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Northville begins plans for walkable downtown

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The street closures in downtown Northville became a permanent fixture this summer. The question is: what does the future look like for the downtown?

A new plan commissioned by the city wants to figure that out.

The city council will work with a consulting firm to begin crafting a new pedestrian plan for downtown Northville to better understand what the future holds for the gathering space.

The plan — which will be crafted by Plymouth Township-based Grissim, Metz and Andriese — will look at several factors to transition the downtown from a space with roads open to cars to a pedestrian-only zone year-round.

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Dozens of cats saved from Commerce Twp. house fire

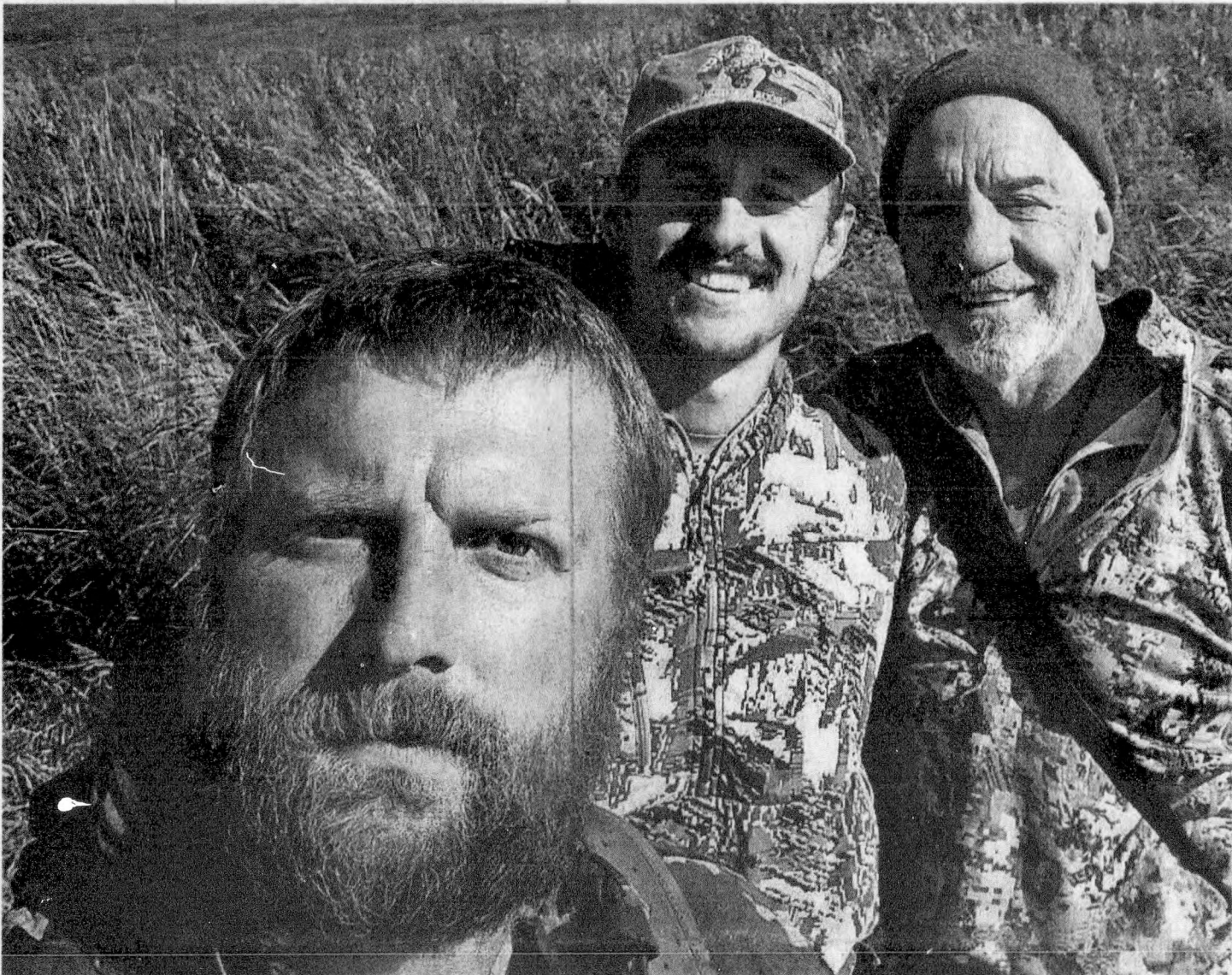
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Commerce Township firefighters rescued 38 cats from a house fire Thursday.

An additional five cats were found dead at the home on Winewood Lane in the Lake Sherwood subdivision off Commerce Road, just east of Duck Lake Road.

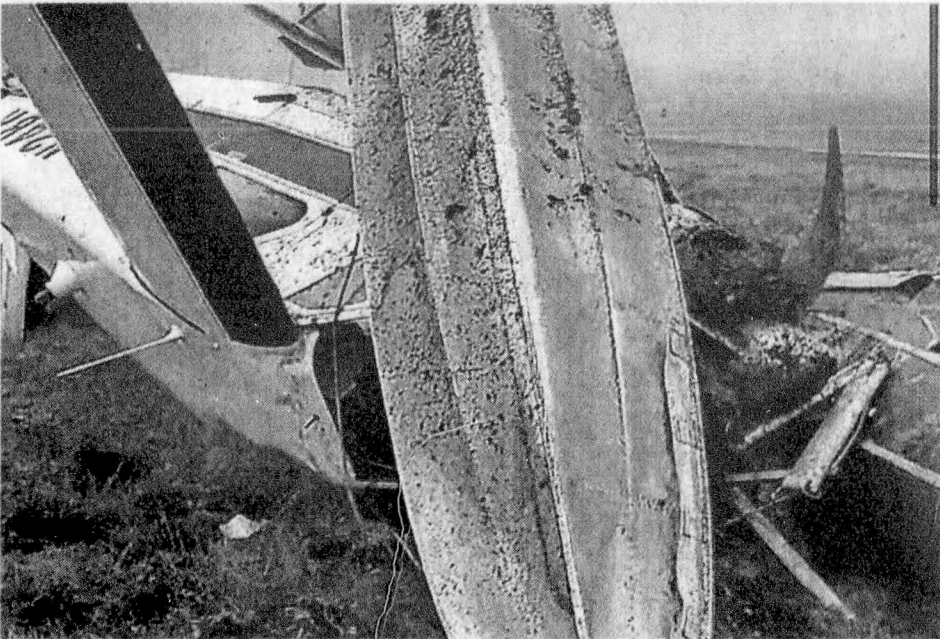
Commerce Township Fire Chief Jim Dundas said the total number of cats in the home was likely closer to 50.

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Casey West with Cal and Craig Stefanko in Alaska. The trio went on a moose-hunting trip and got way more than they bargained for when their bush plane crashed. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CASEY WEST

Michigan man's Alaskan adventure ends with crash



The plane crashed in Alaska on Sept. 18. West, Cal Stefanko, and the pilot all survived. Craig Stefanko was in another plane at the time.

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Casey West left Michigan and headed into the Alaskan wild for an unforgettable adventure.

He feels lucky to have gotten out alive after it ended in a plane crash.

"It was an experience," said West, a 36-year-old Brandon Township resident. "Hopefully I never have this exact experience again, but it was an adventure."

West, a nurse at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, was excited and worry-free as he set out on his life-time dream of an Alaskan moose hunt.

This was a stark contrast to his wife, Samantha, who increased her husband's life insurance policy ahead of the trip. She was concerned over the safety

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U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, center, joined by Rep. Haley Stevens, Rep. Debbie Dingell and Rep. Ranjeev Puri, listen to Mujeeb Ijaz, founder of Our Next Energy, talk about electric vehicle technology during a tour of the ONE facility in Novi on Oct. 19. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pelosi visits EV battery startup in Novi

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U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday toured Our Next Energy in Novi, a battery startup charging forward in the future of electric vehicle technology.

Congresswomen Haley Stevens (11th District) and Debbie Dingell (12th District) joined Pelosi as they promoted electric vehicle provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act.

"Some of what I am seeing today is the transformation from the hard science to the consumer product and keeping America No. 1," Pelosi said, adding that President Joe Biden would be excited to see what is happening at Our Next Energy. "He's always about declaring our independence as a nation in terms of the supply chain and being resourceful in how we do that and you have been doing that."

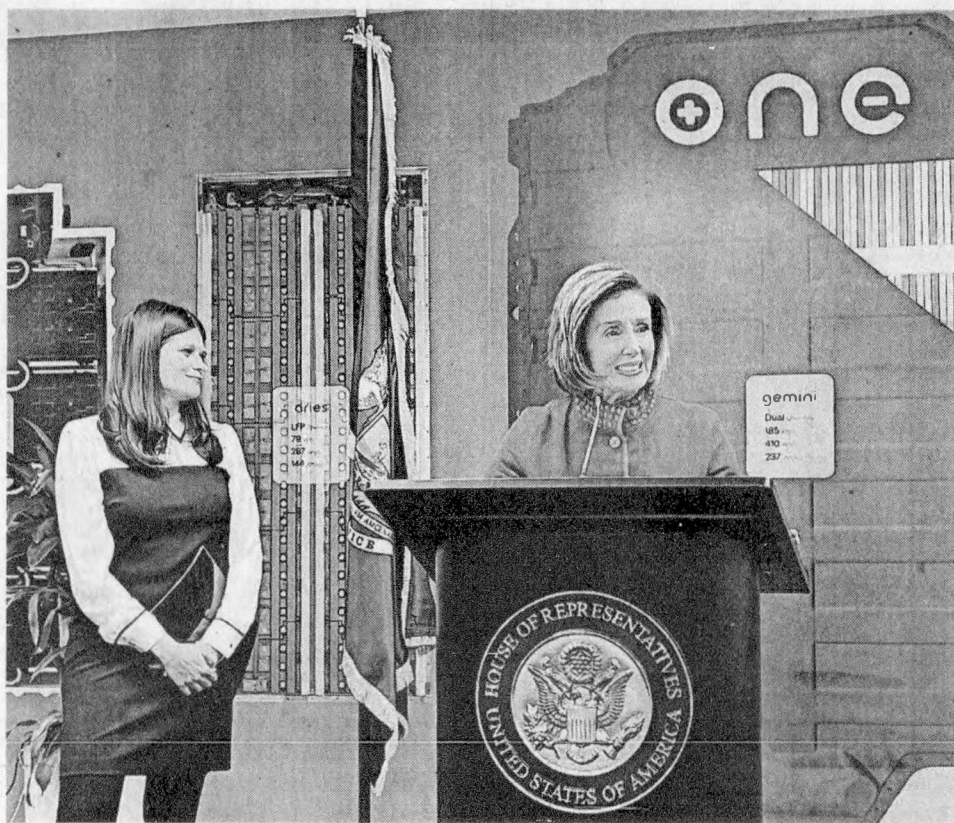
She praised Our Next Energy founder Mujeeb Ijaz for looking for minerals that were more plentiful and less expensive in advancing electric vehicles.

Bipartisan infrastructure legislation has enabled a "giant step forward" with electric vehicle research and charging stations, Pelosi said, but more is needed.

Ijaz founded Our Next Energy in July 2020 with three goals: double the range of electric vehicles; use safer and more sustainable raw materials; and establish a localized supply chain.

He chose Novi as an ideal location, citing Michigan's long automotive history and a belief the state will be a great central hub for moving battery materials between neighboring states and Canadian provinces involved in manufacturing raw materials.

In the past 18 months, the company has grown to 170 employees and is working with seven customers, including Motive Companies in California and BMW.



Pelosi, joined by Stevens, talks about her excitement for Our Next Energy.

Ijaz said Our Next Energy is working on an iron phosphate battery and a second battery that is cobalt-free and has dual chemistry — 25% nickel and 75% manganese. In adding the two together on a vehicle, the company hopes to extend range to 600 miles, with the second battery kicking in and recharging the first.

The goal for recharging the 600-mile battery is 600 minutes, or one minute per mile.

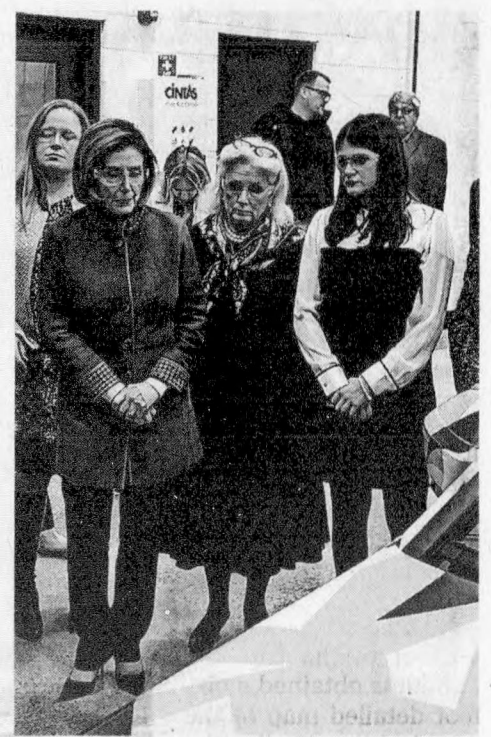
Pelosi's tour of Our Next Energy in Novi is recognition and encouragement the company is on the right track, Ijaz said, "and a great honor," while the Inflation Reduction Act is an "enormous gift" to shape the future of electric vehicles.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is a

generational investment in the United States' clean energy economy. Investments from the IRA are intended to help the U.S. compete in the global transition to electric vehicles by driving down battery costs and incentivizing the production and purchase of EVs in the United States.

