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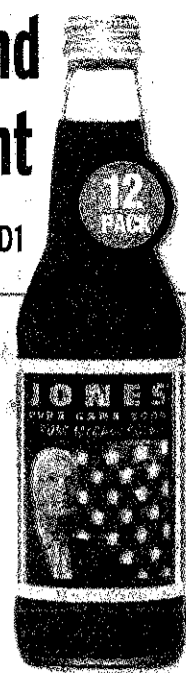
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Township, police officers reach 3-year pact

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Township officials approved a 3-year contract for Canton's police officers Tuesday night.

The negotiations between the township and the Police Officers

Association of Michigan spanned about four months. The contract is for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

"We had various meetings," said Finance Director Rick Eva. "I think it's a reasonable contract for both the police officers and the township. There was give and take between the two."

Unlike past contracts, where a 3-percent salary increase was pegged for each year, the new agreement calls for a 3-percent raise the first year, followed by a 2.5-percent raise the second year and a 2-percent raise the third year.

"It's the economy that is driving

that," said Eva, adding that another change calls for all new police officers to pay 5 percent of their health care costs.

The police officer's agreement is similar to the new contract recently approved for Canton firefighters.

Officials will negotiate the contract

for its clerical workers next.

"It's an ongoing process," Eva said, noting that the township negotiates with seven unions, including two that represent command officers in the police department.

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Videographers Robert Luther and Kenny Carter, Sound and lighting worker Mohammad Nasser, and director Michael Horgan are ready to begin a scene.

Nobody doesn't like Sara Lee

Middle schoolers
make film for
video contest

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Pioneer Middle School cafeteria was turned into a movie set this week to produce a 90-second video for a Sara Lee Foods contest that could result in a \$25,000 cash prize and lunch served by two *High School Musical* cast members.

Students in Jason Kay's eighth-grade media production class wrote storyboards and were the main actors in the video, which can only consist of K-8 students. The music for lyrics and technical work for the video — such as camera, lights and sound — is being performed by high school students in Janet Sutherland's video production class.

If they win, the money will be split between Pioneer and Sutherland's class.

"You will see a group of students who are excited about a Sara Lee bread product," Kay said. "The main character went to the doctor and, instead of being prescribed medicine, he was



Amber Cottrell, Victoria Kinsler, Laura Sieber and Mary Zelmanski look bored with their lunches.

given a loaf of whole wheat bread to turn his diet around ... and now he's healthy."

Emma Tardiff, 13, of Plymouth Township, was one of 30 students in Kay's class who helped write the storyboard.

"A lot of ideas went through our minds what we could do and the potential of this," Tardiff said. "Our whole class came up with a lot of ideas ... and many of them got used in some way."

Hundreds of students were extras in the video. And, like any movie, it took several takes to get each scene just right.

"You always are doing something like playing with your food or talking with someone," said Laura Sieber, 13, of Canton Township, one of the extras. "It was fun being a part of this."

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Some of township's finest hang it up for retirement

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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For the first time in 28 years, Sgt. Rick Pomorski will wake up Nov. 7 and not be a township employee. The same will be true for Sgt. Robert Sidor on Nov. 8, Battalion Chief John Hunter on Nov. 8 and Ed Olson, the township's fleet supervisor, on Nov. 15.

The four, along with Dianne Neihengen, former Canton Senior Center director, were honored by township officials Tuesday night for their years of service to the community.

"It feels like it's been

28 months instead of 28 years," said Pomorski, who joined the Canton Police Department in 1980 as a cadet. "Many people wake up and hate that they have to go to work but I get excited. Everyone has their days but for the vast majority (of my career), I've enjoyed it."

Pomorski, who has been active in nearly all of the department's special units, has spent 16 years in the detective bureau, initially as a detective before becoming supervising sergeant. During that time, he's worked a lot of "who-done-it mysteries."

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Party will honor Yack, raise funds for arts

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Township Supervisor Tom Yack's career will be celebrated Saturday at the Village Theater with a fund-raiser for the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

"Tom has a great passion for the arts and this is what he chose to do for his party," said Deborah Zevalkink, Yack's assistant.

"He doesn't like to think of it as something for him, but for the Partnership."

The celebration, which has been organized by the township and Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, will have a theater theme and will feature entertainment from The Grace Notes, the Spotlight Players, the Canton Concert Band and Destination Theatre. A silent auction will include 21 items, such as artwork, concert tickets and a "Tom Yack Momento Basket." The items have been donated by various residents and groups including the Cherry Hill Quilters, Charlie Mott, Orchestra Canton, Greg and Debi Greene and Ever After Productions.

Several area businesses will donate food for the event, including Main Street Catering, Holiday Market, Three Brothers Restaurant and Antonio's Cucina Italiana.



Retiring Canton Supervisor Tom Yack will be honored at a party Saturday at the Village Theater.

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Zevalkink said 300 people are already slated for attendance at the celebration, which is open to the public. Tickets are \$35 and proceeds will benefit the Partnership, a non-profit, cultural arts organization.

For more information on the Partnership, call (734) 765-7061.

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"Boy, we have had a lot of cases," he says, while glancing over a VHS tape that features footage of one of his cases that was shown on German television.

Pomorski, who decided on law enforcement as a career in the 11th grade, has a strong belief in the detachment of emotions until an investigation is over and has been driven by "catching the bad guy."

"I really feel Canton takes a professional approach to police work," said Pomorski, a married father of two sons. "We have a good bunch of guys here and it's bittersweet, but my time is up. I've got to go do something new."

Sidor, who was hired one day apart from Pomorski in 1980 and is known to everyone as "Rocky," said the township has been "a great place to work."

"I'm fortunate to be able to leave while I'm still happy," he said, adding that he's looking forward to spending more quality time with his wife, eight children and newborn grandson.

"I can't wait but I think it's going to be very strange not operating at the same level that I have for the past 28 years."



Pomorski



Sidor



Hunter

Sidor, who has been in the department's rapid response unit, detective bureau and field training officer program, has received more than 20 department awards and citations throughout his career, including being named Officer of the Year.

"When I was 18, I decided to (go into law enforcement) because it seemed like an interesting field and now, I can't see myself doing anything else," he said. "We have been well taken care of in Canton."

Like Sidor, Hunter says he's ready to spend more time with his wife and family.

"We've had to work birthdays and Christmas so I'm looking forward to this," he said, but added, "this has been hard because I'm not ready to sit in a rocking chair yet but it's time."

Hunter, who joined the fire department as a cadet in 1980, became a battalion chief in 2006. In one of many letters he has gotten throughout his career, one

was from a young mother who had overdosed on heroin and wrote Hunter to say that he had not only saved her life, but had brought

new meaning to it. "I have been really happy with my career," he said. "The best thing is that I got out safe without anything, traumatic happening, a lot of people can't say that."

As fleet manager, Olson oversees 171 on-road vehicles and hundreds of other pieces of equipment.

"I'm going to enjoy (retirement) and try to adjust," said Olson, who was praised as a "great role model" in township government by Municipal Services Director Tim Paas.

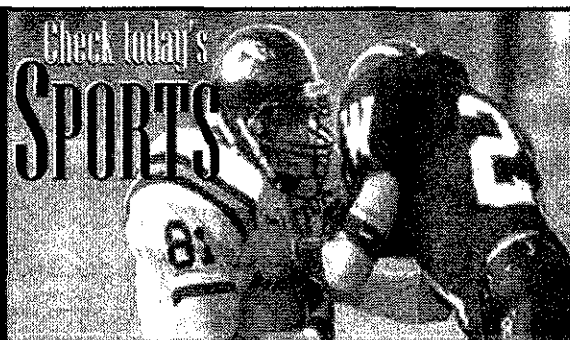
"I'm ready to go," Olson said. Canton Executive Director John Santomauro said while it's refreshing to see the retirements come after long careers, they are tinged with some sadness.

"When you lose this quality of people, it will be hard to duplicate," he said. "But it's good because we know how hard they have worked."

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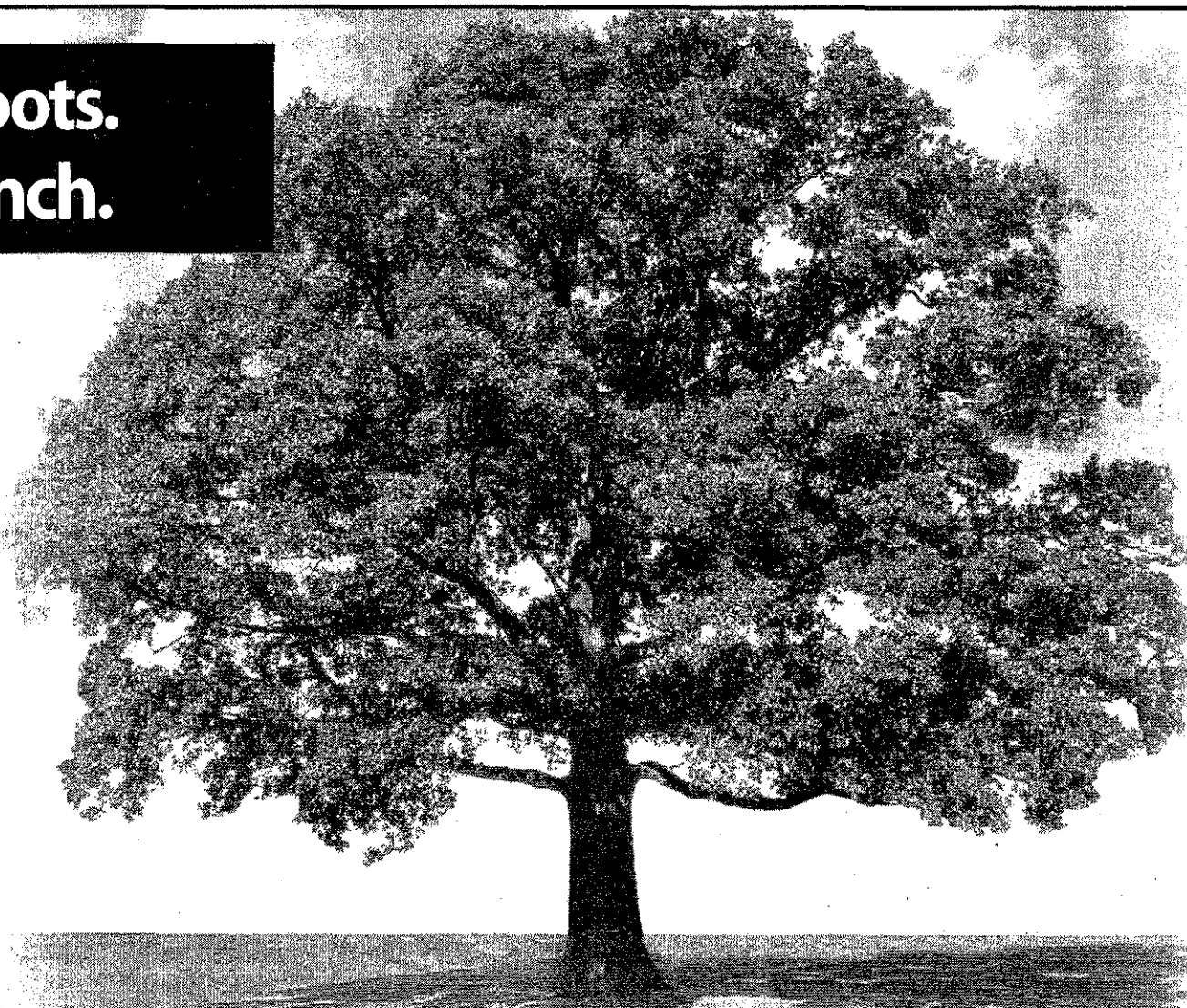


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Canton Economic Club

Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson will be the guest speaker at the Canton Economic Club luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit on the Park.

The luncheon is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 394-5185.

The Economic Club hosts semi-annual luncheons with special guest speakers. The luncheons were developed with the purpose of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

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 will host its next monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. The guest will be Deb Mulka from The Parent Talk System on Communications. The group is always looking for new members.

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

Business Network Professionals

Business Network Professionals, a local chapter of Business Network International, meets weekly from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island at the corner of Lilly and Joy roads. Any person in business in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding area is invited to attend as a guest and meet with other businesspersons, for purposes of networking, referrals, and supporting one another.

Contact Bill MacFarland, chapter president, at (734) 812-3845 for more information.

Salem sports fund-raiser

Salem High School wrestling and football teams are having a Texas hold-em poker fund-raiser Nov. 6 through Nov. 9 at the Shark Club of Canton on Ford Road just east of Lilley in Canton. Call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 if you have questions.

A Toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to raise funds for the Canton Rotary Club, elementary playground equipment and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 7, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (42600 Cherry Hill Road).

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. A large assortment of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available,

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\$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 or the Canton Supervisor's office at (734) 394-5185.

Seniors security seminar

The Canton Senior Safety Coalition and Canton Public Safety have scheduled their annual Seniors Safe, Sound & Secure seminar for Wednesday, Nov. 12, from noon-3 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This year's event will include guest speakers from The Senior Alliance speaking on HIV/AIDS concerns for seniors, Medicare fraud, Senior Alliance programs such as adult day care, caregiver support, holiday meals program and legal assistance. Speakers will also talk about Single Point of Entry — a clearing point for seniors who need help deciding if at home or nursing home care is needed. Police and fire personnel will also speak and have handouts available.

This free event includes a pizza lunch. For reservations contact the Canton Senior Desk at (734) 394-5485.

Salute to service

Canton will honor area servicemen and women who have served and who are currently serving in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The "Salute to Service" ceremony will recognize our military personnel in active duty and our veterans for their exceptional commitment and dedication.

Photos of Canton residents who are currently in our Armed Forces will be on display during this program. The public is encouraged to attend this free event, sponsored by Canton Township, Canton Community Foundation, and

Canton Veterans Memorial Association. A short program will take place on the Theater's main stage at 3 p.m.

For more information please call (734) 394-5193 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Sounds of Canton

The Sounds of Canton will perform a "We are the World" concert on at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 and 2 p.m., Nov. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The aged 55 and older singers will embark on a musical tour and pay tribute to our brothers and sisters around the globe with this cultural concert. Featured songs represent numerous cultures and countries, including songs such as "La Vie en Rose," "Somewhere My Love," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Brazil," and "Scarborough Fair."

Ticket are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park or the Village Theater box office. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

The Sounds of Canton singers welcome anyone 55 and older with a love of music to join their volunteer group. Often the group sings for fellow senior clubs, nursing homes, community clubs and school groups throughout the metropolitan area. For details check out the Canton Discover brochure, which can be downloaded at leisure.canton-mi.org.

For more information call (734) 394-5485, e-mail seniors@canton-mi.org, or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

Hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westland DPS Yard located at 37137 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials,



Bill Bynum & Co.

Bill Bynum & Co. will play the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 as part of the Village Theater's popular First Friday Studio Series. Songwriter Bill Bynum has been praised by music critics for his writing and performances. The band's core of guitar, dobro, fiddle, bass and harmony vocals can lean into bluegrass, veer toward country, or take listeners on a unique journey through Bill's original songs. Tickets are \$10. For ticket information visit www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater or call (734) 394-5300. To learn more about Bill Bynum & Co., visit www.billbynum.com.

