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Coats for kids

The deadline for the Plymouth Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program is rapidly approaching. The annual campaign to provide winter coats to needy children from low-income families is underway. The Salvation Army is working with Pennsylvania-based Operation Warm to provide the coats.

They're looking for donations to help buy the coats. A \$15 donation buys a brand-new coat for a child kindergarten through 12th grade. Donors can drop off their donations to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, in Plymouth. The Salvation Army serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

To make an appointment to apply for a coat, stop in at the Salvation Army or call (734) 453-5464.

TV gig

Continuing the latest trend in casting employees in commercials, Domino's Pizza, Inc., has cast 15 of its team members in the latest Domino's commercial, "Chefs vs. Accountants." Of the 15 appearing in the spot (one is Jenny Murphy of Canton), six team members from the company's accounting and research & development departments have principal roles (see the new spot at <http://www.youtube.com/dominosvids>).

"This new commercial is the latest in a string of spots featuring actual Domino's employees and store owners," said Russell Weiner, Domino's Pizza Chief Marketing Officer. "Ever since our CEO Dave Brandon spoke out about how he felt regarding a cease and desist notice in 'Burn the letter' and followed that up by taking his message of The Big Taste Bailout to Capitol Hill, Domino's staff and franchisees have been featured in TV spots and on-line advertising, including the recent franchisee feud over the Domino's American Legends specialty pizza line."

Domino's is not alone with this trend: Best Buy is using store employees in its spots, FedEx used employees' real adventures, Microsoft featured users as well as employees in their "I'm a PC" campaign as did Ford with "Drive One" while Intel used employees to illustrate what their rock stars look like (although with the help of an actor).

In Domino's latest campaign for Breadbowl Pasta and Chocolate Lava Crunch Cakes, we meet Domino's chefs (who put the lava in the crunchy cakes) and its accountants (whose number crunching made the lava crunch cakes free with the purchase of any Domino's Breadbowl Pasta at menu price through September 13, 2009) battling it out in front of the camera.

Board OKs ethics policy critics call 'toothless'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new ethics policy touted by Canton officials as a promising start already has come under fire from critics who say it lacks substance, largely by failing to establish an independent panel to investigate complaints and issue advisory opinions.

In a sweeping decision Tuesday, the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees adopted a policy

they say is intended to promote ethical decision-making by elected officials, employees, appointees and contractors. It follows a complaint filed last year with the Secretary of State against then-Supervisor Tom Yack, who ultimately paid the township \$75 for time he spent sending workplace e-mails to advise Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, then a candidate, on her campaign.

The first-ever local ethics policy, recommended by township attorney Tim Cronin, is intended to prohibit

officials and employees from using their positions or township resources for personal gain, campaigning during work hours and disclosing confidential information, among other measures.

It also demands they reveal any potential conflicts of interest and forbids them to violate laws including the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

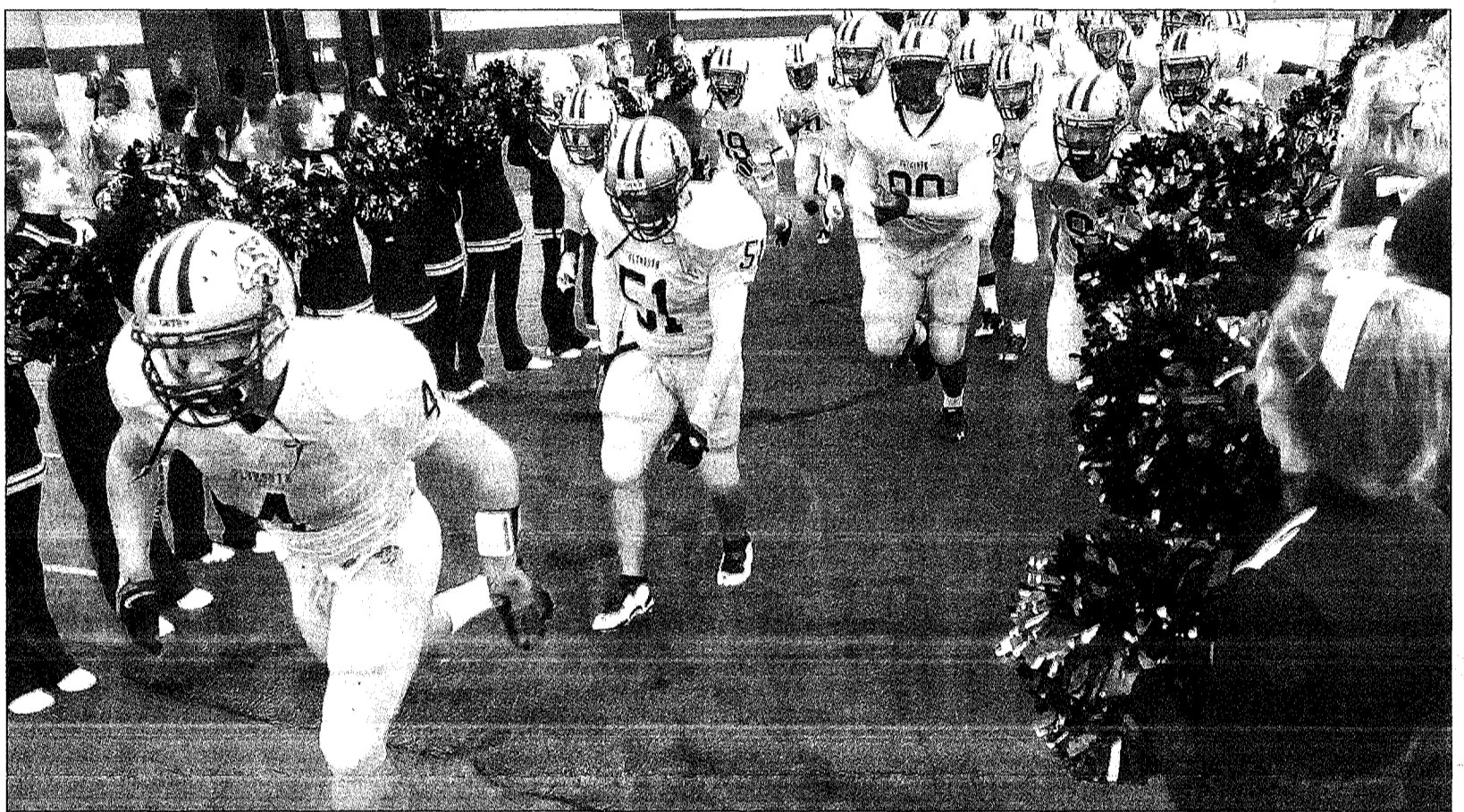
"This is a beginning," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, conceding the policy still could be fine-

tuned. "Certainly we're open to doing that."

Critics, who believe Yack was spared potentially tougher disciplinary actions because he was leaving office, acknowledge that the policy gives local officials authority to discipline — or even fire — employees and others, but they say it falls far short on sanctions against elected leaders.

"It's very lightweight," said resident

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Going to work

The 2009 Plymouth Wildcats take the field for the opening game of the season. After a slow first half when they trailed Salem 11-3, the Wildcats took control, beating the Salem Rocks by a final score of 25-11. Read about the game in today's sports section.

Canton starts long-awaited cell expansion

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid crumbling walls and roaring jackhammers, a long-awaited project to enlarge the Canton Township Police Department's prisoner cell block area has begun, marking the first major expansion in the building's 24-year history.

Despite temporary disruptions, police officials and employees are eager for better conditions inside a jail area where they say overcrowding can increase the threat of prisoner violence and injury to officers.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said the project is expected to be completed by early January.

The expansion will allow the jail to accommodate 58 prisoners rather than 32 — an 81-percent increase. The project comes as arrests spiked while the town-

ship's population soared from 58,128 to more than 87,500 since 1985.

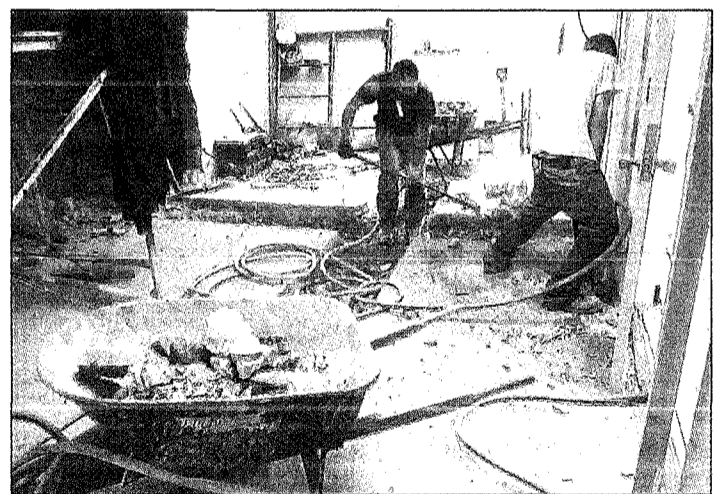
Canton police officers made 3,811 arrests in 2007, more than quadruple the 931 people they took into custody in 1985, statistics show.

"It's been more and more difficult to accommodate the prisoners we're bringing in and to ensure a safe environment for them and the officers," Kerr said.

One weekend earlier this year, Public Safety Director John Santomauro received an e-mail from his staff about an overcrowding situation that forced the department to release some nonviolent prisoners on personal bonds.

Police officials cite numerous reasons for the expansion, such as:

- Easing liability issues that can arise



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Prisoner space will be increased by 81 percent when the long-awaited expansion of the Canton Police Department cell block is complete.

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Woman asks for help with 74 cats

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman who has turned over 74 cats and kittens to the Humane Society of Huron Valley also hoarded 50 others that died five years ago when her earlier house caught fire, authorities said Friday.

"There's an extreme amount of animal cruelty in hoarding animals, and there should be punishment for that," said Tanya Hilgendorf, executive director of the Ann Arbor-based Humane Society of Huron Valley.

The 58-year-old postal carrier last week sought help for 74 cats and kittens in her Carlisle Court home, near Warren and Morton Taylor roads, and she could potentially face misdemeanor charges of animal neglect, Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Unlike recent revelations about a Dearborn man who had 150 dead and 100 living Chihuahuas, the Canton woman had only living cats and kittens when she called the humane society, authorities said.

Humane society officials contacted investigators who went to the woman's house, "took two steps inside and were unable to remain in the home due to the odor," Gajeski said.

"Most are in decent health," Hilgendorf said, "although they came from very unsanitary conditions. Some are being monitored for their ability to use a litter box. I think they were basically using the floor."

Many of the animals are in foster care, but some are on the humane society adoption floor, she said. Some are being evaluated and rehabilitated, and some

kittens are waiting to be spayed or neutered and readied for adoption. A few already have found homes.

Although the woman kept her cats fed, they lived in what Hilgendorf described as deplorable conditions. She also said animals aren't used to interacting with humans when they are hoarded, and they are fearful and not well-socialized.

Hilgendorf said the Humane Society of Huron Valley has 10,000 animals a year come through its doors. She said people seeking pets can find good deals, such as Fridays when the shelter adopts out adult cats for free.

For more information, stop by the humane society, 31000 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, log on to www.hshv.org or call (734) 662-5585.

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First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce still has openings available for the September First Friday Club. It meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Chamber office, 45525 Hanford, in Canton. Anyone who would like to attend, or for more information, call (734) 453-4040.

St. Michael school

Registrations are being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for the 2009-2010 school year. There are openings in 3- and 4-year-old preschool classes, as well as young fives and kindergarten. Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting. The school is located at 7000 Sheldon Road inside of St. Michael Lutheran Church. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program. Those interested in scrapbooking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20. For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at cassiekh@gmail.com. Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase

a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Canton newcomers

Interested in meeting your neighbors and getting involved with various interest groups? If so, the next monthly adult general meeting of Canton Newcomers will be held 7:15 p.m. Sept. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center). The evening will include Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as well as time for socializing, neighbor introductions, sign-ups for our over 20 interest group activities (Playgroups, Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local non-profit in need. For more information, or to receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

Health screening

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 3. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

Bike raffle

Starting Aug. 31, Buffalo Wild Wings customers - including those at the Canton location - can enter a raffle for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Great American Chopper Pro-Street, valued at \$26,000, and support a great cause at the same time. Patrons can purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each from their server, and all proceeds benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency whose mission is to help families cope with leukemia, lymphoma, and related blood disorders.



Taking the stage

Brett Moore of Plymouth as Oliver, Robert Doyle of Romulus as Mr. Bumble and Leigh Paige Cooley of Taylor as Widow Corney will be among the Spotlight Players who take the stage for their production of "Oliver!" next month at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Performances take place: 8 p.m. Sept. 18; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 19; 2 p.m. Sept. 20; 8 p.m. Sept. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 27. Cost is \$16 to \$18, senior, student and group discounts available. Call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or go on-line to www.canton-mi.org/village-theater to purchase tickets.

"Buffalo Wild Wings has really stepped up to the plate to host an amazing fund-raiser to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan," said the foundation's President & CEO William Seklar. "The money raised will help us develop more robust programs and continue to provide for the families we serve." The grand prize raffle drawing will take place 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1873 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

The Mothers of Preschoolers at Connection Church in Canton host a Mom2Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, located at 3855 Sheldon (west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave.) in Canton.

Admission is \$1. For more information, e-mail CCMopsMom@gmail.com or call (734) 334-0486.

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this year's program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the www.ajm.org Web site and register as a contestant. The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

Questions should be directed to Marissa at pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

Church crafts

Connection Church (previously Tri-City Christian

Center) is currently accepting applications for its annual Holiday Craft Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, north of Michigan Ave. For more information contact Katy Reitz, (734) 693-5656 or katyreitz@mac.com

Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in '50s and '60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar. For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is

hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26 for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles. Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic will once again be held at Waterford Bend Park on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street, ticket prices are \$7 for PCCA Members and \$9 for guests. Lots of prizes, raffles, chicken lunch and entertainment. Tables are \$50. Interested vendors should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided. For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

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EXPANSION

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- Reducing overcrowding conditions that can fuel prisoner tempers and place officers at greater risk of danger from confrontations.
- Providing space for new technologies, such as video-based arraignments, that have emerged since the jail was built.
- Enlarging an area where officers bring in new prisoners for mug shots and fingerprinting.
- Enhancing the security camera system so employees can keep a close watch on inmates.

The building itself isn't being enlarged. Rather, the project is being accomplished by knocking down internal walls,

expanding into an empty, adjacent office area and incorporating some of the department's garage space.

Workers are completing the job in phases, allowing police officials to shift prisoners among cell block areas to accommodate the project.

The expansion isn't intended to boost prisoner comfort, Kerr said. In fact, steel bunks equipped with mattresses are being replaced by concrete benches only — hardly a more welcome spot for law-breakers.

Work inside the jail, located on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, is being done by Novi-based Evangelista Corp. for \$412,800, with an additional \$75,000 set aside for unexpected expenses that may arise.

That's far less than early architectural estimates that topped \$2 million.

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ETHICS

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Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who has pushed for a policy — similar to those in communities such as Livonia, Detroit and Ypsilanti — that creates an ethics committee to field complaints. "That's where you get teeth in ethics policies."

Graham-Hudak and other critics say an ethics panel, with members nominated by an outside organization such as the League of Women Voters, should be appointed by township officials and empowered to recommend sanctions, including financial penalties and — in dire situations — suggestions to resign.

Graham-Hudak conceded the process could mean the township board would be faced with seeking penalties against one of its own, but she said public scrutiny would be an impetus for the board to take appropriate action.

Cronin, however, advised the board it would be "ill-advised" to appoint an ethics committee, especially one so far-reaching in scope. He said Michigan statutes already empower the Michigan State Police, county prosecuting offices and other

agencies to conduct independent investigations into alleged wrongdoing.

