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Tailgate success

The first event aimed at reaching out to Plymouth-Canton alumni did well enough it left organizers eager for the next one.

The "Gathering @ the



David Sibbold, Plymouth High School Class of 1967, checks in with Steven Sneiderman at the "Gathering @ the Gridiron" tailgate event Friday at Canton High School.

Gridiron" tailgate party Friday drew an estimated 400 people to the Canton High School parking lot before the Canton vs. Salem prep football game. The event, organized by the district's alumni committee, was the first event designed to bring alumni back into the fold.

"I thought it went very well," said Steven Sneiderman, president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. "We had probably double the people we estimated we'd reach. We saw a lot of alumni come back. It really helped launch the outreach to our alumni."

Committee members hope the event will spur other successful alumni events.

"Our hope is this event will grow, and reunions will be planned around it," Sneiderman said.

Timebanking times

The Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion have scheduled four informational meetings where people can sign up, ask questions or learn how they can help its planned Time Banking program.

Timebanking pools resources of disabled people, local businesses, at-risk youth, retirees, food pantries, religious leaders and others willing to give help to get it.

Timebanking community informational events are set for

• Saturday, Oct. 30, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road.

• Monday, Nov. 1, 6:30-8 p.m., at Karma Coffee Shop, 3015 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

• Wednesday, Nov. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Panera Bread, 400 S. Main, Plymouth.

More information is available via e-mail to PCCDI at pplycncdi@gmail.com.

Canton mom killed in Ypsilanti crash

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 32-year-old Canton woman, Stephanie Joyce Stone, was killed and her two children were injured Tuesday evening when her car was struck by another vehicle driven by a suspected drunken driver accused of running a red light while traveling at speeds of 70 to 80 mph in Ypsilanti Township, said Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department spokesman Derrick Jackson.

Identities of others involved in the crash hadn't yet been released Wednesday afternoon.

The accident happened just before 5 p.m. Tuesday when a 34-year-old

Ypsilanti man driving east on Ecorse Road in a Ford Mustang ran a red light and struck the driver's side of the Ford Taurus being driven north on Harris by Stone, Jackson said.

The force of the crash pushed the two vehicles into three others, said Jackson, the sheriff department's director of community engagement.

"He struck her on the driver's side, and their cars pushed through the intersection and hit the other cars," Jackson said.

The man driving the Mustang has a history of driving offenses, including two earlier drunken driving charges and two for driving with a suspended license, Jackson said.

"He's facing some pretty serious

charges," Jackson said.

Police were awaiting tests to confirm whether the driver, who was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, was drunk at the time of Tuesday's accident. He was facing arrest when he is released from the hospital, Jackson said.

"It's pretty clear he was under the influence," Jackson said, adding that the man still had a suspended license.

The crash killed the 32-year-old Canton mother and injured her 13-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter, Jackson said.

"The boy was going into the operating room Tuesday night. He was pretty banged up," Jackson said. "He was alert at the scene, but he was pretty banged up with some head trauma."

The boy was listed in critical condition, Jackson said, "but he is expected to recover."

The 11-year-old girl "seemed to be more aware, and her injuries were non-life threatening," Jackson said. The girl had been released from the hospital, he said Wednesday afternoon.

Both children had been taken to the University of Michigan Hospital.

The man accused of causing the accident was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital but his injuries, too, were non-life threatening, Jackson said.

People in the other three cars suffered only minor injuries.

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Patience a virtue

Canton girl lops off locks for love

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Katelyn Lew, a 5-year-old Canton girl, waited patiently for her hair to grow long enough to get 10 inches cut off after she decided to help Locks of Love, an organization that provides wigs for financially disadvantaged children suffering medical hair loss.

After a few snips Monday afternoon from stylist Tara Somervell at the Fantastic Sams salon on Ford Road west of Sheldon, Katelyn held locks of her own hair in her small hands as she smiled and gave her mother, Lindsey Lew, a sideways glance.

"You want mommy to get her hair cut, too?" Lew asked.

"Yes," Katelyn said, "so we will have the same length hair."

A few more snips, this time by stylist Tressa Mill, and mother and daughter had lost a combined 20 inches of hair for Locks of Love, a Florida-based nonprofit organization dedicated to boosting the self-esteem and confidence of children who lose their hair.

Locks of Love helps youngsters suffering hair loss for any medical reason, though most have a condition called alopecia areata that, according to Locks of Love, has no known cause or cure.

Lew, 28, has now had her hair cut five times for charity since she was 19. Even though Katelyn wanted in on the action, she seemed quite shy when she first entered Fantastic Sams with her mother, 1-year-old sister Natalie and grandmother Jennifer Nickerson.

Yet Katelyn's shyness seemed to disappear just as quickly

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Stylist Tara Somervell measures Katelyn Lew's hair before cutting off 10 inches to help Locks of Love, which makes wigs for children suffering hair loss.



Shy at first, 5-year-old Katelyn Lew smiles as she decides she likes her new haircut. Her donated some of her hair to an organization that helps children suffering hair loss.

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Teachers push for new pact

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With no contract in hand and no negotiating dates in site, a couple of hundred Plymouth-Canton Community Schools teachers filled the meeting room Tuesday at the E.J. McClendon Education Center to voice their displeasure with the situation to the district's Board of Education.

Half-a-dozen teachers strode to the podium to urge the district to get back to the negotiating table and come up with what they called "a fair and equitable" agreement.

The district and its 1,100 teachers have yet to reach a new contract agreement. Teachers are working under the terms of their old agreement until a new deal can be reached. It was the second straight regular board meeting at which scores of teachers displayed their displeasure. A couple of weeks ago, they organized an informational picket in front of the McClendon building.

Hulsing Elementary teacher Joan Blackley noted the number of different "hats" teachers wear — caregiver, disciplinarian, mentor, cheerleader, coach — and told board members teachers "do this willingly."

"We want you to know this caring doesn't stop at the end of the day or in June," Blackley told the board at Tuesday's meeting, which saw an overflow crowd, some of which was forced to stand in the hallway. "We want to be recognized and valued for the caring professionals that we are. We're anxious to reach a fair and equitable agreement that recognizes

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Uncle Sam taps marching band trio

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Scott Hawkins listened endlessly to his friend, Jeff Garcia, talking about the experience he had playing with the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

Now Hawkins and two of his fellow members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band are going to find out for themselves, having been chosen to be members of the same band, scheduled to per-

form Jan. 8 at halftime of the 2011 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

Hawkins, fellow Salem High School senior Tyler Lacy and Plymouth High School senior Sarah Galea got their official invitations Monday from the Army at a ceremony in the band room at Plymouth High School. The trio was among 14 P-CEP marchers nominated by director of bands David Armbruster, and they were among 125 musicians chosen

nationwide.

"(Garcia) never stopped talking about it," Hawkins said with a smile. "I was excited (to hear he'd been picked). You're nervous until you actually hear it. There are a lot of talented people you're up against. I jumped for joy."

Musicians are chosen based on several steps in the audition process, which included a couple of videos of each of them marching, a video of

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the many hats a Plymouth-Canton teacher wears."

While agreement has been reached on some language issues, the hangups are on compensation and benefits. Negotiations have been ongoing since spring; the sides last met in mid-September. The current agreement expired Aug. 31. Any new deal would be effective retroactive to Sept. 1.

While neither side would go into detail about specifics, representatives from both parties agreed the holdup, at

the moment, is scheduling. Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Nancy Barrows and Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, both said Tuesday night the sides had exchanged proposed scheduling dates, though no agreement has been reached on exactly when negotiations would resume.

"I've said before, negotiations are a two-way street," said Bihun, who declined to talk about specific dates or issues.

Christine Rushlow, a special education teacher at Eriksson Elementary, told a story about how a Wayne County official

lauded Plymouth-Canton's efforts at a recent meeting and said her heart "filled with pride" at listening to an outsider praise the district.

"Teachers at Plymouth-Canton are doing a reputable job ... we have the data to prove it," Rushlow said. "Why do we not have a contract?"

Board President Steven Sneideman said board members are equally anxious to strike a deal.

"We're looking forward to settling the contract, so we can get back to the work we need to do, and you can get back to the work you do, which is teaching our children," Sneideman said.

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as Somervell clipped off several locks of her hair.

"I got to hold my own hair," said Katelyn, a kindergartner at Field Elementary School. "I want to donate it for kids so they can have wigs because they lost their hair."

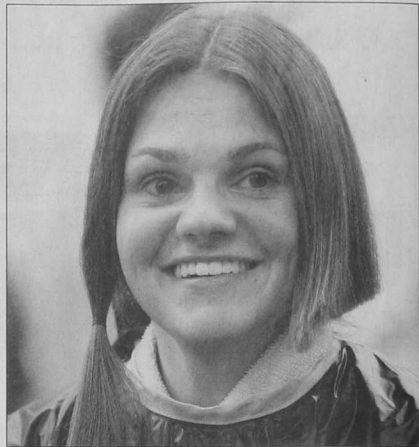
Fantastic Sams assistant manager Erica Graunstadt said the Ford Road salon probably gets a dozen hair donors every month. Salon employees braid the hair, seal it in Ziploc bags and mail to Locks of Love in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Lindsey had talked with Katelyn about Locks of Love, but it was her daughter's decision to donate her hair and wait until she could get 10 inches cut off — the length that's best for making wigs.

"I'm proud she's making her own choices," Lindsey said.

Katelyn's shorter hairstyle drew praise from salon workers, her mother and her grandmother, who told her it looked "adorable."

Salon employees gave Katelyn a certificate honoring her "selfless dedication and support" for other chil-



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Canton mom Lindsey Lew gets her hair cut on the same day daughter Katelyn made her first donation to Locks of Love.

dren. But she seemed just as impressed by the two candy suckers she got to pick out, "one strawberry and one mystery flavor."

Lew hopes her daughter's charitable gesture inspires other children.

"I thought it was a very thoughtful thing for her to do," Lew said. "I thought that maybe if her story was told, it would inspire other kids to do the same."

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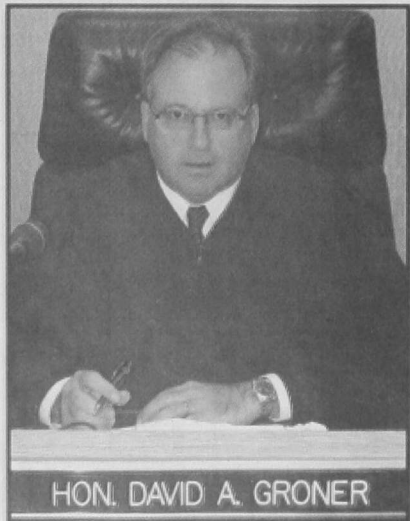
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State House hopefuls share their views

Voters will have choices to make when they go to the polls to pick Michigan House of Representatives in both the 20th (Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton) and the 21st (Canton) districts.

- In the 20th House District, Republican Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township survived a primary challenge to earn the nomination.

Heise is an attorney and the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. He'll face Democrat Joan Wadsworth, a long-time member of the Northville Board of Education. Wadsworth was unchallenged in the primary. The two are vying to replace two-term Rep. Marc Corrivau, the Northville Democrat who decided not

to seek re-election.

- In the 21st House District, incumbent Dian Slavens was unchallenged in the August primary in her bid for a second term. Republican Lori Levi, a small-business owner from Canton, beat political strategist and lobbyist Shannon Price in the primary.

20TH DISTRICT STATE HOUSE CANDIDATES

1. How would you balance the state's budget? Be specific. If you favor cuts, where and how much?

2. There remains a wide disparity in state funds allocated per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

3. What are the top three ideas you would support to make Michigan's business climate more competitive?

4. Do you support multi-year budgeting? Why? Why not?



Kurt Heise

1. Michigan's top priority is job creation, and it's the private sector that creates jobs, not the government. We need to cut both taxes and spending to make Michigan competitive for job creators, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. I will work with Rick Snyder to reform and restructure Michigan government at all levels, consolidating departments, school districts and judicial districts, reducing employee overhead costs, and privatizing programs where needed. We will also benchmark ourselves against other states that are doing it better. I also support a true part-time legislature that would cut legislators' salaries in half.

2. This is largely due to the statewide impact of Proposal A on school funding levels and formulas. I don't intend to "tweak" Proposal A, or raise service or sales taxes as the Democrats have proposed previously. I work with school district leaders on a regular basis, and they have told me that they really need a reasonable and predictable funding stream from Lansing. Making education funding a priority, and two-year budgets, can help us reach this goal. School boards must also insist on leaner budgets, and reducing salaries and overhead.

3. Our top priority needs to be job creation, and it's the private sector that creates jobs, not the government. I will work with Rick Snyder to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax and develop a fair, simple, and competitive tax policy to support job creators in Michigan. We must also eliminate burdensome and duplicative regulations on our job creators and entrepreneurs. Michigan can also do much more to improve exports, and encourage new manufacturing jobs from around the world. The Detroit Regional Chamber, Michigan Chamber, Small Business Association of Michigan, and many others support my plan.

4. As an executive who has previously developed and managed multi-million dollar budgets in the public sector, I have consistently supported a two-year budget plan for Michigan. It is done already in Oakland County and other jurisdictions, and would give the Governor and Legislature more time to reform and reinvent Michigan government, while eliminating annual partisan budget battles. I have over 15 years of real-world experience, background, and vision to make this happen.



Joan Wadsworth

1. First, identify the investments which will make Michigan competitive in the long run. These priorities include: improving the business climate; improving education and infrastructure (not only roads and bridges, but improvements like modernizing the grid and R & D); and protecting our natural assets.

Second, cut spending to balance the budget and support priorities. Areas to reduce: tax exemptions, which currently exceed \$30B; contracts with private vendors; and Corrections, where increasing efficiency and changing policies (like moving medically infirm inmates out of prisons) could save hundreds of millions of dollars.

2. We should begin with two changes: first, require the state to have the school budget completed on June 1st, eliminating months of uncertainty that have surrounded school budgets in recent years. Second, allow all districts to ask voters for additional support for their schools. Now, only a select number of districts are permitted to ask for general support. It seems fair to make this option available to all districts.

