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Percussionist Eric Desjarlais on tympani focuses on directions from the drum majors during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's performance Saturday at the Woodhaven Invitational.

After pulling out of 1st week, marchers open with win

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band didn't miss a beat from last year's stellar season, taking top honors for their first performance of this year's program, "Kaleidoscope," at the Woodhaven Invitational in Brownstown Township Sept. 20.

In spite of a couple penalties for their incomplete program being seconds too short and their entrance onto the gridiron taking seconds too long, the 170 members marched off with the Flight I first-place trophy and all captions for Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect along with the highest score of the 11 competing bands, 62.9, which narrowly edged Southgate Anderson's first-place Flight II score of 62.75. Livonia Franklin

placed second and Westland John Glenn third in Flight I.

"I'm pleased with what they did today," said a smiling Martin Montoya, new director of bands at the Educational Park. "It was a solid day. They put forth everything we had rehearsed all week. Everything we worked on showed up today, so that's all you can ask for."

Salem junior Kayla Ragland, one of the three drum majors, concurred. "I'm very proud of them," she said. "They've put in so much work. We've changed the design of our show and they've been coping with it so well."

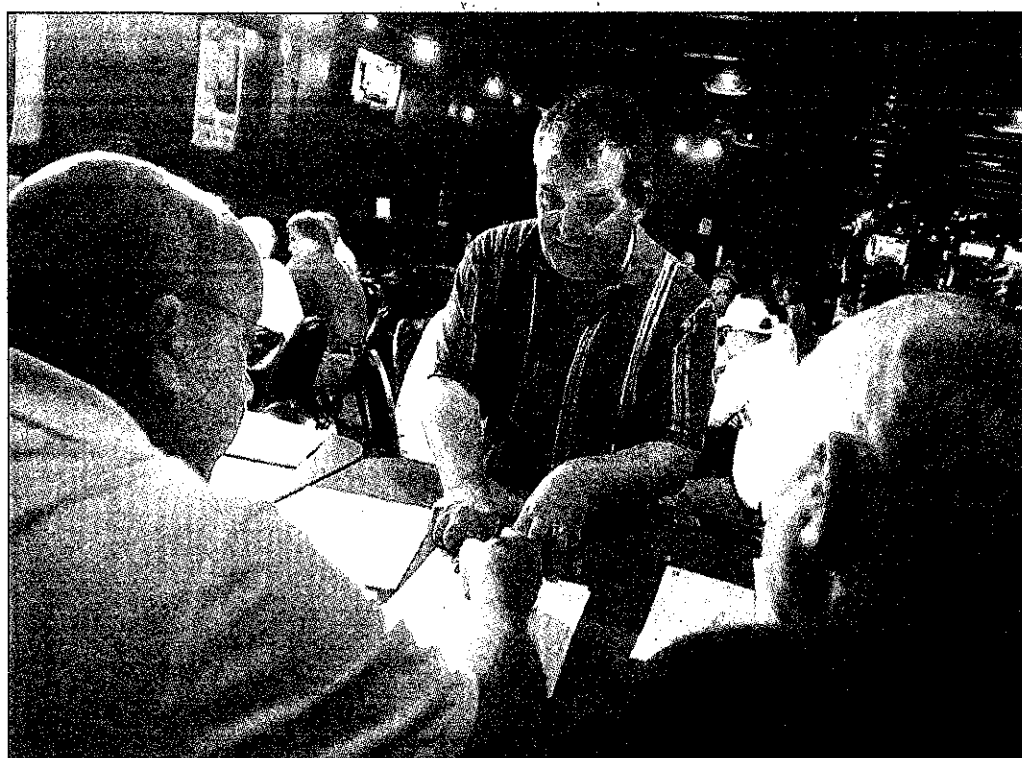
Those program changes along with the change in directors has put the program just a little behind schedule this year, accord-

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Remembering loved ones

Alison LaComb of Canton was one of about 500 participants that came out to honor and celebrate their loved ones at Angela Hospice's first Walk of Remembrance, held Saturday, Sept. 13. Despite a steady rain, a sea of colorful umbrellas helped keep the walkers dry as they traversed the grounds of the Felician Sisters in Livonia. The 3K and 5K routes began at Madonna University and continued to Villa St. Felix, Ladywood High School, and finally Angela Hospice. Following the walk, guests enjoyed refreshments, and participated in music and a rock painting activity. LaComb took part in the rock painting. Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's programs, including bereavement services and grief support groups offered free-of-charge to the community. For more information on Angela Hospice's programs or events, call (734) 464-7810, or visit www.angelahospice.org.



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Tom Benoit, organizer of the charity gaming at the Shark Club, works with volunteers Greg Roell and Carl Wiltshire. Both are members of the Knights of Columbus in Garden City.

'Poker without the drive'

New Canton 'casino' rolls the dice for good cause

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those looking to scratch a Texas Hold 'Em itch can save the drive to Detroit and head to the Shark Club in Canton.

The Canton Charity Casino, open every Thursday through Sunday, is located inside the club, 42070 Ford Road.

"We are getting bigger by the day," said Tom Benoit, the casino's floor director. "We have about 20 regulars and now we are seeing a lot of new faces."

The casino, which opened Sept. 4, features Texas Hold 'Em tournaments and cash games.

The casino, a venue for all skill levels and featuring trained dealers, works by offering itself to non-profit, charitable organizations for fund-raisers.

The organizations are required to get temporary charity gaming licenses.

Benoit said the casino's calendar is nearly booked for the rest of the year and organizations have come from Northville, Garden City and Rochester.

The biggest turnout was during the fund-raiser for the Salem High School football and wrestling booster club.

"We get a mix of people," Benoit said. "Obviously some people come with a



Chris Patrick, of Inkster, checks his poker hand at the Shark Club's Charity Casino last week.

CANTON CHARITY CASINO

What: Weekly casino features Texas Hold 'Em tournaments and cash games that will raise funds for local charities.

When: Thursdays through Sundays. Hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Where: The Shark Club, 42070 Ford Road, Canton

More information: Call Tom Benoit at (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokertb@gmail.com.

goal of winning, but for others, it's a little more relaxed. It's poker without the drive."

Benoit said the charity casino has a less competitive atmosphere than a traditional gaming hall and

believes the popularity of the concept could allow it to expand into a nightly event.

"We're already talking about (fund-raisers) for 2009 with some groups," he said. "Charity casinos have replaced the single Vegas Nights that a lot of groups were doing."

Benoit, a Westland resident, got his start by doing Vegas Night fund-raisers and said the Shark Club contacted him after one of the events and suggested the idea of him heading the charity casino.

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought it was a great idea," he said, adding that he wants to bring other games to the venue. "We are going to turn this into a mini casino."

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Siblings charged in armed robbery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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Westland residents Michael James Stachowski, 28, and Megan Morley Sills, 24, were arraigned Saturday, for the armed robbery of Richardson's

Pharmacy on Ford Road.

Stachowski and Sills, who are brother and sister, are both being charged with armed robbery, a felony punishable by life or any term of years; and commission of a felony with a motor vehicle, punishable by a suspended driver's license, if convicted of the felony.

Stachowski, who is facing similar charges in the robbery of a Westland CVS, allegedly entered Richardson's Pharmacy on Sept. 14, requested some cigarettes and then presented a note to the cashier stating that he had a gun and to put cash from the register into a bag. After the cashier complied, Stachowski left the area in a car allegedly driven by his sister.

The two, who are also believed to have robbed a CVS and a Rite Aid store in Wayne, were caught four days after the Richardson's theft when a Westland officer spotted the getaway car, a Pontiac G6. The siblings were arrested without incident.

While he never brandished a weapon during the township robbery, the charges against the two are based on Stachowski's implication that he had a gun. "This was a crime of opportunity," said Canton Sgt. Debra Newsome. "Through our investigation, we (gathered) enough evidence to show they were clearly involved."

While Sills isn't believed to have entered Richardson's, Newsome said as an alleged accomplice to the crime, she must face the same charges as Stachowski. During the robbery, a bag had been placed over the G6's license plate.

Bond was set for each defendant at \$50,000 or 10 percent. Their preliminary examination for the Canton robbery is scheduled for Oct. 3 at 35th District Court in Plymouth. For the Westland robbery, Stachowski has an Oct. 2 hearing.

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Coming Sunday:
Women's health tips
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Women wanted

The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. The group is looking for new members who are interested leadership development, business networking opportunities, informative programs, political advocacy, community awareness, and discussion about women's issues. The group will hold its next monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday Oct. 13 in the Canton Public Library's Community Room. Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$10 for members and guests.

Take a guided tour of the library and learn about all the resources available. Relax and have some fun playing the Wii system games at the library.

For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or e-mail her at junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

Heart & Bark rescheduled

The Heart and Bark event, postponed from September due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, located at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue. This event, hosted by Canton Leisure Services and the Humane Society of Huron Valley, will feature valuable health and wellness information for dogs and cats, as well as their owners. Four-legged family pets large and small are encouraged to attend with their owners.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will be offering a low-cost micro chip clinic for animals for \$25 per pet. Cats are welcome to be chipped, but must be brought to the event in a carrier. One year rabies vaccinations will be administered from noon to 2 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$5 to benefit the Huron Valley Humane Society. Only 200 vaccinations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Health and wellness experts will also be on site to address common health issues that effect pet owners. Free blood pressure and glucose screenings will be offered by Oakwood Healthcare System. Individuals can also obtain the latest fitness information from local health care providers and other health and wellness-related businesses.

There are many scheduled activities including the Funniest Pet Trick & Look-A-Like Contest at the Canton Live Stage beginning at 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the Funniest Pet Trick and the Best Pet/Owner Look-A-Like. Each contest requires a \$5 entry fee/donation to benefit the Huron Valley Humane Society. Representatives from local pet stores, veterinary clinics and other pet-related businesses will be on hand with merchandise and to answer all your pet care questions. Pets must be on a leash and in the owners' control at all times. No pre-registration is required to attend.

For information on this Heart & Bark event, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Canton Newcomers

Join the Canton Newcomers as they welcome business owner Amy Porter of Lil Sweet Pea Photography to discuss options for the electronic sharing of photos with family and friends and answers questions on basic digital camera functions. Whether you are paparazzo or just want to learn about the endless possibilities of this cool technology, plan to attend their adult general meeting on Wednesday Oct. 1, at 7:15 p.m. at the Gainsborough Clubhouse (45600 Gainsborough) within the Sunflower subdivision. All remaining meetings are scheduled to be held at the Sunflower Clubhouse.

The evening will also include socializing, refreshments from the Sheikh Restaurant and Back Home Bakery and is sponsored by Tutor Time. A raffle benefits a local charity.

You don't have to be "New." To receive a complimentary October newsletter that will arrive a few days before the meeting, visit www.canton-newcomers.org or call Noreen before the meeting at (734) 981-0486 with any questions.



Consumer Expo

Tom Stahl, the chairman of the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was one of more than 60 area business people to participate in last year's Consumer Expo. He owns a State Farm Insurance Company in Canton. The Chamber, along with the Canton Downtown Development Authority, will present the Consumer Expo from 5-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Summit on the Park. The event is held twice annually in February and October, and features businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, and admission is free. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer," said Chamber President Dianne Cojei. For more information, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

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W-W district, teachers at odds over new contract

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A potential strike by Wayne-Westland teachers still looms amid an impasse in contract talks between bargaining teams representing the 850-member union and school district officials.

Despite the stalemate, district Superintendent Greg Baracy confirmed Monday during a school board meeting that "we're negotiating." Barring a collapse of talks, three more bargaining sessions are scheduled to occur by early next week.

"There has not been any progress made," Wayne-Westland Education Association union President

Nancy Strachan said Monday evening, as a large crowd of placard-carrying teachers protested outside school district offices on Marquette. "It doesn't look good as of right now."

Strachan said teachers want contract talks resolved by Oct. 2. However, Baracy warned that a strike would be illegal, and he said negotiations will continue unless either side ends the effort with a 24-hour notice.

"We feel that they haven't made a concerted effort to be at the bargaining table," Baracy said.

Strachan said teachers made concessions in recent years and that they cannot accept further setbacks in wages, health care

and class sizes. She said local teacher salaries rank near the bottom in Wayne County.

Under the last contract, which expired Aug. 25, salaries ranged from \$34,409 for a new teacher with a bachelor's degree to \$82,081 for a seasoned teacher with an education specialist degree.

Baracy indicated that school officials aren't asking teachers to accept a pay cut or freeze, but he conceded the two sides are at odds over a proposal to give the 13,000-student district more flexibility to choose competitive health insurance carriers.

This week, many teachers wore black clothing and "unity" buttons to school in an attempt to press their issues. They also

garnered support from several parents who contended during Monday's school board meeting that too many students have been placed in some classrooms.

Baracy responded that the district strives to quickly address any overcrowding problems and that "we're going to honor the contract."

Parent Melissa O'Neil implored school officials not to allow problems like state funding shortfalls to usher in cuts affecting teachers, "the people that really matter to our kids."

Baracy pledged that the district's bargaining team will continue to seek what he called a fair contract within the financial constraints facing school officials. However,

he rejected "a ton of inaccurate information" that officials say has been disseminated to imply that money has been misspent.

Baracy and board President Martha Pitsenbarger said revenues raised from an earlier, voter-approved bond issue and a sinking fund could only be used for specific purposes like building improvements — and not for teacher salaries.

Board Vice President Skip Monit and Trustee William Gabriel issued lengthy statements Monday, criticizing rumors and saying the board is charged with looking out for student interests.

"We answer to a higher authority. That authority is our kids and their parents," Monit

said.

Gabriel called strike threats unnecessary and said he would hate to see negative bargaining tactics damage relations between teachers and administrators.

"Trash-talking isn't something we want to teach our children," Gabriel said.

As teachers protested outside school district offices Monday, Strachan indicated it's the district officials — not teachers — who have been unfair in contract talks. She said teachers in recent years have made concessions that saved the district \$19 million, "and now they want more."

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Concert to benefit young mother stricken with breast cancer

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Being a single mother of two young boys is never easy. Leza Ivezaj can certainly attest to that. But things have gotten much more difficult for the 28-year-old Northville resident.

Ivezaj, who works at the Lucky Hair Company on Cherry Hill Road in Canton, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Now the mother of Bako, 6, and Ethan, 4, faces some very uncertain times, beginning with a double mastectomy surgery that is scheduled for next month.

Friends, family members and co-workers have organized a fund-raiser to help ease the financial burden from the medical treatments and the fact she is losing time at work. The fund-raiser, being billed as



Leza Ivezaj with her two sons Bako (left) and Ethan.

the Concert of Hope, will take place Sept. 28 at US 12 Bar & Grill in downtown Wayne. It will feature a number of bands, including Bridge, Pistol Day Parade, Flophouse, Seven Letters, Seasons of Eden, and Seven Ten Split, as well as raffles that will benefit Ivezaj.

"She is having a very rough go right now," said Tony Ivezaj, her ex-husband, who has helped put the fund-raiser together. "You don't see many young women with breast cancer. The doctors say it is real aggressive."

What really has friends and family nervous is the fact that Leza's sister has already died from breast cancer.

Tony Ivezaj said the family is going through an unbelievably emotional time. He said the

hardest part is how to break the news to the two boys.

"We're trying to keep positive. We think she is going to survive this," he said. "The kids don't know yet. We don't even know how to tell them. We'll probably wait until after the surgery."

Organizers of the fund-raiser are asking people contribute a minimum \$10 donation to get into the event. They are also still looking for donated raffle items. If you would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Mel or Dave Coughlin at (734) 844-8166 or (313) 574-1980. If you can't attend the concert and would still like to help out, please send donations payable to: Leza Ivezaj, Lucky Hair Company, 45251 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48188.