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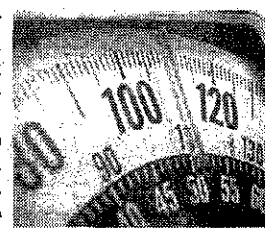
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WNIC personalities to host lunch at Buddy's

WNIC listeners are in for a treat because the winner of this month's Dining with the Stars will lunch with Lisa Barry, co-host of the WNIC Breakfast Club, and Kevin O'Neill, WNIC's weekday afternoon (2-7 p.m.) drive-time host.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Barry and O'Neill of WNIC-FM (100.3) at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

In addition to lunch with the WNIC radio personalities, 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



O'Neill



Barry

Hills. Barry, a lifelong metro Detroiter, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School. She received a singing scholarship to Olivet College, where she graduated with a degree in communications. She started working at the campus radio station and has spent her entire career in Michigan and mainly Detroit on-air at news talk and country radio stations prior to WNIC.

Barry, who has two children — Benjamin, 17, and Parker, 13 — enjoys traveling, movies, shopping and eating out. She

is active in her church and in the community.

After her son, Benjamin, spent an entire month in Beaumont Hospital — when a benign tumor was found on his spine — she selected The Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital as her children's charity of choice.

"During this time ... Buddy's was also nice enough to send over pizza to the hospital to cheer up Benjamin and share with the staff something that made my family forever grateful to the wonderful people at Buddy's," Barry said.

Staffers at WNIC describe O'Neill as "sweet, kind, funny and just a really nice guy."

O'Neill was born and raised in Cleveland and his mom knew that broadcasting was in his blood when, at the age of 6, she found him creating his own "radio shows" (Dick Clark-style) using a soup strainer for a microphone. The rest is DJ history.

Throughout his career, O'Neill has worked at a variety of stations, including those in Cleveland, Akron and Oberlin, Ohio, as well as in South Bend, Ind., and Houston. He was offered a job at New York's premier oldies station WCBS-FM and declined because he had little interest in becoming a New Yorker. Years later, O'Neill made it back to the Midwest and to the Detroit area he loves so much.

Becoming a part of the WNIC family on Labor Day weekend of 2004 was the "right thing to do," O'Neill said.

O'Neill's life would be changed forever — twice — when his son, Brendan, was born in 1982 and again June 11, 2007, when a quintuple bypass would save his life.

Dining With the Stars is co-sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

MADD warns stay sober for Halloween

Mothers Against Drunk Driving warns that the three-day Halloween period can be deadly for drunken driving, especially with Halloween night falling on Friday.

From Oct. 30, 2007, to Nov. 1, 2007, 66 people were killed by a drunken driver with .08 or higher blood alcohol content, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"We support enforcement efforts 100 percent in helping protect our children and our roadways this Halloween," said Richard Rondeau, executive director of MADD Southeast Michigan. "We want everyone to have fun, but drunk driving or providing alcohol to those under 21 can quickly turn a fun time into a very scary and terribly sad situation."

MADD has these tips to help ensure everyone's safety:

- Designate a sober driver before celebrations begin.
- Never serve those under the age of 21 alcohol.
- Plan safe parties, including providing non-alcohol drink options to guests and not serving alcohol the last hour of the party.
- Be prepared to get everyone home safe in care your plans or individual circumstances change.

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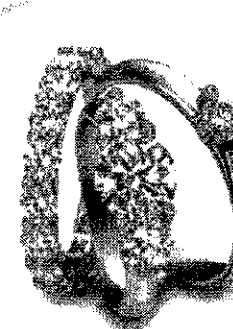
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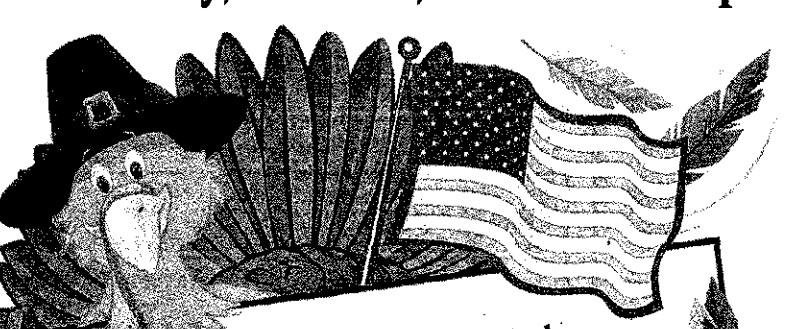
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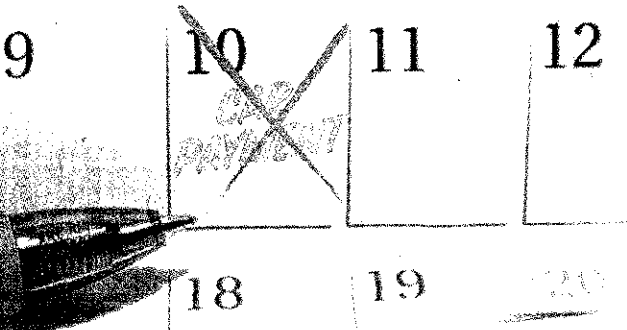
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Scott ready to be of service to WCCCD

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With no challengers facing her on the Nov. 4 ballot, Sharon Scott appears ready to clinch a six-year term as a 9th District Wayne County Community College District trustee.



Scott will replace departing Trustee Elizabeth Potter to claim an unpaid position once held for 12 years by Scott's husband, Ted, longtime

WCCCD board chairman and former Westland fire chief. "I think I can be of service to our community and the Wayne County Community College," Scott, 69, said.

As the 9th District trustee, Scott will represent an area that includes part of Westland, Canton, Belleville, Romulus and three townships, Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron.

Scott formerly served as the Wayne-Westland school board president and as a Westland City Council member, a position she quit in 2000 amid threats she would be recalled for her role in the firing then-City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Scott has moved on, and she has continued to stay involved in her community as a board member for the non-profit Westland Community Foundation and the city of Westland's Downtown Development Authority. She also has remained active in St. John's Episcopal Church.

As she represents a WCCCD area that includes the expanding Belleville-based campus, Scott said she hopes to get the word out that local high school students can apply for college scholarships through the Westland Community Foundation, which provides educational money every year.

Scott also vowed to work with WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery, describing him as "a very capable chancellor who has got a lot of great ideas" for the 72,000-student, five-campus community college.

Scott's decision to seek a trustee seat marks a return to her involvement in education. She said she served over eight years on the Wayne-Westland school board before leaving in June 1991 and becoming a city councilwoman several months later.

"I enjoyed my tenure on the Wayne-Westland school board very much," she said. "Those were the best years of my polit-

SHARON SCOTT

Age: 69
Residence: Westland
Education: Wayne Memorial High School graduate, attended Henry Ford Community College.
Family: She and husband Ted have three adult daughters and five grandchildren.
Community involvement: Westland Community Foundation, Westland Downtown Development Authority, St. John's Episcopal Church, Wayne High Alumni Association, Westland First Citizen Award 1990, Westland Summer Festival co-chair 1976

ical career."

Scott also has personal ties to WCCCD. Her 19-year-old grandson, Theodore Scott Moore, attends the western and Downriver campuses.

Although she had supporters and detractors as a city councilwoman, Scott described herself as pleased by the reception

she received when she talked with people about seeking a WCCCD trustee position. "It was very positive when I got out and started meeting people," she said. "The reception was very good."

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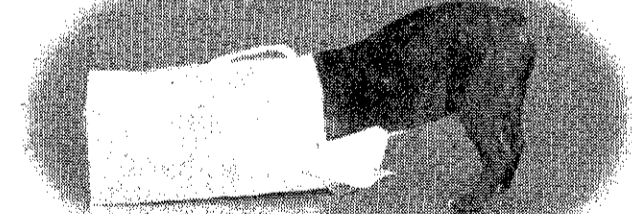
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Style without the attitude

Sisters put their own touch into Hair Vibe salon

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine an "uptown Mayberry" barbershop with some slick styles and cuts? Hair Vibes.

The salon, located at 8589 North Lilley Road in the Golden Gate plaza, was taken over by three sisters in August 2007 and has begun to take on a new identity under its new ownership.

"I have worked in larger salons with all of the drama and I am not having it here," said stylist Mel Quinn, whose sisters, Marianne Della and Kathy MacKenzie, have joined her in business. "We don't have any attitude here and we have a lot of fun together."

Quinn, who has been a stylist for 20 years, had been at the salon for about four years when the previous owners announced they were moving and wanted to sell the business.

"It had always been a dream of Mel's to have her own salon and I had been looking for business opportunities," said Della, who was working in the insurance industry. "Being that there were three of us, no one person had to bear the burden of the costs alone so the risk was not so great and we decided to go for it."

While Quinn, a Canton resident, oversees the day-to-day operations of the salon, Della, who lives in Westland, handles its finances. MacKenzie, a Flint resident, is largely a silent partner but drives down on weekends to pitch in.

"I never expected it to be



The crew at Hair Vibes: Carolyn "Red" Mitchell, co-owner Mel Quinn, Melissa Rosenberg and co-owner Marianne Della.

easy working with family but so far, so good," Quinn said, joking that the main disagreement she had with one of her older sisters was whether they should move the salon's front desk. "I thought we would have way more issues than we do."

Della, who has been coined the "go-to girl," left the insurance business to focus on Hair Vibes. The sisters are joined by two stylists, Carolyn "Red" Mitchell and Melissa Rosenberg.

Mitchell, a longtime stylist and resident comedienne of the salon, recently moved to Canton and said she went through four salons in 10 months because she couldn't find the right chemistry.

"I had to go through a few salons in order to find someplace that I wanted to stay," she said. "I don't do egos and it was easy to talk to (Quinn) so I said 'alright then.'"

Rosenberg found Hair Vibes through an online listing in May.

"We do have a lot of fun together," said Rosenberg of Farmington Hills, as she joked that she needed a catchy name such as Mitchell's self-appointed "Hair Goddess" title.

"Hey, it's on my business cards," Mitchell said.

In efforts to make the salon their own, Quinn and her sisters have put up artwork, mirrors, painted a couple walls and removed a batch of fake trees.

"It was like a hair jungle in here," Mitchell quipped.

In addition, the salon has donated its services to local groups and has partnered with other local businesses in an effort to survive the economic times.

"No one in small business wants to see another business fail," Della said the cross promoting.

Quinn agreed and said that while the hair industry has taken a hit, she sees promise with Hair Vibes.

"There has been a big swing in the industry with people stretching the amount of time in between cuts and colors but we are seeing good things happen even now," she said. "All of our hard work will be worth it and even though we work a lot of long hours, I'm not going home saying that I hate my boss."

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Football success just tip of the iceberg

Plymouth takes on Canton in a prep football playoff game Friday night at the varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

That shouldn't come as much of a surprise — the Chiefs have long been a perennial playoff contender (last year's non-playoff year notwithstanding), and the Wildcats have made it nearly half the time since the school opened for the 2002-03 school year.

Athletic prowess should come as no surprise to those who follow the Plymouth-Canton school district, because the sports teams are always top-notch and because they get the lion's share of publicity.

What should be no less surprising — but which may well be much lesser known — is all the other success students in the district have. It may be lesser known because those students toil in more obscurity than the athletes, who have their exploits splashed on newspaper fronts and talked about over water coolers.

Don't get us wrong — we try to get as much of those accomplishments into our pages as possible. We cover as much as we can; we do an Academic Achievers section every year, for instance. The sheer number of their academic accomplishment makes printing them all prohibitive.

There are many students who earn success on the Michigan Merit Exam tests every year, who earn scholarship money in the state's Michigan Merit Scholarship program. You may not have heard about the Plymouth-Canton students — Katherine Marion, Nikita Consul, Willa Chen, Kelly Determan, Linda Ling, Megan Ghastin, Monika Kothari, Ke Ding, George Muresan, Derrick Fu, Surya Deepak, Ryan Randall, Santosh Shanmuga and Amy Shen — who were named National Merit Scholar finalists. The student-run radio station annually earns a plethora of honors.

Plymouth-Canton students excel in everything from robotics to music, from academics to athletics. They're succeeding on the stage — in two different acting groups — and in the classroom, on the field and on the air.

So when you're at Friday's playoff game, turn to the student next to you and say, "Congratulations." There's a pretty good chance they've earned it.

To avoid long election lines, vote absentee

In less than a week, our nation will renew itself once again and elect a new president and a new Congress. Many communities also have a plethora of local races that will determine everything from state representative and county executive to township board and district court judge. Unlike some places in the world, where such decisions are made by those already in power, in America, it is we, the people, who decide. We hold the power.

Considering the various challenges facing our nation and state, the stakes will be higher for Tuesday's election than at any time in recent memory. Local and state election officials say the turnout will be massive. Long lines are expected, which means voting Tuesday could be a time-consuming process.

However, for people who might be physically unable to wait in long lines or have other issues that would prevent them from heading to the polls Tuesday, there is still an opportunity to vote with an absentee ballot.

To receive an absentee ballot by mail, you must submit an absentee ballot application to your township or city clerk by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. You also have until 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, to vote in person in your clerk's office. If emergency circumstances exist, the deadline for absentee voting may be extended to 4 p.m. election day.

There are several reasons that would make a person eligible to obtain an absentee voter ballot, including being age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; expecting to be out of town on election day; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons; or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside your precinct of residence.

For those of you who will be standing in those lines Tuesday, remember polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. (anyone in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote). And remember to bring photo identification with you (it is required by law).

The fact that there is so much interest in the upcoming election is proof that Americans understand what is at stake and a testament to the power of our democracy. Don't be one of those people left out of the process.

Signs, signs, signs

Congratulations to the candidates who have made it to the November election. While permission is needed to place their campaign signs on private property, according to a Canton elected official, "it is the rare candidate" who does so. He also stated that the township cannot regulate the placement of these signs. We are then stuck with hundreds of signs littering the side of our roads. Vacant lots are especially popular though I have spoken with business owners who are caught off guard by signs that suddenly appear on their property. I am amazed by campaign signs that cover the signs of stores, many of which are struggling every day in this economy.

The Canton DDA should be consider a plan to reduce the clutter along its Ford Road corridor. In the primary, I was determined to abide by the rules, but I also saw how easy it is to exploit the lack of enforcement. It is time for those who want respect and our votes to also respect us and our ordinances.

Mike Andro
Canton

Know your candidate

As the political climate heats up, political signs are populating our landscape. These are only a temporary blight to promote name recognition to the voting public. My wife and I admit responsibility for placing some of these signs on privately owned property with the permission of the owner. Municipalities have rules for these signs and can remove them from public property (that area between sidewalks and streets). Many candidates assume that if another candidate has a sign at a location that they can post theirs also. Hopefully each candidate has received permission from that property owner to place their sign at that location. No one, other than a municipality or property owner, has a right to move or remove them. There could be fines or misdemeanor charges for any others doing so. Parents advise your children.

Business owners, wishing to support a known candidate and realizing reduced sales, might be tempted to accept cash for political signage, or succumb to suggestions of patronage being purposely withdrawn. If I was a business owner and my business income was down, I might be tempted to accept pay for signage, but then I would have to think "Will I lose customers because I was favoring one candidate over another?" Hopefully no candidate would condone or endorse that a business owner remove an opponent's sign in favor of theirs or risk a boycott by that candidate's supporters. Business integrity is just as important as personal integrity. That's why I support the person, not the party. Know who you're voting for!