Proponents said tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act will create more than 260,000 jobs to make battery and fuel cell EVs up to \$7,500 cheaper, while expanding access to EV charging.

"In my history of EVs, which is 32 years, I've never seen a policy have such a profound impact to grow workforce and technology," Ijaz said. "Once the engine is started, we can go somewhere. We have skills, but need a lot of resources. If we don't have our country



Pelosi, center, joined by Stevens and Dingell, looks at a BMW outfitted with an electric vehicle battery as Ijaz talks about the company's plans.

and government behind us, how can we compete with companies that do?"

"Michigan put the world on wheels and now, we are innovating a more sustainable future right here in the heart of the industrial Midwest," Stevens said, adding the Inflation Reduction Act constitutes "the single largest investment in transportation electrification in U.S. history."

"The impacts of this bill on businesses and consumers alike are historic and new EV tax credits will allow millions of Americans to make the switch to an electric vehicle."

Ijaz notes that users will motivate infrastructure.

"If we create a battery that does 600 miles, that will unlock the market," he said.

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Judge rejects Carvana bid for restraining order

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A Michigan Court of Claims judge has denied Carvana's request that a temporary restraining order be granted against Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson for suspending its operations at its location in Novi.

Earlier this month, state officials suspended the license of the Carvana dealership in Novi for "imminent harm to the public," a claim Carvana called "baseless." The state alleged that Carvana LLC, owned by Paul Breaux and located off of Novi Road near I-96, committed several violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code. The alleged violations were discovered during an investigation by the state regulatory staff of multiple complaints from consumers about title problems with their vehicles.

On Oct. 13, Carvana fired back by filing injunction motions with the Michigan Court of Claims asking for an immediate stop to the state's suspension.

Carvana spokesperson Kristin Thwaites said at the time that the suspension was an "illegal and irresponsible attempt to shut down a growing Michigan business" over "technical paperwork violations involving title and transfer issues."

On Wednesday, Michigan Court of Claims Judge Thomas Cameron ruled the "defendant's decision to suspend plaintiff's license without a hearing is statutorily permitted and therefore declines to find a violation of plaintiff's due process rights."

Cameron also said that Carvana did not offer any evidence to support its claim that the suspension caused "irreparable injury to its goodwill" or how this loss affects its "overall economic well-being." Cameron wrote: "Plaintiff states it 'is the second-largest used car retailer in the United States and has sold over 1 million vehicles.' Thus, plaintiff's assertion that it suffered loss of goodwill due to the suspension is insufficient to show irreparable harm, in particular because plaintiff's Michigan-based sales are a subset of its overall operations. Moreover, the suspension affects

plaintiff's sales only at its vending machine in Novi, but not its overall online sales."

Thwaites told the Free Press in an email Thursday that the Secretary of State has agreed it can continue selling online to Michigan customers while the matter is addressed. In reaction to the judge's ruling, she said, "We are disappointed by the court's decision and we are considering all legal options to protect our customers and ensure the Secretary of State is held accountable for their illegal actions."

Carvana maintains its view that the Secretary of State's suspension is "an illegal and reckless attempt" to shut it down over technical paperwork violations.

Michigan Department of State spokeswoman Aneta Kiersnowski Crisp said the state has received more than 100 complaints from consumers since suspending the dealership. She issued a previously released statement in reaction to the ruling that said the state protects consumers in strict accordance with state and federal laws.

Groves grad completes Appalachian Trail hike

Diane K. Bert

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Annie Franklin went on an epic adventure after graduating college in May.

The 22-year-old Beverly Hills resident and Birmingham Groves graduate hiked the 2,193-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine after finishing her undergraduate degree.

She previously hiked in the Grand Canyon with her older brother Michael and had enjoyed it. The months-long journey was an ideal counter to the hustle and bustle of academia.

"I had dealt with the chaos of COVID during my college years and viewed this as a time for personal growth," Annie said.

Thorough planning and preparation were important to the success of this challenging endeavor. Minimal clothing, rain gear, a tent, a sleeping bag, hygiene supplies, walking sticks, hiking shoes and a water purifier added about 20 pounds to her back, plus several more pounds worth of food filled the contents of her backpack, which organized and carried each day.

Annie's mom, Mary Ann Franklin, did her best to keep track of her daughter's journey.

"I got her a Garmin Satellite phone. I felt safe about it and encouraged frequent communication," Mary Ann explained. "I heard excitement and happiness in her voice. I was exciting as she passed along her experiences."

Prior to the trip, the Franklins obtained a six-foot detailed map of the Appalachian Trail. The family tracked her progress day by day on the map for well over 2,000 miles.

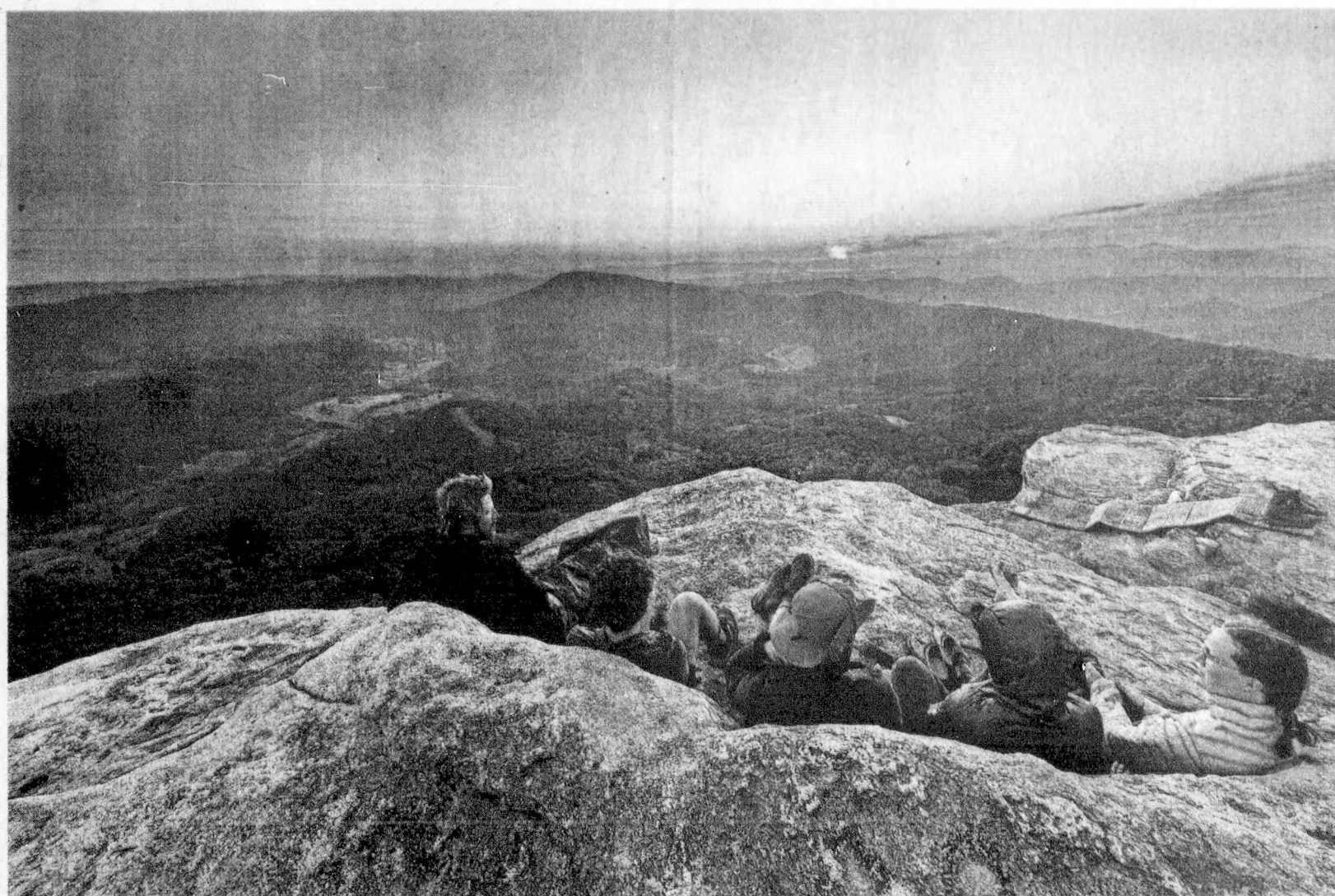
Typically, thru-hikers on the AT start at the southern end and work their way north.

Upon arrival in Georgia, Annie, registered her walk for the entire length of the trail. She began her solitary walk but soon joined a group of walkers who referred to themselves as a "tramilly," or trail family. In typical tramilly fashion, they soon gave one another nicknames. Because Annie preferred full length pants rather than shorts, her moniker became Pants.

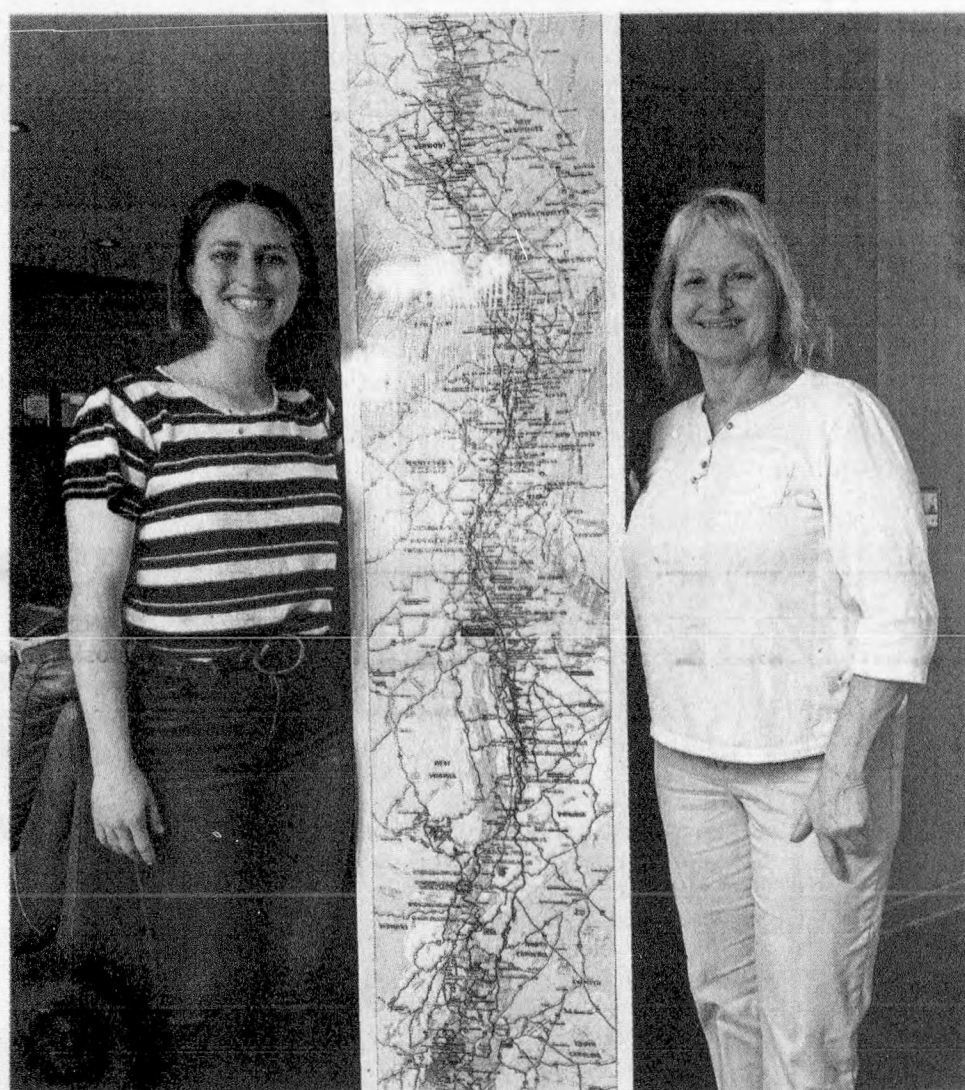
Hikers on the trail follow strict rules to leave no trace. All waste must be carried out to disposal sites. Another rule requires that finished campfires must be cold to the touch to minimize chances of wild fires later on.

On a typical day the hikers rose about 6:30 a.m. as the sun rises. Next, they packed up their sleeping bag and tent in their backpack to prepare for the day's hike. They would then retrieve their food bags, which had been hanging on a high tree branch to deter bears from scavenging, and eat a simple breakfast of cereal, oatmeal or pop tarts.

Then the daily march would begin, typically a 22- to 24-mile daily hike. Stopping for lunch, which might be hummus or tuna packets, they would continue on to dinner and their overnight camping site. Mac and cheese was a popular dinner choice. Four to six food bars a day



"Tramilly" members, from left, Ms. Frizzle, Finestien, Little Spoon, Pants, and Fireball watch the sunset at McAfee Knob in Virginia. This is one of the three destinations in the Virginia Triple Crown. They camped near there after sunset so that they could come back to the viewpoint for sunrise the next morning. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANNIE FRANKLIN



Annie Franklin, left, and her mother, Mary Anne, show off a detailed map of the Appalachian Trail. Annie spent five months hiking the 2,193-mile trail.

might be consumed as snacks to replenish lost energy.

Along the trail occasional wild blueberries and blackberries were a welcome treat.

Food supplies were replenished every few days by trips into nearby towns. These towns feature supplies especially needed by hikers such as replacement hiking boots. Some hikers replaced four pairs of shoes or boots along the 2,000-plus miles.