This is not a long term solution and the state needs to develop a more equitable and stable source of funding for schools, likely to be built around the foundation grant concept.

3. Improve Michigan's business climate, especially for small businesses, by reducing and simplifying the MBT and streamlining regulations; build on our comparative advantages: Our expertise in engineering and manufacturing and growing number of entrepreneurs make Michigan ideal for new and green technologies. Our international crossings, world class airport, and potential as a transportation hub hold great promise. Focus on our great research universities: challenge them to turn research into jobs. Finally, our natural assets are second to none - protect them, invite tourists to enjoy them, and recognize their appeal to re-locating businesses; invest in education and infrastructure (including roads, bridges, public transportation, and R & D) which support long term innovation.

4. Multi-year budgeting is a good idea. The reality is that both the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies do a good job of projecting long term tax revenue and expenditures - but elected officials tend to ignore those projections and focus on the immediate budget crises. A multi-year budget, if it's accompanied by a bipartisan commitment to a long term focus, could help us make better decisions for Michigan. Changing the state's fiscal year to July to June rather than October to September would also be helpful.

21ST DISTRICT STATE HOUSE CANDIDATES



Dian Slavens

1. We need a leaner, more efficient state government that doesn't waste our hard-earned tax dollars. I voted to streamline legislative operations to save nearly \$5 million a year, cut lawmakers' pay - including my own - by 10 percent, and dock their pay when they don't show up for work. I also championed a plan to eliminate lawmakers' taxpayer-funded lifetime health care, and I voluntarily gave up this overly generous perk for myself. We must reform state government so that it no longer balances the budget on the backs of our hard-working families.

2. As a mother whose three kids attended Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, I know how important it is that we invest in our children's education so they can succeed in life and in the 21st century workplace. That's why I voted against cuts to our schools. I worked across the aisle to pass the School Aid Budget by July 1 so that our schools could plan for the current school year. I also voted to use \$318 million in federal education funds available for Michigan schools to restore the \$154-per-pupil cut that my colleagues passed.

3. Remove government roadblocks to make it easier for our entrepreneurs and small businesses to set up shop, grow and create jobs for Michigan workers; relieve the tax burden on our small business owners and help attract new ones to our state; make sure our schools and teachers have the resources they need to prepare our kids to become the highly educated workforce that will attract new businesses to our state.

4. Yes. Having a budget in place that is focused on a longer period of time as opposed to temporary, piecemeal solutions will help us build a state government that is leaner and more effective. That's why I voted for a plan requiring the state's budget to be balanced by July 1. This plan would also dock lawmakers' pay for every day the budget remains unbalanced after the deadline. Our schools and our municipalities must be able to plan instead of being held hostage every year by Lansing's chaotic budget process.



Lori Levi

1. Balancing the budget requires a two-pronged approach: an increase in revenues and a decrease in spending. Creating a more business-friendly environment in Michigan will help to grow businesses and create jobs. Over the long-term, increased economic output from a broadened recovery will generate hundreds of millions in new tax revenue according to estimates from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy Research. To reduce spending we must prioritize spending in line with our Constitutionally-defined responsibilities, require departments to justify funding requests and stay within assigned budgets, consolidate services where applicable and eliminate any services that are duplicative or unnecessary.

2. Changes the Legislature made in FY 2007-08 to the formula for calculating the foundation allowance will continue to close the funding gap at an accelerated rate. Just as important are changes that can be made at the district level. One change is the consolidation or sharing of non-instructional services. Consolidation and sharing may be appropriate and cost effective in many instances but each district should be evaluated separately. I will only support an initiative that requires each school district to be examined and evaluated on its own merit before any determination is made regarding consolidation or sharing of services.

3. Repeal the MBT surcharge, reduce overlapping regulations and stop guidance directives from regulatory agencies that circumvent the legislature and eliminate industry-specific tax incentives. Government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers but should enact policies that support a level playing field for all industries.

4. Yes. Multi-year budgeting allows the state to project into the future both its anticipated needs and expected revenues so that we can plan earlier for potential shortfalls or extraordinary expenses. A zero based, two-year budgeting process where all departments and agencies must justify their budgets from the first tax dollar they receive encourages well-run, efficient departments and eliminates waste. I also support enacting an earlier deadline for passing the state budget. Schools in particular need to have their budgets in place months before the current October deadline for the state budget.

BAND

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them playing their instrument and a one-minute interview tape.

The auditions were sent in in December, and the three were notified of their selection in September. The official invites came - along with jackets and hats - during a 30-minute press conference Monday.

"I was thrilled to get the (invitation)," said Galea, who plays the clarinet. "I'm always excited to meet new people, to make new friends and to learn from them."

Like his bandmates, Lacy, an alto-saxophonist, said he was surprised to be chosen.

"It doesn't seem like something that can happen to you," Lacy said. "It happens to other people. I was really surprised."

The Plymouth-Canton trio will join their All-American band team Jan. 4 in San Antonio. The team will rehearse for several days before their halftime performance in the Alamodome. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl showcases some of the top high school football play-



Army Captain Renn Moon presents Sarah Galea with a game jacket. At right are Scott Hawkins and Tyler Lacy.

ers in the country.

Armbruster, Plymouth-Canton's director of bands, said the three P-CEP members are "excellent representatives" of the program to go to San Antonio. In addition to being leaders in the nationally acclaimed P-CEP Marching

Band, all three musicians hold the principle chairs in their instruments in the Park's Wind Ensemble.

"They represent the finest we have at the Park," Armbruster said. "They're extremely dedicated, hard-working, all-around good

students and musicians. The program we have sets kids up with a high level of expectation. They all have a love for the activity. It's a great way to represent the Park and the country as a whole."

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Police planning for safe Halloween

The Canton Police Department is taking steps to help ensure a safe Halloween weekend for Canton residents. On Oct. 30-31, the department will be fully-staffed, patrolling neighborhoods and business areas. Police officers will utilize patrol cars, motorcycles and bicycles to maintain a visible presence throughout the holiday weekend.

"By placing extra attention in the neighborhoods, we hope to deter mischievous behavior as well as provide a safe environment for children out trick or treating," says Community Relations Sgt. Mark Gajeski.

In addition to the directed patrols, police officers will be conducting "knock & talks" with registered sex offenders in Canton as a means to acknowledge their presence in the community.

Local police also offer the following Halloween safety tips:

For trick-or-treaters:

- Don't go out alone. Stay in familiar neighborhoods and stop only at homes with a porch light on. Avoid strangers.
- Carry a flashlight and wear a watch.
- Walk, don't run, and look out for traffic. Don't cut across yards or driveways. If there is no sidewalk, walk well off the road, facing traffic.
- Costumes shouldn't drag on the ground and shoes should fit comfortably. Don't let masks obstruct your vision. For better nighttime visibility, wear light-colored clothing or clothing with reflective markings or reflective tape.
- Don't eat treats before hav-

ing them inspected by a parent.

- Don't pet or go near animals you don't know.

For parents:

- Have children eat dinner before trick-or-treating, and know where they are going.
- Children should trick-or-treat with friends, and young children should be accompanied by an adult. Children going out without an adult should have a way of contacting a parent in case of emergency.
- Costumes of flame-retardant material are best. Remind children not to walk too close to burning items, such as a jack-o-lantern with a candle in it.
- Inspect all candy and treats for possible tampering. Tampering is rare, police said, but when in doubt, throw it out.

For residents:

- If you are handing out treats, keep the porch light on as a signal.
- Clear the front yard of things that can trip costumed youngsters, such as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower-pots.
- Pets can get frightened by the activity and the doorbell-ringing. Secure them from to protect them from cars and keep them from biting a trick-or-treater.
- If using candles, such as inside jack-o-lanterns, place them well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing. Use battery-powered lights to be safer still. Also, keep decorations away from lighted candles.

Home invasion

1 Canton police arrested two suspects accused of possibly entering a home on Kings Court, southwest of Cherry Hill and Lilley, shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday.

A neighbor phoned police after his dog began barking and he thought there might be an intruder inside the home of a neighbor who was out of town.

Police initially questioned a suspect who tried to divert blame by saying he had seen two other men fleeing from the area of the home. However, further investigation led police back to the suspect and to a second male.

Police found the garage door partially open after it had been forced up. Officers contacted the homeowner's son, who came to the residence and said nothing appeared to be missing from inside the home.

A police report indicated that the suspects eventually confessed they intended to go inside to take jewelry.

Caravan stolen

2 A woman told police her 1997 Dodge Caravan was stolen while it was parked on Trails Court, southwest of Joy and Sheldon, around 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

The victim's neighbor reported seeing a suspect enter the car and drive off. The suspect was described as a black male, 20 to 25 years old wearing a light-colored ball cap, a dark green jacket, a gray hoodie and dark pants.

The witness told police she was driving east on Joy from Canton Center when she saw the suspect cross Joy Road from the north, enter the vehicle and drive off. She said she heard a loud noise after he



got into the vehicle, before he drove off.

Dumpster fire

3 A man notified police after he drove by Field Elementary School, on Haggerty north of Palmer, and noticed the Dumpster was on fire. Officers combed the area for any possible arson suspects but didn't find any. A police report indicated the cause of the fire was unknown.

Fuel flight

4 A customer who mistakenly drove off from a gas station without paying for fuel he pumped told police he was planning to return to settle the tab. The incident happened about 7 p.m. Monday at a gas station on Ford just west of

Sheldon, according to police reports.

A worker told police the customer — a regular — drove off without paying his \$20.10 tab. Even the worker told police he believed it was an honest mistake.

The driver told police he had used a \$5 gift card and then pumped more gas but mistakenly didn't pay for it. He promised to settle the tab on his way to work.

Grill gone

5 A woman reported that the plastic grill around the fog lamps of her Audi was stolen while it was parked near her residence on Stacy, in the Meadowood Townhomes northeast of Palmer and Haggerty. She told police the theft

occurred between 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday.

Vicodin vanishing

6 A woman contacted police after she came home from work and found that a bottle of Vicodin was missing from a dining room table of her apartment on Eaton, southwest of Warren and Lotz. She said the prescription pills were taken between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Friday.

It wasn't certain how the intruder had entered the apartment to take the pills.

Van stolen

7 A man told police his 2003 Ford Econoline was stolen while it was parked at the Home Depot on Michigan Avenue, just west of Canton Center, between 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Oct. 19.

The man told police the van had the words American Heating, Cooling and Repair on the side of it. He also said the van contained numerous heating and cooling tools.

Text threats

A man told police he had received several threatening text messages from a former friend who mistakenly believed he had broken into an apartment.

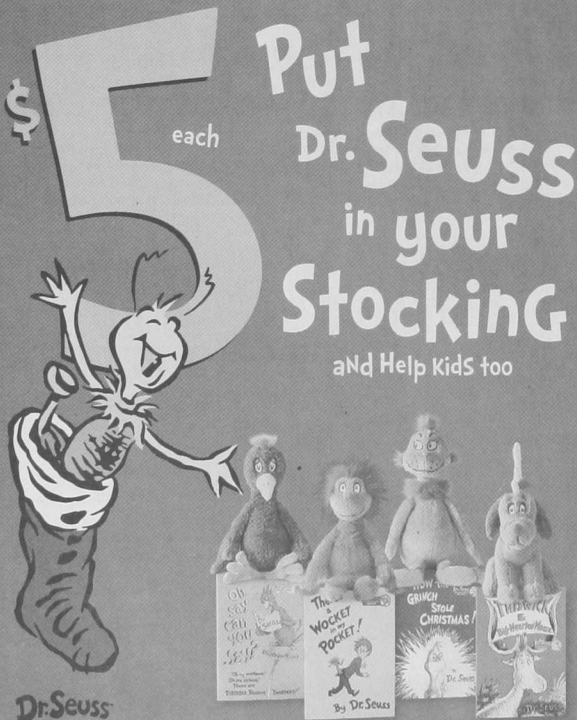
The man contacted police on Oct. 20 after he received the messages and also noticed he had been trailed in his car. He wanted the incident investigated but didn't want to press charges.

Police spoke with a woman who sent the text messages and she said she would stop.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, including Alex Harden on trombone and Amanda Houghton playing baritone, put the last two minutes of their award-winning production, "The Source," on the field at Saturday's Michigan Invitational Tournament in Flint.

P-C marchers tops at Michigan Invite

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

A few sprinkles didn't dampen the performance of the 215-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as they marched off with the Governor's Trophy for the highest score of the 17 competing bands at Flushing High School's Michigan Invitational Tournament Saturday in Atwood Stadium in Flint.

Their performance of this year's show, "The Source," also netted them the Flight I first-place trophy and caption awards for Best Marching and Best General Effect. Flights I through IV are determined by school enrollment, not band size, with the largest schools in Flight I.

"The band did very well Saturday. I am so proud of the kids," said Sheldon Frazier, director of the band. "I think Saturday was probably the best run so far of the season. They are progressing so well."

Jennifer Leseth, associate director of the band and color guard director concurred.

"I thought they did really good since we just put the new ending on this week," she said. "There are not any more big things to add – just filling in the details of what we already have there."

The closer, a little more than two minutes long, was performed for the first time on Saturday, putting the final performance touches on the intriguing, musical, marching production depicting the movement from darkness to the light of "The Source".

The hometown marchers wowed the crowd and took the top spot with a score of 84.80. Second place went to Lake Orion with a score of 83.38 and third went to L'Anse Creuse, 81.01, all in Flight I.

The 10-minute production involves a massive wardrobe change from the traditional grey uniforms, revealing



Choir members Christopher Bir, left, Kara Kavulich, Tyler Thomas, Kaela Green, Courtney Davis, and Brad Drozdowski surround Sarah Lentine on marimba. The 24-member choir adds a unique element to this year's award-winning PCMB production of "The Source".



Percussionists Tom Berry (left) and Austin Deljevich concentrate on musical performance during PCMB's highest-scoring performance of their show "The Source" at the Michigan Invitational in Flint Saturday.

bright yellow and white costumes beneath. The inclusion of a 24-member choir into the performance adds up to some unique musical and visual extras as well.