John L. Chew
Canton

Vote no on 2

This is in regard to Proposal 2 — embryonic stem cell research — and the two articles pro and con (*Canton Observer*, Oct. 2). What's wrong with this picture? There is no mention of the results or either embryonic or adult stem cell research.

Furthermore, while it is illegal to destroy a human embryo for research in Michigan, it is not illegal to research that embryo's stem cells if the embryo was destroyed elsewhere. Human embryonic stem cell research is not illegal in Michigan. It has been ongoing since 2003 at the University of Michigan Center for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research, which receives both federal (taxpayer) and private dollars. Proponents of Proposal 2, however, publicly claim that human embryonic stem cell research is illegal in Michigan and that jobs are leaving the state.

This research has failed to produce any beneficial treatments or cures since it began in 1998. On the other hand, there are 73 benefits of adult stem cell research including cancers, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, acute heart damage, chronic liver failure, etc. Adult stem cell research uses stem cell from the placenta, umbilical cord blood, and living donors, and does no harm to the donor. Embryonic stem cell research uses stem cells from human embryos as research material and requires the destruction of those embryos. What gives the government the right to destroy the embryonic human being?

Also, contrary to the claims of its supporters, Proposal 2 does absolutely nothing to protect Michigan's ban on human cloning.

Please consider the facts carefully and

vote no on Proposal 2.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Prop 2 is unfair

As Election Day nears, voters are making up their minds on whether to support Proposal 2, the stem cell research proposal. I am voting no, and encourage others to do the same. There are several reasons why, and they are critically important.

First, it is important that we all agree that we all want cures to the many terrible diseases that afflict us or our loved ones. Any assertion that a voter opposing Prop 2 is without compassion is a false assertion, and is cruel and irresponsible.

One reason I oppose Prop 2 is that the language of the bill does not expressly prohibit public funding for stem cell research. True, it does not take public money now, but without a prohibition on public funding, you and I both know the tax and spenders in Lansing will come after your wallet. Just look at California, where they are stuck with a \$3 billion tax bond for the research. That state is in a budget crisis (sound familiar?) and is now coming to the federal government for a bailout. Who gets to pay for California's bailout? You. If we enact Prop 2, we will eventually be stuck with higher taxes and spending just like California.

The specter of public funding is even more offensive to the millions of Michigan residents who have strong moral objections to embryonic stem cell work. If we open the door with Prop 2, the push will be on to allow more and more areas of research that are morally offensive to many. It is not fair to go down this road.

Science should be encouraged to investigate non-embryonic stem cell research. What Michigan cannot afford, for multiple reasons, is to open the door to public funding and morally offensive research. Voting no on Prop 2 is the reasonable and responsible choice.

Jerry Vorva
Republican nominee for 20th District state representative
Plymouth

Zarbo is best choice

You may know him as the current Canton Township Trustee (six years), whose re-election is endorsed by former Plymouth-Canton School Supt. Dr. Jim Ryan; a former planning commissioner, who brings 25 years of business and management experience; the longest standing board member of the Home Owner's Advisory Council; the trustee who made the first phone call to IKEA; a volunteer chef who cooked pancakes along the Liberty Fest parade route; the "voice of reason"; the volunteer and master of ceremonies at last year's Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Craft show; a Friend of the Library; a 2006 and 2007 Community Support Award recipient; a Partner of the Arts; a member of the Intersection Action Committee; the 2006 Canton Chamber of Commerce Excellence Award winner; and who is supported by both Democrats and Republicans alike.

I know him as fiscally responsible; he recently voted for his own, and other board members' pay cuts. I know him as a supporter of Leisure Services, who enjoys Canton's quality of life, and who worked side by side with me for Christmas in Action, an initiative that helps the elderly with free home repairs. I learned even more about him and the township when I participated in a community question and answer session he recently hosted.

To keep Canton's progress going, whether you are voting straight ticket, split ticket or mixed ticket I urge you to cast one of the up to four votes for Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo to be re-elected. Visit Karl's Candid Canton "live" at www.karlzarbo.com to get answers to frequently asked questions or just call him like I do at (734) 981-0486.

Randy L. Cook
Canton

Candidate wants answers

Thank you for granting me an interview in the Sept. 28 edition of your paper. As you might imagine, it can be challenging for a third party candidate to get out his message without the advantage of a \$900,000 campaign war chest. Your article was fair and thorough, plus the on line version gave me the opportunity to interact further with concerned members of the community which I would have otherwise never had.

Towards the end of the article, you checked my claim that the McCotter office failed to respond to my questions and reported that I was sent two letters,

one in response to the Telecom immunity bill and the other disagreeing with me on impeachment. While I did receive those letters, the dates you reported were not accurate. The claim that a letter was sent Sept. 25 could give your readers the impression that a response came before the article was written.

However, whether or not a form letter was generated is not at issue but that specific questions posed directly to the congressman's chief of staff, Andrew Anuzis, weren't answered. You can hear those questions by going to www.YouTube.com/erox07 and watching "McCotter & me: episode X." You will also hear Anuzis tell me that I would have answers in writing "rifled off" to me. It's been four months now. What caliber of rifle is the McCotter office using to send out letters these days?

On Monday, Oct. 20, I had the opportunity to meet with Livonia residents at the CCCA candidate forum. It was perhaps the only opportunity the public will have to see all of the candidates for this office in one place since McCotter has planned no public appearance before the election. McCotter could have been there, but left hours before the event to attend a hearing the next morning in Washington, D.C. At the forum he missed, McCotter's campaign manager, Chris Gravel, said that he answered my questions. If you watch "McCotter & me: episode XV" you will hear me ask him how we can hold the president's cabinet accountable if Bush extends executive privilege to them? You will hear Gravel respond, "I don't know." I don't know if that is really an answer.

Gravel later suggested that Anuzis was still composing that letter. I'm certain it will be a masterpiece. When asked if McCotter would be so forgiving of an Obama administration, Gravel conceded that the president had exceeded his constitutional authority to extend executive privilege to his cabinet. Sadly, Gravel is not running for Congress. McCotter is, and if we are to re-elect him, he must answer this simple question himself. I believe this to be a most modest request.

Erik Shelley
Green Party candidate
U.S. House of Representatives
Michigan's 11th District

LaJoy owes favors

The Michigan Republican Committee is sending out their garbage slander about the Democratic candidate, Dian Slavens. They need to look at their puppet Todd LaJoy and the special interests that have contributed to his campaign. Todd LaJoy's special interest groups are those that his daddy wrote bills for while a state Rep. Todd LaJoy is bought and paid for by the Republican special interest network — pull up his finance report on: http://miboeocr.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/cfr/com_det.cgi?com_id=513526.

Look at all the PAC groups that have paid for his campaign — banking PACs, health care PACs, restaurant PACs, Motorcycle PACs, rental car PACs, DTE Energy PAC, UPS PAC, Real estate PACs, AAA PAC, MI Chamber PAC, Energy PAC, Insurance PACs, Consulting and employment services PAC, Waste Management PAC, MI Beer and Wine PAC, MHSA PAC, Builder and Contractor PAC, Farm Bureau PAC, Trucking PAC, AT&T PAC, Small business PAC, Auto dealers PACs.

The Republican committee should be careful of what they accuse their competition of — it seems that their candidate, Todd LaJoy, is paid for by everyone ... not a good candidate to be putting into office and expect him to vote for the residents he represents — he owes a lot of corporate PACs some favors.

Todd LaJoy is king of Lansing lobbyists and special interest groups — paid in full.

Leon Wakoski
Canton

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Legacy costs: E-mails tarnish Yack's record

After 20 years as Canton's supervisor, Tom Yack is set to say good-bye.

Although he is due to stay on for a few more weeks, many of his supporters will gather this weekend at the Village Theater to say farewell and pay homage to him.



Kurt Kuban

From what I'm told this will be a first-class production about Yack's accomplishments over the last two decades. Township staff has worked hard to put this thing together to make sure Yack is remembered as he wants to be: The leader who led the town from its rural, dirt-road past to its current status as a shiny suburb on the hill.

And in many ways, that's who Yack is. Under his leadership, Canton has changed dramatically. While some old-timers would disagree, most in Canton today would say the changes have been very positive. Canton is one of the nicest places to live not only in Wayne County, but in the entire region. For his vision and persistence, Yack deserves a lot of credit.

But that's not the whole story. Anyone who has read Yack's e-mails that a group calling themselves "Watchdog Canton" recently obtained under the Freedom of Information Act now knows there is another side to Yack. The e-mails make it quite clear Yack can also be a vindictive man who, if challenged, will hit hard without regard for whom or what gets damaged along the way.

Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks found this out the hard way. Noricks, you may remember, had the audacity to run against Yack's hand-picked candidate for treasurer, Melissa McLaughlin, who has been one of his most loyal supporters. McLaughlin trounced Noricks in the primary election, thanks in no small part to Yack's support.

The e-mails suggest Yack has run the township like his own little fiefdom. His use of the township's e-mail system for political purposes shows, I think, he has no clear understanding (or perhaps it's simply a disregard) of what is his and what is owned by the township. The line has been blurred for him, I think, partially because he has never received a real challenge from anyone for two decades.

Until Noricks came along.

It is clear from his e-mails Yack perceived her as a threat to what he has accomplished over the years. In his e-mail to Phil LaJoy, who is sure to succeed him as supervisor, Yack warns, once "she figures out that Canton is organized differently than the state statute prescribes" she would disband the township's finance department.

In another e-mail exchange with McLaughlin, they discuss the \$33 million the township is looking at in unfunded retirement health care. I think the latter issue will be another telling aspect of Yack's legacy.

Since Yack took office, the size of Canton's government has exploded - just like Canton itself. As development and the population increased, so did the township's services to keep up with the growth. The township has built some beautiful facilities, including the new administrative building, Summit on the Park, the library, Pheasant Run golf course, and the Village Theater.

Yack has also done a great job hiring a professional staff that is second to none when it comes to providing government services. The Public Safety Department is one of the most well-respected in the state and Leisure Services was recently honored as providing the best recreation programming in the nation for towns of similar size.

But all of these employees will retire some day and they are going to draw pensions and health care benefits, something Yack's administration really hasn't had to deal with. It will be Canton's future leaders who are going to have to deal with those costs. The question will be how will the services the town provides its residents be impacted.

The reality is most people in Canton don't really pay that much attention to who is running township government, and that is largely a result of Yack's success. They just know they like their community - their parks, their library, the retail options and their neighborhoods.

That's what they will be celebrating at Yack's party Saturday. And it is worth celebrating. But just remember, there's more to the story.

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LETTERS

Thanks for nothing

I read a recent article in one of the other newspapers in the area about the two skaters (Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto) and how they missed the Canton area but feel that they made a good choice relocating to New Town Square, Pa., and then in another small article in the same paper, they talked about a street that was named after them at the Arctic Edge arena in Canton and how people were upset that their street sign had been removed. I guess people don't remember that we welcomed these two skaters to our area with open arms and actually made them the prince and princess of Canton for close to 10 years. After they had lost a few competitions, they decided to pack up and leave the township high and dry without even a thank you to the citizens that supported them in the area. If it were up to me, I would also remove their banners inside the arena and ship it to them along with the street sign and a letter saying "Thanks for Nothing."

Robert Denstedt
Canton

Barone is objective

I am supporting Joe Barone for district judge because, unlike his opponent, he has not sought the endorsement of Mike Cox, Kwame Kilpatrick or anyone else wrapped up in the reciprocal backscratching and favor-trading that is rampant in the Wayne County political machine. From what I can tell, Mr. Barone is truly an objective, impartial candidate, and all indications are that he would maintain that purity behind the bench. We don't need any "urban legends" in the 35th District Court.

Christopher Roeser
Canton

Supporting Williams

I am writing this letter to endorse Pat Williams for Canton trustee. As a Canton business owner in a struggling local economy, I recognize the need for strong leadership. I am impressed not only with Pat's commitment to community but also the business knowledge and common sense approach Pat will bring to this position. In the past 11 years, I have witnessed Pat's commitment and dedication to community service groups and the endless hours he has unselfishly committed to our community. It is for these reasons that I support Pat Williams for Canton trustee.

Doug Mans
owner, Mans Lumber and Millwork

LaJoy has solutions

I recently had the opportunity to witness a candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. This well-organized event featured all three candidates seeking to represent Canton in the state House. While I applaud all the participating candidates for their commitment in this endeavor, I strongly urge my fellow citizens to support Todd LaJoy.

For the most part, all the candidates were able to identify the problems facing our state. Nonetheless, only Todd LaJoy was able to offer specific solutions to address the complicated issues facing the hardworking families of Michigan. I was particularly impressed with Todd LaJoy's plans to improve our roads, create jobs, address government waste and increase access to affordable health care coverage. Unlike the other candidates running for office, Todd LaJoy's resourceful platform is fiscally responsible and protects the taxpayers.

The challenges facing our state will not allow on-the-job training and it is important to elect someone who is well-prepared to hit the ground running. Todd LaJoy's experiences as Canton Township trustee, small business owner and lifelong resident of Canton have obviously served him well.

On Nov. 4, please vote Todd LaJoy for state representative.

Robyn Novak
Canton

Sweep out Republicans

The economy is in a tailspin, millions are unemployed, retirement savings are disappearing, home values have plummeted and George Bush and the Republican Party have been asleep at the wheel as they have steered our country into an economic depression. The Republicans' anti-regulatory philosophy has been largely responsible for the mortgage crisis and stock market collapse, the health insurance crisis and the decline of the auto industry. The latter due to their stubborn refusal over the years to go raise the fuel efficiency standards of cars, which would have made the U.S. manufacturers more competitive with foreign companies as the gas prices rose.

The Republicans have failed miserably and it is time to elect a Democratic president and Congress to put this country back on the right track. This is the most important election since 1932 when Democrat FDR was elected and brought America out of the Great Depression and brought fairness and confidence to our economic system.

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Season of giving good time to evaluate charitable contributions

It's hard to believe there are a little over two months left in the year. There are important items to discuss before year's end and one of these deals with charitable contributions.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The holiday season is when many people open up their hearts and checkbooks to charitable organizations. In just a few weeks, we will start receiving various letters asking for money. Americans, by all accounts, are the most gener-

ous people in the world. However, there are many who take advantage of this generosity. If you are considering a charitable contribution, do your homework on the organization.

There are many fine charitable orga-

nizations that do good work with the money they receive. However, there also are a lot of organizations that do not effectively spend money on charitable purposes. In addition, there are organizations that out and out scam people out of money.

Many organizations sound very similar to legitimate organizations, but they are not. When you give to a charitable organization, you are giving money because you want to accomplish something good. There are a couple of Web sites, www.charitynavigator.org and www.give.org, that can provide you with a wealth of information about the charity you are considering.

