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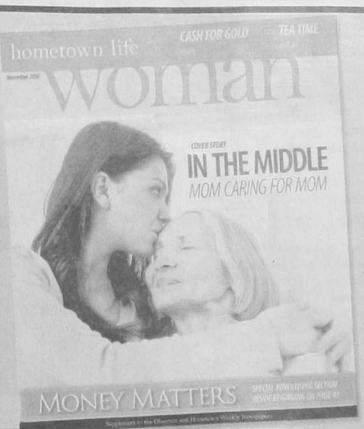
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CONNECTION Vets service

There will be a Veterans Day service at the Canton Veterans Memorial 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.

The Canton Veterans Memorial is located in Heritage Park west of the Canton Township offices, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information, e-mail johnscott44@yahoo.com or call John Spencer at (734) 397-8975.

Craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual fund-raiser to raise funds for the marching band's appearance at the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

The Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble, set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Plymouth High School, is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, season holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing and linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more.

In addition to the 120-plus exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2. All the proceeds from this one-day event go toward the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, the campus of three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. One of the band programs includes The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, which has been invited to participate in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck in Canton. For more information, call (734) 414-7654.

Toy drive

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to collect gift items for needy families in the Canton community this holiday season. In an effort to brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children during the holidays, donations of new and unwrapped toys are being collected through Dec. 10 at several Canton Leisure Services locations.

This year, area residents are encouraged to drop off holiday items to the following Canton Leisure Services facilities:

Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway; The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road; and Canton Leisure Services offices, located in the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Suggested gift items include: arts and crafts projects, music CDs, DVDs, children's books, iPods, electronics, dress-up clothes, footballs, baseballs, baseball bats, tennis rackets, rollerblades, ladder ball, board games, video games, video systems, card games, Legos, dolls, new clothing, and new shoes.

For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

Colbeck is voters' cup of 'Tea'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick Colbeck woke up Wednesday morning and the first thing he did was make his wife, Angie, some pancakes.

"I've truly taken on the role of public servant," Colbeck said with a laugh.

And that he has. With a convincing win in the race for the 7th state Senate seat Colbeck, a management consultant from Canton, earned the right to replace term-limited state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. Colbeck, 45, easily outdistanced Democrat Kathleen Law of Gibraltar to earn his first political office. Independent candidate John Stewart, a former state representative from Plymouth Township, finished a distant third.

Now, Colbeck said, comes the hard part.

Colbeck said his priorities will include creating a business environment that brings jobs back into the state, making sure Michigan has an educational system that supports the growth of jobs in the state and meets the needs of developing good citizens, and setting the

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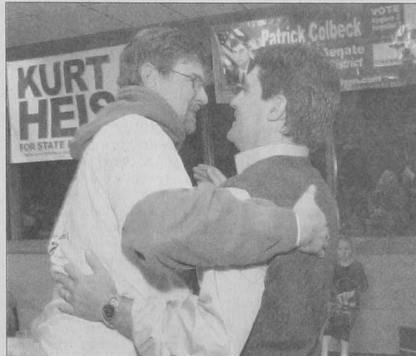
Name	Plymouth ...	Ply Twp ...	Canton
Colbeck	1,850	7,251	14,864
Brandys	57	122	303
Kheibari	12	68	152
Law	1,347	3,691	11,896
Stewart	421	1,237	1,618

stage for an effective health-care option for people.

"I wouldn't say the campaign was easy ... a lot of people put in a lot of hard work," Colbeck said. "Now it's time to roll up the sleeves and get the work done."

Colbeck beat Law at both ends of the district, winning his hometown by nearly 3,000 votes and beating her by nearly 200 votes (842-650) in Gibraltar. He earned more than twice as many votes as Law in Northville Township (7,654-3,524) and nearly doubled her (7,251-3,691) in Plymouth Township, as well.

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Patrick Colbeck is greeted by Matt Dame at the Fellows Creek gathering of local Republicans. Colbeck won the 7th state Senate seat in Tuesday's election.

Slavens fights off challenge, keeps seat

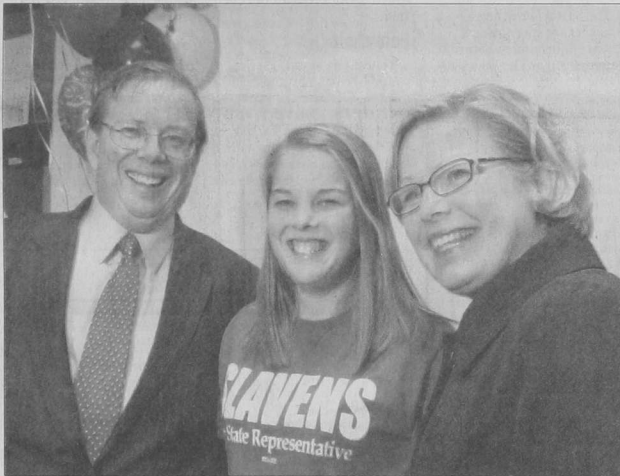
BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A triumphant state Rep. Dian Slavens, defending her Democratic seat against an unwavering challenge by Republican rival Lori Levi, cited job growth, budget reforms and a timely school aid bill as critical challenges she and other state lawmakers will face after she won her second, two-year term in Tuesday's cliffhanger election. Slavens lost to political newcomer Levi in their hometown of Canton, but swept to an 880-vote victory after unofficial tallies from Belleville and Democratic stronghold Van Buren Township gave her the edge she needed.

"I'm very happy," Slavens, 52, said as she celebrated with family and friends gathered inside her campaign headquarters off Ford Road near Canton Center. "I had a very good team that worked hard knocking on doors. We just didn't stop."

In a year of Democratic struggles, Slavens said voters seemed supportive of her bill to lure advanced battery industry to Michigan, her bipartisan efforts and her support for trimming legislative salaries and health-care benefits.

While she said her advanced battery bill and other job-cre-



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Judge Mark Slavens, daughter Molly and state Rep. Dian Slavens were all smiles after Tuesday's election results.

ating efforts have begun to bring work to Michigan, she conceded that lawmakers still have to battle a bruising economy while tackling state budget woes — all while refusing to abandon residents who are in need, many of them for the first time.

"We have to address the budget," she said, "but we also

need the safety net there."

Slavens captured 51.2 percent of 21st District vote totals compared to Levi's 48.8 percent. In raw numbers, Slavens garnered 18,200 votes while Levi received 17,320.

Turnout among Canton's nearly 60,000 voters was 49.9

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HOW CANTON VOTED

State House 21st District	Slavens*
Levi	12,115
Levi	13,584

*Lost in Canton, but won overall election

Heise claims 20th District seat, A3.

Lawyer: Client 'good man having bad day'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The defense attorney for a Canton man accused of firing his rifle into the fireplace of his home is hoping to convince Wayne County prosecutors to drop a felony firearm charge against the defendant.

Attorney Jeffrey Perlman said 46-year-old defendant Karl Wayne Hunt shouldn't face a mandatory two-year prison term that comes with a felony firearm conviction.

"Mr. Hunt is a good man

who had a bad day," Perlman said.

Perlman plans to submit a letter to a prosecutor's office gun board in hopes the felony firearm charge will be dismissed as the case moves forward in the judicial system.

"I believe (Wayne County Prosecutor) Kym Worthy's office is very reasonable," he said, adding that Hunt shouldn't face a mandatory prison term for what happened around 7:20 p.m. Oct. 11 inside his home on Amber, southeast of Palmer and

Sheldon.

Hunt is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court on charges of felony firearm, discharging a weapon in a building and reckless use of a firearm. A not-guilty plea had earlier been entered for him, and he remains free with a \$10,000 personal bond.

Canton police say Hunt engaged in a two-hour stand-

Please see **'BAD DAY,' A2**

2010 RESULTS Canton Township

How your community voted.
The results below only include vote totals for your community. Overall winners are denoted with a ✓

GOVERNOR

✓ Rick Snyder (R) 18,153
Virg Bernero (D) 11,220

SECRETARY OF STATE

✓ Ruth Johnson (R) 14,103
Jocelyn Michelle Benson (D) 13,299

ATTORNEY GENERAL

✓ Bill Schuette (R) 15,415
David Leyton (D) 12,328

STATE PROPOSALS

FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Yes 9,437
No 17,597
PROP 2 BAN SOME RECORDS FROM PUBLIC OFFICE
Yes 22,490
No 5,332

11TH U.S. HOUSE

✓ Thaddeus McCotter (R) (I) 16,382
Natalie Mosher (D) 12,248

7TH STATE SENATE

✓ Patrick Colbeck (R) 14,864
Kathleen Law (D) 11,896

20TH STATE HOUSE

✓ Kurt Heise (R) 1,295
Joan Madworth (D) 1,614

21ST STATE HOUSE

Lori Levi (R) 13,584
✓ Dian Slavens (D) (I) 12,115

WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mario Fondarik (R) 13,398
✓ Robert Ficano (D) (I) 16,901

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF

Shelly Milton (R) 12,699
✓ Benny Napoleon (D) (I) 15,253



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AROUND CANTON

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

First Friday

Enjoy a night of musical melodies and soulful sounds as Jan Krist and Jim Bizer appear at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, as part of the First Friday Studio Series.

This popular acoustic duo hail from Detroit and started making music together while still in their teens but followed separate musical paths as adults. On their own, they have each garnered acclaim as songwriters and live performers. Once again, they have joined forces with the release of their CD, "Influence."

To purchase tickets or to download the entire season schedule, visit www.cantonvillageattheater.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

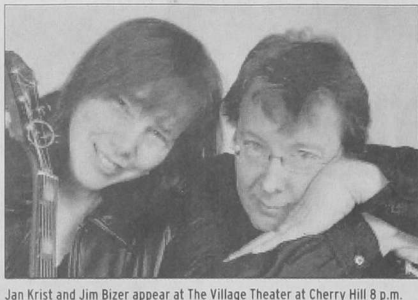
Thanksgiving walk

Make a preemptive strike against Thanksgiving weight gain by running or walking in Canton's eighth annual Turkey Trot on Thursday, Nov. 25. Family and friends of all ages are encouraged to join in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in this 5K chip-timed event that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

The race is set to begin at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a scenic, flat course that winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course ending with raffles and awards.

Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. Participants can register online at <http://csc.cantonmi.org> now through Nov. 21. Register by Nov. 17 to receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

Event day registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Summit Banquet Room.



Jan Krist and Jim Bizer appear at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, as part of the First Friday Studio Series.

The Kids' Race will kick off race events starting at 9:15 a.m. with the 5K Run & Walk immediately following. Awards will be given for first place. There will also be a post event celebration featuring grand raffle prizes donated by local businesses.

For more information, visit <http://csc.cantonmi.org> or call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

Shopping extravaganza

Bentley Elementary School sponsors a "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12.

More than 20 vendors will be on hand to sell a wide variety of specialty products.

Companies such as Lia Sophia, Avon, Phoenix Trading, Tastefully Simple, and PartyLite will be there along with many more.

A full list of companies can be viewed at the Bentley Elementary web site: <http://bentley.pcs.k12.mi.us/>

There will be door prizes to win throughout the evening and a \$1 donation is suggested at the door to support the Bentley PTO. Bentley Elementary School is located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton. For more information on the evening, e-mail shirley_addison@yahoo.com.

Wrestling boosters

The Salem Wrestling Boosters are sponsoring a Euchre Tournament Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at The Elks Club

in Plymouth, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

Players must be 21 years of age to participate. The player/registration fee is \$25 and includes cash prizes, 50/50 drawing, raffles and complimentary food along with a cash bar. The top (3) individuals will share 30 percent of the total entry fees. Limited space is available.

Contact Rich Rohn at rrohn@tmgwest.com or visit the Salem Wrestling web site at "wrestling.salemnrocks.com" for more information.

Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

Ticket prices range from \$20 for non-reserved seating and go up to \$75 for front row seats. All tickets include a dessert afterward. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

Child care will be provided for a small donation. Tickets must be purchased in person with cash or check at St. Thomas a Becket, located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road. Contact the church at (734) 981-1333 for further information.

Pom clinic

Youngsters ages 5-14 who would like to be a Junior Canton Chieftette can attend the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chieftettes. Participants will learn pompon basics as well as a short dance routine. So come and join the fun.

The clinic takes place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Canton High School Gym in the Phase III building. Cost is \$45 per child, which includes a T-shirt, pom pons and a snack. Discounts for multiple siblings are \$76 for two family members and \$94 for three family members.

Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on clinic day and all participants attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Varsity Basketball game on Dec. 7.

Same day registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. PRE-REGISTER by Nov. 12 and save \$5.

For more information contact Chieftette parents Nancy Rodgers at (734) 394-0699 or Karen Sundberg at (734) 394-1583 or e-mail pomclinic@cantonchieftettes.com

Vets event

Canton and Plymouth men, women and children are invited to the Veterans Day ceremony to be held at the Plymouth Veterans' Memorial Park, located on Main St. across from the city hall in downtown Plymouth, 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.

Veterans Day is set aside to honor all the men and women who have served in the United States military.

The event will be hosted by American Legion Post #391, American Legion Post #112, Vietnam Veterans of America #528 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars #6695.

Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the community "check out" Canton businesses.

"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.

Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers.

Businesses interested in participating in this program can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lori Levi and her daughter, Porscha Levi, in a quiet moment early in the evening. Levi outpolled Dian Slavens in Canton, but lost the overall election for the seat in the 21st state House district.

SLAVENS

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percent. Canton voters favored Levi 13,584 to 12,115, but a particularly strong showing in Van Buren Township made the difference for Slavens.

"I'm very proud of her," Slavens' 19-year-old daughter Molly said, amid supporters in the campaign headquarters.

Levi, who waged a hard-fought, yearlong campaign, gathered with her family and supporters at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton, where Republican victors Kurt Heise celebrated his 20th District state House victory and Patrick Colbeck claimed the 7th District state Senate prize.

"It wasn't God's plan for my life," Levi said, shortly after she called Slavens to congratulate her. "I believe I did everything I could have done. It is what it is."

Levi said her campaign may have been hurt by negative campaign ads aired on television by the state Democratic Party. She said she had been falsely accused of wanting to slash police and fire services and cut Social Security benefits.

"It was a wonderful experience," Levi said of her campaign. "I stood by my commitment not to go negative. I stayed firm to my principles."

Levi declined to say what her next political move might be, if any, though her supporters said she certainly fared well for her first campaign. Levi said she would return to running her small business, and she said it was too early for her defeat to contemplate another bid for public office.

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'BAD DAY'

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off with authorities after he fired two shots into a fireplace, prompting two roommates to flee the house and call 9-1-1.

No one was injured, and Perlman said he preferred not to discuss Hunt's situation other than to say he didn't shoot the weapon at anyone and didn't intend to harm anyone.

Hunt could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison if he is convicted as charged, though felony firearm is the only charge that carries a mandatory prison sentence.

Amid initial reports of a barricaded gunman, Canton police moved in with an armored vehicle to try to

establish contact with the suspect. Officers said they could see him moving inside the house, where he remained for two hours before he walked outside and was taken into custody.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said police used a Taser to subdue Hunt when he walked from the house and allegedly refused to comply with an officer's orders. Police also have said Hunt made a movement toward his waistband, though it was learned he was unarmed after he left his home.

Police took Hunt to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation before he was arraigned on criminal charges.

Perlman said Hunt has never had a felony conviction.

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The Senior Alliance (TSA) is currently seeking bids for the services of a registered dietician with experience in reviewing menus against nutrition standards, reviewing nutritional education materials for compliance, conducting reviews of provider kitchens and policies, and providing education/training to staff and providers. If you are interested in bidding on the provision of these services, please submit a bid in the form of an hourly rate. Also include a description of the knowledge and experience you have related to the above tasks. Please include proof of being a registered dietician. We are especially interested in learning about any experience you have in working with older adults and community-based programs that serve older adults. Proposals due by 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2010. Questions contact 734.727.2031.