"I think it is really cool that we are doing all the changes and moods," said Canton junior tuba player, Rebecca Krupp. "The previous two shows I've been in: 'Kaleidoscope', the whole show was light and 'Beneath the

Surface' was dark. This show, the beginning starts out dark and we shift to a lighter side."

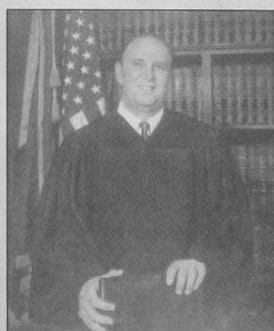
Trombonist Brian Katamiasz, a Canton sophomore, noted that while there were things that still needed improvement, "When you take it each day, the show is just getting better and better," he said.

Daily practices and upcoming competitions, including the Lakeland Invitational Oct. 30, the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships at Ford Field, Nov. 6, and the Bands of America National Championships at Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium, Nov. 11-13, will give them that opportunity for improvement.

"These next three weeks we will be refining the total production," said Frazier. "The designer of this year's beautiful show, Alan Spaeth, is coming in to work with the kids and staff to put together the final touches. Much will be added and refined. It's a very exciting time."



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Foundation reschedules philanthropy summit

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A philanthropy summit intended to help nonprofit groups, professional advisors, and charitable donors find their best options amid a rough-and-tumble economy has been rescheduled.

The second-annual summit sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation has been set for 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the Walnut Room of the township's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, northwest of Canton Center and Palmer roads.

Foundation President Joan Noricks said the summit should help nonprofits and professional advisors learn how they can secure financial resources, increase endowment funds and connect charitable donors to organizations they

will feel good about supporting — all despite an ailing economy.

The summit is free, but officials have asked those who plan to attend to register by calling (734) 495-1200 or by sending an e-mail to info@cantonfoundation.org.

With more than two decades of experience, the Canton Community Foundation has touted its philanthropy summit as a way to continue broadening its efforts to serve the local community and usher in positive changes.

The philanthropy event follows other foundation efforts this year such as a veterans educational summit, ongoing scholarship programs and the formation of a community task to tackle the growing need for charity health care in Canton and other western Wayne County communities.

The philanthropy summit's

keynote speaker will be John Colina, president of the Southgate-based Colina Foundation, which last year gave more than \$118,000 to organizations that address children's needs such as food, camps and surviving domestic abuse.

Nonprofit representatives will learn the tools and tips to grow their charitable organizations, while professional advisors will be given information to help clients with issues such as charitable estate planning, Noricks has said, adding that the foundation wants to be "the mediator to make those kinds of things happen."

Much more information about the Canton Community Foundation is available on its Web site, www.cantonfoundation.org.

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Re-elect Gerou November 2nd

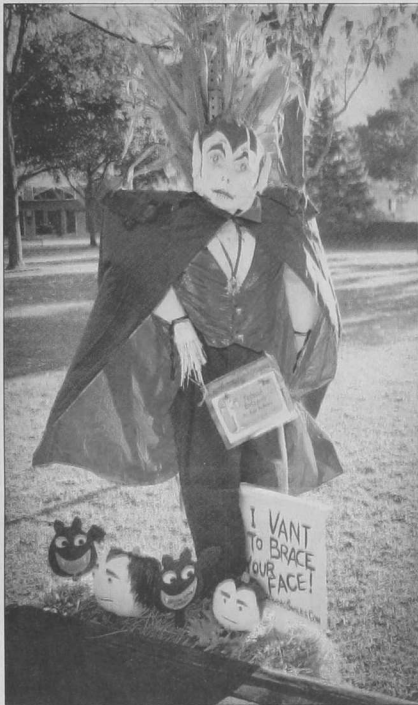
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The scarecrow bride is sponsored by Bridal Couture of Plymouth.



People come from throughout the area to see the scarecrows in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Rick and Jennifer Kientz of White Lake take a photo of their son, Ryan, 5, and his grandma Barb Kientz of Plymouth.



The scary count, sponsored by Ross Anderson, DDS of Parkwood Orthodontic in Canton says: "I want to brace your face!"



Jacob Ryner, 1, of Plymouth is face to face with the scarecrow designed by the Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors.

Visitors have just a few more days to check out the popular "Scarecrows in the Park" exhibit in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Sponsored annually by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the exhibit drew more than two dozen scarecrows this year. The scarecrows are sponsored by businesses, civic organizations, scout group and even families, who deco-

rate them every year for display.

The scarecrows are a popular downtown attraction. "People walk around and check them out, particularly families," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "When they're going out to get their ice cream or eat dinner or go to the movies, they wander through the park and look at them. They add some



Andrew Ryner, 1, of Plymouth knows a family when he sees one. He is pointing to the scarecrow designed by the Wilczewski family.

character to the community." The scarecrows will be up through Sunday's Halloween holiday.



This Yoda scarecrow, sponsored by Elite Dance Force of Canton, has a message: May the Dance Force be with you."



Sponsored by Jazzercise, this scarecrow encourages everyone to get up and move!



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Deadline nears to submit Halloween photo contest

More than 85 Halloween photos are posted online at hometownlife.com for readers to view and vote on. How about adding yours?

There's still time to enter the contest and win a prize. But hurry because you will want to give readers a chance to vote for your photo.

The top three vote-getters will win. First prize is two tickets (in a suite) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with

special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington.

Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages Nov. 9, at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis - the American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in the Broadway production.

Third prize is four movie passes to Imagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium/Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham.

Readers can view the Reader Submitted Photo Gallery on the homepage and recommend your photo.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live. (Only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes, but anyone can recommend a photo.)

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight, Oct. 31, win prizes and will be published in the Observer.

Shoplifter strikes 2 Plymouth merchants

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police suspect the same woman in two cases of shoplifting in downtown Plymouth on the afternoon of Oct. 21.

In the first incident, at R.S.V.P., a stationery and gift store on Penniman, a pair of earrings was reported stolen. In the second, at That's Awesome, a similar shop around the corner on Main Street, a ring was apparently concealed but recovered in the store, police said.

Police Sgt. Jamie Grabowski, a detective, said a witness identified a suspect in a photo lineup on Tuesday and that police were pursuing charges.

Grabowski said the earrings were discovered missing from R.S.V.P. after a woman, who was browsing there and kept chatting and picking up merchandise, asked that they be side aside

for her.

When a description of the possible suspect was relayed to other downtown merchants after the theft was discovered, Grabowski said, an employee at That's Awesome realized the same woman had been in that store.

A wallet was discovered at That's Awesome, apparently left by a shopper, with a ring from the store in it, Grabowski said. Nothing else was found to be missing.

Grabowski said there was nearly a two-hour time gap between the incidents, and that it's possible other downtown businesses may have been victims of shoplifting that afternoon. He asked that merchants who suspect they may have had items stolen on Oct. 21 call him at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 272.

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Voters in Western Wayne County Beware

Democrats are Filling Mailboxes, Websites and Airwaves with False and Misleading Information

With no real agenda of their own, Democrats have engaged in a coordinated effort to deceive the voters in western Wayne County and fool them into voting for their candidates.

Voters have been inundated with flyers, TV and radio ads **lying** about Republican State Senate candidate Patrick Colbeck.

This is not a case of simply omitting facts or stretching the truth but actually making up charges that are patently false.

Following is a listing of the false or misleading information that is being spread by these political Pinocchio's:



LIE #1 Patrick Colbeck would eliminate Social Security and Medicare

FALSE! He would not and could not as a State Senator. These are federal programs.



LIE #2 Patrick Colbeck would force seniors to buy private insurance.

FALSE! In fact, it is the Democratic Party in D.C. that is forcing citizens to buy private insurance via the provisions of the recently passed Health Care "Reform" Bill.



LIE #3 Patrick Colbeck would eliminate teachers' pensions.

FALSE! Patrick Colbeck never said that. Education is his #1 budget priority.



LIE #4 Patrick Colbeck has received checks from "Big Drug Companies" and will allow drug companies to harm people.

FALSE! Patrick Colbeck has worked for a wide variety of companies as a management consultant where he provided organizational services.



LIE #5 Patrick Colbeck is a "lapdog for special interests."

FALSE! Patrick Colbeck will work for the people of the 7th State Senate District. He will operate within a decision framework based on the Constitution, and consistent with the principles for governance established by our Founding Fathers. He has not accepted any campaign donations from any organization that has conflicting values with this framework.

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OUR VIEWS

State Senate Moderate is best in 7th

Voters in the 7th state Senate District, which encompasses Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several Downriver communities, have a number of solid choices when casting their ballots in the Nov. 2 general election.

It's possible, however, that none of the five — Republican Patrick Colbeck of Canton, Democrat Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, Libertarian Marlin Brandys of Plymouth Township or independents John Stewart or Plymouth Township and Michael Kheibari of Northville — completely represents the dynamic of the district.

But when narrowing down the choices, we lean toward Plymouth Township attorney **John Stewart**, who is the moderate in this field.

Stewart has proven he can work with Republicans and Democrats. Unlike the Republican and Democratic candidates in this race, Stewart doesn't overreach to the right or to the left. Michigan's new governor is going to need the support of lawmakers like Stewart who know and understand the art of compromise.

A self-described fiscal conservative, Stewart served the 20th House District for six years, including service on both the appropriations and higher education committees. He supports repeal of the Michigan Business Tax and abolishing personal property taxes. He supports consolidation of services used by school districts.

Stewart grew up Downriver and raised his family in Plymouth, so he's familiar with the district from end to end. His experience in Lansing might be of some comfort to voters who find the other candidates too partisan for the new Michigan.

Republican Patrick Colbeck, a management consultant, favors limited government and lowering the tax burden on businesses by eliminating the Michigan Business Tax and personal property taxes.

The Tea Party movement inspired Colbeck, of Canton, to get involved in running for office. Colbeck speaks a lot of "back office" improvements that can help government save money. We agree but believe he can be most effective at the local level and we encourage him to stay involved by seeking office in Canton Township.

No matter who wins in November, municipalities will be faced with some tough decisions and we believe Colbeck, a management consultant with an aerospace engineering background, can be most effective in his hometown.

Democrat Kathleen Law is smart and sincere. A research scientist, she has keen analytical skills that would serve her well in Lansing. For traditional Democrats, she is a solid choice.

Libertarian Marlin Brandys, a former Marine and martial arts instructor, has not mounted much of a campaign. He is relying on the Libertarian platform to attract voters disenchanted with the two major parties. And independent Michael Kheibari, a pharmaceutical manager from Northville, is a political newcomer who, like Colbeck, might be better off starting at the local government level.

For the 7th District, voters will be best served by moderate **John Stewart** on Nov. 2.

Vote no on state proposals on constitution, felons

Voters will be asked to decide two state proposals on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Proposal 2010-1 asks voters whether to convene a constitutional convention to re-write the state constitution. The current constitution is the fourth in state history. Voters overwhelmingly rejected proposals to rewrite it in 1978 and 1994. Voters should say no again and reject Proposal 2010-1.

The estimated \$45 million cost along with two years of political and economic uncertainty are not what Michigan needs at this time.

Changes can be made by the state Legislature and voters without a significant rewrite of the basic government document.

Proposal 2010-02 is a legislatively proposed constitutional amendment that would add a Section 8 to Article XI of the 1963 Michigan Constitution.

Michigan's Constitution currently forbids anyone convicted of a felony involving a breach of the public trust from serving in the Legislature for 20 years. The ballot proposal would add language to also put a 20-year ban on anyone convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or a breach of public trust while in office from seeking election or appointment to a position with authority over public assets.

The amendment on the Nov. 2 ballot was reported to have been drafted to preserve public trust in government.

Although the proposal sounds like a good idea, we agree with those who point to "the vagueness of some of the language."

A candidate's criminal record is generally an issue in any electoral contest and elected officials who appoint people with criminal records know they will be held accountable.

Vote **No** on Proposals 2010-1 and 2010-2 on Nov. 2.

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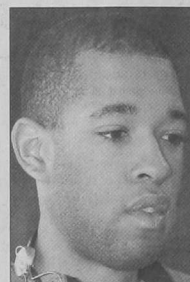
We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think it should get better. I really hope so."
Shetu Chokshi
 Canton



"I think it will be better because of the accountability. We've been in this for six to 10 years now, and I think people are getting past the shock and making adjustments."
Robert Hope
 Canton



"I think it might be about the same."
Sean Carr
 Canton



"The same — there are too many elements that have to be straightened out."
David Klim
 Canton

LETTERS

Supporting Colbeck

We have gotten to know Patrick Colbeck over the past couple of years. We have seen that Patrick is a hard-working, dedicated man with great integrity and faith. We are pleased that Patrick is running for state Senate in the 7th District.

In this time of negative campaigning, we truly appreciate that Patrick Colbeck has not lowered his campaign standards. He is running a positive campaign and is focused on what he will do to help fix Michigan. You can find out more at his website www.fixingmichigan.com.

Patrick Colbeck is not a special interest candidate, party insider or former legislator looking for another job. He is a businessman who lives, works and volunteers in his community and is running for state Senate to do what is right, not what is politically expedient. We are looking forward to a new voice in Lansing who will represent us!

We would encourage everyone to vote on Nov. 2 and help Michigan "Comeback with Colbeck."

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kurt
 Canton

Choice of words

I have received many mailings from and supporting Patrick Colbeck and calling Kathleen Law radical and extreme.

While Kathleen Law may or may not be radical and extreme, I find those choice of words very odd coming from a candidate who has direct links on his campaign website to groups who encourage the hatred of Muslims, deny climate change, compare President Obama to Hitler, do not believe President Obama's birth certificate is real, and consider evolution a myth.

Michael P. Bartnicki
 Plymouth

Slavens supporter

I like many of the voters in our area will have our ballots marked with support for both Republicans and Democrats. We split-ticket voters know we in Michigan cannot afford to vote the party and not the best person for the job. It is for this reason that I write in support of Dian Slavens in her bid for re-election. She will be the first Democrat I vote for as state representative.