One strategy used to maximize your charitable contribution is to donate appreciated securities. Donating a stock or an investment that you have a gain in means you can still deduct the full fair market value of the investment and avoid paying taxes on the gain. For example, if you paid \$1 a share for stock that is now selling for \$10 a share and you donate the security to a charity, you can deduct the full \$10 as a charitable contribution and avoid the capital gains tax. If you have losses on the security, then the better strategy is to sell the stock, deduct the loss for tax purposes and then donate the cash to a charity.

Not all charitable contributions are cash contributions. You also can donate clothes or household items. The key is to properly value the contribution and adequately document the donation. Whenever you make a charitable contribution, it is important to have the proper documentation. I have found — particularly with clothing and household items — that taking a picture and keeping it with your tax records is sufficient. That doesn't mean you have to take a picture of each item, but you do want some sort of documentation.

If you donate cash, save your cancelled check and the receipt that you receive from the charity.

When it comes to taxes, one thing no one wants is a letter from the Internal Revenue Service. Although you can't prevent the IRS from contacting you, as long as you have the proper documentation and receipts, you have nothing to worry about.

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2008 PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS: PLYMOUTH VS. CANTON

Martin makes his presence felt between the hash marks

For preview of Plymouth-Canton playoff game, see Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth football team's defensive scheme is designed to funnel all of its opponents' plays toward the middle of the field, which more often than not sets up the ball carrier with an up-close-and-personal appointment with Wildcat middle linebacker Connor Martin.

Off the field, they'd enjoy meeting Martin, a friendly, easy-going teenager who is an accomplished student (3.8 grade-point average) and lacrosse player.

On the field, well, that's a different story, considering Martin hits with the force of

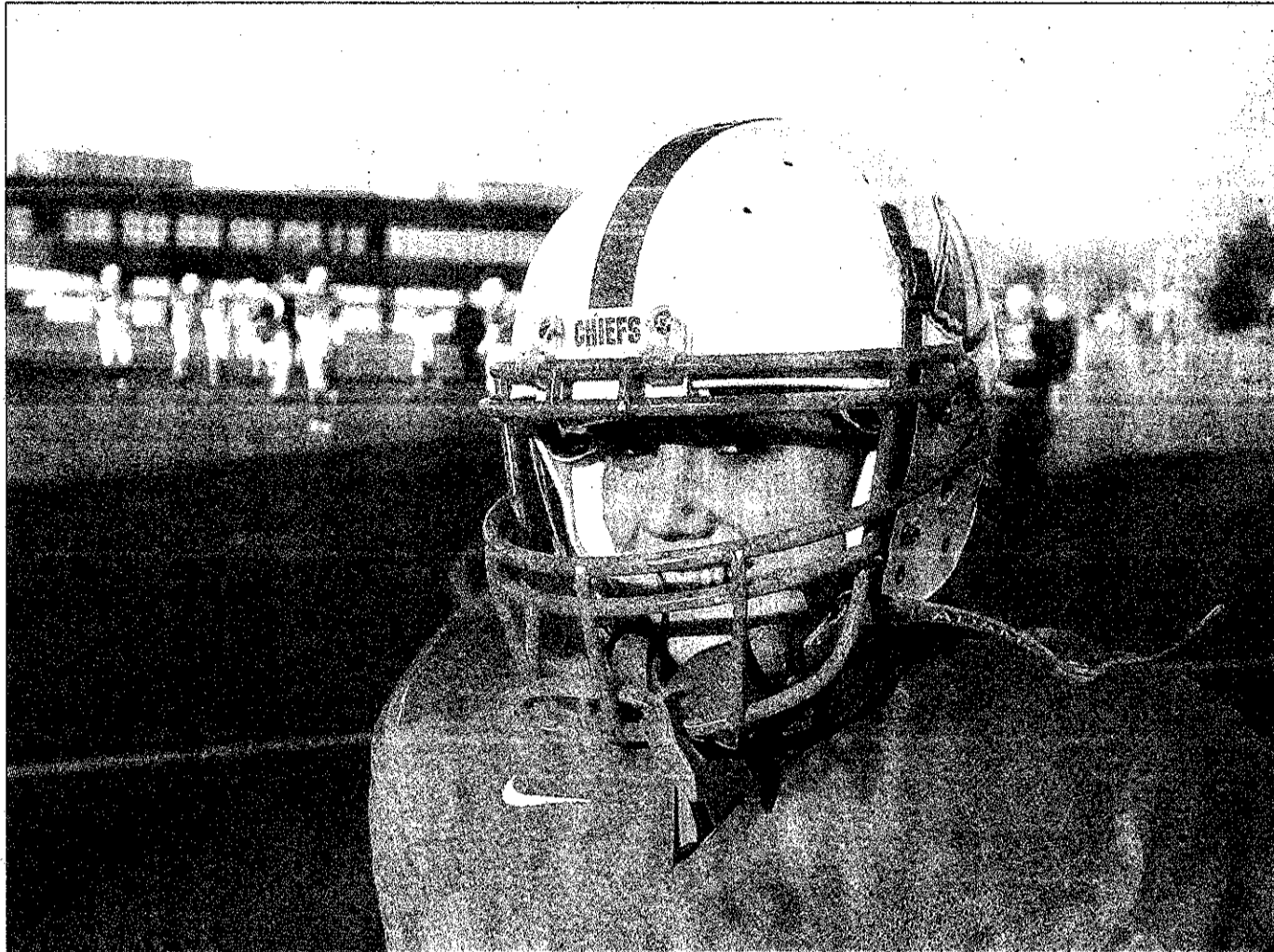
a freight train and is drawn to the football like a bull is drawn to the color red.

Since getting promoted to the varsity as a sophomore, Martin has established himself as an ultra-reliable defensive anchor, racking up double-digit tackling statistics in nearly every game he's played.

Although not exceptionally fast or big (5-foot-11, 180 pounds), he possesses a fearless, old-school brand of tenacity that rivals that of Jack Lambert and Dick Butkus.

"Connor Martin was born to be a football player," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "He's the type of kid that no matter what the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior fullback Nicole Douglas proved a freshman classmate wrong by not only surviving three years of high school football, but thriving at the sport.

TOO TOUGH FOR POWDER PUFF

Canton's female fullback earns respect of coaches and teammates

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton football team's third-string fullback may occasionally wear mascara and fingernail polish, but, boy, does the 5-foot-5, 135-pound senior ever pack a wallop while running the 41 trap.

That wasn't "Nick" Douglas bull-dozing through the secondary for a 9-yard gain during the Chiefs' regular-season finale last Friday night — it was Nicole Douglas, perhaps the only girl in the state who plays high school football at a position other than kicker.

"One of my teammates likes to walk behind me when we shake hands with the other team after the game because he likes to see how many double-takes I get," Douglas said, smiling. "The guys on the other team will look back toward me and say, 'Oh my gosh, it's a girl!'"

Yes, Douglas is a girl, but she's proven on a regular basis the past three years that she's also a pretty darn good football player.

Not a gimmick

Canton coach Tim Baechler was a little

skeptical when Douglas approached him about joining his program prior to her sophomore year, but the skepticism soon turned into admiration.

"Nicole was in one of my classes, so I knew her," Baechler said. "She had a great personality and she was a hard worker, but gym class and high school football are two different things."

"I had a girl try it a couple of years before Nicole and she only lasted two or three days."

OK, but...

Baechler gave Douglas the thumbs up, but with certain conditions.

"I told her she could play as long as she attended all the workouts like everybody else and if she genuinely wanted to be a football player, be one of us," Baechler said. "I'll tell you what, she has really earned the respect of the coaching staff and her teammates. I know a lot of her teammates root for her and they get excited when she gets in the game."

Baechler gave Douglas a solid scouting report.

"She's in great shape as far as condi-

tioning goes," he said. "She's strong, too. She's not a great blocker and she can't catch real well, but she can definitely run the fullback trap. She hits the hole hard and fast."

Too fast and too hard, as far as a few opposing defenses are concerned. Although she only plays during the tail-end of blow-outs, Douglas has ripped off gains of nine, nine and 18 yards during her two-year varsity career.

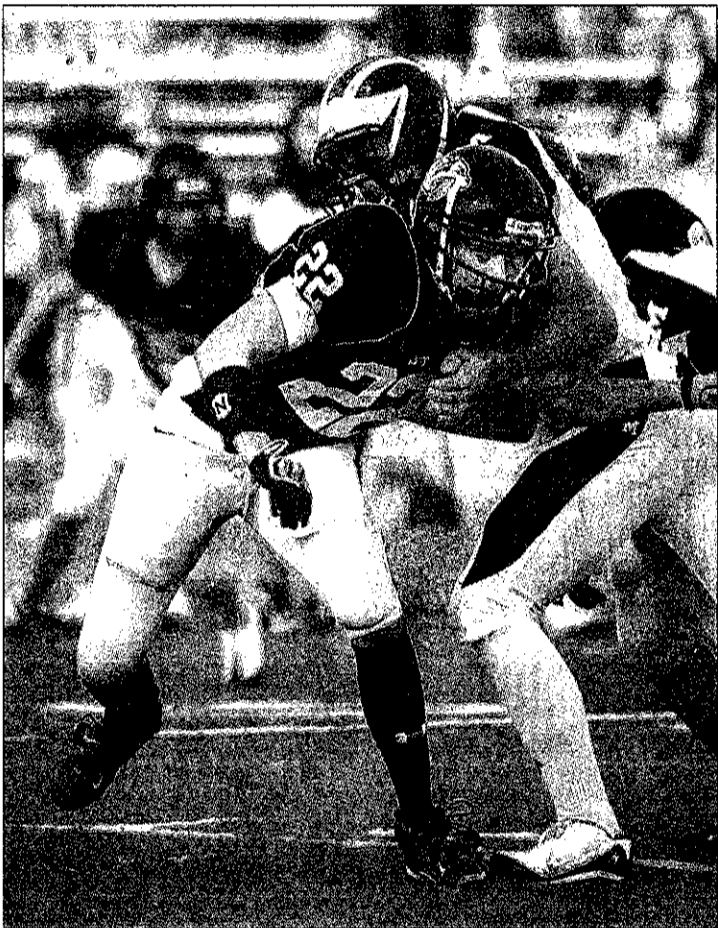
"Probably my favorite play was my run on Friday night," Douglas said. "Once I broke through the line of scrimmage, I saw open field, then one of their linebackers hit me, but I kept going. It took about four of their players to bring me down."

Meeting the challenge

Douglas' high school football career was sparked by an ongoing challenge that was delivered by a football player during her freshman year at Canton.

"It started when a guy in my personal fitness class was messing around with

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior linebacker Connor Martin has led Plymouth's defense in tackles the past two seasons.

Scott O'Connor was a consistent offensive force during Salem's post-season run. The junior had a two-goal game against Dearborn in a Regional semifinal game.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OT goal steals Rocks' state title hopes

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like a thief in the night, a perfectly executed corner kick robbed the No. 1-ranked Salem boys soccer team of an opportunity to move on in the state playoffs Saturday night in Saline.

With 11:08 remaining in the first 15-minute sudden-victory overtime period, Saline's Dan Kuehn roped a curving kick to the left post that Zach Walega rammied home to give the Hornets a 1-0 triumph on a windy, bone-chilling late-October night.

The Regional final setback proved to be the only blemish on Salem's 22-1-4 record.

The Rocks threatened to end the contest two minutes earlier when they lasered a shot that bounced firmly off what appeared at first glance to be the soccer goal's cross-bar and right to Lachlan Savage, who drilled the rebound into the lower right-hand corner of the net from 15 yards out.

The referee, however, ruled correctly that the initial shot hit the cross-bar on the football goal-post that was positioned just above the top of the soccer net, so the ball was ruled dead

at that point.

"It's devastating for all the players to get this far only to lose in overtime in such dramatic fashion," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "A lot of our guys were hoping for a goal kick on that play, but the linesman called it a corner and Saline executed it perfectly. It was very difficult to defend."

Both goalkeepers — Salem's Sasa Miskovic and Saline's Carter Beil — came up big when called upon during the game's first 83 minutes.

Of the many big saves Miskovic registered, one of the most impressive came with

33:04 left in regulation when he smothered a sizzling 15-yard rocket off the foot of Saline's Kyle Mattson.

Salem's best chance to score came in the game's seventh minute when Josh Pascarella lined a free kick into the box that Jace Bearden headed into the cross-bar.

Saline's Mitch McLean drilled the cross-bar from 35 yards out 10 minutes later.

McCarthy said the loss in no way diminishes the pride he felt in his highly accomplished squad.

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Plymouth senior wide receiver Zach Hamed has been a favorite target of quarterback Matt Skubik.

Stakes higher than ever for Friday night's Canton-Plymouth showdown

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Of the 128 Michigan high school playoff football games set to kick off this weekend, few will be charged with a higher intensity level than Friday night's Canton-vs.-Plymouth clash.

Adrenaline has a way of peaking when two neighbors face off in a win-or-go-home setting.

Friday's game will be a rematch of a Sept. 12 encounter the Chiefs won, 26-16.

Both teams took diverse paths into the post-season. The 8-1 Chiefs won five straight games following a Week 4 one-point setback to Westland John Glenn to earn the top seed in their region. Plymouth dropped its final two outings to finish 6-3.

"I know the kids are fired up to play Canton again," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "After they beat us earlier in the season, we told them that if we win out, we'd probably get to face them in the playoffs. Well, things didn't quite work out the way we wanted, but we're playing them anyway."

Canton coach Tim Baechler said his team has made marked improvements in some areas since the two teams last met on Sept. 12, but there are some areas that still need work.

"Our offensive line is playing better," Baechler emphasized. "I'm not sure I can say that about our defense. We played better defensively the past two weeks, but we're still not dominant."

Baechler said he expects to see a different Plymouth team Friday night than the one he saw on film losing its last two games to Livonia Stevenson and Romulus.

"I'm sure they'll have a great week of practice and come out battling Friday night," he said. "It looks like they have changed some of their personnel, but their core kids are still the same."

"Their running back (Terrance Guthridge) looks like he's running as well as ever."

The injury bug has been an unwelcome visitor at Plymouth the latter part of the season. Several players are



Canton junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz, pictured stiff-arming Churchill's Matthew Kowalis during a game earlier this year, has been a steady force for the Chiefs in his first season as a starter.

SCARY-GOOD HALLOWEEN MATCH-UP

What: First-round Division 1 playoff football game;

Who: Plymouth (6-3) vs. Canton (8-1);

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Where: PCEP varsity stadium;

What's at stake: The winner advances to next week's District final against the winner of Friday night's Saline-Ann Arbor Pioneer game; the loser turns in its equipment next week;

Forecast: Clear skies, game-time temperatures in the low-50s;

Players to watch: Canton's starting backfield of QB Kevin Delapaz and RB's Davion Stackhouse, Kiere Daniels and Adam Payter has been all but unstoppable this season thanks to an athletic offensive line that is gelling more every week. Plymouth running back Terrance Guthridge has been spectacular, running for close to 200 yards last week against Romulus. Wildcat middle linebacker Connor Martin is one of the best around.

need some younger guys to step in and play well."

Engineered by junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz, Canton's offense has been running like a well-oiled machine. The Chiefs have only punted a handful of times all season thanks to a run-oriented offense that seems to feature a different back every week.

Four Canton players — Delapaz, Kiere Daniels, Adam Payter and Davion Stackhouse — have all run for over 100 yards in at least one game this season.

