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PCCS delays decision on return to schools

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools families had to wait until Friday, at the earliest, to learn whether the district's intensely-debated half-day hybrid return-to-school plan will become reality.

The district Board of Education met for more than eight hours Tuesday night into Wednesday morning — the meeting officially ended at 3:11 a.m. Wednesday — before deciding to further discuss the

hybrid plan at a special meeting Friday.

The hybrid plan, which was the focus of a multitude of citizens' comments during the first three hours of the meeting, calls for elementary students to return to face-to-face learning for 2.5 hours, four days a week, beginning with a phased-in return Oct. 9.

Students would meet with their classes via Zoom on Wednesdays if the plan is ultimately approved.

Details of the half-day plan were

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People protesting PCCS' return-to-school plan recently lined Harvey Street in front of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools office. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Joe's Produce deli worker Hannah Iannarelli packages some pieces of baked chicken for a customer Sept. 25 in Livonia. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Michigan AG: Former Farmington priest assaulted 14-year-old

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced Tuesday intentions to have a former Farmington area priest charged with sexually assaulting a minor more than 40 years ago.

The 78-year-old priest who once led the Our Lady of Sorrows parish faces a felony count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and 15 years in prison if convicted.

He has not been arraigned yet, and Hometown Life typically does not name suspects until they've been arraigned.

Current Our Lady of Sorrows leaders were not immediately available for comment.

Nessel said the former Farmington priest was arrested Tuesday at his home in Warrenville, Illinois, about 30 miles west of Chicago, and will be prosecuted in Farmington's 47th District Court.

Someone reported that the former Our Lady of Sorrows priest assaulted him at the church's rectory when he was 14 in 1977. The priest then was with the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Nessel said the priest was arrested that year for sexually assaulting two other minors in Michigan. After serving a sentence at the Oakland County Jail, the priest was transferred to the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Catholic leaders then moved him to the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois in 1987.

"My office's investigation into clergy abuse will continue to receive, review and act upon credible allegations of abuse on behalf of the many victims who have come forward," Nessel said in her report. "Criminal sexual conduct at any level must not be tolerated."

"We must ensure justice is served to those who assault others — particularly those authority figures and people in powerful positions who prey on the weak and vulnerable."

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Livonia market turns 75

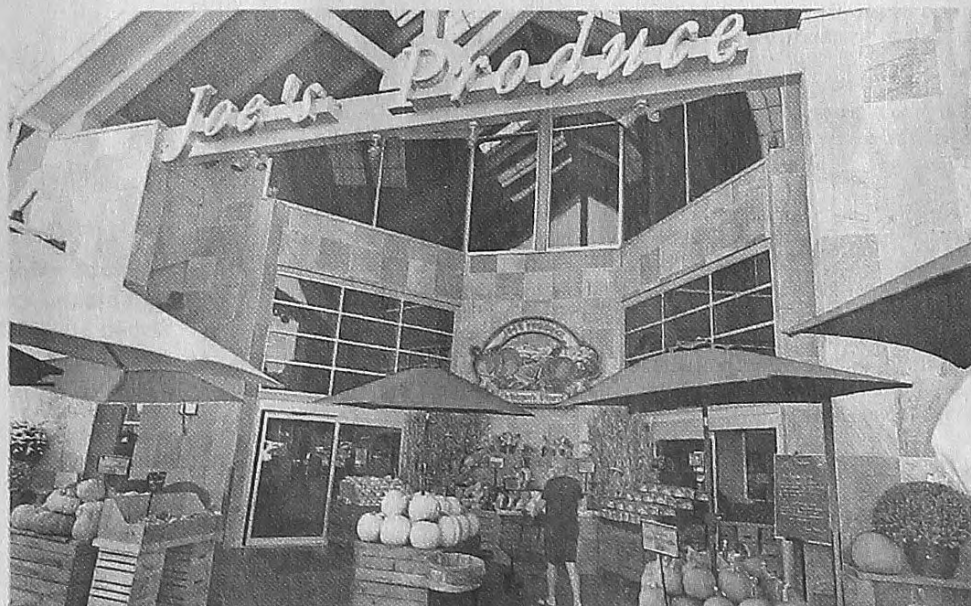
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Honoring his family's legacy is the most important thing for Joe Maiorana. That's why, when looking to renovate his family's longtime market, he opted to give the entrance a "farm stand feel."

Today, that feeling is evident at Joe's Produce Gourmet Market, located on Seven Mile just east of Farmington Road in Livonia. There's plenty of products to see before customers even enter the store, an homage to his family's roots as farmers selling their goods along the road.

"It kind of gets us back to our farm market roots," said Maiorana, a third-generation owner.

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Joe's Produce in Livonia is celebrating its 75th year in business.



Woman who cut tether sentenced to 15-30 years on assault charge

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Jessica Kropiewnicki only made matters worse when she cut her tether to avoid a sentencing date on an assault with intent to murder charge.

Despite her profuse apologies Wednesday, Judge James Alexander rebuked the Lyon Township woman who could have spent five years in prison if she had continued her good behavior and not become a fugitive. He sentenced her to 180 to 360 months — up to 30 years — in prison.

Kropiewnicki, who was on the lam for about three weeks, pleaded no contest earlier this year to a charge that she was responsible for Aleksander Malec of Northville being severely beaten in May 2019.

The victim had romantic interests in Kropiewnicki, and he has testified that Kropiewnicki led him to a wooded part of Lyon Township mentioning that it was a place her dog Turbo enjoyed.

Co-defendant Christopher Simons allegedly was waiting with a bat. Malec was assaulted and hospitalized and continues to suffer from seizures and the ongoing trauma of his injuries.

"You had the opportunity to make amends," Alexander told Kropiewnicki. "You had the opportunity to spend really a relatively small amount of time behind bars and then move on with your life."

Simons' case continues to move through Oakland

County Circuit Court. He's next scheduled for a November hearing. Prosecutor Kelly Collins said Kropiewnicki, 26, knew Simons, 30, was going to attack Malec but not to the extent, "which was near death."

Defense attorney Doug Oliver said the police report indicated Kropiewnicki said Simons, of Fowlerville, beat his client, threatened her and forced her to call Malec to make meeting arrangements the night before the attack. Simons also texted someone saying he didn't know if he was going to kill Kropiewnicki or live with her forever.

Kropiewnicki agreed that she had been doing everything right — finding employment, complying with tether rules and even visiting Oakland County Circuit Court twice for a sentencing that, at least once, was pushed back.

Her anxiety built and burst, leading her to panic and run from her grandparents' home on Sept. 1, the eve of her most recent sentencing date.

When law enforcers stopped her in traffic last week, she was with a man and in possession of a baggie with numerous white pills.

Malec already had asked the judge for the maximum sentence.

"She was uncaring and disregarding of my life," Malec told Alexander over Zoom. "She had ample chances and plenty of time to help me but made no attempt to call 911 or get help for me. I lost all respect and trust and sympathy toward her."

Westland police make arrest in homicide

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A 19-year-old Westland man died Tuesday morning in an apparent homicide.

Westland police said in a statement they were dispatched to the area near Palmer Road and Gloria Street at about 1:30 a.m.

They tried to provide medical aid to the injured person until Westland firefighters arrived. However, the wounded man died at the scene.

Officers have arrested a suspect, who apparently knew the teen.

Wayne County prosecutors are reviewing possible charges.

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Potential benefits of ground leases



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: I am a landlord and have heard about the utilization of ground leases, can you give me some notion of what that is?

A: Most ground leases result from landowners who are unwilling or unable to sell their land, for whom an unsubordinated ground lease offers the opportunity for the professional development of the property and to secure long-term income.

The landowner retains top priority on the property in case the tenant defaults on its loans connected with construction on the land. So, lenders to the tenant cannot take ownership of the land if the tenant defaults. The ground lease also offers flexibility in that it may eventually be revised.

There are various provisions that make a ground lease beneficial, and most ground leases begin with a brief agreement of the principals, i.e., the landlord and the tenant on the initial base rent for the land, and in the case of a developmental ground lease, the general nature and size of the project to be built. Obviously, this calls for an experienced real estate attorney to point out the pluses and minuses of a ground lease arrangement in a particular situation.