I supported Phil LaJoy in 2006, the first

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election after I turned 18, because of his vast knowledge on local government as well as when he ran for Canton Township supervisor in 2008. In 2008, while living in Livonia, I supported John Walsh, Republican, in his race for State House because of his work on education issues.

I very much like Lori Levi, Ms. Slavens' Republican opponent. She is someone who I would love to discuss policy and constitutional theory with but at this time lacks a basic understanding that government must work for the people and get the job done.

Ms. Slavens has shown time and time again that she is not there to represent her party but each and every one of us. She has rejected lifetime health care, red tape on small businesses and attempts to make our school systems insolvent. She more than any other public official I've encountered has listened, actually listened, to voters regardless of their party with her numerous constituent meetings. She has been a brilliant voice for our small businesses finding common sense solutions to get Michigan back to work.

It is for these reasons that I support Dian Slavens to be our voice in the state House.

Christopher A. Wensley
 Belleville

Support for Levi

In response to a hometownlife article supporting and endorsing Dian Slavens as one who is responsible for constituent services

and getting things done, I don't agree.

I sent a letter to Dian in October 2009 asking her to correct a problem with state funding for veteran organizations. These organizations provide guidance and support to all veterans with regard to negotiating the Veterans Administration system for claims and services. The process for obtaining state funding has changed and thus some veteran organizations have lost all funding, forcing them to reduce resources used to help veterans at a very critical time when many claims are taking up to five years to process.

Dian responded to my letter and said she would protect the funding for these veteran organizations going forward. I asked her for a progress report in February 2010 to find out if she had been able to resolve the problem, but I never got a response from her.

During the primary I had the opportunity to talk with Lori Levi about this issue and we discussed my concerns. Lori immediately made contact with a resource familiar with the issue and put him in touch with me. Within two days I had an answer as to what the issue was with regard to my concerns.

The next step is to make changes in the state law to correct this issue and Lori Levi is going to take up that challenge once she is elected. Lori Levi has assured me that she will personally make the issues facing our veterans a high priority. She also stated to me that our veterans, who have risked everything for our freedoms, should be cared for first with respect and honor, and also as a priority not an afterthought.

This week, Dian Slavens sent me a note providing a report that state funding for veterans had been maintained in the state budget, but this did not address the funding issue. A year later, I get a response and it doesn't address the problem. If that is what you call responsible, I am disappointed with your perception.

Lori Levi has focused on making customer satisfaction her priority in the business world and was very successful in this endeavor. I'm very confident, based on my experience, she will continue to exemplify this attribute as my next state representative. Please help me enable her to serve us veterans as we have served our country, by casting your vote for Lori Levi on Nov. 2.

Gerry Wright
 Canton

OUR VIEWS

Vote yes on county parks millage

Wayne County is asking voters to renew, for another five years, a tax levy for parks that comes in at just under 0.25 (0.2459) of a mill.

Proposal P, the millage renewal, is projected to generate \$10.62 mil-

lion in 2011 to operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne.

In addition, some 15 percent of the

millage has been rebated back for local park improvement projects.

It's a millage that western Wayne County residents can actually see and enjoy their tax dollars at work.

Vote **Yes** on Proposal P.

Spotlight Players tackle Neil Simon

Spotlight Players presents the humorous and poignant *Proposals*, a comedy about the gathering of the Hines family for one last time at their summer cabin in the Poconos in 1953 by legendary playwright Neil Simon, Nov. 12-14 and Nov. 19-21 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Recovering workaholic Burt, the Hines patriarch, longs to see the ex-wife he still loves. Daughter Josie has just broken her engagement with Ken because she years for Ray. And housekeeper Clemma, Burt's wise counselor, is dreading a visit from the husband that deserted her years before. Add in a visiting Miami gangster with a gift for mangling the English language and you've set the table for laughs, charm and love.

Director Jeff Croff describes it this way: "*Proposals* is a story about tying up loose ends at the end of summer," director Jeff Croff said. "Whether it's Josie resolving her relationships with her mother and fiancée, Burt finishing unsettled business with his ex-wife Annie or the maid Clemma facing a future that may or may not include her estranged, just returned husband, all of them are looking for a little end of summer magic to solve the big questions."

This is a black-box production in the Biltmore Studio within the Village Theater. Black Box or "in the round" performances are different than the traditional theater experience.

"Being performed in the round, this show eliminates the distance between audience and players," Croff said. "It becomes a much more intimate affair and makes the audience part of the joy and the sadness as the characters collide just a few steps away."

The cast features many actors from the local area, including:

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- From Westland — Jan Larente as Josie Hines and Gary Schulte as Vinnie Bavasi.
- From Livonia — Lunice Alagia Clay as Annie Robbins.
- From Northville — Castille Asmann as Sammii.



Cynthia Lewandowski (Clemma), Jan Larente (Josie) and Lunice Alagia Clay (Annie) ham it up for the cameras as they prepare for the Spotlight Players presentation of "Proposals."

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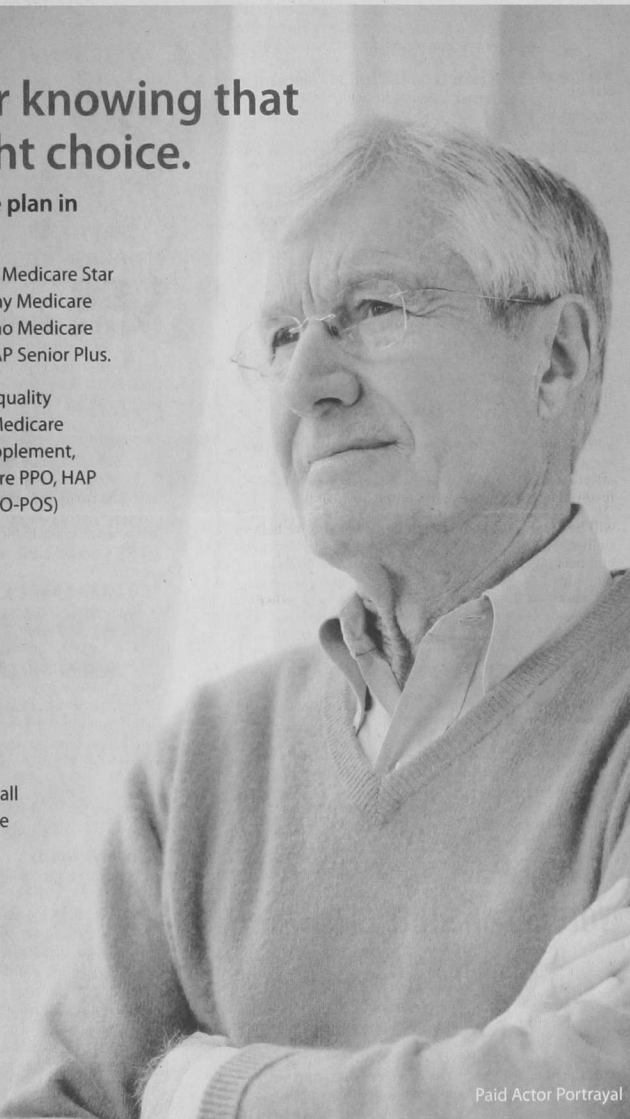
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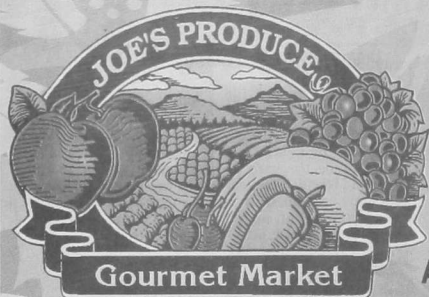
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Chiefs blank Huron in regional opener

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's athletics program during the fall months isn't just about football.

The boys soccer team is enjoying quite a run itself, capturing a Division I district championship and now needing just one victory for a regional crown.

The No. 6-ranked Chiefs defeated Westland John Glenn 4-1 Saturday at Livonia Franklin to earn the district title.

Canton followed that up Tuesday night with a 1-0 triumph over Ann Arbor Huron in a regional semifinal held at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The Chiefs (19-3-2) now will go up against Novi at 3 p.m. Saturday in the regional final. Canton played the Wildcats twice previously this season, earning 4-0 and 5-1 victories.

On Tuesday, senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs made 15 stops — several of the spectacular variety — while sophomore Bobby Budlong delivered the only goal the Chiefs would need in the victory over the River Rats.

Budlong's team-leading 17th goal with just 3:18 to go in the first half stood up thanks to the efforts of Laabs and stellar defenders Kyle Krause, Connor Furgason, Tyler Winningham, Neil Zech and Connor Shennan.

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Two teammates set up Budlong for the key goal. Junior Nathan Bergeson won a ball on the right side of the pitch, just outside the 18-yard box, and sent a feed to senior co-captain Phil Baciak in the middle of the box.

Baciak (who officially drew the lone assist) then threaded a pass to Budlong, who ripped a shot high into the Huron goal.

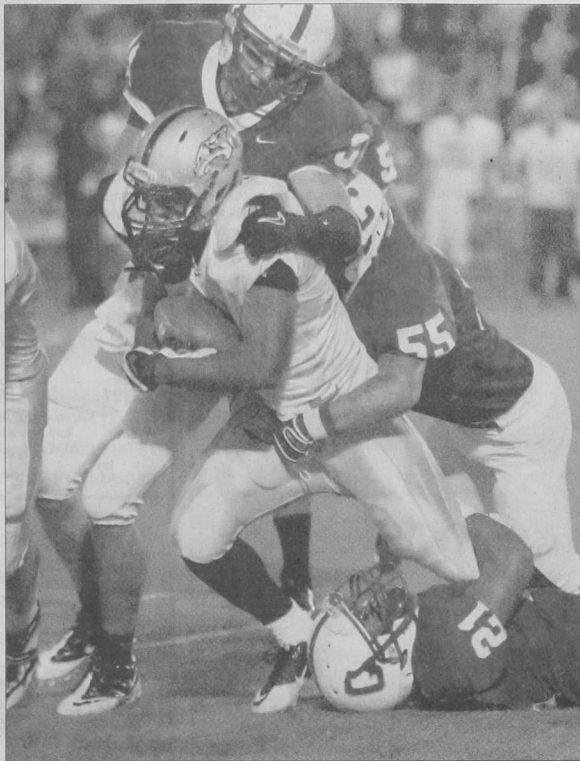
In the district final, Laabs and senior goalkeeper Garren Carr kept the Rockets (10-10-1) at bay other than a marker by Tyler Simpson before halftime to cut Canton's lead to 2-1.

By that time, Bergeson and senior Sean Balnaves had found the range for the Chiefs — with Balnaves chipping in the rebound of his own penalty kick with about three minutes left in the first half.

Canton then added goals by Furgason and Bergeson in the second half for some breathing room.

Budlong collected two assists for the Chiefs, while Furgason collected one.

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Playoffs, here we come

Earlier this month, Canton and Plymouth battled each other in KLA South action. Here, Wildcats junior running back Donte Fox (No. 5) is surrounded by Canton's Jeff Straub (No. 31), Michael Sams (No. 55) and Zac Merillat (No. 21). This week, both teams open postseason play. On Friday night, Canton faces Ann Arbor Pioneer while Plymouth goes up against Saline on Saturday afternoon. Both contests will be at PCEP. For a look at how the Observer sports staff sees those games and other playoff openers, please turn to page B3.

Weekend tourneys keep teams sharp down the stretch

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Area volleyball teams were very busy last weekend, with more hits than misses.

At Saturday's KLA Kensington Conference meet, hosted by Novi, the host Wildcats fought past Livonia Churchill in three sets for the championship.

But Plymouth-Canton squads were very competitive, despite falling short of the ultimate prize. Salem's bid for hardware came up short as the Nicole Merget-led Rocks were knocked off 16-25, 26-28 by Novi in the semifinals.

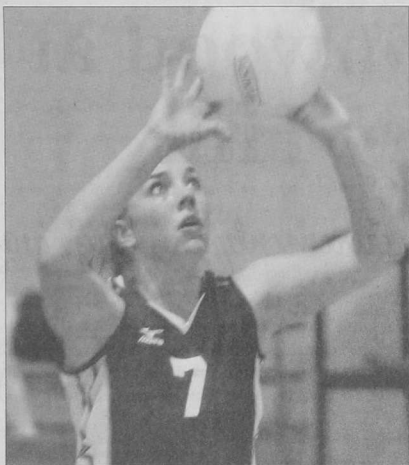
Salem nearly forced Novi to a third set, but could not overcome a string of serve-receive errors and a 14-7 deficit, said head coach Amanda Nies.

"I called a timeout, mixed up some things and we managed to come back (tying it up 14-14)," Nies said. "... The rest of the match was neck and neck. We had a couple game points and we just couldn't finish.

"It was great to see the team come back and fight hard. We need to start off that way (because) it took us until the middle of Game 2 to wake up."

Salem started the tourney with a 27-29, 25-19, 15-12 victory over Canton.

"We came out slow in the first game against Canton," Nies said. "And then (we



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Among several stellar performers Saturday for Plymouth Christian's volleyball team was Amy Zinn, shown here from a recent contest.

picked up the second game and came through in the end of the third game getting the last three points."

The Rocks followed up with pool play triumphs over Northville and Livonia Franklin before earning a 25-19, 25-15 win over South Lyon in the quarterfinals.

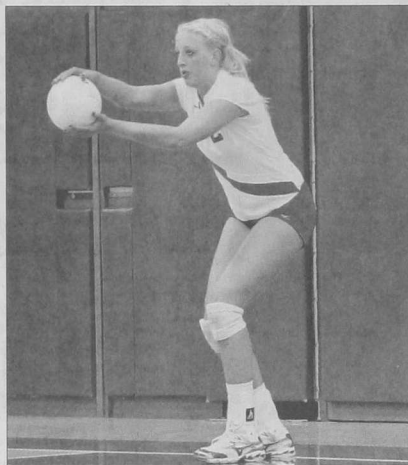
"We did a lot of great things defensively (against South

Lyon) and controlled the whole match," Nies said.