Cronin said laws already define violations, such as criminal activity and neglect of duties, that can lead to elected leaders being removed from office. The new ethics policy contains a clause requiring the township's Public Safety Department to refer allegations of criminal conduct by elected officials to an appropriate outside agency.

Further, Cronin said recommendations by an ethics panel for financial penalties against elected officials would undermine voters who choose leaders for positions with established pay levels.

Frank Houston, executive director of the watchdog group Common Cause Michigan, said state-level reforms are sorely needed on ethics issues, and the organization supports a uniform policy in communities across the state. He said one clause in the township's policy — one that states "an elected official's salary cannot be reduced" during a term of office, under state law — amounts to "the biggest slap in the face that I can imagine for local residents."

Meanwhile, Cronin didn't

name Yack specifically, but he said the new ethics policy clearly states that local officials and others cannot use township equipment, such as computers, for political campaigns. Even before Tuesday's vote, he said such matters could be reported to the state — which is what Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, did last year. Robinson contacted the Secretary of State's Bureau of Legal and Regulatory Services after a local group, Watchdog Canton, obtained Yack's e-mails by filing a Freedom of Information Act request.

Said Cronin: "I think the process actually worked the way it was designed to work."

But Graham-Hudak said state laws "didn't stop" what happened during the township's last election season and merely resulted in Yack paying \$75 for the time he said he spent sending out political e-mails.

"The outstanding question," Robinson said, "is does this whole thing send a message to

those who may consider violating the law?"

Robinson said there are many instances in municipalities and school districts across Michigan in which public resources are used for political campaigns in violation of state law. He called enforcement "weak" and said "we are deficient on the state level on transparency and election ethics."

LaJoy, meanwhile, said the new ethics policy was developed with input from local officials, employees and citizens. He acknowledged it's not perfect and still could be revised. Still, he and others said the policy, coupled with other township codes and ordinances, can only benefit the township.

Township Trustee Syed Taj agreed. "It's a step in the right direction," he said.

Local officials pledged to circulate the ethics policy to all township board members, commission members, committee members, public officers, employees and volunteers.

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NEWS BRIEF

Greece festival

The fifth annual "Taste of Greece Festival" on its way to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

The festival takes place Sept. 11-13 on the grounds of the church, located at 39851 W. Five Mile Road in Plymouth. The festival will once again awaken the

senses of sight, sound and taste of Greece, with exhibits of traditional Greek music, dancing, food and culture for all of Southeast Michigan to experience and enjoy.

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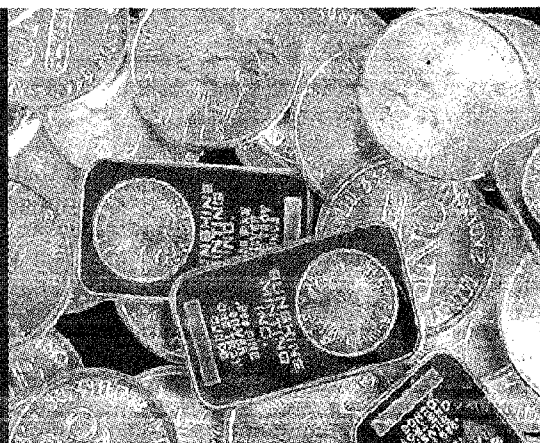
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Hollywood meets Plymouth in new reality TV pilot

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The blending of West Hollywood reality and Plymouth reality is providing fodder for a new reality television pilot currently being shot in town.

The star is Dean Sadler, a hair and makeup artist with 22 years of Hollywood experience whose Dean Sadler Hair and Makeup Studio opened on Penniman in the spring.

Sadler, who worked in film (*Beverly Hills Cop III*) and television (*Cybill*, *Burning Zone*), has made Plymouth his base as he runs his studio and launches two lines of hair-care products he plans to manufacture in Auburn Hills.

Originally from Springfield, Mo., Sadler said he fell in love with Plymouth a few years ago when he visited friends for Thanksgiving. A few months later, he returned to make his home.

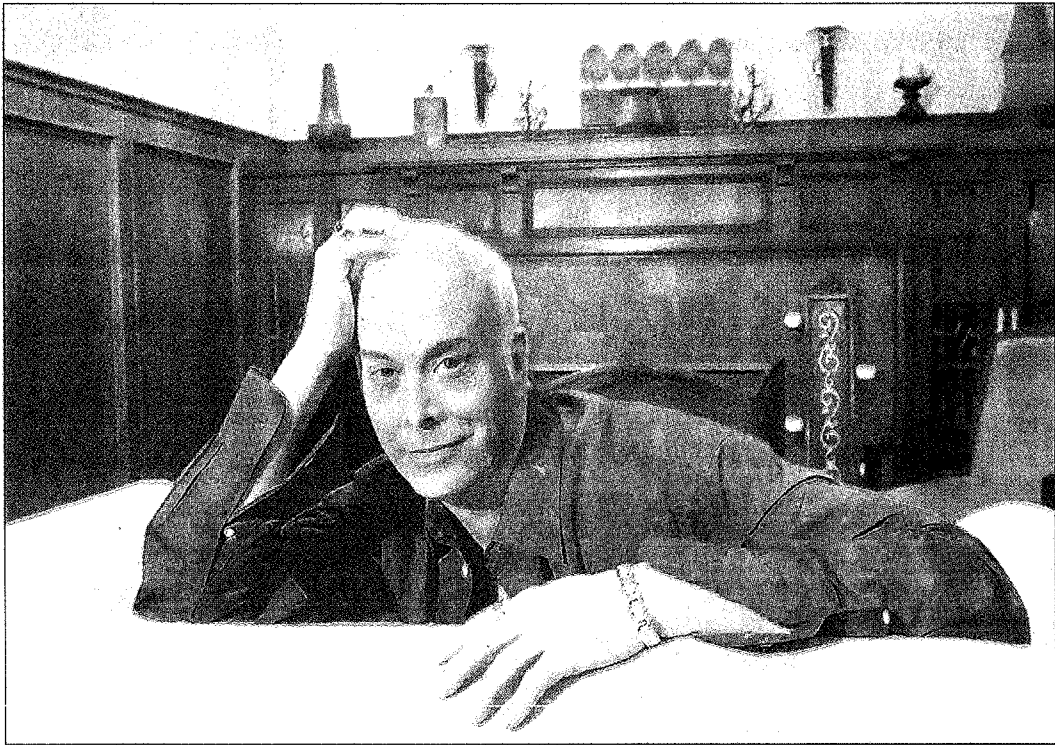
"This town is like quintessential perfection. There is like zero crime," said Sadler, who called Plymouth "hip but sleepy."

"This is like Norman Rockwell meets the millennium," he added.

Sadler calls himself a fish out of water, but adds, "I wanted to be in that water."

Enter Carl Kendall, a television producer who also lives in Plymouth. Kendall is putting together a reality show featuring Sadler, his business ventures and his life in Plymouth, and says the drama, and humor, Sadler and those around him bring to different situations will make for compelling television.

"Dean was a major stylist in Hollywood," said Kendall, who works with producer



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Dean Sadler stars in the pilot for a reality television show being put together by Plymouth television producer Carl Kendall.

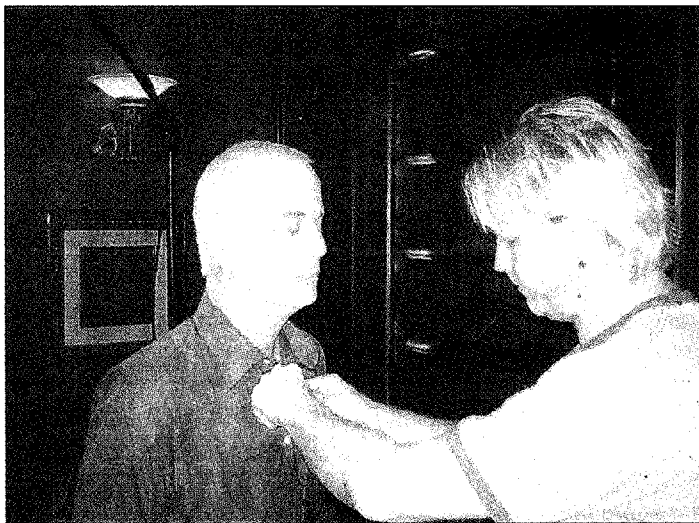
partners Bill Hunt and Jerry Taylor at The Idea Mill (they also have separate businesses). "We've got so many elements here. ... He's a superstar wherever he is."

Kendall said his show has drawn interest from two television networks, though he added he couldn't say which ones. He's been taping for about two weeks and should be wrapped with that part of the production in another two, he said.

Sadler is the star, Kendall said, though people who work with him will also be spotlighted. "A lot of fascinating people are drawn to this kind of business," he said.

The Plymouth setting will also be prominent.

"I want it to be funny. I want it to be hilarious. I want it to show some drama," said Sadler. "I want to show the

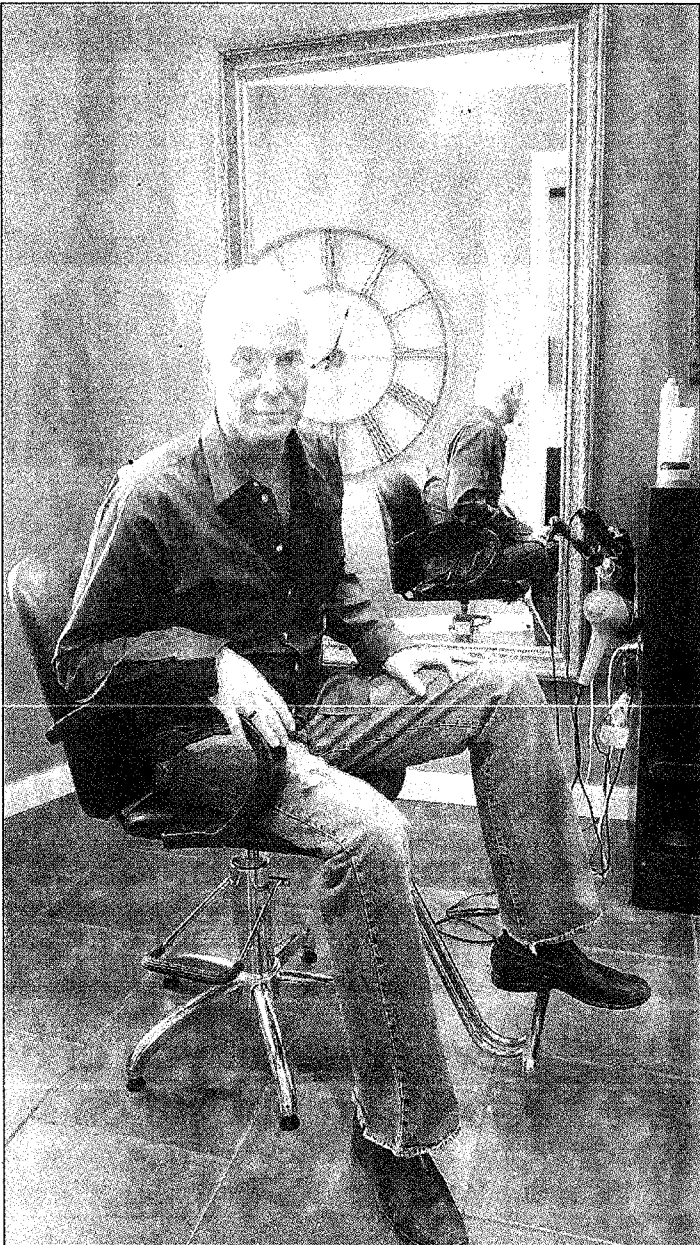


Local television producer Carl Kendall (right) tabbed Dean Sadler to star in the pilot episode of a reality TV show.

beauty of Plymouth." Despite the culture clash between Hollywood and the Upper Midwest, Sadler said he has a sincere love

of Plymouth and that the show will treat the town, and Michigan, respectfully.

When there are laughs, he said, the joke will be on him.



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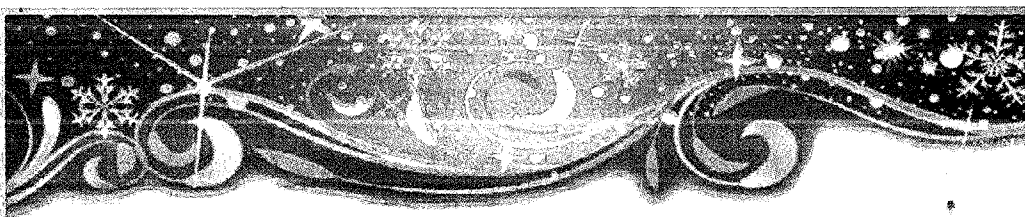
"I'm almost the invader here," he said.

Sadler, who is also planning to open a medical spa (Botox, tattoo removal, varicose vein treatment, etc.) in Plymouth, said he believes in investing in the state's economy.

Kendall said he believes likewise for his television work.


"We have the production talent here," he said. "There's no reason we can't do it here."

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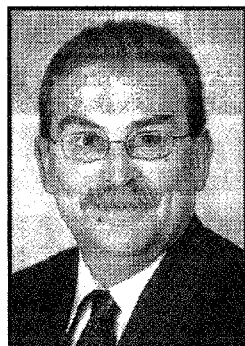
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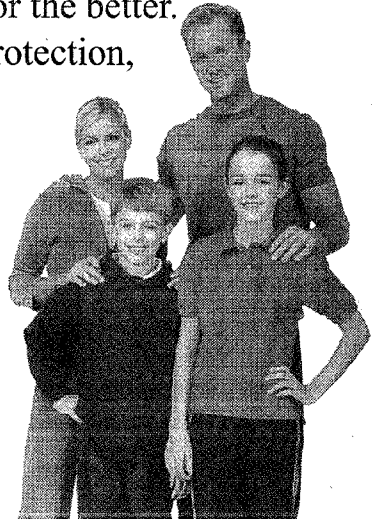
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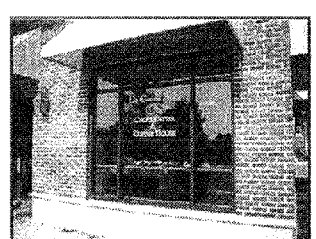
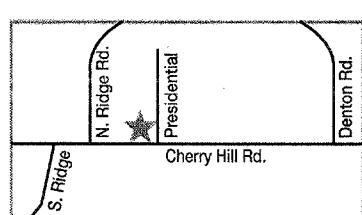
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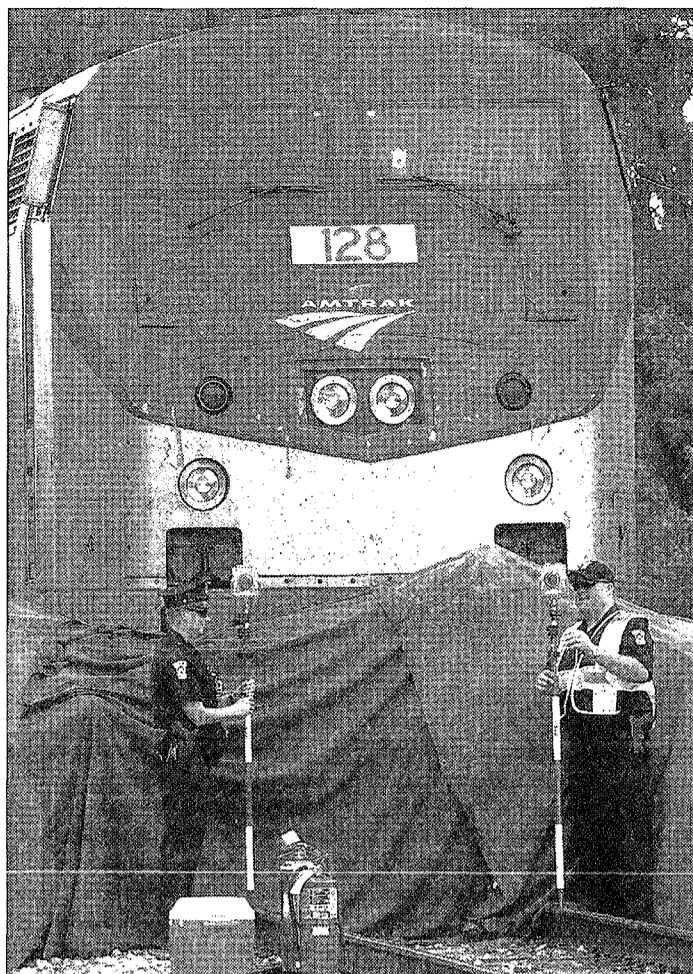
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Alcohol was not a factor in the July 9 car-train collision that claimed the lives of five young passengers in Canton, according to the final report by the Canton Police Department Accident Investigation team.