Plymouth's balanced offense is guided by senior Matt Skubik, who either hands off to senior speedster Guthridge, or looks downfield to Ronnie Goble, Zach Hamed, Travis Mewton or Alex Minch.

A pair of seniors anchor both teams' defenses. Two-year starter Bryan Gerst controls the middle of the field for the Chiefs while Connor Martin is the Wildcats' leading tackler.

Both teams are armed with strong-legged kickers. Plymouth sophomore Kyle Brindza is dangerous from 45 yards in while Canton senior Daniel Stoney regularly booms kick-offs into the end zone.

The winner of Friday's game will be matched against the victor of Friday's Saline-Ann Arbor Pioneer showdown.

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PC gridders harness Stallions

Plymouth Christian's first-year football team closed its regular season in stunning fashion Friday night by corraling the South Washtenaw Stallions, 53-0, in a Christian Football League of Michigan game played at Whitmore Lake High School.

Jordan Early-Pitts led the Eagles' potent rushing attack.

Tim Pugh, Richard Truhn (two), Early-Pitts, Douglas Malcolm and Jordan Allen all scored TDs for the Eagles. Allen tossed a pair of scoring passes: one to Brian Beach from 34 yards out and the other to Pugh from 43 yards away.

Spencer Wiard converted one point-after touchdown for PC, who tallied two-point conversion runs from Matt Sauter and Blake Van Tiem.

Paving the way for the impressive ground attack were offensive linemen Frank Schroeder, Jimmy Murray, Jared Pitts, VanTiem and Eric Jipping.

Leading the defensive charge were Sauter, VanTiem, Wiard and Andrew Weaver. Jipping notched a sack and a fumble recovery.

The Eagles will open the CFLM playoffs on Saturday against the Troy Defenders.

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MARTIN

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weather is like, no matter what kind of practice everybody else is having, he's going 100 miles per hour. He'll go in there on the scout team at practice and just blow people up — he does not care who you are."

From mid-field to middle linebacker

Martin's vast gridiron accomplishments are amazing considering he didn't pull on his first pair of shoulder pads until his freshman year at Plymouth.

"I played soccer growing up," Martin said. "Once I got to high school, I figured I could play soccer any time when I got older, but this would be my last chance to play football. I'm glad I decided to give it a try."

So is Sawchuk, who views Martin as an extension of the coaching staff on the field.

"He's our quarterback on the defense," Sawchuk said. "He knows all the checks, all the calls. Basically, he can coach himself out there."

"It's been a pleasure to coach that kid. Off the field, he's a gentleman, he never does the wrong things. He's what we like in Wildcat football players, that kind of person."

The '22' legacy

Martin's zest for football has helped enrich a tradition at Plymouth that was started by former linebacking standout Nick Rosochacki. Like Rosochacki before him, Martin wears "22," a number that is becoming a symbol for defensive excellence and will be worn by all future middle linebackers at the school, Sawchuk said.

"I love football," Martin said. "I like getting in there with the big guys and making tackles. It's a sport where you get to come out here every day and compete

with your teammates and friends. I like it because it's a tough sport, too."

No-lose situation

Martin said he is undecided about whether he'll pursue football or lacrosse at the collegiate level.

"I'm going to send some tapes out to a few colleges once the season is over and see what happens," he said. "If I do play college football, I may be a little undersized to play linebacker, so I'd probably have to play strong safety."

Sawchuk is not convinced of that.

"I think if he put a little weight on he could play linebacker in college," Sawchuk said. "I know this: When Connor leaves, we're going to have some big shoes to fill. There aren't many middle linebackers around who are as smart as him, hit like him and have his intensity."

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FULLBACK

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me, saying girls couldn't play football," she remembered. "I'd say, 'Yes they can,' and he'd say 'No they can't.' It went on for quite a while, until I finally decided to prove him wrong and play. I talked to coach Baechler, then started going to the meetings and the summer workouts."

Not surprisingly, the plan received mixed reviews from her parents.

"My dad is a big sports buff, so he was like, 'Yeah, my daughter is going to be a football player!' At first, my mom, who lives in Florida, was like, 'High school football? I don't want to see you die!' After a while, she accepted the idea and she's been very supportive ever since."

Awkward adjustment

It took a while for Douglas' junior varsity teammates to warm up to her during her first season in pads in 2006.

"At first, they didn't know what to do," she

said. "They had never been on a team with a girl. It was awkward at first. They'd tackle me in practice and say, 'Sorry, are you OK?' I'd tell them, 'Don't ask me that again. I'm a football player, just like you.'"

Douglas has learned more about football the past three years than she ever thought she'd know.

More importantly, she's learned some invaluable things about herself.

"Thanks to playing football, I know now that if I set my mind to something, I can really do it," said Douglas. "It not only helps me now, but it will help me in the future."

"I have made so many friendships through football, too. A lot of my teammates are like brothers to me. I'm really going to miss it."

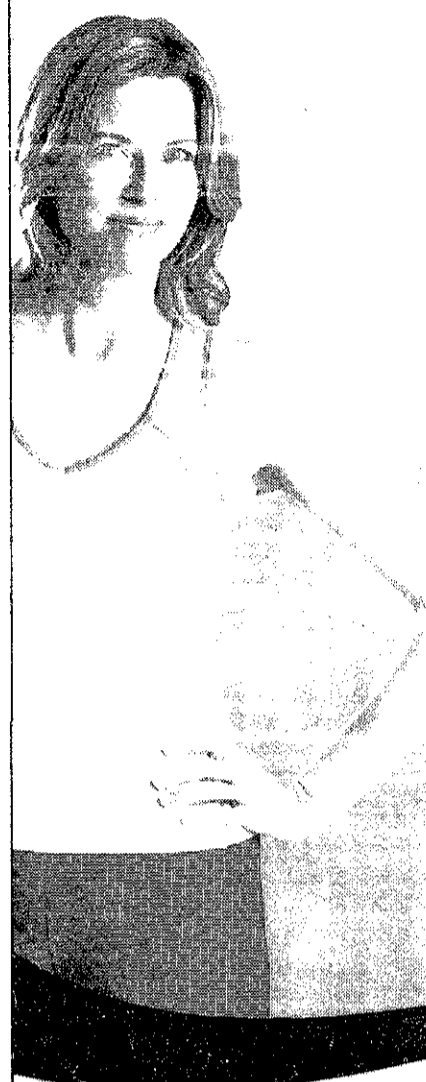
With the exception of a few bumps and bruises, Douglas has survived the experience injury-free.

"I thank God every day for keeping me safe," she said.

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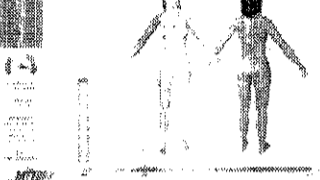
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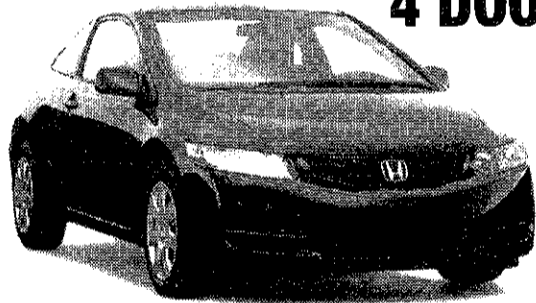
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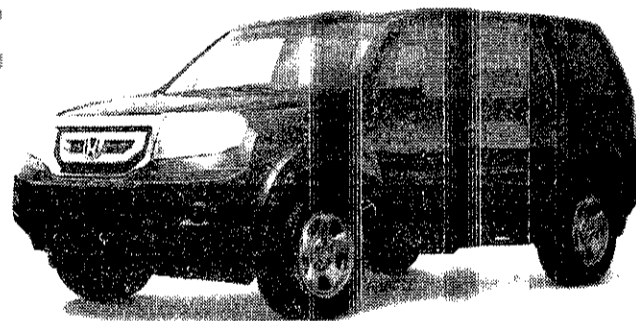
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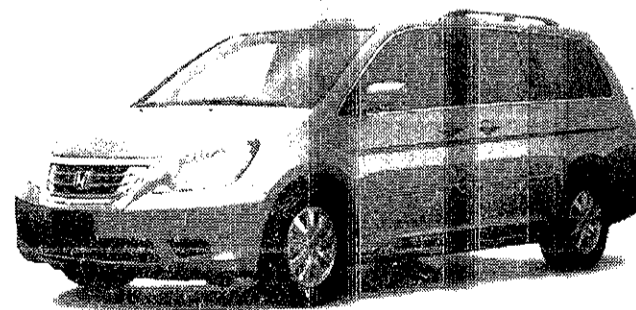
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JV Steelers post playoff win

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team advanced to the second round of the Western Suburban Junior Football League playoffs Saturday by blanking Belleville, 20-0.

Center Matt Ramey was instrumental in the Steelers winning the battle of the trenches while Phillip Avramowski paced the defense. Kevin Justice sparked on the right side of the defensive line for the winners.

Vincent Crespi led the Steelers in quarterback sacks while Jacob Marsh returned an interception for a touchdown. Joshua Morris hauled in a pivotal pass and nailed a kick-off that pushed the Cougars back to their 1-yard line.

The varsity Steelers were upended by the Lake Area Hawks, 27-6.

The freshmen Steelers suffered a heart-breaking 20-13 setback to the Redford Rangers. Offensively, Ben Kandah's blocking opened gaping holes in the Rangers' defensive front for Jacob Stephan, who tallied a long TD run. Cameron Stella played well on both sides of the

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ball while Ben Smyth anchored the defensive line.

The Steelers junior freshmen wrapped up their season with a blue-collar effort against the Westland Comets. As usual, the Steelers were paced by stalwarts Lou Baechler, Evan Good and Rashawn Allen. Ryan Young and Jimmy Knittel hooked up on a long 11D pass. Baechler returned a fumble 45 yards for a touchdown.

Lions JV squad falls

The Canton Lions junior varsity team dropped a 12-6 decision to the Farmington Rockets Saturday in a nail-biting overtime encounter.

Canton's lone score came on a 17-yard TD run by James Hall. The Lions were hampered by four fumbles.

Defensively, the Lions were bolstered by strong play from Forest Hall, James Hall, Daniel Kilgore, Charles Turfe, Daniel Jipping, Kenny Arnold and Allante Wheeler, who picked off a pass.

M&M girls (MacDonald, Merget) lead Rocks over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Armed with a swing that's quicker than a mousetrap and a vertical leap that a few NBA players would die for, Salem senior outside hitter Kelly MacDonald plays volleyball like she's 6-foot-5, not 5-foot-6.

So it wasn't surprising that MacDonald rose to the occasion — literally — during crunch time of Tuesday night's Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over match against Canton, which the Rocks won 15-25, 25-15, 25-23 and 25-23.

The victory improved Salem's record to 30-10-3 while the Chiefs slipped to 32-8.

Three of MacDonald's game-high 22 kills pierced the Chiefs' defense during the waning moments of the final game, including an emphatic spike that ended the match.

Tuesday night's win plus an early-season victory over Plymouth gave the Rocks the unofficial distinction of "Kings of the Park" — a fact that put a smile on MacDonald's face.

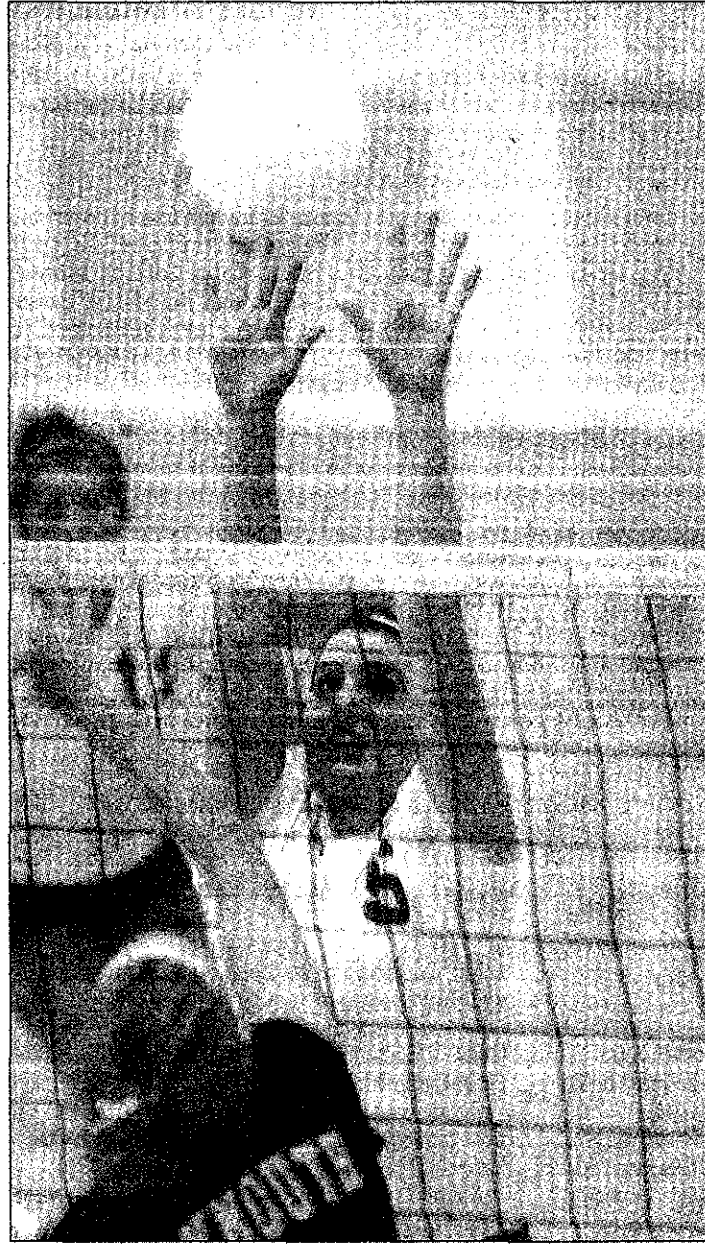
"It's the best feeling to beat Canton and to be the Park champs," MacDonald said. "This is a very balanced team — we have a great setter, great defense, great hitters and blockers. When we all play together, we play well."

MacDonald's resume also included 11 digs and two aces.

"Kelly played outstanding tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Her hitting percentage — she only had two errors in 40 chances — was unheard of."

Sophomore Nicole Merget joined MacDonald in the 22-kill club. Other Rock standouts included senior setter Jansan Falcusan, who netted 51 assists and 14 digs, and sophomore Kirsten Johnson, who racked up five kills despite playing just the final three games.

Sophomore Kerry MacDonald, Kelly's sister, dug out 16 potential Canton kills. "We made a lot of errors tonight, especially in the first



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Salem's Kelly MacDonald, pictured in action last season, recorded 22 kills in the Rocks' four-game victory over Canton Tuesday night.

game, but we got better as the match went on," Suder said. "We missed 12 serves, which is something we usually don't do. I don't know if it was adrenaline or what."

"It's nice to be able to play a team like Canton late in the season because both teams have developed into what they'll possibly be in the post-season."

Canton rolled early, winning the opening game handily thanks to strong efforts from Jordan Kielty, Kristen Muir, Kacy Moran and Gina Waite. Kielty put the 25th

point on the board with a running kill from the back row that brought the Chief fans to their feet.