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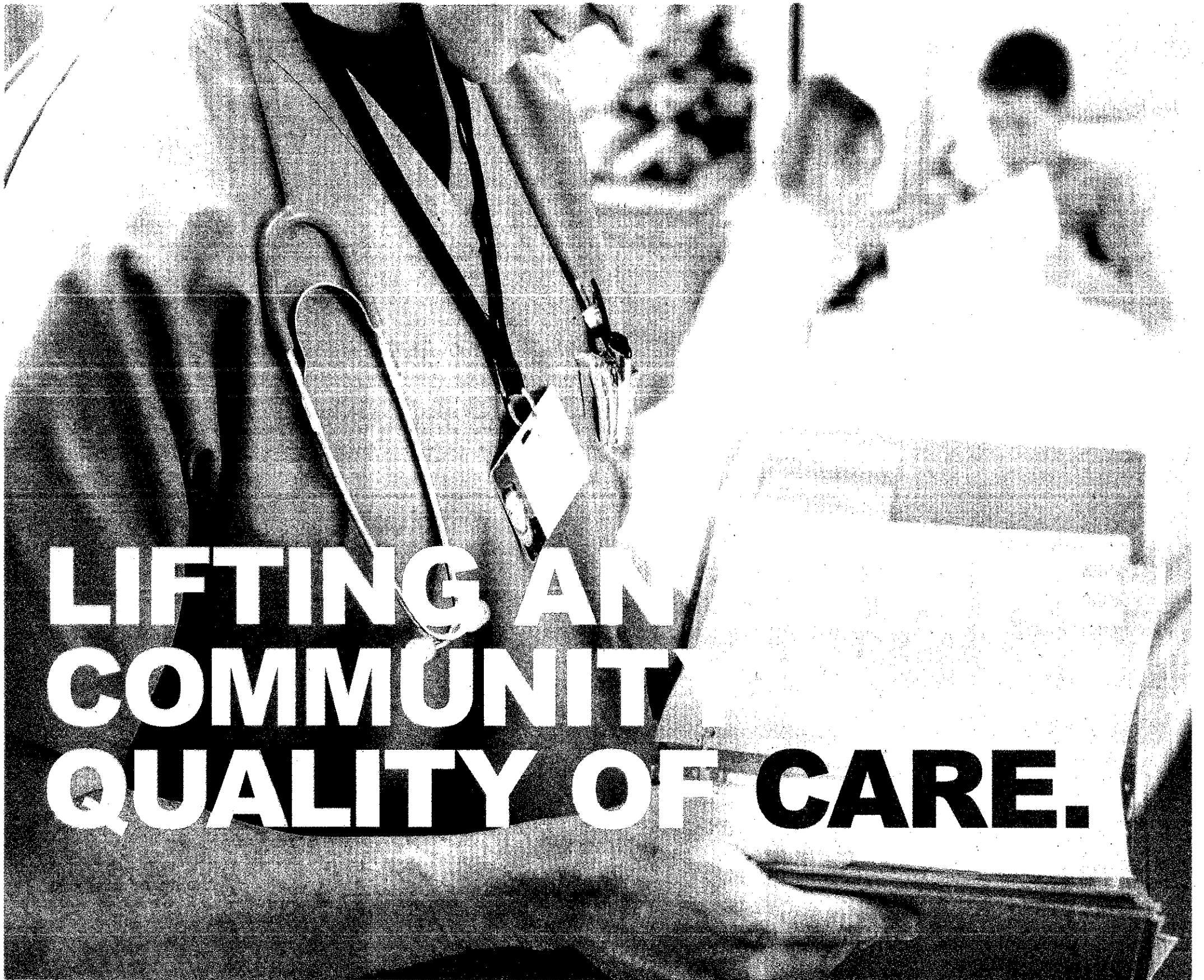
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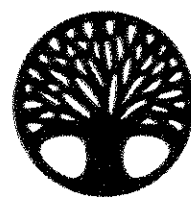
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Schoolcraft College hosts annual college night Oct. 1

Area high school students and their families can investigate the programs of more than 80 colleges and universities during Schoolcraft College's annual College Night on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The event is free and open to the community.

The schools, primarily from Michigan and the Midwest, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost, financial aid, scholarships and extra-curricular activities.

A sample of in-state schools attending include Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan Technological University, Eastern, Central and Northern Michigan universities, College for

Creative Studies, Adrian College and Hillsdale College. Out-of-state institutions attending include Bowling Green State University, Penn State University, Wisconsin University, Purdue University, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University, to name a few.

College Night will be held in the Physical Education Building of Schoolcraft College's Livonia Campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Typically College Night draws about 3,500 people. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. The colleges are arranged fair-style and in alphabetical order in both gyms so guests can visit as many tables and in the order they wish.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

Investors shouldn't overreact to financial crisis

There is a lot to learn from what happened on Wall Street last week.

If you listen to the talking heads and read some of the news stories about the market, you would think that the entire economy was falling apart and that the Great Depression was around the corner.

In fact, I heard the Great Depression referred to a number of times in listening to the talking heads. By the end of the week, the same talking heads were talking a different story.

As investors, we cannot allow ourselves to be swayed by the daily banter that we read and hear. Think about how much money someone would have lost this week by bailing out of the market at the wrong time. Investors must recognize that good news or bad news, the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

market tends to overreact. Investors cannot be swayed by short-term volatility. The lesson to learn is don't overreact and take a step back and let some of the dust settle before making a major change in your portfolio.

Whenever a new program or a major change in tax law occurs, promoters of investments start coming out of the woodwork pushing the investment to take advantage of the changing situation.

No matter what the changes are, the rules remain the same. They are:

1.) Before investing in any-

thing, check it out with independent research. Don't believe what someone — who has an interest in an investment — says until you can check it out independently. If you can't check out an investment independently, walk away.

2.) Before investing, review how an investment has performed over time. Look at three-, five- and 10-year track records.

3.) Before investing, understand how the investment works and how you can make money, lose money or get your money out when you want.

4.) Before investing, understand all the costs associated with the investment. Know what an investment costs to buy, sell and hold.

5.) Don't forget — if an investment smells too good to be true, it generally is smelly. You need to be reasonable when it comes to returns. If you let greed enter into your thought process about an investment, your returns will suffer.

The rules on Wall Street and in Washington are always changing. As investors, we also need to follow a set of rules to protect ourselves, and those rules are not subject to change.

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Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/.

Wednesday, October 1 College Night
Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Physical Education Building
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu

Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano
Noon to 1 p.m.
The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4403

Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble
The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
Information: 734-462-4403

Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"
From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic areas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center
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Information: 734-462-4443

Fridays and Saturdays October 24/25 and November 7/8, 14/15 Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn"
Presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department
This delightful comedy about Harry Baker and the two sons who continually challenge his patience is full of richly comic complications that prove to be unfailingly inventive and delightful.
Dinner Theatre Performances: October 24/25 and November 7/8
6:30 p.m.
Admission: \$24
Theatre Performances Only: November 14/15
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$12
Theatre (LA500) inside Liberal Arts Building
Information: 734-462-4596

Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble
Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
Information: 734-462-4403

Save the date
November 8 (9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and **9** (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)
November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)
November 12 at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)
November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)
December 5 at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)
December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)
December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)

Fall Festival will feature carnival rides, free entertainment

Canton's annual Fall Festival carnival returns this weekend to the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, located at 46555 W. Michigan Avenue.

The event, which is being sponsored by Community Financial and put on by Canton Leisure Services, begins today and runs through Sunday.

The 96.3 WDV D Prize Team will be on location Thursday from 5-7 p.m. to visit with attendees. There will also be free entertainment, including a daily teen sports arena with dodge ball and other games, the big screen movie under the stars, "Monster House" on Friday night, and hours of live musical and other entertainment from talented local and regional artists.

Some of the big highlights will be the two graceful and death-defying performances Thursday evening by circus artists, The Ariel Angels, the "Rising Stars" Showcase fea-

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turing three young, local musicians/bands that are sure to be destined for greatness; and the Saturday night main stage show featuring country and classic rockers, The Cadillac Cowboys.

The other big highlight of the event will be the carnival rides. Ride-all-day wristbands will be sold for \$20.

BAND

FROM PAGE A1

ing to Montoya, and was one of the reasons for pulling out of the Sept. 13 competition at Novi High School.

"We just needed a little more practice," he explained. "We wanted to make sure we had everything together before we made our debut. I'm pleased with what they did. It's the first show and first shows are always a little jittery."

That was certainly true for Plymouth freshman Michael Wolf, an alto saxophonist.

"I was scared to death," he confessed, "but once I got on the field and I was waiting for part two, it went away. I was focused and did everything right."

Montoya said that while the band members have learned about three quarters of the program, they only performed about half of it on Saturday. That's because "we want to make sure we are putting forth the most solid

package out there," he explained. "We scrutinize every song selection, every visual aspect and we make sure it's planned out to the most specific detail so that once we learn it, it is what we want to put out there. The process we have works for us pretty well."

More of the show will be revealed at the Trenton competition Sept. 27 and nearly the entire show will be ready by the Bands of America Regional Competition at EMU on Oct. 11.

"The last quarter of our program is really the most challenging and difficult part of our show," said Montoya. "That's where the fast, the loud, and the color all come together. The show is all a big progression toward complexity, speed and color."

Color Guard Director Jenifer Leseth is pleased with the show's progression and Montoya's direction. "Martin (Montoya) is doing a great job," she said. "The transition has been going very smoothly also due to the consistency of the parents and a few key staff people who have been here for awhile. And, of course, the kids really know how the program works."



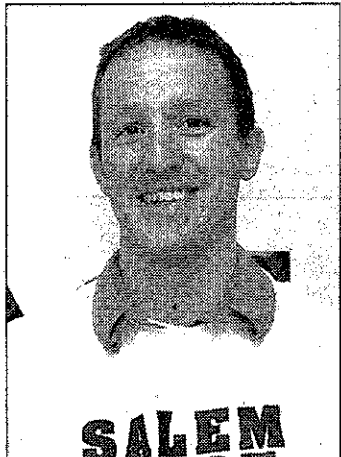
Color guard member Katie Babcock prepares to catch her flag during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition performance at Woodhaven High School Sept. 20.

P-CEP students named National Merit semifinalists

Fourteen students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have been named semifinalists for the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students - Canton High School seniors Willa Chen, Ke Ding, Katherine Marion, George Muresan, Ryan Randall and Santosh Shanmuga, Plymouth High School seniors Monika Kothari and Amy Shen and Salem High School seniors Nikita Consul, Kelley Determan, Derrick Fu, Megan Ghistin, Linda Ling and Surya Nagaraja - rank as high scorers in the nation.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors as semifinalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered next



Darrin Silvester, "before."

spring.

Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2008 PSAT/NMSQT. Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist-record of

high academic performance in college prep course work, SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, detailed scholarship information about extracurricular activities and leadership positions, self-descriptive essays and full endorsement of the high school principal.

Odyssey Award for history

Darrin Silvester, social studies teacher at Salem High School, has been chosen to receive one of three 2008 Odyssey Awards.

Recipients were chosen based on their depth of knowledge about Michigan history; demonstrated leadership in helping others learn about Michigan history, both in their local school district and in their community; and their creativity in teaching Michigan

history.

Each year, the Michigan Historical Center Foundation presents the Odyssey Award to up to four educators who excel at teaching Michigan history. Each honoree is invited to attend the Jingle Ball to receive a plaque made of Michigan agate and \$500. The ball takes place on Nov. 22, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

Local hero named

Barbara Marshall, a 30-year veteran of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, has been named a Local Hero by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund for her outstanding commitment to the organization.

Marshall has been the top Michigan fund-raiser for the society and plans to raise another \$13,000 this year. This year's walk will be held Oct. 18 in Ann Arbor.

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Penn signs on for concert series

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will be the home for a series of six old-fashioned variety shows to entertain the young and old.

"Saturdays @ the Penn" is co-sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Performances will be on the first Saturday of the month, beginning Oct. 4.

"It's really a continuation of Music in the Park," said Deb Madonna, the executive director of the PCAC, which sponsors the Wednesday summertime noon concerts for children in Kellogg Park. "We wanted continuity between Music in the Park and the shows at the Penn so we're not booking the same acts. We

have a lot of great performers that we can't use in the summer."

Madonna said the variety shows last an hour and include special guest hosts and performers, including a juggler, yo-yo entertainer and the members of the PSO, including the Celebration Youth Orchestra.

"(Symphony conductor) Nan Washburn loves to do things for kids," said PSO executive director Beth Stewart, "and the Penn is the perfect venue for it on Saturdays. We have a perfect partnership, we have music and the Arts Council has contacts for other great performers. Every month kids will be exposed to art in many forms."

While the shows are geared toward children, the Saturday shows are being billed as for kids of all ages.

The Nov. 1 show will include

Washburn and members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra playing excerpts from the PSO's first CD, *Magical Tunes & Marvelous Tales*.

As with most variety shows, there will be a master of ceremonies. Most weeks it will be kid-favorite Guy Louis, who performs each summer at Music in the Park. The shows will start at noon and last one hour.

The groups received a \$3,000 grant this year and next year for the six shows. The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club and Travel Leaders also contributed to the programs. The money will go toward the \$310 cost to rent the Penn and pay the talent.

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Mojo in the Morning: Win lunch with 95.5 crew

It's back! The *Observer & Eccentric*/Mirror Newspapers and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heck-

led, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 95.5 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

"My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made

it." Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class

Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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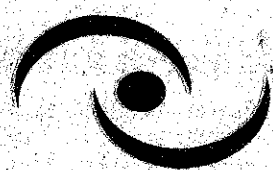
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Library board reads writing on the wall

If you want to get the pulse of the Canton community, there probably is no better place to do it than at the Canton Public Library, located on Canton Center just across from the township's administrative building. Go there on a typical day and you will see a snapshot of the township. Patrons are young and old. Black, brown and white. Rich and poor. And just about everything in between.

The library's board of trustees proved last week it has have a pretty good grasp of the community as well. The six-member board voted to reduce the library's budget by more than 10 percent for 2009, meaning the library staff will have about \$700,000 less next year than they did this year.

For property owners in Canton, the smaller budget means they will pay less in taxes. The millage rate for 2008 is 1.5437, which means owners of a home with a \$100,000 taxable value paid \$155. At the new rate of 1.4980, the same homeowner will pay \$149.

Granted, it's not a big reduction — six dollars won't even buy you two gallons of gas these days. Still, it's a reduction.

Give the board some credit. Trustees realized that people are hurting out there — even in Canton. Many in the community are facing the same economic problems as people elsewhere in the region. Jobs have been lost, and many are facing foreclosure on their homes. And considering what is happening over on Wall Street, things are probably going to get worse before they get better. Easing the tax burden on residents, even if just a little bit, shows the board does have some compassion.

The best part of the deal is Library Director Eva Davis says the budget reduction will not alter the level of service the library provides to the community. She says patrons won't notice the difference.

Davis had all her staff go over every aspect of their budgets to find line items to be cut. They found \$700,000. This should be an example for all levels of government. If only the taxpayers could be so lucky.

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Michigan's delegation must demand more from Washington

Michigan's role as a battleground state for the November presidential elections provides a unique opportunity for the state's congressional delegation to influence national policy, and keep our needs in the spotlight.

For too many years, Michigan has been known as a donor state, meaning we send more tax dollars to Washington than are returned in federal funding for education, transportation and other vital services. This was less an issue when our state's economy was humming, but that clearly no longer is the case.

Our state has some pressing needs, and our representatives in Washington should be taking every opportunity between now and November to talk about them with the McCain and Obama camps. A good place to start is helping Detroit's automobile companies lead the charge with alternative fuel vehicles, but it does not end there.

This state, and our local communities, has pressing needs to repair and replace aging roads and bridges, upgrade municipal water and sewerage systems and protect our Great Lakes from toxins and exotic species. And no meaningful discussion about a light rail system can take place without a commitment of federal dollars.

Hopefully, when our local politicians are pressing the flesh with their respective presidential candidate and making joint appearances along the campaign travel, they will take the time to make this state's case for more support for Michigan, and make it a condition of their support.



LETTERS

McDonald's deserves support

This is in response to Barb Schmid's letter "Boycott McDonald's" (Sept. 18). McDonald's supports a wide variety of people — people with learning and physical disabilities, gay, lesbian, black, white, Hispanic, short, tall, overweight, thin, etc. They are an equal opportunity employer.

Each individual has the choice in whom they support. You can't write a letter and think that will change my mind in who I support. I personally, look at all the good McDonald's does for people. McDonald's has always worked around my daughter's high school schedule and now her college schedule. McDonald's offer a U.S. Scholarship program, medical insurance, Ronald McDonald House, RMHC Grants, RM Care Mobil, and RM Family Room, to name a few.

Would I buy my kid another Happy Meal? You betcha.

Tracey Kukielka
Canton

Supporting Slavens

I am a homeowner, proud parent and school social worker who will be voting for Dian Slavens for state representative on Nov. 4th.

Dian will be a fantastic representative in the state house serving Canton, Van Buren and Belleville. She is a respiratory therapist (RT), and such Allied Health professionals are dedicated to their practice. They are thus often not found seated in the state Legislature. I would wager that one never encounters an RT until they or their loved ones are in a hospital with breathing problems, then they appreciate an RT. We need people like her, dedicated professionals, not more career politicians representing us in the Capitol.

