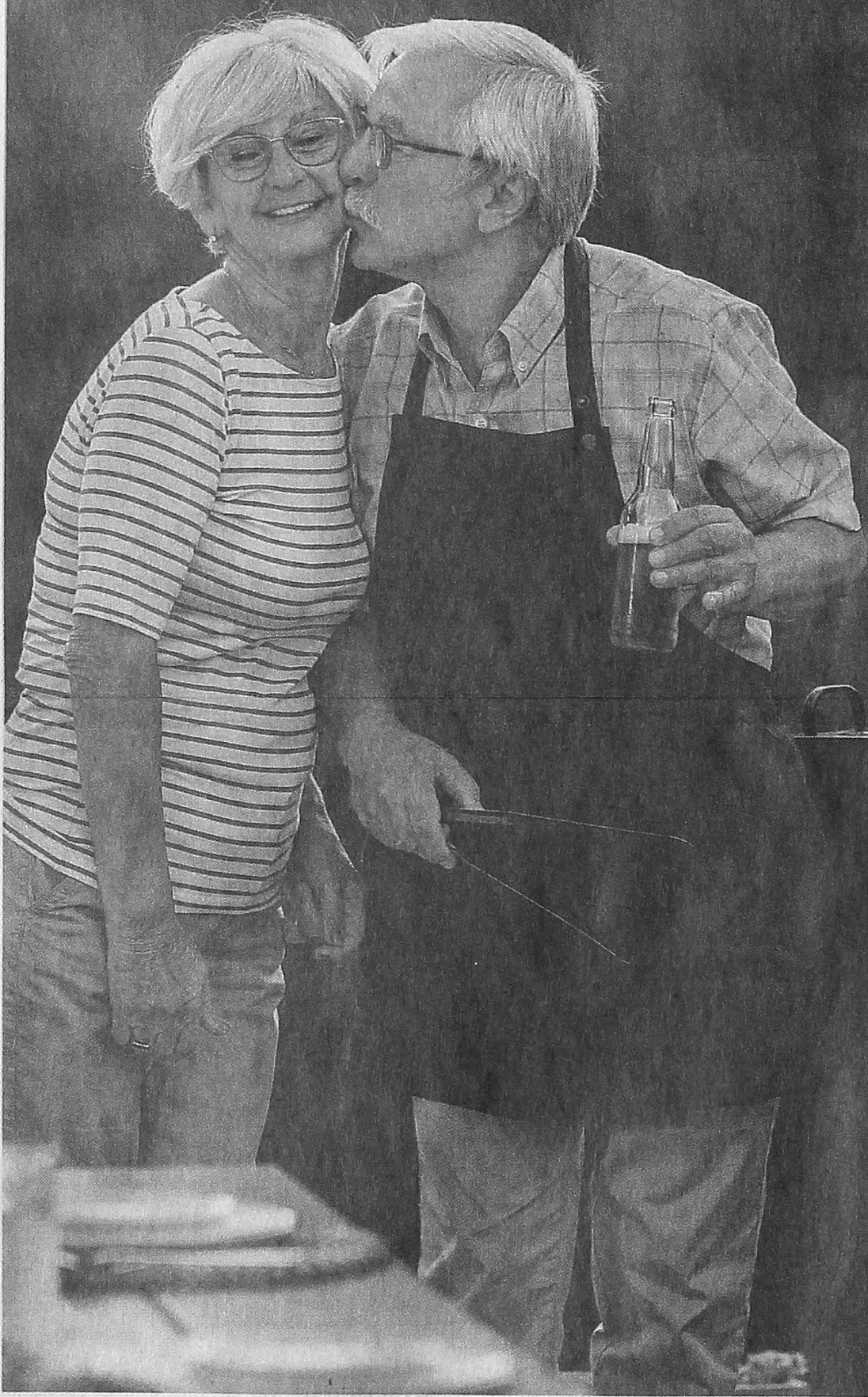
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