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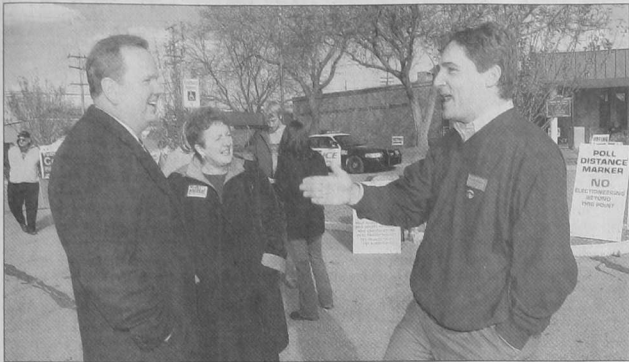
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Kurt and Cathy Heise of Plymouth Township meet Patrick Colbeck of Canton at Plymouth's Cultural Center during last-minute election-day campaigning. Heise won the 20th House seat, while Colbeck claimed the 7th Senate seat.

Heise coasts to win in state House race

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Republican Kurt Heise on Tuesday handily defeated Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the 20th District race for the Michigan House of Representatives.

With only the results from the city of Wayne unreported Wednesday morning, Heise was leading Wadsworth by more than 6,500 votes, 19,073 to 12,548, a margin Wadsworth was unlikely to overcome. In addition to Wayne, the district is made up of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville and part of eastern Canton Township.

Among those reporting results in the race, Heise bested Wadsworth in every community except Canton.

Heise, 44, is an attorney who has long worked for local communities and served for six years as the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. He credited his message, experience, an aggressive door-to-door campaign and "the Snyder wave" for his win.

"I think it was the right message, the right background and experience that I brought to the table," Heise said shortly before midnight Tuesday.

Heise said he and Rick Snyder, the Republican winner over Democrat Virg Bernero in the race for governor, share a similar vision for Michigan.

"We both have experience in turning around failing operations. I've been doing that in the public sector for many years and he's done that in the private sector," said Heise, who appeared

HOW THEY VOTED

Municipality	Heise	Wadsworth
Plymouth Township	7,663	4,324
Plymouth	1,972	1,581
Canton	1,295	1,614
Northville	668	622
Northville Township	7,475	4,407

with Snyder at the latter's campaign stop in Plymouth on Friday. "We have to make government smaller, more efficient, more effective and more customer-friendly."

Heise also said he was helped by a nationwide political momentum that shifted toward Republicans in the midterm elections.

"Clearly there is discontent with (President) Barack Obama and the Democratic Party right now, and the voters are looking for some balance in how the country is governed, and that trickles down all the way to the local level," he said.

Among his top priorities in Lansing, Heise said, will be his proposal for a regional authority to manage the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and a restructuring of business taxes, something Snyder has also pledged.

He gave credit to Wadsworth, a Northville Public Schools Board of Education member and longtime civic activist, for what he said was a "terrific race."

"She really gave it her all and I really want to compliment her on a very strong race," Heise said.

Wadsworth did not return calls late Tuesday.

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COLBECK

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Colbeck, who announced his campaign at a Tea Party rally April 15 in Plymouth, believes the group's message resonates with voters. Candidates such as Colbeck, Attorney General-elect Bill Schuette, Secretary of State-elect Ruth Johnson and others appeared at a Tea Party rally at Schoolcraft College two weeks ago, and many of the candidates who spoke there were elected.

"(The Tea Party success) should send a message," Colbeck said. "The Tea Party is not a fringe group. It's what we used to call being an American. These are people who believe in Declaration of Independence, they're people who believe we should follow the Constitution, and we shouldn't spend more money than we take in."

"Those beliefs are mainstream, it's not radical," Colbeck added. "There are some basic principles we seem to have lost track of, and the Tea Party is putting the laser focus back on those principles."

Law said she felt she's a qualified candidate who ran a good race.

"We ran a good race, we had a good message and I'm qualified, but people didn't come out to vote," Law said. "I think it was (voter) anger. People want change and they want it right now. I don't know how we could have done it better."

Stewart, who spent three terms as a Republican state representative and switched to the Democratic party shortly after leaving office, said he learned valuable lessons while losing this election.

"You can't change parties, and independents only garner a small percentage of the vote," Stewart said. "Those are the lessons to be learned. There were many straight-ticket voters, the Republicans and Democrats spent \$300,000 each from outside the district. We need to look at campaign finance."

Colbeck repeated a phrase he used often during the campaign — Where God guides, he

provides.

"He opened the doors to some amazing people ... along the way the doors that needed opening, he opened," Colbeck

said. "We had a lot of people out there praying for us. There were a lot of good people."

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SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Alternative Energy Solutions Projects for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #3 consisting of:

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Salem High School

will be received until 10:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division	Description
BD 106	Masonry
BD 107	Steel
BD 120	Painting
BD 133	Pool Equipment
BD 143	Electrical

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Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in the Salem High School construction trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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McCotter: Congress' focus will be jobs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Thaddeus McCotter expects the first order of business for him and the now Republican-controlled U.S. Congress will be "jobs, jobs, jobs" and an extension of the Bush tax cuts.

The Republican from Livonia was re-elected to Congress for his fifth term Tuesday.

"We'll see what happens with a lame-duck session," McCotter said about the remaining weeks of Congressional terms through the end of the year.

The GOP won at least 43 seats in the U.S. House and led in 24 others, giving the Republicans a majority again. In Canton, McCotter received 16,382 votes, Democrat Natalie Mosher, a Canton resident, got 12,248 votes in her hometown. Libertarian John Tatar had 548.

McCotter coasted to the win, enjoying it with supporters at Laurel Manor in Livonia, even playing "Johnny B. Goode" on guitar for the audience.

GOP'S 'BIG NIGHT'

McCotter called Tuesday night's election a big night for Republicans in the 11th District and nationally, but he also remembers that the political pendulum swung to the Democrats two years ago.

"We learned that the American people are still sovereign over their servant government," McCotter said.

McCotter hoped that the Republican lawmakers now elected will remember that this election wasn't necessarily about the Republicans, but about the country facing challenging economic times. "It is a country going through difficult times with globalization," McCotter said. "It is wreaking havoc with people's lives."

Michigan residents saw first-hand what globalization did to manufacturing and the auto industry, but are making it through with "heads held



U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and brother Dennis McCotter perform in what has become an election night tradition. McCotter beat Canton's Natalie Mosher Tuesday to retain his seat.

high," McCotter said.

Michigan residents had to make powerful decisions with family budgets, McCotter said. "Those are the same decisions that they (lawmakers) will make with budgets because it is your tax dollars," he said.

McCotter said in a consumer-driven world with instantaneous communication with cell phones and computers that the world is getting smaller and government needs to respond to consumers "whether government likes it or not."

"We have a consumer-driven government and a citizen-governed government to match it," McCotter said. That government can be left for "our children and the greatest nation on Earth."

McCotter believes Democrats went too far to the left since President Barack Obama's election two years ago and that independents vote straight tickets when they aren't happy with the majority party.

McCotter believes the Bush tax cuts should be continued. "I still don't understand why they didn't at least extend it," McCotter said. "It will be the largest issue in the lame duck."

MOSHER APPRECIATES SUPPORT

Mosher thanked her supporters and campaign workers who have volunteered for the past 18 months.

Mosher of Canton said she would not have changed any strategy in her campaign nor her approach in running for Congress.

"I think (the results) were the mood of the country and the mood of Michigan, and there's not much we can do to change that," she said. "We have a greater challenge now with the outcome. I see a lot of extremes here. We need to keep our priorities moving forward. I'm interested to see how they will govern."

"We ran a professional campaign. We had an incredible campaign."

Mosher was asked what she learned about residents in the 11th District. "What I took away was that people are really looking for representation and leadership and they want someone to be accessible. I don't think it will be there for two more years, and it hasn't been there for eight years. People were hungry for this."

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Canton man faces embezzling trial

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations he embezzled more than \$350,000 from two men whose retirement funds he was hired to manage.

Donald Barlow Jr., 44, could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted of two separate counts of embezzling more than \$100,000.

Barlow was ordered to stand trial after he waived his preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court, following accusations that surfaced in late summer when Attorney General Mike Cox announced charges stemming from an investigation conducted by



the Plymouth Police Department. Reached by telephone at his office Monday, Barlow's defense attorney, James Burdick, declined to comment on the case.

"I'll take a pass on that," Burdick said.

Barlow was charged amid accusations he prepared tax returns for years for two known victims and advised them in 2007 that he could manage their retirement funds.

According to Cox's office, the two men agreed and handed over more than \$350,000 to the defendant.

Cox has accused Barlow of depositing the victims' money into a bank account for a bogus company, CapQuest Investments LLC, and occasionally sending falsified investment reports to the men.

Cox earlier issued a statement saying "financial scams are devastating to the honest, hardworking victims" and said defendants who "betray the trust of their fellow citizens by pilfering their hard-earned money" will be prosecuted.

An investigation began in December 2009 after a victim contacted authorities. Authorities said he had received an anonymous note claiming his funds hadn't been properly invested.

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Police seek help in fraud cases

Canton police are seeking the public's help in identifying suspects in credit card fraud cases.

Township police Tuesday released a photo of a black male wearing light clothing and a ball cap after he became a suspect in using a stolen credit card at the Target store on Ford Road in Canton and at a Speedway gas station in Westland. He was driving a black SUV.

In another incident, Canton police are trying to identify two white males suspected of using a stolen credit card at the Home Depot in Canton on Oct. 8, although the photo released by police was from a similar incident at Lowe's in which the men were denied



The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance with identifying the suspects pictured here, suspected of using a stolen credit card at the Home Depot in Canton on Oct. 8.

use of the card.

Anyone who has information about the suspects is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers also will take anonymous tips at (800) SPEAK-UP or online at www.1800speakup.org for a possible reward up to \$1,000.

Phone scam

A 78-year-old Canton woman stopped by the township police station Tuesday morning because she wanted to issue a warning to other seniors to beware if they get a telephone call similar to one she received the night before.

The woman told the *Observer* someone called her and, speaking in broken English, advised her that a new health insurance card was being sent to her. The caller already had her name and address, but asked her to get her check book and read the routing number on the bottom of a check.

The woman immediately suspected someone was trying to steal money from her account, so she refused to give the information and hung up the phone.

The woman wanted to alert other seniors who might give out the information, perhaps mistakenly believing they needed to provide it to get a new Medicare card or some other card.

Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said the woman acted appropriately by not giving out personal information. He also said potential victims who receive such calls might want to ask for a return phone number so they can check out the legitimacy of such a call. If the person on the other end refuses to provide a number, it's likely a bogus call, Schreiner said.

He also said such calls may be reported to the police, the Better Business Bureau or local chambers of commerce.

Drugs, no license

Police arrested a man for driving with a suspended license and having crack cocaine after they stopped him around 1:25 p.m. Oct. 27 in the area of I-275 and Michigan Avenue.

CRIME WATCH

Police stopped the man's 1995 GMC Suburban because it had a temporary tag in the back window that couldn't be read.

Dumpster fire

Police received a call about another Dumpster fire — the second in a few days — at Field Elementary School, on Haggerty north of Palmer.

An employee was working late at the school and saw the fire as she was leaving shortly after 8 p.m. Oct. 26. She didn't see anyone in the area.

Authorities doused the flames and arranged for the Dumpster to be picked up by a waste hauler.

Warrant arrest

Police arrested a woman who had a warrant out for her arrest for retail fraud. Police took the woman into custody after making a routine traffic stop about 9:40 a.m. Oct. 27 in the area of 1600 S. Canton Center, north of Palmer.

The woman was wanted for a warrant out of Washtenaw County.

Motorcycle damage

A man contacted police after a motorcycle he was keeping for a friend — a soldier in Iraq — was damaged between 2:20 p.m. and 5 p.m. Oct. 27 on Honeycomb Circle, southeast of Joy and I-275.

The man told police he believed his ex-girlfriend may have damaged the motorcycle. She was upset after hearing unsubstantiated rumors the two were still dating — and she feared the rumor would reach her new boyfriend.

A verbal altercation ensued, and the man told police the motorcycle was later turned over on its side and had minor damage. Potential charges were pending.

Jewelry heist

A woman told police that jewelry was stolen from her residence on Canterbury, southeast of Ford and Haggerty, sometime Oct. 27-28. She said she had hired a subcontractor to do some work on an upstairs bathroom before the jewelry was stolen.

Apartment break-in

A woman reported to police that someone may have broken into her apartment on Windsor Woods, northwest of Morton Taylor and Warren, between noon and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

She said the window of her son's bedroom had been smashed out and the window screen damaged, though nothing appeared to have been taken.

The woman told police she had another son who used to live with her and who had a 50-inch plasma TV in the room. She thought maybe one of his friends had tried to break in, believing the TV was still there.

Thefts from cars

Police were investigating several thefts from cars reported on the evening of Oct. 28 at Lifetime Fitness, on Haggerty south of Ford.

One woman said she came outside, found a car window had been broken and items stolen such as a book bag, school work, books, a calculator and her purse.

Another woman said the seat of her car was pushed back and her book bag was missing, though her vehicle wasn't damaged.

A third victim, a male, said the interior of his car was in disarray, and his vehicle insurance and proof of registration were missing.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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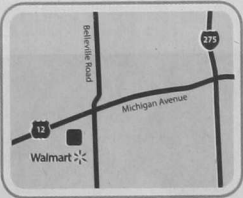
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Getting out the vote

No serious problems at polls; turnout short of clerks' predictions

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Voter turnout in Plymouth and Plymouth Township fell short of predictions but was still above 50 percent in both communities.

In Canton Township, turnout fell just a shade beneath 50 percent.

In Plymouth Township, 12,757 people, just over 59 percent of nearly 21,600 registered voters, showed up at the polls or cast absentee ballots in Tuesday's midterm election. In the city, there were about 3,800 voters, a participation rate of just over 53 percent.

City voters picked Rick Snyder, the Republican winner of the state gubernatorial race, over Democrat Virg

Bernero by 64 percent to about 34 percent. Votes for third-party candidates amounted to about 1.5 percent.

In the township, Snyder's margin was larger — nearly 71 percent to Bernero's 27.5 percent, with votes for other candi-

dates making up the difference.

No serious problems at the polls, or with voting equipment, were reported in either community. "It's nice to have one of those where it's routine," said township clerk Joe Bridgman.

Bridgman said his office did receive a few complaints from voters in Precinct 9, who found it difficult to get into their polling place, Living Word Church, because of construction on North Territorial.

Bridgman had predicted a voter participation rate of around 70 percent; he was off by about 10 points. Bridgman speculated that perhaps Snyder's large lead in the polls going into the election discouraged some people from voting.

"It was a little less than I anticipated. I was hoping for a little bit more," he said.

Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser had predicted a voter participation rate in the city of 65 percent.

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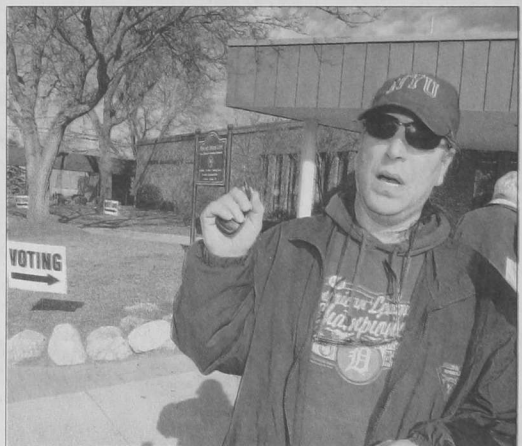
Mehan Maxwell and Baylie have already been to the polls.