Q: I purchased a manufactured home which was subject to a lease to a person under an occupancy agreement. It was covered by trees and vegetation. Several years later, while my tenant was away, I improved and occupied an adjoining lot, but it extended onto his lot. I removed vegetation, regraded, filled the area with truckloads of boulders and dirt and created a berm on the side of the tenant's lot in question. The tenant has now sought to sue me for taking away the trees, claiming that I destroyed his quiet enjoyment. Do I have any exposure?

A: Based on a recent case out of New Hampshire, the Supreme Court in that state indicated that the language of a particular occupancy agreement conveyed rights to the entire lot, and that the plan for the lot confirmed that interpretation. Secondly, and most importantly, the deforestation and regrading substantially interfered, said the Court, with a tenant's use and enjoyment to constitute a breach of quiet enjoyment. Therefore, you may well have liability and you are best to try to work it out with your tenant amicably before litigation is started.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 19, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office, located at 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Partisan Section

Straight Party Ticket, Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress - 11th District, Representative in State Legislature - 20th District, Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner - 10th District, Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee

Nonpartisan Section

Judicial: Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st District Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd District Non-incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position (Partial Term Ending 01/01/2023), Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court - 35th District Incumbent Position, Community College: Board of Trustee Member Schoolcraft Community College, Local School District: Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community Schools - 6 Year Term, Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022), District Library: Board Member Plymouth District

Proposal Section

State

Proposal 20-1

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 20-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things

Should this proposal be adopted?

Township

Renewal of 2001 Fire Millage

This is a renewal of the current fire millage set to expire after the 2020 winter tax season, originally levied in 1981 and renewed for the first time in 2001. Shall the Charter Township of Plymouth be authorized to continue to levy this millage up to the estimated 2020 Headlee Amendment rollback rate of 0.9866 mills (about 99 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the 20 year period of 2021 through 2040 inclusive, and the funds thereby derived be used for operating, maintaining and obtaining real and personal property for fire services for the Charter Township of Plymouth? This renewal is projected to raise an estimated \$1,900,000 in the first year.

Intermediate School District

Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count

As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$90.4 million when first levied in 2022.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code and the following school districts:

Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District

Residents of Plymouth Township who are not already registered to vote may register at a Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency, or by visiting the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mail-in registrations postmarked by October 19, 2020 will also be accepted.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, telephone: 313-354-3224. A sample ballot may be viewed at <https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot>.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.

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Nicholas Hebert, 8, found it a little scary to wear a Pennywise mask over his face mask while shopping with his mom Melanie at Spirit Halloween in Novi on Sept. 23. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Halloween events haunted by pandemic

South Lyon, Milford, Northville cancel downtown activities

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Rest in peace, 2020 downtown trick-or-treating.

Local events drawing thousands of ghouls, princesses and superheroes to metro Detroit downtowns have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's disappointing to have to cancel the event, but given the state of how things are, we had to stay in compliance with the governor's order and protect the health and safety of the residents of South Lyon," Nate Mack, DDA director, said about canceling the event in that community.

While trick-or-treating is not regulated by government entities, the CDC recently issued a recommendation against it as a risky activity during the pandemic.

Some local shoppers at Spirit Halloween in Novi last week were still planning on festive Halloween celebrations, with and without trick-or-treating.

Employee Cydni Gray said customers were buying "a lot" of outdoor decorations although costume purchases hadn't really picked up yet.

"Some people think Halloween won't change much, while others think it's canceled," she said. As for herself, she said she would go all out on decorations since she wouldn't be taking her young nephew out trick-or-treating and in-



Cydni Gray, a Spirit Halloween Novi employee, said outside decorations are selling well.

stead would have him go door-to-door inside her home.

"I'm nervous you'll have a family that has COVID and pass out candy along with COVID, too," Gray said. "I am definitely staying inside this year... I'll buy everything myself and make the most of a bad situation."

Melanie Hebert found some Halloween fencing for her yard at the store while shopping with son, Nicholas, 8, and looking forward to a favorite holiday for her family, which also includes son Michael, 12.

"We hope we can go trick-or-treating," Hebert said. "We might buy a bunch of candy and let them get what they want and hang out and watch

movies. We gotta make the best of it."

The Hebert family went trick-or-treating for years in Livonia before moving to South Lyon last November. Last year, Nicholas was Pennywise the clown and while at the store he was trying on another Pennywise mask, although combined with the surgical mask he was wearing, he quickly removed it, saying he can't breathe.

He maintains a positive attitude.

"If I don't trick or treat, I still get candy," he said.

Patty Drew is still planning on having trick-or-treaters come to her house, although not the 300-400 she normally gets even when it rains. Now, as she shops for a costume, she is also consid-

ering alternate ways to celebrate Halloween and taking precautions. She will decorate her house and may place candy in treat bags at the curb for kids to pick up, or arrange a candy graveyard, but this time, she will only get enough for about 100 trick-or-treaters to pick from the yard themselves and "when it's gone, it's gone."

"I have an immune-compromised daughter and I am extreme (in precautions)," she said. "My immediate family thinks it's a farce, but when your daughter's had surgery twice, you gotta follow protocols."

Jaime Stark, a Milford resident, is planning on passing out candy at her boyfriend's parents' home in Hartland, where she said they go "all out" and last year got 100-150 trick-or-treaters.

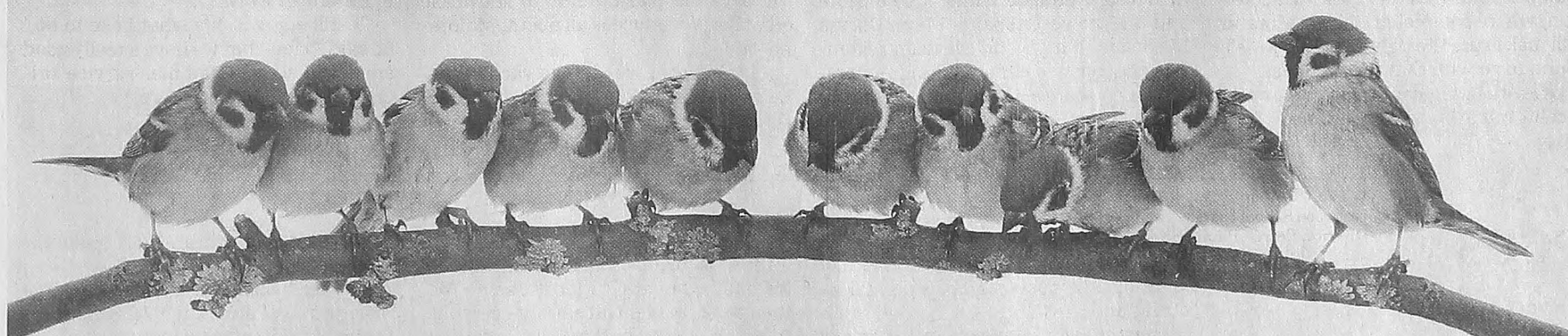
"This year, there's COVID, but we'll be separated by a big table and we'll all be wearing masks and costumes," she said. "I feel it will be fine, I hope they come out. With the kids wearing masks, I can't imagine it will be too different this year."

Her sister, Lorin Stark of Novi, has no plans to see trick-or-treaters on Oct. 31. Instead, she will be among 150 wedding guests in Grand Haven as her friends get married outdoors at a local bar. She said they have been asked to "try to be smart and self-quarantine" prior to the nuptials.

She will wear a costume to the reception and is shopping for cosmetics to perhaps make herself into a broken doll and was looking forward to a good time.

"I will social distance and if people have masks, I'm good," she said. "If they don't I don't have a problem telling them to back up."

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Joe's Produce on Seven Mile in Livonia has three checkout lanes. The grocery is celebrating 75 years in business. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Joe's

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From farm stand to a major shopping experience, Joe's Produce celebrated its 75th anniversary this year. It's become a destination for those seeking the best products, be it farm-fresh produce or a signature dish for dinner created by the market's team of trained chefs.

First began in 1945 right near the Maiorana farm off Seven Mile, Joe's Produce has remained a staple of the community since. Bringing in fresh, high-end ingredients is enough to keep local customers stopping in and even bringing them back after they leave town: Maiorana said he routinely sees customers that have moved to places like Brighton make the drive to shop.

The market has grown from its original look, especially in the last 15 years. The main store was expanded in 2007, including the grand entrance. Then in 2012, Joe's Meat and Seafood, along with Art of Bread by Joe's opened up in the strip mall adjacent to the market, property owned by the market.