"Along the trail we saw many, many beautiful sights," Annie recalled. "We especially enjoyed a place called Charlie's Bunyon. The Franconia Ridge was lovely. We were often in the Alpine zone which describes being above tree level."

Those unfamiliar with backpacking and trail hiking may have a mental image of clear stretches of level land to walk along on the trail but the reality is much different. There are many rivers, some waist deep, that must be traversed, and rocky boulders which must be climbed. On these days, the hikers put far fewer

miles behind them.

"New Hampshire was my favorite state," Annie said. "It was beautiful but was very hard to navigate. It was rocky with steep rocks to climb, but it was well worth it."

Annie's journey was interrupted for a bit as her family met her to proceed to Cleveland where her graduation ceremony from Case Western Reserve University School of Nursing was held.

After that celebration, she and her brother Michael returned to the trail and he joined her for five days. Their roles were reversed from that earlier Grand Canyon trip as she taught him about traversing the Appalachian Trail.

The Franklin family celebrated Annie's accomplishment with a series of signs in their front yard when she returned, announcing: "2,193 miles GA to ME Appalachian Trail. You rock Annie!!"

"I couldn't have had a better experience," Annie reflected on her five-month hike. "I had time to reflect on my dreams. I had fine conversations with my tramilly. Now I know what I am capable

of and can do a lot of things in the future. I am so grateful for the highly motivated and adventurous community of people who were simultaneously walking on the Appalachian Trail."



Annie Franklin celebrates her arrival at Mt. Katahdin, the final summit of the Appalachian Trail, completing the 2,200-mile journey from Georgia to Maine.

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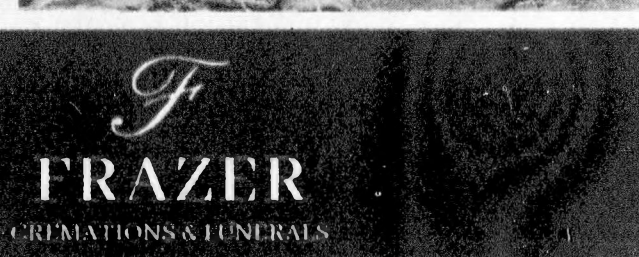
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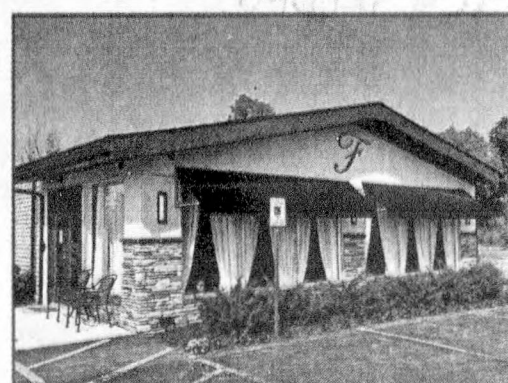
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Cats

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Dundas said firefighters responded to the home at around 9:30 a.m. Oct. 20 after a passerby noticed smoke coming from the rear of the house. An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy was first on scene and awakened a man who was asleep in the home, getting him to safety without any injuries.

"As firefighters got there and entered the house, they kept pulling cats out for more than an hour as they fought the fire," Dundas said. "And they kept coming... Domestic animals don't do well with smoke, and cats are difficult to rescue. They hide, and smoke is toxic. They had free run of the entire house and in terms of living conditions, it was very poor for both the animals and people living there."

A space heater in the garage that was located too close to other items is believed to be the cause of the fire, according to the chief.

"It was left unattended, near ordinary combustibles," Dundas said. "There should be at least 3 feet of empty space around a space heater, and it should never be left unattended."

He was unsure whether the tri-level home had working heat, but noted it had a "very large fireload" from an abundance of contents.

Structurally, the house is in good



Oakland County Animal Shelter employees treat a cat for smoke inhalation after it was rescued from a Commerce Township house fire.

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shape, Dundas said, but is unlivable because of smoke damage, as well as excrement from the cats. He believes it is unlikely the owner would be able to return "for a very long time."

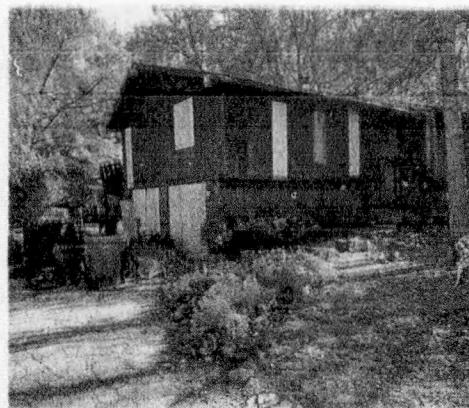
"It's a very sad case," Dundas said. "Our guys did as much as they could."

The Oakland County Animal Control Division launched an animal neglect and abuse investigation after finding the cats in "concerning conditions unrelated to the fire," Oakland County Public Information Officer Bill Mullan said.

The surviving cats are under veterinary evaluation and treatment at the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center in Pontiac. The shelter sent the remains of the deceased cats to Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine for necropsies to determine the cause of death.

Once the investigation is concluded, the case will be turned over to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office to determine possible charges.

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The house on Winewood Lane in Commerce Township is boarded up after a fire Oct. 20.

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Two of the 38 cats rescued from a Commerce Township house fire. The cats are being housed at the Oakland County Animal Shelter.

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"People are rising to the occasion to keep it active through the winter and this is another activity going to the next step," said Councilman John Carter when the council approved the plan Oct. 17. "Part of this RFP is actually in response to a lot of that feedback as we look to address those challenges that were raised. Appreciate the feedback on all sides, because I think it contributed to a better process here."

The city council voted earlier this summer to permanently close parts of Main and Center streets to vehicles, a move first made in 2020 at the begin-

ning of the COVID-19 pandemic to help promote business in an era full of restrictions. The issue became a hot one in town, with passionate arguments made both in favor of keeping the roads closed to cars and those saying they should reopen to motor vehicles.

In addition to the roads being closed, the city council decided earlier this month to expand the city's social district, The Twist, to include a larger section of downtown. That area includes Main Street from Center to Wing Street; Wing Street from Main to Cady Street; Cady Street between Wing and Center Street; Center between Main and Cady street; and the area around of The Garage Grill and Fuel bar.

The new plan will shift such planning from the city to the private firm at a cost

of \$46,200, an amount expected to be split between the Downtown Development Authority and the city.

"For the past two years, the DDA/City have provided a temporary solution to support the businesses during the pandemic," the request for proposals read. "We believe that it is time to develop a long term/permanent solution to the appearance and function of the area in and around the closed streets. This Pedestrian Plan will serve as the conceptual blueprint for all improvements in the area and will assist the DDA in making decisions on how to spend the DDA's finite resources. It is the intent of the DDA to negotiate with the selected design firm for any design development, construction documentation, bid award, and other future services asso-

ciate with projects that are implemented from the Pedestrian Plan."

Meetings on the plan are expected to begin taking place later this fall.

Lori Ward, the city's DDA executive director, said three firms submitted proposals. She said the DDA board felt the most comfortable with Grissim, Metz and Andriese given its experience working with other nearby communities, such as Milford, Farmington and Howell, as well as its work on the Northville Town Square development that took place in 2009.

"All three of them were really capable. It was a tough discussion," she said. "As I mentioned, Grissim Metz was the unanimous decision, but all of them would have done a good job."

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of a bush plane, the biggest risk of such a trip, with about 10 crashes per season.

"That is the only way to get around out there — flying by bush plane," West said.

Her fears were well-founded, although West noted that flying by a bush, or float, plane is the only way to get around Alaska, and a car accident would be more likely.

Usually.

West and his friends Cal and Craig Stefanko arrived in King Salmon on Sept. 11. The following day, a bush pilot flew them without incident to Unit 9E, a game management area in the Alaska Peninsula.

The trio then hiked a half-mile to set up camp in tents. The next day, the hunt was on and West wasted no time getting his moose, described as the hardest hunt he's ever done.

"I was not prepared for how big these animals are," he said, noting that he had shot elk before, but the moose was twice as large.

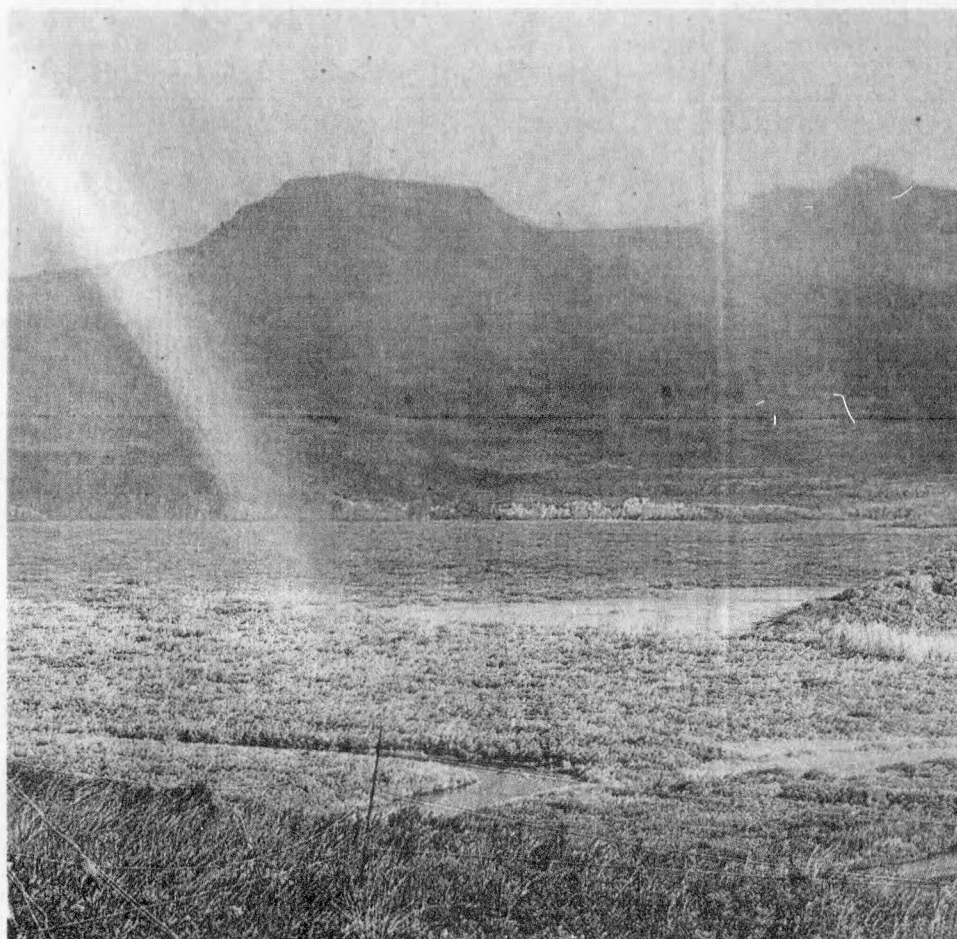
The moose was easy to spot from nearly 2 miles away, and West stalked the animal until he was within 140 yards, from which he got a clean shot. It took two full days to pack out more than 700 pounds of meat from the kill, carrying it in a backpack as he slogged miles through boggy terrain where he sank to his kneecaps with each step.

It was cold, wet and miserable, he recalled. Conditions were about to deteriorate dramatically with a tsunami and 50-70 mph winds forcing them trio to shelter in the tents for two days.

Chaos resumed the next day when one of the hunters nearly got trampled by a bull moose that did two fake charges, coming within five feet. Due to hunting restrictions, the animal was not large enough to kill.

The weather had turned again with pouring rain and low visibility. But early that evening, with visibility increased to about 4-5 miles and a 15 mph wind out of the north, two planes arrived to pick up the travelers and the moose meat, ensuring even weight distribution.

West described what happened next as his plane rose from a lake with 15-foot



Casey West was treated to a double rainbow in Alaska after two days of rain resulting from a tsunami. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CASEY WEST



The bush plane crashed in Alaska on Sept. 18. Everyone survived with minor injuries, but the pilot had cuts to his head requiring 17 stitches.



West and Cal Stefanko with the results of their hunting trip. "I was not prepared for how big these animals are," West said.