Dian is also a dedicated parent like I. She took time out from her schedule to attend parent teacher open house at the Park earlier this month. She was sitting next to me for the senior parent meeting. Both of us are concerned about our daughters' academic futures in public education now, but someday what will happen to these children? Who is better to fight for us on the matters most important to our kids and their education than Dian?

Again, we need people like her, not more career politicians who have milked the taxpayers, representing us in the Capitol.

Clearly, Dian is like many moms and dads in the 21st district like you or I. We can rely on Dian Slavens to serve us best.

Leonard T. Zabawski
Canton

One size doesn't fit all

To the Parents of the 38 Students in the Split AP, Spanish IV Class at Wayne Memorial High School:

Your children are not getting the education they deserve. Crowding two high level Spanish classes using radically different curricula into one room with one

teacher during the same time span is not educationally sound. Yes, the contract allows the administration to overload a class with 38 students, but that's not what you should be getting for your tax dollars and that's not how your students or their teacher should be treated. This is not a passive college lecture class whose teacher just speaks and the students listen and take notes. This is an active participation class with the goal of speaking, understanding, reading and writing another language with ever increasing facility — students can't just go to a textbook to correct their accent or to verify that the vocabulary they're using means what they think it does.

Even the language lab only holds 33 students at functioning computers on its best days, and with languages and the work done at the advanced level, sharing isn't a viable option. Having taught those levels myself at the same high school (I taught at Wayne High and retired in 2006), I know what passing the AP test requires and what the rewards are for students and parents. And I was fortunate that I had separate classes so I could give each level my undivided attention.

I know also that the current teacher goes home every day in a state of extreme frustration because she feels she is not able to really do justice to your children's education, and, believe me, that is her goal. She tries splitting the class, putting one group in an adjacent room or in the hallway while the other class is speaking or having her undivided attention on the writing, grammar or other language issues. Supervision then becomes a problem as few high level classes have aides — nor should an aide replace the expert. The solution offered her as choosing four students to drop. She said "no." Since they had studied so many years to get to this level, she would do her best for them — not that 34 students in the split class would have even solved the major problem.

One size does not fit all — please help change this situation.

Lynne Elsesser
Northville

Supports Corriveau

State Rep. Marc Corriveau has done a stellar job in his first term representing his constituents.

He has initiated a plan that passed the House which rewards businesses that hire Michigan residents. His "Hire Michigan First" initiative encourages the economic growth our state desperately needs.

He has fought to increase funding for public education and supported legislation that ensures our 9-1-1 emergency communication system is fully funded. He voted to cut legislative pay and voted to protect homeowners from foreclosures by allowing homeowners to refinance their loans at a secure fixed rate.

His vigorous fight in the legislative arena to protect Northville Township from losing land by annexation to Livonia contributed to the defeat of that proposal in the primary.

Marc Corriveau has been moving our state and community forward. I want

to see the momentum continue and that is why I endorse his re-election to the Michigan House of Representatives.

Jim Amar
Plymouth Township

What have we become?

My daughter is a third-year teacher in the Wayne-Westland schools. Just before school started this year, she came home from a teachers union meeting disenchanted and embarrassed at the unprofessional behavior of her colleagues. She explained the conduct as incomprehensible and was shocked at the theatrical approach the union leadership from Lansing took when addressing the membership. They had total disrespect for the Board of Education, community and students.

Where was the caring, nurturing culture the teachers like to brag about? I think their true colors came out loud and clear. Especially when the union leadership was promoting an illegal strike. What message does this send students? Break the law when it fits your own needs. Come on!

Even more appalling was that state Rep. Richard LeBlanc took the stage and promoted an illegal strike at the meeting. What business does a state representative have at a union meeting promoting an illegal strike? What has our legislature become?

All my daughter wanted to do is teach and not be subjected to all this nonsense. She cares and loves children. She is committed to the education of the children in Wayne-Westland. She also is very thankful and happy with her job, salary and benefits that come with it. In my humble opinion, it is time for the outsiders to leave town and take their agenda and trouble-making elsewhere.

Wayne-Westland schools have served my family well, and I am here to stay.

Joan Washburn
Westland

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"Sheldon is residential. It's not supposed to have 26,000 cars a day."

— Victoria Holland of Wayne County's Department of Public Services, discussing the \$4.5 million project to revamp the Sheldon Center corridor, which calls for eliminating the portion of Sheldon Road near Gallimore Elementary School

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Librarians lead the way in keeping information free

You may not think of librarians as a radical bunch, but they're on the forefront of free speech efforts in the U.S. and beyond.

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom To Read, is Sept. 27 to Oct. 4 this year, as a book-mark from the Plymouth District Library reminded me.

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom To Read is observed during the last week of September each year, according to the Web site of the American Library Association



Julie Brown

(ala.org). Observed since 1982, the event reminds Americans not to take the freedom for granted. This year marks BBW's 27th anniversary.

BBW is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, American Library Association, American Society of Journalists and

Authors, Association of American Publishers, National Association of College Stores, and is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth District Library, pointed with pride to library displays on Banned Books Week and librarians' lapel buttons saying "I read banned books."

"It's amazing what people try to ban," she said. "The Bible, a lot of things you consider great literature."

Plymouth has a formal process for challenge in which librarians review material, checking with neighboring libraries in Livonia, Canton, Northville and Farmington. "A lot of it is a community standard," Thomas said.

Infrequent challenges have come up, but Plymouth has never removed material. A book may go from children's to teen, or from teen to adult. "The library has things for all kinds of tastes and all kinds of sensibilities," said Thomas.

She likes to ask those who object to material what they'd like to include. "I'd rather have more points of view rather than fewer," she said. "If we start narrowing it down, then we close people out."

The Canton Public Library's Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager, said there are book displays, posters and bookmarks for Banned Books Week. "It's going to be featured on our Web site," www.cantonpl.org, she said.

"Every once in a while, we get a request for someone to look at materials. It's not a big issue here," Golden said. Like Plymouth and other libraries, there's a process for reviewing materials some find offensive.

Librarians select materials appropriate for the community, allowing for a plurality of viewpoints.

"We really do try to do that. Because Canton is so diverse, we really do have a wide range of materials here," Golden said.

Kim Potter, Redford Township District Library director, said Wixom where she previously was did displays. "Occasionally" the issue arises in Redford. Some parents were concerned about a video their young teen daughter viewed involving cutting. "It doesn't come up very often. I think the Internet has kind of taken its place as far as parents being concerned," Potter said.

Redford adult, children's and teen librarians strive for "all sides of a topic, based on what they have available. I would call our collection broad and deep," she said. "They're very tame nowadays," she added of *The Catcher in the Rye* and other classics that have been challenged.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Director Cheryl Napsha said book banning's not an issue "that I've ever heard" locally. The Westland library will have a teen event for Banned Books Week 6-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

"They're going to read banned books out loud," Napsha said. The teens should sign up and pick a passage ahead of time.

"We wanted to make sure it was appropriate," she said, adding you can call (734) 326-6123 for sign-up details.

"The best books are thought-provoking. I think sometimes adults are afraid of what a book might inspire, what kind of thinking or challenging thoughts," Napsha said.

She agreed not every book is right for every reader; it's best for parents to be aware "of the literature themselves and guide their child's reading."

"Intellectual freedom is really the foundation of a public library," Napsha said. "We're here to provide all sides, answers to an issue, and we're not supposed to judge."

She's concerned by "the fear that seems to be behind a lot of the banning." "I think it's really the cornerstone of our country, giving people the freedom to think on their own. That's really the fundamental definition of a democracy," she said.

Plymouth's Thomas noted "I don't know that you see the polarization in the library." Librarians are there in person, there's safety to explore views and respect for views. "So you don't get the extremely emotional kind of environment," Thomas said.

The "information explosion" has benefited from professional librarians who help us sort through the heavy load of information out there these days. It's also time to salute librarians for their efforts to keep free speech free and alive.

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Culinary Extravaganza features area's best foods

Since I've switched from editing Feature sections to the news sections of the Livonia and Redford Observer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, it's been an adjustment for me in getting used to new deadlines and new staff. It isn't a drastic one, because I worked in news for almost 15 years before going to Features.



Ken Abramczyk

One of the perks of working in the Features sections was covering the Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

And now that I'm editing the news section for that community, I'd like to take the liberty to expand on that event. Now in its 17th year, its proceeds help support scholarships for Schoolcraft students. This year it is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the VisTaTech Center.

The event represents a Who's Who of the school's culinary graduates, some of the best chefs in metro Detroit.

Year after year, Schoolcraft's culinary graduates return to "give something back" to the college to support scholarships. The graduates range from Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's of Novi to Randy Emert of Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Chef Brian Polcyn, chef/owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and the recently opened Forest Grill in Birmingham and co-author of *Charcuterie, The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing*, a James Beard-nominated book, often presents some of that charcuterie namely his chicken sausage, also highlighted in the book. Then there's The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin, owned by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, who along with Polcyn teaches at Schoolcraft.

Kelli Lewton, owner and chef at Pure Food 2 U in Royal Oak and food instructor, is another graduate of the program. Holiday Catering & Cooking School in Royal Oak is led by Stacy Sloan, another graduate.

Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events, an expanded operation at Joe's Produce in Livonia, has hired several Schoolcraft

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graduates in producing upscale carryout dinners, desserts and other foods.

All of these restaurants, bakeries, catering services and carryouts will be presenting food at the extravaganza.

There are other fine restaurants at the event, too. Bacco Ristorante in Southfield will feature its fine Italian cooking, and LaBistecca Italian Grille in Livonia often serves its tremendous Piedmontese beef tenderloin (one of my favorites) with its rich peppery flavor at this event. Matt Prentice's No. VI Chop House in Novi and Zingerman's Bakehouse in Ann Arbor also are part of the star-studded lineup.

Of course, American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, the restaurant where culinary students sharpen their knives and skills, will feature its usual lineup of fine pastries and entrees under the guidance of instructors like Shawn Loving, Marcus Haight, Joe Decker and Dan Hugelier.

Schoolcraft is a culinary cornerstone of the community and it is reflected in this star-studded lineup of food samplings. Where else can you go to sample these great culinary delicacies from restaurants and pastry shops? Beverages, including wines and beer, will be served (you must be 21 to attend.)

It's a great event to taste great foods, and the money goes to a wonderful cause.

The 17th annual Culinary Extravaganza is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the VisTaTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.

Tickets are \$50. For more information, call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

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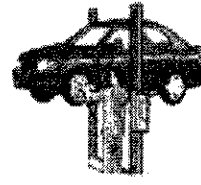
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For more information or to reserve your costume, contact the costuming department at The Parade Company at (313)432-7835. To view and receive discounts on costume rentals, visit www.theparade.org.



Arrrrh matey, the Parade Co. has pirate costumes available for Halloween.

Focus:HOPE walk supports scholarships

Focus:HOPE, marking its 40th anniversary, will hold its annual Walk and Diversity Festival Sunday, Oct. 12.

From the day it started 40 years ago, Focus:HOPE has found ways to bring people together — people of all races and religions, from Detroit and its suburbs.

That spirit continues during this anniversary year with the Oct. 12 event. Entertainment and children's activities will begin 11 a.m., the Walk program at 12:30 p.m. and Walk at 1 p.m. There will be entertainment, food and children's activities 2 p.m., with the program ending 4:30 p.m.

Those who register and seek pledges for the Walk and Diversity Festival will help support scholarships for Focus:HOPE's students. Scholarships make it possible for students to develop their skills and start on the path to new careers in information technology, manufacturing or engineering. Registration fee is \$15 for those age 18 and older.

You can register:

- online at www.focushope.edu
- by calling (313) 494-4225
- by bringing a registration form to the Walk.

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A bunny rabbit for Halloween?

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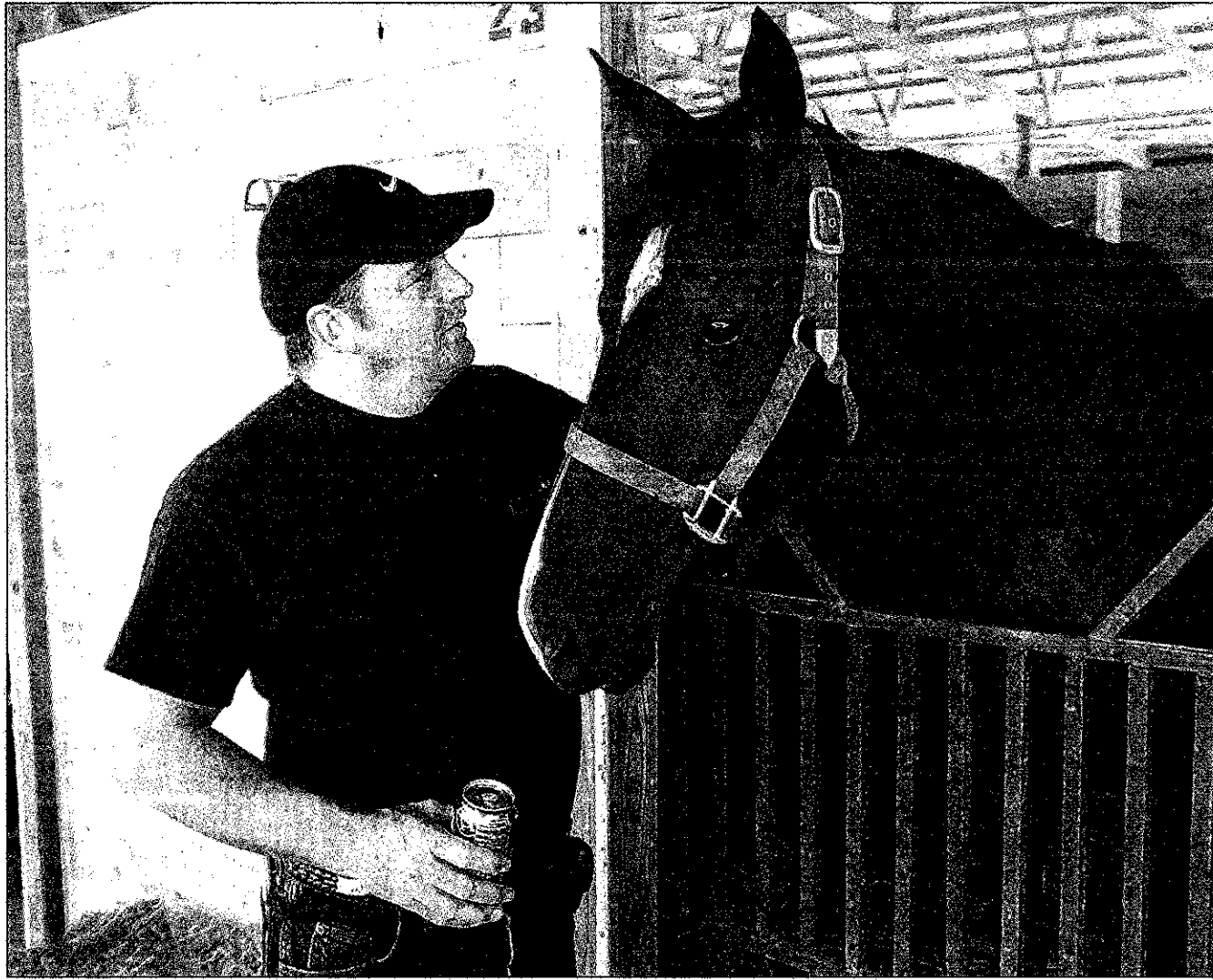
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Canton resident John Rupert checks on Blackjack Breeze, one of the thoroughbred horses he trains at Pinnacle Race Course in Huron Township.

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A JOB WITH STABLE-ITY

Training horses is ideal occupation for Canton Township man

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Standing on a converted swamp under a glistening sun Tuesday morning in rural Huron Township, John Rupert marveled at the rebirth of the thoroughbred horse racing industry in metropolitan Detroit and how fortunate he felt to be smack dab in the middle of it.

The Canton Township resident did so in the shadow of a gleaming

row of stalls that were emblazoned with a shiny blue sign bearing his name — John Rupert Racing Stable — and less than two furlongs from the backstretch of the two-month-old Pinnacle Race Course, a still-under-construction venue that opened in mid-July.

"This past winter, no matter what the weather was like, I'd drive up two days a week from Cleveland

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PINNACLE RACE COURSE FACTS & FIGURES

Following are some notable points regarding the metropolitan Detroit area's newest thoroughbred racing venue:

- The facility covers 320 acres of land in Huron Township, just south of Detroit Metro Airport.
- Once construction is completed in late 2009 or early 2010, the site will include a four-story 60,000-square-foot clubhouse; a 4,000-seat grandstand; a 12,000-square-foot corporate pavilion; an 8,000-square-foot covered patio; 30 barns; and 1,200 horse stalls.
- The finished product will offer two tracks: a one-mile dirt track and a 7/8-mile turf track.
- The inaugural 2008 season will conclude Nov. 2 following 63 days of live racing.