After the Rocks seized game two in equally impressive fashion, the final two games were nail-biters as both were knotted at 22-all until Salem prevailed with big clutch plays down the stretch.

"We didn't mesh well tonight, we didn't look ready to play for some reason," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Even the game we won the girls didn't look excited."

"I told them with Districts

DISTRICT TOURNEY TIME

All three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park volleyball teams will be competing in the District No. 25 tournament next week at Novi High School. Following is the schedule for the tournament:

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Novi vs. Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Northville vs. Plymouth, 5 p.m.; Salem vs. Novi-Canton winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7: Final, 7 p.m.

coming up, now is the time they have to play their best, but we haven't played a best game in a while."

Kielty paced the Chiefs with 16 kills and 13 digs. Muir notched a double-double with 10 kills and 13 digs while senior libero Shelby Anthony chalked up 117 digs.

Despite sporting a knee brace, Moran played well following a two-week layoff, recording 30 digs.

Chiefs: Semis-tough

Canton advanced to the semi-final round of Saturday's North Branch/Michigan Elite tournament before falling to North Branch, 25-13, 25-12.

Kielty racked up 68 kills, 48 digs and eight aces to lead the Chiefs. Also shining were Muir (35 kills, 60 digs and 10 aces) and Waite, who registered 112 assists and six aces.

"We started out strong in our first three matches and then slowly started to fall apart," said Barnes. "In our last three matches, our serve-receive and passing were really off. In those last three matches, I felt like we never had control of the game."

The Chiefs went 3-1 in pool play, downing Warren Cousino (25-16, 25-12), Dexter (25-16, 22-25, 15-6) and Warren Woods Tower (25-16, 25-10) before falling to Macomb Dakota, 25-22, 25-20.

Canton advanced to the semis by ousting Grosse Pointe North, 25-21, 25-18.

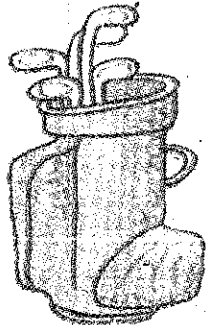
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ROCKS

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"To be ranked No. 1 all season and to go through the entire season up to this point — playing a very difficult schedule — and not lose until tonight, I couldn't be happier with the way this team played all season," he said. "Even though we lost, I was proud of the way the guys played tonight. They played hard from the opening minute."

McCarthy is convinced his team would still be alive if it would have had the services

of senior captain Jeremy Stoychoff on Saturday. The Rocks' three-year starting mid-fielder, who will play collegiate soccer along with Bearden beginning next fall at the University of Detroit-Mercy, missed both Regional contests due to a leg injury suffered in the District final against Livonia Churchill. "There is no doubt in my mind that if Jeremy plays tonight, the result would be different," McCarthy said. The Rocks thrived this fall in the inaugural season of the Kensington Lakes

Activities Association's Central Division — arguably the most competitive six-team division in the state. Among Salem's most noteworthy victories were an early-season 1-0 triumph over Warren DeLaSalle, a pair of wins over Northville and two triumphs against cross-campus rival Canton. The game marked the end of the career of 10 senior Rocks, including All-Stater Kevin Cope, who is headed to Michigan State University to play next fall.

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Salem's Jace Bearden (left), pictured during last week's Regional semifinal contest against Dearborn, hit the cross-bar on a header during Saturday's 1-0 overtime loss to Saline.

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Whalers' finale at Windsor Arena a downer

The Plymouth Whalers' final game at the venerable Windsor Arena Sunday afternoon was less than memorable. The Spitfires doubled up the Whalers, 9-4, before a crowd of 3,598 in Windsor. The Spits will be moving into a new facility later this year. The loss dropped Plymouth to 5-7-1-0 while Windsor improved to 15-1-0-0. Windsor led 3-0 after one period and 6-1 after two. Adam Henrique spearheaded the winners' offensive onslaught with a hat-trick and a pair of assists. Chris Terry led Plymouth with a pair of lamp-lighters

— his 10th and 11th of the season. Kaine Geldart and Tyler J. Brown scored single goals for the Whalers while Tyler G. Brown, Myles McCauley, Terry and Tyler J. Brown notched assists. Andrew Engelage earned the victory between the pipes for Windsor, stopping 27-of-31 shots. Jeremy Smith took the loss despite making 32 saves. Matt Hackett played the final 20 minutes in goal for Plymouth, yielding three goals while knocking away 14 Spitfire shots. The Whalers are in store for a busy weekend as they travel to London on Friday before returning to Compuware Arena to host Kitchener on Saturday. They hit

the road again Sunday to take on Sarnia. **Terry selected** Plymouth captain Chris Terry has been selected to play in the 2008 ADT Canada Russia Challenge, a six-game series played throughout the Canadian Hockey League Nov. 17-27. The 19-year-old Terry, a native of Brampton, Ont., was selected by the Carolina Hurricanes in the fifth round of the 2007 National Hockey League Entry Draft. He currently leads the Whalers with 11 goals and four assists. Terry is 11th on the Whalers' all-time career scoring list with 86 goals and 124 points.



Cubs win! Cubs win!

The Canton Cubs captured the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's fall tournament by defeating the Cardinals, 5-4, in the championship game. Pictured are (front row from left) Justin Berry, Mitchell King, Pete Carravallah, Ty Robinson, (second row from left) Adam Cousineau, Dante Toppi, Ryan Watson, Frankie Bellino, Kyle Bauer, (back row from left) coach Marco Toppi, Josh Penn, Tyler Brooks, Matt Carravallah and coach Pat Watson.

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These Sox rock

The Red Sox captured the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association 10U title with a 9-0 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Alex Zymunt, Jacob Aleva, Michael Kruskza, (second row from left) Ryan McAuliffe, Christopher Wenzel, Thomas Harvey, Max Korff, (top row from left) coach Pat McAuliffe, Alex Wilson, Kenny Topolovec, Gavin McAuliffe and assistant coach Rich Harvey. Not pictured are Ben Spencer and Chris Robbins.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Free throw contest

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting the annual Elks Free Throw Competition Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the competition starting at 9:30 a.m.

Kids between the ages of 8 and 13 are eligible to compete.

This is a free co-ed event. Awards will be given to winners of each age bracket.

For more information, call (734) 394-5354.

Learn-to-Skate at Compuware

Compuware Arena will be offering a Learn-to-Skate program beginning the week of Oct. 28 through Dec. 20.

The seven-week session, which costs \$88, includes a 25-minute lesson and 25 minutes of supervised practice time. Instructors include Compuware Arena professionals and players and play-

ers from the Plymouth Whalers hockey team.

Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday from 10:10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:10 to 2 p.m.; Wednesday from 5:10 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:10 to 10 a.m. More information, call (734) 453-8400.

Canton Wrestling Club registration

Registration for the 2008-09 Canton Wrestling Club will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room 305 of the Canton High School North building (phase III).

All participants should bring three copies of their birth certificate to the registration.

The club is a member of the MMWA and MYWAY wrestling organizations.

Last year's team included 27 state qualifiers, 10 state placers and four state champions.

The season runs from Nov. 17 to March 29.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com.

Engholm-led Wildcat boys cross country squad set for state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of Plymouth's boys cross country team saved their best for when it mattered the most.

The Wildcats qualified as a team for this weekend's Division 1 state meet when they placed third at Saturday's Regional meet held at Willow Metropark.

Plymouth compiled 77 points to finish behind only Ann Arbor Pioneer (23) and Ann Arbor Huron (72) in the 13-team field.

The top three teams in each Regional qualify for the state meet.

"All of the guys really stepped up," said Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz. "Everybody PR'ed. It's the first time Derek Lax PR'ed since his sophomore year.

"I couldn't ask more than what this team gave Saturday."

Leading the Wildcat charge was junior foreign exchange student Elmar Engholm, whose second-place time of 15:56.5 set a school record. The old record was Anthony

Scarparo's 16:00.

"Elmar ran a very smart race," said Mikosz. "It was a windy day, so he ran behind a Pioneer runner and a Huron runner the first two miles to let them break the wind.

"After about the two-mile mark, he took off and nearly caught the first-place kid."

Mikosz said he wouldn't be surprised to see Engholm finish in the top 15 on Saturday.

Pioneer's Dan Culbertson won the race in 15:48.

Lax's 16:31.4 was good enough for 11th place. Other scorers for Plymouth included Warren Buzzard (19th in 16:45.3), Joe Porcari (20th in 16:46.4) and Matt Neumann (25th in 16:54.5).

Despite finishing fourth, Canton nearly qualified for the state meet thanks to a rule that sends teams to the big race if four of their runners finish in the top 20.

Three Chiefs did just that: Duncan Spitz (eighth in 16:23.4), Kyle Clinton (13th in 16:37.0) and Miles Felton (14th in 16:37.6).

However, Canton's fourth-

placer, Greg Reed, narrowly missed the top 20 despite eclipsing his previous personal best time by 20 seconds, placing 23rd in 16:51.2.

"This was such a tough Regional," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "It's a shame, because there will be a lot slower kids than Greg running in the state meet this weekend.

"Overall, the kids ran great. We had six of our seven guys PR. Unfortunately, we needed seven out of seven."

Felton didn't just break the Canton freshman record (17:14) — he blew it to smithereens.

"Kyle Clinton looked over at me after Miles finished, smiled and said, 'Wow! Where did that come from?'" Boyd said.

"That was an incredible performance by Miles."

Spitz's 16:23.4 set a new Canton overall record.

Salem, which placed sixth with 154 points, will be represented at the state meet by Matt Devey, who finished 10th in 16:31.1.

**DIVISION 1
Oct. 25 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify**

for state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 23 points; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 72; 3. Plymouth, 77; 4. Canton, 86; 5. South Lyon, 139; 6. Salem, 154; 7. Livonia Churchill, 183; 8. Livonia Franklin, 230; 9. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 245; 10. Dearborn, 270; 11. Westland John Glenn, 341; 12. Wayne Memorial, 389; 13. Garden City, 406.

Individual winner: Dan Culbertson (Pioneer), 15:48.3 (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 2. Elmar Engholm, 15:56.3; 11. Derek Lax, 16:31.4; 19. Warren Buzzard, 16:45.3; 20. Joe Porcari, 16:46.4; 25. Matt Neumann, 16:54.5; 44. Derek Gielarowski, 17:41.2; 59. Stephen Balaze, 18:03.6.

Canton finishers: 8. Duncan Spitz, 16:23.4; 13. Kyle Clinton, 16:37.0; 14. Miles Felton, 16:37.6; 23. Greg Reed, 16:51.2; 28. Paul Rakovits, 17:03.7; 33. Mitch Clinton, 17:18.3; 37. Zach Spreitzer, 17:28.3.

Salem finishers: 10. Matt Devey, 16:31.1; 27. Mike Charara, 17:02.8; 30. Jason Smith, 17:11.7; 41. Alex Lang, 17:35.5; 46. Neil Gerlach, 17:43.0; 61. Zach Maves, 18:15.6; 66. Jared Jones, 18:24.7.

Churchill finishers: 17. Mark Waterbury, 16:44.5; 24. Nathan Wise, 16:53.4; 42. Matt Szado, 17:37.6; 49. Mike Schmidt, 17:45.7; 51. Tom Winkle, 17:49.6; 57. Quinn Osgood, 18:00.6; 61. Steve Zoski, 18:08.0.

Franklin finishers: 36. Austin Jones, 17:26.0; 40. Pete Walblay, 17:32.6; 43. Paul Hani, 17:40.5; 53. Dylan Taylor, 17:52.7; 58. Nick Gherardini, 18:02.3; 60. Jason Riffel, 18:06.7; 68. Bobby Wilson, 18:32.2.

John Glenn finishers: 39. Tim Boes, 17:31.6; 75. Eric Nylmar, 19:44.4; 76. Jeff Medel, 20:23.5; 77. Ruben Maya, 20:42.4; 78. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:51.3.

Wayne finishers: 71. Tyler Gendron, 19:18.4; 72. Darryl Ison, 19:26.7; 81. Brandon Tykoski, 21:37.7; 82. Jacob McClester, 21:40.7; 90. Darnell Gilvan, 25:06.9.

Garden City finishers: 79. Andrew Chambo, 20:53.7; 83. Moises Cruz, 21:49.6; 84. Josh Avery, 22:20.5; 85. Mason Mitchell, 22:57.7; 87. Kyle Watts, 23:30.1; 88. William Whitaker, 23:30.6.

Plymouth girls narrowly miss state meet

Plymouth's girls cross country team suffered its second heart-breaking performance in as many years at Saturday's Division 1 Regional meet at Willow Metropark.

Like in 2007, the Wildcats missed qualifying for this weekend's state meet by the narrowest of margins, placing fourth with 103 points, four more than third-place Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Only the top three finishers automatically qualify for the state meet.

On the bright side, two Wildcats finished in the top

15 to qualify as individuals for the state meet. Senior captain Molly Slavens crossed eighth in 19:38.5 while Nicole Traitses placed 12th in 19:43.7.

Salem and Canton also turned in solid efforts, placing fifth and seventh, respectively.

Two Rocks will be headed to Michigan International Speedway Saturday: Victoria Tripp, who placed 10th in 19:40.6 and Jordyn Moore, who was 11th in 19:40.9.

The lone Chief to qualify for the state meet was Bianca Kubicki, who placed sixth in 19:19.7.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals)

1. Livonia Churchill 48 points; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 86; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 99; 4. Plymouth, 103; 5. Salem, 120; 6. Dearborn, 120; 7. Canton, 136; 8. Livonia Franklin, 154; 9. South Lyon, 272; 10. Westland John Glenn, 334; 11. Garden City, 339.

Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 17:58.3 (5,000 meters).

Other Churchill finishers: 4. Amanda Southwell, 19:09.8; 7. Alyssa Mira, 19:30.9; 13. Bethany Pilat, 19:45.8; 23. Emily Clairmont, 20:09.0; 25. Kayla Szado, 20:12.2; 50. Sarah Bauman, 21:43.3.

Plymouth finishers: 8. Molly Slavens, 19:38.5 (sq); 12. Nicole Traitses, 19:43.7 (sq); 18. Beth Heldmeyer, 19:58.8; 30. Kelly Hahn, 20:35.8; 35. Tricia Pniwski, 20:59.8; 36. Julie Forster, 21:01.7; 43. Adrienne White, 21:28.9.

Salem finishers: 10. Victoria Tripp, 19:40.6 (sq); 11. Jordyn Moore, 19:40.9 (sq); 28. Kelley Beterman, 20:31.9; 33. Kelly Kerwin, 20:53.5; 38. Phoebe Vanhoof, 21:07.5; 47. Linda Ling, Salem, 21:40.5; 60. Kara Booms, Salem, 22:45.5.

Franklin finishers: 3. Megan McPherson, 18:58.3 (sq); 31. Tiffany Lambie, 20:44.5; 34. Brittany Dilley, 20:56.7; 41. Brittany Rouse, 21:19.3; 45. Kelly Walblay, 21:32.4; 53. Megan Wickens, 21:49.8; 57. Shannon Niznik, 22:28.1.