That additional meat market, Maiorana said, has been an incredible add for customers looking to get the fresh meat and seafood around.

"We just expanded with consumer needs," he said. "We try to give them a one-stop culinary experience."

Stepping inside the main market is enough for customers to begin drooling immediately. Before shoppers head over to the produce area, they walk through the deli and prepared foods section, where plenty of already-made dinner options are ready to take home and serve to the family. Dishes such as seafood lasagna, risotto balls, fish tacos, pot roast and more can be taken home and served on the table, saving time in the kitchen.

Executive Chef Lee Ulrich said he's been at the market the last 10 years and has stuck around because of the quality of both his staff and the food.

"I get to work with the best ingredients around," said Ulrich, a graduate of Schoolcraft College. "Everything that gets cooked here gets cooked from scratch."

Wander past that area and customers will find the bakery, filled with attractive pies, cakes and other yummy treats. The heart of the market sports the main attraction: plenty of produce, much of it from Michigan farmers.

Travel to the back of the store and stumble across the beer and wine section, where sommelier Filippo Morandi will make sure the right bottle of wine is found to go with that special meal.

The shopping center also received a facelift in 2017 with a refreshed look on



Wine department manager Filippo Morandi talks about the variety of wines sold at Joe's Produce.



Employee Kais Zaya freshens up the fruit and vegetable display.

the plaza itself. It houses several clients, including Fantastic Sams, a UPS Store and the newest tenant, Maya Cocina Mexicana, a high-end Mexican restaurant that opened earlier this summer after more than a year of work on the space.

Having those tenants, and adding Maya to the plaza, helps to showcase what Joe's Produce is all about, Maiorana said.

"I think that we all help each other," he said. "I think Maya is doing a fantastic job."

The market has cemented its place in Livonia history, serving as a beacon of fresh food since before Livonia incorporated as a city. Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said Joe's Produce shows the type of success that can be found across the city.

"Over 75 years, three generations of the Maiorana family turned a farm and fruit stand into a destination store. There are some regular customers who drive from Brighton and Howell to shop at Joe's Produce," he said. "The successful evolution of this business is a tribute to this family's work ethic, determination, ingenuity and local support. We are proud they made it happen in Livonia."

The market continues to move forward in an ever-changing environment: due to COVID-19, Joe's Produce has begun offering online ordering and curbside pickup through its website, designed for those not comfortable being around others. They've kept all their employees working throughout the pandemic, something Maiorana is pleased to see.

Having his staff, one he's proud of, makes it that much easier to enjoy being in his line of work.

"I still enjoy it. It's what I like to do," he said. "I feel that we have a really good crew and we're customer-service oriented and quality-oriented."

"I couldn't ask for more."

PCCS

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developed after the district studied feedback from steering committees, teachers and stakeholders.

Superintendent Monica Merritt explained that the half-day plan was chosen over a plan that would have sent students back to school for two full days (with three days of remote learning) due in large part because it offers young students daily learning consistency.

"The pattern of learning and live interaction with teachers four days a week is the most instructionally-sound model for our students," Merritt said. "We understand that no model is going to satisfy everyone, but this plan gets students

together with teachers and their peers four days a week, providing a pattern of learning that most resembles normal instruction."

Merritt said the two days in-person/three days remote model's biggest flaw is that young students go five consecutive days (including weekends) each week without face-to-face interaction with their teachers.

Return-to-school plans for middle school and high school students have not been finalized yet, Merritt confirmed, but are being discussed on a regular basis.

The bulk of the marathon meeting included citizens' comments, presentations from two physicians regarding return-to-school health data, and presentations from the district's continuation of learning committees.

"We believe that (the half-day plan) is the most instructionally-sound model for our students," Merritt said. "Although no model will satisfy everyone, this plan allows for four days-a-week of face-to-face learning, which gets students with their teachers and peers for the most days possible."

Families who want to continue a virtual learning plan will have the option of enrolling in the district's virtual academy for a limited time, Merritt said.

The district will expand its extended-day program, Merritt said, to help accommodate families that are struggling with child-care issues due to work obligations.

Merritt said the district is also creating an option that would allow buses to drop students off at child-care sites other than their homes, as long as the al-

ternate site is within the students' school zone.

Reduced class sizes due to the large registration of students in the district's virtual academy will allow much of the 2.5 hours each day to be used for instruction, Merritt emphasized.

The half-day plan also negates the need to navigate lunch and recess, Merritt added.

She also said that teachers will be better able to develop relationships with their students with four days of in-person learning.

Siblings will be assigned the same daily slot time — either morning or afternoon — Merritt assured.

Instruction during the half-day sessions would focus on reading, writing and math.

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Obituaries

Forrest Alan Geary "Forry"

LIVONIA - Age 78, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 18th, 2020 at Angela Hospice Care Center. Forrest was born in Niles, Michigan on January 7, 1942. He was a graduate of Niles High School in Niles, Michigan. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Michigan State University and taught Physical Education in Farmington and was a golf professional at Oasis Golf Center. Forrest also loved being a football coach and basketball coach for many years in Farmington. He was very faithful and dedicated to everyone in his life. His children and grandchildren called him an energizer who exudes the kind of enthusiasm in everything he did beyond anyone's expectations. His happiness and laughter were contagious to all who encountered him. Many of his students, athletes, golf clients, golf partners, coworkers and friends shared how Forrest was the most patient and kind guy with the biggest smile in the entire world. They also mentioned that he would be the only one who had the ability to get them into a positive mindset to accomplish any of their goals. He made everyone feel important! Forrest married his sweetheart and best friend Joanie Eleanor Geary (Pfefferle) of 63 years on May 2, 1964 who predeceased him one month to the day before his passing. Forrest is also predeceased by his parents Carlton (Florence) Geary and Paul (Beatrice) Pfefferle. Forrest is forever cherished and survived by his loyal and loving children Greg (Vicki) Geary and Tracy (Scott) Mastenbrook; two "forever in admiration of their Papa" grandchildren: Madelyn and Meghan Mastenbrook; his brother Jack (Elain and the late Isabelle) Geary; sister Jean (the late Wayne) Yost; sister Phyllis (Robert) Klingenfus; sister Linnea (the late Larry) McNeese; sister Carol (DeWayne) Pletcher; many devoted nieces, nephews, extended family/friends and faithful canine companion Maizee. He will join his beloved wife during an outdoor memorial ceremony at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia-led by Todd Lipa. The family welcomes donations in memory of Forrest Geary to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation <https://give.themmrf.org/fundraiser/2925612>