Bill Kollias carries the message for U.S. Representative candidate Natalie Mosher.



Lori Levi talks with supporters Harry and Cheri VanGelder.



Patrick DeBeliso talks about voting.



Late afternoon voting at Precinct 40 in the Summit was steady.



Cindy Pilato votes at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township.

Band rolls to state on Huron Valley win

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

It was another squeaker for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band at the Huron Valley Invitational Saturday at Lakeland High School in White Lake.

This time, however, the squeak was in favor of the hometown team that marched off with the Grand Championship trophy awarded for the highest score of the 22 area competing high school bands. The 215-member PCMB also captured the Flight I first-place trophy along with trophies for Best Marching and Best General Effect for their 10-minute program, "The Source."

"The students did very well. I am always proud of them when they perform," said Plymouth-Canton director Sheldon Frazier. "Conditions were less than perfect and therefore the students had to overcome the wind in combination with our props - not easy - but all things considered, it was a good lesson for the students, especially the younger ones, in perseverance."

Canton senior Alicia Revezzo, a member of the color guard, felt those wind effects during Saturday's performance. "I feel like today went pretty good," she said, "but some parts were a little shaky being outside in the wind."

The key to overcoming adverse conditions: "You have to stay focused," said Revezzo.

Even though vibraphone player Mari Soberal, a Salem junior, has her back to the rest of the band as a member of the percussion pit in the front, she felt a greater strength in the performance of her fellow percussionists.

"The pit performance tonight was stronger than it has been," she said. "Our practices are long and difficult, but when we go out there and put on a show like that, it's worth it. When you get a product like



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Scott McGuire on mellophone and David Titus on tenor drums, along with fellow Plymouth-Canton Marching Band members, play the closing segment of their top award-winning competition piece at the Huron Valley Invitational in White Lake Saturday.

that, you can't beat the feeling."

It was certainly a hard feeling to beat since the hometown performers achieved the highest score, 86.89, of the 22 area bands. They came in just a hair above second-place Walled Lake Central with a score of 86.55. West Bloomfield achieved a close third at 85.04; all in Flight I (flights are determined by school enrollment with the largest schools in Flight I).

Other area bands included Flight I - Livonia Franklin, sixth, 69.71; Flight II - Farmington Harrison - first, 77.12; and Farmington, second, 75.10; Flight III - Redford Thurston, second, 75.44.

The Plymouth-Canton marchers now head to Ford Field Saturday for



Baritone player Emily Hanson minds the music and the step during the Huron Valley Invitational Saturday at Lakeland High School where the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the top trophy for the highest score among the 22 area high school marching bands.

less away, making for an exciting and challenging competition.

The hometown team still has some surprises in store, however, as they move into the state and national championship contests.

"We will continue to add effects to the show to allow it to tell a more 'complete story'," said Frazier. "Believe it or not, there are more changes in store, some small, some large."

Program coordinator Alan Spaeth, a long-time contributor to the marching band, has been in town and working recently with the performers.

"He comes up with such astounding effects for us. He is in the process of adding body movements, musical changes, and overall effect to better communicate the meaning of the show to the audience," noted Frazier. "As a staff, we're adding cleanliness of music and drill."

"We look forward to the next two competitions and wish every other band competing at MCBA and BOA Nationals the best of luck."



The color guard adds to the mysterious and dark mood at the beginning of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's award-winning 10-minute competition piece, "The Source."

the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships, featuring the state's 40 highest-scoring bands of the season, 10 in each of Flights I, II, III and IV. While PCMB sits on top of Flight I score-wise, there are a number of bands in Flights I and II with scores a point or

Voters take chance to make a difference

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're both Ford Motor Co. retirees who live in Canton, but their political divisions ran deep Tuesday as Harry Doyle and Greg Anderson stood outside the Summit on the Park polling place to campaign for their favorite candidates.

Doyle, 71, worked for victorious 21st District state House incumbent Dian Slavens, D-Canton, while Anderson, 61, campaigned for Slavens' challenger, Lori Levi, and another Canton Republican, 7th District state senator-elect Patrick Colbeck.

Doyle lauded Slavens for showing "real promise" during her first two-year term by supporting measures such as trimming health-care costs for state legislators.

"She's not a professional politician, and she has roots in the neighborhood, which is Canton," said Doyle, a part-time township employee.

Anderson sought votes for Levi, saying she favors shrinking state government and making it more accountable. Anderson cited the same reasons for supporting Colbeck over four other Senate hopefuls —

Democrat Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, independent candidates Michael Kheibari of Northville and John Stewart of Plymouth, and Libertarian Marlin Brandys of Plymouth.

Anderson said Levi and Colbeck had pledged to uphold the state and U.S. constitutions and fight for tax-cutting measures to lure more businesses — and jobs — to Michigan.

"I want a better environment for business, which we haven't had in the state in awhile," Anderson said. "I'm a fiscal conservative, and I believe the state is in big

trouble because (legislators) have borrowed from the future way too much."

Across town, Canton conservative voter and small business owner Diana Malcolm campaigned for Colbeck outside the Lifechurch polling place on the northwest corner of Warren and Haggerty.

"The main reason I'm for him is that he wants to keep government small, and I'm concerned about government becoming too large," Malcolm said.

She and another poll worker, Democrat Andrew Dunn of Livonia, made good-natured jabs at each other's politics as they stood outside the church. Malcolm said she wasn't inspired by the Michigan gubernatorial race, while Dunn supported Democrat Virg Bernero's failed campaign and also sought votes for state Supreme Court candidates Alton Thomas Davis and Denise Langford Morris.

"Virg Bernero has actually created jobs rather than sending them overseas," Dunn, a network engineer, said. "He has tried to create good-paying jobs rather than low-end service jobs."

Back over at Canton Fire Station No. 1, on Heritage Park Drive near Canton Center, 43-year-old Westland resident and Ford Motor Co. employee Brian Li and daughter Lauren, 18, worked for Colbeck, even though they don't live in the 7th District.

Brian Li, a member of the area Rattle With Us Tea Party group, said he was impressed with Colbeck from an earlier rally.

"He's one of our members," Brian Li said. "I believe he will follow the Constitution, and he is not part of the established party system, so he will vote independently like he should."

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OUR VIEWS

Piling on Dumping on outgoing Fiegel a bit unseemly

It's enough already in the saga of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel.

Teachers and staffers have strolled to the microphone at the last two PCCS Board of Education meetings, many of them to complain about "collaboration" or a lack of contact with the administration, by which they, of course, mean Fiegel.

At the last two board meetings, teachers and staffers describing themselves as part of "the silent majority" have criticized the "administration" — very few of them have called Fiegel out by name — for not working together as a team. They've criticized the leadership at the high school park, and the attitude of administrators they seem to feel aren't about educating children at all.

The members of this "silent majority" — a term board Trustee Dianne Gonzalez used to describe staffers she said she talked to before casting one of four votes not to renew Fiegel's contract — have piled on in the wake of the decision to tell Fiegel his services won't be needed beyond June 30.

Former Plymouth-Canton Education Association president Chuck Portelli, who now works for the Michigan Education Association, led the way two meetings ago, talking about how Fiegel is a nice guy, but that the board has voted to make a change and calling on Fiegel and the board to get started on the process for making that change.

Portelli's replacement, new PCEA president Nancy Barrows, made much the same suggestion last week, followed by several teachers who spoke out of anger they still don't have a contract (Fiegel has nothing to do with that) and frustration for the way they say things are going.

Here's our problem with the members of this "silent majority" — all of these comments have come in meetings conducted *after* the board voted, 4-3, not to renew Fiegel's contract. When Gonzalez said she was "speaking for the silent majority" at the Sept. 28 meeting, she claimed there were a great number of staffers in the district afraid to speak up for fear of losing their jobs, this despite the fact their union contract protects them from that kind of pressure.

Now it appears Gonzalez was right about a certain level of dissatisfaction among teachers, although "majority" may very well be too strong a word. Fewer than two dozen have spoken up at the last two meetings, hardly a majority in a district with 1,100 teachers.

The discontent is palpable and should be taken into consideration by the board, though perhaps not as the deciding factor (although we believe board members are using it as a shield to hide real reasons for Fiegel's ouster, none of which have been spoken of publicly).

Surely solutions other than another expensive superintendent search and the continuation of the revolving door to that office could have been found, though that's water under the bridge. The decision has been made, and it seems unlikely to change. Fiegel is looking for work, and the opinions of the four board members — Gonzalez, Trustees John Jackson and Adrienne Davis and Treasurer Judy Mardigian — responsible for his removal seem unlikely to change.

This is no longer about renewing Fiegel's contract, a move we thought the board should make. This is about kicking a man when he's down. Fiegel has withstood the criticism quietly, like the decent man even his detractors say he is.

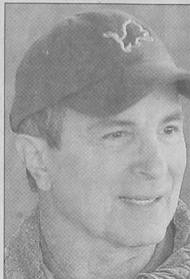
No, this is about propriety. The disgruntled among the staff in the district are getting what they wanted (though they should mind the old adage about being wary of getting what you asked for).

Piling on this way — particularly since no one spoke up *before* the vote to remove Fiegel — is unseemly, and teachers in this district are better than that.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Has the movie industry been good for Michigan? Why or why not?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Good for the advertisement and possibly the jobs, but I'm not sure if the subsidies outweigh the benefits. I'm in between on this one."

John Chryczyk
Canton



"I do think it brings dollars in to our local cities and creates excitement for the city. We don't get much of that."

Michelle Asam
Canton



"Yes, because it brings more jobs."

Mark Gannon
Canton



"I think it's good. If we make a lot of movies here we can get more jobs, and it takes lots of stuff to make movies. And, we have a lot of areas to make good movies."

Zeeshan Noor
Canton

LETTERS

Diversity thanks

Dear residents of Plymouth and Canton,

Thank you so much for coming to our recent community meeting. We look forward to working with you to make this a more inclusive community for our children and each other! We'd also like to thank the Observer for all the good work they do in helping to bring community members together and showing us hope in all the stories they have done about community members helping each other!

We all need each other in these challenging times. We'd especially like to thank Darrell Clem and Brad Kadrich for the great work they do in our community.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity & Inclusion

Keep Fiegel

I would like to see Dr. Fiegel continue as superintendent of PCCS. I have had several opportunities to work with Dr. Fiegel during his tenure, and I have been impressed right from the start. He is smart, pragmatic and honest, and he was hired to head this district. I think we should let him do just that.

The purpose of the district is to educate our children. This job is being successfully handled, as shown by our best MEAP scores ever. The budget has been balanced, despite ever-changing funding numbers from Lansing. The only explanation offered for letting him go is a "failure to collaborate" with the Board of Education.

This is one of those vague, unmeasurable accusations, which also happens to be irrelevant. If education was suffering that would be one thing, but alone it is

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claim majority? Claiming to be a silent majority may sound good on paper, but if you think about it, it isn't even possible.

The bottom line is that the evaluation of personnel in this district should be done in terms of whether or not their actions result in the best possible education for our kids. Dr. Fiegel is a professional educator and leader, and was hired by the Board of Education for those very skills. I do not want to lose those skills because of style differences.

I would hope the board reconsiders their negative decision, which jeopardizes a record of success, and imposes unnecessary costs and risks on the district. Dr. Fiegel is successful in the areas that matter to parents. He should continue as our superintendent.

Stephanie Duda
Plymouth Township

Band coverage great

I used to live in Metro Detroit for a number of years until moving out to southern California in 2007. While we have nice weather, we do not have the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band here and I miss watching them every Saturday.

Each fall, each Thursday, I enjoy getting online and reading Diane Hanson's articles about the marching program and the progress through the season. The articles provide a nice supplement to the scores posted on various sites.

They (PCMB) are known throughout the nation and area residents should be very proud of those student, staff and parents involved — past and present.

Thank you for taking the time to publish such stories and please forward a huge "thank you" to Diane for me.

Gordon Mulder
California

GUEST COLUMN

Doing things differently: District safety body might be a better way

The Canton Township Board should reconsider their unanimous vote on to raise taxes on all property owners in that community and should instead look to other innovative ways to deliver essential services.



Jerry Vorva

The township supervisor, Phil LaJoy, stated that property values and thereby assessments have fallen about \$1 billion since 2007. This has resulted in a large hole in the annual budget, which threatens essential services such as fire and police protection.

In their stated goal of raising revenue the board may have by this particular action not only made their problem worse but also caused it to last longer.

The truth is that even though they have adjusted property tax assessments downward they are still at least 20 percent higher than required by the state constitution. The fact remains that both the commercial and residential markets

are still declining. Are we to expect further tax increases in the near future?

By raising taxes the board has made it even more difficult for property owners to continue to make their loan payments. Raising taxes will more than likely lead to further loan defaults and foreclosures, which in turn leads to further diminution of value and assessments, resulting in even less revenue.

Moreover, raising taxes will chill the real estate market in Canton in two ways. One, the taxes will be higher than surrounding communities. Two, with the board showing its willingness to raise taxes as the best solution, the prospective purchaser will choose to buy elsewhere, fearing further tax increases. Again, this will result in lower values and assessments and less revenue — a vicious cycle, not a solution!

A more prudent step would be to reinvent the services local government needs to provide.

Canton Township, Plymouth city, Plymouth Township, Northville city and Northville Township all have their own police and fire

departments, with some sharing of service for dispatch and fire. All are served by the 35th District Court. No matter the violation or location all judicial proceedings start in that court. At the end of the year it shares some of the money from fines with each of the five communities.

I propose the 35th District Public Safety Department. This practical plan, properly implemented, would reduce the number of chiefs and administrative staffs from 5 to 1, immediately saving millions of dollars. All in-line employees would be cross-trained in fire and police services, thereby requiring, through attrition, a lower overall head count. These savings could be multiples of millions of dollars in annual cost and that is not even counting the long-term retirement legacy costs, which must be addressed soon. Further savings would be had by consolidation of facilities and equipment.

This design would not result in any of the communities having to relinquish control over the services that are provided to their citizens,

as with a separate authority. Each community could appoint one of its elected officials to serve as a police commissioner (at no additional pay) and each would take a turn (one year) as chairperson of the commission. This will insure continuity of services and fair allocation of resources.

There is no better time than now to be innovative at all levels of government. Action should not be feigned due to political considerations.

I know that the elected officials of Canton Township are good, well-intended individuals, most of whom I personally campaigned for. They must, with the cooperation of their neighbors, think of other efficient ways to deliver essential or desired services before they embark on the path of raising taxes in this declining market.

Jerry Vorva is a former state representative and City of Plymouth commissioner, retired police officer and union president of the Plymouth Police Officer Association. Vorva holds a B.S. with honors in criminal justice from Madonna University and a law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Hippie dogs capture top honors in photo contest

With more than 100 entries competing for the top prize, it was the photo of hippie golden retrievers that captured the hearts of voters in the Hometownlife.com Halloween photo contest.

With 530 votes, Canton resident Donna DeRespino took first place with a photo of her golden retrievers, Augie and Ti, dressed as hippies.

She won 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 place, with 381 votes, went to Highland resident Lori Miller for a photo of her hand-made "potato head" costumes.

"Thanks so much; it was great fun," said Miller.

Miller won two tickets to Rock of Ages Nov. 9 at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis, the American Idol finalist nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in the Broadway musical *Rock of Ages*.