Drugs, alcohol not a factor in wreck

BY BRAD KADRIC
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although police found some substances they suspect is marijuana with the victims, police say neither drugs nor alcohol played a role in the accident that claimed five young lives July 9 involving an Amtrak train and a 2006 Ford Fusion in Canton.

Details of the report filed by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team, released Thursday afternoon by Canton Police, also showed the warning devices — the signals, gates and bells at the Hannan Road railroad crossing — were working when the Fusion, driven by Daniel Broughton of Woodhaven, tried to beat the train

across the tracks just north of Van Born Road.

Broughton, 19; Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor and Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17 of Taylor, all died instantly in the crash and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The Wayne County medical examiner performed autopsies on all five victims and said the cause of death was "consistent with injuries received during such a traumatic crash." Autopsies showed no sign of alcohol in any of the victims, though Broughton had traces of nicotine and diphenhydramine, a common ingredient in medications like Benadryl, police said.

The investigation, which included

interviews with witnesses, information from the Fusion's "black box" and video footage from the security cameras of a local business and the video recorder on the front of the train, show Broughton was driving at nearly 70 mph north on Hannan, slowed to about 30 mph and pulled around an SUV already stopped at the railroad crossing, swerved into the other lane and attempted to cut around the gates.

The video camera from the train shows the car pulling into its path. The impact is then heard, and shards of glass can be seen flying up in front of the lens. It took the driver some 40 seconds to stop the train, which came to rest near Lotz.

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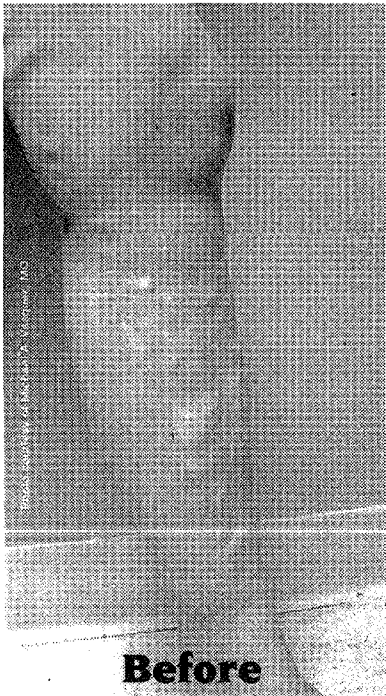
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Michigan's budget cuts are the equivalent to eating own seed corn

The Lansing-based Early Childhood Investment Corporation report a third of the state's children arrive at kindergarten unprepared for learning. These findings are based on 675 state kindergarten teachers who completed an online survey about how well students are prepared for learning.

State leaders know how to fix this problem. The question is: will they?

Investing in high quality preschool is one of the best investments we can make as a state and nation, so says a Nobel Prize-winning economist.

Dr. James Heckman, no bleeding heart educator or child advocate, but a 2000 Nobel Laureate in economics, predicts a grim picture for the U.S., unless begin investing in our youngest children.

In his research paper, "The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children," he argues: "Over 20 percent of U.S. workers are functionally illiterate and enumerate, a much higher percentage than leading European countries." "On productivity grounds, it makes sound business sense to invest in young children, especially from disadvantaged environments."

Heckman's research demonstrates that children who participate in high quality preschool programs "experience increased achievement test scores and high school graduation and decreased grade retention, time in special education, or experience with crime and delinquency."

Further, medical brain research has been clear for a number of years that nearly 85 percent of the human brain's capacity is developed



Tom Watkins

in our kids.

As state superintendent of schools I proposed in November 2002 the following:

"Every 4-year-old in Michigan shall be offered a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the 2006 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and educational program shall be established according to nationally recognized, high quality standards. It shall be provided at no additional charge to all Michigan 4-year-olds without reducing funding for existing education, health and child development programs."

However, due to other priorities, and the economic whirlpool the state has been facing, resources for early childhood have been anemic, and in many cases disappeared.

The Obama administration proposed budget has set aside \$20 billion dollars as a down payment for states to invest in our youngest children. Michigan must be at the head of the line for these resources.

The feds were in town recently, no, not the FBI, but Dr. Arthur J. Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Rolnick has also produced research that clearly shows the economic and societal return on investment in providing high quality early childhood

education. in the first five years of life. Seems to me, we should be listening to brain researchers and Nobel Prize winning economist that tell us to invest

education.

"Investing in high-quality education for 3- and 4-year-olds yields a higher return than any other public investment," Rolnick said.

Rolnick helped create an Early Childhood Scholarship Program in Minneapolis and is hoping to bring the successful initiative to Michigan. The Early Childhood Scholarship Program consists of three basic elements: parental mentoring, scholarships for low-income families to pay for high-quality early childhood education for 3- and 4-year olds, and a quality-rating system to provide parents with information on quality early childhood programs.

Rolnick and his colleagues have helped mobilize the Michigan business community, United Way, Wayne State University, key legislators, Visiting Nursing Association, Beaumont Hospital, the Governors Office and Michigan foundation leaders to form the nucleus of a leadership team to tap federal and other resources for our youngest citizens.

Our goal must be to make Michigan the talent bank of the world. Investing in our youngest children will get us closer to this goal and will have a positive pay off for our collective future.

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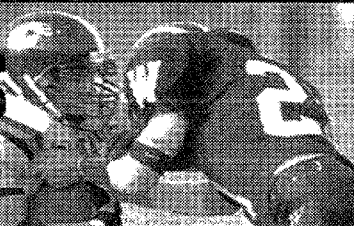
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Canton car buff takes wheel of his 20th Mustang

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
SOUTH LYON HERALD STAFF WRITER

When Jerry Cuper of Canton purchased his first Mustang in 1965, he was "the man."

"I thought I was a cool dude," he said.

He kept that car for 14 years.

Cuper, 64, took the GTO emblem off a Pontiac, removed the O and made a GT emblem for the Fastback 2+2 grill.

Cuper recently reached a milestone, picking up the keys to his 20th Mustang in July — a 2010 convertible — cementing a long-established love affair with the Ford car.

In true Cuper fashion he quickly added some decals and striping.

Hines Park Ford salesman Scott Dee sold Cuper his 20th Mustang at the New Hudson dealership.

"Mr. Cuper is an awesome customer and has spent a lot of time and effort into hand-crafting each order," Dee said. "We have built a great relationship. I can tell you it felt great working with Mr. Cuper on the 20th."

Dee said it is always important to keep customers excited about new vehicles, although he said it is rare to have a customer as excited as Cuper.

"He attends all of our functions, car shows and we also have a Cuper Award," Dee said.

A LOVE AFFAIR

Cuper has owned many models including two fastbacks, four hatchbacks with T-Tops or sunroofs, one notchback LX 5.0L sedan, 11 GT convertibles, one 2003 Cobra convertible and one 2007 California special convertible.

He worked and saved for a year before purchasing his 1965 model. He saw a spy photo of the car in the newspaper and liked the unique body style with the louvers on the rear quarter area.



Hines Park Ford salesman, Scott Dee, left, hands the keys of a 2010 Mustang to customer Jerry Cuper of Canton. The delivery was Cuper's 20th Mustang.

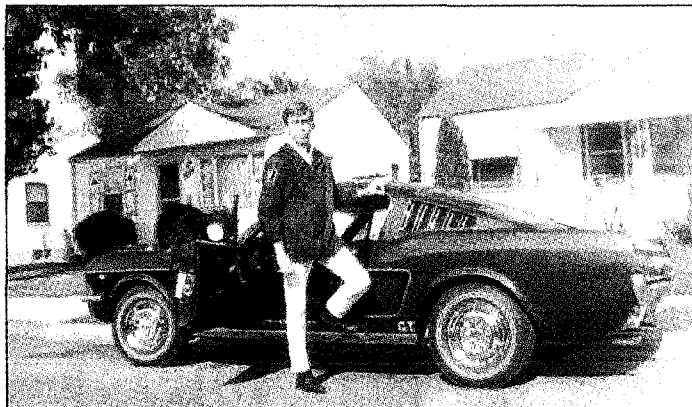
His last three Mustangs have been a 2007 GT California Special, a 2005 GT and 2003 Cobra SVT.

"My wife calls me unique," Cuper said. "I would use a toothbrush and wash around the emblems."

Cuper has a two-foot drain in his garage along with a hot and cold sink, heater and central vac system so he can always keep his Mustangs clean.

"The guys at work always had a laugh," he said. "My car would always be clean. I would wash my car at 11, 12 at night."

"I can wash my car in 15 minutes or less."



Jerry Cuper stands outside his home showing off his first car purchase, a 1965 Mustang Fastback 2+2 grill.

And cold Michigan winters never kept Cuper out of his convertibles either.

"I'm such a nut with a convertible," he said. "I have had times I've had to vacuum out

the snow."

Cuper obtained all of his Mustangs one at a time, meaning all 20 have been year-round cars for him.

"I didn't want a salt beater," he said. "I like driving. When I get in my Mustang, I get real pleasure out of driving my car. That is my hobby. That is my outlet. That's me."

Cuper said he used to put large snow tires on his Mustangs come winter, but since Ford came out with traction control in 1999; he's only had to use his shovel once last year.

During the winter he keeps boots, gloves, roof shingles and a gallon jug of

FIVE MINUTES OF FAME

Jerry Cuper was recently honored by Quick Lane Tire & Service Center in Canton with the distinction of awarding the Cuper Award to the best Mustang at the 2009 Carnival of Cars Car Show held in Canton in May.

He received the namesake honor after Quick Lane learned Cuper purchased his 20th Mustang.

"I said, 'You are nuts, who ever heard of the Cuper award?' he said. 'That was my five minutes of fame.'"

salt in his trunk.

PICKING FAVORITES

"My wife gets mad at me because she asks me what's your favorite, and I always say, 'It is the car I have now,'" Cuper said.

Cuper said every year they get better. He said right now his convertible is probably one of the quietest cars he's owned.

"We could talk with the top down on the expressway," he said. Cuper is impressed with the lack of turbulence and betting noise and said he's most impressed since 1982 Ford Mustangs have glass windows.

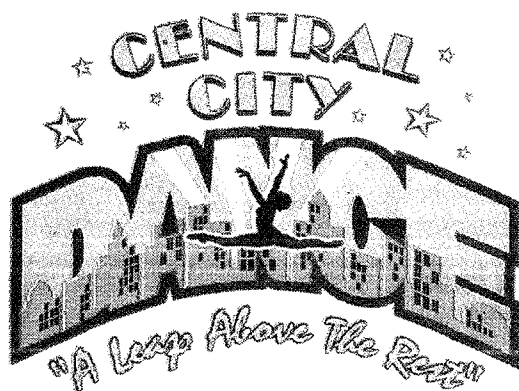
He is also a large fan of the sequential taillights, the lack of fuel cap, Serious Radio and the SYNC connection.

Cuper credits his Ford Motor Company career for the fortune of owning 20 Mustangs. Many of his Mustangs were lease cars.

"I couldn't afford to buy 20," he said.

Following his 30-year career at Ford, Cuper became an advisor and instructor in the Engineering Technology Department at Lawrence Technical University where he teaches now. He lives in Canton with his wife, Diane and purchases all of his Ford vehicles at Hines Park Ford.

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Cashing in U.S. Savings Bonds requires strategy

Q: Dear Rick: When I was born my grandparents bought for me a number of Series E, U.S. Savings Bonds. The bonds have sat in a safety deposit box for over 40 years. I have never collected any interest and I know they're worth quite a bit of money. In order to avoid getting hurt on taxes, I've decided to cash the bonds out equally over the next seven years. Is this a good strategy?

The face value of the bonds is over \$50,000. They were all purchased in 1960.

A: There are a couple issues that need to be discussed in your situation.

First is the tax consequence of cashing out U.S. Savings Bonds. When you cash out bonds you are not taxed on the original investment but the income earned. For example, it appears that a \$100 bond purchased in 1960 would be worth approximately \$700 today. The amount subject to tax is \$700 less the original purchase price of the bond. The money is taxed at your ordinary income bracket — which is the highest bracket. When you cash the bonds there will be tax consequences to consider.

The other issue is that after this year, Series E Bonds will no longer pay interest. Therefore, if you choose to follow your plan and cash the bonds out over seven years, you will lose interest on those bonds. In other words, there is a lost-opportunity cost. I recommend cashing out some of the bonds this year and the remainder at the beginning of 2010. That way you won't lose any interest and you spread the tax consequences out over two years.

There is an art to cashing in U.S. Savings Bonds. Typically, interest is credited to a savings bond every six months. If you cash the bond out in month five you lose five months of interest. Therefore, it is important to have a strategy when choosing what

bonds you cash out and when to do it. To determine when interest is credited to your account visit www.treasury-direct.gov. In addition, many banks and credit unions will also help with this.

According to the U.S. Treasury Department Bureau of Debt there are more than \$16 billion matured U.S.

Savings Bonds that have not been redeemed. Many individuals received U.S. Savings Bonds in the past and for whatever reason, have never cashed out. In fact, many people have lost track of those bonds. If this applies to you, there is no reason to give up on those bonds. There may be a way to reclaim them. On

the Treasury Department's web site, www.treasurydirect.gov you can do a search that could help you to reclaim your old U.S. Savings Bonds.

One last note regarding U.S. Savings Bonds. Keep in mind that not all U.S. Savings Bonds are the same. The interest rate is determined by the series of the savings

bond and when it was issued. In many U.S. Savings Bonds, the interest rate is variable while in others it is fixed. Therefore, if you have U.S. Savings Bonds, whether they have matured or not, it's a good idea to do a little homework on them so you know exactly what interest rate you're being paid and whether

it makes sense to continue to hold on to them or not. Good luck!

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Early TD holds up for Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A continuous rain Friday turned Brighton's home field into a "mud bowl," according to Canton varsity football head coach Tim Baechler.

But the Chiefs managed to claim a 6-0 victory in their season opener thanks to scoring early in the game before the field became almost too difficult to navigate.

"It was a steady downpour and with it being a grass field, it turned into a mud bowl," Baechler said following the KLAA crossover. "We were lucky that we scored on that first drive before the field got tore up."

Canton (1-0) capped a 65-yard drive on a 1-yard TD run by senior Ron Gaudi, who Baechler said had an outstanding game running the football despite the slippery terrain.

"We just moved it steady on that drive, four and five yards," Baechler said. "We kept it on the ground."