A LOT TO LIKE

Despite ending the tourney on a down note, the Salem coach called it a "great" and productive day.

"Everyone got to play a lot during pool play which is always a great thing for the girls," Nies said, "especially



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Salem senior Nicole Merget, shown here from earlier this season, was outstanding throughout Saturday's KLA meet.

being the last tournament before districts."

Senior middle blocker Merget "shined the whole day, she was outstanding," Nies said.

Merget tallied 60 kills along with 25 digs, 12 blocks and seven aces.

Other Salem standouts included Jillian Sommerville (26 kills, six blocks), Abigail

Dworzanin (15 kills, five blocks, 13 digs) and Kerry MacDonald (74 assists, seven aces, 22 digs).

Nies pointed out clutch defense from players such as Alli Morrison (20 digs), Madeleine Vala (26 digs) and Lauren Aschermann, with a team-leading 33 digs.

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B4**

SIDELINES

Blazers roll, 4-0

Junior Erin Cronyn scored two of her goals in the opening half en route to a hat trick Monday as host Livonia Ladywood cruised to a 4-0 girls field hockey win Monday at home over Grosse Pointe North.

The Division II Blazers, 11-1-3 overall, move into the quarterfinals of the state tournament 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Dearborn Edsel Ford where they will face Division I foe Grosse Pointe South.

Sophomore Jaclyn Snyder tallied the Blazers' other goal off an assist from Briana Sultana.

Senior Devin McParlane assisted on two of Cronyn's goals while Kylie Birney had the other.

Ladywood junior goalie Mackenzie Holme did not have to make a save in posting the shutout.

Nicole Strickland had eight saves for the Norsemen, who wind up 2-13 overall.

Sherwood sets mark

Madonna University senior Sarah Sherwood (Salem) continues to rewrite the women's cross country record book as she broke her own school record by seven seconds, running the five kilometer course Saturday at Grand Rapids Riverside Park in 18:23 to place ninth in a stacked field at the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge.

Sherwood set her new record less than a month after running 18:30 at the Lansing Invitational over the same 5-kilometer distance.

Junior Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood) ran a season-best 19:21, while classmate Cassie Yarnall crossed the line in 21:03.

MU now takes two weeks off before running in the 2010 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday, Nov. 6, also at Riverside Park.

Schroeder saluted

For second time in her career, Kalamazoo College junior midfielder Julia Schroeder (Livonia (Stevenson) was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Week in women's soccer.

Schroeder collected a goal and assist for the week in leading the Hornets to a split of its two MIAA games. She had an assist in a 4-1 loss to Alma, then scored a goal and controlled the midfield in a 3-0 victory over Trine. Schroeder is being honored as Player of the Week for the first time this season.

Jingle Bell 5K

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'Major' problem for Whalers, 5-0

The Mississauga St. Michael's Majors will be hosting the Canadian Hockey League's 2011 MasterCard Memorial Cup next May. Saturday at Compuware Arena, the Majors played like a team headed to that tournament with a 5-0 victory over the Plymouth Whalers.

The Majors (8-2-0-0) led 1-0 after one period of the Ontario Hockey League game, padded the lead to 2-0 after 40 minutes and pulled away with three unanswered goals in the third period.

Meanwhile, Plymouth (5-5-1-1) was frustrated all night by Mississauga goalie J.P. Anderson, who pitched a 32-save shutout. His best stop came in the first period, robbing Stefan Noesen's tip-in attempt from point-blank range. Had Noesen scored, it would have been a 1-1 tie.

Chris Doyle led the Majors attack with

a pair of goals. Adding single markers were Chicago-draft Rob Flick, veteran defenseman Marc Cantin and Carolina-draft Justin Shugg.

Flick scored on the game's first shot at 0:14 to give Mississauga at 1-0 lead, putting his shot from the right circle high past Plymouth goaltender Scott Wedgewood (21 saves). The Majors tallied the only goal of the second period on Doyle's point shot past the screened Wedgewood.

In the third, Shugg scored on the power play at 2:30, followed by markers from Cantin and Doyle at 6:24 and 14:43, respectively.

After two road games this week at Erie, the Whalers will return to Compuware for a 7 p.m. Saturday game against Sault Ste. Marie. The game will be broadcast over Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's WSDP-FM (88.1).



Plymouth forward Garrett Meurs slings the puck off the left post, the closest the Whalers would get to scoring against Mississauga goaltender J.P. Anderson (right) during Saturday night's 5-0 loss to the Majors at Compuware Arena.

Crusaders stop first-place Saints

Mustapha Olorunnimbe, a freshman from Lagos, Nigeria, scored a pair of goals Saturday as Madonna University upended Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer leader Aquinas College, 3-1.

Senior Ogbemudia Ioyha also added a goal on a penalty for the visiting Crusaders, who improved to 7-5 overall and 3-2 in the WHAC.

Olorunnimbe, named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week, scored in the 10th and 59th minutes, while Heath Somers countered for the Saints (12-4, 3-1) in the 39th minute.

Freshman Max Washko (Livonia Churchill) set up Olorunnimbe's second goal on a corner kick.

MU goalkeeper Parker Laabs (Canton) made five saves en route to the win.

"Our backline was fantastic," MU first-year coach Eric Scott said. "Aquinas has a lot of creative players and they were all over us early in both halves. I thought we dealt with their pressure well and Parker made some big saves. Everyone was great today."

Madonna closes out the regular season 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School against WHAC foe Siena Heights.

Ocelots romp, 9-1

Tevin Wynter and Dane Laird each tallied their first goals of the season Sunday as host Schoolcraft College romped to a 9-1 triumph over Cuyahoga (Ohio) Community College.

Marco Lobo and Andrew Koet each scored twice for the Ocelots, who improved to 16-3-1 overall and 14-1-1 in NJCAA Region XII.

Other Schoolcraft goal scorers included Nate Sergison (Livonia Stevenson), Alex Tramel (Salem) and Joe Carver.



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PCA harriers fifth at conference meet

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys cross country team continues to rise. The Eagles finished fifth overall at the recent Michigan Independent Athletics Conference meet and featured sophomore Jimmy Parks, who placed fifth with a time of 18 minutes, :08.2 seconds.

Parks was named to the All-MIAC team as a result of his strong performance.

Team-wise, the Eagles tallied 119 points, trailing meet

champion Southfield Christian (39), Lutheran Westland (57), Oakland Christian (107) and Lutheran South (115).

Other PCA finishers, besides Parks, included sophomore Trevor Baloga (11th, 18:15.2), senior Robert Fergan (28th, 19:58.5), sophomore Jacob Nichols (40th, 20:43.0), sophomore Ian Rose (43rd, 20:54.8), sophomore Steven Zomermaand (45th, 21:05.7) and sophomore Nathan Harold (63rd, 23:02.4).

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Check-in begins at 9 a.m. the closes at 10:30 a.m. The event will benefit the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. The Boy Scouts will also be on hand for its annual Can-Do Drive.

The pre-race entry fee is \$15 (adult), \$10 (middle schools and high school), \$5 (younger) or \$40 (family).

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7-5 (.583)
97-26 (.789)

Dan O'Meara

Harrison
Thurston
Canton
Farmington
Northville

Plymouth
11-1 (.917)
103-20 (.837)

Tim Smith

Harrison
Thurston
Canton
Farmington
Northville

Plymouth
11-1 (.917)
85-38 (.691)

Jim Tott

Harrison
Thurston
Canton
Berkley
Northville

Plymouth
11-1 (.917)
93-30 (.756)

Rocks swim past Howell

The Salem varsity girls swimming & diving team finished the Kensington Lakes Activities Association dual meet season on a winning note, defeating Howell 100-86 on Thursday.

Rocks head coach Chuck Olson praised the effort of his team and made special mention of four girls who collected state qualifying times, including Abby Aumiller, Jocey Lamoureux, Ashley Micek and Emily Nelson.

Following are Salem results from the Howell dual meet:

200 medley relay: 1st (Nelson, Micek, Lauren Seroka, Aumiller), 1:59.25; **200 free:** 1st, Julia Suriano, 2:01.39;

200 IM: 1st, Nelson, 2:22.02; 2nd, Claire Amin, 2:22.58; **50 free:** 1st, Aumiller, 26.49; **1-meter diving:** 3rd, Bridget Maul, 139.55 points; **100 fly:** 1st, Nelson, 1:05.52; **100 free:** 1st, Aumiller, 57.69; 3rd, Maggie Gorman, 58.50; **500 free:** 1st, Seroka, 5:27.05; 3rd, Irene Li, 5:43.15; **200 free relay:** 1st (Suriano, Gorman, Aumiller, Seroka), 1:46.07; **100 back:** 1st, Suriano, 1:04.11; 3rd, Maggie Sniedeman, 1:09.23; 4th, Jenny Schwank, 1:10.03; **100 breast:** 2nd, Micek, 1:15.92; 4th, Lamoureux, 1:19.89; **400 free relay:** 1st (Gorman, Seroka, Li, Suriano), 3:54.47; 3rd (Nelson, Kelley Zimmerman, Malissa Tabbey, Micek), 4:08.78.



One of Salem's many impressive swimmers this season has been freshman Julia Suriano, shown competing in the 200 free earlier this month. She was part of four winning events last Thursday against Howell.

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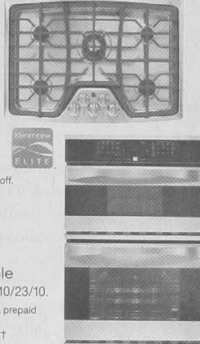
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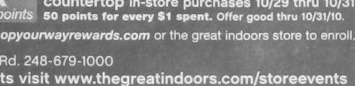
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MEDICARE OR MEDICARE/MEDICAID NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 2010, the agreement between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Sorrento Care Center in Detroit, MI as a skilled nursing facility in the Medicare program will be terminated.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that Sorrento Care Center has failed to attain substantial compliance with the following participation requirement:

42 CFR 483.25(k) – Treatment/Care for Special Needs

The Medicare program will not make payment for skilled nursing facility services furnished to residents admitted to the facility on or after August 19, 2010. This date is due to a previously imposed denial of payment for new admissions. For Medicare residents admitted prior to August 19, 2010, payment may continue to be made for up to 30 days of covered services furnished on or after November 19, 2010.

In addition, Federal Financial Participation will not be available to the Michigan Department of Community Health for any Medicaid residents admitted to the facility on or after August 19, 2010. For Medicaid residents admitted prior to August 19, 2010, Federal Financial Participation may continue to be made to the Michigan Department of Community Health for up to 30 days of covered services to qualified residents furnished on or after November 19, 2010.

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P-C Steelers show mojo against Railsplitters

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad played another tough, gritty game against the Lincoln Railsplitters last Saturday. As the final seconds ticked off the play clock, they found themselves on the winning side of a 36-25 score.

A strong Steeler offense was the name of the game, with excellent performances by Dakota Lynn (a beautiful TD run), lineman Joseph Campana (several key blocks at his TE position), Morgan Vetter (TD-springing block), Udayveer Singh (strong pass protection) and Christopher Vos (solid as a rock at center, snapping for four TDs).

On defense, Bradley Deeg was a force, repeatedly taking care of the Lincoln O-line.

The P-C Steelers JV squad totally annihilated the Railsplitters, 54-0. The offense was led by Vince VanDerRoest, who was absolutely relentless, making key blocks that led to scoring all game long. Nick Sater proved his agile prowess at tight end, catching a quick pass and scoring a sweet six-pointer. Benny Phillips debuted with a rushing TD.

The defense also was on a mission. Nathan Gozdro led the way with two quarterback sacks and several assists while Matthew Lessel broke up a couple of Railsplitter pass attempts, totally minimizing Lincoln's attempts to move the ball down the field.

Following suit, the freshmen squad won 30-0 to improve to a league-best 7-0 record. PCS dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

On offense, quarterback Jake Cain's 13-yard TD strike to Billy Flohr set the tone. Chase Willis hauled in a PAT conversion pass and O-lineman Calvin Voss broke through the Railsplitters' defensive line time and time again. Benjamin Bennett handled the ball with ease, running for several first downs.

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Also, Lou Baechler dodged several defenders on a kick-off return, scoring a 25-yard touchdown as a result.

Parker Selby shined for the Steelers, playing hard-nosed defense all night long, and blocking a Railsplitter punt. PCS gave up just one first down, with notable efforts turned in by D-linemen Jackson King (2 sacks), James McCarthy and speedy Drew Poet. The latter's tackle for a loss on a fourth-and-one situation drew cheers.

Other highlights: Logan Walkley went over the 100-yard mark for the sixth consecutive game, scoring on runs of 42, 25, and 60 yards respectively. Darien Moore scored on a 3-yard run and also excelled at middle linebacker. Also visiting the end zone were Aidan Garbarino, Keagan Witczak, Mason Hackney (60-yard TD run) and Zach Kubacki (25-yard TD run).

STEELERS VS. RANGERS: The Steelers varsity homecoming game Oct. 16 against the Redford Rangers had all of the elements of a great game — cool fall weather, cheering fans and hard-nosed football under the lights.

The only thing missing was a much needed win for the Steelers, who unfortunately came up short, losing to the Rangers 26-25 in the final minutes of the game.

The Steelers played tough all night, with Devin Cameron leading the defense with a timely fumble recovery. Kevin Justice shined all night on both sides of the ball. He had a 60-yard chase-down to stop a Ranger TD and had an incredible 80-yard run for a touchdown.

Gregory Williams demonstrated strong QB play all night, connecting with several Steeler receivers, including Derek Young, who made a

great catch for a Steeler first down. Williams also played smart defensive ball, with a key interception at free safety.