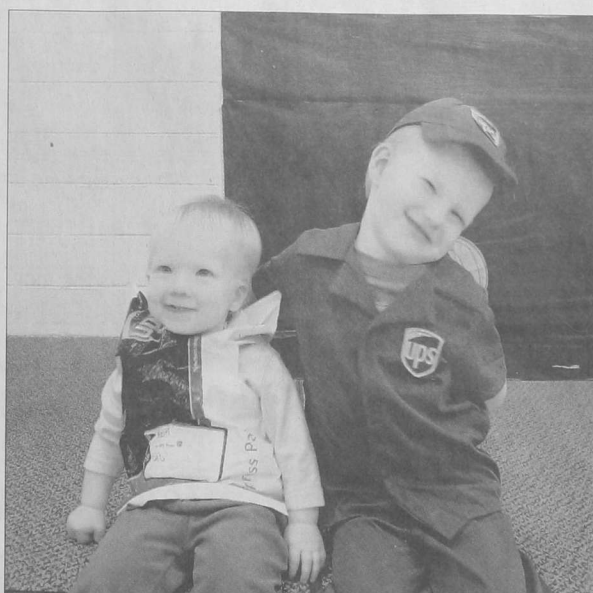
We awarded a trio of third prizes to entries that finished so close it would be a shame to see any of them come away without something to show for their effort. Winning third-place prizes were Livonia resident Cassandra Smith, South Lyon resident Brooke Hewlett and Brighton resident Sarah M. Cross, all of whom featured their children in the winning photos. Each third-place winner received four tickets to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi.

"My daughter is going to be so excited to hear that her photo won," Cross said.

We plan to have a Christmas photo contest beginning Dec. 1 so get out the family albums and start searching for the next big winner.



Canton resident Donna DeRespino took first place with this photo of her golden retrievers, Augie and Ti, dressed as hippies.



Our final third-place winner was Livonia resident Cassandra Smith with this photo of Harvey the UPS man and his little package, Clark, all ready to deliver some Halloween fun.

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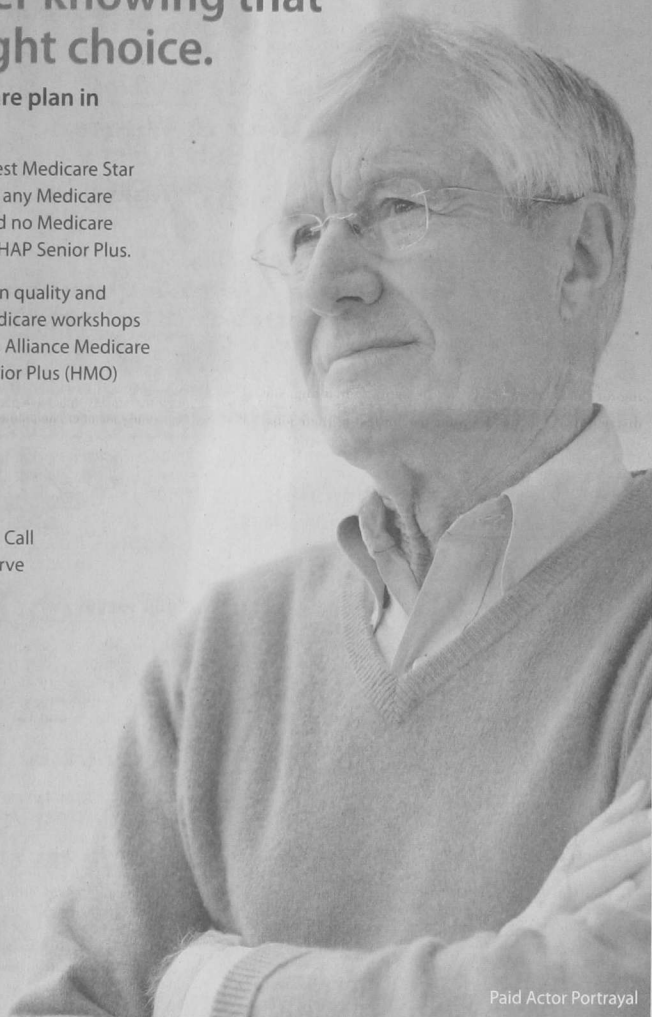
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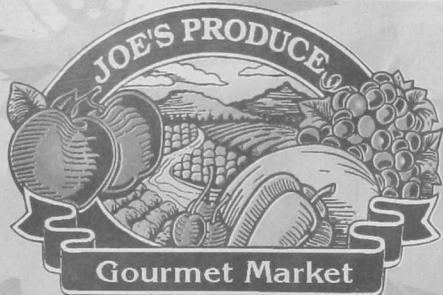
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Wildcats soak it in after first-ever playoff win

PLAYOFF AT THE PARK

What: Division 1 football district final.
Who: Canton (10-0) vs. Plymouth (8-2). Each team is coming off a win in the first round; the Chiefs won 56-26 Friday over Ann Arbor Pioneer and the Wildcats followed up Saturday with a 27-7 victory over Saline.
Where: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, varsity turf field.
History: The Chiefs faced the Wildcats in the pre-district game both in 2008 and 2009, earning victories each time.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With cool precision, Plymouth took care of business Saturday.
And after the host Wildcats carved up Saline 27-7 in a Division 1 predistrict football game, Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk happily endured an ice-cold soaking.
Sawchuk, in his fourth season as head coach, took the icy hit for a good reason since it was the first postseason win in the nine years of the Plymouth program. He also was part of that program the first five years before taking the helm in 2007.
The win advances the 8-2 Wildcats into a 7 p.m. Friday district final

against Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Carrying the Gatorade bucket and dispensing it all over Sawchuk were seniors Kyle Brindza and DeAngelo Barrow, while the rest of the team roared in approval.

"It meant such a big thing to get coach Sawchuk his first win in the playoffs after working so hard here," said junior Donte Fox, a force both on offense and defense against the Hornets. "I think he really deserved it, for himself and the rest of the team."

MAKING HISTORY

After drying off, Sawchuk hugged longtime assistant coach Chuck

Donaldson (who is wheelchair-bound) and deflected the praise like so many ice cubes.

"It's not really about me, it's about the kids and the coaching staff," Sawchuk said. "Obviously, the win feels good to me. But I'm more proud of them than anything, to get it done and have a little history here now, you know?"

"The first playoff win feels good. I don't know if it's a monkey off your back, you just try to win every game."

Fox and senior running back Jerel Jenkins teamed up to make life miserable on the Saline defense, combining for 347 yards rushing in 37 carries and

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SIDELINES

Sequin's staying

It's now official. Tyler Sequin won't be coming back to the Plymouth Whalers this season and probably not ever. He's staying with the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League.

Sequin, 18, technically remained part of the Whalers this fall. But Plymouth President/GM/coach Mike Vellucci

Sequin

knew all along that there was virtually no chance that the talented No. 2 draft pick in the NHL entry draft would lace them up again at Compuware Arena.

"Really, there was never any doubt," Vellucci said. "He wants it more than anybody I've ever had. He's committed physically and mentally, preparing himself every day to get better. It didn't really surprise me, other than I thought maybe they had some cap problems, but obviously they don't."

According to an arrangement between the Ontario Hockey League and NHL, draft choices can be returned to their junior teams during the first eight games of their NHL team's schedule. When Sequin remained with the Boston Bruins beyond that point, it became official that he would stay in the big leagues throughout this season.

The OHL-NHL arrangement covers players until age 20. So, if the Bruins send him down before Game 9 in 2011-12, Sequin could play in 2011-12 with the Whalers. But that also would seem remote, especially since Sequin is looking right at home in the big leagues with two goals to date.

MU women tie, 0-0

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made nine saves Saturday as host Madonna University battled Siena Heights University to a scoreless draw at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Crusaders end the regular season at 3-6-6 overall and 2-1-3 in the WHAC, while Siena Heights is 9-6-3 overall and 4-1-1.

Saints goalkeeper Haley Mancini made seven saves in the double-overtime match that lasted 110 minutes.

MU will open the WHAC playoffs 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Canton's Independence Park as the fourth seed against Aquinas College.

Ferrick saluted

For the first time in her career, Madonna University freshman midfielder Amanda Ferrick (Warren Cousino) was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Offensive Player of the Week (ending Oct. 31) in women's soccer.

Ferrick tallied three points in MU's 3-2 win Oct. 26 over Marygrove College as the Crusaders finished the week 1-0-1.

Captain's Corner

The Plymouth and Canton Observers will continue to spotlight varsity captains in a regular feature called "Captain's Corner," but nominees are needed.

If anybody knows of a worthy captain, please e-mail Observer sports editor Tim Smith (tsmith@hometownlife.com), who will in turn send out a questionnaire about leadership to be filled out and returned for publication.

Novi slams Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sluggish starts hurt Canton's volleyball team all season, but nobody could have foreseen how Monday's Division 1 district quarterfinal against Novi started.

The Chiefs, seemingly in a blink of an eye, were trailing 11-1 and it didn't get better the rest of Game 1 — a 25-4 loss to the district host Wildcats. Although Canton showed up for the rest of the match, Novi finished off the 3-0 sweep with wins of 28-26 and 25-17 to end the Chiefs' season in the process.

"I think it just goes along with how we've played our whole season, we come out slow," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska, whose team finished the season with an excellent record of 29-11-3. "Almost every single league match, except for Wayne, we've lost the first game. You can't come out slow against a team like that (Novi)."

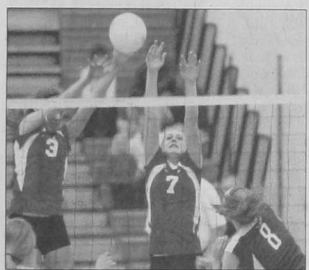
"But I think, again, we did show them how we are capable of playing. We are a good team, but we have to play like that the whole time."

Novi, featuring a front line of senior Erica Robb (14 kills) and junior Victoria Rose (five kills, three solo blocks), made it tough all night for the Chiefs to get into offensive rhythm.

"They're more mentally tough," said Kryska, about the Wildcats. "Older teams with more experience are going to be more mentally tough."

But the Chiefs showed some of that characteristic beginning with Game 2.

In fact, once the tough-to-swallow first game was done and over with, the teams played the way some had predicted prior to the start of the tournament.



Canton juniors Alaina Turner (No. 3) and Maggie Deloy (No. 7) try to block Novi junior middle blocker Victoria Rose (No. 8) during Monday's volleyball districts.

Chiefs hold on in regional final

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

A pair of KLAA Kensington Conference division champions faced off in a Division 1 regional final last Saturday and Canton defeated Novi for the third time this season.

No. 6 Canton (20-3-2) struck first and held on to defeat No. 13 Novi (20-5-0) 1-0 at Dearborn Edsel Ford. In addition to earning a regional championship, the Chiefs also qualified for the state semifinals with the victory.

A steady wind blew autumn leaves across the turf as Canton pressured the east goal in the first half, earning a free kick at the top right corner of the goal box 9:15 into the game.

With the wind and sun in their favor, sophomore Bobby Budlong tapped the ball off to his left and junior Tyler Winningham followed through with a 20-yard blast that skipped once in front of

the goal before slipping into the lower left corner past diving Novi senior netminder Wes Smith.

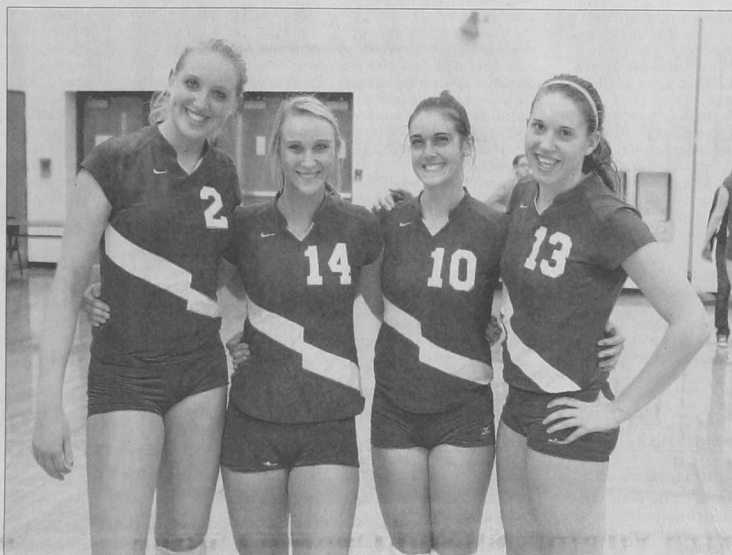
"We just hoped for the best on that free kick and it came to us," Winningham said. "They came out a lot tougher this game. We got a lead and they stayed in it."

Canton maintained an edge over the Wildcats through much of the first half, but Novi battled back in the second half once the wind and sun were in its favor.

LUCK HELPS

Novi junior Chase Jabbori quickly got two golden opportunities within the first six minutes of the second half. Jabbori broke through the defense on the left side 4:45 after the break and hit a low shot that skipped past diving Chiefs senior netminder Brandon Laabs, but rolled just wide of the right post.

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The leadership and talent of Salem seniors (from left) Nicole Merget, Kerstin Johnson, Kerry MacDonald and Jillian Sommerville played a major role in the Rocks defeating Northville Monday night despite the absence of their coach, Amanda Nies.

Salem seniors step up for their coach

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's volleyball veterans don't need much motivation to begin with.

But seniors Nicole Merget, Jillian Sommerville, Kerry MacDonald and Kerstin Johnson weren't going to take the benching of their coach sitting down.

That talented quartet, with everybody else on the roster buying in, came out even more fired up than usual Monday night and were on a mission to win their Division 1 district quarterfinal against host Northville — which they did, 3-0.

Losing was not an option on this night, one where their coach all through high school wouldn't be with them at court-side.

Amanda (Suder) Nies cannot coach the Rocks throughout the state tournament because she was ruled ineligible. The reason: She

VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS

missed the MHSAA-imposed deadline for coaches to file paperwork — by a single day.

"She's done a lot for us over the four years, and it's hard not having her here," said co-captain MacDonald, who set the ball on a tee for front-row powerhouses Merget, Sommerville and Johnson all night. "But we managed to pull through for her, and for the team also. Just to prove to ourselves that we've come this far, and we deserve it."

"The key tonight was playing together as a team. Because we know we have good potential and we know all the skills are there, we just have to come together."

MAKING HER PROUD

Co-captains Merget and Sommerville said they wanted to

reciprocate for the person who has always been there for them over the years.

"We were trying to get even more focus from the girls because it's hard if your head coach isn't there," Merget said. "She's the only one who keeps you focused and in line, sets the rules."

"She sent us all a message before the game, 'I'm so proud of you, win for me. That was really helpful, too, because we want to do good for her.'"

Sommerville said Nies has "given us everything she has this season and we just said we've got to take what she's given us and just use it."

According to Johnson, who is a team leader but not a co-captain, Salem's camaraderie and communication won't permit letting the loss of their coach get them down.

"It's good because we're a really close team, and we pretty much are

Please see **SALEM, B3**



Canton's Phil Baciak (No. 7, left), Bobby Budlong (No. 20) and Mitch Posuniak (No. 12) give chase to Novi's John DeLeon (No. 4) during Saturday's Division 1 boys soccer regional final at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

STEVE KAHRS

This game should be one to watch

Last weekend, Plymouth football players doused ice cold water on their coach's head to celebrate winning a playoff game for the first time in the school's short history.

What could the Wildcats do for an encore? Perhaps do the same on the title dreams of arch-rival Canton this Friday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park?

Of course, Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk would like nothing better than for his team to spoil whatever plans the Chiefs might have for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. You know, when the Division 1 football championship game will take place at Ford Field in Detroit.

Now, that's admittedly looking ahead a little bit. First order of business for Sawchuk and Canton's Tim Baechler will be getting their troops razor sharp for Friday's 7 p.m. kickoff.