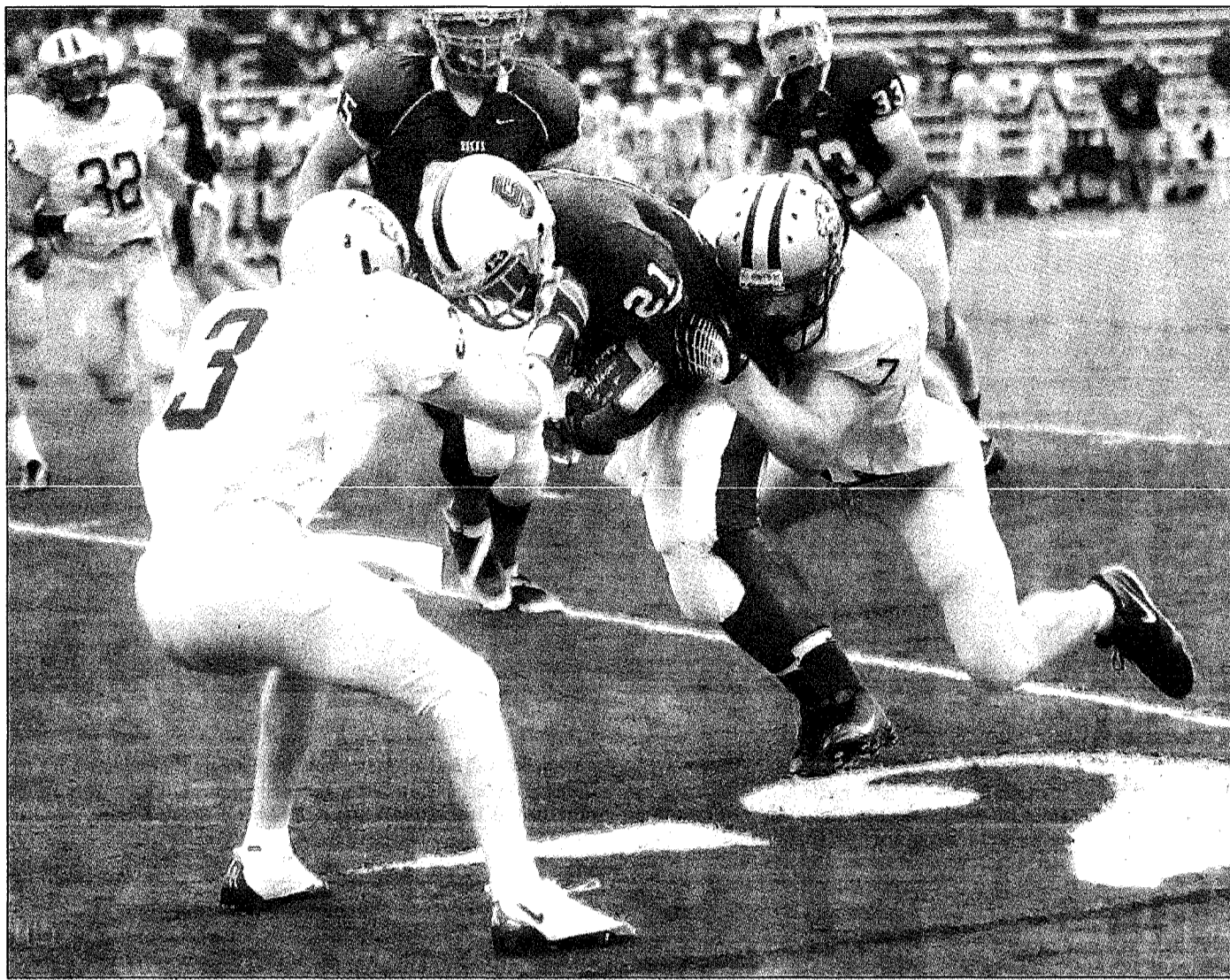
In the second quarter, the Bulldogs (0-1) had a chance to get back into the game when Canton's punter had a snap go through his hands. Brighton recovered near Canton's 25, but could not punch it into the end zone.

After halftime, the Chiefs could not muster a single first down and Brighton barely got past the 50-yard line.

"It was kind of a punt-fest in the second half," Baechler said.

Final statistics were not available as of press time, but will be included in the story posted this weekend at www.hometownlife.com.

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Salem junior tailback Davon Mullins (No. 21) tries to elude the swarming defense of Plymouth's Tyler Grosh (No. 3) and Brennen Beyer during the first half Friday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Opening night rally sparks Wildcats

Salem can't hang on in 25-11 defeat

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk urged his football team to get up off the floor after a sluggish first half on opening night Friday against Salem.

The pep talk, and the scrambling and passing ability of substitute quarterback Victor Hicks during the second half, sparked the Wildcats to a 25-11 WLAA crossover win at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks, trying to make their new coach Kurt Britnell's first game a win-

ner, were up 11-3 at the intermission and Sawchuk decided to throw in his two cents.

"We turned the ball over three times, we blew a coverage on third-and-12 and we bite on a quick screen instead of playing deep," Sawchuk said, recalling the events that contributed to the halftime deficit. "We mentally were not into the game in the first half."

Sawchuk then said he asked his players in the locker room if they knew how to deal with adversity.

"Do you fold your tents or do you gather yourself and get it done?" the Plymouth coach said. "That's why foot-

ball is like life. You have things that happen to you in life and you either go down the wrong road or you man up and do the right thing."

The right things started happening after junior Hicks took over at quarterback in the third quarter. Senior Plymouth starter Ryan Barrera got nicked up during the first half and Sawchuk put Hicks into the PCEP spotlight on a drizzly night.

"Vic came in and did a great job for us," Sawchuk said. "That scramble ability is crazy. ... It opens everything else up. If they don't stay in their pass rush lanes, it's off to the races, which is a good dimension to have."

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SIDELINES

Krueger golf outing

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters are hosting the first ever Ron Krueger Memorial Golf Outing on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost for a four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, open bar, contests and prizes, is \$100 per golfer.

There also will be a comprehensive lesson clinic available (\$100 including open bar and dinner), while a dinner-only option is \$50.

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Krueger, who died in November 2008, is remembered for his dedication and coaching ability, which sparked the Rocks to be a wrestling power from the early 1970s until the '90s.

Rocks fall 1-0

Salem's varsity boys soccer team dropped a hard-fought 1-0 decision to Livonia Churchill on Wednesday to fall to 3-1-1.

Rocks head coach Ed McCarthy said the Chargers scored with five minutes to go in the first half on a direct kick by Adam Bedell.

"We had a few chances in the second to tie, but could not get one in," McCarthy said. "We played a strong first half, but were a little disorganized in the second half due to the strong pressure applied by Churchill."

Whaler alum game today

The Plymouth Whalers will host the first ever Whalers' Alumni Game at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Following the free contest, fans are invited to re-connect with Whalers alumni in a reception at CJ's Brewery (located inside Compuware) at 5 p.m.

Whalers alumni currently committed to playing in the game include Pat Peake (1990-93), Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), Steve Ward (2004-07), Andrew Fournier (2003-08), Tom Sestito (2004-07), Damian Surma (1998-2002), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), Shaun Fisher (1997-2000), Bill McCauley (1992-95), David Liffiton (2001-04), Zack Shepley (2003-08), Kris Purdy (1997-2000), Scott Holsinger (1997-99), Jamie Lalonde (1997-2000), Duane Harmer (1993-95), Jeff Mitchell (1992-95) and James Ramsay (1998-2001). More alumni are expected to be added to the roster.

The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp began with off-ice testing Wednesday, followed by scrimmages later in the week. Saturday, the Ontario Hockey League team opened its preseason schedule against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Hammer time

Poise, talent give Salem spikers an edge

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fresh off a division co-championship in the KLAA Kensington-Central, the Salem Rocks will be an experienced group with 11 players who have played varsity volleyball including eight two-year starters.

That alone is why head coach Amanda Suder is optimistic as her team began play at Saturday's Walled Lake Central-hosted tournament.

"This year I am really excited," Suder said. "We have nine juniors and two seniors and six (of the) juniors have already started on varsity for two years

or have played in matches on varsity as sophomores. The experience is there."

How well the Rocks perform on the defensive aspect of the game will go a long way toward whether another title year can be achieved.

"We are going to be relying on our defensive game," Suder said. "Serve receive is something that we really have to improve on. We have the hitters, but we just need to be able to work better defensively to become a better team."

There is plenty of talent on the roster, meanwhile, led by co-captains Lauren Dworzanin (senior outside hitter), Kerry MacDonald (junior

setter) and junior outside hitter/middle blocker Nicole Merget, who will stand 6-3 in the front row.

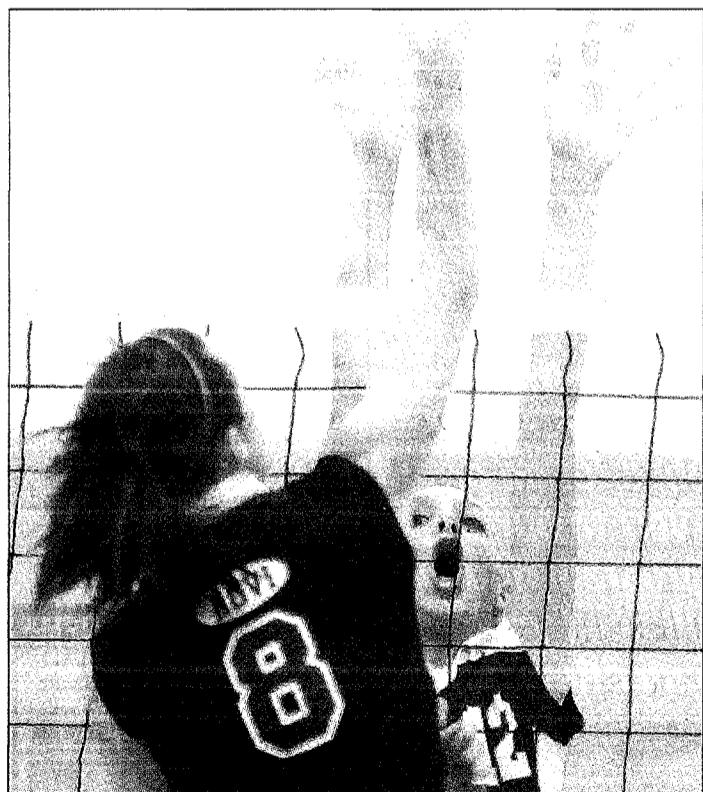
Four-year varsity player Dworzanin has the tools to be an "explosive" hitter on the outside, the coach said.

MacDonald "is someone you love to have on your team because she works extremely hard and works well with any player around her," said Suder, adding that she is versatile enough to fill any spot on the floor.

NET WORTH

Up front, Merget (an All-Conference, All-Region player

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One of the expected top performers for Salem's volleyball team will be Nicole Merget (facing camera), shown playing against Novi in this file photo.



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Hot 18U Reds

It was another successful baseball season for the 18U Reds of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association. The Reds are shown celebrating after capturing the 18U GCYBSA tournament recently. Pictured are (front row, from left): Mitch Clinton, Andrew Cantor, Mark Main, Jason Lynch and Zack Smilo; (back row, from left) coach Dave Smilo, manager Robert Mitchell, coach Chris Pappas, Duggan Tear, Anthony Pappas, Art Chavez, Rocky Willette, Sean Harte, Evan Rinke, Chris Perkovich, Ryan Bazner and head coach Mark Blomshield.

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in 2008) likely will score plenty of points for Salem and stop opponents from getting the ball down on the Rocks' side of the net.

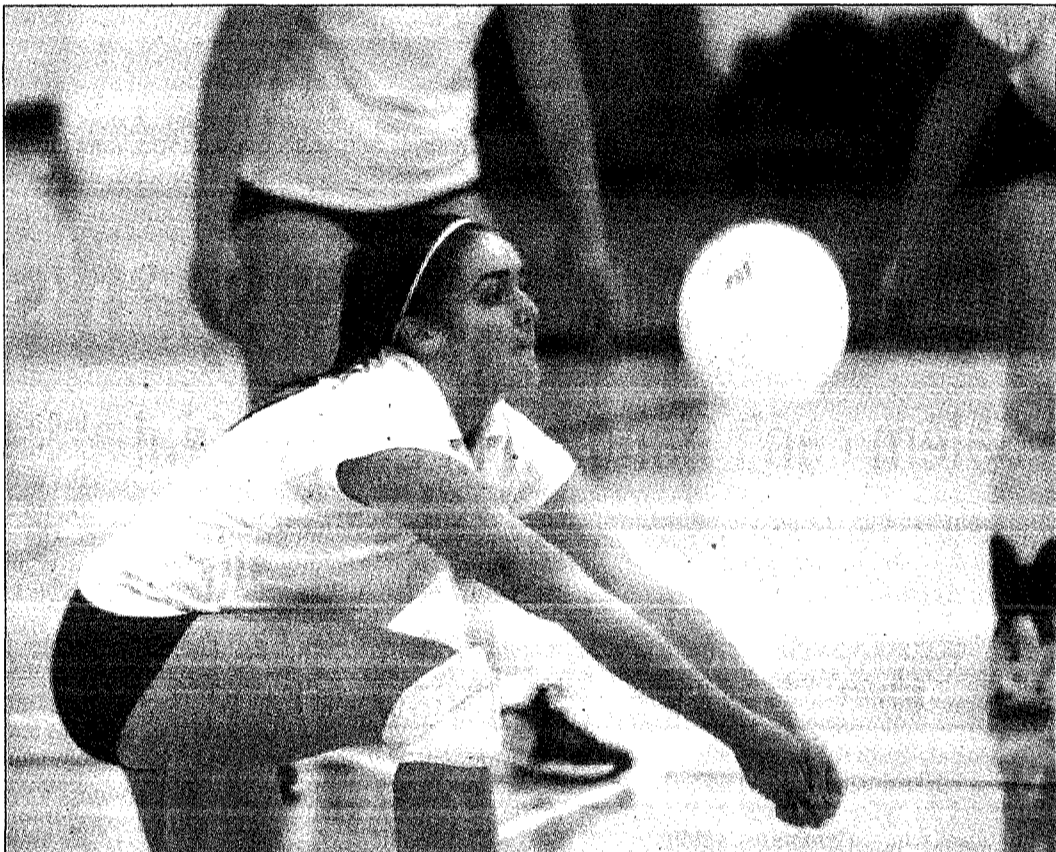
"She is one of the best hitters in the conference," Suder said. "I am really looking forward to seeing her in the role of captain and leader."

The Rocks also have four returnees who should contribute on a nightly basis in senior outside hitter Elyse Engerer, junior outside hitter Kerstin Johnson, junior defensive specialist/libero Lauren Aschermann and junior middle blocker Jillian Sommerville.

Engerer is a hard worker who the coach said could be a force on the right side. Johnson improved as a sophomore and now is considered a "very explosive and very consistent" all-around player.

Meanwhile, if the Rocks are to make defensive strides, Aschermann will be a catalyst as Suder said she is a slick passer and defender who "will be looked upon to control our defense."

Another physical presence up front will be 6-0



Salem junior setter Kerry MacDonald provides so much versatility her coach says she could play any position if needed there.

Sommerville, a starter last year both in the middle and right side who can score and block well.

Newcomers the Rocks will be calling on to chip in include junior outside hitter Madeleine Vala, junior setter/defensive specialist Mary Ganich, and junior defensive specialists Kristina Krusek and Ali Morrison.

PCA spikers ready for fresh start

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy varsity volleyball coach Kelly Blackney and the Eagles are embarking on a new season with a number of first-year players.

But that isn't a troubling notion in the least with the presence of outstanding returnees such as sophomore middle blocker Kristin Malcolm in the forefront.

Malcolm quickly made an impact after being called up her freshman year and Blackney didn't hesitate calling her the 2009 team's key player even before the opening serve (7 p.m. Tuesday at Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Birmingham Roper).

"She came up as a freshman last year and then played with a club team in the off-season and has just really, really improved," Blackney said. "She's going to be a very good player. She already is."

Blackney detailed why the 5-foot-11 Malcolm already is the "backbone" of the squad.

"She just has a natural athleticism and she also really has a drive just to push herself," the coach said. "She's a tall player, but she's very strong, very coordinated and just athletically smart. ... She's the key to our team."

Tuesday's opener, of course, is when Blackney should gain a better idea about how quickly a program that graduated six players can turn the page.