For more information, visit www.pinnacleracecourse.com or call (734) 753-2000.

GRID PICKS

Pee-wee football offers valuable lessons on life

According to author Robert Fulghum's 1989 best-selling book, everything you really need to know in life you learn in kindergarten — necessary skills like sharing, playing fair and not taking things that aren't yours.



Ed Wright

After watching a few of my 7-year-old son's junior freshmen football practices, I'd like to contribute the following unauthorized sequel to Fulghum's masterpiece: *Everything You Really Need in Life You Learn in Kindergarten...and at Pee-Wee Football Practice.* Here's a condensed version:

Chapter 1 — Pay attention to detail: Always make sure your chin strap is on, your mouth guard is in and your other vital protective devices are straight, because you never know when you're going to get matched up against the kid that hits harder than Brian Urlacher in one-on-one tackling drills.

Chapter 2 — Stay focused: Even when a train is chugging by the practice field over your right shoulder and the junior freshmen cheerleaders are practicing a routine over your left, don't forget the snap count because, for goodness sake, you don't want to be the one who costs your teammates 10 down-ups.

Chapter 3 — Never give up: No matter how big the guy is you're blocking or how far he's pushing you back, keep moving your legs because while you may never pancake him, you can always earn his respect.

Chapter 5 — Live for the moment: Cherish every jumping jack, every bear crawl and every gut-busting run around the flagpole because before you know it, you'll be watching your son and wishing you could participate in just one more pee-wee football practice.

The most important thing I learned in kindergarten was to stay humble when I'm kicking my two colleagues' rear-ends in Grid Picks. Not really, but that skill would come in handy after going 9-2 last week to

Please see **GRID, B6**

Sidelines

Home run derby

The first Canton Fall Fest Sept. 25-28 will feature a variety of activities and carnival rides.

A home run derby will be held for all ages 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Canton Sports Center. There will be prizes and such but — so come join the fun.

Unlimited one-day ride passes are available for \$17 if purchased by Wednesday at CCS or the Summit, \$20 on the day of the event.

Pistons camp

Hey, young fans of the Detroit Pistons who live in the Redford area, circle Saturday, Sept. 27, on your calendars.

Pistons' youth coach Steve Moreland will be at Redford Union High School from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 for the fourth annual Detroit Pistons Youth Mini-Camp.

Boys and girls in grades one-eight are invited to come to the camp and learn about ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding from Moreland. The cost is \$25, payable at the door (cash only). To confirm a spot, call the Pistons hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave the camper's name, grade and school.

Among goodies will be a Chauncey Billups T-shirt.

PCEP alumni hockey game

The 2008-09 PCEP high school hockey teams are looking for PCEP alumni who played on any of the three high schools' hockey teams to participate in the inaugural alumni hockey game.

The game will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Registration forms are available at www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com/.

For more information, contact coach Darrin Silvester at darrinsilvester@gmail.com.

Zeroing in on first place

Salem, Stevenson kickers battle to scoreless draw

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nothing gained, nothing lost.

That was the story again Tuesday as Division 1 state powers Salem and host Livonia Stevenson battled to a 0-0 draw in a showdown for first place in the Central Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson, 8-1-3 overall and ranked No. 3 in the state, maintains its slim one-point lead in the KLAA-Central Division race at 5-0-2, while top-ranked Salem is 14-0-3 overall and 5-0-3 in the division.

Each team has three matches remaining in the division.

In the first meeting between the two teams on Sept. 15, Salem scored during the final five minutes to forge a 1-1 deadlock. That duel featured free-wheeling, up-and-down action, but the rematch was played close to the vest.

Stevenson had five corner kicks in the first half, while Salem had four in the second half — that was extent of it.

Ironically, play opened up — out of desperation — during the final minutes.

"We played hard and played smart, the second-half was much better," Salem coach Ed McCarthy told his team afterwards. "Both backlines were strong and it limited the scoring opportunities. Our first-half message was that we had some opportunities, but we did not have any quality shots. And if we don't get shots, obviously we don't get any scoring opportunities. I think they responded better the second half."

"It's been eight days since the last time we played them and this game looked nothing or felt nothing like the last game — even going from the grass field to the (synthetic) turf, to the number of

scoring opportunities."

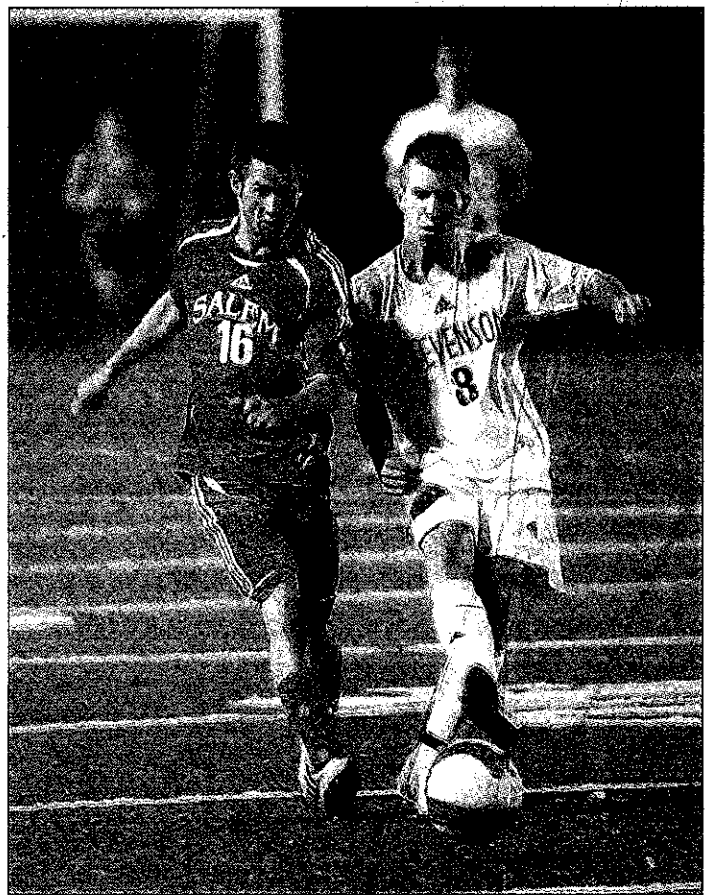
Stevenson goalkeeper Conner Burton and Salem's Will Allen both did their jobs efficiently despite the limited amount of shots.

"The first meeting, in terms of soccer performance, was much better," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Both teams tonight had some exciting moments, but I wish we had played better and with more composure despite the high pressure."

"But a 0-0 result against Salem — it's at least somewhat satisfying — but I hoped we would have performed better."

Salem had to be pleased to keep Stevenson off-the-board for 80 minutes. And for the Rocks, it could be considered a moral victory. Allen, a senior, filled in admirably for the injured Sasa Miskovic.

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Salem's Matt Woster (left) and Livonia Stevenson's Nathaniel Sergison battle for a loose ball during Tuesday night's KLAA Central showdown at Stevenson.

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Plymouth Christian gridders stun Troy

If only the economy could turn around as fast as the Plymouth Christian football team did Saturday against Troy.

After falling into an early 13-0 hole, the Eagles rallied to seize a 27-13 victory over the Defenders.

Reaching the end zone for the winners were Jordan Allen,

Matt Sauter, J.R. Hope and Andrew Weaver. Spencer Wiard converted a point-after-touchdown kick and Matt Sauter contributed a two-point run.

Pacing the Eagles' stellar running game were offensive linemen Jimmy Murray, Blake VanTiem, Jared Pitts, Kyle Wincone and Eric Jipping.

The PC defense was spearheaded by Wiard, who notched three interceptions as well as a touchdown-saving tackle.

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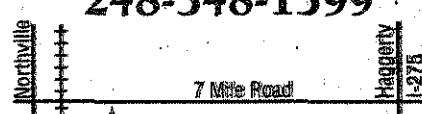
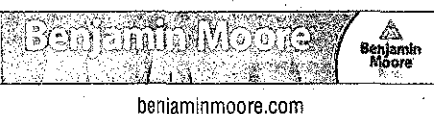
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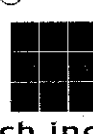
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Whalers struggle in home opener

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth Whalers were weekend golfers, they'd be looking to get a mulligan for Saturday night's home-opener against Erie.

The 6-1 loss to the Otters was comparable to shanking a tee shot into the woods on the opening hole.

Plymouth was missing four of its most effective clubs, er, players — goalie Jeremy Smith; forwards A.J. Jenks and Chris Terry; and defenseman Michal Jordan — all of whom were competing for roster spots at NHL training camps.

After Plymouth's Joe Gaynor knotted the contest at 1-all 1:44 into the second period, the Otters ruled the night, scoring the final five goals.

The loss dropped the Whalers' record to 0-2 while Erie evened its mark at 1-1.

Among the Otters' highlights were a pair of penalty-shot goals by Anthony Luciani, who accomplished the rare feat after getting dragged down on break-aways during the game's final 12 minutes.

Both of Luciani's net-finders were scored against Whalers back-up goalie Scott Wedgewood, who relieved starting goalie Matt Hackett at the beginning of the third period.

Hackett stopped 26-of-30 Erie shots.

The play on the ice was a lot closer than the final score would indicate as Erie registered just three more shots on goal than their hosts — 40-37.

However, Otter net-minder Jaroslav Janus stuffed the Whalers on several pin-point scoring opportunities.

Erie's Shawn Szydlowski, a native of St. Clair Shores, enjoyed a productive night for the winners, tallying a pair of goals and an assist.

The Otters' Ryan O'Reilly, the first-round pick in the 2007 Ontario Hockey League draft, also sparkled, recording a goal and a pair of helpers.

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Canton resident John Rupert has already made a name for himself at two-month-old Pinnacle Race Course in Huron Township.

HORSES

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where I was working, and I'd pull my truck up to the gate over there," recalled Rupert, a highly respected horse trainer at the flashy new track. "I'd watch the earth-movers and bull-dozer push the dirt around and I'd think to myself, 'I can't believe this is really happening.'"

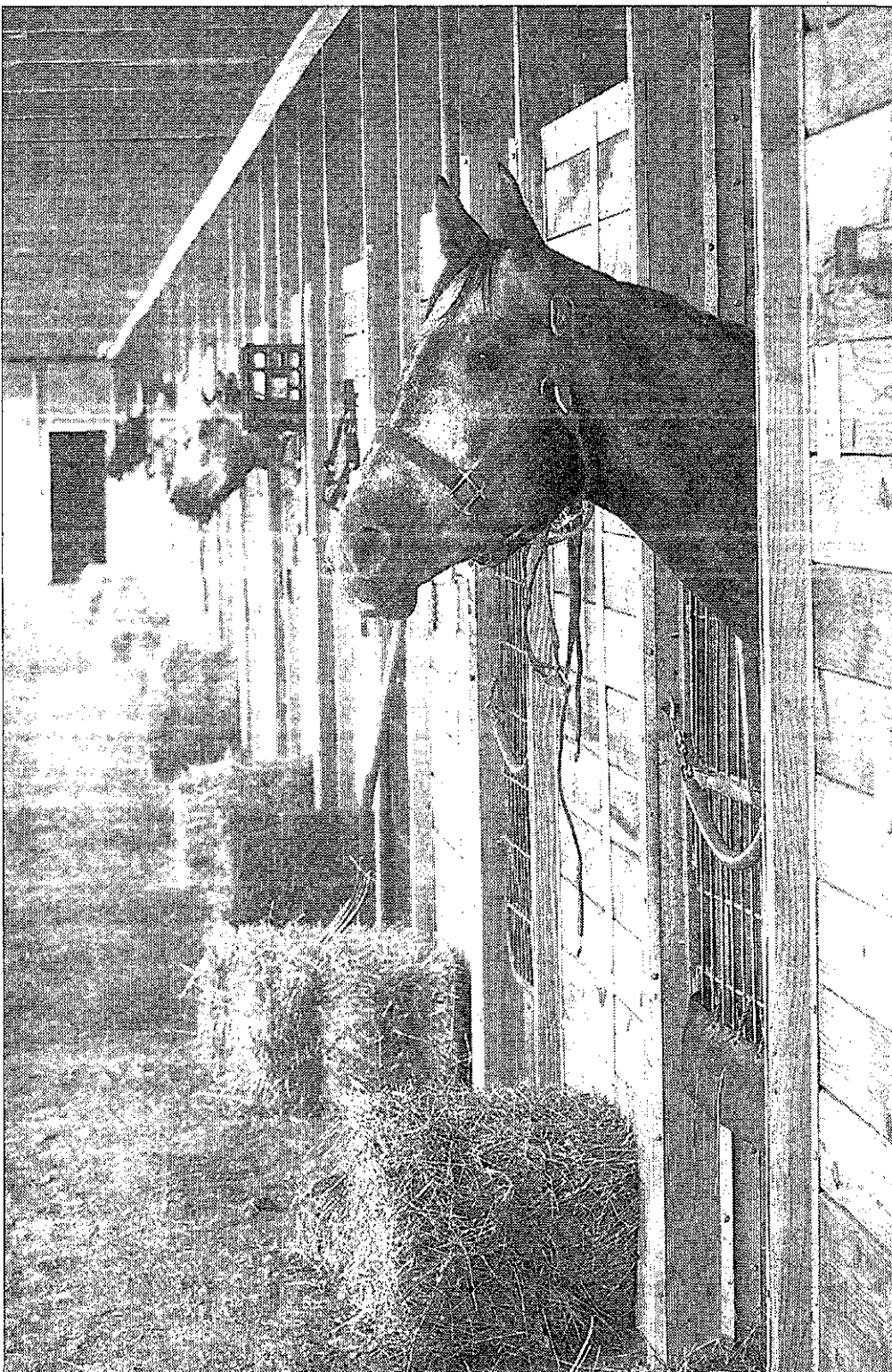
"To turn what once was a swamp into what we have now in less than a year, well, the people who are behind this — the Campbells, Mr. (Robert) Ficano — deserve a lot of credit. This place has given guys like myself a chance to come home again."

A job like no other

After Ladbroke DRC closed its Livonia doors for the last time nearly a decade ago, Rupert packed up his belongings and moved to Muskegon — the home of Great Lakes Downs, a thoroughbred race course that struggled financially until it was sold last year.

While in Muskegon, the 48-year-old native of Mount Clemens strengthened his reputation as a dependable trainer who could get the most out of horses — regardless of whether their price tag was \$4,000 or \$400,000.

"I couldn't ask for a better way to make a living," beamed Rupert. "When I was a kid



Tuesday was an off-day for John Rupert's four-legged athletes, a few of which are pictured in their stalls at Pinnacle Race Course.

— probably 10 or 11 — I used to skip school and go over to a farm not far from my house. I'd feed the horses and actually started riding them. I knew right then I wanted to be a jockey — it was in my blood."

Rupert's ambition became

reality in 1976 when at the age of 16 he was hired to race horses professionally.

His jockey career lasted five years until a growth spurt put an end to it.

"When I was in my mid-to-late-teens, I was a little guy; I

probably only weighed about 99 pounds," said Rupert. "But when I got into my early-20s, I got some meat and potatoes in me, my body started maturing, my weight shot up and I was too big to be a jockey."

That's when his passion

shifted from riding horses to preparing them to race.

Changing lanes

Like all worthwhile professions, the transition to trainer required years of training for Rupert.

"This isn't a job where someone can just walk in and say, 'I'm going to be a trainer,'" Rupert emphasized. "You really have to start from the ground up and work with the horses and work around good horsemen for several years, which is what I've done."

"You have to know what to do if a horse gets sick. Who's the best blacksmith to shoe the horses? Which riders have the best statistics? You have to know what kind of nutrition your horses need. There's a lot more involved in it than what most people think."

Rupert said the job includes working up to 15 hours a day, seven days a week while the track is open from July through November.

But he's not complaining.

"One of my favorite parts of this job is waking up and getting here in the morning because I can't wait to see the horses," Rupert said. "I'll mingle with the other trainers to see how their horses are doing. I love it."

"The best thrill, though, is walking to the winner's circle after a race knowing your horse crossed the finish line first. It doesn't matter if it's a \$4,000 horse or a \$100,000 horse — it feels good to win."

"I could never ask for a better job. I've tried a few jobs, but this is the only one where I've never had a bad day. I come to work and — even if the horses aren't running well — I love the job."

Rupert said he's optimistic Pinnacle will thrive despite the worsening economic conditions that are plaguing the metropolitan Detroit area.

"So far, so good," he said.