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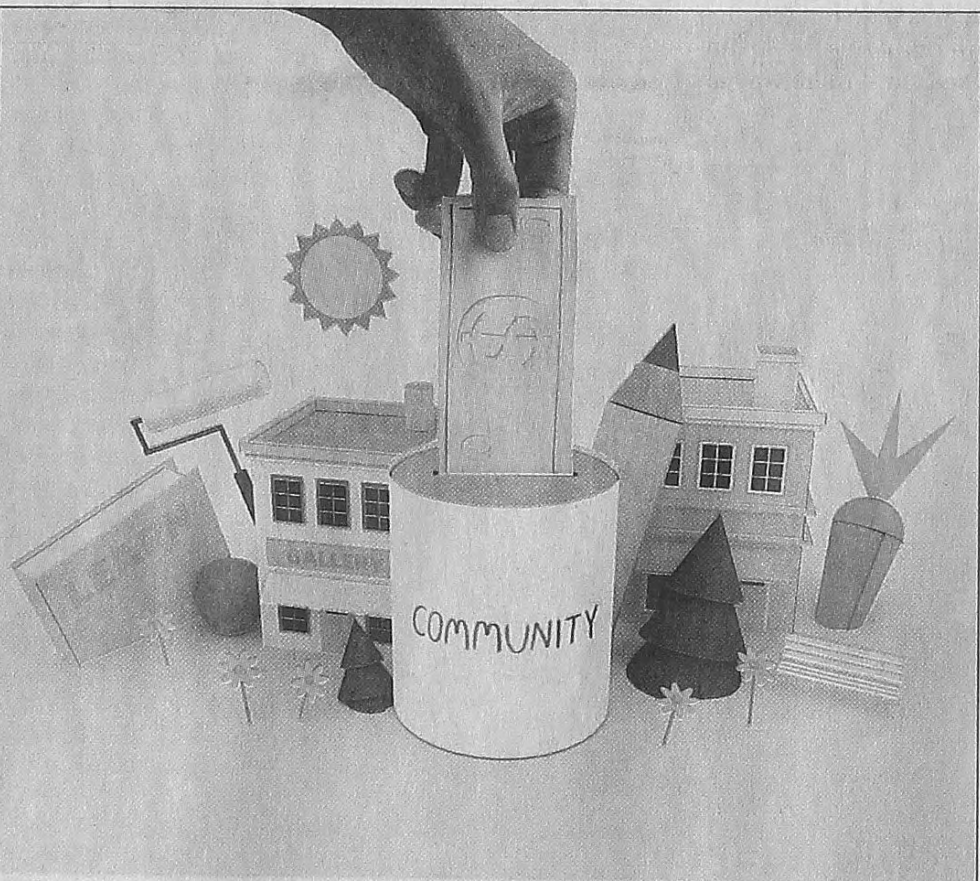
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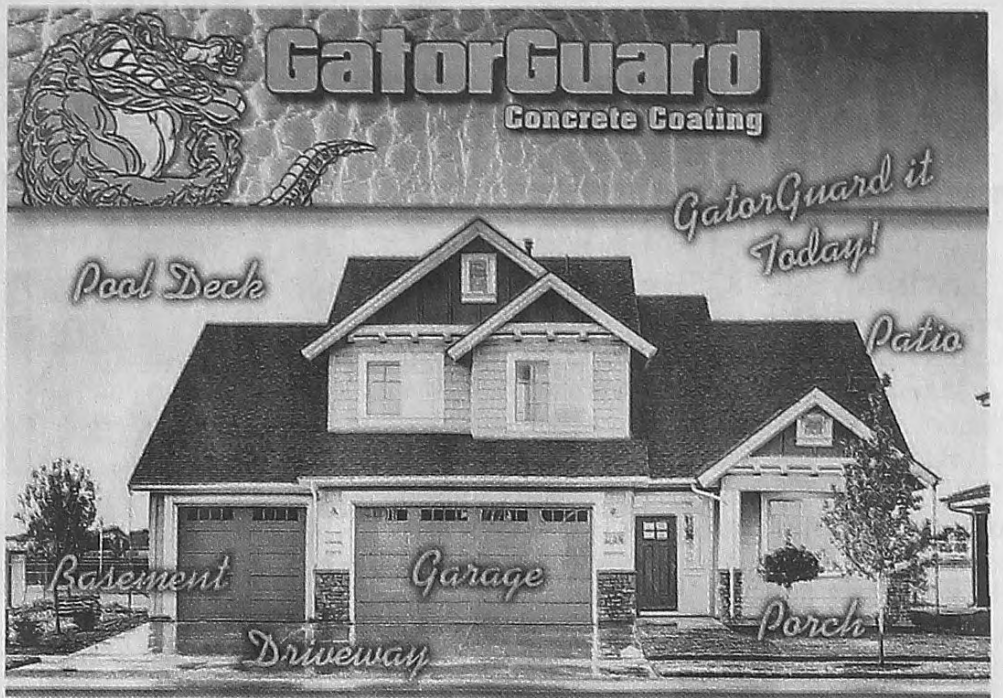
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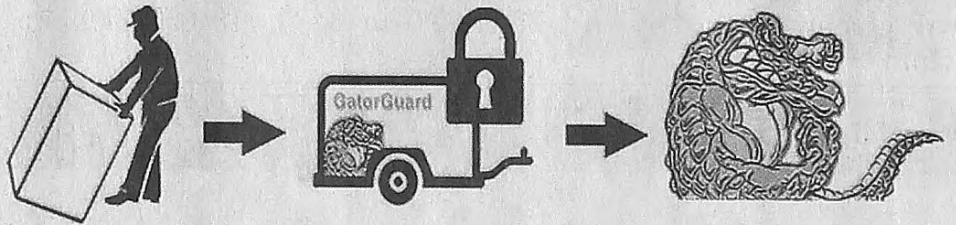


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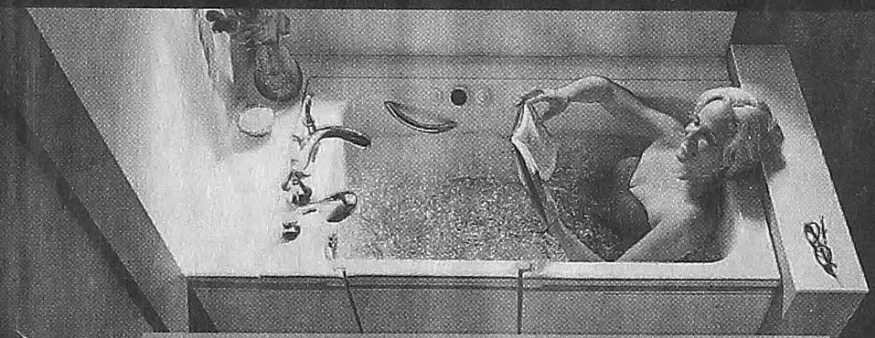


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Plymouth High cross country runners and brothers Sean, left, and Patrick Byrnes at a Sept. 22 practice. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Brothers follow in dad's footsteps

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Alan Byrnes does not have fond memories of his first cross country practice.

"I remember my first practice thinking, 'Oh my gosh, I want to leave,'" Byrnes recollected.

"But then, feeling that all these other people are so much faster than me, it was good, it was a challenge and it was an opportunity."

That opportunity turned into eventual love, a love that led to an unprompted full-ride scholarship at Wayne State and a passion that continued after college and into the real world.

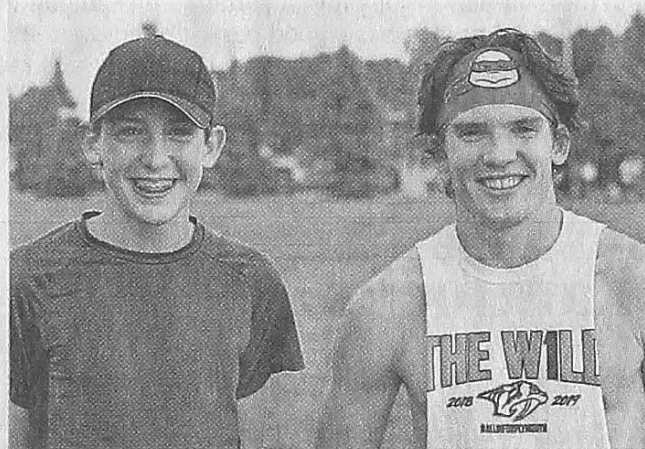
It also seeped into his family's next generation, something Alan could sense from each of his three sons on family group runs.

Ethan, following in the footsteps of his father as a scholarship runner at Wayne State, soon passed him. Then came Patrick, a senior at Plymouth High School with a goal to commit to run in college in November – the same month as the 2020 MHSAA cross country finals. Finally, Sean came along, a sophomore with an aptitude for distance racing, more so than his brothers.

In times when Ethan, Patrick and Sean ran together – whether in these family runs or preparing for the upcoming cross country or track season – there was always competition: who could be faster, who could hold a pace longer.

For the Byrnes family, the competitive nature is prominent. But running together, practicing together and racing against each other brought the three brothers closer together as they each tried to follow in their

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Sean, a sophomore, and Patrick, a senior, are the top two runners on Plymouth's roster, with Patrick viewed as the top returning runner in the state.

SOCCER

Catholic Central celebrates senior night win over Br. Rice

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The 2020 senior class for the Detroit Catholic Central soccer team has seen it all.

As freshmen, the Shamrocks finished with 21 wins, earning the program's first state title with a win against Walled Lake Central.

Three years later, as seniors, after two regional final losses the past two years, the expectation is there to cap off their four years the same way they started their career at Catholic Central: with a Division 1 state title.

On senior night against rival Brother Rice (4-6), Catholic Central (5-0-2) inched one step closer, beating the Warriors, 3-1, Tuesday at home.

The Shamrocks started fast. Just under two minutes into the contest, senior midfielder Chad Ewing found the back of the net, scoring a goal on his senior night.

Detroit Catholic Central added two goals early in the

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Catholic Central senior midfielder Chad Ewing, left, faces Brother Rice sophomore defender Enzo Bordogna. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

FOOTBALL

MHSAA announces changes to format of postseason

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced on Sept. 25 changes to its format for the postseason football tournament this season due to the shortened season that began later due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In the 11-player tournament, there will be three district rounds, regionals, semifinals and finals. The sites for the semifinals and the finals will be announced at a later date. The finals will be played the weekend of Dec. 4-6.