"I knew going into this season it would be a completely different team, mostly because six of our players graduated last year," Blackney said. "That group of seniors played volleyball together since their middle school years and were excellent athletes that carried us through to the regional championship."

But Blackney stressed to this year's players the need to "step up" and prepare for the so-called new era.

PREPARATION TIME

"So far, I believe our team is surpassing all expectations of a rebuilding season," Blackney said. "The girls are working extremely hard in practice and are committed to go farther than the team went last year."

Besides Malcolm, the only other returning player is sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn.

The Eagles are fortified by some transfers. Senior outside hitter Ariel Rock joins PCA after being at Livonia Ladywood, while junior middle blocker Folake Olojo transferred from now-defunct Canton Agape Christian.

Also new to Plymouth Christian is junior setter Brianna Harris, ineligible last year due to her move from Southfield Christian.

Augmenting those players are varsity newbies Kristin Nill (junior right side hitter), Abby Bartes (junior libero who missed 2008 due to a torn ACL), Jessica Rich (sophomore defensive specialist) and Rachel Zandee (sophomore defensive specialist).

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Hat trick complete

Churchill caps off big week; stops Dexter, Salem

There was no letdown for the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

On the heels of their first win earlier in the week over rival Livonia Stevenson for the first time in 19 years, the Chargers earned another 1-0 victory Wednesday night by cooling off Salem followed by a 3-1 triumph Thursday at home over Dexter.

Churchill improved to 3-0 overall as senior midfielder Tim Devine recorded a hat trick in the victory over the Dreadnaughts, three-time defending Division 2 state finalists.

Junior outside-midfielder Joe Mancewicz came off the bench to contribute two assists, including a cross to Devine to tie it all 1-all after Dexter (1-2-1) scored at the 10-minute mark of the first half. Max Washko also earned an assist in the second half.

"The first 25 minutes we played flat, we were dry and it was saddening," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs. "But after that we picked it up."

On Wednesday, senior Adam Bedell, who had the game-winning penalty kick against Stevenson, also tallied the game-winner on a free kick with seven minutes left in the first half to beat Salem.

The 6-foot-6 Bedell buried the game-winning shot just outside the box and into the upper corner of the net after

being fouled.

"It's nice to see us get two shutouts against two good teams," Friedrichs said. "It was a good win and I'm extremely proud of the guys, especially coming after an emotional win."

The Rocks, coming off a 3-0-1 start last weekend in their own Balconi Invitational, applied pressure much of the second half, but couldn't get the ball past Churchill goalkeeper Christian Adams.

"I have to credit our back four guys back there who really stepped up again - Bedell and (Erik) Bird - also Jacob Kobylarz, who we cut last year, and Nick Wood, who didn't get a lot of playing time," Friedrichs said.

CANTON 4, W.L. WESTERN 1: The host Chiefs defeated Walled Lake Western in this Thursday matchup.

W.L. WESTERN 5, JOHN GLENN 0: Adam Wright scored twice Wednesday as Walled Lake Western (2-0) exploded for five first-half goals to down host Westland John Glenn (1-2).

Kyle Alsheskie, Nick Lewin and Raul Garcia also tallied goals for the Warriors, who scored three times in the first five minutes.

Blake Hunter earned the shutout in goal for Western.

"We had a bad first half - we're putting this game behind us," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "The second half we played much better

and had them squeezed inside the 18-yard box."

The Rockets, however, couldn't cash in as Alex Isavevski hit the post twice and Nelson Kenne was also stopped on a save by Hunter.

STEVENSON 0, SALINE 0: Senior goalkeeper Conner Burton stood out Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (0-1-1) battled to a scoreless draw with the visiting Hornets (2-1-1).

"Conner had another good game in goal and I thought our defender Adam Dabkowski had a good game as well," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was a pretty hard-fought game. We had a stronger effort and a better work ethic than our first game. But I thought Saline matched that in the second half."

CLARENCEVILLE 3, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Goals by Garek Hintzman, Armit Dushkaj and Jon James carried Livonia Clarenceville (1-0-1) to a non-conference win Thursday over host Southfield Christian.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 3, HURON VALLEY 0: On Tuesday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1, 0-1) dropped their season opener to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest as senior Eric Austin scored twice in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division matchup.

Junior Michael Miller had the other goal for the Crusaders.

Collegiate League alums spark Jet Box title quest

Livonia Collegiate Baseball League alums figured prominently in Detroit Jet Box's run to its third National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series Championship.

Jet Box, in its 41st year of existence, captured the unlimited-age NABF title by scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to earn a 5-4 victory over the Beecher (Ill.) Muskies in the finals held Aug.

16 in Louisville, Ky.

Infielder Don Watchowski hit a bases loaded, one-out single to score the tying runs followed by Wayne State University grad Adam Kaminski's game-winning RBI sacrifice fly to bring home captain Matt Viggiano from third.

Center fielder Drew Churchward, formerly of the LCBL Michigan Rams, went 9-for-16 (.563) with a pair of hom-

ers and five RBI to earn tournament MVP honors. The Ann Arbor Pioneer High and WSU grad led off the championship game with a hit and later scored.

Former Madonna University and Westland John Glenn High pitcher Will Kennedy, who played for the LCBL Michigan Bulls, retired the final four batters he faced, including a game-ending, called-third strikeout, to record the victory.

WILDCATS

FROM PAGE B1

With Salem (0-1) up 11-3, and both teams not managing much of anything on offense, the Wildcats (1-0) marched 58 yards in 10 plays and scored on a 1-yard run by junior tailback Anthony Rhodes to make it 11-9 Salem.

WILLPOWER

Then, a two-point pass from Hicks (4-of-8, 76 yards, two TDs passing and another 33 yards rushing) to junior wide-out Brennen Beyer evened the contest with 1:20 left in the frame.

But there were two key plays registered by Hicks during that drive as he refused to be stopped.

On a third-and-seven at Salem's 40, the quarterback went back to pass and decided to run himself - scampering for 11 yards and a first down.

Then, on second-and-eight at the 27, a high snap bounced off Hicks' fingers, but he managed to field it and then launched a 25-yard pass to senior wide receiver Alexander Ruffin-Johnson to move the ball down to the one.

"My favorite part of the game for me is the breakdown play, to see what I can make out of it," Hicks said. "I mean, on third-and-10 we need at least 10 yards to keep the drive alive."

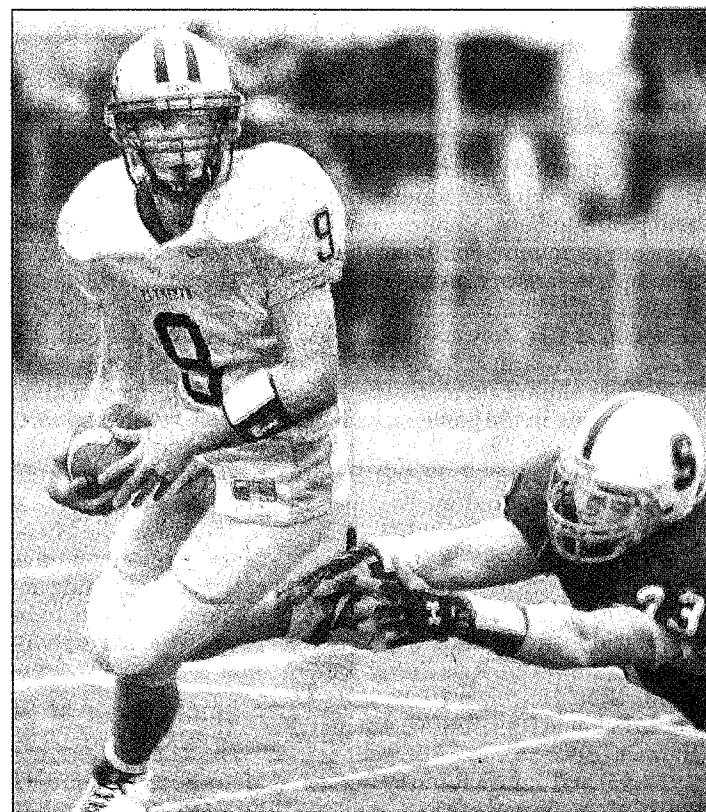
With 8:21 left in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats padded their lead to 18-11 when Hicks threw a high pass into the corner of the end zone that Beyer caught for the 20-yard TD.

STOPPED SHORT

Salem tried to get back into the contest and moved the chains twice during a drive sparked by five consecutive completions by senior quarterback Jake Peterson (8-of-17, 99 yards, one interception). Three of those tosses were caught by senior Alex King (four catches, 32 yards).

The Rocks then were faced with fourth-and-inches at the Plymouth 49. The defense stonewalled junior back Brad Trublowski at the line and the ball was turned over on downs. Salem never threatened after that.

"I thought we could go behind those big-hogs there



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Salem defender Ethan Walsh (right) dives in a bid to sack Plymouth quarterback Ryan Barrera (No. 9) during the first half of Friday's opener.

on that side and get a yard," Britnell said after facing his old team (he was Plymouth's offensive coordinator last year). "But we just missed it and that's the way it goes."

"They (Wildcats) played aggressively and they made a play."

Plymouth opened up a two-TD spread with 1:07 remaining when Hicks connected on a 23-yard touchdown pass to junior Jacob Morris.

EARLY EDGE

The first half featured a fired-up Salem team that played crisper than its opponent.

Junior Ethan Walsh booted a 34-yard field goal with 7:37 to go in the first quarter to put Salem up 3-0.

The Wildcats tied it at 3-3 before the end of the frame on a booming, 48-yard field goal by junior Kyle Brindza (who also made two extra points).

With about 7:20 left in the half, the Wildcats were punting only for the snap to tip off Brindza's hands and roll into the end zone, where a pile of Rocks convened for the safety and a 5-3 edge.

Salem then received the ensuing free kick and started a scoring drive that began at the Rocks' 34.

A key play was Peterson's 54-yard pass down the right sideline to Drew Thompson. Scoring from 2 yards out was Trublowski and Salem upped its lead to 11-3.

GOOD IMPRESSION

That was about all that the home team could muster on this night, however.

"We just didn't take advantage of some of the situations we had in the first half, didn't convert on some things and we struggled a little bit on offense," Britnell said. "We didn't bail out our defense, who just played one heck of a game. But I liked our kids' effort."

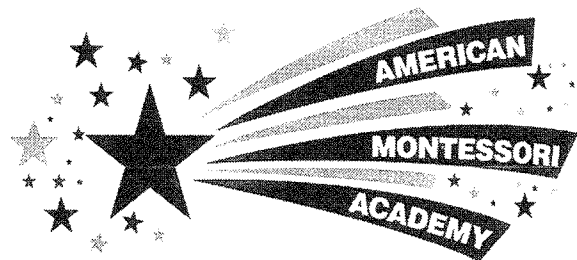
"And like I told them, they can walk out of here with their heads held high and we're going to get better and we're going to win some games."

Concurring was his former boss, Sawchuk.

"Coach Bricknell came from my staff and coach (Ricky) Styes, they did a heckuva job and they've got that program going in the right direction," Sawchuk said. "Their kids were fired up, they flew around and I'm proud of those guys and I wish them nothing but success."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Whaler alum game today

The Plymouth Whalers will host the first-ever Whalers' Alumni Game 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Following the free contest, fans are invited to reconnect with Whalers alumni in a reception at CJ's Brewery (located inside Compuware) at 5 p.m.

Whalers alumni currently committed to playing in the game include Pat Peake (1990-93), Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), Steve Ward (2004-07), Andrew Fournier (2003-08), Tom Sestito (2004-07), Damian Surma (1998-2002), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), Shaun Fisher (1997-2000), Bill McCauley (1992-95), David Liffiton (2001-04), Zack Shepley (2003-08), Kris Purdy (1997-2000), Scott Holsinger (1997-99), Jamie Lalonde (1997-2000), Duane Harmer (1993-95), Jeff Mitchell (1992-95) and James Ramsay (1998-2001). More alumni are expected to be added to the roster.

The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp began with off-ice testing Wednesday, followed by scrimmages later in the week. Saturday, the Ontario Hockey League team opened its preseason schedule against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Proceeds of the game will support the Kensington Valley Hockey Association.

Krueger golf outing

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters are hosting the first annual Ron Krueger Memorial Golf Outing on Sunday, Sept. 13 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost for a four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, open bar, contests and prizes is \$100 per golfer.

There also will be a comprehensive lesson clinic available (\$100 including open bar and dinner) while a dinner-only option is \$50.

For information about sponsorship and advertising opportunities or for registration information, go to www.wrestling.salemrocks.com or contact Larry Root at (734) 414-4560. Krueger, who died in November 2008, is remembered for his dedication and coaching ability, which sparked the Rocks to be a wrestling power from the early 1970s until the '90s.

Alumni soccer at PCEP

The Salem and Canton annual Men's Soccer Alumni Game is slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The contest will follow the annual Salem-Canton varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and will be played at the varsity soccer stadium.

All alumni players from any year are invited to attend.

Salem players can contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846 and Canton players can contact coach George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

Travel baseball tryouts

Football might be in the air, but there's still time for youngsters to try out for 2010 travel baseball teams. Both of the tryouts are Sunday, Aug. 30. Following are the details:

■ The 2010 Canton Cardinals are holding tryouts from 2-4 p.m.

Sunday for 9U and 4-6 p.m. for 10U. The age groups are determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2010. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out registration forms and warmup. Tryouts will be at Fields 1-4 at Canton Sports Center.

To pre-register, contact Alan Zidzik for 9U at (734) 397-5739; Jim Good for 10U at (810) 397-6272.

Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association seeks to attract the most-talented players who are willing to commit to weekend tournaments and play between 30-50 games. The season runs from April through July.

■ Also on Sunday will be tryouts for the 2010 Motor City River Sharks 10U travel baseball team of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association. The River Sharks, helmed by Canton High School boys cross country coach Bill Boyd, are permitted to bring in three out-of-district players, so Plymouth and Canton youngsters will have an opportunity to impress.

Registration is 1:30 p.m. with tryouts following from 2-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, send and e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league on Sundays, with action beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; [\[ter@comcast.net\]\(mailto:ter@comcast.net\)\) for more information.](mailto:roseca-</p>
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Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place even during the summer.

Drop-in Hockey sessions take place 4:30-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-11:50 a.m. on Sundays through Aug. 30.

Beginning Monday, however, only open skating will be available. Skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4. Skate rental is \$2. For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for up-to-date changes if any.

Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:

■ Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.

■ Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.

■ Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per

member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee.

■ Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.

For more information, or to register on-line, go to www.ymcadetroit.org.

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Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.)

The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey).

For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

MEN'S SENIOR GOLF RESULTS

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 12th of 14 tournaments Aug. 15 at the Lake Forest Golf Club in Ann Arbor. The tournament produced 13 winners from a handicapped field of 54 players (50 years and older) representing 12 communities throughout southeast Michigan.

Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills shot the low score of 70. Desmond Roberts of Trenton leads the field in the Briegle Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows:

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first place: John Pratt, Troy (76/67); second: (tie) Thomas Ahern, Plymouth (78/68); Jerry Fenby, West Bloomfield (78/68); Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (70/68); fifth: (tie) Brian Kuehn, Ann Arbor (79/69); Charles Mutz, Clarkston (75/69).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first place: Martin Schine, West Bloomfield (83/64); second: (tie) Dan Stankewitz, Detroit (95/67); Clifton Van

Buren, Southfield (100/67); fourth: (tie) Bob Campbell, Clinton Twp. (88/68); Maurice DeCock, Macomb (96/68); Nathaniel Jones, Detroit (96/68); Mark Miller, Livonia (86/68).

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 11th tournament Aug. 13 at the Tanglewood (The Lion) Golf Course in South Lyon.

The tournament produced 28 winners from a handicapped field of 113 players (50 years and older) representing 20 communities in southeast Michigan.