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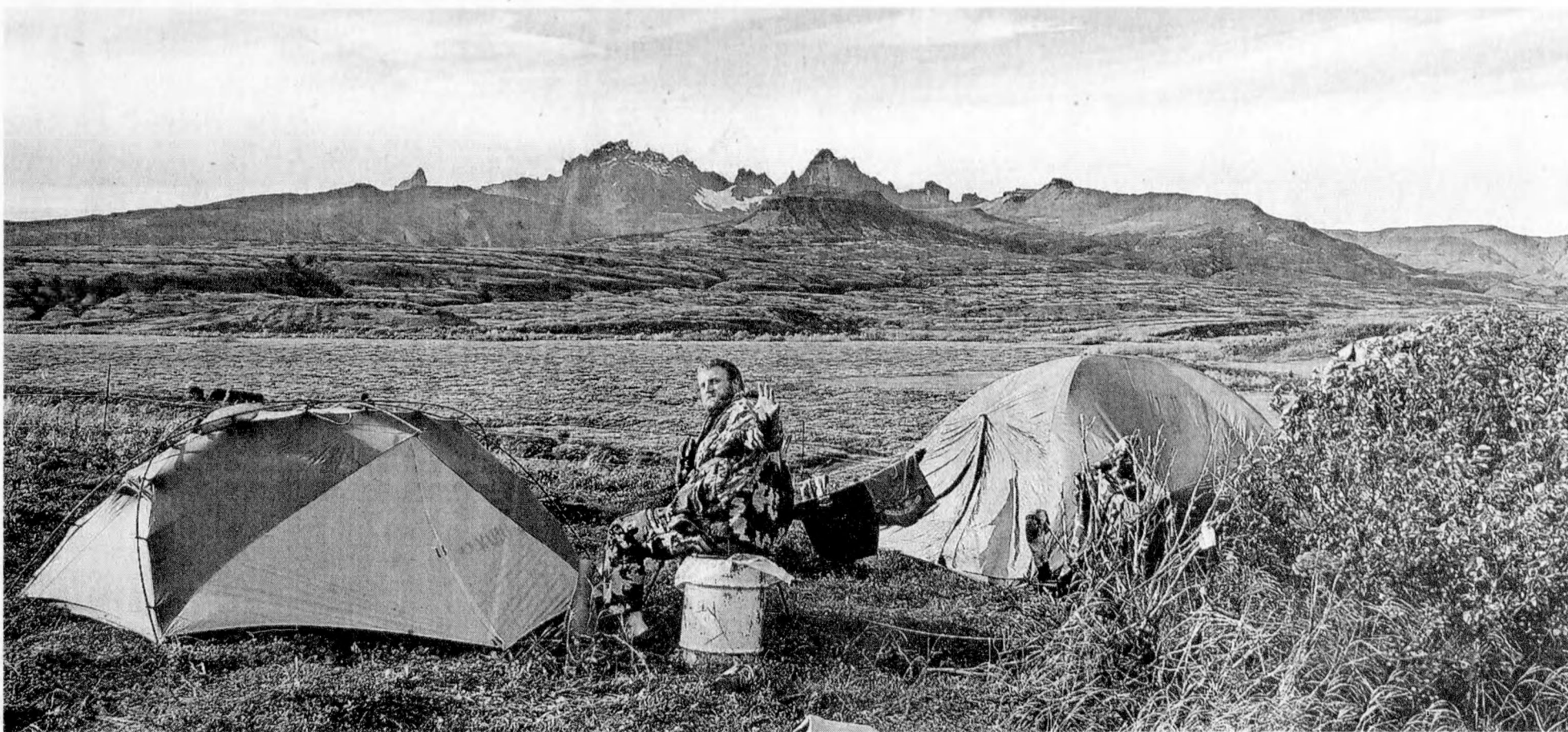
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Casey West waves from his camp in the wilds of Alaska during a period of calm weather in September. COURTESY OF CASEY WEST

Crash

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embankments on three sides.

"We took off north because there was no bank — we're going, going, going, and all of a sudden, we got hit by a huge wind gust," he said. "We weren't high enough off the water and the wing hit the water and dragged and spun us to the left. The pilot was pulling at the lever to get the plane up, and I said, 'Oh my God, we're gonna hit the bank.' And we hit it so hard, we shot up into the air 70 to 80 yards, spinning and then nosedived right into the earth."

West had just enough time to put his right hand over his head and stick his left hand out to brace for impact, while yelling a few obscenities.

The entire episode was over in seconds as the crash flipped the aircraft upside down. West struck his head and had bruises over an eighth of his body, but his left hand sustained the most visible damage with numerous cuts.

"Cal, you OK?" he yelled, receiving an answer in the affirmative as he unstrapped his seatbelt and fell to the ceiling.

The pilot, who sustained a head injury that required 17 stitches, yelled at West to get out of the plane by the front window. The three ran from the wreckage to the shock and relief of those in the other plane, who thought they had just seen a crash no one survived.

West couldn't believe they were alive either as he sent an SOS text to emergency responders, notifying them of the plane crash.

National Transportation Safety Board Spokesman Peter Knudson said in any given year, there are on average 1,100 aviation accidents in the United States.

Nearly all of those, about 98 percent, are accidents categorized as general aviation (typically recreational flights and small planes) as opposed to involving the major air carriers. An aviation accident is defined as any event that involves substantial damage to an airplane.

In 2019, there were 82 general aviation accidents in Alaska. Thirteen of those accidents involved fatalities with a total of 32 people dying. The causes of the crashes were found to be pilot error, equipment malfunction, weather conditions, or a combination of these factors.

Knudson said that flight regulations are the same in Alaska as elsewhere, but the environment is more challenging, including infrastructure, weather, and terrain.

It could be up to two years before the investigation into West's plane crash is completed, but West said the pilot, who he described as a very nice guy, admitted his error.

"The pilot didn't have too much to say other than 'I f****d up,' and that he should have hit the kill switch and pulled up," West said. "It's very unfortunate it happened to him."

"He said he is done. He's retiring after 40 years and it was probably his last flight."

It won't be the last for West, who came home to Michigan with a couple

hundred pounds of moose meat after donating about 1,200 pounds to native Alaskans. He and Cal Stefanko also gave some of the meat to the keepers of the Antlers Inn who showed great hospitality to them, and where they became local celebrities.

He got a warm reception of smiles, tears, and many hugs when he came home.

West took a lighthearted approach in recounting his adventure, telling his three children that daddy hurt his hand punching the earth to stop the plane, and asking Samantha if she was happy or mad that she missed out on a \$1.3 million life insurance payout. Still, he is deeply touched to learn how many people cared.

He admitted he may have to "butter up" his wife to go out west on an elk hunt in October, and he hopes to return to Alaska, too.

"It was crazy," West said. "But I can't wait to go back. I'd do it again."

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FIND THE WORDS

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TODAY'S ANSWER

from paddock to plate

Farmers' market

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ACROSS

- 1 Sweater for the small
11 Plunder
15 A question of effort
16 Call when things go wrong
17 Square off
18 2019 acquirer of the BrickLink fan site
19 Spring gatherings
20 Rose by another name?
22 Military band
25 Two different groups working with wires
26 Often-steamy stories
29 Tends to tender
30 Fantastic shortcuts
32 Pitchers' battle
35 Rouge comme tomate
36 Henchwoman, e.g.
38 Back
39 Prone to chafing
41 Genesis through Deuteronomy
43 Military leader for nearly 700 years
45 Traveler in a tour
46 39 Across picnicker?
48 Yertle the Turtle's domain
49 Less sound
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60 Things to eat and drink
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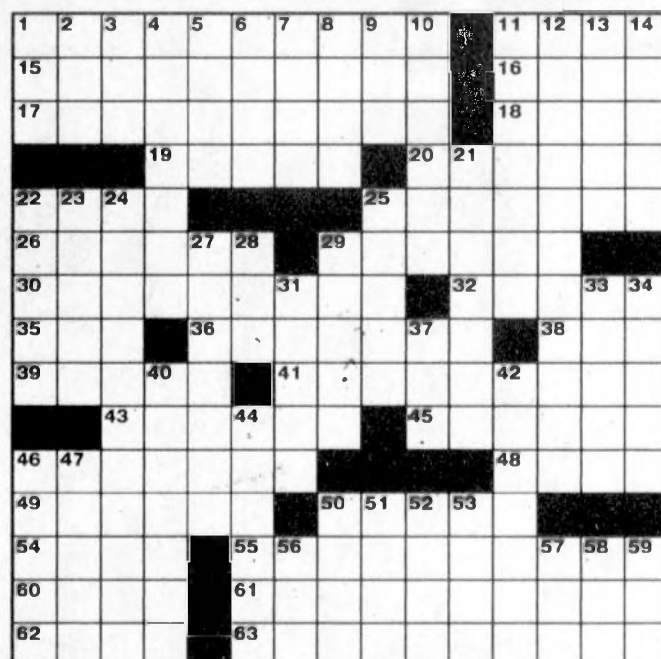
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3 Dinner invitation
4 Shout after a swiping
5 Head home
6 "On from island island..."
7 Providence is far from it
8 A lot of nerve
9 Booster beneficiary
10 Subjects for debate
11 Calmed down

- 12 The Great Picture Hunt! is the sixth in its series
13 Get hopping?
14 They're moving out of the mall

- 21 Home to 100+ First Nations communities
22 Took all the way to the top, maybe
23 Right things
24 User visiting toomuchonherplate.com
25 When courses aren't taken
27 Mexican summer squash
28 Express distress
29 Back for more?
31 Fox-faced primate

- 33 As before
34 Went at it
37 Instrument of metaphorical meddling
40 What an Inferno pair inspired Rodin to create
42 Doctor's frequent prescription
44 Rat relative
46 Mass in motion
47 Where Dinesen once dwelt
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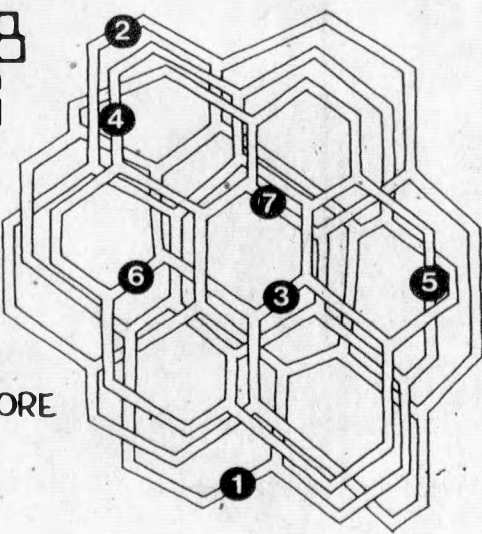


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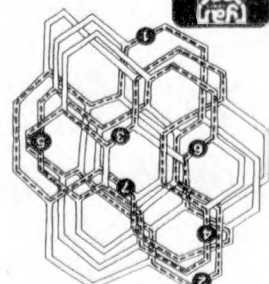
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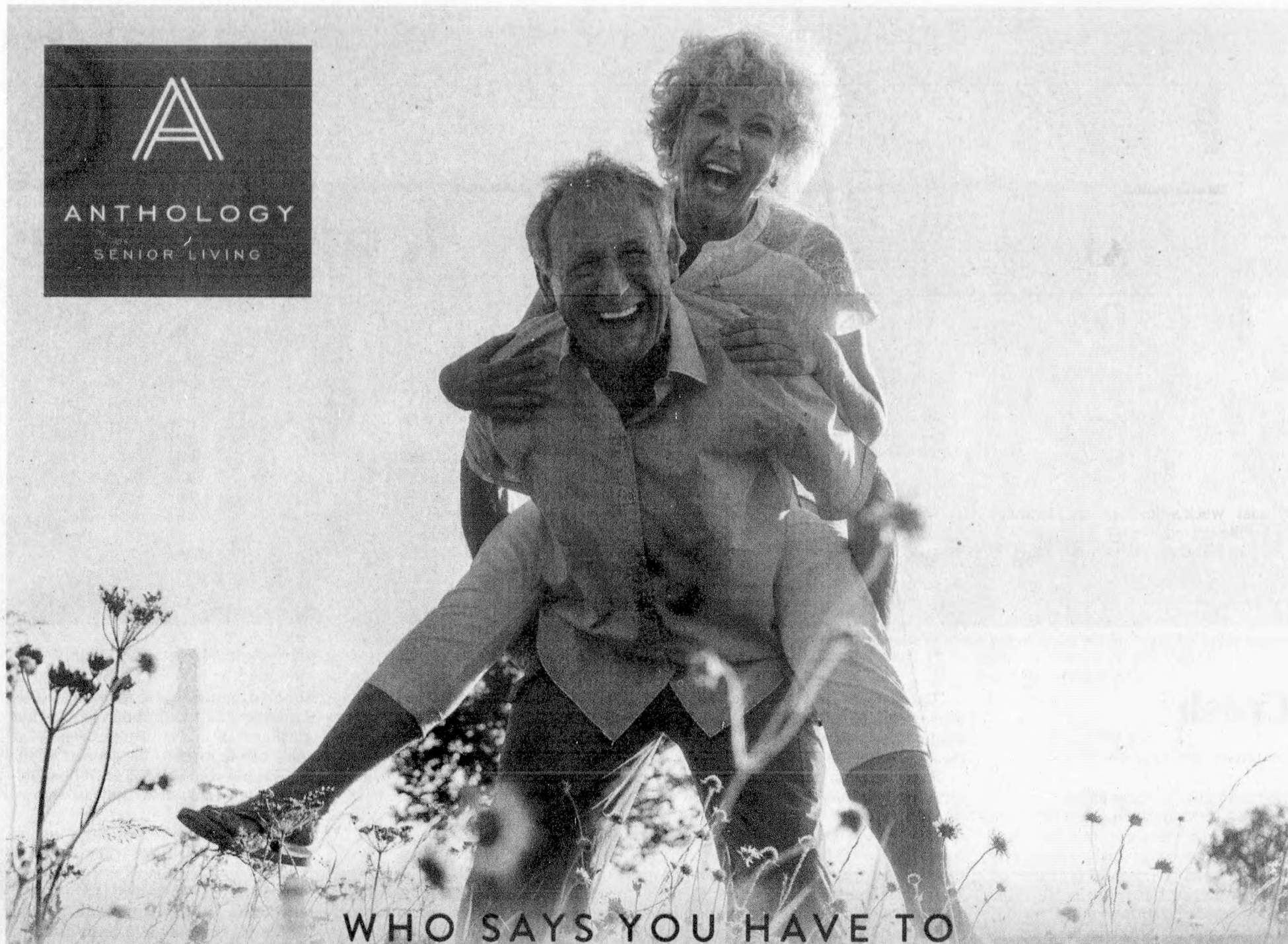
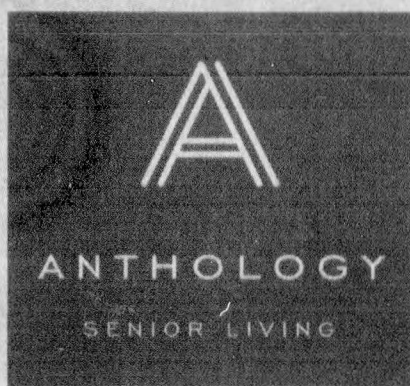
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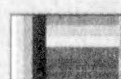
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SPORTS

Franklin 'had to come back and get the job done' after Week 8 loss to Belleville

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No one would've blamed the Livonia Franklin football team for taking the week off.