After his squad's convincing 27-7 victory over Saline in the pre-districts, Sawchuk smiled when asked about the huge task at hand — finding a way to topple the 10-0 Chiefs, who have outscored opponents 464-67.

"Play better on offense," Sawchuk said. "Obviously, they're a great team, the No. 1-ranked team in the state. (Canton) has a lot of weapons, good defense. But you've got to move the ball on offense and keep their offense off the field."

Canton's offense will be an ultimate test, what with its pick-your-poison cast of



Tim Smith

quarterback Ben Merbler, running backs Kevin Buford, Zac Merrilat, Davion Stackhouse and others.

The team's ability to insert even backups into the fray without missing a beat also is bad news for opposing defenses.

Last week, the Chiefs won 56-26 over Ann Arbor Pioneer in a pre-district game. Junior tailback Ryan Jones broke off a 63-yard touchdown run, perhaps serving notice to Baechler that he is ready for a prime-time role.

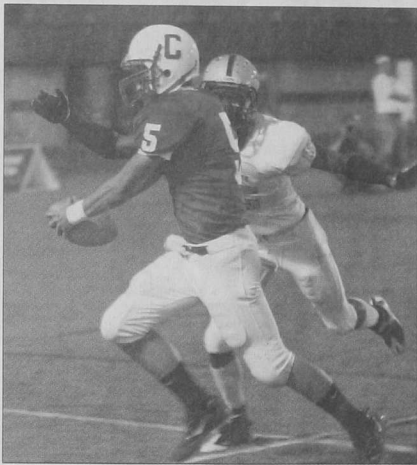
SOMETHING TO CHEW ON

Yet, the Wildcats will be hungry to snap Canton's coveted wing-T offense, where any one of four athletes could be off to the races by the time defenders can react to one of Merbler's nifty fakes.

The Chiefs also have things to worry about, including the way Plymouth tailbacks Donté Fox and Jerel Jenkins can chew up big yardage. Or the way quarterback Shaun Austin can fire passes at sure-handed receivers such as Brennan Beyer and Jake Morris.

By the way, Beyer, Fox and Morris also are pretty good on the other side of the ball, too. They were hitting so hard Saturday against Saline that broadcasters in the press box were dropping their popcorn.

Meanwhile, there's one



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Last month, Canton's Ryan Powell (No. 5) eludes Plymouth's Adedamola Adebisi (No. 15) to score a two-point conversion as part of the Chiefs' 36-0 win. The 'Park' rivals will meet again in Friday's district final.

more reason Sawchuk and the Wildcats will be primed to get going 7 p.m. Friday.

A win over the Chiefs also would help the Wildcats enjoy some kind of payback for what happened the opening week of the postseason both in 2008 and 2009 — Canton won pre-district games those two years by scores of 35-28 and 40-17, respectively.

It won't be easy, but if Plymouth can somehow hang around into the second half, the golden right leg of Notre

Dame-bound kicker Kyle Brindza might be quite a chip for Sawchuk to cash in.

But what the Wildcats will most need to give the boot to are memories of last month's meeting with the Chiefs, a 36-0 Canton victory.

That obviously wouldn't do much to inspire any team to look forward to an encore.

Tim Smith is sports editor for the Canton-Plymouth Observers. He can be reached via e-mail at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Plymouth boys win finals berth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mission accomplished Saturday for the Plymouth High boys cross country team.

The Wildcats, led by senior Joe Porcari's runner-up finish, earned their third straight Division 1 state finals qualifying berth by taking second in Saturday's Region 5 meet held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Dexter turned in a dominant performance by taking five of the first six places in the meet led by individual winner Taylor Neeley, who covered the 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 58.7 seconds.

Porcari was a close second with a time of 15:59.2, while other Plymouth finishers included junior Derek Gielarowski, 10th (16:32.5); sophomore Brandon Dalton, 20th (17:06.4); junior James Maciag, 20th (17:07.2); and freshman Liam Cardenas, 22nd (17:09.2).

"We tried to get as many guys 20th or above, as many as possible, that was our goal today," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "Joe ran pretty smart. Normally he likes to get out, but we talked to him about staying in the pack today, and he

stayed in the pack. We let them break the wind a little bit. He ran a smart race. He had enough at the end. He broke 16 (minutes) today — that's what he wanted to do. We accomplished all our goals we needed to."

Host Ann Arbor Huron edged Canton for the third team state finals qualifying spot, 85-88.

But Canton had two qualify individually by placing in the top 15 as juniors Miles Felton (16:28.1) and Mitch Clinton (16:50.3) took eighth and 15th, respectively. Another junior Bradon Conley just missed in 16th (16:53.8).

Meanwhile, Salem sophomore Steve McEvilly garnered a spot in ninth with a clocking of 16:29.6.

Last year, Plymouth took 11th in the team standings at the MHSAA finals held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. In 2008, the Wildcats placed 12th.

"We're hoping for a top 15 finish, so we have a little bit a work to do in this last little week," Mikosz said. "We just have to make sure there are guys who need where they need to be, and I think we have a chance to do it."

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PREP GRID PICKS

Playoffs Week 2
Friday, Nov. 5
Warren Fitzgerald (7-3) at Redford Thurston (8-2), 7 p.m.
Plymouth (8-2) at Canton (10-0), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Berkley (9-1) at Farmington Harrison (10-0), 1 p.m.
Last week
Overall

Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Thurston Canton	Thurston Canton	Thurston Canton	Thurston Canton
Harrison 4-2 (.667) 101-28 (.783)	Harrison 5-1 (.833) 108-21 (.837)	Berkley 5-1 (.833) 90-39 (.698)	Harrison 6-0 (1.000) 99-30 (.767)

PLAYOFFS

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each scoring once. Jenkins racked up 230 of those yards. "We could find seams everywhere and we knew they weren't fast enough to catch me or Jerel from the outside," Fox said. "It was a pretty good day for us."

Expertly keeping Saline's defense guessing was junior quarterback Shaun Austin, who completed 14 of 19 passes for 117 yards (including a 2-yard TD pass to senior Mike Olevnik to open the scoring in the first quarter).

"I got to give it to the line, the O-line did a good job blocking," Jenkins said. "They were doing everything right, we just got to the hole."

Brindza provided a lift with field goals of 34 and 50 yards in the second quarter, upping Plymouth's lead to 20-7 at halftime.

Jenkins added that the

Wildcats hit the PCEP turf running because they finally wanted that elusive first playoff triumph.

"I think we just came out here, this was the first playoff win we ever had," Jenkins said. "That was our whole mentality, just get it done."

HEAVY HITTERS

Plymouth's defense also flourished, with Fox and senior Brennan Beyer doing serious damage on Saline quarterback Trey Heren and Hornet running backs throughout the game.

Heren managed to complete 10 of 25 passes for 136 yards, featuring a 54-yarder to senior Nick Ostrander down the right sidelines for Saline's lone TD.

But he was thrown for losses seven times, two each by Fox and sophomore Adam Packer; Beyer had one sack and half of another, along with several crisp tackles.

"I just got off the ball really well and got to the quarterback," Beyer said.

Saline's collective running game hit a brick wall, registering a minus-58 for the day. The Hornets (6-4) only had the ball about five minutes during the telltale first half.

"That's important in any game," Sawchuk stressed. "Any time you can keep your defense off the field and the offense stays on the field and scores points that minimizes their chances and have a great chance to win the ballgame. So we really focus on trying to run the football and get first downs."

Having said that, Sawchuk added that his defense "played awesome," with helmet-ringing hits from players like Beyer leading the charge.

GETTING IT BACK

In perhaps the sequence that set the tone for the breezy afternoon, it was Plymouth's defense that was front-and-center.

The Wildcats moved downfield in their first offensive series and were poised to score

midway through the opening quarter. But a pass from Austin into the end zone was tipped and intercepted by Mitch Osadchuk to foil that bid.

On the first play of Saline's ensuing series, which started at the Hornets's 6-yard line, Packer and senior Anthony Rhodes doubled up to put a big hit on running back Justin Barnes at the line of scrimmage.

After a 12-yard completion from Heren to Ostrander, the Wildcats got the ball back. Packer sacked Heren, who fumbled the ball. Junior Faris Abraham recovered the ball outside the Saline 10-yard line.

Six plays later, Austin faked a handoff, stepped back and threw the 2-yard TD strike to Olevnik for the game's first points.

Plymouth quickly got the ball back and Fox broke off a 49-yard touchdown run with 36 seconds to play in the frame to make it a 14-0 game.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Veterans 5K run

The Veterans Day Rosedale Area Neighbors Red, White and Blue 5-kilometer run-walk and 1-mile fun run-walk will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Whitman Park (Mies Shelter), located off West Chicago between Farmington and Merriman roads, in Livonia.

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). Race day fees are \$20 (adult), \$15 (middle school and high school), \$10 (younger) and \$50 (family).

Salem girls runners-up

BY BRAD EMONS
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It breakthrough performance and one for the memory books Saturday for the Livonia Franklin girls cross country team.

The Patriots not only qualified for the Division 1 state finals, but also captured their first regional girls championship in school history at Willow Metropark in New Boston by edging Saline for the team title, 79-81.

Dexter, scoring 90 points, also qualified for a trip to the MHSAA finals, Nov. 6, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Ann Arbor Huron was a close fourth with 94 followed by Livonia Churchill (111) and Canton (116) rounding out the top five in Region 5.

"I don't believe we've ever qualified," Franklin 10th-year coach Dave Bjorklund said. "The records we have, I don't see any indication of that, so this is the most exciting day in Franklin cross country history for me. Definitely the most exciting day in my coaching career."

Senior Megan McPherson led Franklin by finishing first on the 5,000-meter course with a time of 18 minutes, 21.3 seconds, which matched her personal best. McPherson was coming off a third-place finish, Oct. 21, in the Kensington Conference.

In that meet, McPherson placed behind Canton senior Bianca Kubicki (first) and Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich (runner-up). But this time McPherson finished nearly nine seconds ahead of Huron's Annie-Norah Beveridge, the runner-up; 13.3 seconds ahead of third-place finisher

Kavulich; and 30.3 seconds ahead of fourth-place finisher Kubicki.

Salem, the pre-meet favorite, was led by Kavulich (18:34.6) followed by Adrianna Beltran, 14th (19:45.0); Shannon Flynn, 19th (20:05.6); Emily Bizon, 23rd (20:12.0); and Victoria Tripp, 24th (20:18.0).

"We dodged a bullet today," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "It was kind of like the Matrix with Keanu Reeves. We didn't run very well collectively as a team today. Don't really know why, but in the end it played out and we got into the state finals. That's most important thing."

"Not real happy with the way we ran obviously. Not the way we were expected to run. But happy to get into the state finals and hopefully next week — new day. But Franklin ran great. It was open for them and they took full advantage of it for their first regional championship."

Gerlach said there was an ebb and flow throughout the meet.

"It was funny," he said. "Because today what I noticed and what several other coaches noticed was that the race changed hands during the race. At one point, Ann Arbor Huron was winning this thing easily, and then at another point we were in it, then Dexter was there and Franklin obviously stepped up at the finish line. And all that matters is the finish line. Interesting day."

Plymouth junior Nicole Traites also qualified in 11th (19:34.4), while senior Rachel Rohrbach of Canton garnered the 15th and final individual qualifying spot with a time of 19:45.3 to join teammate Kubicki.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

YMCA youth programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this fall, having the focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs — open to YMCA members and community members — include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool and Youth Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Intro to Volleyball, Preschool T-ball, Tiny Tikes Sampler and Club Kickball. All will run until Oct. 25.

Baseball coach wanted

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Whalers rally from huge deficit to edge Greyhounds

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers pulled off a trick and treated their fans to a comeback 5-4 win on Halloween eve at Compuware Arena.

After spotting Sault Ste. Marie a 3-0 lead early in the second period Saturday night at Compuware Arena, the Whalers started chipping away on a sensational shorthanded breakaway goal by Robbie Czarnik.

That determined effort culminated with just 40 seconds remaining in the Ontario Hockey League game. Winger Rickard Rakell tipped in a point shot by defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) for the deciding marker.

"I just noticed I was all alone in front of the net," Rakell said. "I just called for the puck and it was a great shot (from Levi). I just tried to get a stick on it."

Also scoring for Plymouth (6-7-1) were forwards Mitchell Heard, Stefan Noesen and RJ Mahalak. Noesen added three assists while center Garrett Meurs contributed two helpers.

TIME TO RECIPROCAT

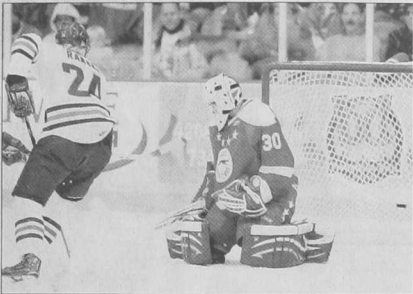
Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said winning in regulation on a night where it looked for a while like the team might lose or only garner one point "was unbelievable, it wasn't looking good, for sure."

The Greyhounds (5-8-2-0) broke out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on two shots from the right circle by center Daniel Catenacci that beat Plymouth starting goalie Scott Wedgewood high to the glove side.

After the second goal, with just 2:05 left in the mostly evenly played first period (the teams each mustered 10 shots on goal), Vellucci pulled Wedgewood and put in Matt Mahalak.

"We told them (after the opening period) that our goalie's bailed us out many times, and now it was our turn to bail our goalie out," Vellucci said. "So we did."

But less than four minutes into the second frame, Meurs hit the post at one end and Soo winger Jake Carrick made it 3-0 at the other. The possibility of the Whalers losing a fourth-straight game grew larger.



Plymouth Whalers forward Rickard Rakell (No. 24) tips a shot by blueliner Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) past Sault Ste. Marie netminder Matt Murray with 40 seconds left Saturday night. The winning goal capped a comeback by the Whalers, who trailed 3-0 at one point.

Plymouth next sweated out penalty trouble, thanks to goalie Mahalak coming through with a tide-turning stop.

The Greyhounds were enjoying a long, 5-on-3 power play and center Nick Cousins wired a shot from the bottom rim of the right circle that looked ticketed for a fourth Soo goal.

Mahalak (16 saves), however, came across the blue ice to

rest of the contest.

"Once Devane tried to fight their guy and he wouldn't fight him the whole game changed, the whole momentum," Vellucci said. "They played a different game, a little softer game, and we picked up our energy."

A little more than a minute later, Czarnik put the first dent in Sault Ste. Marie's armor. He stripped the puck from a Greyhound player at the Soo blue line and skated in on netminder Matt Murray.

Czarnik put a deke on Murray before slipping the disc between the goalie's pads.

"Their D' mishandled the puck at the blue line and I just thought I could beat him and took off," said Czarnik, a former University of Michigan player. "Actually, I almost fell right before I got the puck in the net."

"That's why I had one hand on my stick, I was going to go to my backhand and then just (shot) it forehead."

The Whalers cut the lead to 3-2 with 3:29 left in the second when Heard swiped at a rebound on the doorstep and knocked it past Murray.

Key to that goal was a hard-working effort from forward

James Livingston, who held off defenders to keep the puck in the Soo end.

Plymouth knotted the score at 3-3 with 17:17 to play in the third period. Noesen flicked a shot from the right point that Mahalak deftly tipped under the crossbar.

The Greyhounds, however, regained the lead on a short-handed tally by Dominic DeSando, who batted in the rebound of a Catenacci blast.

But Plymouth did not go away after that setback. Noesen one-timed a centering feed from Meurs at 13:45 to make it a 4-4 game.

It looked like overtime would be required to settle things. But then came Rakell's winner that made it a very sweet conclusion for the home team.