Brian Kuehn of Ann Arbor and Greg Frontier of Waterford shot low scores of 74. Desmond Roberts of Trenton leads the field in the Briegle Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows:

Flight A — first place: Brian Kuehn, Ann Arbor; second: (tie) Greg Frontier, Waterford; Thomas Johnson, Beverly Hills; fourth: Scott Bitters, Dexter; fifth: (tie) Thomas Ahern, Plymouth;

Larry Brady, Shelby Twp.; Wally Waatti, Warren.

Flight B — first place: (tie) George DeBell, Plymouth; Desmond Roberts, Trenton; third: (tie) Dennis Frantz, Wixom; Chuck Hirschert, Hartland; Terry Lanker, Rochester Hills; sixth: (tie) Doug Brandow, South Lyon; Tony Merpi, Shelby Twp.; Ron Myers, Livonia.

Flight C — first place: Richard Comiskey, Canton; second: Jay Millar, Westland; third: (tie) Bob Campbell, Clinton Twp.; Martin Schine, West Bloomfield; fifth: (tie) Randall Bisby, Clinton Twp.; Rich Grohman, Farmington Hills; Daniel Moore, Plymouth.

Flight D — first: Bob Weibel, Westland; second: Larry DuBois, Bloomfield Hills; third: (tie) Rick Fradette, Commerce Twp.; Clifton Van Buren, Southfield; fifth: Harold Hoffman, Clarkston; sixth: Nathaniel Jones, Detroit.

For more information about the MPSGA, go online to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 3
W.L. Northern vs. Salem at PCEP (Varsity Turf), 7 p.m.

Canton at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Brighton, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 1

Plymouth Christian at Roeper, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4
Ladywood at Bedford Tournay, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5
University of Michigan Concessions Tournay, TBA

BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 1

Washtenaw Christian at Plymouth Christian (Stafford), 4:30 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 2
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Salem at DeLaSalle Collegiate H.S., 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4
A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 3

Luth. Westland Time Trials, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Sept. 3

Ladywood vs. R.O. Shrine at Ferndale H.S., 6 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, Sept. 1

Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3
Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.

Salem at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 31

Churchill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.

Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.

South Lyon vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 2
John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth

at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
S. Lyon East vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3
Ladywood at Warren Regina, 3 p.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Wednesday, Sept. 2

Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 5:45 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Sept. 2

Schoolcraft at Marygrove, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tournay, TBA.

(Embry-Riddle, Fla. Labor Day Tournay)

Madonna vs. N'western Ohio, 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Faulkner (Ala.) Univ., 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tournay, TBA.

(Embry-Riddle, Fla. Labor Day Tournay)

Madonna vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Embry Riddle (Fla.), 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Aug. 30

Schoolcraft vs. Jamestown CC (N.Y.) at Herkimer CC (N.Y.), 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 1

Schoolcraft at Albion College, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 2
Madonna at Davenport, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5
Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
Madonna at Indiana Tech, noon.

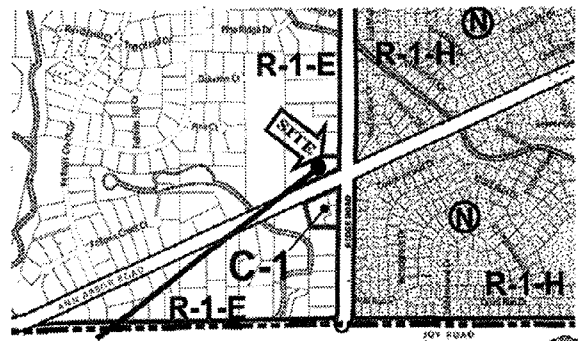
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Family Residential
REZONE TO: OS, Office Service with Conditions
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 16, 2009
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R-78-048-99-0015-000 from **R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to OS, Office Service**. The applicant requests that the zoning be subject to the following conditions: (a) Usable square footage not to exceed 2,000 square feet and (b) The entrance way, driveway and parking shall remain the same as shown on the Concept Site Plan. The property is located at 49440 Ann Arbor Road.
Application 2015

Applicant, Lake Pointe Bible Church



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 012
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-048-99-0015-000. The property is located at 49440 Ann Arbor Road.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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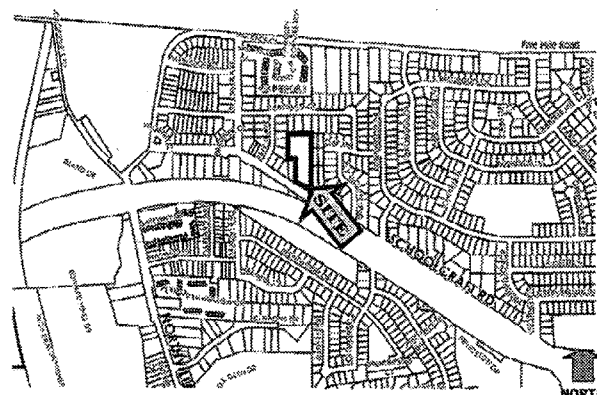
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PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL LAND USE
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 16, 2009
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

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Application 2016

Applicant, Lake Pointe Bible Church



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Animals find new homes through adoption events

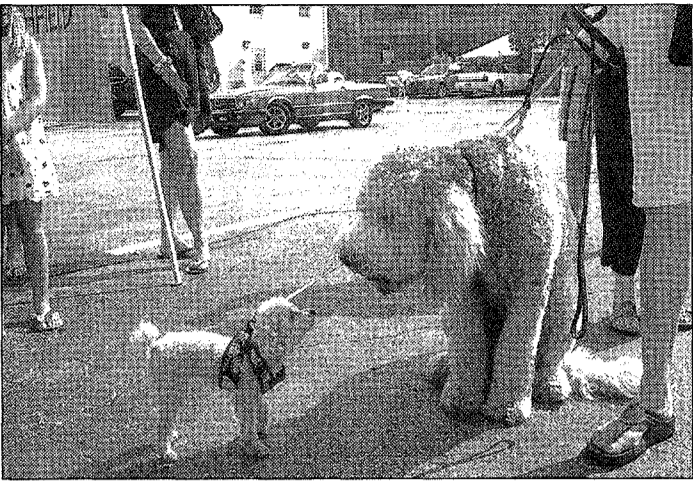
If you've ever wondered whether pet adoption activities at festivals and other entertainment events are worthwhile, just ask Brice.

The Staffordshire mix was among many animals available for adoption at the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise earlier this month. Brice, who was temporarily living at Almost Home Animal Haven in Southfield, went home with a new family on Dream Cruise Day, Aug. 15.

Almost Home, Greyheart Greyhound Rescue, Greyhound Expressions and Home Fur-ever, the four animal rescues on site, also collected nearly \$500 from passers-by that day.

Almost Home raised money by taking photos of visitors with a rescue dog. Home Fur-Ever sold water and pop, with the proceeds going to their animals. Steve Cole, one of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel trusted advisers, helped out throughout the day.

"This year has been especially hard on animals, said Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO



Two dogs say 'hello' during an adoption event held during the annual Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise.

of Weir Manuel. "Many pets have been abandoned by their owners due to tough economic times. It is not just people who suffer when a home goes into foreclosure. Rescues are doing a tremendous job but the situation now is overwhelming. Pets arrive at shelters by the thousands every month."

For more about Almost Home Animal Rescue League, visit www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org; for Greyheart Greyhound Rescue visit www.greyheart.org; for Greyhound Expressions, see www.greyhoundexpressions.org; and for Home Fur-ever, www.homefurever.com.

BOXER BASH

You don't have to bring a Boxer to attend the Mid Michigan Boxer Rescue's 7th annual Boxer Bash, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Island Lake Recreation Park in Brighton. But if you do, your dog might end up reigning over the affair as King or Queen Boxer. Choosing the two top "royal" canines is among several contests and activities offered at the free event, which is open to the general public and dogs. Other contests include canine "pie" eating and egg race.

The family-friendly festival also will feature demonstrations, kid's entertainment, vendors, and games for individuals and their dogs. A veterinary mini-clinic offering low cost heartworm testing, vaccines, exams and microchips will be staffed by a licensed veterinarian. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A silent and live auction will feature local sports team memorabilia and themed baskets.

All proceeds raised will



benefit Mid-Michigan Boxer Rescue. MMBR is a non-profit animal rescue organization that depends on adoption fees, donations and fund-raisers to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home the dogs in our care. Since its inception in December 1999 MMBR has rescued over 500 dogs. Boxer Bash is its largest fund-raiser of the year. For more information, visit www.midmichiganboxer-rescue.org or contact Tonya Whitehead at (517) 712-8166 or events@midmichiganboxerrescue.org

90TH BIRTHDAY

Longtime Novi resident Margaret (Peg) Deming celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Livonia home of her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sue Deming.

Friends and family members gathered from around the country to convey birthday greetings. Those attending included her three children, eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Co-organizer of the event Irene Deming Rochette, Peg's daughter, said many memories were shared between the four generations of family, friends from Peg's old Detroit neighborhood and others. She noted that everyone who knows her mother wanted to be a part of the celebration.

MILESTONES



Flores-Ellsworth

FLORES-ELLSWORTH

Atticus Flores and Kimberly Ellsworth were married June 6, 2009, at Zion Lutheran in Ann Arbor.

The bride, daughter of James and Gloria Ellsworth of Northville, graduated from Detroit Country Day High School in 1998 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. She's employed as a graphic designer at the University of Michigan Law School.

The groom, son of Frank and Mary Ann Flores of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1997 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. He is employed as a data transfer engineer at L & W Engineering in Belleville.

The Rev. Michael Walters and the Rev. Dennis Bux officiated at the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Veena Thyagarajan. Bridesmaids were Kristin Godfrey, Alyson Lobert, Sarah Glauser, and Rachell Seedott. Flower Girl was Katie Carothers.

The best man was Demian Flores. Groomsmen were Jason Lieser, Jim Neal, Gordon Totty, and Patrick Marsac. Ring Bearer was Anthony Woodward.

A reception was held at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor.

The couple took a honeymoon to Disneyland and Hawaii. They've made their home in Canton.



Irvine and Arlene Touchie of Canton

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Irvine and Arlene Touchie of Canton and Lakeland, Fla., will celebrate their Golden Anniversary Sept. 12. The couple were married in 1959 in Detroit.

They have two children, Rick and Renee, and a grandson, Matthew.

The Touchies raised their family in Dearborn Heights, and spent many summers at their cabin in Grayling.

Irv retired from GM — where he and Arlene met — after 35 years and also served proudly in the United States Army. Irv is an avid golfer. Arlene loves to spend the day in the sunshine reading a good book and is an active volunteer through church. They're active members of Dunning Park Bible Chapel in Redford.

A celebration will be held in their honor on their anniversary.



The Touchies of Canton on their wedding day

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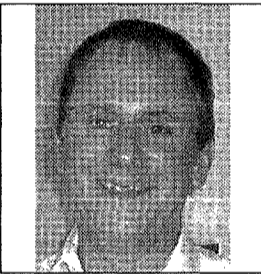
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DONNA MAE GRATER

Passed away August 23, 2009 at age 82. Loving mother of Ken (Donna) Grater and Kathy (Jerry) Meik. Proud grandmother of Brett (Mary Jane) Meik, Hayley (Eric) Messing, David (Courtney) and Dan (Tiffany) Grater and loving great-grandmother to seven lovely children. Preceded in death by her loving husband James C. Grater and her beloved parents Howard and Edith Walker. She was born in Detroit November 1, 1926 and resided in Plymouth most of her life where she had many friends and acquaintances. Her quick wit and sense of humor brought smiles from whomever she met. She will be deeply missed. There will be a memorial to her life on Tues., Sept. 8, 2009 from 3:00 - 7:30 PM at Schrader Howell Funeral Home at 280 S. Main in Plymouth MI. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI.



ANDREW M. KRITZMAN

Of Topsham, Maine died suddenly at the age of 50 from a suspected aneurysm on 21 Apr 2009. Andy was born 23 Aug 1958 in a Catholic family in Redford, MI. His father, Francis, died at the age of 49 in 1971. His mother, Mary, died in 1980, also at the age of 49. Andy attended Our Lady of Loretto, and graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976. He married Linda Rusinowski. They had 2 children. He served in the U.S. Navy 1977-1983. Andy remarried in 1982 to Darlene. They had 3 children. He worked at Bath Iron Works in Maine for the last 10 years. He was a faithful husband, great dad, and a Good Samaritan. He is survived by his wife of 26 years: Darlene Kritzman, and their children: Emily, Franklin and Gregory. He is also survived by his first wife: Linda Rusinowski Miller, and their two children: Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Kritzman with their 3 children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Van de Burg with their 3 children. He leaves six siblings: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kritzman of Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Molloy of Dearborn Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meredith of Evansville, WI, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kritzman of Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schoening of Redford, and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Murley of Bartlett, TN. Andy was interred at St. Agatha, Maine.



JAMES LAWRENCE ("Jim") KROPF

Died on Monday, August 23rd at his home in San Francisco, California. He was born in Canton, Ohio, on September 7th, 1944, the third of four children of Richard and Margaret (Lawrence) Kropf. The family moved to Plymouth in 1949, where Jim attended Plymouth High School, serving as High School Mayor before graduating in 1962. He received a degree in economics in 1966 from The University of Michigan where he was President of the Student Union in 1965/66. After receiving an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1968, Jim spent several years working for Monsanto in St. Louis before moving to San Francisco where he remained, working for several venture capital and investment firms until his retirement in 2008. A vacation home on the beach near Grand Haven, Michigan helped him to maintain connections with his extended family and friends. Mr. Kropf is survived by his wife of 41 years, Martha (Wetzel), children Elizabeth (Craig) Sparks of San Francisco, Emily (David) Shannon of Portland, Oregon, Jonathan of Washington DC and grandchildren Page and James Sparks and Lucia and Kyla Shannon. Mr. Kropf is also survived by his three siblings, Cathy Cooper of Plymouth, Nancy Kosh of Bloomfield Hills and Jack Kropf of Vista, California. Plans for memorial services have not been completed. The family has requested memorial contributions to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan 1345 Monroe Ave, NW Suite 324, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 in lieu of flowers.

HAROLD L. GROVE
Age 77. August 27, 2009. Loving husband of Ann for 51 years. Dear father of Roger (Tamara) & Marlene (David) Butkiewicz. Grandfather of Andrea & Ashley. Brother of Robert (Angie). Memorial gathering Tuesday 4-8 PM at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1800. Donations may be made to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH 44193. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

ALYCE MCCLARAN

Died on August 21, 2009, at Life Care of Red Bank in Chattanooga, TN. Alyce grew up in Chicago, IL, and spent most of her adult life in Detroit and West Bloomfield, MI. Later she moved to the Jacksonville Beach area. Preceding her in death were her parents, Lucy and Avedis Mourad and her beloved husband, Jesse W. McClaran. Survivors are children and spouses, Lucinda and Peter Metcalfe of Hixson, Michael and Terri McClaran of Aurora, CO, and daughter, Tamara McClaran of Neptune Beach, granddaughter and spouse Michael and Darin Fitzpatrick and great-grandsons, Colin and Evan of Fort Mill, SC, and grandchildren, Alyson and Adam McClaran of Aurora. She will be missed and cherished by all. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN.

RICHARD W. TUCKER

August 22, 2009, age 87, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Barbara of 57 years. Father of Pamela Blakley (K. Girard). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward, (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday, 10a.m. until prayer service at 12:00a.m. Memorial tributes to the National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson St., Baltimore, MD 21230. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Library boon to jobless

A good resource for those out of work is the local public library. Libraries offer Internet access, help with job searches and aid in filing for unemployment compensation.

Director Cheryl Napsha of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is seeing a lot of out of work people. Her library has on its Web site (www.westlandlibrary.org) under home page/Internet Guide (across top) a page of links including career guides, job postings, resumes and cover letters, and a direct link for filing for unemployment.