Last week's loss to No. 1-ranked Belleville erased the Patriots' undefeated record and meant they wouldn't be

representing the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East in Week 9's league championship.

And since their postseason spot was already secured, they could've just gone through the motions in their regular-season finale, which had no real stakes outside of earning additional playoff points.

Yeah, right.

This is coach Chris Kelbert's Patriots we're talking about.

There was no time for moping in practice last week.

There was no taking it easy in Friday's second-place matchup at Northville.

This was about getting the bounce-back win and entering the postseason with momentum. This was about prov-

ing to everyone else in the playoff field that Franklin (8-1) might be the best team in Division 2.

"We had to come back and get the job done, you know?" said Cordell Mabins Jr., who iced a 25-6 win over the Mustangs with a 4-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. "We worked hard

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Salem secures district title over Northville

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Northville athletic director Brian Samulski shook hands with Kyle Karns and then handed the Salem boys soccer coach the championship trophy following the Division 1 district final last week against the Mustangs.

Karns lightly gripped the wooden mitten as he walked back toward his players.

And then he stopped short of the group, took a breath and started shouting.

"Hey," he hollered. "Not one!"

The Rocks quickly realized what he was doing and then joined him midway through his chant.

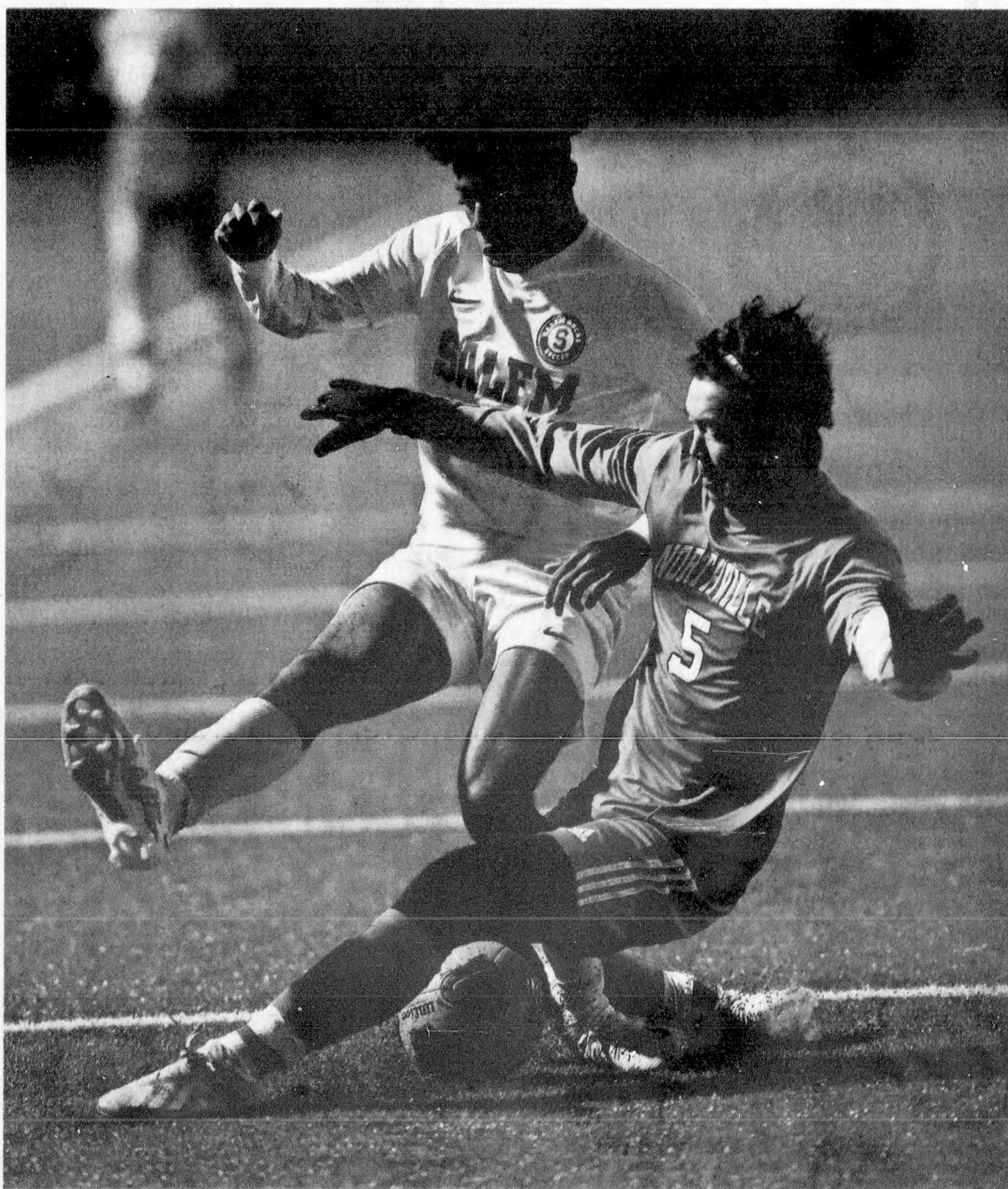
"Not two!" they yelled. "Not three!"

They were counting how many consecutive district championships they've won, which is now up to four, but they might as well have been counting the number of seconds between goals they scored against Northville.

In the span of just 64 seconds, Foster Garrett booted in a pair of goals to ensure Salem the 2-0 victory.

And both of them were a thing of beauty. Just pure athleticism at its finest. And scoring them so quickly completely changed the trajectory of the meeting between the two Kensington Lakes Activities Association rivals.

"We knew coming into the game that we played them tough both times that we had them this season, so we knew what we were going to get," Karns said. "To be able to get the first one on the



Northville's Yuya Nakajima tackles Salem's Foster Garrett during the Division 1 boys soccer district championship Oct. 20.

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Top performers in Week 9 of high school football

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Week 9 of the Michigan high school football season is in the books.

Let's take a look at the stat leaders in the Hometown Life coverage area.

Is your team missing stat leaders? Encourage your coaches to send stats to sports reporter Brandon Folsom at bfolsom@hometownlife.com.

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Dearborn 35, Novi 20

Caleb Walker was 16 of 28 passing for 218 yards, two TDs and one interception for the Wildcats (5-4). Andrew Kummer caught five passes for 55 yards and one TD. Cole Shires had three catches for 76 yards and one score and Martez Langford rushed 14 times for 45 yards and a TD. Niko Krall led the defense with 12

tackles (eight solo), Thaddeus Lawler had eight tackles (six solo) and Andrew Abler and Preston Phimister each had a half-sack.

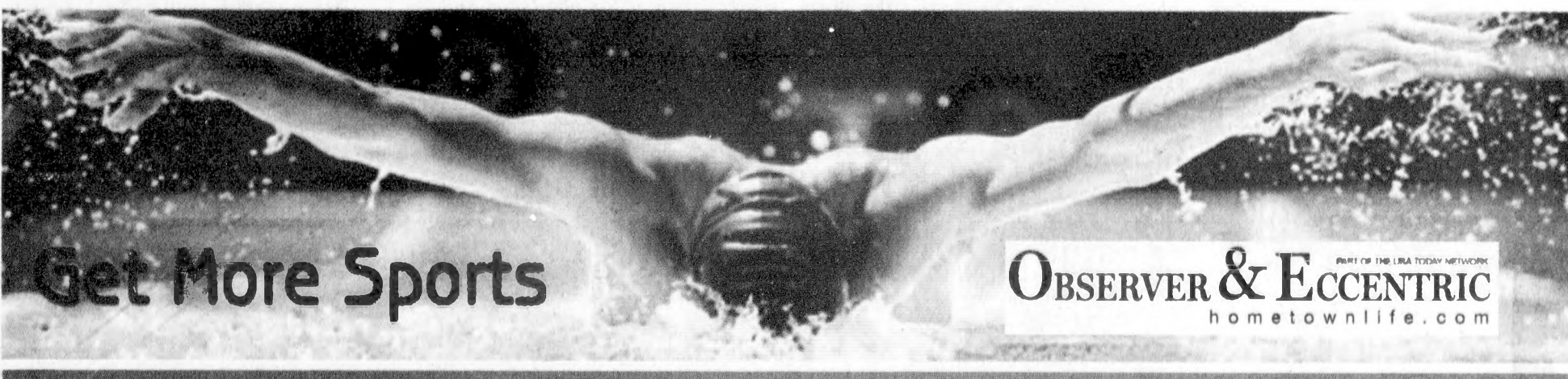
Livonia Franklin 25, Northville 6

Cordell Mabins Jr. rushed 27 times for 116 yards and two TDs for the Patriots (8-1), while JD Bates was 7 of 12 passing for 80 yards and a 12-yard TD to Tyler Garrett. Garrett caught three passes for 53 yards, and Jon Jasionowski finished with five carries for 45 yards and one

score. Jacob Gorla (two for loss) and Jasionowski had four solo tackles apiece, James Thomas had one sack and Dominic Simpson totaled six tackles.

Sam Wiest made field goals from 44 and 48 yards for the Mustangs (7-2). Luca Prior was 8 of 15 passing for 64 yards, while Nolan Thomson and Angelo Rodriguez each had 48 yards receiving. Evan Deak led the defense with

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Our picks for Round 1

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Sports reporter Brandon Folsom picks the winners from the biggest Round 1 playoff matchups this week. He went 3-2 picking games last week and is 36-13 on the season.

Novi (5-4) at Northville (7-2)

The Mustangs are one of the best teams in Michigan. And no one outside of the Northville school district realizes it because they have two losses. But let's look at those losses. Brighton needed to block a late field goal to get past them, and the Bulldogs are one of the best in Division 1. And Livonia Franklin ran past them in the regular-season finale, but it'll likely be Dexter, Warren De La Salle or the Patriots hoisting the D-2 state championship trophy at the end of the season. Northville has nothing to be ashamed of right now.

Folsom's pick: Mustangs 28, Wildcats 24.

South Lyon (6-3) at South Lyon East (7-2)

The Cougars are having the best season in school history, which includes winning the most game (7) and scoring the most points (257) in a single season. That also includes beating rival South Lyon for only the second time ever in last week's regular-season finale. But it sounds like the Lions have had enough. After losing back-to-back games to Waterford Mott and the Cougars, expect South Lyon to bounce back in the playoff opener. It's always hard to beat the same team twice in one season. And it's got to be even harder to beat a team twice in seven days.

Folsom's pick: Lions 21, Cougars 20.

Livonia Clarenceville (5-4) at Redford Union (9-0)

Panthers coach Ian Iler has been dying to play the Trojans. The fifth-year coach has worked tirelessly to keep his athletes in his school district. But some players have wound up at nearby Livonia Clarenceville over the years thanks to school of choice. He wants to set the record straight that the U is the place to be if you want to play championship-level football. Expect the Panthers to pour it on here.

Folsom's pick: Panthers 44, Trojans 28.

Detroit Catholic Central (6-2) at Dearborn (7-2)

Here's something that's pretty cool:

Five hours before the MHSAA announced that the Shamrocks would head to Dearborn for Round 1, both schools agreed to a home-and-home scheduling agreement for 2023 and 2024. Detroit Catholic Central will host the Pioneers next year, and then it'll head to Dearborn the year after. You can thank a recent change in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association bylaws for this. The league's coaches voted to play traditional non-conference games instead of having KLAA crossover matchups in Week 1 of each season.

Folsom's pick: Shamrocks 45, Pioneers 21.

Ferndale (5-4) at Birmingham Seaholm (7-2)

At one point this fall, the Maples were the comeback team of 2022. They went from 1-8 a year ago to ripping off seven-straight wins to open this season. Unfortunately for them, they stumble into the postseason on a two-game losing streak, which includes a heartbreaking loss to rival Birmingham Groves in Week 9. But that's OK, Seaholm fans. The Maples should take care of business this week, and they'll likely be hosting the Falcons for a rematch during the district championship.

Folsom's pick: Maples 42, Eagles 7.

Bonus picks

Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-3) at Livonia Franklin (8-1)

Folsom's pick: Patriots 52, Chargers 18.

Farmington (6-3) at Temperance Bedford (7-2)

Folsom's pick: Mules 24, Falcons 21.

Warren Mott (5-4) at Birmingham Groves (6-3)

Folsom's pick: Falcons 42, Mavericks 12.

Milford (5-4) at Dexter (9-0)

Folsom's pick: Dreadnaughts 48, Mavericks 28.

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (3-5) at Auburn Hills Avondale (6-3)

Folsom's pick: Warriors 35, Yellow Jackets 14.

Garden City (6-3) at Dearborn Divine Child (7-2)

Folsom's pick: Falcons 35, Cougars 22.

Detroit Southeastern (6-3) at Detroit Country Day (5-3)

Folsom's pick: Yellowjackets 38, Jungaleers 18.

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Hartland's Joey Mattord tackles Livonia Stevenson quarterback Ar'Jon Thompson on Oct. 21. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Hartland holds off Stevenson

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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HARTLAND — Jakob Fisher can get lost in the crowd on Hartland's defense, and not just because he's 5-foot-7, 145 pounds.

The Eagles' defense is led by players who have been making an impact for two or three years and will move on to the next level.