Winger Tyler Brown said Rakell's goal could be a nice springboard as the Whalers try to bring a positive run. The team has three road games later this week.

"It's nice to carry on with a little bit of momentum into next weekend," Brown said. "It was a big goal for us and hopefully we have more to come."

Canton rolls at division meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Both Plymouth and Livonia Franklin enjoyed more first-place finishes at Saturday's KLAA South Division swimming & diving meet than Canton.

The Wildcats and Patriots each tallied four firsts, one more than the Chiefs.

But Canton's outstanding depth more than made up for that, as the Chiefs rolled to a first-place finish with 672.50 points — well ahead of runner-up Plymouth (580.50) and third place Franklin (343).

Canton thus finished with the overall KLAA South championship. Both the Chiefs and Wildcats finished as co-champs last season.

"All year, our strength has been in our depth," said Canton head coach Ed Weber. "And here it comes again at the division meet, we were able to win it based off of our depth."

"We had a few of our wins, which is greatly appreciated and very much celebrated. But it's a team effort and we bring it all together, looking at all the girls we have and all the talent that comes with it."

Freshman standout Destinee Barmore-Hicks took two firsts for the Chiefs, in the 50- and 100-free while senior Sara Krebs won the 100 breast-stroke with a time of 1:14.32, nipping John Glenn's Khiry Sparks (1:14.44).

"Destinee's doing a great job, winning both the 50 and 100 and she's winning the races right out of the blocks," said Weber about Barmore-Hicks. "Her streamlined breakout, boom, she takes the lead and no one can make up the ground after that start."

Also participating in the Plymouth-hosted meet (held at Salem) were Livonia Churchill (4th, 302), Westland John Glenn (5th, 270) and Wayne Memorial (6th, 82).

GIRLS SWIMMING

RECORD SETTER

A highlight for Plymouth was the setting of a new school record in the 100 backstroke by sophomore Linda Erickson.

Her personal best time of 1:03.17 was second to Franklin's Kayla Douglas (58.10) but still earned her a spot in the upcoming Division 1 state meet.

Plymouth coach Doug Schade credited the victorious Chiefs for swimming strong in every event.

But he noted that the meet format (all swimmers on the rosters were eligible) benefited Canton because it had 60 or so team members — more than the other squads.

"The way this meet works, it's unlimited entry and they have too much depth, plain and simple," Schade said. "On paper they were about 270 points ahead of us starting out, and I think they beat us by 115. We did everything we could."

Both squads are now looking to have success at the KLAA conference meet hosted by South Lyon East. The Friday-Saturday meet also will include Salem. The Rocks swam last weekend at the KLAA Central division meet.

The Division 1 state meet follows the weekend of Nov. 19-20 at Oakland University.

"This conference that we're in is the fastest one in the state," Schade emphasized. "Novi, Northville, (Livonia) Stevenson, ... Salem's got some fast kids."

"We'll probably finish seventh just because of the way the meet stacks up and everything. We'll see what we can do."

But Schade quickly added that finishing seventh in the KLAA "would probably be good enough to win a lot of conferences."

Salem gives sendoff to Mustangs

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team had the kind of year that they could be proud of, and ended it Monday night fighting every step of the way.

The team just didn't have the points going their way against Salem in the first round of the districts as they bowed in three games, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-8.

"The players fought hard," noted coach Amanda Yaklin. "They passed, served and dug

well."

Leading the way with aces for the team was Michelle Mueller with five aces, while the team was led in serve receive passes by Lauren Colasanti with 12, while Danielle Borthwick collected seven. Jenna Borgstrom had 10 assists in the game, while Rachel Zinkosky had nine. Leading Northville in kills was Taylor Young with six, while Rebecca Martin had five, Mueller had four and Megan Gertley had three. Leading the way in digs was Colasanti with 10, while Borthwick and

Jennifer Buckingham had seven each and Zinkosky had five.

The Rocks (29-8-3), who faced South Lyon Wednesday night in the semifinals, got better as the night progressed.

"Tonight we started off a little shaky, but we pulled through, we picked up the intensity," said Rocks' assistant coach Kelly Jascot. "We were a little flat there in the beginning. Once we picked up our intensity our serve receive got a little bit better."

Jascot is at the helm because Salem head coach Amanda Nies is ineligible

for the state tournament due to not filing paperwork by the deadline imposed by the MHSA.

With Nies not even in the building, the Rocks' excellent senior group led the way.

Middle hitters Nicole Merget (13 kills, 5 blocks, 9 digs), Jillian Sommerville (8 kills), setter Kerry MacDonald (25 assists) and outside hitters Kerstin Johnson (4 aces) and Madeleine Vala (7 digs) all contributed, as did defensive specialist Lauren Aschermann (10 digs).

CANTON

Canton finally took a lead when junior outside hitter Kristen Muir (11 kills, 17 digs) hammered the ball for a sideout point to make it 11-10 Chiefs. Muir then stepped up to the serving stripe and tallied an ace (placing her serve just inside the back line) and upping Canton's lead to 12-10.

"Kristen played really well," Kryska said. "She had the most kills and she played really smart tonight."

But Novi (40-4-1) regained the lead when senior outside hitter Savannah Green went on four-point service run to

put the Wildcats up 18-15.

WAIT A MINUTE

The Wildcats were ahead 24-21 and poised to finish off the victory, but Canton junior setter Lauren Martin had other ideas.

She aced her first serve, on a powerful, knuckling shot that fooled the Novi back court.

Then, Martin served off three more points, with sophomore Erica denBoer (two kills, three blocks, nine digs), junior outside hitter Alaina Turner (six kills, five blocks) and junior Maggie Delacy (seven kills) each accounting for finishing off one of those points.

Martin (10 assists) actually could have served game point, but Novi senior Savannah

Green had the defensive answer with a well-directed tip to keep the game alive.

"I was trying to get a full serve and kind of get it deep and hopefully pump up my team by getting aces," Martin said. "... we were almost there. One point away, but a communication error. But you know what, we played really good tonight, we played our hearts out and that's all you can do."

Novi hung on to the 28-26 win and then led most of the way in the clincher, with a five point service run from freshman Isabelle Delacy (with two key blocks by Rose) making it a 15-10 lead.

To finish off the Chiefs for good, senior setter Laura Subject collected two aces

among a five-point run.

Novi head coach Julie Fissette said she warned her team against complacency after the first-game blowout.

"We knew from watching Canton all season, even though we never got to play them, that wasn't their team," Fissette said. "So we were trying to get ourselves prepared."

"It's kind of hard coming out and winning that big against a team you know is good and still try to keep that fire."

Chipping in with 17 assists for Canton was junior setter Jackie Waite.

Novi advanced to face Plymouth Wednesday night in the district semis.

SALEM

all best friends," Johnson said. "It's like a really big, happy family. It helps a lot and communication is great."

Johnson said it was unfortunate that Nies could not be sitting with them "but Nicole, Kerry and Jillian did a great job and kept us pumped up

and kept our intensity high. They definitely lead us and we all listen, they're great."

NOT A SHOCK

Actually, the team knew for a little while that Nies wouldn't be able to physically be on the sidelines during the tournament.

"She told us when she found out," Merget said. "And so that was really good because we could be mentally prepared for it, and so like it wasn't a shock

when today actually came. She kind of kept reminding us, too."

Aby taking over was assistant coach Kelly Jascot, with help from assistants Chris Caloia, Lindsay DiPonio and Becky Davis.

"She'll be able to coach practices, but she can't be here in the gym and coach games," Jascot said. "Practices are still normal, she's still there. We try and communicate with her best we can during the game."

One of the assistants was furiously texting Nies during the match, which the Rocks won 3-0 thanks to victories of 25-19, 25-21 and 25-8.

No worries, according to Nies in a later e-mail.

"We have prepared the girls in many ways for the tournament," Nies wrote. "I have nothing but confidence in them. They know what to do."

SOCCER

Just 50 seconds later, a Canton defender tried to head a one-bounce ball back to Laabs, but Jabbari took the ball off the bounce and chipped it over Laabs from close range. The ball had too much speed on it and was helped by the wind as it went just behind the crossbar and landed past the goal.

"Chase Jabbari is an outstanding player. Second half, with his speed combined with the wind speed, he got some opportunities," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "Lady luck was on our side today."

Laabs came up with saves time after time in the second half, grabbing balls away from Jabbari and stopping a

point-blank opportunity by Novi sophomore Matt Wilson with 11 minutes remaining.

"We had some good chances," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "It went about the way I expected."

Budlong paced Canton's offense, which got a few quality opportunities on the counterattack. With Novi's defense hanging back, Budlong nearly connected with a 20-yard shot from the left side to the top right corner of the goal midway through the half, but Smith grabbed the ball before it could hook down into the net or Canton junior Nathan Bergeson could redirect it with a header.

With 17:34 remaining, the Wildcats took Smith out of goal and put junior Ricky Stone in net so Smith could get his tall and powerful frame in on Novi's offensive

attack.

"He scores goals, he throws far and he's tall," O'Leary said, noting his changes for the final 20 minutes of play. "If we couldn't get that equalizer, we'd go four forwards and three defenders."

TOP-LEVEL 'D'

Laabs stopped a few more high shots and headers by Novi, while Canton sophomore Scott Piowar nearly put a nail in Novi's coffin with 93 seconds remaining when he received a through ball up the left side and flicked it over a diving Stone at the left corner of the goal box, forcing the ball wide left of the goal as Piowar was injured and had to be helped off the field.

Piowar's attempt was one of eight shots for the Chiefs, four which were on net. Novi had four of nine shots land

on target, as Laabs made all four saves. Smith made two saves and Stone had one for Novi.

"This game was going to be close," Tomasso said. "We defended at a very high level today."

Canton was scheduled to face No. 1 East Kentwood (23-1-1) Wednesday in a state semifinal at Holt, while unranked Sterling Heights Stevenson and No. 9 Grand Blanc were scheduled to face off in Fenton at the same time. The winners battle for the Division 1 state title Saturday at an undetermined time and location.

The Chiefs initially made their way into the state quarterfinal against Novi following a 1-0 victory over No. 11 Ann Arbor Huron (17-3-1).

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Salem fourth at tough KLAA Central meet

Salem placed fourth out of five teams Saturday at the KLAA Central swimming and diving meet at Novi.

But the Rocks, with 353 points, had nothing to be ashamed of since they had to go up against four other outstanding squads. Finishing first with 535.5 points was South Lyon, followed by Northville (507.5) and Novi (484). Bringing up the rear with 303 points was Livonia Stevenson.

Several Salem swimmers made bids, including Emily Nelson (3rd, 100 backstroke,

1:03.30), Lauren Seroka (4th, 200 freestyle, 2:01.76), Julia Suriano (4th, 200 IM, 2:20.70; 4th, 100 free, 57.80) and Maddie Gorman (4th, 500 free, 5:29.58).

Finishing in fifth place for the Rocks were all three relay teams as well as Abby Aumiller (500 freestyle, 5:29.84).

Fifth-place relays were as follows: 200-medley (Nelson, Ashley Micek, Claire Amin, Aumiller), 1:58.59; 200-free (Seroka, Amin, Gorman, Suriano), 1:47.32; 400-free (Aumiller, Suriano, Seroka, Nelson), 3:52.69.

Westland church celebrates anniversary with special service

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland will mark its 75th anniversary with a special service of thanksgiving and hope on Sunday, Nov. 7. The celebration's theme is "Faithful, Faithful, Faithful," three words that members say have defined the church since it was founded on Nov. 10, 1935 in Garden City.

The special service, at 10 a.m., is designed to thank God for blessing the congregation. It will be the only service on Nov. 7.

Many past and current members, including former pastors and teachers, are expected to attend the celebration. The service will include special vocal music. Past choir members may join the current choir in singing familiar anthems. A short rehearsal will be held prior to the service for the "alumni choir."

The event is open to the public. St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 5885 Venoy; (734) 425-0260.



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Age 72 of Manistee, passed away Tuesday morning, November 2, 2010 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born January 31, 1938 in Detroit the daughter of the late Charles and Blanche (Vanderwill) Mendrea. Jean married William Martin Baumgartner on July 20, 1957 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City, MI. Jean was a homemaker who raised 5 children and loved cooking for them and spending time with them. In her spare time, she loved to read. She is survived by her husband William M. Baumgartner; children, Catherine Horning, William Jr. (Donna) Baumgartner, Judith Lockard, Cheryl Lynn Baumgartner, Charles Dwight Baumgartner; 8 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Charles (Karen) Mendrea, Dave (Jeannie) Mendrea; and sister, Carol (Mike) Kuehl. Cremation has taken place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. A memorial service will be held next summer in Garden City. Memorial contributions in Jean's name may be directed to the American Heart Association. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Cremation Center.



PHYLIS JUNE PORTA

Heaven bound: June, 82, of Dearborn Heights, MI, went home to be with the Lord. Born in Altoona, PA to Kenneth and Geraldine McIntire on November 26, 1927. Beloved wife of the late Robert Richard Porta and loving mother of Gerry Wiatr, Richard Porta, Penny (Angelo) Carlisi, Cindy (Conrad) Wald, Tammy Ellis and Tracy (Michael) Wacławski. Grandmother of twelve and great-grandmother of nine. Sister of Kenneth McIntire. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Warren Road Free Methodist Church, Westland, MI. In lieu of flowers please send donations to International Childcare Ministries (childcareministries.org).

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DONNA JUNE MULLINS NEE KEATING

Born in Detroit July 12, 1929, went to God Nov. 1, 2010. Formerly of Westland, lately of South Lyon. Wife of the late Cecil H. Mullins. Mother of Laura Moore (John), Richard Mullins (deceased), & Robert J. Mullins, Sr. (Ann) Grandmother of Sean Wallace, Sr. (Sally), John Moore (Caroline), Melissa Turner (Kevin); Robert, Kelly, Richard, Danny & Matt Mullins. Great Grandmother of Sean, Jr., Valen & William Wallace, Curtis & Cecilia Moore; Connor Mullins & Jayden Morales. At her request, there will be no services.

BARBARA JEAN RIFFLE

Age 67, of Livonia, passed away on October 28, 2010. Loving wife of the late Barry Edward Riffle. Beloved mother of Chris (Pamela) Riffle, Catherine Coker and Elizabeth Riffle. Proud grandmother of Corinne Riffle, Lauren Coker, Savannah Coker and Sydney Coker. Great grandmother of Jordan and Jaden. Dear sister of Judith Borsig and Joyce (Tom) Hollen. A memorial service will be held on Friday 2:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. A memorial gathering will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 4-9pm. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



Alex Fadoir of Redford takes a break from slinging potato sacks in the truck that delivered them to Newburg United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 30 in Livonia. Alex also was in the driver's seat for the food distribution project that brought together volunteers from the Society of St. Andrew and Detroit West District United Methodist Men.

Youth organizes potato project to reach out to the hungry

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Alex Fadoir "flipped out" a little when the tractor-trailer truck carrying 45,000 pounds of potatoes pulled into the parking lot last week at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. "I was afraid I wouldn't have enough volunteers," he said, adding with a laugh, "do you have another semi-truck full of helpers?"

But there was no need for worry. The 12-year-old Redford youth had rounded up approximately 30 volunteers to help unload the vegetables and distribute them to waiting cars, vans and trucks from local hunger programs.

The "Potato Drop" went "surprisingly fast" and everyone involved in the community service project "had a very good time," Alex said.

The Society of Saint Andrew, a grassroots, faith-based hunger relief nonprofit organization, works with churches and volunteers to salvage and distribute vegetables through its Potato and Produce Project. Farmers,

volunteers and donors glean excess produce from farm fields after harvest and deliver it to feeding programs nationwide. Retailers reject the food because of slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content or blemishes. The Society prevents the potatoes from ending up in landfills.