With a 512-team field – with 507 teams playing football this fall, leading to five first-round byes – teams will be placed in prearranged divisions based on the enrollment of the schools.

The teams in the districts will be ranked 1-8 based on playoff points, with the team with the highest averages hosting games in the district and regional

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OUTDOORS

Pinckney grad Sieler hunts QBs, hogs, gators

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Miami Dolphins defensive lineman Zach Sieler sacked Gardner Minshew in the fourth quarter Sept. 23, helping seal a win at Jacksonville.

But quarterbacks aren't the only thing Sieler likes to hunt. Sieler is founder of Clay Gully Outfitters in Central Florida.

Sieler's Instagram page features photos of his successful hunts of hogs, turkeys, deer and alligators.

"You get just as much of a thrill," Sieler said of taking down a quarterback or an alligator. Sieler has been involved in bagging alligators as large as 14 feet.

"It's a huge passion of mine," he said. Sieler has hunted turkeys and hogs with offensive lineman Michael Deiter. Defensive backs Kavon Frazier and Byron Jones have expressed an interest. And defensive linemen Christian Wilkins and Davon Godchaux would be ideal running mates.

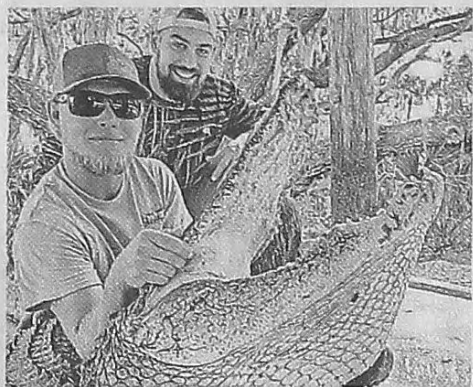
Godchaux, after all, is from Louisiana.

"We've had multiple players out there who have never shot a gun before," Sieler said. "If you're looking for a real thrill, alligators are pretty intense. It's alligator season right now so we just killed two 10-footers and almost an 11-footer this morning. It's a good time."

We interrupt this wild story to let you in on something important — Sieler can play.

Sieler was once a seventh-round pick of the Ravens. And he once walked on to a Division II program. So when he was on the field with five minutes left, instead of one of the many first- and second-rounders in his position meeting room, it said something.

"Sieler has gone in there and been productive," Miami coach Brian Flores said. "He's been productive in practice. He went in there and had production in the game. If a player goes into a game and has a good rush or has a good pass rush or a good run or a good catch or a good play in the kicking game or a good punt or a good hold, to me, that warrants



Zach Sieler, rear, founded Clay Gully Outfitters, the largest free-range, private land gator hunting outfitter in Florida. PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACH SIELER

another opportunity to see if they can have another successful play, and that's what happened with Sieler."

At 6-foot-6, 297 pounds, Sieler can play inside or out, and he brings a chip-on-the-shoulder mentality to every play.

"My whole life has been kind of earn the trust and get those snaps," Sieler said. "So for me it's just another day. Give full effort on every play. And when the opportunity comes, make the most of it."

Sieler, who turned 25 this month, once had 19.5 sacks at Ferris State.

"My mindset since Day 1 of playing football has been I don't look at the numbers," Sieler said. "I'm going to do what I do and play my game. I'm going to give full effort every single play. I don't like to look at oh this guy or this guy. I just do what I can control."

Sieler is from Michigan, but he has family and friends in Florida. As a kid, he frequently visited a family cabin in central Florida. Sieler said he enjoys offering teammates a hunting experience completely different than what they're used to.

It's not going to be easy to convince all of his teammates to join, though.

"Nah, not my cup of tea," said rookie offensive tackle Austin Jackson, who is from Sacramento, California. "I'll go look at some alligators. I don't know about hunting them."



Alan Byrnes, from left, and sons Ethan, Patrick and Sean trained together in the off-season. PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN BYRNES

Brothers

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father's footsteps.

"I couldn't ask for better training partners or brothers," Patrick Byrnes said.

Slow start

Patrick Byrnes tried many different sports, playing hockey for eight years while dabbling in lacrosse, football, soccer, baseball and tennis.

But when he began to run, began to race, Byrnes was home.

"For me, I think it boils down to the speed aspect," Byrnes said. "I love to go fast, and my parents have said (that) I love to go fast ever since I was a baby. They said I learned how to walk and then run within a week after that. I would always be running everywhere."

"The speed and intensity of the sport is something that I absolutely love. The way you can sprint at the end and try and win, and track, with the 800 and the 400, it's just an all-out sprint for one or two laps. I just love to go fast and I love to put it all out there."

But for his father, it took him a while to become comfortable with his children taking up his love.

Alan Byrnes encouraged the other sports first, knowing the injury risk, knowing the toll it takes on the legs — having been through multiple injuries himself.

But once he saw Ethan had a knack for the sport, winning nearly every race he ran in middle school, Alan found himself back into the sport he developed a love for at their age.

He began to train his sons as they were initiated into the sport, keeping schedules and leading training sessions in the off-season to make it as safe as possible.

"I really wanted them to be strong runners," Alan Byrnes said. "Not just a runner, but actually work on strength for injury prevention."

Sean, the youngest of the three brothers, remembers watching his father train both Ethan and Patrick. He remembers hearing the stories of Alan's time at Wayne State. He saw the success Ethan had in middle and high school, followed by Patrick.

He found himself wanting to be in their shoes.

"It was so much fun watching them," Sean Byrnes said. "It made me want to do what they could do... You see them and you just love watching them succeed, and you love watching them do so well, watch them progress. It's like, 'I want to be a part of that.'"

Learning from the best

When entering the Plymouth cross country program, Patrick had the opportunity to learn from the best on the team: Ethan.

Ethan Byrnes, a senior team captain in cross country, helped lead the Wildcats to a runner-up finish in the state final in 2017, finishing 18th in the state meet, while Patrick, in his first state meet race, finished 47th.

In track, Patrick and Ethan also ran the 4-by-800-meter relay together.

"He was the lead-off and I was the anchor," Patrick Byrnes said. "Whether I was out running the 800, he was out there cheering me on as I was bringing it in, or I would be there cheering for him as he was going and fighting for a spot at the start of the race."

As Ethan continued on to Wayne State and Patrick became a sophomore, he was all alone. He did not have a sense of security, a brother on the team to confide in on a more personal level.

But starting junior year, Patrick the

mentee became Patrick the mentor as his younger brother Sean joined the team. However, that role did not blossom until his senior season, as Sean missed the majority of his freshman season due to injury.

In his brother's absence, Patrick began to flourish, finishing fifth in the Division 1 boys cross country state final in 2019, and coming into this season as the No. 1 returning runner in the state.

Over the course of his first full season as a high school cross country runner, Sean said the two have become "two halves of a coin," learning how the training and competing processes worked and earning his place as the No. 2 runner on Plymouth's roster.

Patrick knows what Sean can do, specifically as a cross country runner. So he is already making sure his younger brother will be in a position to succeed and to lead when he is gone.

"I'm excited for what he's going to be able to do, so I feel like sort of a leader toward him," Patrick Byrnes said. "Now I am like passing down what I've learned throughout the years with workouts and all of that. I'm just making sure Sean has everything he needs to know about what our workouts are like and how to run the team and be the best runner he can be."

Family time

Watching his three sons excel with the Wildcats, Alan Byrnes said running has created a bond between the three of them.

"Being able to do sports together has allowed each of them, in some way or another, to get closer," he said. "Not just brothers, but friends."

This is something that is noticeable not only on the cross country course or the track, but with another sport they enjoy together: wrestling.

Patrick said sometimes he would come home from practice, all wound up with energy.

"You can just see in their eyes and you just go, 'Uh oh,'" Sean Byrnes said. "One of them just lunges across the couch and tackles the other one."

Ethan and Patrick would wrestle, and Sean would jump in, soon joined by Alan. Much like cross country, it was a family affair: a group of seasoned cross country runners trying to assert dominance on the living room carpet.

The coronavirus pandemic allowed for the family dynamic to return to the Byrnes household. Ethan returned home from school, and the family runs came back with the three brothers itching for the lead, while mom Kathryn and sister Anna, who runs cross country in middle school, join in.