Fisher, meanwhile, had only one varsity tackle coming into his senior year. But he stood out when the Eagles needed someone to make a big play, intercepting a pass while Hartland was protecting a late seven-point lead Friday night in a 31-17 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

It was the first interception for Fisher, who is one of nine Eagles to pick off a pass this season.

"He's at corner," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "He kind of rotates. ... He's done a good job. He quietly does his job. Tonight, he made a little more noise than normal."

Stevenson had reduced a 24-7 half-time deficit to 24-17 and got the ball back with a chance to tie the game, taking over at its own 20-yard line with 4:11 left in the game.

Junior quarterback Zach Benaske entered the game at this point, because starter Ar'Jon Thompson was injured while running the ball on the previous series.

Benaske launched a deep ball on his first snap, one which was underthrown and picked off by Fisher with

3:58 left to play.

"The quarterback dropped back," Fisher said. "I was just keeping all the receivers in front of me. I saw the ball go up. Jack (Sargeant) helped me out deep. I just went and got the ball. We were expecting more pass from him, for sure, especially since they were down late in the game."

Fisher returned the ball to the 34-yard line, which is where running back Joey Mattord took over. On Hartland's first snap after the interception, Mattord got around the left edge and broke two tackles on his way to the end zone. The Eagles had some breathing room, leading 31-17 with 3:46 remaining.

"The man, Jakob Fisher, with that big pick," Mattord said. "I thought he was going to take it back to the house. That's what started that drive right there."

"We took it to the house for him."

On the game-clinching touchdown run, Mattord was finally able to get loose on the outside where he does his most damage. He was bottled up much of the night by the Spartans, but still produced 201 yards on the ground for his fifth career 200-yard rushing game. He also eclipsed 1,000 yards for the second straight season, the first Livingston County player to do so since Brighton's Joey Clifford did it three years in a row from 2013-15.

"They were containing me there a little bit," Mattord said. "They were coming out hard, filling those gaps pretty well. I was trying to cut back. It was

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Franklin

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in practice, and we knew they (Northville) were going to be a good team. So we had to come in and play hard. We had to get right back up and keep going back at it. We were just going to get it done this week."

That was easier said than done.

Northville (7-2) was still one of the top teams in Michigan. The Mustangs' lone loss entering the week was a late-game heart-breaker against Brighton, where the Bulldogs needed a blocked field goal to escape with the win.

And Brighton is one of the best teams around. It exited Week 8 tied with Rockford for the fourth-most playoff points in the state (79,500).

So it wasn't like the Mustangs were just going to concede the loss from the get-go, especially with it being senior night and their final guaranteed game at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

"We took it personally. We didn't like the loss. We don't ever want to lose," said quarterback JD Bates, who tossed a 12-yard TD pass to Tyler Garrett to kick-start Franklin's rebound effort in the opening quarter. "But we took it good and came back, worked all week, got better and played well today. We had a lot of mistakes last week — a lot of mental mistakes — that we couldn't make if we wanted to win this game. We had to fix it, and we came back and won this game. It was a good bounce-back win. We could've done better, but we're going to keep working and be better next week."

Franklin made it to the state semifinal a year ago.

And its defense played like a final-four team against the Mustangs.

The Patriots bottled up everything



Livonia Franklin's Cordell Mabins Jr. rushes Oct. 21 against Northville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville's offense threw at them. QB Luca Prior (8 of 15 for 64 yards) couldn't connect with most of his targets, and backs Caleb Moore, Nolan Thomson and Angelo Rodriguez never got to break a big run.

They held the Mustangs to 104 yards of total offense and just a pair of Sam Wiest field goals, as the senior booted in kicks from 44 and 48 yards in the second quarter. Other than that, securing first downs came at a premium.

Mabins Jr., who finished with 27 carries for 116 yards, punched in a 1-yard run before halftime to ensure the Patriots a 12-6 lead. And then Jon Jasionowski scored on an 8-yard run for insurance in the fourth quarter.

"They're (Northville) a really good football team, and we've been saying that all week long," Kelbert said. "Last week, I thought we competed and we competed hard. Our kids didn't play a clean football game, but I was impressed with how we battled and continued to battle throughout that game. This is where we're going. We're going to have to keep playing teams like this. And to get to where we want to, you've got to beat good football teams from here on out. I think this was something we needed to get us back on track with a win but to also challenge us a lot."

Franklin's second-string offense and defense closed out the game.

And Mabins Jr. got to walk to Kel-

bert's post-game huddle while wearing a fitted cap instead of his helmet. That's the reward you get for a job well done.

That's what a bounce-back performance was supposed to look like.

"This group, they don't feel sorry for themselves," Kelbert added. "I've told everybody this before: What makes this group special is they believe in themselves to the nth degree. You can't tell them that they're too small, too slow, whatever it may be. Their mentality is: I'm going to prove you wrong. They just came in and knew they could be successful again, and that's all they worried about. You can't tell them they can't do something, and that's what makes them so special."

Hartland

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slippery on the grass here a little bit today, but I finally got to break that last one."

Stevenson had the momentum for most of the second half. The Spartans held Hartland to 44 yards on 15 plays in the second half until Mattord's last touchdown run. A 21-yard run by Thompson made it a 24-14 game with 1:06 left in the third quarter and a 19-yard field goal by Ty Ciuffetelli with 7:30 to go in the fourth quarter made it a one-possession game.

Stevenson might have gone for it on fourth-and-goal from the 2 rather than kick the field goal, except Thompson was injured with 7:37 left while trying to run for a touchdown. He had a 92-yard run three plays earlier to advance the ball from the Stevenson 3 to the Hartland 5.

"It was difficult," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "Ar'Jon is a special athlete, and having him on the field gives us more options. We had guys who needed to step up all season, and they



Livonia Stevenson's Alex Bowser carries the ball during a 31-17 loss at Hartland on Oct. 21. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

had their opportunity tonight."

Hartland charged out to a 24-7 half-time lead on a 9-yard run by Mattord on

fourth-and-3, a 21-yard run by quarterback James Butzier, a 37-yard pass from Butzier to Seth Strong, and a 28-yard

field goal by Alex Hernandez to end the first half.

Stevenson's touchdown came on an 84-yard catch-and-run by Aidan Nolan on a screen pass from Thompson, tying the game 7-7.

Hartland (6-3) clinched its third straight state playoff berth, a program first. The Eagles might have still qualified with a loss, but they removed the uncertainty by handling their business against Stevenson.

"That makes it a lot easier," Savage said. "It's always nice to know. Now we've just got to see who we're going to play. It's better sitting here than where we could be."

Playoff pairings won't be announced until 6 p.m. Sunday. Hartland is on the border of two potential districts. The Eagles could swing west into a district with Brighton, Grand Ledge and Holt or east in a district with Detroit Catholic Central, Northville and Novi.

Stevenson, meanwhile, fell to 4-5 and finished 34th in playoff points in Division 1, two spots out of the postseason.

"When you control your own fate, you don't ever want to let it go through your fingers," Micallef said.

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board and be able to bounce right back and get another one quick, it kind of changed the way the game went from that point on."

In the 19th minute, Garrett scored a tough but routine goal from 10 yards out, beating Northville goalie Drew Swan-cutt with a well-placed ball from the right side of the net.

And before Salem's sideline was able to settle down from the celebration, Garrett was back at it again. Mere seconds later he chipped in a shot while getting mauled to the turf. By the time the ball hit the back of the net, Garrett was laying flat on his stomach after taking quite the shot.

"I was just doing what I can to put my team in front," the senior said. "I just got the ball, I turned and saw the goalie was out, so I chipped him. Ya know? It is what it is, but, you know, it's great.

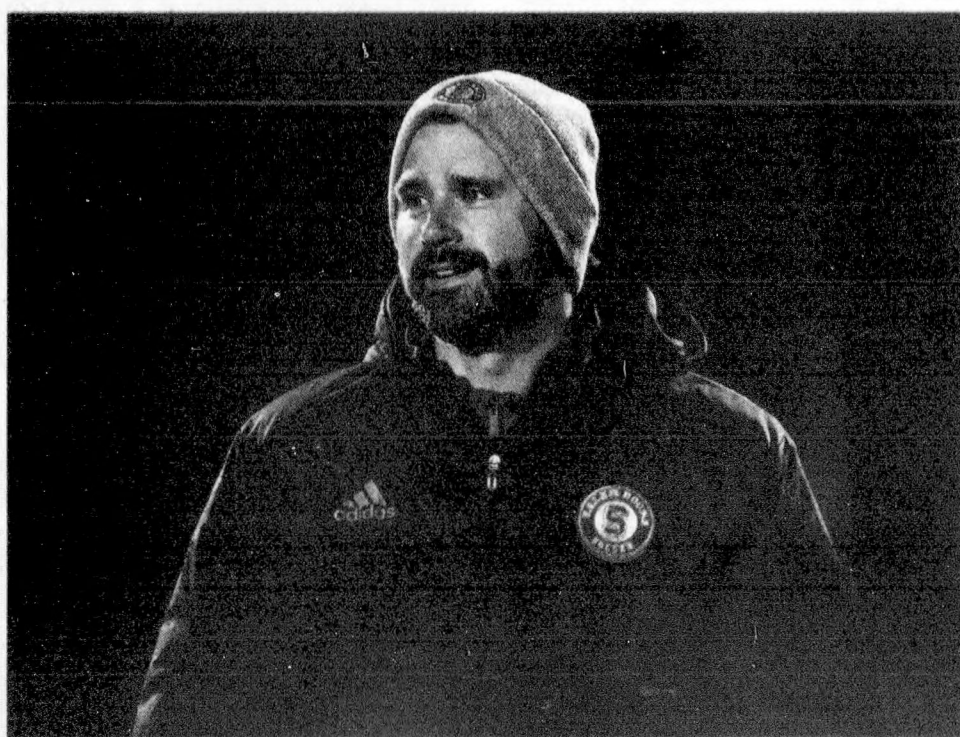
They're (Northville) a really good team, and they've got really great players. That play us well every time, but we just knew what we had to do today.

"We had to come out and play good, play sound. And we did that."

Garrett is quite the magician with the ball. But these were the fastest two goals he's ever scored in his 2 years playing on the Salem varsity. And that's hard to believe.

The striker prides himself on his savvy footwork and ballhandling, and it's a rare day when he's not the fastest player on the pitch. But to have the touch he had on that insurance goal, that's something only the elite players can do.

"I've seen a lot of crazy things out of him this year because he's an incredible player, and he's had an incredible year, so it doesn't shock me," Karns said. "But what a game he had tonight. He's a special player, and we've got a lot of special players on our team because we're deep. We have very technical and talented players. But he's had an incredible season. It'll be tough to see him go."



Salem coach Kyle Karns accepts the championship trophy following the Division 1 boys soccer district title Oct. 20 at Northville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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10 tackles (three solo), Hassan Elzayat had seven (three solo) and Max Anderson (three solo) and Cooper Hoffman (four solo) had six apiece.

Canton 50, Livonia Churchill 14

Devon Pettus rushed 14 times for 176 yards, three TDs and a pair of two-point conversions for the Chiefs (3-6). Joe Najduk added nine carries for 170 yards and two TDs, while Caleb Williams carried seven times for 60 yards and caught two passes for 65 yards and a score. Aiden Carr added 50 yards on the ground.

The Chargers finished the season 2-7 overall.

Dearborn Fordson 26, Plymouth 14

Nathan Gillick rushed 20 times for 97 yards and two TDs for the Wildcats (2-7). Sam Plencner added six carries for 81 yards, and Dylan Sasena caught a 37-yard pass. Luc Damiani led the defense with six tackles (four solo), Marshall Thorn had five tackles (four solo) and Evan Cosgrove (two solo, two for loss) and Kamari Pearson (two solo) had three apiece.

Hartland 31, Livonia Stevenson 17

ArJon Thompson rushed 10 times for 139 yards and a TD and also was 5 of 8 passing for 114 yards, one TD and an interception for the Spartans (4-5). Aidan Nolan caught four passes for 114 yards, while Justin Mitchell had five catches for 68 yards.

Salem 50, Wayne Memorial 28

Robert Ahlgren was 15 of 19 passing for 225 yards and three TDs and carried five times for 64 yards and one score for the Rocks (1-8), while Robert Jones rushed 25 times for 147 yards and three TDs. Nick Mullin caught four passes for 64 yards, and Lawson Shields, Gavin Morrison and Zach Passmore each caught TD receptions. Jaywan Thomas led the defense with eight tackles and one pass breakup, while Mason Fraley had seven tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery.

The Zebras finished the season 0-9 overall.

Howell 56, Westland John Glenn 20

The Rockets finished the season 3-6 overall.

Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon East 27,

South Lyon 21 (LVC)

Nico Campo was 14 of 19 passing for 289 yards and three TDs for the Cougars (7-2, 6-2). Drew Moyer caught seven passes for 196 yards and two TDs, while Jordan Newbill had eight catches for 93 yards and one TD. Caleb Gash led the defense with 7.5 tackles, Carter Hamilton had 5.5 tackles and one sack, Jack Toth added five tackles and one sack, Jayden LaPerna totaled 2.5 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery and Dante DeGrazia had 3.5 tackles, one sack and one interception.

Braden Fracassi was 11 of 20 passing for one TD to Alex Stoyanovich and two interceptions for the Lions (6-3). Tommy Donovan rushed 16 times for 77 yards and two TDs, Fracassi added 49 yards on the ground and Nicholas Stoyanovich caught three passes for 59 yards. Nicholas Stoyanovich and Simeon Mardossian (two for loss) led the defense with five tackles apiece, while Wyatt Douglass had four and Brody Weaver recovered two fumbles.