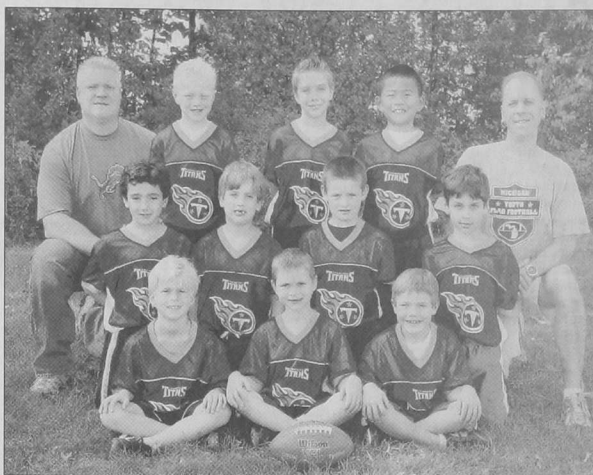
The JV Steelers squad wowed the crowd with a great homecoming win, beating the Rangers 26-14. Offensively, the Steelers were untouchable. Benny Phillips was a key leader on the Steelers O-line, and Malcolm Young was a strong offensive threat to the Rangers, forcing them to deal with him play after play. Benny Kandah was on cue with his pulls, leading the Steeler RBs to help extend gains on their runs and Gary Jones played hard at offensive end, throwing a key block that led to a Steeler TD.

The Steelers came out just as strong defensively against the Rangers. Evan Sawes sent a "No Fear, No Quit" Steeler message to the Rangers with a huge QB sack early in the game, and Mason Kophia demonstrated his prowess at LB, stopping the Rangers running backs in their tracks.

The P-C Steelers freshmen squad continues their domination of the WSJFL with another commanding performance at homecoming, shutting out the Rangers 38-0.

The offense was led by strong blocking from Mason Richard, which aided RB Ben Bennett in gaining tremendous rushing yards as well as his first touchdown for the Steelers. Meanwhile, Ben Wright had an awesome game on offense at RB for the Steelers, scoring his first Steeler TD and also catching an interception.

Danny Lanava played well on both sides of the ball, with hard tackling and also scoring an extra point to add to the Steelers' runaway lead. Jake Cain was tremendous on defense, intercepting the football as it bounced off a Ranger, and running it in for his first TD as a Steeler.



Terrific year for Titans

What a season it was for the Plymouth/Canton Titans, of the Michigan Youth Flag Football League. The Titans closed out the year winning their last six games to finish with a 6-1 record — the best in the Second Grade Shula Division. Congratulations to coaches Chris Godi, Paul Scott and the players for having such a successful season. Members of the Titans are as follows: (front row, from left) Keagan Kocanek, Eli Zarotney and Andrew Iaquaniello; (middle row, from left) Sammy Giordano, Lee Elliott Napthen, Owen Carapellotti and Nicholas Scott; (back row, from left) Coach Chris Godi, Joe Godi, Dario Toppi, Emmett Martin and Coach Paul Scott.

VOLLEYBALL

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"Our defense was something that we moved a lot of people in to get better results," Nies said.

Also losing in the semifinals — only to Churchill — was Canton, with the Chiefs dropping a pair of 25-14 decisions.

But Canton did enjoy wins over Livonia Franklin (25-18, 25-16) and Westland John Glenn (25-13, 25-23).

Meanwhile, Plymouth's Wildcats weren't quite as successful as their Novi counterparts. But they still came in sixth, ultimately losing to Novi in the quarterfinals, 13-25, 16-25.

Plymouth (19-10-2) also fell to the tournament hosts

in pool play (25-22, 21-25, 8-15) but secured victories over Wayne Memorial (21-25, 25-12, 15-4) and Livonia Stevenson (28-30, 25-21, 15-11).

Among players coming through for coach Kelly McCausland were Kayla Bridge (26 kills, 51 digs), Dani Risi (29 kills), Alex Roberts (12 kills, nine blocks), Shayla Smalls (31 assists, 16 digs), Jess Scott (35 assists), Emilee Beyer (13 kills, six blocks) and Mariah Tesarz (55 digs).

PCA goes for the 'Gold'

Plymouth Christian will have its conference meet Thursday. But the Eagles' enjoyed an excellent tune-up Saturday at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament, advancing to the semifinals of the Gold Bracket before falling 25-18, 17-25, 7-15 to St. Mary

Catholic Central.

In pool play, PCA also lost to SMCC (14-25, 23-25) but collected wins over Lincoln (25-7, 25-18) and Chelsea (25-19, 25-21) and followed up in the quarters with a 27-25, 21-25, 18-16 win over Wyandotte.

Once again, Kristin Malcolm was outstanding for the Eagles (21-9-2 entering Tuesday's dual match at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist).

Malcolm sparked PCA with 45 kills, 10 blocks and 15 digs.

Other standouts included Folake Olojo (23 kills, 14 blocks), Amy Zinn (26 kills, 27 digs), Brianna Harris (83 assists) and Sarah Howard — who played her best of the season with aggressive hitting and blocking. She tallied 12 kills and five blocks.

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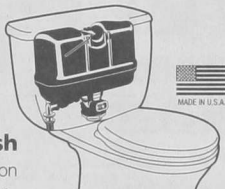
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Friday, Oct. 29
(Division 1-Region 2-District 1)
A.A. Pioneer vs. Canton
at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
(Division 1-Region 2-District 1)
Saline vs. Plymouth
at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 28
MIAC Tourney at Mich. Elite, 4:30 p.m.
(KLAAs Crossovers)
W.L. Northern at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Brighton at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Hartland at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Milford at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Wat. Kettering at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Pinckney at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Waterford Mott at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Andover Tournament, TBA
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
REGIONAL MEETS
Friday, Oct. 29
Division 1 at Huron Meadows, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Division 1, 4 at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
Division 3 at Linden High School, 10:05 a.m.
Division 2 at Lake Erie Metropark, 10:45 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 28
Ladywood vs. Cranbrook-Kingswood
at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29
KLAAs South Meet at Salem, 6 p.m.
KLAAs Central Meet at Novi, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
KLAAs South Meet at Salem, noon.
KLAAs Central Meet at Novi, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Oct. 29
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.

(MCCA Quarterfinals at K'zoo Valley)
Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon CC, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
MCCA Tournament
at K'zoo Valley, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
MEW'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 30
Madonna vs. Siena Heights
at Stevenson H.S., 2:30 p.m.
(Region XII Semifinals at Delta College)
Schoolcraft vs. Ancilla or Owens, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 30
Madonna vs. Siena Heights
at Stevenson H.S., noon
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Oct. 28
Plymouth at Niagara, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Plymouth Whalers vs. Soo Greyhounds
at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environment will be the focus.

Planned are one practice and one game per week on Saturdays.

The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members.

Fall golf classes

Fall classes at Hickory Creek Golf Course are now accepting students to work with PGA professional Tami Bealert.

Among offerings: New to Golf (6-7 p.m. Tuesdays); Basic Golf Fitness (6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays); Golf Kinematics (7-8:30 p.m. Mondays) and — for kids — "Little Linksters" (ages 5-7) and "Junior Golfers" for ages 8-10.

To register, go to www.TrainwithTami.com or call Bealert at (734) 731-0238.

Hickory Creek is located just west of Canton, off of Ford-Napier roads.

Volleyball on tap

The YMCA Girls Volleyball leagues are forming for girls ages 9-12. The session will run until Oct. 29 and is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment.

The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103

for community members. Memberships are \$39 for individuals and \$59 for families.

All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis, so hurry in. The registration deadline is September 13. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.mcadetroit.org.

Baseball coach wanted

University of Detroit Jesuit High School needs a varsity baseball coach for the 2011 season.

If interested, fax or e-mail U-D High athletic director at (313) 862-3299; mickey-barrett@uofdjhsuit.org.

Madonna whips Siena Heights in three

The 21st-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team overcame a tough first set to post a 25-22, 25-19, 25-18 win Tuesday at home over Siena Heights University.

The first-place Crusaders improved to 27-7 overall and 12-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (tied with Indiana Tech), while the Saints fall to 7-23 and 2-11.

Junior Megan Fricke led the MU offensive attack with 14 kills, while Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Karie Altman added 11 apiece.

Dempsey also led the Crusaders with 12 digs, her

12th double-double of the season, while setter Evia Friedtits handed out 36 assist-to-kills.

Lady Ocelots triumph

Schoolcraft College closed out the regular season Tuesday with a 25-23, 25-19, 25-16 MCCA Eastern Conference win over second-place Macomb CC.

The host Ocelots, who finished third, improved to 20-12 overall and 11-3 in the conference, while Macomb falls to 20-15 and 11-3.

Schoolcraft, the third seed in the East, opens MCCA Tournament play 4 p.m. Friday

at Kalamazoo Valley CC in a quarterfinal matchup with Muskegon CC (29-6, 11-3), the No. 2 seed out of the West.

MU second in Classic

Livonia Franklin's Liz Dempsey and Livonia Churchill's Anna Gatt earned all-tournament honors Saturday as host Madonna finished runner-up in the BLT Apparel and Sportswear Crusader Classic.

The Crusaders closed out the tourney with wins over Rochester college (25-9, 25-9, 25-16) and Bellevue (Neb.) University (25-17, 25-22, 21-25, 25-22).

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Life Improvement contest

IKEA has launched the Life Improvement Sabbatical Contest offering one person the chance to win a year-long sabbatical (worth \$100,000) to advance a project that improves the life of others. Whether you'd like to volunteer at a homeless shelter to start a non-profit organization, this contest gives one winner the opportunity to pursue their passions, and share their experience with the world.

Through Nov. 8, those who are interested can submit their Life Improvement proposal online at www.thelifepimprovementproject.com. Five finalists will be chosen from submissions by a panel of judges, and announced on Dec. 13, 2010.

The winner will be determined by public vote, and announced on Jan. 31, 2011.

CHAMBER CHAT

Benefit concert

Yazaki North America, Inc., of Canton presents a concert to benefit the United Way 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Plymouth Roc Bar, 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Three bands will be playing. Proceeds from 50/50 drawings and a portion of patrons' food and/or drink bill will go toward United Way of Southeast Michigan.

Health care presentation

The Canton Economic Development Office hosts a Health Care Reform Presentation for local businesses 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at The Summit on the Park in Canton.

Admission is free. Topics include Health Insurance Reforms and Group Plan changes, Grandfathered Plan Concepts, Employer Obligations, Cafeteria Plan Changes and Long Term Care Insurance.

Holiday open house

Wedding & Celebration Creations hosts a holiday open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at its Canton location at 6000 Sheldon Road.

The event will feature Thanksgiving and Christmas home decor, stocking stuffers and more. Refreshments will be served, and those in attendance will have a chance to enter to win a free holiday table centerpiece.

Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its November Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration), \$30 (non-member) and includes



Happy anniversary

The staff at Showroom of Elegance in Canton marked the store's 10-year anniversary with a ribbon-cutting last week. Showroom of Elegance is located at 6018 Canton Center Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members, Canton Township officials and local residents.

a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

November's Luncheon will feature guest speaker, Billy "BD" Downs, founder BD's Mongolian Grill Restaurants.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Downs speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

November's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Community Financial and PNC Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Ribbon cutting

The new Salvation Army Thrift Store, located at 43403 Joy Road in Canton, hosts a ribbon cutting 8:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 5.

The store is located on the southeast corner of Joy and Morton-Taylor roads.

First Friday Club

Registration is open for the November First Friday Club meeting, set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce offices, 45525 Hanford, in Canton.

It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. Limited to 10 members/one member per business category and two sponsors. The sixth member to make a reservation will be asked to bring bagels or donuts. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. To make your reservation, call 734-453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com. Sponsors are Molly Maid and Showroom of Elegance.

Co-Op's Project 100 wins CEU's best of show honor

By winning the "Best of Show" award in the 2010 Credit Union Executives Society Golden Mirror Awards, Co-op Services Credit Union has achieved something that has never been accomplished in the Credit Union industry.

Co-op Services popular Project 100 community initiative has taken the top honors in both major credit union industry award competitions. Earlier this year Co-op Services Credit Union also topped CUNA's Diamond Awards competition, winning the coveted "Competition's Best." In total, Project 100 has won 12 industry awards in 2010, making it the most awarded project in the 50 plus years of the credit union's existence.

"In the more than 15 years that these awards have been tracked, there has never been one project or even one credit union that has taken top honors in both competitions," said Greg Wohler, president of edge creative group, the agency that worked with Co-op Services Credit Union on Project 100. "We were so proud of the credit union and what they achieved. This is truly a big honor."

Originally developed in 2009, Project 100 (www.whatisproject100.com) was a community initiative whose primary goal was to encourage giving throughout southeast Michigan. The Project 100 team, made up of credit union employees, randomly distributed \$100 bills to 100 people over 100 days with no strings attached. Recipients could do whatever they liked with the money but were encouraged to think about how they could give in their communities.

Out of more than 1,000 entries in both competitions, Project 100 was selected



Displaying the numerous marketing awards for Co-op Services' Project 100 community initiative are marketing team members (bottom row) Kathy Hurt and Jeremy Cybulski and (top row, from left) Bryan Feldpausch, Marketing Director Lisa Fawcett, CEU's President/CEO Fred Johnson, Co-op Services President/CEO Anthony Carnarvon, Beverly Outland and Jay Jackson.



Lisa Fawcett, marketing director of Co-op Services Credit Union, receives the prestigious 'Best of Show' market award from Fred Thompson, president and CEO of the Credit Union Executives Society.

to receive top honors in both. Earlier this year, the Credit Union was honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where they picked up four awards, including the Competition Best, Diamond Award.

Then, several weeks ago, they were surprised by Fred Johnson, president of the Credit Union Executives Society (CUES), who traveled across the country to the credit union's headquarters in Livonia, to personally deliver their five Golden Mirror awards and the "Best of Show" award.

"In the midst of a severe economic environment, we were able to offer assistance through a program that not only received national recognition from our peers but made a real impact in our community," said Lisa Fawcett, marketing director at Co-op Services Credit Union. "It demonstrates that there is tremendous value in giving and encouraging others to do the same."