Sean knows that his time at Plymouth with a Byrnes brother on the roster is fleeting. He really does not know what it will feel like.

"It's probably going to be very lonely," he said. "I've run with my brothers for so long now. It's not just in season, but out of season. I don't know how I'm going to feel. I'm going to have to figure it out because just about every season I have run, I've had a brother there with me. It's going to be different. I don't know."

"It's going to be tough, especially without my brothers there every step of the way. I'm going to try and be every bit as good as them as I can, but it's going to be tough. They are two of the greatest runners."

But even as high school turns into college, the relationship between the Byrnes brothers seems destined to continue, aiming to follow in the footsteps of their father.

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Shamrocks

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second half: a tip-in by junior Vincent Stockton after beating Brother Rice goalkeeper Angelo Yono to the ball he was trying to trap, and an open-space goal from sophomore forward Ali Jaffer off the assist by Stockton.

"Our general discipline, our tactical ability and our technical ability is better than average," Catholic Central head coach Gene Pulice said. "So going forward, we have to have the mentality. I'm not sure that once we gain that mentality, I don't think there's anybody who will be able to stay with us."

Describing the three goals scored by the Shamrocks as Brother Rice "switching off" for a short amount of time, head coach Daniel Price was confident with his players' performance, winning two of six games to start Catholic League play.

"I told the boys at halftime, 'It was the only mistake we really made in the first half. We dominated possession after that,'" Price said. "But we didn't create any clear-cut chances... We switched off the first 10 minutes of the second half. And it was difficult after that."

Brother Rice senior Mohamed Nasry ended the Catholic Central shutout late in the second half with a score.

Senior night secures expectation

When Ewing stood in the middle of the Catholic Central soccer field at halftime during the senior night ceremony, it felt surreal.

He remembered all of the practices he went through, the drives to games, everything he did to get to that moment.

A month ago, he was not even sure this moment would come. He was not sure that he would have a season, let alone a senior night.

Through his time with the Shamrocks, Ewing, a senior captain, said he grew to know what it meant to be a part of the brotherhood he always heard preached.

"Just to look over and know that I can trust that guy over there who is going to win that tackle or pass me the ball. To criticize each other as well, I think that's a big part of it," Ewing said. "No one's perfect on our team, and I think we all lift each other up, and I think that's the



Catholic Central junior Vincent Stockton taps the ball into the goal past Brother Rice's Angelo Yono.

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biggest part of my CC soccer experience."

Pulice said there are many senior leaders that understand what it means to be a leader, that have earned the respect of the program, including Jack Leuker, Clay Moscovic and Andrew Memmer.

With 12 seniors on the roster and how well, he said, they gel together, Pulice holds the same expectations the players do.

"There's always that drive to achieve the next state championship," Pulice said. "The expectation is there for them, and they kind of come in feeling it's going to go their way."

This is something that Ewing has wanted for his senior season, something that he had always pictured. Despite losing that level of certainty during the quarantine period, Ewing said he now can see that expectation, that drive for a state title, again.

"I lost sight of that picture during the pandemic because I didn't know whether or not we would have a season," Ewing said. "But now that I think we are three or four games into the Catholic League, now that we haven't lost yet, I think it boosts our adrenaline and expectation to win a state title."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Canton's Marco Johnson tapped

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As a senior running back on the Canton offense, Marco Johnson knows how the T-offense is supposed to look.

In the season opener against Northville, Johnson helped the Chiefs offense put on a clinic, running for three first-half touchdowns and 187 rushing yards in Canton's 54-21 win.

With his performance to start the 2020 season, Johnson earned the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week award for the week of Sept. 21, leading with 17,432 votes (50.74%).

Northville girls cross country runner and record-breaker Jennie Line finished in second place with 12,698 votes (36.96%) and Northville swimmer Emily Roden finished in third with 2,742 votes (7.98%).

Stevenson running back Caden Woodall and Groves running back Johnny Rex finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

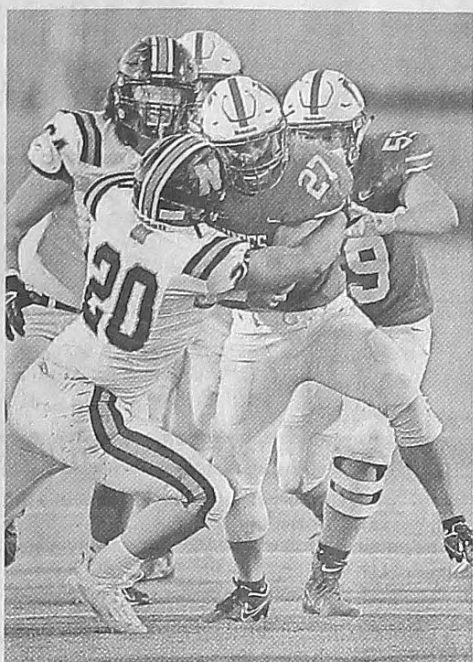
We caught up with Johnson after Canton's game against Novi to get his perspective on what it took for the Chiefs to get to where they are, what he wants to see from his team this season and why this football season is so important to him.

Question: Was this kind of what you expected for Canton to look like this year?

Johnson: Yeah, I think that coming into the season, we'd be strong. I felt we had a good offseason with workouts and things like that. Novi was kind of a surprise. I didn't think it would be that close, but we kind of came out a little flat, but we were able to bear down in the second half and we put up some points. But yeah, everything so far is kind of what I have been expecting. Hopefully it stays the same.

Q: With what this offseason brought, with coronavirus and uncertainty regarding your season, and specifically with how different this Canton offense is, how did you guys prepare for this season knowing that you didn't know if it was going to happen or not?

Johnson: You've got to think about it



Canton's Marco Johnson (27) rushed for 187 yards and 3 TDs vs. Northville.

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from this perspective: Us, as juniors and seniors, we have been running this offense for, now, three-to-four years, and even before that, most of us ran the offense when we were with the Plymouth Steelers or when we were in pee-wee. It's not all new stuff, but we had a couple Zoom calls with position coaches and as a team... Overall, kids kept working and it kind of shows.

Q: How valuable is that experience especially this year, ramping up an offense that you already knew?

Johnson: Honestly, it's very valuable because you already knew we could kind of bounce ideas off each other and all that. Our coaches listen to that too: If we see something on the field, we all kind of look for each other, we all, kind of bounce ideas off and having experience helps with that. We're young up front... but having me and Zack in the back, we can kind of just observe and see. It really helps both on and off the field.

Q: What do you think you guys can do as the season continues?

Johnson: We are just going to take it week-by-week, but I would definitely like to see us just go 6-0 into the playoffs, that we could get a good seed and stuff

like that. But we are going to take it week-by-week, and hopefully we just keep grinding away at teams.

Q: What do you want to show in your final year with the Canton program?

Johnson: I definitely want to show what I can do. It's not all about me though. The team is definitely the big part, so I am willing to do whatever it takes for the team. But overall in my season, I wanted to work on leadership skills and stuff. I think it's showing a bit.

Q: What's next for you?

Johnson: I'm actually committed to play (junior college) baseball at Lansing Community College. Football has always been a fun game of mine. I've always played it - I started playing when I was 9 - and always enjoyed the game. It's a lot of fun for me. I didn't have any opportunity though, and baseball was always my first passion, and the opportunity came and I took it. I'm really happy about that, but football has really been great to me.

Q: How does that change how you view this season?

Johnson: It's definitely my last hurrah. I'm going to give it my all. I like to finish things out, and like to go out with a bang on the season, especially having it be my senior year and my last season ever playing football again. I definitely want to go out with a bang.

Q: What do you like to do off the court, off the field?

Johnson: I'm actually an avid outdoorsman. I love to hunt and fish. I'm a fisher, I run local fishing tournaments and stuff like that. Besides that, I love to work out. I might pursue a personal trainer degree or certificate soon. On and off the field, I'm kind of relaxed. I kind of just hang out with my friends.

Q: What is one song or band that gets you hyped up for a game?

Johnson: To be honest, it changes week by week. Lil Baby, who I have been listening to has really been a real contributor, but sometimes I'll switch it up and listen to some hard rock like Metallica or crazy stuff.

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FOOTBALL

Farmington, Birmingham JV players in quarantine

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A Seaholm JV football player tested positive for COVID-19, prompting a quarantine request for members of the team, as well as for members of the Farmington High JV team.