Milford 29,

White Lake Lakeland 7 (LVC)

Ryan Allen was 9 of 14 passing for 164 yards and one TD and also rushed 20 times for 129 yards for the Mavericks (5-4, 4-4). Peyton Chamberlain rushed for 63 yards, Max Cremeans caught a 20-yard TD pass and Ethan Phipps caught two passes for 86 yards. Wyatt Lesnew led the defense with 11 tackles (three for loss) and a fumble recovery. Tyler Freer added eight tackles (one for loss), two fumble recoveries and one interception. Danny Sternberg had five tackles (one for loss) and one forced fumble, while Ike Stuftt chipped in five tackles (one for loss) and one fumble recovery, Jon Motes had seven tackles (two for loss) and Josh Tobias had four tackles and one interception.

Sean Latham rushed 15 times for 125 yards and a score for the Eagles (4-5, 4-4). Nolin Thompson led the defense with nine tackles and four sacks, Trey Rowley had eight tackles, Michael Mahaney III added five tackles, Drew Carlson had four tackles and recovered one fumble and Blake Zamenski recorded a sack.

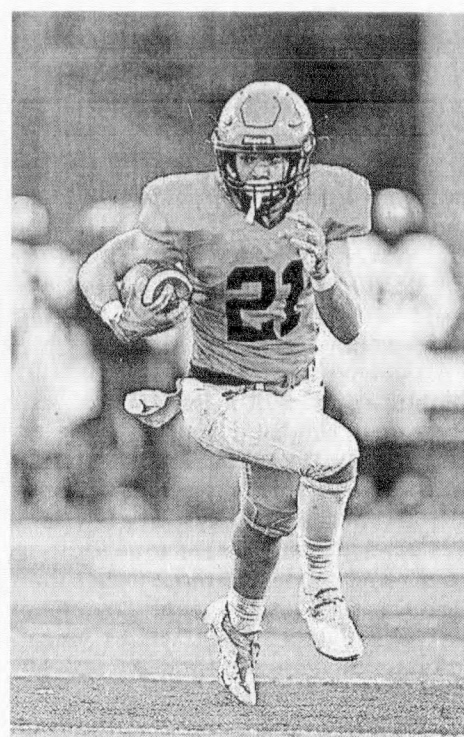
Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard 35, Lutheran Westland 8

Noah Etnyre was 4 of 8 passing for 82 yards and a TD to Micah Lavigne, who rushed 10 times for 74 yards and caught two passes for 84 yards for the Warriors (5-4). Etnyre also ran in a two-point



Livonia Franklin's Tyler Garrett returns a kickoff Oct. 21 against Northville. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



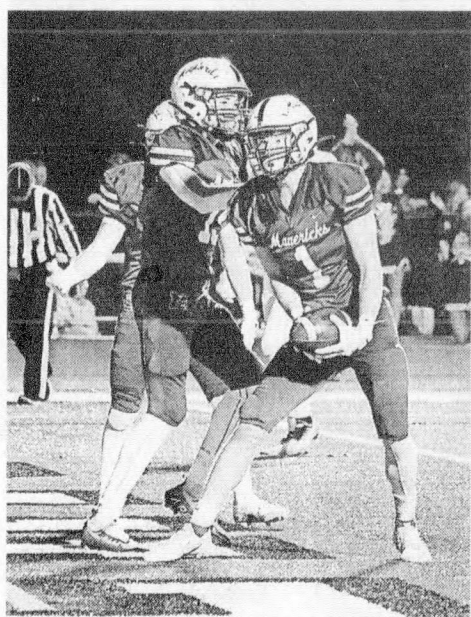
Brother Rice's Vincent Ferich carries the ball against Cass Tech on Oct. 21. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



South Lyon's Jordan Newbill reaches for a pass Oct. 21 against South Lyon East. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Cranbrook's John Kersh carries the ball Oct. 21 against Redford Union.



Milford's Max Cremeans celebrates a TD against White Lake Lakeland on Oct. 21. RAYVON DELMONTA/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Redford Union's Kyren Ware catches a pass Oct. 21 against Cranbrook.

conversion and pulled down an interception on defense, while Nathan Klann led with eight tackles.

Oakland Activities Association

Bloomfield Hills 28, North Farmington 21

The Black Hawks finished the season 3-6 overall.

Thomas Balazovic threw for 230 yards and three TDs to Quinn Parpart (141 yards receiving) for the Raiders (2-7). Lorence Woodley totaled 113 yards returning kicks.

Birmingham Groves 14, Birmingham Seaholm 7

Joshua Woods rushed 27 times for 161 yards and one TD for the Falcons (6-3). Cayden Hardy was 4 of 9 passing for 39 yards, which included a TD pass to Jack Wainer (three catches, 35 yards), and Jalin Samuel rushed six times for 37 yards. Braden Hall led the defense with five tackles (one for loss), Aiden Leung

added four and Chris Little had three. Jackson Crane had an interception.

Colton Kinnie tossed a 12-yard TD to Ben Diskin for the Maples (7-2).

Utica 35, Farmington 28

Cam Pettaway rushed for 114 yards and three TDs for the Falcons (6-3). Ryan Connolly added 74 yards and a score.

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Redford Union 48, Cranbrook 3

The Panthers completed a 9-0 regular season and broke the school record for the fewest points allowed in a single season (50).

The Cranes finished the year 2-7 overall.

Garden City 60, Pontiac 24

Josh Sharp-Pelto returned two interceptions for touchdowns and had a scoop-and-score for the Cougars (6-3). They returned three fumbled kickoffs

for TDs.

Swartz Creek 71, Redford Thurston 13

The Eagles finished the season 0-9 overall.

Catholic League

Detroit Catholic Central (Open date)

The Shamrocks finished the regular season 6-2 overall.

Detroit Cass Tech 33, Brother Rice 14

The Warriors ended the regular season 3-5 overall.

Independent

Traverse City St. Francis 45, Detroit Country Day 20

The Yellowjackets fell to 5-3 overall.

Flat Rock 57,

Livonia Clarenceville 56

The Trojans fell to 5-4 overall.

Mercy wins D-2 girls golf state championship

Brandon Folsom

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Teams from the Hometown Life coverage area had plenty to celebrate following the Michigan High School Athletic Association girls golf state championship tournaments over the weekend.

Farmington Hills Mercy won a state championship in Division 2, South Lyon and Cranbrook became state runner-ups and there were plenty of individuals who put together all-state finishes.

Let's take a look at the top individual performances from our local golfers at the state finals:

Colleen Hand, Bloomfield Hills Marian

The senior placed 31st individually after carding rounds of 89 and 84 for a two-day 173. The Mustangs took 11th as a team with the help of senior Shannon Snyder (191), junior Stella Lowman (191), freshman Pippa Dawson (189) and a two-round split with junior Lauren Kopera (101) and sophomore Campbell Whitty (107).

Mackenzie Behnke, Cranbrook

The Cranes were state runner-ups in D-3 thanks to an all-state performance by this junior. She carded rounds of 77 and 83 for a two-day 160, which was good enough to tie for ninth place individually with Freeland's Averie Pumford and Ludington's Emma McKinley.

Others performing well for Cranbrook included juniors Sienna Illich (171) and Anya Samsonov (171), and sophomore Sophia Kouza (176).

Venetia Chap, Farmington

The junior tied for 10th place individually with Plymouth's Brooke Morris and Rochester's Madison Yang after carding rounds of 84 and 76 for a two-day 160. The Falcons finished 17th as a team in the D-1 tournament. Helping Chap, who finished as an all-stater, were seniors Lucy Kent (192) and Brynn Brown (237), junior Allie Nowak (243) and sophomore Madelina Rider (249).

Maeve Casey, Farmington Hills Mercy

The Marlins became the D-2 state champions thanks to a pair of all-state individual performances, one of which came from Casey, a sophomore. She shot rounds of 79 and 80 for a two-day 159, which was good enough for fourth place individually. The other came from senior Chloe Vig, who had rounds of 78 and 88 for a two-day 166 and a ninth-place finish. Both received help from senior Mia Juday (202), junior Abby Slankster (181) and sophomore Lila Polakowski (178).

Alexis Perez, Livonia Franklin

As only a sophomore, she represented the Patriots well by placing 96th individually following a two-day effort of 226. She was the only Franklin player who qualified for the D-1 tournament.

Grace Brees, Livonia Stevenson

The senior was the Spartans' top finisher at the D-1 tournament. She carded rounds of 99 and 97 for a two-day 196, which earned her 70th place individual-

ly. Joining her at the state finals were seniors Tiffany Finzel (189), Brianna Waranauckas (218) and junior Amelia Curtis (221).

Ava Moore, Milford

As the only Maverick to make the D-1 tournament, the senior shot rounds of 84 and 88 for a two-day score of 172. She tied for 28th individually with Novi's Saanvitha Mullanpudi and Brighton's Madison Martens.

Samantha Coleman, Northville

The senior shot rounds of 78 and 81 for a two-day score of 159, which was good enough for ninth place individually and earned her all-state honors. What's more, her effort ensured the Mustangs a fourth-place finish as a team in the D-1 tournament. Their score of 683 was just two strokes behind third-place Rochester. Helping Coleman were seniors Ally Zuidema (173) and Avi Gill (175), junior Meera Sankar (181) and sophomore Sanya Singhal (185).

Saanvitha Mullanpudi, Novi

The junior was the Wildcats' lone competitor in the D-1 tournament, but she carded rounds of 85 and 87 for a two-day score of 172, which tied her for 28th individually with Milford's Ava Moore and Brighton's Madison Martens.

Brooke Morris, Plymouth

Carding 80s in both rounds ensured this junior would tie for 10th place indi-

vidually with Farmington's Venetia Chap and Rochester's Madison Young and secure all-state honors as well. The Wildcats placed 10th as a team in the D-1 field thanks to contributions from senior Natalie Cusmano (202), junior Sydney Mazur (178), sophomore Regan Brydges (208) and freshman Annie Flavin (179).

Gabriella Tapp, South Lyon

Not only was this senior the state runner-up and an all-state finisher after shooting rounds of 73 and 80 for a two-day 153 but she also helped the Lions become the state runner-ups as a team in the D-2 tournament. Joining Tapp at the state finals were seniors Ellen Albert (180) and Lea Faust (191) and sophomores Kaylyn Wisniewski (189) and Eva Weaver (203).

Grace Sturgill, South Lyon East

The sophomore placed 16th individually after her two rounds of 89 pushed the Cougars to a 10th-place finish in the D-2 state finals. She scored a two-day 178. Helping her were seniors Lauren Han (198), Isabella Salamon (205), Kaylee Griffin (210) and Colette Maurer (217).

Rachel Fay, Wixom St. Catherine

The only player from her team to qualify for the D-3 state final, this sophomore shot rounds of 83 and 80 for a two-day 163, which allowed her to tie for 13th place individually with Riverview's Megan Rogers.

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Bloomfield Hills brings home D-1 boys tennis state title

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Bloomfield Hills won a state championship in Division 1, Northville and Cranbrook became state runner-ups in their respective divisions, Birmingham Seaholm and Detroit Country Day each placed third as a team and there were plenty of individuals who put together all-state finishes.

Let's take a look at the top individual performances from our local tennis players at the state finals:

SINGLES

Daniel Stojanov, Bloomfield Hills

The top-seeded senior defeated Patrick Cretu from Brother Rice 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 to win an individual D-1 state championship in No. 2 singles.

Connor Shaya, Bloomfield Hills

The top-seeded freshman defeated Troy's Dhruv Gupta 6-2, 6-3 to claim an individual D-1 state championship in No. 4 singles.

Patrick Cretu, Brother Rice

The No. 2-seeded sophomore was the Warriors' top finisher in the D-1 state finals, as he faced Bloomfield Hills' Daniel Stojanov in the No. 2 singles championship match. Stojanov earned a comeback win, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Owen DeMuth, Cranbrook

The senior upset No. 1-seeded Chakor Rajendra from Ann Arbor Greenhills 6-1, 6-4 to win an individual D-3 state championship in No. 1 singles.

Amaan Khanm, Cranbrook

The second-seeded sophomore defeated Chelsea's Julien Korner 6-2, 6-2 to win an individual D-3 state championship in No. 4 singles.

Alec Maynard, Detroit Catholic Central

The No. 1-seeded senior completed an undefeated season by defeating Aaron Rose from Bloomfield Hills 6-2, 6-4 and winning an individual D-1 state championship in No. 3 singles.

Clay Hartje, Detroit Country Day

The senior upset No. 1-seeded Kabir Rajendra of Ann Arbor Greenhills 6-4,

5-7, 6-3 to win an individual D-3 state championship in No. 3 singles.

Tommy Buckhave, North Farmington

The sophomore was the Raiders' best finisher, as he defeated Trenton's Blake Chesney 6-2, 6-3 in Round 2 of No. 4 singles but fell to Midland Dow's Nimai Patel 6-0, 6-2 in the following round.

Sachiv Kumar, Northville

The senior upset No. 1-seeded Clayton Anderson of Rochester 7-6, 4-6, 6-1 to win an individual D-1 state championship in No. 1 singles.

David Wu, Plymouth

The sixth-seeded senior was the Wildcats' top finisher as he defeated Rochester Adams' Patrick Barna and Novi's Cole Anderson to earn a berth in the No. 2 singles semifinal match against Brother Rice's Patrick Cretu. Cretu beat Wu 6-1, 6-1 to advance to the finals.