Co-op Services Credit Union is a full-service, non-profit, financial institution founded in 1954. For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union's website at www.cscu.org.

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A time to worship: Video, drama enhance informal praise service

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a "come as you are" worship service, you'll find it at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church. The 178-year-old church recently started a contemporary praise service, offering an alternative to its 9:30 traditional worship.

"We are hoping eventually to build attendance and provide a service that is interesting and attractive to people who might find traditional service less interesting or harder to relate to," said the Rev. Herschel Ele, pastor.

He said the praise gathering is similar to the church's more traditional 9:30 a.m. Sunday service, but "packaged a little different."

Ele hopes it will draw younger families and individuals who want a more contemporary service and informal setting.

"It uses a different style of music. It's upbeat, contemporary music. It's a shorter service," Ele said. "We frequently use either short drama or video clips to help explain and illustrate the message of scripture."

The traditional service uses the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, produced in the 1950s. A more contemporary translation is read during the praise service.

"It's more of a paraphrase of the scripture. Some people think it makes the language a lot clearer."

He said the church hasn't offered it long enough to draw any conclusions about attendance at the service, although several "regular" church-goers have tried it out.



FRANK SIRWATTS

David Radcliffe, (left) Gail Smalley, Kimi Wilson, Carol Morgan, Michele Reska, and Debby Pothoff sing during a praise service at Garden City Presbyterian Church.

"If you just have one service you're basically saying to people, take it or leave it," he said. "This gives people two different worship options as far as time goes."

POPULAR CONCERTS

The church tried offering a Sunday evening service a few years ago. It didn't fly, although a Saturday evening concert series, "Saturday Night Light," did.

Although not a worship service, the concert offers a mix of Christian and secular performers, and has included Thornetta Davis, Men of Grace, Chuck Tocco, William Reynolds and the Tracy Kash Thomas

Quartet. The next performance, at 7 p.m. Nov. 13, will feature Sound of Reign, a trio with Detroit roots. Admission is free.

Ele said the church was renovated a few years ago and acquired a new sound system, digital keyboard and addition of multi-media screens.

"Now we're exploring what can be done with those things, both in the entertainment setting — which is what Saturday Night Light is — and in the non-traditional service. The two aren't really related to each other, although they are examples of the types of things the congregation

is open to experimenting with," Ele said, adding that participants can "come as you are" to the new praise service.

"Everyone is welcome. Enjoy the music. There's no pressure. Enjoy the sense of fellowship and leave encouraged by the message of hope and good news."

Garden City Presbyterian Church has approximately 150 members. For more information about the church, call (734) 421-7620 or visit www.gardencity-presbyterian.org.

The church is located at 1841 Middlebelt, a block south of Ford Road, in Garden City.

Parish invites veterans, military to Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will present its annual Veteran's Day Mass Sunday, Nov. 7, at the church, 1141 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

The church holds the special Mass

annually to thank veterans, reservists, and active military and their families for their service to the country.

A color guard and flag-raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church will be held at 11:45 a.m., fol-

lowed by the Mass at noon. An informal reception will follow. The service is open to the public. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455; Ext. 200, or see the parish Web site at www.livoniastmichael.org.

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Saturday series brings family fun to the Penn

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Deb Madonna loves nothing better than to watch kids dance up a storm whether it's outdoors in Plymouth's Kellogg Park or inside at the Penn Theater.

"The second those performers start to tune up, those kids are up rocking and rolling. In school they have to sit still. But we want kids to remember going to the Penn. It's an experience of growing up in Plymouth," said Madonna, president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC).

Youngsters will get a chance to show their dance moves in a series of four concerts co-sponsored by PCAC and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. Saturdays @ the Penn kicks off its third season at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 6 with performances by Harpbeat and the series emcee, Guy Louis.

On Dec. 4, Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, will invite the audience to sing along to such songs as *Cupekeasaurus* and *Eat your Books (Read your Vegetables)*.

Juggler Joel Tacey, members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra, directed by Nan Washburn, and members of the Plymouth Uptown Players will take to the stage on Feb. 5, 2011.

Cats and the Fiddler perform at the final show of the series on March 5, 2011.

The doors open at 11:05 a.m. and all performances start at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling the PCAC at (734) 416-4278. The Wilcox Foundation, Signature Audio and Steve and Renee Alexandrowski help fund the series, enabling PCAC to keep ticket costs down.

The PCAC also presents family-friendly entertainment on Wednesdays during the summer in



Donna Novak of Harpbeat sings during a concert at Kellogg Park. She'll kick off the third season of Saturdays @ the Penn next month.

Kellogg park. Madonna said the outdoor shows are aimed at youngsters age 7 and under. Saturdays @ the Penn also draws preteens. She estimated the summer concert crowd at about 1,500-2,500 per week. The Penn holds 400 individuals.

"It's a lot like Music in the Park, the kids get up there and have a good time," Madonna said, describing the scene at the Penn. "The performers bring the kids in. The park program is so big that you don't always get that

close to the performer. 'It's a different dynamic at the Penn. The Penn is nice because you're indoors. Every performer I've talked to loves coming to Plymouth.'

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Two performers will play 45-minute sets each at the Saturday series. Louis said he is delighted to emcee all of the performances this year.

"There are a couple of things that set the Penn Theatre series apart

from other children's shows. First off is that the folks at the Plymouth Arts Council are easily one of the best arts councils in the state, and work seemingly tirelessly to provide great programming for the families in Plymouth," Louis said. "Having been performing in Michigan for 25 years now, I say this from experience. Plymouth is fortunate to have this dedicated team."

"Another thing is that the programming is not only for children, its



Saturdays @ the Penn kicks off its third season at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 6 with performances by Harpbeat (above) and the series emcee, Guy Louis (below).



really for the entire family, including grandparents, toddlers and everyone in between. Each show highlights really fine talent. In the past they've had everything from symphony musicians to dance teams to first-rate magicians. It's a fine and entertaining series."

Madonna said Louis is engaging, known for his ability to get his young audience up on their feet and moving to the music. She said all of the musicians booked to play the series deliver a quality family show.

"We've had a great reception. A lot of kids with special needs come in. My wish is to have more than 300 people there. It's a place families can go to have a good time."

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Four bands perform at debut of music video

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Local rock band, Fifth Way will debut its first music video Friday, Nov. 5 at the Magic Bag Theater in Ferndale.

Produced by director, Sean Babas, the video features the band performing its song, *Stomping Ground*, along with an intricate story line.

"*Stomping Ground* is based around the idea of don't let anybody else hold you down. It's that type of theme," said guitarist Zak Stelmazsek of Canton. "Make life what you want it to be. Take the world as your stomping ground."

Doors open at 8 p.m. at the Magic Bag, located on Woodward, just north of Nine Mile in Ferndale. Tickets are \$8 and the show is aimed at ages 18 and over.

Frequency 54, Ghosts of August and Panic Trigger will open the show. Fifth Way will take the stage around midnight, opening with the new music video, followed by a 90-minute set of new music.

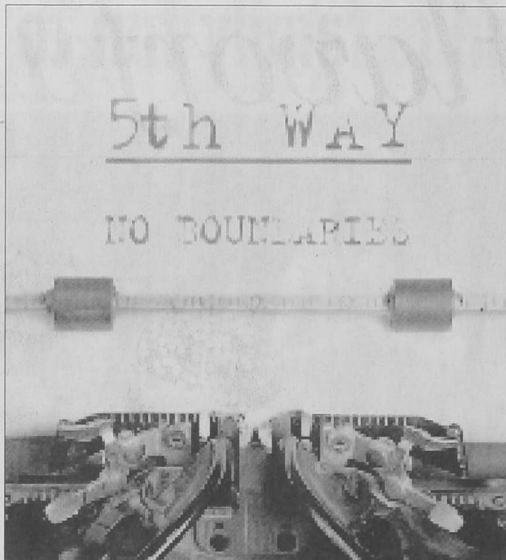
Stelmazsek said the live performance portions of the new video were shot at a studio in Farmington Hills.

"It has a circular eggshell background. We set up our equipment in there. The rest of it was done in Chicago, with the story line taking place. That's where the director lives."

He said the group isn't sure what story line runs through the video and that the director has to shoot one more scene before the piece is ready for viewing.

Fifth Way had some on-camera experience under its belt before it started shooting the music video. The band appeared in a video for Chevrolet's "Department 180" advertising campaign that was released last month on Chevrolet's YouTube channel. In the video, the band performs *I'm Rock & Roll* alongside the new Chevrolet Cruze.

"They wanted a loud rockin' band to show the quietness of the



Fifth Way's recent CD

interior of the car."

The video producer contacted the band after he received a recommendation from WDET's Ann Delisi. Fifth Way had performed an acoustic set on Delisi's Essential Music program.

"It was a very interesting experience, we set up the complete band in the middle of a test track and played our song while a vehicle fitted with several cameras drove circles around us," Stelmazsek said. "The point of the episode is to show how quiet the car is inside so we jammed while the engineers made the point from inside the car."

Other band members are Tim Gossman of Waterford, Adam

Trahan of Rochester Hills, Dave Reingardt of Fenton and Nicholas Cole-Klaes of Garden City.

The band's debut CD *No Boundaries* is available locally at Dearborn Music, Rock of Ages, Blues Airmen Guitar, Grooves Music and Brandon's School of Rock. The album can also be ordered directly from the Fifth Way Web site www.fifth-way.com or downloaded at www.itunes.com.

Advance tickets for the show are available now at the Magic Bag box office or online at Ticketmaster.com.

For more information about the show call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com.

Get spooky with costume contest, cemetery walk

If you're looking for ways to celebrate Halloween, check out these events: Successfully Single presents "A Spook-tacular Halloween Bash" 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Radisson Hotel, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive, just east of I-275 and north of Six Mile, Livonia. Participants will dance to the *Monster Mash* and Top 40 Hits by DJ Pam Hornbeck. There will be lots of devilish tricks, delightful treats, fiendish finger foods, door prizes, raffle and more. Prizes will be given for best costumes.

Admission at the door is \$12 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Cash bar. All ages and couples, as well as singles, are welcome. For more information, visit www.successfullysingle.org.

Put Fido in costume for The Howl-ween Pet Costume contest, 5-6 p.m., today, Thursday, Oct. 28, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Contest entry is free. Registration is from 5-5:20 p.m.

Meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past at Riverside

Cemetery during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters' Cemetery Walk on Friday, Oct. 29. Hear the tales of Plymouth's ghosts, such as the spurned wife of Phil Markham, inventor of the Markham Air Rifle, E. J. Penniman, a banker and one of those present at the founding of the Republican Party in Jackson, and Civil War soldiers Willard Roe and Aiken Holloway. Walks begin at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. near the cemetery's mausoleum. Refreshments will be available at the cemetery after the walk. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the cemetery. They're available at www.plymouthhistory.org. Riverside Cemetery is on Plymouth Road between the Courthouse Grille and the 35th District Court Building.

Youngsters can show off their costumes as they follow a path 4-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, through the Summit on the Park, 1150 Canton Center Road, in Canton. The suggested donation per resident family is \$5. For nonresidents it's \$10.

Shot for handmade gifts at annual art market

Northville Art House kicks off its 6th Annual Northville Holiday Art market with a reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5 at 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville.

Hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting will be for sale by local artists, including Dave Albrecht, Kim Beardon, George Bochnig, Phil and Mary Borkowski, Steve Fadie, Thomas Frank, Marilyn Grinnell, Mary Kernahan, Peggy Kerwan, Mary Keys, Deb Kolar, Galina Koriduzki, Lisa Kull, Christine Laginess, Liz Messer, Carla Morabito, Kathy Renberg, Jan Sadowski, Kathy Sandberg, Rene Schmitt, Kayann Schuck, Donna Weber, Katherine Wickersham, Julie Woodward, Shadia Zayed, Marga Zieger, and Lisa Zupal-Leggett.

The artists have been asked to supply unique items especially priced for holiday gift giving. Shoppers can browse the art and enjoy refreshments during the reception, which coincides with Northville's traditional First Friday art walk, and get an early start on holiday shopping.

The Holiday Art Market will continue through Dec. 11 with additional special activities held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 during Northville's Candlelight Walk. Northville Art House will hold a raffle for several baskets of merchandise and coupons from local businesses currently on display.

Regular Art House hours for the Holiday Art Market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On First Fridays only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m. For more information, call (248) 344-0497.

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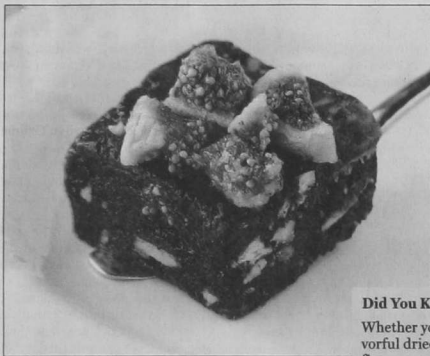
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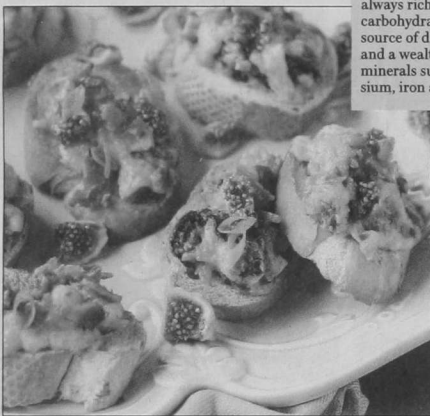
festive, flavorful
Figs

'T is the season for holiday parties — and that means serving something special to your guests. These festive recipes make the most of golden, slightly nutty-flavored Calimyrna figs and dark, sweet-tasting Mission figs. These appetizers are the perfect blend of sweet and savory that will give your guests something to celebrate.

For more festive recipes, visit www.valleyfig.com.



Fudgy Fig No-Bake Brownie Bites



Figs and Bacon Cheddar Bites

Did You Know?

Whether you savor flavorful dried California figs as a snack or in your favorite recipes, figs are always rich in complex carbohydrates, a great source of dietary fiber and a wealth of essential minerals such as potassium, iron and calcium.