According to an email sent to Birmingham district families Tuesday by district Communications Director Anne Cron, the individual who tested positive played in a game against Farmington High School on Thursday, Sept. 24, when pre-symptomatic.

"As social distancing is difficult in football and close contact occurs throughout a game, members of the Seaholm JVb football team have been asked to quarantine by Oakland County Health Division following their case investigation," Cron wrote. "The individual did not display symptoms on Thursday, and did not attend practice on Friday, Sept. 25. Symptoms began on Saturday night."

The Oakland County Health Division and other health officials consider the 48-hour period prior to the onset of symptoms as the period of time when COVID-19 exposure occurs, Cron continued.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Robert Herrera sent a nearly identical email to families in that district a few hours after the Birmingham communication was released, saying, "several members of the Farmington High School JV Football team have been asked to quarantine themselves" and thanking the community "for your continued partnership as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters."

The Farmington email did not specify when the team would practice together or play again.

Due to the quarantine, the Seaholm JVb football team will not meet again until Oct. 9.

"We are sharing this message with the community to provide further awareness of COVID-19 present in our community and the safety procedures in place to mitigate spread," Cron said in the Birmingham email, adding that the district followed other protocols including identification of close contacts with the individual, defined as within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes. Those individuals will be directly contacted by the health department. The infected individual will not be identified for medical privacy reasons.

"If you have not been contacted by OCHD, you or your family member are not considered exposed in this instance," Cron said. "It is our hope that we can all engage in positive dialogues around these community alerts to reduce rumors and support our neighbors."

She noted that anyone who believes they may have been exposed to COVID-19 in school or while in the community, or if they are displaying symptoms, should consult a medical professional and district officials encourage the community to continue safety measures, including wearing masks, frequently washing hands, and social distancing.

COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

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FOOTBALL MICHIGAN STATE

Collins looking to hit more home runs

Nate Atkins

Lansing State Journal

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One year ago this month, Elijah Collins took a handoff and ran 29 yards before he got tackled and brought Spartan Stadium to its feet. As a redshirt freshman, he injected life into a seemingly dead Michigan State offense and followed it up often enough to finish with almost 1,000 yards rushing.

In Collins' eyes, it was a decent debut. It is nowhere near the full show he wants to present in this backfield before he is finished.

"Last year, I had a few big runs, but I never really broke any home," Collins said. "That's one thing I really wanted to focus on, getting that breakaway speed at the end and really finishing my runs to turn them into touchdowns and not just long runs."

After taking hold of the role with a 192-yard breakout performance against Western Michigan in Week 2, Collins finished the year with 988 yards and five touchdowns to earn honorable mention All-Big Ten honors.

It was a season of singles and doubles in his eyes. He had the 29-yard dash on his first carry and finished with a long of 58, but his 4.5 per-carry average and five touchdowns showcase a player who kept drives moving but rarely finished



MSU running back Elijah Collins runs a drill during the first day of fall camp Sept. 25. MSU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

them. Michigan State finished 104th in scoring offense and 7-6 overall, so Collins believes his breakout year was still far from hitting its peak.

"I know I could have done better. There were a lot of things I really didn't know," said Collins, who had two carries before last season. "But after playing and looking at my own film and studying a lot, I would like to have a better year."

So now Collins turns the page to a new fall as a redshirt sophomore, and plenty has changed. He'll have a new coach in Mel Tucker after Mark Dantonio retired, a new quarterback after Brian Lewerke graduated and a new playbook after Jay Johnson arrived to fill Brad Salem's void at offensive coordinator.

They've all waited for the 2020 season to finally arrive, and it'll now start on Oct. 24 against Rutgers. The lack of a spring game or nonconference contests makes it harder to build the timing on a new passing game and playbook. Like many teams, the Spartans are likely to rely early on what they already know works.

That would be Collins.

"We have a lot of talented backs, from speed and power together, and that just opens up the passing game," said wide receiver Jayden Reed, a Western Michigan transfer who will be eligible this fall. "It'll open it up for us so we can spread it out a bit."

Of course, the passing game can help Collins, too. With a first-year starter at quarterback and little prep time, the Spartans aren't expected to light the conference on fire through the air, but Reed promises a better vertical threat, which can back safeties off enough to open up potential creases on first-down runs.

The floor for the run game is likely what Collins provided last year. The ceiling of the entire team is what remains a mystery. That's why Collins has been out running and working on his explosion this offseason, eager to find out whether that extra gear exists inside.

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Postseason

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rounds.

Here is where teams will be placed heading into the playoffs:

Division 1

Region 2, District 3

Brighton, Detroit Catholic Central, Hartland, Howell, Novi, Walled Lake Northern, Lakeland

Region 3, District 5

Belleville, Canton, Livonia Stevenson,

Northville, Plymouth, Salem, Wayne Memorial, John Glenn

Region 4, District 7

Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Southfield Arts & Technology, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens, Utica Ford, West Bloomfield

Division 2

Region 6, District 12

Fenton, Milford, North Farmington, South Lyon, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott

Region 7, District 13

Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dexter,

Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Temperance Bedford, Ypsilanti Community, Ypsilanti Lincoln

Region 8, District 15

Auburn Hills Avondale, Berkley, Groves, Seaholm, Royal Oak, Sterling Heights, Warren Cousino, Warren Mott

Division 3

Region 11, District 22

Brother Rice, Chelsea, Dearborn Divine Child, Garden City, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Pinckney, Redford Thurston, South Lyon East

Division 4

Region 15, District 30

Adrian, Carleton Airport, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Livonia Clarenceville, Milan, Redford Union, Romulus, Tecumseh

Region 16, District 31

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Center Line, Detroit Country Day, Detroit Henry Ford, Harper Woods Chandler Park, Hazel Park, Madison Heights Lamphere, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

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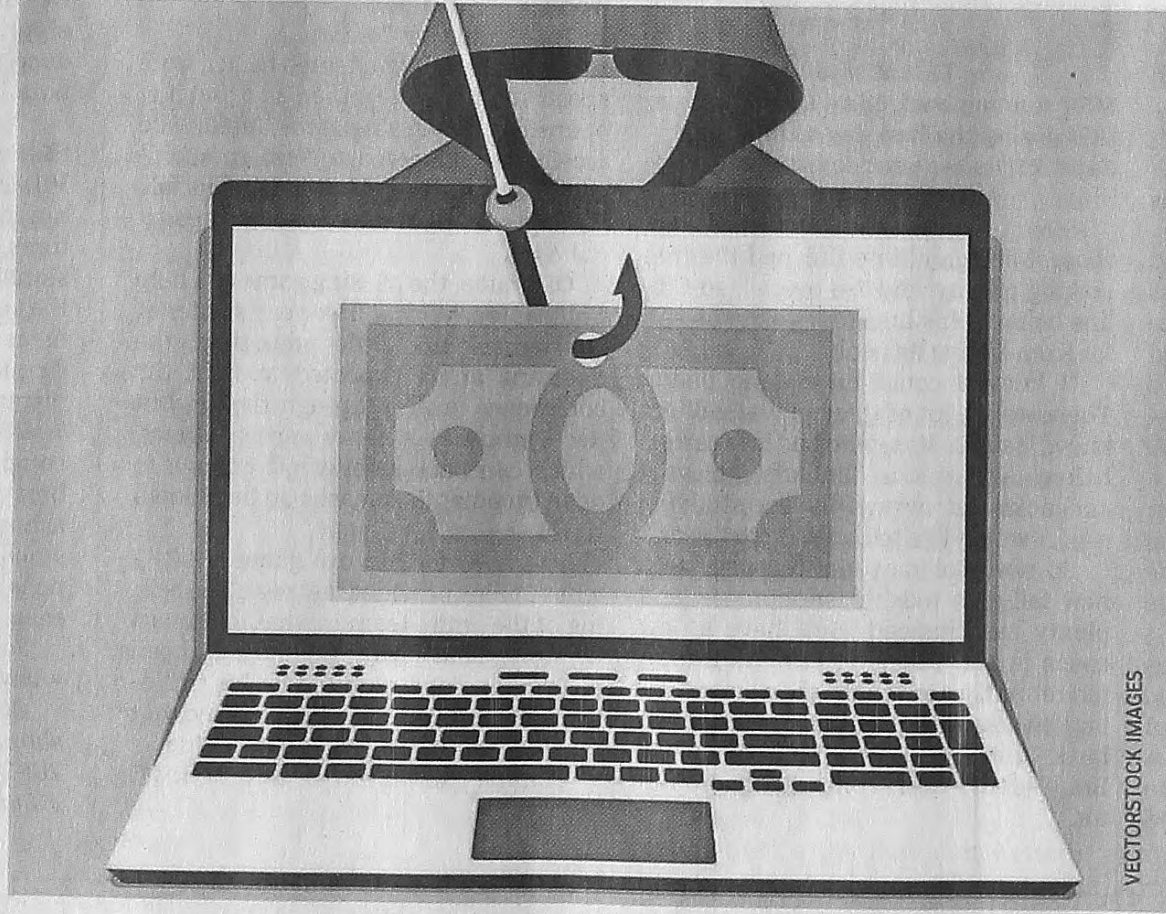
Avoid scams on job boards

By Kaila Kea
ZipRecruiter.com

Money laundering schemes are often portrayed as complex operations tied to banks and large corporations. Few people would think of online job boards as avenues for such scams, but scammers are increasingly finding utility in them.