Cameron Crosby, South Lyon East

The junior was the Cougars' lone competitor at the D-2 state finals, but he made the most of his time in the No. 1 singles tournament. He beat White Lake Lakeland's Noah Weinberger 6-0, 6-1 in Round 2 but fell to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Sammy Yin 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 in Round 3.

DOUBLES

Dylan Wolf and Jake Rosenwasser, Birmingham Groves

The Falcons made four semifinal appearances, but this fifth-seeded No. 1 doubles team got to play for the D-2 championship. The two seniors fell to Birmingham Seaholm's Alex Lewis and Zane Chutkow 6-3, 6-4 in the finals.

Alex Lewis and Zane Chutkow, Birmingham Seaholm

The seniors defeated Dylan Wolf and Jake Rosenwasser from Birmingham Groves to win an individual D-2 state title in No. 1 doubles.

Ricky Sparby and Nick Kelley, Birmingham Seaholm

The No. 1-seeded seniors defeated Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern seniors Matthew Christoper and Jackson Walker 7-5, 6-0 to win an individual D-2 state championship in No. 4 doubles.

Pierce Shaya and Merrick Chernett, Bloomfield Hills

The sophomore and junior upset No. 1-seeded Srihari Ananthalan and Rushil Kagithala from Troy 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to win an individual D-1 state championship in No. 1 singles.

Michael Dillon and Ryan Rose, Bloomfield Hills

The juniors upset top-seeded Derrick Kim and Nish Palepu from Troy 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 to win an individual D-1 state title in No. 2 doubles.

Kierth Lingam and Dominic Pascarella, Bloomfield Hills

The top-seeded junior and sophomore downed Northville's Varun Varre and Brian Zhang 7-6, 6-1 to win an individual D-1 state title in No. 4 doubles.

Andrew Fink and Jace Bernard, Cranbrook

The senior and freshman upset No. 1-seeded Mustafa Zirapury and Alex Ye from Ann Arbor Greenhills 6-3, 7-5 to win an individual D-3 state title in No. 1 doubles.

Nikhil Daniel and Aryan Vatakencherry, Novi

The Wildcats had three doubles team advance to the D-1 semifinals, but these two seniors got the closest to earning a berth into the championship. They beat doubles teams from Rochester Adams and Detroit Catholic Central, but they lost a close call to Northville's Varun Varre and Brian Zhang, 7-5, 7-6.

Ty Trumbull and Vraj Patel, Salem

The sophomore and senior team had the Rocks' closest match at the D-1 state finals, as they fell 6-3, 7-5 to Holt's Anderson Threadgould and Mitchell Du-bois in Round 2.

Cole Bromley and Crick Blakeney, White Lake Lakeland

The Eagles had a pair of D-2 doubles teams advance to Round 3, but these two sophomores played the closest match. After beating a doubles team from Wyandotte Roosevelt in Round 2, they fell to Kyle Cornell and Tanay Shenoy from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 6-1, 6-1.

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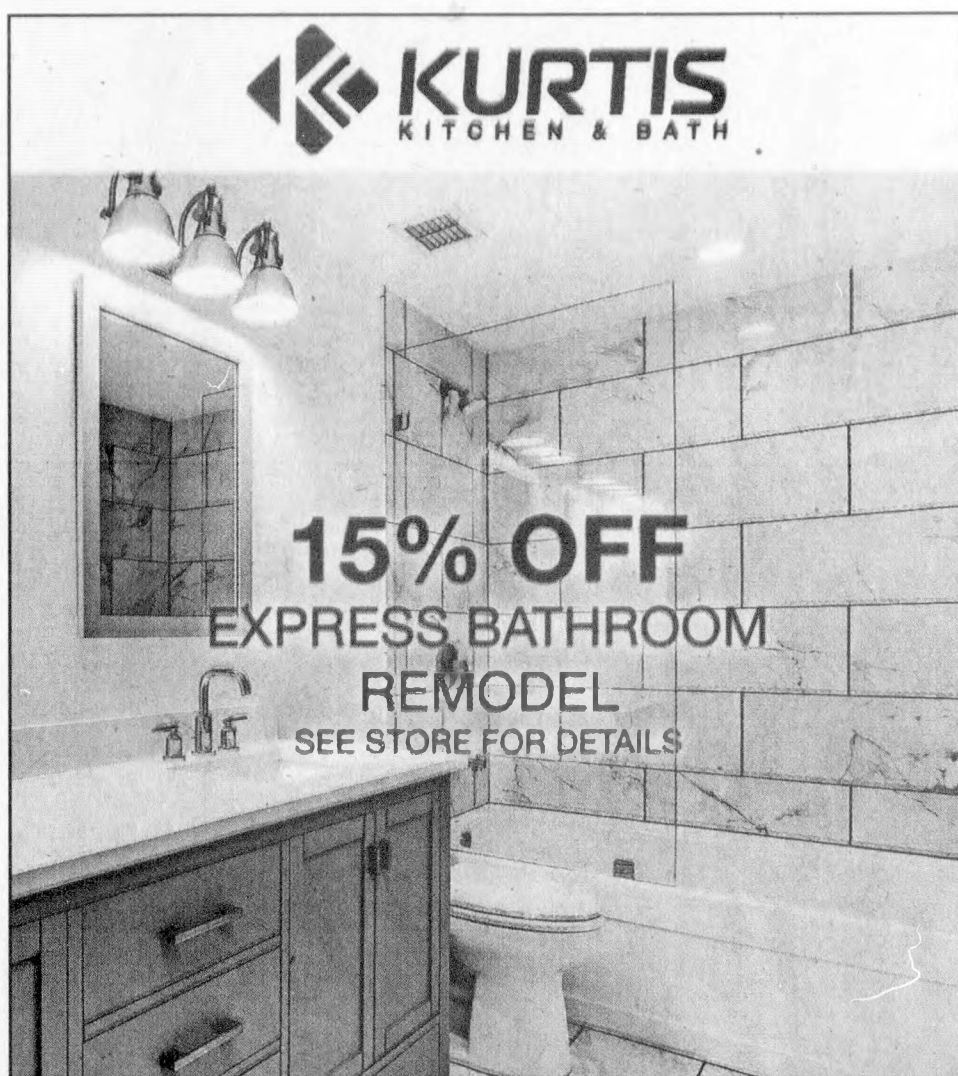
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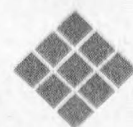
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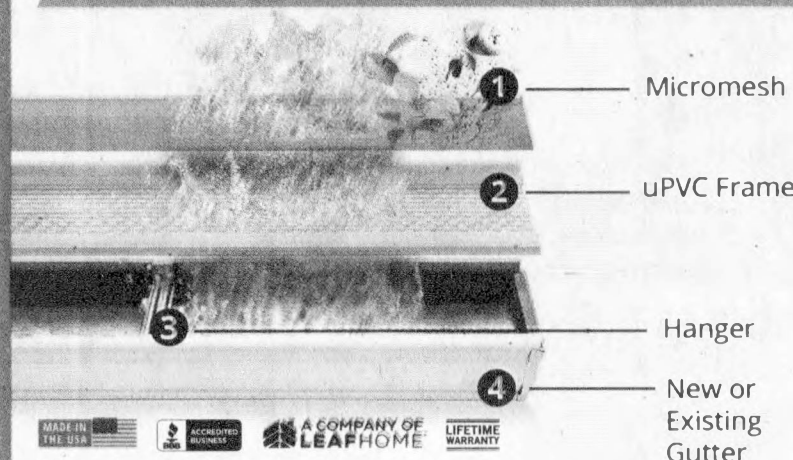
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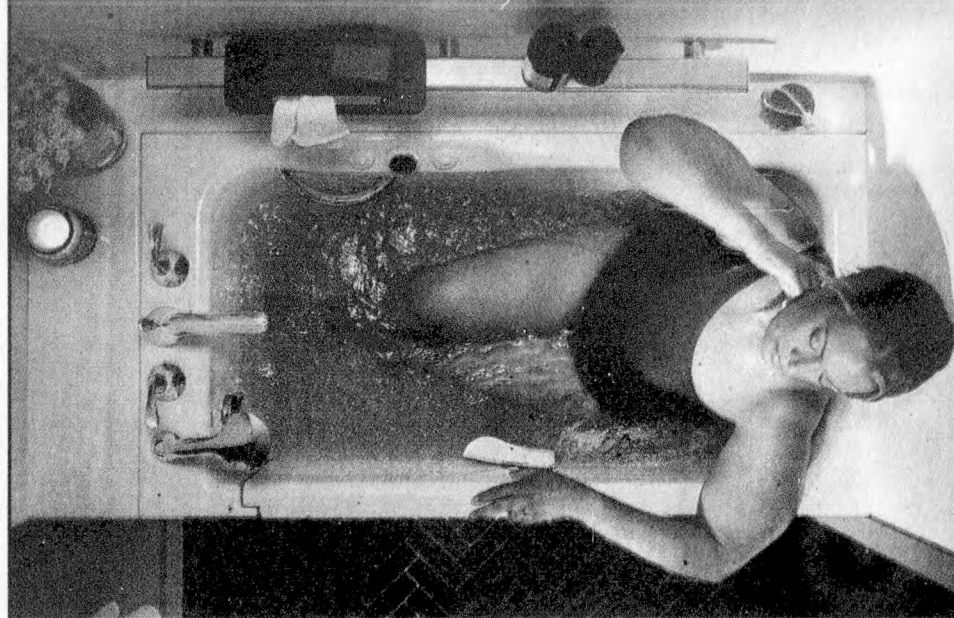
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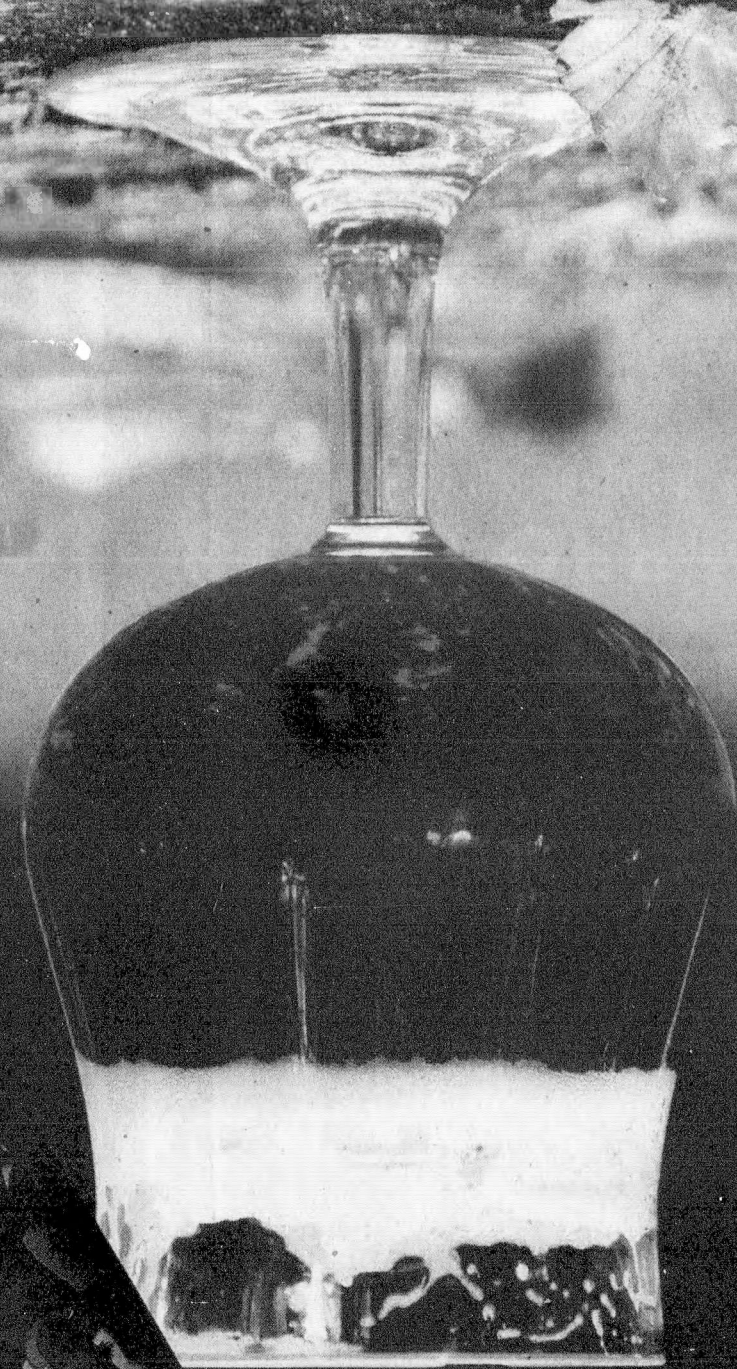
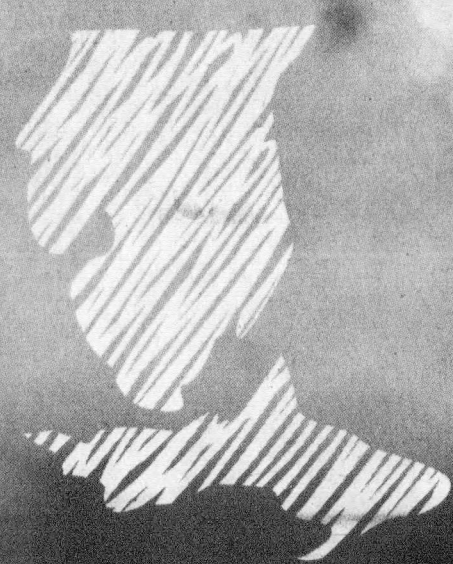
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