"The horsemen would like to see the numbers up a little bit, but considering how the economy is these days, I think we're on the right track."

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Salem's Sal Savage (foreground) fends off the defensive tactics of Livonia Stevenson's Christopher Long during Tuesday night's clash at Stevenson.



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SOCCER

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The Rocks' back-up keeper made a key diving save on Stevenson's Joey D'Agostino with only 3:25 left.

Salem also played the final 59 minutes without senior defender Jace Beardson, who went off with a knee injury.

"We went from goalkeeper

(Sasa Miskovic) who is probably among the top 10 percent goalkeepers in the state to a guy who has only played one game," McCarthy said. "That's why played a little more conservative and we didn't want to move (senior sweeper) Kevin (Cope) up. I didn't know what to expect, but tonight he (Allen) was very good."

Stevenson tried to create some buzz late in the game, only to have the potential game-

winning goal by Nate Sergison disallowed with 2:19 left due to an obvious offside call.

"I told the boys at halftime I had a strange vibe tonight," Richters said. "That last game we played with confidence and it was fun. I don't know if the nerves got to us or affected our performance. Unfortunately we did not bring the same level of play."

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Churchill blanks Chiefs 3-0 to seize control of division

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's boys soccer team is proving to be as proficient at attaining goals as it is at scoring them.

Fueled by a crisp-passing offensive attack and an airtight defense, the Chargers blanked Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division rival Canton, 3-0, Tuesday night on the PCEP varsity soccer pitch.

Churchill didn't lock up the division title with its ninth straight triumph, but it certainly has two hands on the padlock. The Chargers are now 7-0 in the South (and 9-2 overall) with three games to play. The Chiefs dropped to 7-4-3 overall and 5-2 in the division.

"After we lost our first two games (to state powers Livonia Stevenson and Northville), we made it our team goal to win 10 games in a row," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs. "Now we're one away from that."

"Tonight we moved the ball better than we have all season against a very good defense. These guys play as a team — they play for each other."

The Chargers lost just one player to graduation heading into this season.

"That's huge because they all knew what to expect coming in," said Friedrichs. "I didn't have to spend a lot of time teaching them the basics. We've

been able to work on extra stuff."

Churchill netted the only goal it would need 15 minutes into the contest when Etienne Lussiez scored off a magnificent crossing pass from Max Washko.

Approximately 10 minutes later, Tim Devine padded the Chargers' cushion to 2-0 after he secured a pin-point pass from Adam Bedell.

The Chiefs came within an eyelash of cutting their deficit in half early in the second stanza when junior Kyle Breitmeyer banged a 30-yard free kick off the cross-bar. Teammate Sherif Hassanien controlled the rebound six yards in front of the goal, but his quick blast rolled just wide of the left post.

Canton threatened again with 23:30 left when Kyle Wingham roped a low, sizzling shot that Churchill keeper Josh Andrezewski cradled with both hands.

The winners put the icing on the cake with 6:43 to play when Jakub Herout banged a laser into the lower-left corner of the net to make it 3-0.

"The first time we played Canton (a 4-2 Churchill win), it was a back-and-forth game and they were more dangerous than they were tonight," said Friedrichs.

PREP SOCCER

PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 1: On Tuesday in a match played on the PCEP varsity turf field, the Wildcats prevailed thanks to goals from Kyle Anderson, Bradley Finnegan and Danny Jasewicz.

Plymouth is now 6-7-1 overall and 3-3-1 in the KLAA South.

"We did what we had to do tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

Anderson's goal was assisted by Jasewicz.

The Patriots' lone net-finder was tallied by Zach Miller.

Kyle Brindza (first half) and Joshua Hill split time in net for the winners.

The Wildcats take on Canton tonight at 7 p.m. on the PCEP soccer pitch.

CANTON AGAPE 4, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 2: On Tuesday at Independence Park in Canton, the Wolverines improved to 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Calvary dropped to 1-12-1.

Donald Mullett continued to shine for Agape as he registered two goals and an assist. Josiah Wyatt and Billy Martin also found the back of the net for the Wolverines.

Justin Benbow sparkled in net for the winners, recording 11 saves. Ethan Walker anchored the Agape defense.

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Hills bring out best in Wildcat runners

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While some runners cringe at the sight of agonizing hills, members of Plymouth's girls cross country team embrace them.

Battling cross-campus rival Canton on Cass Benton's anything-but-flat course, the Wildcats surged to a 24-31 victory to improve their record to 3-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Chiefs slipped to 1-2.

"We're a strong hill-running team," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "We trained a lot on hills during the pre-season because I knew we had a lot of meets at Cass Benton, which is a very hilly course."

"I was very pleased with the way the girls ran today. I told them before the race that if they executed the plan I gave them, they'd win. I told each one of them who they had to beat and they did it."

Plymouth freshman Nicole Traitses crossed the finish line first in 19:57.

"I knew she'd do well," Kerwin said of Traitses, "but I didn't expect her to win the race. She ran great."

The Wildcats sealed the victory thanks to a 4-5-6 finish by Molly Slavens (20:10), Beth Heldmeyer (20:16) and Kelly Hahn (20:39). Julie Forster closed out the winners' scoring with an eighth-place showing in 21:31.

Rocks fall

Salem dropped its first dual meet of the season Tuesday, 24-31, to Novi at Cass Benton. The Wildcats improved to 3-0 with the win.

Jordyn Moore was Salem's top finisher, placing second in 20:32. Kelley Determan was next for the Rocks, earning fifth-place points with a time of 21:01.

Salem's other scorers were Kelly Kerwin (seventh in 21:08), Linda Ling (eighth in 21:14) and Kara Booms (10th in 21:19).

Chiefs 2nd in Monroe

Canton placed second at Saturday's Monroe Jefferson Invitational, which was held at Sterling State Park. Canton finished with 59 points, 20 more than first-place Brighton. Livonia Franklin placed third with 122.

"It was nice to see the girls run fast; we're heading in the right direction," said Canton coach Eric Pahl.

Bianca Kubicki was the Chiefs' top finisher,



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Beth Heldmeyer helped lead Plymouth to a key cross country victory over Canton Tuesday afternoon.

placing fourth in 19:40. Also scoring were Rachel Rohrbach (fifth in 19:45), Sarah Thomas (10th in 19:58), Abigail Gorzalski (17th in 20:44) and Emily Southern (23rd in 20:56).

Salem splits

The Rocks divided into two teams Saturday with the "A" team placing 10th in the Jackson Invitational at Sharp Park while the "B" team took 10th at the Catholic Central Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

Saline captured the Jackson Invite with 54 points. The Rocks compiled 239.

Jordyn Moore was the lone Rock to medal, placing 25th in 20:07. Also scoring for Salem were Kelley Determan (41st in 20:41), Shannon Griffiths (53rd in 20:59), Kelly Kerwin (60th in 21:01), Kara Booms (62nd in 21:02), Linda Ling (81st in 21:33) and Phoebe VanHoof (91st in 21:59).

The "B" team was paced by Autumn Burin, who medaled with a 36th-place showing in 22:26. Also scoring were Jessica Rocheleau (55th in 23:24), Amanda Beyer (58th in 23:42), Alex McHugh (63rd in 24:08), Emily Willer (65th in 24:14), Rachel Morrison (68th in 24:23) and Bethany Haller (70th in 24:32).

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'Cats remain unbeaten in KLAA South

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys cross country team is headed north in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division thanks to runner who lives a couple thousand miles east.

The Wildcats earned a significant dual-meet victory over Canton Tuesday afternoon — 22-33 — in a KLAA South showdown at Cass Benton Park. Plymouth is now 3-0 while the Chiefs dropped to 2-1.

Swedish exchange student Elmar Engholm continued to lead the Wildcats, placing first with a time of 16:54. Canton's Kyle Clinton was second in 16:56 while Plymouth's Derek Lax was third in 17:23.

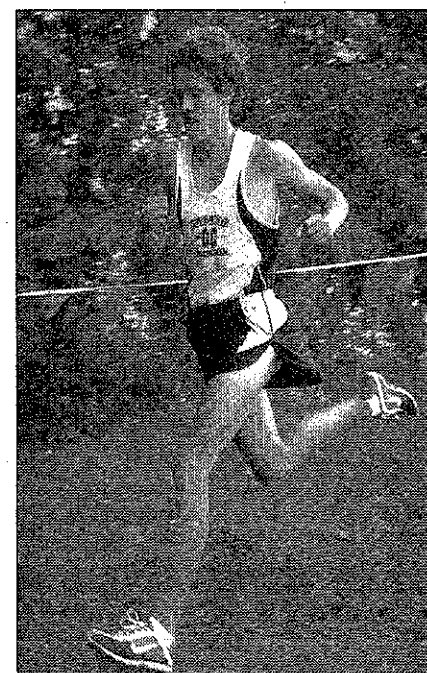
"With the exception of Kyle Clinton and a couple of other guys, we did not run well," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "We need a few more upper-classmen to step up and start running better."

Rounding out the scoring for Plymouth were Warren Buzzard (fourth in 17:32), Matt Neumann (fifth in 17:33) and Joe Porcari (ninth in 17:54).

Additional scorers for Canton were Zach Spreitzer (sixth in 17:41), Mitch Clinton (seventh in 17:50), Steve Watts (eighth in 17:51) and Miles Felton (10th in 17:58). Mitch Clinton and Felton are both freshmen.

Salem nipped

In a battle for first place in the KLAA Central Division, the Rocks were upended by Novi, 22-35.



Salem's Matt Devey, pictured during a meet earlier this year, placed fifth in the Rocks' dual-meet loss to Novi Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park.

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The Wildcats' Mike Blaszczyk, T.J. Butler and Dan Egner placed 1-2-3, respectively, to cement the win. Mike Charara was Salem's top runner, placing fourth in 17:05, 23 seconds behind Blaszczyk. Also scoring for coach Geoff Baker's contingent were Matt Devey (fifth in 17:07), Jason Smith (sixth in 17:12), Alex Lang (eighth in 17:40) and Neal Gerlach (12th in 18:20).

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Canton Lions pull off dramatic comeback, 40-37

The Canton Lions varsity football team overcame an early 17-point deficit to defeat Farmington, 40-37, Sunday afternoon at Farmington High School.

Lions quarterback Jamarl Eiland torched the Rockets' secondary with help from receivers Kyle Durham, Luke Denzer, and Scott Gring. The offensive line, led by center Danny Stropes, created holes for Malcolm Hollingsworth.

Eiland's big-play mentality carried over to the defensive side of the ball as well as he intercepted two passes.

Chandler Berlin registered a key second-half sack for the winners.

The Lions JV unit dropped

a 28-8 decision to the Rockets. Daniel Jipping scored the lone TD before Evan Thomas tacked on a two-point kick.

Defensive standouts for Canton included Jake Stropes, James Hall, Charles Turfe, Andrew Hunt, Nathan Hamel, Daniel Kilgore and Austin Fisher, who recovered a fumble.

The Lions freshmen were edged 26-21. Shaw Lyall staked the Lions to a lead with just under two minutes left, however, Farmington scored a short time later to claim the victory.

The Lions' offense was paced by Jordan Burg, Ryan Schlieger, Carter Kahl, Patrick Wayne and Austin Stoneburg. The defense was ignited by the hard hitting of Damarcus

Kaigler, Issac Jackson, and Jakob Wickens.

Justin Reynolds rushed for three 40-yard-plus touchdowns as the Lions junior freshmen contingent played well against Farmington.

Noah Brown added another long run to the goal line while Myles Wagstaff and Lucas O'Brien played key roles on the offense. Shining for the defense were Nicholas Krone, Tony Shembri, Avery Olson and Kollin Murray.

Steelers varsity triumphs

The Plymouth Canton Steelers varsity squad

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

improved to 4-0 with a 30-13 triumph over the Lake Area Hawks. Anchoring the O-line were Cameron Dillard and Nate Pearce. Kendall Scott led the way for the Steelers on both sides of the ball with his running and tackling skills.

The Steelers were energized by the tough defensive play of Joshua Mayberry and Alec Breckenridge. Michael Kennedy added two interceptions at crucial points in the game.

The JV Steelers blanked the Hawks, 12-0. The offense was

led by Zach Rhodes and Joshua Morris, who caught a long pass in the second half. Devin Cameron provided strong running while Anthony Colaluca shone on the offensive line. Vincent Crespi and Thomas Nelson III gave the Hawks fits on defense.

The Steelers freshmen team lost 26-14. Scott Gregor and Joseph Paz were O-line catalysts. Defensively, the Steelers were led by Zach Davenport

and Jacob Stephan.

The Steelers junior freshmen scored on their first play and were bolstered by strong defensive play from Billy Flohr and Marvin Hamm. Offensively, the Steelers' running backs enjoyed great success due to consistent blocking from Cameron Miller and Ben Wright.

Charles Shreve ignited the home crowd with an acrobatic, highlight-reel 25-yard catch.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2007 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning September 25, 2008. Comments received during the public comment period or during two public hearings to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that OCTOBER 6, 2008, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations postmarked by October 6, 2008 will also be accepted.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-September 16, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call:** Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Brit Winter, Tom Casari, Mike Sheppard, Carolyn Cox, Debbie Janice, Mike Rorabacher, Anna Stump, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Jeff Goulet, Brad Sharp, Abe Vinitski, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Sean Fletcher, John Weyer, Greg Hohenberger. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC: 2009 TOWNSHIP BUDGET** Items for discussion: 1. Supervisor's Office 2. Treasurer's Office 3. Clerk's Office 4. Administration 5. Finance & Budget 6. Public Safety 7. Municipal Services 8. Leisure Services 9. Wrap-up. **Other:** Supervisor Yack stated a Special Meeting to adopt the budget will be held on September 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the entire budget are available in the Clerk's office for viewing during regular business hours.

— Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk —

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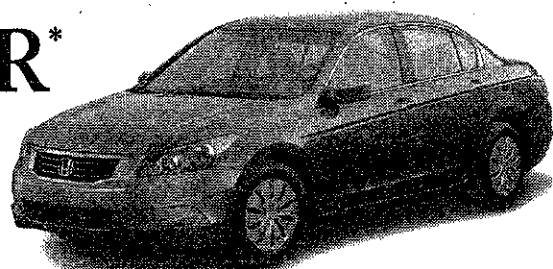
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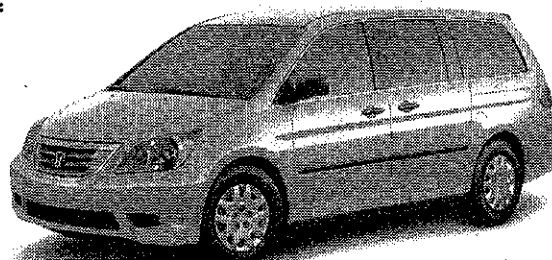
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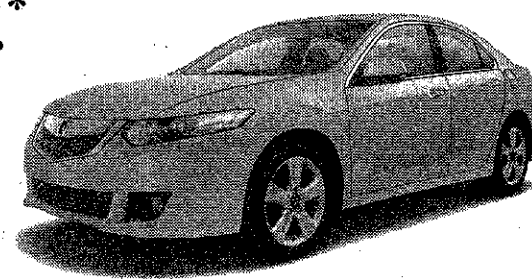
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improve my first-place record to 36-11.

Garden City/Redford Sports Editor Tim Smith and Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons also compiled 9-2 marks last week to stay in the hunt with 31-16 records.

Following are this week's games and picks.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED)

LIVONIA STEVENSON (3-1, 2-0) AT NORTHVILLE (3-1, 2-0): A year ago this game would have had "lopsided rout" written all over it — and it still might, but in pencil, thanks to a

strong rebound season from the Mustangs. Northville is no longer the push-over it was the previous few seasons and the Spartans have shown they have a few dings in their armor. Expect a lot of points. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Northville); Emons (Stevenson).

SALEM (0-4, 0-2) AT SOUTH LYON EAST (0-4, 0-2): Judging by Friday night's near-miss against powerful Novi, the Rocks may be the best 0-4 team in the state right now. They're just nine points away from being 2-2 as they dropped a 20-14 decision to Walled Lake Northern and a 17-14 verdict to the Wildcats. Both teams need a win for morale purposes. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem); Emons (Salem).

PLYMOUTH (3-1, 1-1) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (1-3, 0-2): A pair of spread offenses will square-off in this key KLA

South contest on the Chargers' turf. Plymouth hopes it can pick up on the momentum it gained in the second half of last week's win over Wayne when they outscored the Zebras 29-8 over the final 24 minutes. The Chargers are coming off perhaps their best showing of the season last week when they battled Franklin to the wire. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth).