John Glenn finishers: 61. Ashley Bailey, 22:50.9; 64. Evi Cenolli, Westland John Glenn, 23:00.4; 70. Jaimie Medel, 24:07.5; 73. Megan Nikula, 24:57.0; 77. Michelle Levy, 25:59.9; 78. Audra Flores, 26:21.3; 80. Molly Robinett, 27:29.0.

Garden City finishers: 63. Christina Milne, 22:54.3; 68. Rebecca Szczembara, 23:32.1; 72. Rachel Szczembara, 24:41.7; 74. Whitney Spencer, 25:15.9; 75. Brianna Chambo, 25:33.9; 76. Breanna Mize, 25:56.9; 79. Megan Pichla, 26:33.3.

Wayne finishers: 59. Holland Boertje, 22:37.0; 62. Jennifer McCaffery, 22:52.4; 71. Chelsea Gilbert, 24:23.1.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 13, 2008 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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HOUSING REHABILITATION: 11 HOUSES (NOTE: EACH TO BE BID SEPARATELY)

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 17th, 2008 TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public action, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187@NOON.

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Matt Bagnell E192 10x10 Dishwasher, Washer and Dryer, Sony DirectTV receiver, Vehicle back seat, Office Chair, Laserjet, metal toolbox, tricycle, Advanced Logic Tomometer, many boxes of misc. household goods.

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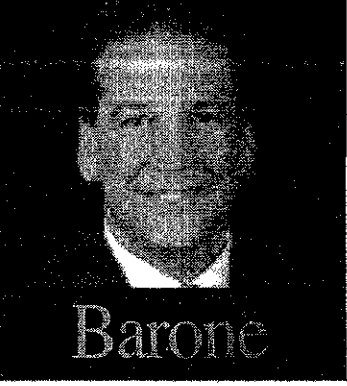
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Newspaper Endorsements	Detroit Free Press Canton Observer Plymouth Observer Northville Record	Eagle/Journal
Women Lawyers Association Of Michigan Rating for Judge	"Outstanding"	Unrated
Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Rating for Judge	"Well-Qualified"	"Qualified"
Years of Local Residency		
Western Wayne County	40	12
Within 35th District	13	12

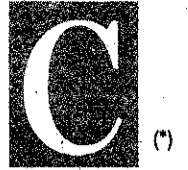
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Alternative heat sources prompt safety concerns

The American Red Cross and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released results of a survey showing the majority (79 percent) of Americans are concerned about the rising cost of heating their homes, and many will use an alternative heating source to reduce their bills this winter. The survey identified additional behaviors related to appliance maintenance and cooking that could present home fire hazards this winter.

"As we head into what is likely to be a very costly heating season, these survey results and Fire Prevention Month provide a critical opportunity for us to remind people about the things they can do to prevent home fires and keep their families safe and warm this winter," said NFPA president James M. Shannon.

"Home fires can be just as devastating as any other type of disaster," said Glen Hendricks, director of emergency services for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross. "The Red Cross is here to help anyone affected by a home fire, but also to provide information that helps people prevent and stay safer in a home fire."

HEATING AND COOKING FIRES:

According to NFPA reports, cooking and heating are the leading causes of home fires. The survey revealed the majority of Americans are concerned about the rising cost of heating their homes (79 percent), and that 48 percent of households will use an alternative heating source to reduce their bills this winter. Alternative heating sources include portable space heaters, stoves, ovens and fireplaces. A third (36 per-

cent) of people with fireplaces reported they never cleaned or inspected their chimneys. The survey also found 23 percent of respondents did not consider it essential to make sure someone is home when food is cooking on the stove.

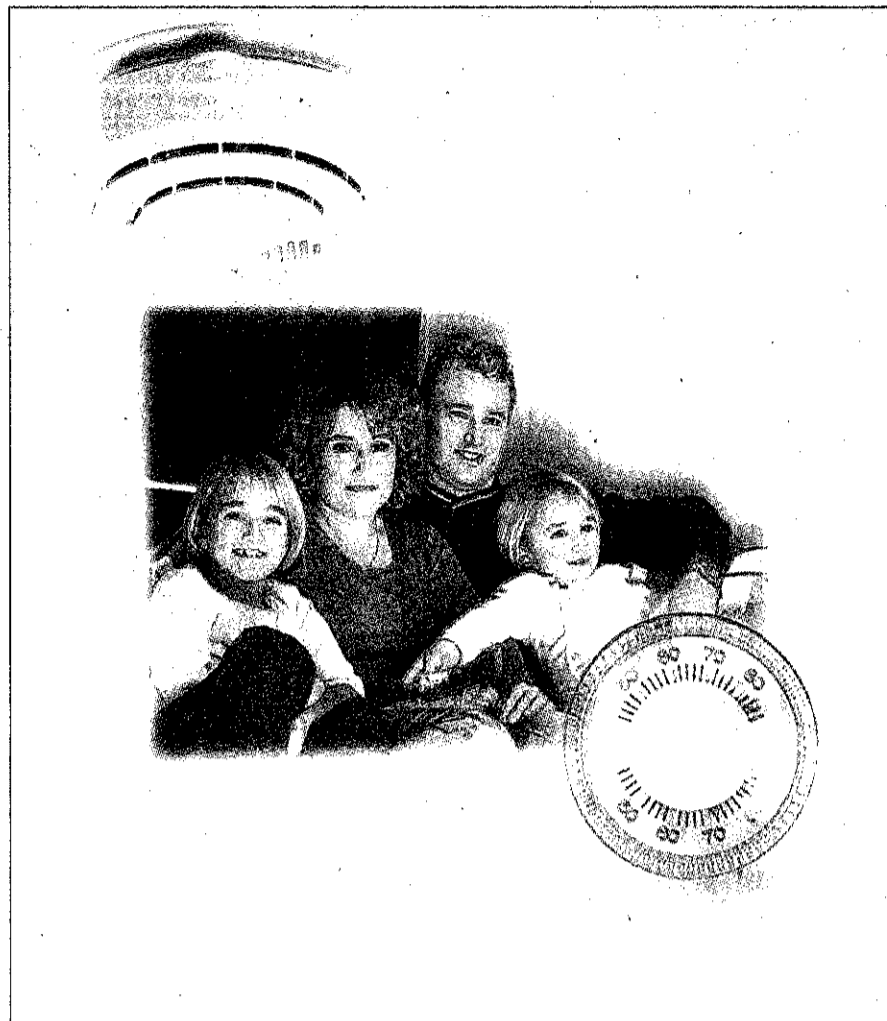
SMOKE ALARMS AND FIRE ESCAPE PLANS:

Respondents also revealed another unsafe behavior, which is disabling (37 percent) smoke alarms when they go off in a non-testing situation. More than half (53 percent) of the households surveyed have not taken any of three common actions in most home fire escape plans, which includes discussing with family members how to get out of the home, deciding on an outdoor meeting place and practicing the plan.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, the Red Cross partnered with Home Depot to conduct family fire safety clinics. The clinics were developed with Red Cross expertise and are designed to educate community members about preventing and preparing for family fires. Conducted by Home Depot staff, the clinics are free and interactive. They provide the community with tips and how-to advice, as well as showcase appropriate equipment and materials. Clinics were held on Saturdays during October at local Home Depot stores.

NFPA and the American Red Cross offer these and other safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.



- Give space heaters space by keeping them at least 3 feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Install smoke alarms on every level

of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

For additional fire safety tips visit www.firepreventionweek.org or www.redcross.org/homefires.

Ponder file access carefully

Q: If a property management company has its doors locked by the IRS, how will the associations be able to get their paperwork (financials, ledgers, unit files, etc.) back?

A: That is a good question, and, you would probably have to contact the IRS at that time to determine how you could get access to those files. Also,



Robert Meisner

presumably, the management company would be in the position to contact the IRS and seek limited disposition of the records, although, there is no guarantee that same would be released. If you think your management company may have its doors locked by the IRS, get a new management company immediately.

Q: Our board occasionally shuts down our cabana which includes the pool bathrooms, hot tub, sundeck, etc. It is usually because of chemicals in the pool. Are they allowed to close off the entire area though? Do they have a right to restrict access without notice?

A: The board has a right to exercise a degree of discretion in regard to maintaining the common elements, which I presume is the case at your condominium, to the extent that they believe that it is important to close off the entire area to preserve security. It is their prerogative. Of course, to the extent that they can provide the members with notice that is appropriate, they may not always have that opportunity.

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.

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Leadership

Bella Homes, Inc. recently announced it will sponsor the Leadership Award at this year's Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce Sunrise Pinnacle Awards.

The Bella Homes Leadership Award highlights a local business demonstrating excellence in leadership and innovation. Leaders from throughout the Rochester Regional Chamber have been nominated and on Oct. 30 the winner will be announced.

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Held at The Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester, the Sunrise Pinnacle Award's breakfast will honor 22 winners that include local businesses, nonprofit organizations and outstanding community citizens. In its sophomore year, Sunrise Pinnacle has become one of the most encompassing and prestigious award ceremonies in the metro Detroit area. The winners will be announced that morning by WXYZ-TV Channel 7 anchorman Dave LewAllen.

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HOMES SOLD

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Canton	
7500 Bircklan Dr	\$397,000
2609 Brookfield St	\$155,000
580 Cherry Grove Rd	\$175,000
1406 Delancy Cir	\$423,000
45044 Fair Oaks Dr	\$196,000
45965 Gainsborough Dr	\$222,000
42315 Glen Cove Ct	\$218,000
48840 Greenwich Cir	\$266,000
3126 Greenwich Ct	\$265,000
43241 Hanford Rd	\$109,000
842 Harrison St	\$197,000
6923 Harvard Ln	\$91,000
50027 Jackson Ln	\$213,000
44622 Leslie Ln	\$197,000
45110 Lathrop Ct	\$277,000
45591 Michael Ct	\$188,000
43865 Palisades Dr	\$190,000
44808 Ridgfield Rd	\$185,000

42016 Saratoga Cir	\$154,000
42717 Somerset Dr	\$158,000
2561 Stanton St	\$278,000
2734 Stanton St	\$343,000
1934 Stonebridge Way	\$315,000
47796 Torrington Dr N	\$295,000
2596 Woodcreek Ct	\$275,000
Farmington	
24181 Broadway Dr	\$132,000
21030 Laurelwood St	\$171,000
31533 Marblehead Rd	\$160,000
23718 Whittaker Dr	\$252,000
Farmington Hills	
29191 Autumn Rog	\$245,000
30805 Country Ridge Cir	\$350,000
29043 Creek Bend Dr	\$209,000
27525 Doreen St	\$125,000
31062 Evergreen Ct	\$296,000
32383 Farmersville Rd	\$185,000
35544 Forestville St	\$203,000
29423 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$114,000
34182 Old Timber Ct	\$221,000
26765 Plumgrove Ln	\$160,000
21176 Rensselaer St	\$53,000
36748 Tanglewood Ln	\$250,000
35070 Valley Forge Dr	\$215,000
31210 Westhill St	\$238,000
Garden City	
31690 Chester St	\$55,000

6417 Hawthorne St	\$117,000
28549 Leona St	\$140,000
30730 Sheridan St	\$180,000
Livonia	
31544 Alabama St	\$142,000
11325 Arden St	\$139,000
11408 Arden St	\$127,000
31556 Bridge St	\$100,000
28437 Elmira St	\$133,000
36124 Fairway Dr	\$250,000
18510 Foch St	\$148,000
28787 Grandon St	\$140,000
14228 Hubbard St	\$155,000
27942 Lyndon St	\$115,000
19429 Merriman Ct	\$67,000
29531 Winton St	\$80,000
37448 W Laurel Park Dr	\$125,000
38142 N Vista Dr	\$272,000
16819 Quakerstown Ln	\$205,000
11753 Stark Rd	\$155,000
Milford	
829 Panorama Dr	\$120,000
119 Teromi Trl	\$211,000
666 Village Ln	\$134,000
855 W Buno Rd	\$325,000
240 Willow Trl	\$235,000
Northville	
17393 Black Pine Dr	\$505,000
16726 Country Knoll Dr	\$195,000

16931 Country Knoll Dr	\$225,000
46746 Merion Cir	\$615,000
16705 Sherwood Ln	\$460,000
17871 Stonebrook Dr	\$650,000
45850 Tournament Dr	\$175,000
39515 Village Run Dr	\$255,000
19300 Windridge Dr	\$270,000
444 Yerkes St	\$250,000
Novi	
22735 Beckenham Ct	\$575,000
24747 Davenport Ave	\$295,000
22514 Heatherwoode	\$195,000
23148 Heatherwoode	\$215,000
24723 Highlands Dr	\$240,000
26448 Island Lake Dr	\$294,000
25797 Mulberry Ln	\$290,000
22506 Remford St	\$80,000
24451 Venice Dr	\$300,000
44799 Yorkshire Dr	\$255,000
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construction process will benefit including owners, project managers, superintendents and sales managers.
Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

"We strongly believe in supporting our community," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO of Weir Manuel. "The Dream Cruise provides us with a great opportunity to get the word out, and we're happy to allocate space to these great charities. This is an annual event for us."
To date, Almost Home has rescued close to 2,000 dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies. An example is Miracle, the only surviving puppy of a group that was tied together and set on fire in an abandoned building. Many thousands of dollars in medical bills were spent to save the badly burned animal, who is now healthy and was adopted by the veterinarian who helped save her.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will hold a Lien Law seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.
Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law Act."
Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers (NAHBR) will hold a "Project Management" course on Friday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.
The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations as well as the CGR designation. This course also counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.
Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group will present participants with the skills needed for successful on- or off-site production operations management. The course covers the three phases of a successful venture: planning, implementation and evaluation. Anyone in the pre-construction or

in the case of the greyhounds, tens of thousands of puppies are born into the racing industry every year, thousands are cast aside just months into life.
Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 160 professionals in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes "real-time" live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

'Pet' cause
Weir Manuel Realtors announced that almost \$1,000 was collected by animal rescue groups at their Dream Cruise community event. The Weir Manuel parking lot, located on Old Woodward Avenue in downtown Birmingham, provided three animal rescue groups with a prime venue to promote their causes.
Charities participating were Almost Home Rescue League (www.almosthomerescuegroup.org) and two greyhound rescues: Greyhound Expressions (www.greyhoundexpressions.org) and Greyheart (www.greyheart.org). All three are strictly no-kill shelters.