Fig Lollipops



CHILI-SPICED CEREAL & FIG SNACK MIX

FUDGY FIG NO-BAKE BROWNIE BITES

Makes 24 brownies

- 1 package (9 ounces) Famous Chocolate Wafers
- 1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon® Orchard Choice® or Sun-Maid® Dried California Figs
- ½ cup chopped, toasted pecans or walnuts
- 3 tablespoons confectioners' (powdered) sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup half and half
- 1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet or bittersweet chocolate morsels
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping:
½ cup chopped figs or toasted nuts

Line 24 mini muffin pan cups with decorative paper or foil liners (or line an 8-inch square baking pan with foil or plastic wrap, extending up sides); set aside.

Whirl wafers in food processor (or place in sealable plastic bag and crush with rolling pin) to make fine crumbs. Place in large bowl.

Stir in figs, nuts, confectioners' sugar and salt. Pour half and half into microwave-safe bowl and heat on 100% power in microwave oven for 30 seconds or until boiling. (Or bring half and half to a boil in small saucepan over medium-high heat.)

Add chocolate morsels and set aside for 1 minute to soften. Stir until chocolate melts. Stir in vanilla. Pour over fig mixture and stir until blended. While warm, spoon brownie mixture into lined muffin cups or baking pan and press with back of oiled spoon to an even layer.

Sprinkle with topping.

Chill 2 hours or until set. If using a square pan, cut into 24 brownies. Store in the refrigerator.

STORING AND USING FIGS

- Use a sharp knife or a pair of kitchen scissors to cut up figs. Run the knife under hot water when it gets sticky.
- Store figs in refrigerator after opening for up to six months.
- Mission and Calimyrna figs can be used interchangeably in most recipes.
- Figs are the perfect complement to all types of cheeses.
- Chop figs and add to cereals and side dishes for a hint of sweetness.

FIG LOLLIPOPS

Makes 12

- 12 large Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Dried California Figs
- ¾ cup (about 4 ounces) semisweet chocolate, milk chocolate or white morsels
- 12 4-inch bamboo skewers
- 2 oranges or grapefruits
- Sea salt, kosher salt, finely chopped toasted nuts and/or colored sugar sprinkles

With scissors or sharp knife, cut off fig stems and discard. Flatten each fig with palm of hand. Place one fig on each skewer to look like a lollipop.

Place oranges in small bowls to hold lollipops while chocolate cools. Microwave morsels in microwave-safe bowl on MEDIUM (50%) power for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until melted and smooth.

Dip skewered figs, partially or completely, into melted chocolate. Sprinkle each with a pinch of salt, finely chopped nuts or sugar sprinkles, as desired. Poke skewers in oranges. Chill until set.

FIG AND BACON CHEDDAR BITES

Makes 20 appetizers

- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 ounces (1¼ cup) cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup stemmed and chopped (1¼-inch) Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Dried California Figs
- ½ cup thinly sliced green onions
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- ½ cup cooked, chopped bacon
- 20 thin slices (cut diagonally) baguette

In small bowl, stir together cheddar and cream cheeses. Stir in figs, green onions and sherry. Can be prepared a day ahead and stored in a covered container in the refrigerator.

To serve, preheat oven to 375°F. Place baguette slices on large baking sheet. Place in oven for 4 to 5 minutes or until lightly toasted. Spread fig mixture on baguette slices. Top with bacon. Return to oven for 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

Makes about 7 cups

- 1½ cups stemmed, chopped (½ inch) Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Dried California Figs
- 3 cups crisp cereal squares (mix equal amounts of rice, wheat and corn varieties)
- 1 cup small square cheese-flavored crackers
- 1 cup bite-size pretzels
- 1 cup Spanish red-skinned peanuts or other roasted nuts

Seasoning:

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon garlic or onion salt
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Place figs in small bowl. In separate small bowl, stir together oil and remaining seasoning ingredients. Drizzle 2 teaspoons seasoning mixture over figs and toss to blend; set aside.

In large bowl, combine cereal, crackers, pretzels and nuts. Drizzle with remaining seasoning mixture. Toss to blend.

Spread on large baking sheet. Place in oven and roast for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes and adding figs during last 10 minutes. Spread mixture on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.

Roast, cook, fry apples into tasty side dishes

Apples are one of the most versatile foods, enhancing any meal from pancakes for breakfast and pork chops for dinner.

Michigan Apple Committee (MAC) offers several easy ways to use this delicious, healthy fruit in lunches and dinners for today's on-the-go family:

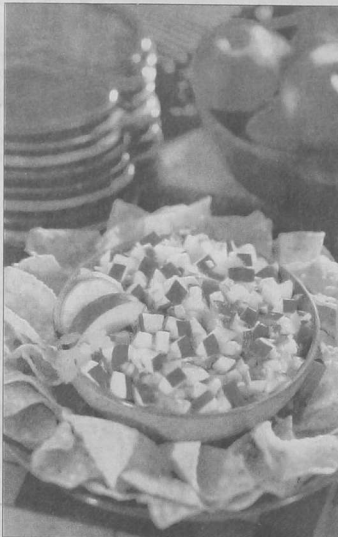
- For a super quick microwave applesauce — core and chop six Michigan apples into 1/2-inch chunks. Place apples in a microwavable bowl with 1/2 cup water. Cover and cook on high for 15 minutes. Stir and cook uncovered for approximately five more minutes. Mash apples and stir in 1-2 tablespoons sugar and a 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon.

- Mix 1 16-ounce bag of prepared coleslaw mix with 1 large Michigan apple, cored and finely diced; 1/2 teaspoon of celery seed and 1/2 cup bottled low-fat coleslaw dressing.

- Toss Michigan apple slices into a crunchy salad of mixed greens. Top with low-fat balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

- For a quick ginger-apple sauce for pork or chicken, combine 1 cup apple cider with 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for approximately 15-20 minutes. Combine 4 tablespoons of cold water with 1 tablespoon of cornstarch. Slowly add mixture into broth using a whisk. Cook for two more minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon of butter and 1/4 teaspoon of ground ginger.

Got more time to spend on food preparation? Try these side dish recipes from the Michigan Apple Committee:



Apple salsa

BLACK BEAN CAKES WITH APPLE SALSA

4 servings

Ingredients:
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
2 eggs
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tablespoons packaged taco seasoning
1 1/2 cups peeled, shredded Michigan apples
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
Vegetable cooking spray
Applesauce Salsa:
1/2 cup Michigan applesauce
1/2 cup salsa
1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

Place first 6 ingredients in food processor bowl. Using metal blade, process about 15 seconds or until almost smooth. Remove from processor bowl to mixing bowl and stir in Michigan apples and the 2 tablespoons cilantro. Set aside.

Combine Applesauce Salsa ingredients and refrigerate.

Using 1/2 cup measure, portion bean mixture into hot nonstick fry pan coated with cooking spray. Shape into patties. Cook over medium heat about 5 minutes per side or until golden brown and set. Repeat spraying pan, if necessary.

Variations: Substitute 1 cup finely chopped, drained, canned Michigan apple slices for fresh apples. Continue with above method.

Nutrition facts per serving of 2 cakes and 1/2 cup Applesauce Salsa: 290 calories, 6 g fat, 112 mg cholesterol, 14 g protein, 48 g carbohydrates, 887 mg sodium, 7 g dietary fiber.

Suggested apple varieties: Empire, Gala, Golden Delicious, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan Macintosh or Rome.

APPLES WITH ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

6-8 servings

Ingredients:
3 cups peeled tart Michigan apples
2 cups carrots, peeled, cut into 1/2 inch thick rounds
1 medium onion, cut into wedges
1 pound small redskin potatoes cut into quarters
2 large yams, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch cubes
2 cups parsnips, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch chunks
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Balsamic Thyme Vinaigrette:
3 tablespoons white Balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine apples, carrots, onion, redskin potatoes, yams and parsnips in large bowl. Drizzle with

olive oil; season with salt and pepper and toss thoroughly to coat. Spread vegetables evenly on large baking sheet. Bake 20-25 minutes until vegetables are tender and beginning to caramelize. Remove from oven.

While vegetables are roasting, whisk together vinaigrette ingredients. Set aside.

To serve, transfer vegetables to serving platter and drizzle with Balsamic Thyme Vinaigrette. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Serve immediately.

Suggested apple varieties: Jonathan, Empire, Braeburn, McIntosh

Nutrition facts per serving: 375 calories, 5 g protein, 8 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 77.6 g carbohydrate, 14 g fiber, and 253 mg sodium.

SWEET POLENTA WITH APPLES AND FRUIT

8 servings

5 cups Michigan apple cider or Michigan apple juice, divided
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon apple pie spice
1 cup polenta or yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon ginger
3 cup cubed, red Michigan apples
1 cup cubed mango
1/2 cup blueberries
Vegetable cooking spray

In 2-quart saucepan, combine 3 cups Michigan apple cider, granulated sugar, salt and apple pie spice. Stir in polenta. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to boil. Reduce heat and continue simmering and stirring frequently for about 5 minutes or until very thick. Spread evenly in 13-inch by 9-inch by 2-inch pan coated

with cooking spray. Cool 30 minutes. Cover pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate about 2 hours or until thoroughly chilled and firm.

Combine brown sugar, cornstarch and ginger in 2-quart saucepan. Gradually stir in the remaining 2 cups Michigan apple cider. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Continue cooking and stirring 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat. Cool slightly. Stir in Michigan apples, mango and blueberries.

Cut polenta into 8 pieces. Cut each piece diagonally. In large nonstick fry pan, coated with cooking spray, cook polenta over medium heat, about 4 minutes each side or until golden brown. Serve hot polenta with warm apple mixture. Garnish with mint, if desired.

Nutrition facts per serving of 2 triangles of Polenta, 1/2 cup apple mixture: 290 calories, 1 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 2 g protein, 72 g carbohydrate, 85 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber.

Suggested Michigan Apple varieties to use: Empire, Gala, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh, Red Delicious or Rome.

Shop to live choir music at Hiller's Markets

Local church, synagogue and school choirs will get a chance to perform holiday favorites and raise money Dec. 4 at Hiller's Markets.

Choirs will reserve a 30-minute time slot from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. to perform at a Hiller's store in Plymouth, Northville, Ann Arbor, Commerce Township or Union Lake. Shoppers will be able to make donations to the participating choirs at Hiller's registers. Hiller's Markets has pledged to match the donations during the "Sing for Your Supper" fund-raiser.

"There have been massive budget cuts to music programs in schools. This is a way we can help, and at the same time entertain customers as they shop," stated Justin Hiller, vice president of Hiller's Markets. "Hiller's mission is to strengthen our community and supporting music education is a vital part of that."

Choirs can sign up for Sing for Your Supper, by e-mailing KKC Public Relations at info@ckcpubli relations.com with the choir's name, the name of the person submitting the information and contact information. All time slot reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis.

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These additional tips come from the Michigan Association of Home Builders website.



• If water collects on your lawn. While lawn care is a hot maintenance item for homeowners who value "curb appeal" or just want to escape the ire of neighborhood community associations, don't forget there are plenty of other maintenance chores. Here's a checklist of items you should address before the winter season.

4. Clean and vacuum dust from vents, baseboard heaters and cold-air returns. Dust buildup in ducts is a major cause of indoor pollutants and can increase incidences of cold-weather illnesses. Check all your faucets for leaks and repair any you find. Replace washers if necessary.

will do a little research and include this type of inquiry whenever they are entertaining changing or contracting for management services. There may be a number of reasons why a management company might have such an arrangement, and it is important for the associations to know what rationale exists for it. One, the lowball management contract which gives the management company, by this practice, another source of income; two, the management company may find a questionable contractor and treat that contractor as an in-house person at a reduced rate because the association wants a break; or, three, the management company has additional fees that are incurred because the client absolutely insists that the company hire a particular person on the management company's payroll and pay them a specified amount, or, the client wants a management company to furnish or acquire various supplies and equipment and then be reimbursed for any receipts. In any event, the management contract itself should indicate exactly what the costs will be from the sub-contractor and that there is or is not to be a "markup," or inquiry should be made each time a contract bid is solicited.

Q: We are leasing a commercial building and now find that it was the site of environmental contamination. The landlord is saying that it was our responsibility to investigate the problem before we entered into the lease. Do you think we have any basis to get out of the lease?

A: In a recent case in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the landlord's failure to tell the tenant that the leased premises was the site of environmental contamination, as defined in the statute, provided proper grounds for the Court to void the lease. In that case, the defendant landlord argued that the transfer of interest in the property in violation of the environmental contamination statute did not render the transfer void because there was no remedy specified in the statute. The court found, however, that contracts founded on an action prohibited by statute are in violation of public policy and are, therefore, void. The statute in question provided that if a person has knowledge that his real property is a facility under the statute, he should not transfer an interest in that property unless he or she provides written notice of the transferee that the real property is a facility. Therefore, in your particular situation, the landlord would be prohibited from transferring any interest in the property unless he provided you with written notice that the property was a facility which required environmental cleanup, among other things.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and wrote **Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track**, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote **Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium**, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

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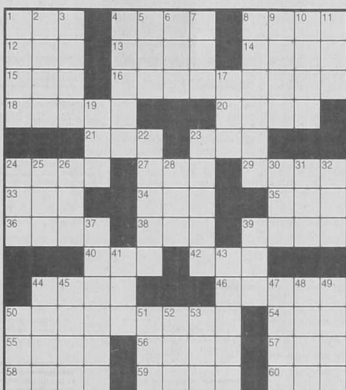
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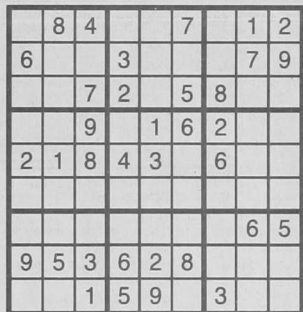


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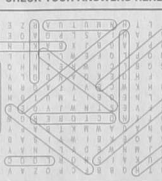


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