WAYNE MEMORIAL (0-4, 0-2) AT CANTON (3-1, 1-1): The Chiefs will be looking to rebound following a tough Week 4 overtime loss to Westland John Glenn. The Zebras showed glimpses of promise against Plymouth last week, but couldn't finish drives. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton); Emons (Canton).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN (3-1, 2-0) AT WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-2, 2-0): First place in

the KLA South is up for grabs in what promises to be a down-to-the-wire dandy between two surging teams. One week after upsetting state-ranked Canton, the Rockets' defense will have their second hands full again against the Patriots, who are averaging 41 points a game. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Smith (Glenn); Emons (Franklin).

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (3-1, 2-1) AT MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH (2-2, 1-1): The Trojans have outscored the Mustangs nearly 3-to-1 during the first four games and will be motivated to show that last week's setback to Lutheran Northwest was a fluke, not the start of a trend. **PICKS:** Wright (Cville); Smith (Cville); Emons (Cville).

INKSTER (3-1, 1-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-3, 0-3): The Cougars will be hard-pressed to keep up with the Vikings'

explosive offense. Garden City has struggled mightily after winning its opener. **PICKS:** Wright (Inkster); Smith (Inkster); Emons (Inkster).

REDFORD THURSTON (2-2, 2-0) AT DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS (4-0, 2-0): Less than a decade since the Cougars could barely find enough players to field a football program they have turned the corner and are cruising on the highway to success. The winner of this Mega Gold showdown will be in the driver's seat to a conference crown. **PICKS:** Wright (Annapolis); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Annapolis).

REDFORD UNION (1-3, 0-2) AT GIBRALTAR CARLSON (2-2, 1-1): The Panthers have had a tough time moving the ball as their 13.5 scoring average indicates. That's not a good sign against a Gibraltar defense that has yielded just 66 points in four games. **PICKS:** Wright (Gibraltar);

Smith (Gibraltar); Emons (Gibraltar).

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (2-2, 1-1) AT REDFORD COVENANT (3-1, 2-0) - 4:30 P.M.: Covenant has yet to allow a point in its two Southern Michigan Conference games. That streak will be in peril against a Southfield Christian unit that has averaged nearly 30 points a contest. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

SATURDAY'S GAME

LUTHERAN WESTLAND (1-3, 1-2) AT BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK-KINGSWOOD (1-3, 1-2) - 1 P.M.: The Warriors' offense needs to get untracked to keep its post-season playoff hopes alive. So far, they managed to put just 38 points on the scoreboard. The Cranes are allowing more than 35 a game, so the time is now for LW. **PICKS:** Wright (LW); Smith (LW); Emons (Cranbrook).

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Washington at Dallas
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Monday, September 29, 2008
Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Rocks net Monroe title

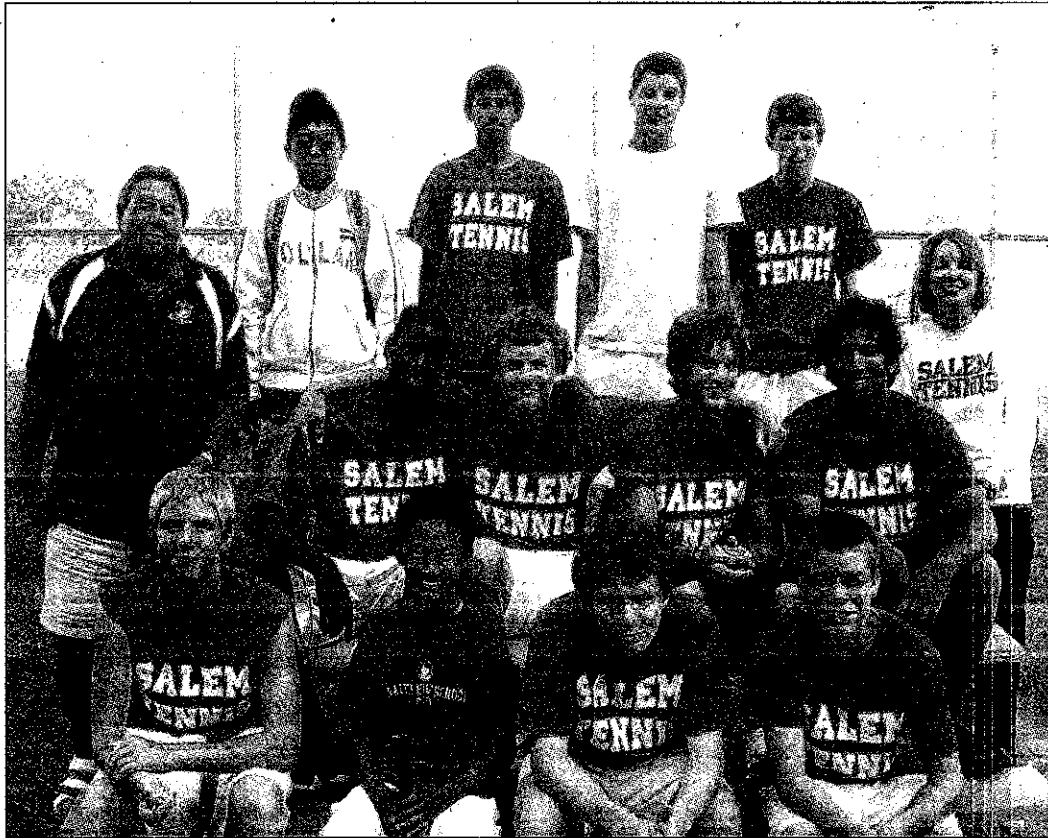
Salem's boys tennis team continued to over-head slam its competition Saturday when the Rocks captured the Monroe Classic.

The Rocks compiled 21 points to out-distance second-place Farmington and Dexter, both of whom finished with 16. Woodhaven (12), Monroe (10), Temperance-Bedford (9), Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (8) and Wayne Memorial (4) rounded out the field.

All four Salem singles players — No. 1 Brett Foster, No. 2 Brock Foster, No. 3 Dion Walker and No. 4 David Benson — went 3-0, as did the No. 1 doubles team of Josh Perrin and John Kang. The Rocks' other three doubles team lost just once each: No. 2 Andy Steinman-Vishnu Rajendran; No. 3 Surya Nagarajan-Michael Keum; and No. 4 Tyler Foley-Greg Seliewski.

SALEM 6
LIVONIA STEVENSON 3
Monday at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Erik Koch, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Brock Foster (S) def. Clatyon Northey, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Dion Walker (S) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Dave Benson (S) def. Josh York, 6-0, 3-0 (default).
No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (S) def. Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Simjae Holman-Rayos-Josh Rochette (LS) def. Andy Steinman-Jose Peres, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Surya Nagarajan-Michael Keum, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse (LS) def. Tyler Foley-Greg Seliewski, 7-5, 7-5; **No. 5:** Bohdan Pelekh-Zemik Pelekh (S) def. Jeff Sondergaard-Paul VanGilder, 6-4, 6-2.

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Salem's boys tennis team rocked the competition at Saturday's Monroe Invitational. Pictured are (front row from left) Andy Steinman, Michael Keum, Brett Foster, Greg Seliewski, (second row from left) Dion Walker, Brock Foster, Dave Benson, Surya Nagaraja, (third row from left) coach Bill Nelson, John Kang, Vishnu Rajendran, Josh Perrin, Tyler Foley and coach Lin Ware. Not pictured is Jose Peres.

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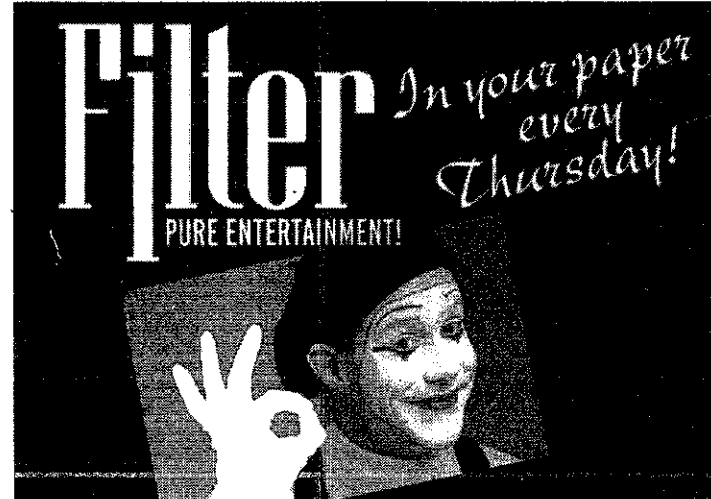
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OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. ☎292940

SEEKING SINCERITY

SBF, 5'4", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for a down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. ☎285607

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WAM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. ☎281229

GREAT-LOOKING BF...

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! ☎233172

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. ☎284371

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. ☎217685

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. ☎287305

A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when you meet me! ☎287067

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman who is ready, willing, and able to commit. ☎27803

A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. ☎289151

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. ☎292913

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, waiting to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. Friendship first. ☎230694

HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life's simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks, walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎241298

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. ☎280650

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Petite SBF, 38, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. ☎281372

ARE YOU LONELY?

Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. ☎91247

HAVE A GOOD HEART?

WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more. ☎283250

MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. ☎287856

WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! ☎287187

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

W/WF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. ☎276914

A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 66, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? ☎271085

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 30s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. ☎275171

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF, 27, mature, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. ☎282578

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. ☎283444

GIRL NEXT DOOR

Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'5", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. ☎233577

IN SEARCH OF

a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. ☎288886

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 5'5", 150lbs, love cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 35-60. ☎284318

SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, kind SM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. ☎284932

KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBWM, 18-25, who keeps it real. ☎287598

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. ☎285613

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 5'5", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎115198

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Seeking to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎303008

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SM, 53, proportionate, 5'8", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. ☎245846

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/girls. ☎207254

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S WM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. ☎282618

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎258058

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-68, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎287030

FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257908

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, plain-looking, H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, ND/drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. ☎759445

CHOCOLATE TREAT

Refined, romantic, creative, down-to-earth, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. ☎281187

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GIVE ME A CALL!

SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-50, with great sense of humor. ☎289546

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72, I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. ☎275970

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 43, 5'9", 150lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎922943

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, whose sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎289646

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...

your investment. SBM, 58", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. ☎293155

SEMI-RETIRED

SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-30, with similar interests, to settle down with. ☎2393

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN?

SWM, nice-looking and friendly seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship. ☎292944

LOVELY AND READY

SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF, who is similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. ☎680305

A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

GOOD GUY WITH A BIG HEART

WM, 5'10", brown/blue, likes music, boating, going to movies, dining out, camping and having a good time. Seeking outgoing, fun W/F, 29-38, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. ☎282659

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. ☎48201

HOW ABOUT A DATE?

WM, 6'6", 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-50. ☎288482

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Educated SWPM, 37, looking for SWF, 28-56, for friendship first. I love theater, movies, good conversation. ☎292523

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎84601

CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

SEEK LOYAL WOMAN

BM, 6'1", 275lbs, enjoys reading, movies, sports, comedy clubs and more. Would like to meet an intelligent, down-to-earth, sincere, trustworthy, patient BF, 34-50, petite/medium build, to enjoy life with. ☎293546

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. ☎291990

LET'S MEET!

SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's you! ☎282393

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, air fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LET'S GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎126302

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. ☎592418

TRUE GENTLEMAN

WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. ☎283604

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, kind, intelligent BF, 55-65, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎86147

COUGAR LOVER

Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. ☎244280

GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently

Late-blooming Longeway earns O&E men's golf title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Longeway didn't get serious about the game of golf until he was 32.

Twenty years later, Longeway continues to prove that you're never too old, especially when it comes to winning tournaments.

His latest conquest came Sunday during the final round of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open where he overhauled Madonna University junior Steve South of Westland for the title by a stroke at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C.

The Northville Township resident earned his first O&E crown by shooting 71 Saturday at Livonia's Fox Creek and added a 75 Sunday at Whispering Willows for a two-day total of 146.

South held a two-shot lead heading into the second-day of play after firing a blistering 69 on Saturday, only to fall back with a 78 on Sunday after four-putting and taking a triple-bogey on the par-13, 213-yard No. 15 hole.

"Steve played well, he only had one bad hole which probably cost him the tourney," said Longeway, who runs a health insurance firm for small to mid-size employers. "I settled down on the back side. On the front side I was trying to hold on. I was five-over on the front and even on the back."

Former O&E champion Jim Omietanski, the boys varsity golf coach at Livonia Stevenson High, finished with the co-low round of the day at Whispering Willows with a 73 (tying Matt Wiley). Omietanski shot a 75 at Fox Creek for a two-day total of 148.

"I made a few more putts today (Sunday), but I really couldn't get anything close," Omietanski said. "I was one-over on the back and two-over on the front."

Former Livonia Churchill High golfer Chris Kiehler and Stevenson High junior Drew Mossioan, the low net winner, tied for fourth with 149 each, while defending O&E champ William Himm and former

Churchill standouts Mike Lawton and Tommy Lucko were one shot back each at 150.

It's been a good summer for Longeway, who finished eighth last June in the Michigan Senior Open and won both the match and medal play rounds at the Western Golf & Country Club Championships where he is a member.

On Sunday, he birdied the tough par-4, 439-yard No. 10 hole and made par on the par-4, 341-yard No. 11. On Whispering Willows' No. 1 handicap hole, the signature par-4, 390-yard No. 2, he took a double-bogey.

On Saturday, Longeway got hot with five birdies in six holes (Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13).

"That's where I got it back to even-par," he said.

For his efforts, Longeway won a \$375 gift certificate and first-place trophy, while South took home a \$195 gift certificate and trophy.

Longeway, like South, attended Livonia Franklin High School.

"I played a little intramural golf in high school," he said. "Once I joined Washtenaw Country Club, I started as an 11-handicap and got down to a scratch. I've taken a handful of lessons, but Randy Erskine (a Michigan PGA pro) is the one who got me going. When I learned how to chip, that got me going. You have to learn you to get up-and-down. You practice, practice, practice. That's how I learned how to play."

The first-flight winner for handicaps 9-and-up was another Churchill Charger, Dan Higham, a Livonian who ran away with the title shooting 79-76 for a two-day total of 155. Higham was the first-flight winner in 2006.

Jim Matthews of Livonia was runner-up in the first flight with a 168 and Sal Petrulis of Howell placed third with a 169. See complete results.

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GOLF RESULTS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS

Sept. 21 at Fox Creek G.C.

Sept. 20 at Whispering Willows G.C.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Dan Longeway (Northville Township), 71-75-146; 2. Steve South (Westland), 69-78-147; 3. Jim Omietanski (Livonia), 75-73-148; 4. (tie) Chris Kiehler (South Lyon), 72-77-149; Drew Mossioan (Livonia), 74-75-149; 6. (tie) William Himm (Livonia), 76-74-150; Mike Lawton, 74-76-150; Tommy Lucko (Livonia), 73-77-150; 9. Matt Wiley, 79-73-152; 10. (tie) Ron Herczak, 79-74-153; Josh Proben (Livonia), 76-77-153; 12. (tie) John Brown (Detroit), 76-81-157; Andrew Roussos, 78-79-157; 14. Bruce West, 80-79-159; 15. (tie) Dave Reese, 78-82-160; John Wallace, 81-79-160; 17. (tie) John Corrigan (Farmington), 80-81-161; Daniel Tacker, 78-83-161; 19. Paul Rys, 77-86-163; 20. Brian Sharplin, 83-82-165; 21. Kevin Robinson, 85-82-167; 22. (tie) James Mlynarczyk, 80-90-170; Ron Pummill, 78-92-170; Steve Robinson, 83-87-170; 25. (tie) Don Donohue, 85-86-171; Kevin Furlong, 82-89-171; 27. (tie) Ron Ambrose, 85-87-172; Mark Johnson,

85-87-172; 29. (tie) Fred Emory, 84-89-173; Justin Weigand, 87-86-173; 31. Joe Robar, 86-90-176; 32. Doug Harmala, 94-85-179; 34. Zoz Compagnari, 93-101-194; 35. Steve Ponke, 80-withdraw; 36. Matt Corrigan, 82-withdraw; 37. Jeremy Lindlbauer.

Low net: 1. Drew Mossioan; 2. John Brown; 3. William Himm; 4. (tie) Josh Proben and John Corrigan.

FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Dan Higham (Livonia), 79-76-155; 2. Jim Matthews (Livonia), 87-81-168; 3. Sal Petrulis (Howell), 85-84-169; 4. Riley Butcher (Tucson, Ontario), 82-88-170; 5. Steve Szymanski (Rochester Hills), 81-90-171; 6. David Pleschki, 84-91-175; 7. Sam Williams (Livonia), 88-88-176; 8. Doug Campbell, 90-88-178; 10. (tie) James Allison, 90-89-179; Brian Cheesman, 90-89-179; 12. Ty Hies, 90-92-182; 13. (tie) Steve Barker, 93-90-183; Lewis Jefferies, 88-95-183; 15. Brad Przysiecki, 97-102-199; 16. James McAvoy, 117-98-215; 17. Charles O'Loughlin, 112-111-223; 18. Rick Wheeler, 88-withdraw; 19. David Lindlbauer, 90-withdraw; 20. Ryan Diehl, 93-withdraw. **Low net:** 1. Steve Szymanski; 2. Riley Butcher; 3. (tie) Sam Williams and James Allison.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 26

Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 25

Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26

PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 25

Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, TBA
Salem at Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Sept. 27

Plymouth boys at Falcon Invite, TBA
Plymouth and Salem girls at Haslett Invite, TBA

BOYS TENNIS

Friday, Sept. 26

Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Salem at Woodhaven Warrior Classic, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Friday, Sept. 26

Plymouth at Franklin, 3 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Canton at Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 25

Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Rock Mauer Invitational at Salem, noon

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 25

Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27

S'craft at Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.), TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 27

Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 26

Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27

Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Salem rebounds to spike Mustangs in 5-game thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Instead of hanging their heads Tuesday night in the face of a daunting deficit against Northville, members of Salem's volleyball team hung an incredible comeback on the Mustangs.

Trailing 2-1 in games, the Rocks rallied to bounce their hosts in a down-to-the-wire thriller 25-14, 16-25, 18-25, 25-11 and 15-3.

Coach Amanda Suder's squad is now 8-1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

"I was impressed with how the girls came back strong in the final two games after losing the two previous games," said Suder. "We struggled with a lot of hitting errors early on, but came on strong in the end."

"Kelly MacDonald and Nicole

Merget were the two biggest reasons we were able to pull this one out. Kelly played a great defensive match and Nicole was our attack tonight."

MacDonald finished with a team high 18 digs while Merget compiled 24 kills and three aces. Salem setter Jansan Falcusan had her typically brilliant performance, finishing with 38 set assists, three aces and eight digs.

Suder also praised the play of Katie Parr (12 digs) and Kristen Johnson, who played well on the front row.

JOHN GLENN 3, PLYMOUTH 2:

The Wildcats dropped a heart-breaking five-gamer to the host Rockets Tuesday night.

"Both teams played a great match tonight," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland.

"Unfortunately, we made too many mental errors at crucial points.

"We allowed Glenn to make runs on us. In game two, we allowed a nine-point run and in game four we allowed a six-point run. We ended up losing both of those games because we did not have someone stepping it up to stop their momentum."

The match see-sawed back and forth all night. Plymouth captured the opening game and the third game, 25-20 and 25-22, respectively. Glenn took the second and fourth games by identical 25-20 scores before edging the 'Cats in game five, 15-12.

Plymouth dropped to 8-6-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAASouth Division.

"I am looking for my players to step up and battle through when teams being to make runs," McCausland concluded.

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Plymouth spikers earn silver at UM-D

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although Plymouth's volleyball team couldn't find its groove during the early stages of Saturday's U of M-Dearborn tournament, the Wildcats still managed to find a silver lining — and a silver title.

After finishing pool play with a 1-1-1 mark, the Wildcats rebounded to win the Silver Division at the talent-rich event by defeating Livonia Clarenceville (25-13, 25-10), Wyandotte Roosevelt (23-25, 25-10, 15-13) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-20, 25-14) in the do-or-die playoffs. The 4-1-1 day left Plymouth with an 8-5-3 mark.

"After the rough beginning during pool play, I was pleased with the way the team reacted to the line-up changes," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "They regained their mental focus and closed the door when the opportunity was there. It was a huge hurdle that we had yet been able to

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overcome.

"There is still a lot of work to be done, but the girls are making the progress as needed."

The trophy-winning performance was engineered by senior setter Katie Salo, who registered 120 set assists and 34 digs. Also shining were Briana Beyer (69 digs), Meg Quinlan (44 digs, 20 kills), Kayla Bridge (49 kills) and Dani Risi (34 kills).

"Dani really stepped up after switching to the outside-hitter position," McCausland noted.

Chiefs 4-1 at UM-Dearborn
Canton rode the strong efforts of Jordan Kieley and Kacy Moran to a stellar performance at the U of M-Dearborn tournament. The Chiefs cruised through pool play by upending Hamtramck (25-9, 25-10), Belleville (25-10, 25-13) and Plymouth Christian (25-16, 25-13) before knocking off Allen Park Cabrini in the Gold Division quarterfinals, 25-18, 25-19.

The Chiefs were eventually derailed by Farmington Hills Mercy in the semis, 25-19, 24-26, 12-15, to leave their record at 14-3.

"Our serving and defense excelled," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We served tough and took a lot of teams out of their offense, and our defense was making some great plays."

"Against Mercy, we started out strong in game one and game two was close — there were a lot of great plays by both teams — but in game three our serve-receive wasn't as strong as it had been and we couldn't run our offense effectively with the passes we were making."

Kieley had an all-around great day, recording 63 kills and 42 digs, while Moran chalked up 92 assists and eight aces. Other standouts included Shelby Anthony (18 aces and 46 digs), Gina Waite (46 digs) and Kristen Muir (49 digs).

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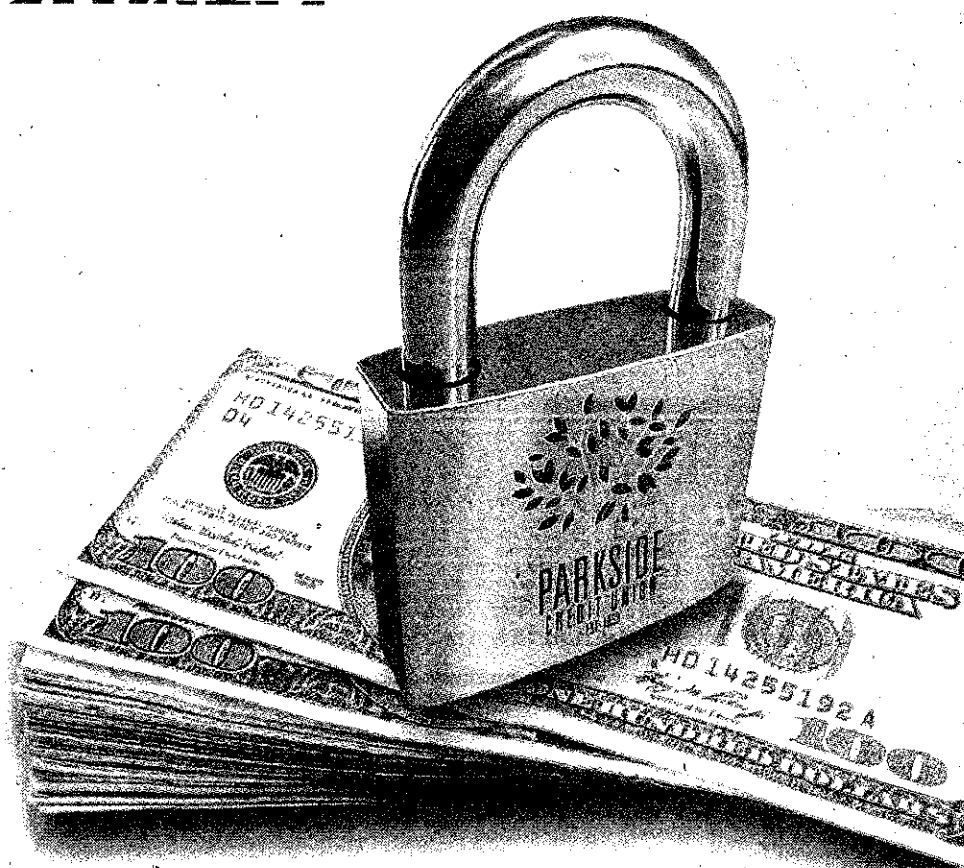
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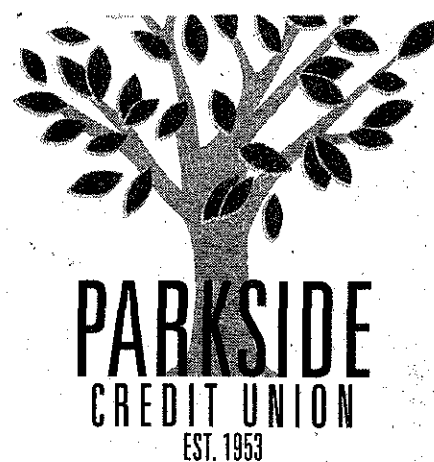
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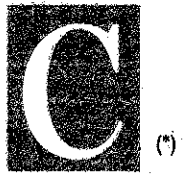
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THAW helps people stave off winter's chill

This information is from the Web site of The Heat and Warmth Fund.

What is THAW?

The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in December 1985 by a coalition of representatives from businesses, social service agencies and concerned private citizens, in partnership with area utility companies. THAW provides energy assistance to low-income families and individuals during times of temporary financial crisis through local community agencies.

How does THAW work?

People whose service is off or who have a utility company shut off notice or nearly depleted heating fuel may apply for THAW at one of 100 community agency sites located in 70 counties throughout upper and lower Michigan. Trained counselors interview the applicant, verify eligibility, and complete an online THAW application. THAW pays the utility or fuel provider directly.

How do I know my donation will get to the truly needy?

THAW's eligibility guidelines include providing proof of income and need. All applicants are screened by caseworkers at agencies in their community who verify eligibility. Applicants must have already applied for any other available assistance prior to coming to THAW.

How does one get help?

To find the nearest THAW agency (site) location, call (800) 866-THAW (8429), 2-1-1 in southeastern Michigan, or visit the Web site at www.thawfund.org.

Where are applications taken?

THAW screening sites are local community agencies, familiar with available community resources. Sites include Salvation Army Corps and Community Action Agencies in each county we serve. THAW is committed to working through local agencies because low-income applicants often have other needs such as food or counseling, which can be addressed at a multi-service agency. THAW helps eliminate duplication between private and government programs and serves as an information resource on energy



assistance.

What is the average amount of assistance an individual/family receives from THAW?

Our average payment is \$375 per utility (plus the match from THAW's utility partners), to prevent a shut-off or to restore services. Often a family will be able to make payment arrangements to pay on a bill over time if THAW helps pay a part. Applicants must have made some payment on their account in recent months.

How can one donate?

There are a number of ways to donate to THAW. To charge a donation using Visa, MasterCard or American Express call (800) 866-THAW or contribute via THAW's secure Web site at www.thawfund.org.

Donations can be made payable to THAW and mailed to:
The Heat and Warmth Fund
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Additionally, DTE Energy, MGU (Michigan Gas Utilities) Inc., and SEMCO Energy enclose appeals for donations in their utility bills during the winter months. MGU customers can add a donation to their monthly bill with their payment. Donations go directly to THAW.

Can I make a gift or memorial contribution?

Yes. Many people prefer to give charitable contributions to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and memorials. You will receive acknowledgment of the donation and a card will be sent announcing your gift (without referencing the amount) to the person of your choice. Call (313) 226-9348 for more information.

How much of my donation will actually go to pay someone's bill?

Because THAW receives support for administration and operations from utility companies, foundations and

others, all donations received from the public go to help needy families pay their energy bills.

What do the utility companies contribute?

THAW Fund has the commitment and partnership of all the utility companies in the areas we service. Each contributes in a different way. In addition to providing funds towards administrative costs, utility companies provide in-kind or donated services, such as meeting facilities or printing. DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, SEMCO Energy and MGU match all customer contributions. Many deliverable fuel/heating oil companies also contribute to THAW.

Aren't people protected from shut-off in the winter?

Utility companies may voluntarily protect some low-income people. Seniors are protected by law from November to March; however, this protection does not ensure bill payment. Without payment, accounts are subject to shut-off when the protection period is over. Deliverable fuel customers do not qualify for shut-off protection.

What is THAW's relationship with other funds, such as Peoplecare?

THAW is an independent nonprofit organization — not a program of a specific utility. While the generosity of our utility partners helps us educate the public and increases the power of our contributions, many other organizations contribute to THAW as well.

THAW participates in several collaborative activities with agencies providing energy assistance such as the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm, the Southeast Michigan Community Energy Initiative, and the National Fuel Fund Network to look for long-term solutions to energy assistance issues.

Whenever possible, agencies work together to coordinate services for applicants and to avoid duplication. THAW works with agencies throughout the state that were formerly part of MichCon's Heat Bank program. Peoplecare funds collected by Consumers Energy are disbursed through Salvation Army offices, many of whom are also THAW screening sites.

Real estate lawyer knows best

Q: I am wondering whether or not an easement that we have over an adjacent property can be extinguished by adverse possession?

A: It is reasonably clear that the owner of a servient estate (the property burdened by an easement) may extinguish the easement held by the



Robert Meisner

owner of the dominant estate (the property benefited by an easement) if the holder of the servient estate

acts openly, notoriously, exclusively, adversely, continuously, and uninterrupted to exclude use of the easement by the holder of the dominate estate for the statutorily established period of time, which is 15 years in Michigan. While there are a number of evidentiary hurdles that must be established, it is possible for that easement to be extinguished and you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer.

Q: We run a condominium association where we want to provide that no more than 20 percent of the units can be rented at any given time, that the unit has to be owner occupied or vacant before renting, and that any owner could rent no more than three units. We also included a hardship provision. An amendment was approved by 2/3 of the co-owners here in Michigan. Now one of the co-owners is claiming that the provision is unenforceable. What do you think?

A: Each case has to depend on its own considerations. In a similar case in California, the court upheld that type of provision and generally, restraints on restrictions are enforced since they are not deemed a "restraint on alienation." However, you should consult with your attorney with respect to this particular matter:

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

State offers home heating credit, deadline Sept. 30

Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu recently noted that the Sept. 30 deadline to apply for Michigan's Home Heating Credit in 2008 is quickly approaching. The credit assists low-income people with winter energy bills.

"Many times, low-income residents face financial challenges in paying their winter

heating bills," said Isiogu. "The Home Heating Credit is one way to assist them. The Michigan Public Service Commission encourages low-income people to apply for this important credit before the deadline — September 30."

The Home Heating Credit is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

(LIHEAP) grant. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The form (1040CR-7) may be obtained by calling (800) 827-4000. It is also available on the Department of Treasury's Web site: michigan.gov/heatingassistance.

Eligible customers must have their homestead in Michigan, must own or rent the home in which they live,

and income must fall within certain limits: one exemption, maximum income of \$11,243; two exemptions, \$15,072; three exemptions, \$18,900; four exemptions, \$22,729; five exemptions, \$26,558; and six exemptions, \$30,386.

Add \$3,829 for each additional exemption. Special exemptions are available if you are deaf, blind, a person with a disability or age 65 or

older.