"Billions of dollars are wasted every year because a lot of food that could feed every homeless person is not pretty enough to go in the (supermarket) stand," Alex said, adding that it was his dad, Ronald, who made him aware of the Society's mission.

"He brought home a pamphlet and said, 'hey, this is up your alley. I've heard of picking up dinner scraps because you don't want it to go to waste, but not dumping out an entire field of food.'"

"I didn't know that much food was wasted or I would have done this when I was 6. When I do hear about things like wasted food I act on it."

Alex is part of a youth group at his church that has helped fix houses and rake

yards. He said he enjoys community service and that the potato project that he organized at Newburg United Methodist Church — along with his dad's help — will count toward community service hours for the Junior Honor Society at Pierce Middle School in Redford.

Volunteers came from his church, The Society of Saint Andrew, Detroit West District United Methodist Men, St. James United Methodist Church in Westland, Boy Scout Troop 1539 in Plymouth where he's a member, Cub Scout Pack 743, among others.

Potatoes went to such destinations as Garden City United Methodist Church, Bethel Baptist Food Pantry in Southgate, Wayne Soup Kitchen in Wyandotte and St. Patrick Senior Center and Food Pantry.

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CHAMBER CHAT

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.

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.

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.



Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting was held on Friday, Oct. 29, by Sweet Bikes in Canton to celebrate their grand opening. Sweet Bikes is located at 39904 Ford Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members, Canton Township officials and local residents.

Chamber map

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced plans to produce a new Canton Area Map. This new map will show Canton's growth and showcase the community. The chamber has again contracted with NovoPrint USA, a firm with a national reputation for producing accurate, professional maps.

Officials called the map "a great tool to communicate information about your business to residents, other businesses and visitors." The chamber will distribute these maps in response to inquiries to give directions to specific business or residential locations.

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- This map will be one of the most direct ways to advertise and promote your business, products and services to your fellow Chamber members as well as to others in the Canton Michigan Area and beyond.

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December luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its December Holiday Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration), \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet

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

December's Holiday Luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

December's Holiday Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Huntington Bank and Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Dentist focuses on mercury-free care

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

All About Smiles: All About Smiles is a family dental practice, providing mercury free dental cosmetics, specializing in Implants, Bridges, and full cosmetic

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All About Smiles: Growing up in the community and attending the University of Detroit Mercy, I have seen many cases of poor dental health and wanted to make a difference in dental care.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

All About Smiles: I felt Canton was a growing and young community and could benefit from my care.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

All About Smiles: My office is totally mercury free. Patients are cared for with more than an informal treatment, they are cared for like family!

Observer: How has it change since you opened?

All About Smiles: TV's and headphones in the ceiling of each operatory, updated techniques and materials. The office had a facelift from the previous owner, from ceiling to floor.

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Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

All About Smiles: Like so many other businesses today we have felt a slight decline in our productivity. We are keeping a positive attitude and are experiencing a moderate recovery.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

All About Smiles: Referrals are your best source of advertising.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

All About Smiles: To continue to bring the latest technology in dental care to my patients and to expand my practice.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New practice

Dr. David Szaraz is finding his new practice is all it's 'cracked up' to be.

Szaraz, a Canton resident and former chiropractor, has opened a new family practice in Belleville that he said combines the two medical disciplines.

"I never saw it as picking one field over the other," said Szaraz, who was born in Canada and at one time operated two busy chiropractic practices in Toronto. "I saw it as adding to my scope. It's worked out very well for my patients. It really gives them more options."

Gaining knowledge in both fields meant an extensive educational career for Szaraz. He started his chiropractic education in 1992 and received a degree from the Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Ore. He practiced for three years before he headed back to college to pursue a medical degree, which he earned from the University of Health Sciences in Antigua. He completed his residency at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and opened his Belleville practice in September.

Szaraz holds hospital privileges at Oakwood Annapolis

Hospital in Wayne. He's a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Szaraz's practice is located at 201 3rd Street in Belleville. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 697-9065. For more information about the Oakwood Healthcare System, visit www.oakwood.org.

Business mixer

The Summit on the Park in Canton is the site for the next Just Business 2 Business Mixer.

The mixer, sponsored by Ribar Floral in Plymouth, takes place 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11. It's a chance for business leaders to bring business cards and exchange with fellow business owners in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and the surrounding area.

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Animation festival looks at history of cartoons

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Steve Stanchfield guarantees the audience at Redford Theatre will be surprised when it meets Koko, Droopy, Cubby and other seldom-seen cartoon characters on Nov. 13.

Stanchfield, an animated film collector, Ann Arbor studio owner and cartoon creator and a teacher at College for Creative Studies (CCS) in Detroit, will present a dozen rare classic cartoons, including two silent cartoons, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the theater, located at the northeast corner of Grand River Ave. and Lahser, in Detroit's Old Redford neighborhood. Admission is \$5 and includes free parking.

"Most are fairly rare. I love showing people things they haven't seen. There's one called *Pickled Puss* that I bet hasn't been shown in the theater in 50 years," Stanchfield said.

"Animation Rarities Festival," will include cartoons from the 1920s-50s, all from Stanchfield's private collection, which he started as a teenager.

"There used to be film magazines that were like a flea market of film," he said. "There's always been a collector's market. Those people are more responsible for collecting and preservation more than any one."

Stanchfield also has worked on several projects that compiled classic cartoons into DVD sets. He appears on camera with commentary for a three-DVD set of Popeye the Sailor cartoons. He's currently compiling a set of animated shorts, *Private Snafu*, that were created by Warner Brothers Studios during World War II for the military. The set will be available through Amazon.com next month.

Through his Thunderbean studio in Ann Arbor, he has worked as an animator on films for clients, including portions of the *Ambiguously Gay Duo* series of cartoon shorts for *Saturday Night Live*.

CARTOON MAGIC

"The great thing about animation is that I get to work with great people. I think I've been fortunate

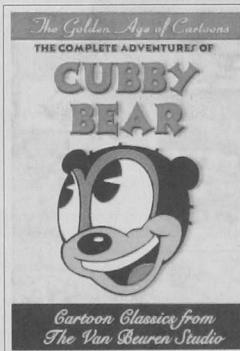
because I've been able to run a little thing out here in Michigan and I've been able to find CCS and help new animators. I enjoy working in animation and watching the old films. There is a sort of magic to it."

Stanchfield said early 20th century animated short films evolved from comic strips published in newspapers. The cartoons were designed like three- or four-panel comic strips, without much thought given to personality, character and individual movement.

"If you look at the early Popeye or Betty Boop, they all move almost the same. The Golden Age of cartoons starts with Felix the Cat because of the animator's ability to put

personality into the character," he said. "Disney expands that further with *Three Little Pigs* and *Snow White*."

Cartoons initially were shown in movie theaters, along with travel film shorts and a feature film. They often reflected the realities of life in the time and place were produced. During the Great Depression, for example, fine artists and illustrators in New York found jobs in cartoon studios. Stanchfield said many of the cartoons that came out of the city during that era were "urban nightmares," showing the gritty, dirty streets of the city. By contrast, cartoons that came from California-based studios were drawn by animators who originally worked with Disney in Kansas City, Mo. Their animated shorts often were set on the Mississippi River, where farms and barnyards populated the scenery.



Cubby Bear was one of many Mickey Mouse look-alikes featured in cartoons of the early 1930s.

REFLECTING THE TIMES

Cubby Bear, which Stanchfield will screen at the Redford Theatre, focuses on a house repossession in the early 1930s. In

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Felix the Cat stars in a silent cartoon Nov. 13, at the Redford Theatre.

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Koko the Clown interacts with cartoon and live-action toys in a 1925 silent film that will be screened Nov. 13, along with 11 other animated shorts at the Redford Theatre.

FESTIVAL

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the cartoon, Cubby, a Mickey Mouse look-alike, calls in barking dogs to save the day, take back his girlfriend's repossessed house and offer a "strange idea of justice."

"The dogs beat the hell out of the landlord, take over the house and strip his skin off" which is worn as a fur coat, Stanchfield said.

"Through 1933 cartoons had a rubbery, anything can happen loose feel. Then two things in 1934 changed that forever. Disney made cartoons with more character" and the Legion of Decency Production

Code also was created.

When television emerged in the early 1950s, cartoons began to disappear from movie screens, eventually making their way into homes by the early 1960s.

Stanchfield said better writing by "new blood" in the animation field emerged in the 1980s with such cartoons as *The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse* and *The Simpsons*.

"The challenge to the next generation is to make better stuff, like Pixar did, like the classic animators at Disney did."

For more information about the Redford Theatre, e-mail to Janice McNiel at GoodTimes@RedfordTheatre.com.



Daisy and Daffy Duck tell a wacky swashbuckling tale in the "Scarlet Pumpernickel."

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Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings," with works by Schoolcraft College Art Faculty, Robert Bielat, Sarah Olson and Ellen Moucoulis

Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Nov. 16

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings and prints by Munazza Naeem, an instructor at the Windsor, Ontario Printmaker's Forum, where she teaches drawing, painting, and printmaking, are on exhibit

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Downtown Milford

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6

Location: Downtown Milford's art galleries and studios, including The Joyce Cantalini Studio, Janice Dumas, Heiner Hertling, Pam O'Neil, Blackberry Mountain, Aubergine Studio, Main Street Art, and Wind River Gallery

Details: Finding Mona: Gallery and Studio Tour, sponsored by the Milford Downtown Development Authority and Huron Valley Council for the Arts. Music and artist demonstrations, including spinning, knitting and portraiture, are featured at selected galleries and studios. Guests will have the chance to meet many of the artists whose work is displayed. Buy tickets at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland and Main Street Art, 432 N. Main, in Milford. Tour maps will be available at both ticket sites

Contact: (248) 889-8660 for Huron Valley Council for the Arts or (248) 684-1004 for Main Street Art

First Friday Art Walk

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Nov. 5

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: Participants will enjoy a night filled with art exhibits, art demonstrations and related events. Many of the businesses along the walk offer complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or shop

Contact: www.downtownnorthville.org

Northville Art House

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, reception and market kickoff. Market continues through Dec. 3

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: 6th Annual Northville Holiday Art market with hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting for sale by local artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

The Gallery@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 29; artist reception, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Acrylic works by Brian Zupanick

Contact: (734) 394-5300

GET OUT



"Stroll in Central Park" is among the acrylic paintings by Brian Zpanick on display through Nov. 29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton.



Hand-painted ornaments by Donna Weber will be available at Northville Art House's annual Holiday Art Market Nov. 5-Dec. 11. The market features works by more than two dozen artists.

CANCELED

Blue Steel Jazz Band

Time/Date: Originally scheduled for Nov. 8

Location: Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth

Details: Will be rescheduled in spring 2011

Contact: Ellen Elliott at friendsofthehen@aol.com; (734) 453-0870

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Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic, 8 p.m.

Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Willie Barcena, through Nov. 6; Phil Palisaul, Nov. 10-13; Daniel Dugar, Nov. 17-20; Chrissy Burns, Nov. 24-27

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Dave Attell, Nov. 4-6; Mike Lukas, Nov. 11-13; Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; Dave Landau, Nov. 26-27; Paul Mecurio, Dec. 2-4; O'Brien & Valdez, Dec. 9-11; David Dyer, Dec. 16-18; Dan Grueter, Dec. 30-31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Jake Shimabukuro, Nov. 4; Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, Nov. 5; De Temps Antan, Dec. 6; Railroad Earth, Dec. 7; The Autumn Defense, Nov. 8; Will Kimbrough, Nov. 9; open mic night, Nov. 10; Mindy Smith, Nov. 11; Enter the Haggis, Nov. 12; Frog Island Festival Revival - Ark 14th Annual Fall Fund-raiser, Nov. 13; The Flatlanders, Nov. 14; Melissa Manchester, Nov. 16; Danielle Ate The Sandwich, Nov. 17; Graham Colton, Nov. 18; The RFD Boys, Nov. 19; Gandalf Murphy & The Siamobian Circus of Dreams, Nov. 20; Shawn Colvin, Nov. 21; To Katzman, Nov. 23; Matt Watroba, Nov. 26; Mr. B presents Steve Nardella Band Reunion featuring George Bedard, Nov. 27; Gemini, Nov. 28; The Belleville Outfit, Nov. 28; Matt White, Nov. 30; JJ Grey & Mofro, Dec. 1; Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, Dec. 2; Orpheum Bell, Dec. 3; The Gibson Brothers, Dec. 4; Over the Rhine, Dec. 5; John Berry, Dec. 6; Lee Murdock; No. 7; Greensky Bluegrass, Dec. 8; 9th Annual Concert for Peace, Dec. 9; Lucy Kaplansky, Dec. 10; The Electric Guitar Summit, Dec. 11; Cairn to Cairn, Dec. 12; Decembersongs, Dec. 14; Delbert McClintock, Dec. 15; Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, Dec. 16; Crossroads Cell, Dec. 17-18; Riders in the Sky, Dec. 19; Fred Eaglesmith, Dec. 31

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The program will start at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students.

Anastasia, born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, studies with award-winning piano teacher Maia Spis, who has a master's in music education from Ukraine and currently teaches at the Nadia Music Academy in Toronto.

Anastasia first began playing piano at age 5. During the past five years she has earned first place awards in more than 10 Canadian music competitions, such as the Markham, Yips, NYCO, Peel, Davenport

Music Festivals, the Toronto Music Competition, the Kiwanis Provincial Music Festival and The Canadian Music Competition.

She also has won and performed at many international music competitions and events. Anastasia has given numerous solo-concerts in major U.S. cities, including Detroit, Chicago, Ill., New York, N.Y. and Washington, D.C.

She will perform Chopin's Piano Concert No. 2 with the orchestra. The program also will feature Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1* written in his early years. "Sundaes on Sunday" will follow the concert. Admission is \$3 with proceeds benefitting the Salvation Army.

For tickets and information, call the Plymouth Symphony at (734) 451-2112 or visit www.plymouthsymphony.com.



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Recital series offers piano, strings performances

Schoolcraft College's Friday Evening Recital Series will present pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi in concert on Nov. 19.

All recitals begin at 8 p.m., in the VisiTech Center Presentation Room, followed by a reception. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Born and raised in Italy, Antonio Pompa-Baldi won first prize at the Cleveland International Piano Competition in 1999 and a silver medal at the 2001 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, where he also received the award for "Best Performance of a New Work."

A professor of piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Pompa-Baldi has

toured extensively on four continents, performing in major concert venues.

He'll play *Impromptu Op. 142, No. 3* by Schubert, *Fantasia Stucke Op. 12* by Schumann, *Suite Bergamasque* by Debussy and *Sonata No. 2, Op. 36* by Rachmaninoff.

Admission is \$20 general seating and \$10 for students. Season tickets are \$70.

Ticket information is online at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or call (734) 462-4403.

Other performers for the series include Yehonatan Berick on violin and Pauline Martin on piano, Feb. 25, 2011; Panayis Lyras on piano, April 1, 2011; and Suren Bagratuni on cello, May 6, 2011.

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Hosting a fabulous party doesn't have to include all of the typical calorie-laden, unhealthy food and drink options. These days, it's easier than ever to create great tasting dishes that also bring good nutrition to the party and your guests.

Here are some appetizing ideas to get you started:

- **A cheese platter** — Offer a wide variety of cheese slices and chunks available for nibbling. They're flavorful and filling, so a little goes a long way.

- **Fresh fruit** — A gorgeous selection of colorful fruit will help satisfy sweet cravings without all the calories.