"It does give you a structure," Napsha said of library visits. "It gives you a reason to get up and get out of the house. You come to the library to work. It puts you in that frame of mind."

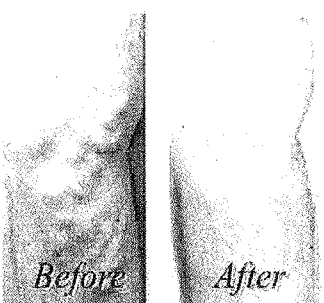
Westland's library has a job search lab three times a week, with no residency requirements. You'll get three hours to work with a reference librarian to do your resume, apply online, "use resources to find jobs." That's a walk-in program, she said, adding Westland also has many computer classes for those who need to develop those skills.

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NEIGHBORS

Experts: Lifestyle key in job loss aftermath

BY JULIE BROWN
OGE STAFF WRITER

John Fitzsimmons is approaching his 20th anniversary as a career counselor for Southfield-based JVS. He acknowledges times are particularly tough now for job hunters, but basic advice applies.

"We are seeing individuals single and married who have extended unemployment," said Fitzsimmons, a licensed professional counselor with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wayne State University and a master's in counseling from Eastern Michigan University. "Their emotions run the gamut."

Some are angry, others despairing. "Some people are isolating themselves, which you don't want to do," Fitzsimmons said. He recommends taking back control of the jobless situation. "Make sure you are connecting with people, networking. It's important to stay connected and access the resources that are out there." That means contacting former clients and co-workers, as well as considering other industries for employment.

"When you're out of work, people will sometimes sleep in," he said. You need to get on a schedule, with Internet time for job searching, as well as phone calls and identifying prospective employers.

WORKOUTS GOOD

"Some mornings it's going to be tough to get up," Fitzsimmons said. He said you need to incorporate social and recreational activities into your day, such as reading, walking or even a game of volleyball.

"It's a way of working off the stress as well as doing something physical." Exercise has positive effects on physical well-being, said Fitzsimmons.

"Be careful about eating," whether it's too much or the wrong foods. You've got to have balance in your job search," Fitzsimmons said.

JVS (Jewish Vocational Service), a United Way-supported agency, has a library and resource



es including Success Teams, small groups of job seekers who encourage each other. You'll find more online at www.jvsdet.org. You don't need to be Jewish to use services.

"You need to be with people who are supportive," he said. He said you should tell your family of the job loss, and be honest with age-appropriate information for kids. "Sometimes you might have to restructure certain activities and events that cost money," Fitzsimmons said.

You'll often not hear back from prospective employers, who are swamped with applications these days, and shouldn't take that personally, he added. "Have a plan. Know what you're looking for."

Clinical social worker Peter Pollack, who's had a private practice in Plymouth about 20 years, agreed many people are having trouble coping.

"There's many people presenting with issues that are related to financial stresses," said Pollack, who earned a master of social work degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from WSU. He works to normalize patients' anxiety and depression.

People can come in with such signs as trouble sleeping, binge eating or loss of appetite. "The longer it persists, the longer it takes to turn around," Pollack said of clinical depression.

"Exercise is huge," Pollack said of lifestyle factors you can control. "It's a good stress-reliever." He recommends patients get a good workout at least three-five times a week.

Pollack also tells people to use time to accomplish something, such as a job search, home project or something else they've put off, "almost as if they were working."

"Volunteer work is fine," he said. "It's good for people in a number of ways." Volunteer work can help those who need jobs with networking, and boosts self-esteem while helping others.

Pollack said it's important not to isolate yourself. There are job fairs and workshops available through local chambers of commerce where you can meet others.

"Often people feel they need to shield the family," Pollack said. Moral support of family members matters a great deal.

A child's reaction is based largely on how parents cope, he said, and children need to know they'll be OK and the parent will

work again. He urged those who lose jobs not to keep the loss a secret from family members.

Some need professional help, which starts with an assessment. A therapist or other professional may recommend a self-help group for some.

HEALTHY HABITS

Pollack adds it's important not to abuse alcohol or drugs. "Sometimes people do turn to those," he said.

Lisa Schirmer, a licensed psychologist in the Department of Behavioral Medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, agreed that anecdotally there's more evidence of job-loss stress. Hospital staffers see that as well in mental health and chemical dependency services as a factor.

Those who lose a job often go through grief similar to loss of a loved one, said Schirmer, who earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Michigan State University, a master's in education and counseling psychology from McGill University and a B.A. in psychology from MSU.

Some people find writing in a journal helpful, as well as talking to others. "Meditation can be helpful or exercise such as yoga," she said, especially if you find your mind racing.

If a loved one talks about suicide, take him or her to the closest emergency room immediately, she said. Schirmer agreed children can be involved in age-appropriate discussions of job loss, and teens may need to limit their extracurriculars or visits to movies. "Family meetings can be helpful with older children," she said, emphasizing "that you will all get through it together." Children should be involved but not unduly burdened.

Schirmer recommends using your network of friends and acquaintances for support. "Even bad stress has the potential to motivate us," she said, noting we can get in touch with hopes and dreams for the future.

There's a phone line for mental health professional referrals, she added, at (734) 655-2944.

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Women's Equality Day: Progress, work to do

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Laura Callow of Livonia, a retired teacher, didn't hesitate when asked why a Women's Equality Day is needed in 2009.

"The Equal Rights Amendment is an economic issue," Callow told some 80 women Aug. 22 at the luncheon at One Under banquet facility in Livonia.

Callow, speaking to mark the 89th anniversary of the 19th Amendment for women's voting, noted it's also the 86th anniversary of the Equal Rights Amendment being introduced by suffragist Alice Paul.

"It was a very hard fight," she said of the vote. Callow's a member of Michigan ERAmerica, the Livonia branch of the American Association of University Women, and the local League of Women Voters.

"Gaining the right to vote was only ending one form of discrimination," said Callow, who taught elementary art and adult ceramics. She likes to pursue earlier women's dream of full equality.

Callow got interested in the 1970s in equal credit opportunities, worried about what would happen if her husband died. Those laws changed at the state and national levels. "That's when I found out about the Equal Rights Amendment."

Mickey Edell of Canton was also glad to celebrate women's gains. The annual day "to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment, which of course gave women the right to vote" is worth noting, said the Plymouth-Canton schools speech and language pathologist.

Edell, past state president of the American Association of University Women, said women and girls now need equality. "They are certainly exposed to that encouragement," she said of Plymouth-Canton female students. Science, technology, engineering and math are pushed now more for young women.



Laura Callow (left) and Debbie Macon visit at the Women's Equality Day luncheon.



Mickey Edell of Canton (left) and Pat Jennings at the Equality Day luncheon.

"Certainly teachers are dedicated to that," Edell said. "We still have work to be done."

TEAM EFFORT

The luncheon was sponsored by the American Association of University Women/Michigan, Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies and Michigan ERAmerica. Co-sponsoring were the Business and Professional

Women/Michigan, Coalition of Labor Union Women, League of Women Voters/Michigan, Michigan National Organization for Women, Michigan Women's Commission, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit, and Zonta International.

The day was declared in 1971 at the behest of U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y. In Livonia Aug.

22, state Sen. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, was among the speakers.

"We have made great strides in the workforce," Jacobs said. That's less true in pay equity, although President Barack Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act as his first piece of legislation.

More women hold bachelor's degrees, own businesses and work as managers and professionals, Jacobs said. She added pay equity won't be reached at the current rate until 2057.

"I don't know about you, I don't plan about being around in 2057. We've got a lot of work to do," the state senator said. She drew laughs in noting she'd done something right; her daughter's recent wedding vows cited being equal about a half dozen times.

Mary Kerwin, a Troy City Council member, represented the Women Officials Network, which encourages women to run for office and get involved in public policy. Kerwin said many appointed opportunities, like planning

commissions, exist locally. There are also county and state appointed opportunities.

"Change happens when women come to the table," Kerwin told the appreciative audience. "It's time to come to the table and have an impact." Oakland County, although wealthy, has higher infant mortality than parts of the Third World do, she said. Women also can work on school funding and other vital issues.

ERA UPDATE

Callow gave an update on the ERA, approved by Congress in 1972 and sent to states for ratification. There was an extension of time for ratification, and the ERA has been reintroduced annually in Congress since the early 1980s.

Women who earn less or are charged more for insurance suffer, Callow said. "The opposition to suffrage was also economic." Liquor interests and others worked against women's suffrage.

For the ERA, eight of 15 unratified states have efforts going full force. (Michigan has ratified it.) Callow told of Arkansas where clergy preached against the

amendment and it was voted down. In Louisiana, it was sent to another committee where support was weaker and it was voted down.

"The suffragists did not give up," said Callow, who believes the ERA should be passed to give women the same rights of no discrimination on race, national origin or religion.

Also speaking was Margaret O'Rourke Kelly of Canton, on the faculty of Spring Arbor University. She wrote *Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story*, on the first woman elected to statewide office in Michigan.

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Author-lawyer Scott Turow to speak in spring in Canton

Author and attorney Scott Turow is coming to Canton. Turow, whose *Presumed Innocent* was made into a movie starring Harrison Ford, will speak at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Wednesday, April 14.

"We're very excited," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager for the hosting Canton Public Library. "We're feeling special." The book discussions that accompany his appearance are based on *Presumed Innocent*, although the exact content of his talks isn't

known, "especially since he's got a new book coming out. I'm sure he'll want to promote it," she said.

Turow will make several local appearances as part of a regional library. Everyone's Reading program. "He will be at the Millennium Center in Southfield on the 15th" of April. There will also be an event at the Birmingham Baldwin Library only for their card-holders, also Thursday, April 15.

Times are still being set. "We're lucky this year. They rotate the hosting of authors."

The appearance will be free as part of the Everyone's Reading program. Each library will get so many tickets, including Baldwin, Bloomfield Township, Independence Township, Farmington Community, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield and Southfield libraries.

Golden is pleased to have the Canton theater partnership as that's an ideal site for Turow to speak.

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Turow is the author of seven best-selling novels: *Presumed Innocent* (1987), *The Burden of Proof* (1990), *Pleading Guilty* (1993), *The Laws of Our Fathers* (1996), *Personal Injuries* (1999), *Reversible Errors* (2002) and *Ordinary Heroes* (2005). A novella, *Limitations*, was

published as a paperback original in November 2006 by Picador following its serialization in *The New York Times Magazine*. His works of nonfiction include *One L* (1977) about his experience as a law student, and *Ultimate Punishment* (2003), a reflection on the death penalty. He frequently contributes essays and op-ed pieces to publications such as *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker*, *Playboy* and *The Atlantic*.

Turow's books have won a number of literary awards, including the Heartland Prize in 2003 for *Reversible Errors* and the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 2004 for *Ultimate Punishment* and *Time Magazine's* Best Work of Fiction, 1999 for *Personal*

Injuries.

Turow, who lives in the Chicago area, continues to work as an attorney. He has been a partner in the Chicago office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, a national law firm, since 1986, concentrating on white collar criminal defense, while also devoting time to pro bono matters. In one such case, he represented Alejandro Hernandez in the successful appeal that preceded Hernandez's release after nearly 12 years in prison, including five on death row, for a murder he did not commit.

Turow was born in Chicago in 1949. He graduated with high honors from Amherst College in 1970. That year, he received an Edith Mirrielees Fellowship to the Stanford University Creative Writing Center, which he attended from 1970-72. From 1972-75, Turow taught creative writing at Stanford, as E.H. Jones Lecturer. In 1975, he entered Harvard Law School, graduating with honors in 1978. From 1978-86, he was an assistant

United States attorney in Chicago. He was a prosecutor in the trial of Illinois Attorney General William J. Scott, who was convicted of tax fraud. Turow was also lead government counsel in a number of the trials connected to Operation Greylord, a federal investigation of corruption into the Illinois judiciary.

Turow has been active in a number of charitable causes including organizations that promote literacy, education and legal rights. In 1997-98, he served as president of the Authors Guild, which is the national membership organization for professional writers, and continues to serve on its governing board. He is also a trustee of Amherst College. Additionally, he performs with the Rock Bottom Remainers, a musical group of best seller authors raising funds for various literacy charities.

Turow has three adult children.

- Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

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Andover and Lahser High Schools**Class of 1969**

Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at Bucknerliz@gmail.com. Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at lsykes@woh.rr.com.

Birmingham High School**Class of 1953 and 1954**

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Clarenceville High School**All Class Reunion**

10 a.m. to park closing, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Bring a dish to pass for 1 p.m., potluck lunch. BYOB for adult beverages in non-glass containers. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Heights Riverside**Class of 1967**

42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Cooley**Class of 1954**

55th class reunion, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gath-

ering also will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott. Tickets are \$55 per person. Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott Courtyard for those who want to stay overnight. Contact Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

Detroit Pershing**Class of 1960**

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford**Classes of 1954-1955**

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net. Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com

Detroit St. Brigid**Class of 1959**

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit St. Casimir High School**Class of 1959**

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at Plcruisin@wowway.com.

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Fordson High School**Classes of 1943-45**

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion"

to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

Garden City High School East**Class of 1959**

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School**Class of 1960**

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info e-mail gchsclassof84@yahoo.com

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City West**Class of 1979**

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.class-creator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City->

West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Ladywood**Class of 1969**

Reunion on Sept. 19, at Embassy Suites, Livonia; For additional information, call Marilyn Refalo Maher at (248) 762-8816 or Lou Kennedy Neville at (734) 776-9048.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembar class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Livonia Franklin**Class of 1969**

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynininu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klvingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson**Class of 1979**

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Milford High School**Class of 1978**

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School**Class of 1969**

40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol.com. Looking for missing class-

mates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

Redford Thurston High School**Class of 1969**

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@AOL.com.

St. Mary of Redford**Class of 1969**

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

Southfield High School**Class of 1979**

30th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 5, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson, Commerce. Doors open at 7 p.m. Includes bowling, karaoke, DJ, dancing, coney, pizza, sliders, salads, sundae bar and cash bar. \$55 per person or \$100 per couple by Aug. 21; \$75 per person or \$140 per couple after Aug. 21. To buy tickets or for more information visit <http://shsr79griff.myevent.com>

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DTE Energy Foundation supports zoo program for area educators

DTE Energy Foundation has put its financial support behind the Detroit Zoological Society's open house for school teachers and administrators. "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" held on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 5-8 p.m., at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center. The event will offer the opportunity to enjoy food, fun, fellowship and live entertainment as they learn

about educational offerings at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

DTE Energy Foundation, the philanthropic arm of DTE Energy, supports community institutions as well as educational, environmental, diversity and development initiatives.

"Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" will offer educators tips on planning and

optimizing school group visits to the Detroit Zoo. Tours of the zoo will highlight animal habitats and exhibits that feature interactive learning options. Teachers and administrators will learn about the Ford Education Center's Interpretive Studios, Wild Adventure Ride, Madeleine Berman Academy for Humane Education and the DTE Energy Foundation

Humane Science Lab. Guests will also meet David Gakure, Kenyan conservationist and Detroit Zoo Education specialist, who engages students at the zoo and in the classroom with stories of people and wildlife in the African Grasslands.

Online registration for "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" is available until Aug. 31 at <http://www.detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/>.

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The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The zoo is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day (with extended hours until 8

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Local health systems recognized as tops in the nation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

The results of a Thomson Reuters study confirm the high level of care patients receive at local hospitals.

On Aug. 10, Trinity Health and the Henry Ford Health System were recognized as two of the top 10 health systems in the United States when statistics revealed a 25 percent lower mortality rate, 19 percent fewer medical complications and 13 percent fewer patient safety incidents.

Researchers used five measures including average length of stay and adherence to clinical standards of care (evidence-based core measures) as published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A total of 252 U.S. health systems were evaluated.

Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System, believes the Thomson Reuters study simply confirms the effectiveness of their practices.

Henry Ford has consistently

How Thomson Reuters measures

Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals program began rating the performance of individual hospitals in 1993. The Health System Quality/Efficiency Study was the first of its kind for health care systems. A total of 252 U.S. health systems with two or more short term, general, non-federal hospitals were assessed using 2006 and 2007 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data.

Researchers reviewed a number of criteria.

- Mortality rates
- Complications
- Patient safety
- Average length of stay
- Adherence to clinical standards of care (evidence-based core measures published by the CMS)

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been ranked among the best in the nation including *U.S. News & World Report's* top 50 hospitals in a variety of specialties.

"Thomson Reuters acknowledges what we've been working for years," said Schlichting of Bloomfield Hills.

"We're focused on quality,

patient safety and service, and the opportunity for developing our people so the right outcomes can happen."

"Having our focus on the right thing is so important, utilizing the strength to make sure they perform at the highest level. It starts with the staff. It

takes a lot of teamwork. We're very proud. We have been a national leader for many years. We're always innovating."

Paul Conlon is especially proud that Trinity Health ranked among the nation's best health care providers. Conlon is senior vice president for clinical quality and patient safety for the system of 45 acute-care hospitals in seven states including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Trinity is the fourth largest Catholic health system in the U.S.

"It is great to receive recognition for work done on quality and safety," said Conlon, who lives in Plymouth and works at Trinity headquarters in Novi.

"We have a board committee on quality and safety with councils from across the system - physicians, nurses, pharmacological staff. We've worked very hard to capitalize on the intellectual power that exists across all of Trinity," said Conlon.

Trinity isn't resting on the recognition though. Plans call

for all system members to use its Electronic Health System of computerized patient records. So far, 22 of the hospitals participate including St. Mary Mercy which introduced the system last year and St. Joe's in Ann Arbor which acquires the newer version in October.

"It's a very powerful tool intended to make care much safer for patients," said Conlon. "It speeds up communication and reduces errors. Before, a physician wrote an order and used a tube system to the lab or pharmacy. With the Electronic Health System they hit the send button and those departments instantly receive information and eliminate all of the hand writing problems."

David Spivey, CEO and president of St. Mary Mercy, credits the hospital's cardiovascular center as one of the reasons the institution placed high in the national rankings.

St. Mary Mercy has been among Thomson's top 100 rankings for large community hospitals for the last three years.

A quality and patient safety committee of physicians and management meet monthly to ensure the highest standard of care. "We focus on quality and performance improvement," said Spivey. "One example is a performance improvement team in place to improve efficiency of the emergency angioplasty team, how quickly a patient gets through ER and onto the table in cardiology. Our team is focused on a patient receiving care in less than 90 minutes 100 percent of the time."

It's Dr. Lakshmi Halasyamani's job as vice president for quality and systems improvement, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, to optimize patient care on a daily basis as well. The system consists of hospitals in Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston and Oakland counties, and Port Huron.

"We have in place systems to review the indicators on a regular basis. It's an ongoing process," said Halasyamani.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 6

Look good, feel better

2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Free service teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help them get well and restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups, usually consisting of six to 10 women, through practical, hands-on beauty techniques.

Women learn about makeup, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. Each participant receives a free kit of name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop. Reservations are required. Call (800) ACS-2345 to reserve a spot.

Screening

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 1, at 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart

rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

SEPT. 7-13

Foot screening

The American Diabetes Association will offer free foot exams 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Botsford Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Ave., Novi. The organization recommends that people with diabetes inspect their feet daily for problems like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6697.

Canoe To Care

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe To Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m.

on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Heaven's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and under free. (248) 937-5077.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

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WHAT SOME VETERANS TEACH ABOUT JOB HUNTING



WORKWISE

by
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A man or woman leaving the military encounters unparalleled difficulty in finding a job. Military terminology sounds foreign to most employers and reads like hieroglyphics. Veterans struggle to make the transition out of the military environment, with its own culture, rules and communication patterns. However, those who overcome these hurdles have something to teach others. The stories of one person each from the Marines Corps, Army and Air Force reflect focus, drive and determination.

VISION

Sam Zhao and his family emigrated to the United States when he was six years old. He went directly from high school to four years in the Marine Corps, including six months land-based in Okinawa, Japan, and six months on the Mediterranean Ocean. During the latter, "we did a rescue mission in Albania and evacuated American citizens from harm's way in Africa," he recalls.

"I was a motor transport operator," he continues,

"driving vehicles like the Humvee and a five-ton truck transporting troops, cargo, ammunition and supplies." Moving up the ladder to sergeant, he subsequently dispatched and trained other troops. As his end-date approached, he planned and focused on his future work, design, sketching whenever he could. He also took college prep courses.

While earning his B.F.A. at Detroit's College for Creative Studies, Zhao developed a portfolio. He wanted to work for a major car manufacturer but didn't make the cut. Over the next three years, B.F.A. in hand, he worked at three companies, including a short stint at Banana Republic, before joining General Motors Co., in Warren, Mich., where he's a creative designer. Zhao led the design for the exterior of the Chevy 2010 Equinox.

Shea Nero, who left the Army as captain, tells a different story. After earning her degree at the United States Military Academy (West Point), she served for five years, including assignments in Iraq and Afghanistan. "My favorite missions were working with local nationals and helping them develop job-related skills," she says.

Nero found online job hunting to be fruitless. Her 35 applications garnered "zero response, (despite) a degree from West Point, an M.B.A. (from Texas A&M) and tours in Iraq and Afghanistan," she comments. She sought help from headhunters. The Lucas Group, headquartered in Atlanta, helped her define the job

she wanted, practice interviewing, fine-tune her resume and package herself well.

A five- or six-month search overall ended with an offer in Manufacturing Resources at Frito-Lay in Dallas. Nero really wanted it because of the company's interest in employee well-being and its pension plans. She supervises up to 25 people in manufacturing and packaging.

ON THE ROAD

Calvin Greer of Cypress, Tex., spent 20 years in the Air Force. His last assignment, recruiting, was his favorite, because he could "impact the need for service and young individuals looking for a platform to launch their careers," he says. When he left as a sergeant about 17 months ago, he negotiated six job offers, including one from a company he'd done business with in the military.

Two offers really caught his eye. In typical military fashion, Greer reports that he "went to the company that responded faster." He'd overcome his greatest challenge -- explaining his experience to civilian employers. Greer focused on the part of his civil engineering work with two major civilian concerns: unions and a comment he heard repeatedly -- "not in my job description." In mid-July, he was laid off at Valve Technologies Inc., where he'd been a supervisor/production manager. "The challenge now is the market itself," Greer comments. As of this writing, he's had his third interview, which involved



Credit: General Motors Co.
Sam Zhao, a Marine Corps veteran, led the design of the exterior of the Chevy 2010 Equinox. His climb to creative designer at General Motors Co. in Warren, Mich., reflects focus and drive.

two people, at a Fortune 500 manufacturing company, bringing the total number of interviewers there to nine.

Greer's remark about the difficult market encapsulates the military spirit of dealing with challenges head-on. Of the three stories here, the one that should strike job seekers the most is that of the Army captain, who changed course after 35 online applications. She decided early on that applying online was too passive and indirect to find a job successfully. Her direct, hands-on approach paid off handsomely.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp welcomes your questions at culp@workwise.net. Copyright 2009 Passage Media.)

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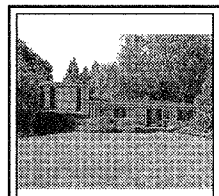
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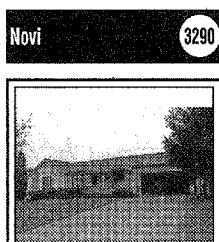


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- 9 Bake sale items
- 14 Luau welcome
- 15 Don Ho's neckwear
- 16 Gate squeaker
- 17 Lark
- 19 Reflection
- 20 Novelist Rita - Brown
- 21 Organ part
- 22 Defiant reply
- 23 Muck or slime
- 25 Gave up land
- 26 Bunch of fish
- 29 Goes quickly
- 31 Threadbare
- 32 Not prepared
- 36 Roulette color
- 37 Lodge member
- 38 Perfume bottle
- 40 Mesa
- 43 Himalayan guide
- 45 Unwelcome obligation
- 46 Debutante's bow
- 47 Heap
- 50 Sonnet writer
- 51 Rudders
- 52 Hurl forth
- 54 - out (with-draw)
- 57 Cover story
- 58 They may be read (2 wds.)

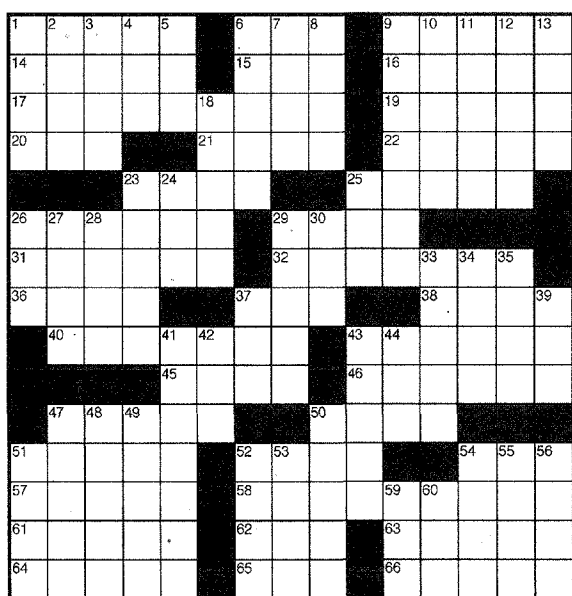
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- 2 Swit costar
- 3 Roam about
- 4 Ernesto Guevara
- 5 Chang Jiang feeder
- 6 Fishtailed
- 7 - and now
- 8 Rushed off
- 9 Popular cuisine
- 10 Did target practice
- 11 Rogue
- 12 Spurred on
- 13 Crystal-gazer
- 18 Honestly!
- 23 Venomous snake
- 24 Break in
- 25 Paramedic's skill
- 26 Common ID
- 27 Mince
- 28 Crop hazard
- 29 Bantu people
- 30 Calligraphy medium

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8	2	3	1	7	4	4	9	6
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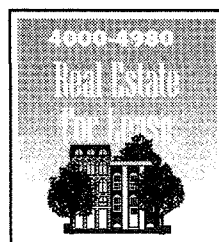
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Get the sporty Galant Ralliart if you want to stay ahead of the rat race. But don't let your foot get too heavy, or you may be blown away by its surprising speed.

The Mitsubishi Galant, redesigned for 2009, is best driven in a high-powered edition that lets you keep up with the Joneses.

The Galant lineup now includes the performance-driven Ralliart edition. With a 258-horsepower V6 and a tightened suspension, the Ralliart drives more like a sports car than sedan.

This powerhouse, named after Mitsubishi's now defunct worldwide rallying effort, goes from 0 to 60 in just 6.5 seconds.

So car buyers who are looking for a fun driving experience, but can't afford a sports car, need to look no further than the Ralliart with a price tag of around \$27K.

This model, which made its debut in 2007, gives people a speedy alternative to the Galant's rivals -- the Honda Accord and the Toyota Camry -- for about \$1,000 less.

Mitsubishi phased out the LS and SE editions in favor of the Ralliart, but the Galant is still offered in three other trim levels -- the DE, ES, and GTS.

Standard features on the base model DE include air-conditioning, power windows and doors, keyless entry, a CD player, daytime running lights, halogen headlamps with auto shutoff and a height-adjustable driver seat.

The ES offers everything the DE has as well as cruise control. And by buying various packages, you can upgrade the ES with items like alloy wheels, a moon-roof, a 270-watt Infinity stereo with CD changer, satellite radio, leather seating and a power driver seat.

The sportier GTS adds a V6 engine (up from the four-cylinder engine of the DE and ES), 17-inch alloy wheels, a rear spoiler, leather seating, a power driver seat and heated front seats.

But if you want to go for the best version, you should check out the Ralliart. It is equipped with sports car-like features, including a more powerful V6 engine than the GTS, a sport-tuned suspension and 18-inch alloy wheels.

On the inside, the DE and ES models have ice blue-illuminated instrument panels and consoles, making it easier on the eyes for nighttime driving. The GTS and Ralliart have whiteface gauges, adding to their sporty good looks.

The Ralliart also includes automatic climate control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a moon-roof and a 360-watt Rockford audio system with satellite radio, transforming its interior into a luxury car.

Although the addition of the fast Ralliart will appeal to heavy-footed car buyers, the Galant's competitors still have the edge when it comes to providing standard features.

That's because when designing the Galant, Mitsubishi mistakenly left out key features like stability control, a fully folding rear seat and the option of a manual transmission.

One thing that doesn't need to be changed about the Galant is its safety features.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the Galant earned an impressive five-star rating for protecting people in both frontal- and side-impacts.

All Galants except the DE come with anti-lock disc brakes and every model is equipped with front-seat side airbags and full-length side-curtain airbags. The GTS and Ralliart models also include a tire-pressure monitor and traction control.

The DE and ES are equipped with four-speed automatic transmissions with Mitsubishi's Sportronic manual shift control. The Sportronic mimics manual transmission gear changes without using a clutch. Both models get 23 miles per gallon for city driving and 30 on the highway.

The GTS and Ralliart both have V6s hooked up to a five-speed automatic transmission with Sportronic. But by using a precision-timed transmission, the Ralliart produces 258 horsepower, while the GTS only puts out 230 horsepower. Yet, surprisingly, they both deliver 18 mpg city and 27 mpg highway.

There's no doubt Mitsubishi execs are targeting the Ralliart to young speed freaks. But the old school Galant models are still nice rides to get from Point A to Point B for us normal, law-abiding drivers ... like you.

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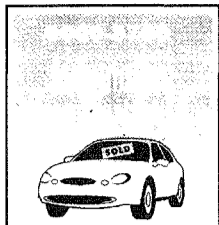
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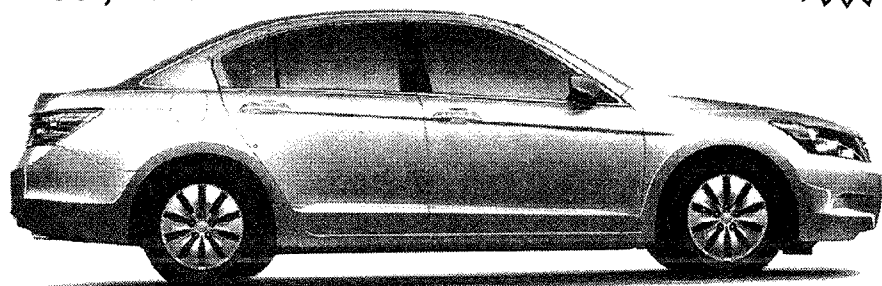
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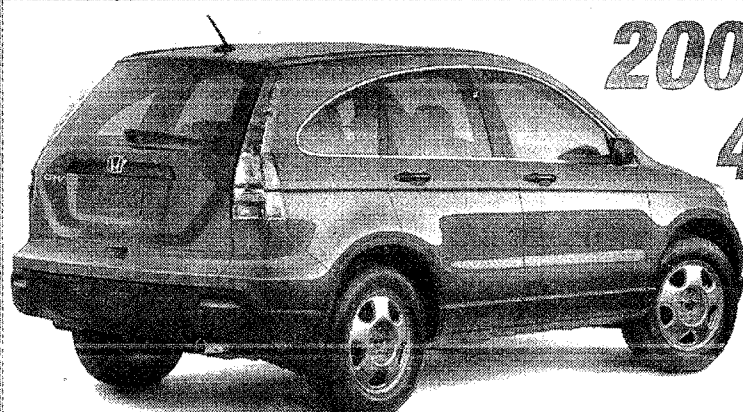
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