A money laundering scam is an attempt to steal money by claiming that there is an employment opportunity requiring the job seeker to make transactions on behalf of someone else. Once the job seeker responds to the ad, the scammer extends an offer of employment, which includes using the person's bank account to transfer money that has been illegally obtained.

Similarly, shipping scams are founded on persuading unwitting individuals to facilitate crimes. Also referred to as "postal forwarding," they are carried out by having workers accept parcels (usually containing stolen items), then repackaging and reshipping them. The individual repackaging the items is tasked with paying



the shipping charges while the scammer provides them with a fake paycheck in return.

How to tell real from fake job offers

The first sign of a questionable job offer is the solicitation of money. A trustworthy employer will not require you to pay any

fees or costs upfront in exchange for a job.

After you've reviewed a job offer, conduct an internet search to find the company's website. Also, look for company reviews. If you find a company website, match that information to the content of the email and proceed with caution.

Generally, company employees will use their

company email address to contact you about a job offer. Fake job offers are more likely to be communicated through a free email address such as Gmail, Yahoo or Hotmail.

One of the most prominent red flags is a suspicious location. These scams hinge on luring the job seeker to a strange location or having the job seeker

receive money or ship to a foreign address.

Precautions to take

It can be hard to turn down a chance at a new job, but carefully evaluating the job offer can be the difference between keeping your information safe and exposing yourself to personal and financial risk. Do research on all aspects of the opportunity, including the company, employee reviews, company location, details about the point of contact, and what you are being asked to do in order to secure the job.

Another way to protect yourself is to steer clear of "easy money." If the job offer includes a large compensation for very little work (i.e., repackaging and reshipping miscellaneous items for \$5,000 per week), the offer is not likely legit.

If you or anyone you know has been targeted in a shipping and money laundering scam, reporting it can help prevent future occurrences. United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which employs tactics to combat money laundering at various levels, can be a point of contact for reporting scams: ice.gov/webform/hsi-tip-form.

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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Renounces the throne
- 10 Hexa- plus two
- 14 Best results possible
- 20 Right Guard, e.g.
- 21 Oom- (polka sounds)
- 22 Drink of beer after a shot
- 23 2014 Oscar show host
- 25 In a position facing
- 26 Standing in good —
- 27 "Put it — tab"
- 28 Tiny charge carrier
- 29 In times past
- 30 Grazing site
- 32 Sociologist who coined "survival of the fittest"
- 36 La-la lead-in
- 39 Mushroom variety
- 41 Tavern
- 42 Author and activist on Alabama's state quarter
- 45 Little — (tots)
- 46 Appends
- 50 Egg shapes
- 51 Get defeated
- 52 "Kapow!"
- 54 Bar garnish
- 55 Kosovo citizen
- 56 LXX / X
- 57 He wrote "He's Just Not That Into You" with Liz Tuccillo
- 61 Ticklish red Muppet
- 62 Dawn direction
- 64 A, in Argentina
- 65 Part of many German names
- 72 — pitch
- 75 "The Catch" network
- 76 Wedded
- 77 Verve
- 78 Verge
- 82 "The Pink Panther" co-star
- 86 "— you with me?"
- 87 End a flight
- 88 Bird-related
- 89 Tahiti, par exemple

- 4 Utopian
- 5 Denounces
- 6 Ending for dull or drunk
- 7 — kwon do
- 8 Mem. of the U.K.
- 9 Canonized Fr. woman
- 10 Where drinks are on the host
- 11 Monterey County city
- 12 "— playing our song"
- 13 Balking beast
- 14 Ink-squirting sea creature
- 15 Gives a ring
- 16 "I taut I — a puddy tat!"
- 17 Newton who was knighted
- 18 Come together
- 19 Enthusiasm
- 24 —easter (storm type)
- 28 Currently has the stage
- 31 Just fine
- 32 Hint-offering columnist
- 33 Architectural add-ons
- 34 Twiddled digit
- 35 Zora — Hurston
- 36 The ones there
- 37 Make merry
- 38 Make fearful
- 40 Trust
- 43 Bodily joint
- 44 Brain wave test, for short
- 47 Sup stylishly
- 48 Blockbuster rented them
- 49 Places
- 52 Nota —
- 53 Top competitive effort, informally
- 54 Novelist Sarah — Jewett
- 56 "Live" and "learn," e.g.
- 58 Shah or czar
- 59 She played Miss Brooks
- 60 Lena of song
- 63 Gremlin's kin
- 68 Be worthy of
- 69 Bodily joint
- 70 Appointment calendar
- 71 Vestige
- 72 Inbox junk
- 73 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 74 Big elevator name
- 79 Copenhagen citizens
- 80 Make twisty
- 81 Uplift morally
- 83 Devour
- 84 Claims on property
- 85 That miss
- 91 "Bus Stop" playwright William
- 92 Move aside
- 94 Of no help
- 95 Smallville's Clark
- 96 Drinking spree
- 97 "— the season to be jolly"
- 99 Dishonors
- 100 Emerge
- 101 —-weenie
- 104 Bazaar units
- 105 Creed part
- 106 PC key
- 107 Fritz out
- 109 Writer — Rogers St. Johns
- 114 Not "fer"
- 115 Come together
- 116 Irish Gaelic tongue
- 118 "— done it!"
- 119 Frat letter
- 120 Electric jolt
- 121 Ending for ethyl
- 122 Chaney of old chillers
- 123 Run after K

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- INVOICES
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- LATTICework
- LICENSE
- LIQUORICE
- MAGNIFICENT
- MALICE
- NICELY
- NOTICE
- OFFICERS
- PLAICE
- POLICEMAN
- PUMICE
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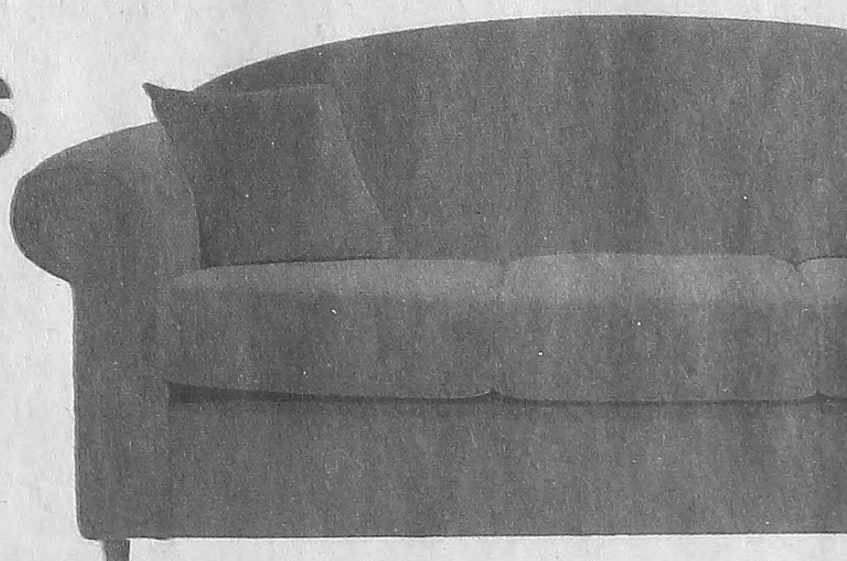
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