"Low-income customers may also be eligible for other assistance programs administered by utilities and consumer agency programs, and should contact their utility company for more information," Isiogu added.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Labor & Economic Growth.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 2-6, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| Canton | |
| 41823 Conner Creek Ct | \$230,000 |
| 6430 N Ridge Rd | \$465,000 |
| 42317 Saratoga Cir | \$160,000 |
| 584 Sorel Dr | \$282,000 |
| 49764 Taft Ln | \$411,000 |
| Farmington | |
| 20963 Meadowlark St | \$165,000 |

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| Farmington Hills | |
| 27835 Berrywood Ln | \$84,000 |
| 35835 Castlemeadow Dr | \$233,000 |
| 36290 Congress Rd | \$224,000 |
| 32235 Craftsbury Rd | \$170,000 |
| 30982 Huntsman Dr W | \$375,000 |
| 39257 Lancaster Dr | \$215,000 |
| 36511 Quakertown Ln | \$220,000 |
| 28917 Ramblewood Dr | \$145,000 |
| 29424 Regents Pointe | \$127,000 |
| 22615 Shadowglen Dr | \$246,000 |
| 29185 Sunridge | \$300,000 |
| Garden City | |
| 29425 Rosslyn Ave | \$73,000 |
| Livonia | |
| 19677 Antago St | \$98,000 |
| 14630 Garden St | \$137,000 |
| 31243 Hathaway St | \$135,000 |
| 29631 Lyndon St | \$164,000 |
| 37930 Margaretta Dr | \$100,000 |

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 14451 Melrose St | \$151,000 |
| 20035 Wilburn St | \$91,000 |
| 15772 Swathmore Ln | \$230,000 |
| Northville | |
| 16497 Lincoln Dr | \$325,000 |
| 16038 Morningside | \$143,000 |
| 16040 Morningside | \$145,000 |
| 250 Rayson St | \$730,000 |
| 43680 Nine Mile Road | \$268,000 |
| Novi | |
| 45253 Bartlett Dr | \$117,000 |
| 45284 Bartlett Dr | \$352,000 |
| 27460 Belgrave Pl | \$355,000 |
| 25426 Buckminster Dr | \$229,000 |
| 26551 Glenwood Dr | \$600,000 |
| 24500 Hampton Ct | \$200,000 |
| 41772 Independence Dr | \$142,000 |
| 23540 N Rockledge | \$86,000 |
| 22140 Parth Ct | \$433,000 |
| Plymouth | |

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 42519 Applecreek Dr | \$165,000 |
| 9231 Elmhurst Ave | \$158,000 |
| 14967 Lakewood Dr | \$194,000 |
| 12236 N Canton Center Rd | \$258,000 |
| Redford | |
| 11315 Brady | \$102,000 |
| 15070 Delaware Ave | \$135,000 |
| 17730 Gaylord | \$100,000 |
| 11400 Leverne | \$90,000 |
| 11421 Royal Grand | \$44,000 |
| 9305 Tecumseh | \$147,000 |
| Westland | |
| 8105 Coventry St | \$66,000 |
| 8606 Diane Ct | \$135,000 |
| 32240 Grandview Ave | \$75,000 |
| 8170 Ravine Dr | \$186,000 |
| 36000 Schley St | \$32,000 |
| 758 Superior Pkwy | \$183,000 |



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Roost service

Roost Inc. (www.roost.com), a comprehensive search engine for finding your dream home, announced the launch of its service in Southeastern Michigan, extending its coverage to the Detroit metro area (Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties), as well as Ann Arbor and rural

areas spanning from Washtenaw County to the Thumb. The addition of these new listings gives homebuyers accurate and up-to-date homes for sale listings of single-family homes, new construction and for sale by owner properties on the Web and provides real estate agents with a streamlined and effective way to connect with home seekers. Roost has initially teamed up with Real Estate One, the largest broker in Michigan, and one of the largest brokers in the country, in promoting the launch. As the 11th largest designated market area in the country, the addition of Southeastern Michigan expands Roost's network by more than 110,000 for sale listings. To develop listings, Roost forms partnerships with local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) boards one community at a time. By contrast, other real estate search sites largely depend on broker feeds

and other third party sources which are often unreliable and outdated. Roost's listings are always current because they are tied directly to the MLS. In this competitive real estate market, outdated information can quickly lead to frustration if a listed property has been sold or taken off the market.

Roost's services in Southeastern Michigan are available within the Detroit MLS board boundaries.

"The Detroit-area real estate market is a challenging one with falling prices and a tough economic climate. However, people who do plan to buy need accurate information they can act on in confidence. That's where Roost comes in," said Alex Chang, CEO of Roost. "The MLS tracks and updates both new listings and price changes frequently, and Roost makes that information immediately available, either by searching or through e-mail alerts. By using Roost, we know users will be better armed to make

smart decisions in their home buying quest."

Condo operation

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards. All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) will sponsor Certified Aging-in-Place (CAPS) seminars: "CAPS I: Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility" on Wednesday, Oct. 1; "CAPS II: Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility" on Thursday, Oct. 2; and "CAPS III: Business Management for Building Professionals" on Friday, Oct. 3.

The three seminars will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of Wake-Pratt Construction will teach strategies and techniques for marketing, designing and building aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments.

To be certified as an Aging-In-Place Specialist, participants must complete all three courses and submit a graduation application to the NAHB University of Housing.

Upon approval, graduates may use the CAPS designation.

This course counts toward precertification and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.

Registration fees are \$155 per course for NAHBR members, \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$250 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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| Northern Financial | (248) 988-6488 | 5.625 | 0 | 5.375 | 0 | J/A/V/F |
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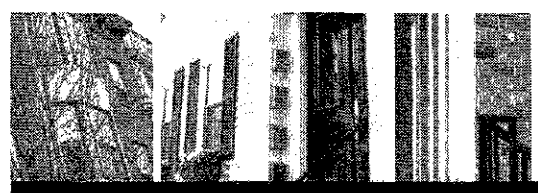
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Why GM Loves All Its Remaining Brands

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By Dale Buss

General Motors has been trying to peddle a suddenly outmoded Hummer brand for several months now, with no takers so far. But it is still dogged by questions about whether the company wants to unload anything else.

"It's reasonable that people would ask" whether GM plans to fold other brands too, said Mark LaNeve, GM's North American vice president of sales. "It's never bothered me."

But here are seven reasons why, in the view of LaNeve and others, GM will hold on to its other remaining brands:

Hummer is unique: It is the only GM brand that "could be fairly easily separated both from a dealer point of view and manufacturing," said David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Two are too valuable: As today's linchpins of what remains of the overarching GM brand strategy first conceived by Alfred Sloan, Chevrolet and Cadillac are very secure. Chevy is the industry's biggest brand and carries GM to the mass market. Cadillac has re-established itself as the premier domestic luxury brand.

"All the big players in the world have a foundational brand, and a luxury / premium brand, and in our case we've made it clear that they are Chevrolet and Cadillac for us," LaNeve said. "It also helps that they're increasingly global brands."

Focus of new products and marketing: LaNeve asserted that the pipelines of most of GM's remaining are filled with exactly the kinds of vehicles that the market shift because of fuel prices will demand in the near and medium-term future.

"Eighteen of our 19 upcoming new models are cars or crossovers," he said. "And if you look at our performance back a couple of years, our share in each one of those segments has grown marginally. We've lost a couple of share points



The restyled CTS is one big reason Cadillac remains GM's luxury anchor.

because we're mixed in so heavily with trucks. It's very evident what kind of vehicles we needed to develop for all of our brands, and we've been doing that."

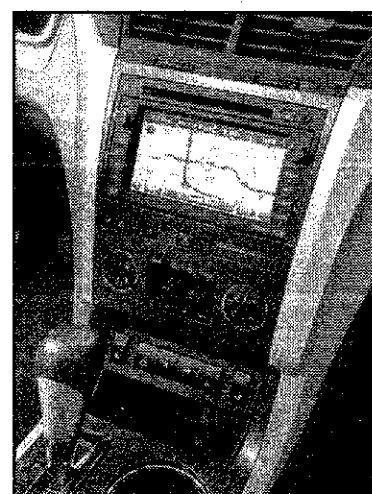
Lessons from Oldsmobile: GM got rid of Oldsmobile several years ago because it had become superfluous for a sensible brand architecture that barely could accommodate both Pontiac and Buick. GM executives have learned two indelible lessons directly from their Oldsmobile experience.

First, caveat dealers. While GM knew it would have some issues to work out with dealers who had individually invested millions of dollars in their Oldsmobile dealerships, most of them over decades, it wasn't prepared for the legal firestorm that hit when GM deep-sixed Oldsmobile. Some have estimated the lode at a total of more than \$2 billion in writeoffs and settlements; GM never has provided a figure.

Second, GM voluntarily sacrificed volume in the hundreds of thousands of units, partly in the expectation that its other brands would recover much of those. Buick, for example, had the most overlap with Olds, so the expectation was that many former loyal Olds buyers simply would switch to Buick.

Three are too intertwined: GM has learned how to inoculate three of its remaining brands - Buick, Pontiac and GMC -- against irrelevance by using a new marketing and manufacturing strategy. It has reorganized the three into one highly interrelated cluster of three brands.

They share more manufacturing capacity with one another than any other GM brands do; for example, both Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia, the



The navigation system of a Chevrolet Traverse LTZ, one of many new GM vehicles.

popular crossovers, are built on the so-called Lambda platform at GM's assembly complex in Lansing, Mich.

Similarly, GM has marshaled dealers into outlets for all three, instead of individual, brands. They can draw from Buick's lineup that focuses on midsize sedans, Pontiac's sportier and smaller cars and crossovers, and GMC's larger SUVs and pickup trucks.

Globalism has changed things: Each of the brands in GM's current U.S. portfolio is coming in increasingly handy because of the accelerating globalization of the auto business, LaNeve said.

Buick, for example, has proven popular in China, where GM's expansion is thriving; and Chinese designers are starting to influence the styling of future Buick models for the U.S. market.

While it began a generation ago as the all-American "import fighter," Saturn has evolved over the years into GM's European-style brand of fuel-efficient vehicles - and remains GM's flagship when it comes to distribution-system structure and dealer-customer relations.

Realignment of executive responsibilities: Last spring, GM realigned its U.S. marketing and field operations more strongly to support this overall brand strategy. It created four retail channels: Chevrolet, Premium (including Cadillac, Hummer and Saab), Buick-Pontiac-GMC, and Saturn.

LaNeve concluded that GM watchers "could debate it one way or another. But Toyota has three; Ford has four or five [brands]. Chrysler has three. How do you choose to go to market? I don't believe it's how many brands you've got - it's how you manage them."

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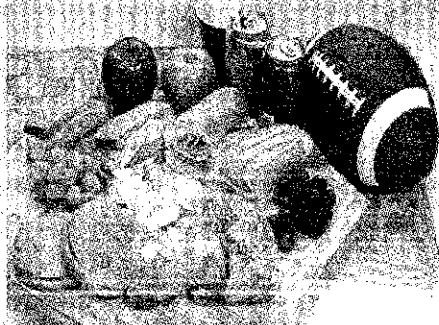
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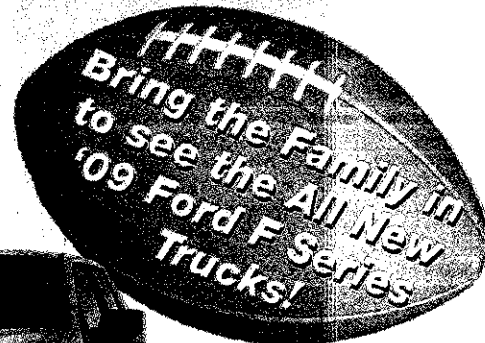
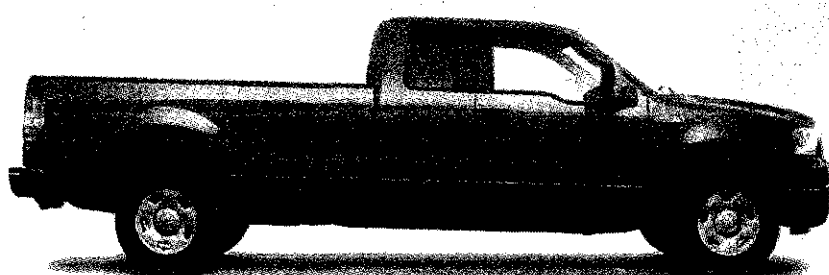
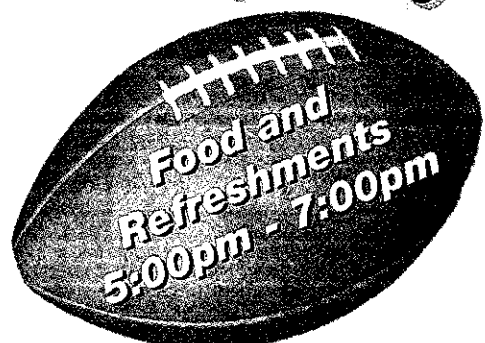
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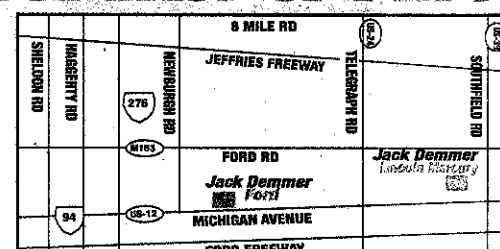
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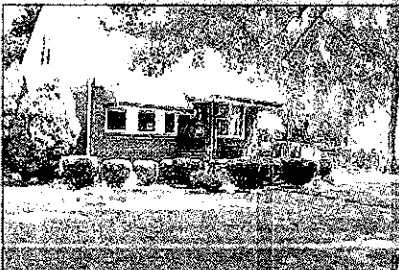
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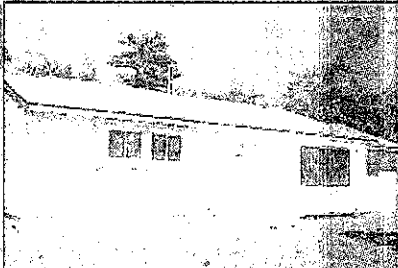
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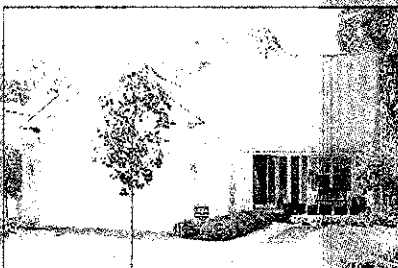
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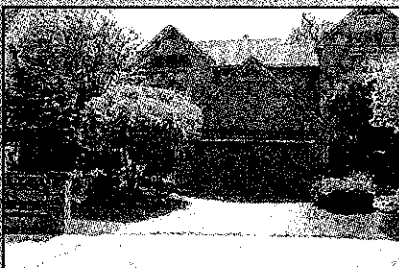
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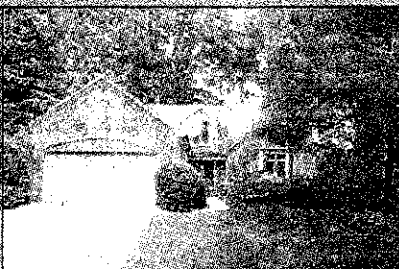
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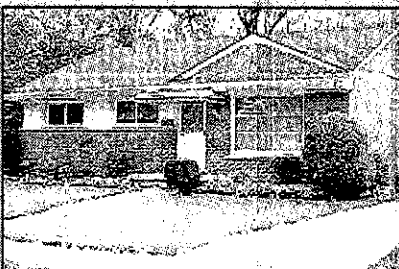
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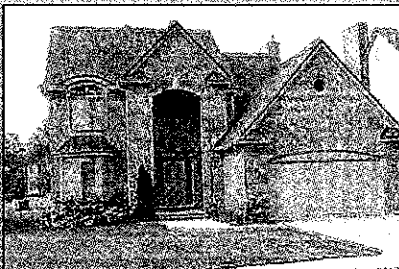
COMMERCE **\$175,000**
Updated 3 BR "Pottary Barn" doll house across from the lake. Beautiful fin. bsmt, newer wndws, furn & A/C. Kit w/ eating area & doorwall to deck. Refin hwdw floors. MLS 28117750 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **\$199,000**
3 BR brick ranch near spacious master suite w/ full bath & WIC. Open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings. Updated kit w/ appls. FR w/ fplc. bsmt. 2 car garage. MLS 28141161 248-855-2000



NOVI **\$250,000**
Contemp 3 BR 2 bath home w/ open floor plan & neutral decor. Kit has large bar counter & pantry. FFL. Bsmt. has bar & office. Large 2 level deck. Oversized garage. MLS 28126933 248-855-2000



LIVONIA **\$279,000**
4 BR home built in 2005. Large kit w/ granite cntrs, isl & maple cabs. Fplc in GR, bay wndw in DR, huge mstr. suite w/ vaulted ceiling, bath. Fin. bsmt. 2 car att. gar. MLS 28131312 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **\$299,000**
4 BR 2 bath colonial. Kit has maple cab, granite counter, SS appl. DR, FR w/ fplc. MBR w/ bath & WIC. Fin. bsmt w/ wet bar. Newer roof, hwdw flrs. 2 car att. gar. MLS 28146641 248-855-2000



COMMERCE TWP. **\$400,000**
4 BR, 2 bath Cape Cod. Hwdw flrs, granite island kit & nook w/ maple cabs & SS appl. 1st flr mstr w/ bath. GR, formal DR, 2 way fplc. Bsmt. 3 car side entry garage. MLS 28120477 248-855-2000



NOVI **\$445,000**
Beautiful 3600 sf 4 BR 3.5 bath colonial. Gourmet island kitchen is open to GR. Fplc. DR. Each BR has adjoining bath. FFL. Upgrades everywhere! Bsmt. 3 car att gar. MLS 28134323 248-855-2000



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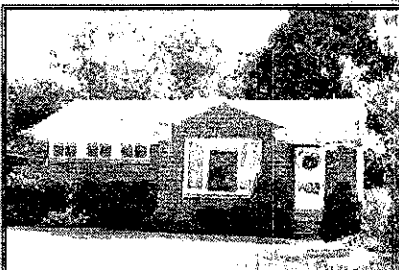
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