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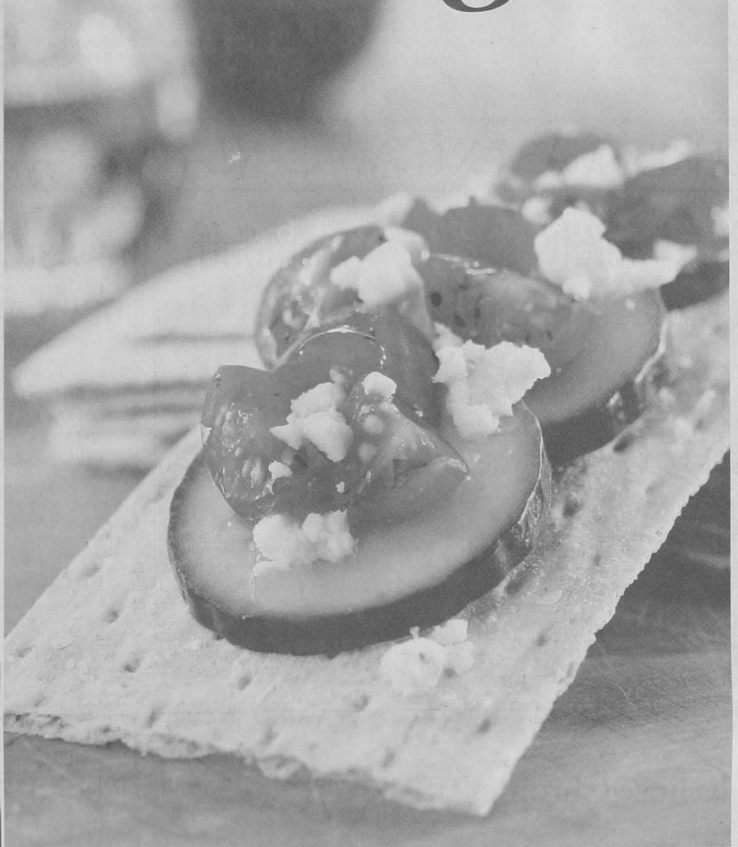
- **Caprese salad** — This Italian delight made of sliced low-fat mozzarella cheese, sliced tomatoes and fresh basil, drizzled with a little olive oil, will satisfy your guests as they enjoy this delicious snack that's also good for them.

- **Spiced nuts** — Nuts have good fats, protein, vitamins and minerals. Set out bowls of roasted nuts flavored with chili and lime, wasabi, garlic or — as a sweet surprise — cocoa.

- **Create your own original dips and spreads** — like a delicious avocado spread or a flavored, low-fat cream cheese dip — to serve alongside whole grain flatbreads.

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Salt, to taste
Black pepper, to taste
1 cucumber, thinly sliced

Crumble feta cheese into small pieces.

Combine tomato and feta cheese with parsley, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Top each flatbread with cucumber slices. Place tomato and feta mixture over the top of the cucumber slices.

FLATBREAD WITH TOMATO SALSA

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1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon cilantro, chopped
Salt, to taste
Black pepper, to taste

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Bacco Ristorante is open Monday-Saturday for lunch and dinner. It's located at 29410 Northwestern Highway; (248) 647-1289.

Veterans meals

Westland — Veterans and current military members and their families can eat for free on Veteran's Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, at Texas Roadhouse. All veterans or active military members who wear their uniforms or show military identification will be honored guests from noon to 10 p.m. at the restaurant, 36750 Ford Road; (734) 729-4570.

Wine and dinner

Farmington Hills — Chef Anne-Marie will prepare a Wine Harvest Dinner and demonstrate how to pair wines with food, Nov. 19 at the Longacre House, located on Farmington Road south of 11 Mile. "The Longacre House Cooking Show" will run 6:30-8:30 p.m. and include Chef Anne-Marie's three-course meal, along with wine sampling. Cost is \$30; (248) 473-1800.

CITY BITES

Dinner is a time to reconnect, instill values, enjoy each other

Do frequent family dinners make a difference?
Paul and Doreen Sharp of Plymouth, Allison Pascalo of Canton and Lois Saxe of Farmington Hills say they do.

They submitted photos of themselves with their families around the dinner table, along with essays explaining the importance of meal time together for the *Observer & Eccentric's* family dinner contest.

The Sharps and Saxe have won gift certificates from Kroger. Allison, 12, earned tickets to the Imagine Theatre, a signed copy of *Let's Fix Dinner* by

award-winning author and illustrator Todd Parr and coupons for free Buddy's pizza.

More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. Statistics show that eating

dinner together every night keeps the doors of communication open.

The Center launched a national movement, "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children," to remind parents that frequent family dinners make a difference.

Read what the Sharps, Saxe and Allison say about the experience in their winning essays.



Members of the extended Saxe family of Farmington Hills eat dinner together on a cruise. They are Ann Calvo (left) with Isabela Calvo, Megan Saxe, and Ken Saxe. Louis Saxe is on the right side of the table in the background, seated next to Matt Saxe, Dorothy Saxe and Isabelle Hanrahan.



Allison Pascalo (center) with her mother, Denise, older sister, Sara, 14, and her dad, Lawrence.



Members of the Sharp family, Marlo, 13, (left), Doreen and her husband Paul, and son, Russell, 14 at dinner.

PHOTO BY NATALIE SHARP, 16

Canton family enjoys reconnecting at dinner

Having family dinners are a time when we can reunite and express on how our day went.

Our discussions usually revolve around school, work and important events. Even if it's chatting about pointless things, eating together is a time when we can take a breather and be with the ones we love the most.

Family dinners are important to us because it gives us a chance to discuss our disagreements and find ways to fix them.

Since my older sister and my mom are very busy, we believe that family dinners are a way to reconnect and be together again.

Allison Pascalo, age 12, Canton

Plymouth family stays in touch through dinner

Even before my husband and I had our first child we knew we wanted to have dinner together as a family.


We both grew up eating dinner as a family and it just seemed natural that we would do the same.

My husband works from home. This has made it easier to have our dinner about 5 p.m. each night. We now have three teens and life is hectic, but we make dinner a priority and squeeze it in. Our family dinners were a new experience for many of the foster children we took in. I think most of them enjoyed it very much.

Eating together is our way of staying in touch finding and finding out what is going on at school and in lives of our kids. The sharing, laughter and jokes are far more important than the food. We wouldn't change a thing about our family dinners.

Paul and Doreen Sharpe of Plymouth

Lois Saxe of Farmington Hills



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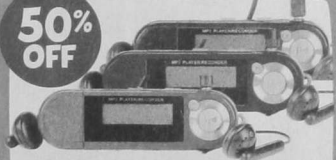
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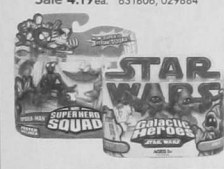
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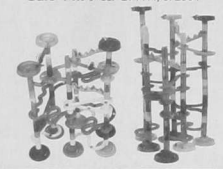
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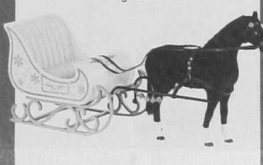
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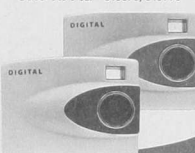
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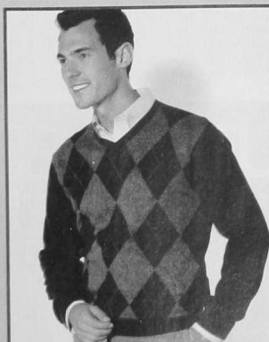
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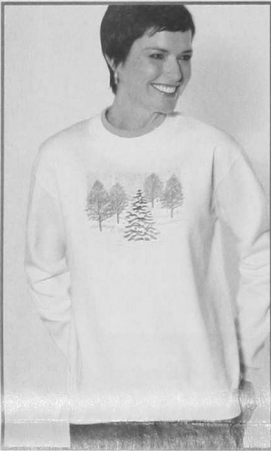
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8879 Woodbine	\$62,000
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510 Henley St	\$575,000
1961 Henrietta St	\$114,000
1760 Taunton Rd	\$173,000
1515 Yosemite Blvd	\$125,000
Bloomfield Township	
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4072 Antique Ln	\$312,000

Commerce Township	
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4481 Commore Ct	\$438,000
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6123 Indianwood Trl	\$1185,000
1983 Kingsinghsm Rd	\$40,000
1235 Lenox Rd	\$145,000
4425 Marquis Ln	\$240,000
6680 Oakhills Dr	\$1,200,000
156 Overhill Rd	\$368,000
801 W Long Lake Rd	\$29,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$50,000
581 Yorkton Ln	\$200,000
Farmington	
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27065 Marshall St	\$115,000
18420 Onyx St	\$85,000
28430 Ranchwood Dr	\$41,000
28110 Tavistock Trl	\$149,000
White Lake	
450 Coledale Dr	\$240,000
8989 Glasgow Dr	\$125,000
2365 Porch Island	\$136,000
9005 Sussex St	\$76,000

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Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Rd, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

Industry kudos

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its Leadership and TOBY Awards Program on Oct. 22 at The Greektown Casino Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

The Awards Program recognizes outstanding leaders and properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The Outstanding Building of the Year Awards, recognizes excellence in office building ownership and management and is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry.

David A. Mott, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, said, "We recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts... the commitment

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With over 250 people in attendance, Brian R. Salliotte, RPA of Dietz Property Group was named Property Manager of the Year; James P. Desautels of CB Richard Ellis, Facility Manager of the Year; Kitch Attorneys & Counselors, Service Provider of the Year; Joanne J. Sisson of Palmer Commercial Services, Supplier Member of the Year; CB Richard Ellis, Corporate Member of the Year; Daniel O. Fitzgerald of Sterling Cleaning Service Inc., Outsourcing Service Award; and Paul S. Magy, of Kupelian, Ormond & Magy, P.C., the President's Award.

Riverside Center in Southfield, Sheffield Office Park in Troy, and One Detroit Center in Detroit all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Outstanding Buildings of the Year. The Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit took top honors in the Historical Building category; the Trico Technology Center in Rochester Hills was first in the Corporate Building class;

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Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Office Building Show in Washington, D.C., in June 2011.

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10150 Nathalie	\$67,000
49171 Semmler	\$60,000
17248 Summit	\$45,000
8879 Woodbine	\$62,000
Redford	
34125 Wooddale St	\$169,000
31422 Conway Dr	\$70,000
3501 Fairchild St	\$64,000
32401 Freeman St	\$17,000
35451 Gurn St	\$20,000
32460 Grandview Ave	\$105,000
7358 Iroquois St	\$102,000
32889 Lone Pine Dr	\$70,000
5890 W. Newburgh Rd	\$32,000
6254 White Oak	\$93,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 19-23, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
18150 Kinross Ave	\$185,000
3123 D2 Stage Rd	\$227,000
Birmingham	
692 Benaville Ave	\$450,000
2305 Buckingham Ave	\$240,000
896 Hazel St	\$235,000
510 Henley St	\$575,000
1961 Henrietta St	\$114,000
1760 Taunton Rd	\$173,000
1745 Yosemite Blvd	\$125,000
Bloomfield Township	
1795 Alexander Dr	\$338,000
4072 Antique Ln	\$312,000

Commerce Township	
2202 Applebrook Dr	\$296,000
1728 Carriage Hl	\$280,000
1161 Cheshire Ln	\$235,000
4592 Racewood Dr	\$325,000
3269 Twinnell St	\$110,000
Farmington	
34220 Cortland Ave	\$113,000
31831 Grand River Ave	\$17,000
33195 Meadowlark St	\$120,000
Farmington Hills	
2210 Colonial Park Ct	\$197,000
4401 Commons Ct	\$438,000
6315 E Surrey Rd	\$240,000
6123 Indianwood Trl	\$1185,000
1983 Kingensmith Rd	\$40,000
1235 Lenoir Rd	\$145,000
4425 Marquis Ln	\$240,000
6680 Oakhills Dr	\$1,200,000
156 Overhill Rd	\$368,000
801 W Long Lake Rd	\$29,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$50,000
581 Yorkton Ln	\$200,000

Franklin	
25742 Branchwater Rd	\$170,000
21966 Flanders St	\$89,000
28136 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$248,000
27062 Hampstead Blvd	\$380,000
34015 Hunters Row	\$125,000
22381 Middlebelt Rd	\$230,000
29991 Southbrook St	\$126,000
30028 W 12 Mile Rd	\$28,000
33297 Walnut Ln	\$245,000
29756 White Hall Dr	\$240,000
Lathrup Village	
24670 S Cromwell Dr	\$137,000
Milford	
28708 Blackstone Dr	\$135,000
405 E Commerce St	\$339,000
2855 E Commerce St	\$100,000
320 Highland Ave	\$120,000
3872 S Shoreline Dr	\$590,000
Novi	
22670 Autumn Park Blvd	\$495,000
28296 Carlton Way Dr	\$125,000
47647 Cheltenham Dr	\$575,000

South Lyon	
27943 Hopkins Dr	\$123,000
22557 Moorpark St	\$310,000
28006 Pica	\$193,000
28010 Pica	\$157,000
1404 Paramount St	\$160,000
46804 Peabody Ln	\$315,000
25564 Portico Ln	\$103,000
Southfield	
25626 Coach Ln	\$70,000
White Lake	
21740 Concord	\$92,000
20980 Dartmouth Dr	\$126,000
27045 Marshall St	\$115,000
18420 Onyx St	\$85,000
28400 Ranchwood Dr	\$41,000
28110 Tavistock Trl	\$149,000
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8989 Glasgow Dr	\$125,000
21605 Birch Island	\$36,000
9005 Susses St	\$76,000

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Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Rd, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laello@kw.com.

Industry kudos

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its Leadership and TOBY Awards Program on Oct. 22 at The Greektown Casino Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

The Awards Program recognizes outstanding leaders and properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The Outstanding Building of the Year Awards, recognizes excellence in office building ownership and management and is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry.

David A. Mott, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, said, "We recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts... the commitment

that validates the integrity of what we do every day, the difference we make to our professions, our tenants, our customers, our communities."

With over 250 people in attendance, Brian R. Salliotte, RPA of Dietz Property Group was named Property Manager of the Year; James P. Desautels of CB Richard Ellis, Facility Manager of the Year; Kitch Attorneys & Counselors, Service Provider of the Year; Joanne J. Sisson of Palmer Commercial Services, Supplier Member of the Year; CB Richard Ellis, Corporate Member of the Year; Daniel O. Fitzgerald of Sterling Cleaning Service Inc., Outstanding Service Award; and Paul S. Magy, of Kupelian, Ormond & Magy, P.C., the President's Award.

Riverside Center in Southfield, Sheffield Office Park in Troy, and One Detroit Center in Detroit all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Outstanding Buildings of the Year. The Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit took top honors in the Historical Building category; the Trico Technology Center in Rochester Hills was first in the Corporate Building class;

Bingham Office Park in Bingham Farms for the Suburban Office Low-Rise category; and 50 W. Big Beaver in Bloomfield Hills took the top award in the Medical Office Building category.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Office Building Show in Washington, D.C., in June 2011.

For information on the 2010-11 TOBY and Leadership Awards, contact Janet Langlois or visit www.bomadetroit.com.

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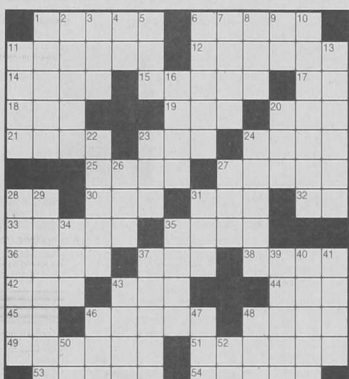
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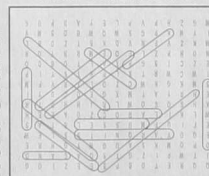
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