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<p>IMMACULATE Turn key 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/ excellent Canton location. Huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, neutral décor, updated carpet, full bsm, new windows, hwh, Patio, & more. \$99,900 (569AR)</p>	<p>CAREFREE LIVING 1200 sq ft, 2bd, 2.5 bath condo just minutes from everything. Area pool & tennis, fin bsm, walk in closets, Patio w/privacy fence, & built in gas grill. Assoc fee inc. water. \$124,900 (742BA)</p>	<p>FANTASTIC VALUE Beautiful West Bloom. Colonial in prestigious Wyndham Pointe. New carpet, dual stairs, huge Master w/ jacuzzi tub, fin basement with rec room, 3 car Garage, & more. \$404,900 (253BE)</p>	<p>LOTS OF POTENTIAL 2 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level fixed upper located on 9 acres. Sold as-is condition. Needs work but has tons of potential. \$259,500 (501BE)</p>	<p>THIS HOME HAS IT ALL Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huge Deck. \$158,000 (700CA)</p>	<p>NESTLED ON AN ACRE Spacious lake front living on all sports Rush lake. Bring your own boat, nature trails, common grounds with gazebo, playgrounds and more. \$209,000 (191CA)</p>	<p>ENJOY THE VIEW Comforable 3 bd Waterford home w/updated white Kitchen with ceramic, updated baths & carpet, well maintained with loads of storage, right across from Casa Lake. \$129,900 (884CA)</p>	<p>PRICE, CONDITION, & LOCATION It's all here! 3 bd, 1.5 bath Canton home w/newer tear off roof, chugy Cab's, granite, 6 panel doors, huge Fam Rm w/plasma TV, & home warranty. \$169,750 (721CO)</p>
<p>DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION Situated on a quiet tree lined street, this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal LR/DR, updated maple kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, bsm, Garage, & much more. \$189,900 (305CR)</p>	<p>PRESTIGIOUS STEEPLCHASE This 5099 sq ft home is definitely a 10! 4 bedroom, 4 baths, gourmet Kitchen w/granite, Conservatory, Den, Fam Rm, dual staircases, daylight bsm, & backs & sides to protected land. \$448,000 (070CR)</p>	<p>UPDATED & MOVE IN READY Charming 2 bedroom brick ranch w/refin hwd flrs, newer roof, windows, updated kit, & bath. Appl's stay neutral t/o, fin bsm, sunroom, Garage, fenced yard, & lovely landscaping. \$119,000 (620CU)</p>	<p>GREAT VALUE 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/ finished bsm, fireplace, hwd flring, newer windows, fenced yard, glass block windows, newer tile in Kitchen, freshly painted interior, & so much more. \$84,900 (602DE)</p>	<p>BUILD TO SUIT 3 lots with possible split. Nicely located in sub just blocks from golf course & park. Call for further details. \$12,900 (215EA)</p>	<p>ENJOY THE PARK You can't find a better location! Brick ranch perfectly situated across from the Community Center & park. Spacious floor plan w/large living room, fin bsm, & all appliances stay. \$155,000 (431EL)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL CONDO In walking distance to everything! Completely updated Kitchen, baths, furnace, C/A, hwh, interior doors, crown moldg, finished bsm, 2 bedroom, 2.5 baths, & neutral décor. \$174,900 (153FA)</p>	<p>WOW If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's driveway, newer roof, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location. \$119,900 (453FL)</p>
<p>PRICED FOR QUICK SALE Fantastic curb appeal & great location. Large fenced lot, newer windows, newer doors, over 1800 sq ft, spacious layout, 2 car Garage, & more. \$59,900 (245FO)</p>	<p>COMPLETELY REMODELED 4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/over 1900 sq ft. Updates include: carpet, paint, baths, Kitchen, windows, & more. 2 car attached Garage, nice fenced yard, & close to everything. \$229,900 (695GR)</p>	<p>GREAT FIND Nice quad level home in Willow Trail Sub. 3 bedroom, 1.5 ba, 1800+ sq ft, & on a large corner lot. Fam Rm w/frpl, bsm w/ storage, lattice covered Deck, & close to schools & parks. \$190,000 (596GR)</p>	<p>NORTH CANTON CONDO This spacious 9 bdrm condo w/large LR & Kit w/dining area, 1st fl laun, walk in closets, updated bath, & oak cabs. Great storage space, & much more. \$86,000 (604HARV)</p>	<p>NEARLY NEW CONDO 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome w/ private entrance, 2 car Garage, full bsm, over 1400 sq ft. Great Room w/waering cell, separate DR, spacious Kit, drwl to Deck, & so much more. \$150,000 (282HE)</p>	<p>CUTE & CLEAN This 3 bedroom ranch offers 1 bath, updated blinds, Kitchen flooring, windows, sliding, & C/A. Full basement, fenced yard, & porch. Move in & enjoy. \$109,500 (234MA)</p>	<p>SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/open floor plan, large Kit overlooks Fam Rm w/frpl, LR w/walkout, 1st fl Laun, 2 car Garage, part fin bsm w/4th bedroom or study, & great neighborhood. \$174,900 (766MA)</p>	<p>ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo feat high ceilings, open floor plan, Great Room, granite kit, awesome Deck, Master w/bath, Area clubhouse w/ pool & tennis, & too much more to list. \$115,000 (208OA)</p>
<p>WELCOME HOME Nice colonial feat: 2 story foyer w/ hardwood floors, formal LR/DR, Den, island kit w/built-in appl's, spacious family room w/frpl & bridge overlook, large Master, cent vase, & fin basement. \$389,900 (607PA)</p>	<p>BECOME A HOMEOWNER! Great Opportunity to own this great home w/open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings, eat-in kit, good size bedrooms, neutral carpet & décor, walk to parks & tennis, close to everything. \$48,500 (061ST)</p>	<p>MOVE IN READY Great home on a double lot. Completely remodeled in '08. Carpet, windows, siding, doors, fixtures, furnace, C/A, & more. Bath w/granite, oak Kit w/ appliances, & more. \$179,900 (975HI)</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH'S CRESTWOOD PARK Wonderfully maintained ground floor condo. 1 bd, 1 bath, spacious LR/DR, neutral décor, private bsm, clubhouse w/heated pool, & tons of storage. \$69,000 (199SH)</p>	<p>SLICE OF HEAVEN Premium lot in the Enclaves of Central Park. Classic floor plan features formal LR/DR, 2 story Fam Rm w/frpl, chery Kit w/ appl's, nice Deck, extra deep bsm, & more. \$69,900 (051ST)</p>	<p>SUPER PLYMOUTH CONDO Very private location backing to Hines Park. Tastefully decorated, LR/DR combo, gas frpl, 2.5 baths, spacious bedrooms w/extra closet space, appliances stay, & 1 car Garage. \$134,900 (800YO)</p>		

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ACROSS

- 1 Startled cries
- 4 Press agent
- 9 Henri's landmass
- 12 Super Bowl roar
- 13 Two under par
- 14 Female rabbit
- 15 Jackhammer
- 17 Rowboat part
- 19 Large tanks
- 21 Use a crowbar
- 22 Hire, as a bus
- 25 Plover's dwelling
- 29 Nile god
- 30 Prima donnas
- 32 Cavity detector (hyph.)
- 33 Motor lodge
- 35 Full of energy
- 37 Couples-only ship?
- 38 Lather
- 40 Peeved
- 42 Appliance giant
- 43 Square pillar

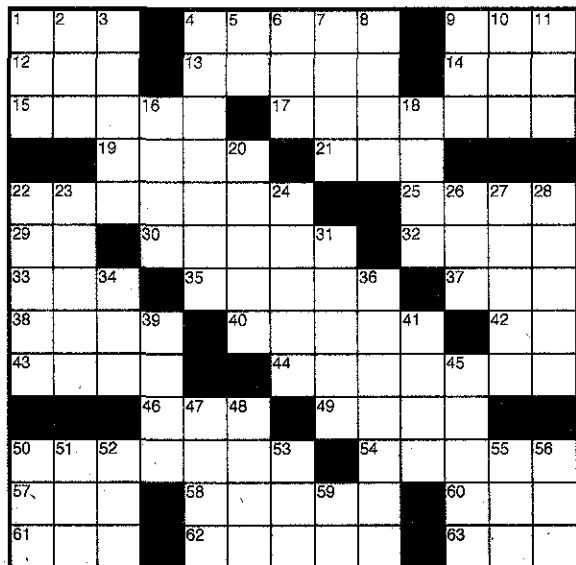
DOWN

- 1 California fort
- 2 Kind of dance
- 3 Hindu deity
- 4 Type of marker (hyph.)
- 5 Miss. neighbor
- 6 In the past
- 7 Peel of thunder
- 8 Deborah of old films
- 9 Rite answer? (2 wds.)

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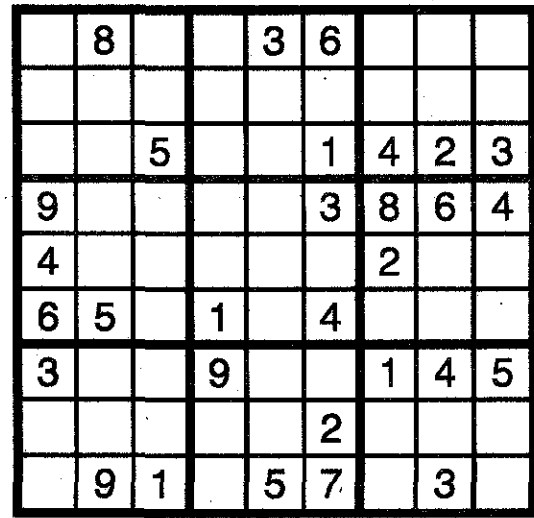
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- 10 Rapper
- 11 Mouse alert
- 16 Shortening
- 18 Tufted-ear cat
- 20 Lop off
- 22 Crunchy
- 23 Asian capital
- 24 Part of REM
- 26 Distinct period
- 27 Non-com nickname
- 28 Little kids
- 31 Bug out
- 34 Glasgow turnaround
- 36 Kind of sale (hyph.)
- 39 Spring formal
- 41 Grayish
- 45 Saturate
- 47 Referees
- 48 Realize, as profits
- 50 — Tome
- 51 Nieces and cousins
- 52 Passports, etc.
- 53 Ruby or Sandra
- 55 Barely make do
- 56 Dover's st.
- 59 Keep — eye out

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8	7	6	2	1	8	9	4	5
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7	6	8	4	2	1	7	5	9
5	1	9	8	6	8	9	4	7
4	9	8	3	7	9	2	1	6
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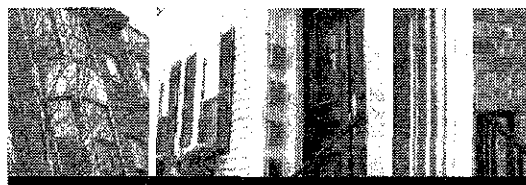
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PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SW/M, 38-45, who will love me for me. **z282493**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **z282690**

SEEKING STRONG BM
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **z282668**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH
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MUSICAL GUY!
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25 who enjoys the same things. **z282258**

CLASSY LADY
I am in my early 30s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **z282205**

SPECIAL PERSON
SBF, 38, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **z282028**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON
Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'5", seeks a man, 50-65, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **z2829125**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'9", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, do to things with. **z2820581**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, enjoys the outdoors. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **z2827305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
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ONLY SERIOUS WOULD REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready willing, and able to commit. **z2827983**

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. **z2829151**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
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GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 50, 140lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **z2826760**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
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Asian woman, 5'2", 160lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, travel. Seeking clean-cut, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **z2819301**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, fun, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **z2829947**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spry and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **z2826317**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 38 years young, seeks SW/M, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks/walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **z2821298**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **z2817234**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks young, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outgoing, rugged, good-humored male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **z2810247**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SM, 35-50, who enjoys festivals, travel, spending time together. **z2820950**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SW/M, 50-60, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **z271683**

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde, 5'7", 130 lbs, enjoys cooking, travel, exercise, music... seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. **z2823877**

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WF, 33, 5'9", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves NASCAR, classic rock and more. **z2829230**

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SBF, 33, 5'4", 110lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **z2827856**

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SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SM/4M, 18-25, who keeps it real. **z2827598**

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By Dale Buss

Mercedes-Benz didn't do much to its C-Class sedan for the 2009 model year. The new C300 has added front seat-mounted pelvic air bags, and the optional hard-drive-based navigation system now offers 40GB of storage space as well as Zagat restaurant information.

But of course, that's the whole point: Mercedes-Benz didn't need to do anything to make the C300 a great entry point for the brand for American drivers. Up against stiff competition from the likes of the Audi A4, BMW 3 Series, Cadillac CTS, Infiniti G35 and Lexus IS, the C300 more than holds its own in terms of top-notch product quality and the distinctive experience of driving a Mercedes-Benz.

The car offers a mix of driving involvement, comfort and high-tech goodies that overcomes the fact that its 3.0-liter, dual-overhead-cam, 24-valve V6 engine may not be quite up to some of the competition - although with mileage of 17 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway, the C300 certainly compares that way.

Sticker prices for Mercedes-Benz C-Class sedans begin in the low \$30,000s. For the C300 4Matic that I drove, featuring an all-wheel-drive system, the sticker price was nearly \$47,000. But it was Mars Red with a black leather interior, and it looked fantastic!

Although the car's dimensions, suspension design and V6 engines largely carried over from the previous generation, the new C300 and other C-Class sedans gained an improved interior with higher-quality materials, the optional new nav system and an easier-to-use control interface. The larger-sized nav system now has 6 GB reserved just for music.

All C300s also can be equipped with the Premium I Package that adds rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming mirrors, heated front seats, and satellite radio.

Optional - but definitely appreciated in the C300 4Matic I drove - is the Premium II Package that adds LED taillamps, corner-illuminating fog lights, split-folding rear seats, a power rear-window sunshade and bi-xenon headlamps.

The classic Mercedes-Benz design lines in the C300 make it a great entry-level vehicle for the brand.



Mercedes-Benz has enhanced the already-refined cockpit of the C300.



In the U.S. market, the C-Class sedans come in three varieties: C300 Sport and C300 Luxury - both with the new 3.0-liter engine, which generates 228 horsepower - and the C350 sport, powered by an existing 3.5-liter, 268-horsepower V6 engine.

The 2009 model is a slight refinement of a completely new version of the C-Class line that was introduced in 2008, which represented improvement in a number of ways. The new line, for example, is nearly four inches longer than the old C-Class, at more than 182 inches overall. The wheelbase, at nearly 109 inches, is about two inches longer than before. And more than anything else, the new C300 and its kin gained volume in the trunk, which now measures a competitive 12.4 cubic feet.

And while BMW and some of the other entry-luxury competitors to the C300 offer plenty of zoom, there's something substantial as well as thrilling about driving the C300 4Matic. With 221 pound-feet of torque from 2,700 to 5,000 rpm, and an automatic transmission

that offers seven gears - not to mention the road-hugging guarantee of all-wheel-drive power - the C300 always seems to keep its feet.

So while it takes only about seven seconds to move from zero to 60 mph in the C300, the car also seems to progress almost effortlessly in cruising mode.

In addition to all these specific models, attributes and amenities, of course, part of the story of the new C-Class sedans is that Mercedes-Benz has been using them to make the point that it isn't going to disappoint American consumers as some past lower-end models have.

So, for example, ads for the line have portrayed the company's heroic efforts to develop the vehicle over seven years - "because we promised you a Mercedes-Benz, that's why," as last year's ads for the new C-Class line intoned.

Rest assured that, in the C300 4Matic and its siblings, Mercedes-Benz has come through on its promise.

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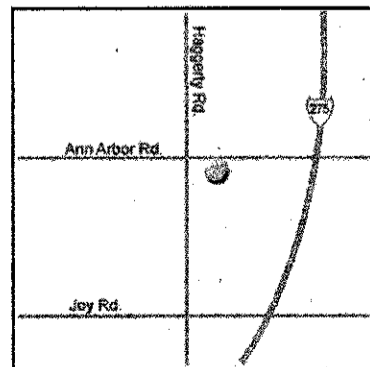
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