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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets in a special session Monday, Sept. 24, to begin the process of finding a new, permanent superintendent.

Board members will meet at 5 p.m. in the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, to interview firms interested in helping the district with the search for a replacement for Dr. Jeremy Hughes, whose contract expires at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Hughes signed on to lead the interim superintendent, then agreed halfway through last year to stay on one additional school year.

Board members hope to have a new superintendent in place by the spring of 2013.

Culinary delight

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Fill out the short form and you are entered in the contest. The prize winner will be selected in a random drawing from among all eligible entries Oct. 10.

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Money talked in Canton primary

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

As a vulnerable, appointed incumbent whose name had never appeared on the ballot, Canton Township Trustee Greg Demopoulos knew he had to spend heavily to boost his campaign and survive a six-way race for four Republican slots in the August primary.

Demopoulos plunked down \$13,620 for political signs, literature and advertising — the most spent by any part-time trustee candidate. An analysis of post-primary campaign finance reports shows he used all but \$660 of the \$14,280 he raised, which included \$2,450 of his own money.

"Spending that kind of money (on a township board race) is outrageous," Demopoulos said. "In my case I think it was necessary. I had to spend it, or I might not have won."

A four-year term for part-time trustee pays \$12,000 a year, but voluntary concessions have scaled the amount back to \$11,400.

Though Demopoulos was long active in numerous organizations such as the Canton Soccer Club and Planning Commission, one early primary poll showed him — and indeed, elected incumbents John Anthony and Pat Williams — trailing challeng-

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PRIMARY SPENDING		
	Raised	Spent
Republicans winners:		
John Anthony	\$11,050	\$7,978
Greg Demopoulos	\$14,280	\$13,620
Pat Williams	\$18,745	\$11,367
Tom Yack	\$8,824	\$3,846
Other GOP candidates:		
Joseph Cafarelli	\$3,477	\$2,985
Deborah Whyman	\$1,850	\$1,850
Democrat (nominated in primary)		
Steven Sniedeman	\$3,111	\$1,683

Source: Wayne County Clerk's Office



Lenny Garmo, who manages Maria's Marketplace, says customers are still getting to his store despite road construction.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Cherry Hill work adds to construction woes

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton residents, mail carriers and business owners are bemoaning the closing of the Cherry Hill Road overpass across I-275 as this bustling community continues to find alternate routes amid a busy road construction season.

The latest orange-barrel headache is expected to last through late October. Meanwhile, Canton motorists continue to face partial I-275 ramp closings at Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, along with the shutdown of the Warren Road overpass.

The projects, along with the newly reopened Palmer Road overpass, come as the Michigan Department of Transportation continues this construction season to complete a flurry of bridge and road repairs along the I-275 corridor.

Motorists concede the repairs will lead to better roads, but that hasn't eased the short-term pain.

Johnnie Pettway, who lives on Canton's west side, already



A resident of the Cherry Hill and Haggerty Road area walks along Cherry Hill without worrying about traffic.

had a long commute along Cherry Hill on her way to care for her sister in Detroit.

"It's very hard to get around," she said Thursday. "My commute has become longer and more expensive due to gas prices. Now I have to go out of my way."

Pettway has resorted to taking Cherry Hill to Haggerty and then driving north to Ford Road, where partial ramp closings have hampered traffic.

Mathai Mamachan, a Canton resident and mail carrier, talked about traffic problems Thursday as he made his delivery in the Wyndchase Townhomes at Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

Rather than using the Cherry Hill overpass to cross I-275 for another leg of his route, Mamachan said he has to drive south on Haggerty to Palmer,

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Ex-teacher sentenced in sex case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

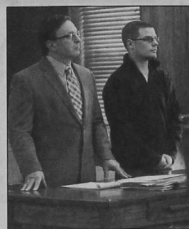
Canton sex offender Brandon Tomblin, a former Wayne Memorial High School teacher sentenced Friday to four to 20 years in prison for having sex with teenage male students, apologized in court to the victims, their families, the Wayne-Westland school district and his friends and relatives, especially his parents "who taught me to do better."

Tomblin, 27, wore a yellow jail uniform as his family watched him face sentencing Friday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton after he earlier pleaded guilty to multiple criminal charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, fourth-degree CSC, child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime and distributing sexually explicit material to children.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Surma told Braxton the students didn't know Tomblin had HIV.

A former vocal music teacher, Tomblin stood in Braxton's third-floor courtroom and said he hopes his wrongdoing can serve as an example to students "what not to

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FILE PHOTO

Ex-Wayne Memorial High School teacher Brandon Tomblin, seen with his attorney Robert Mullen, was sentenced to four to 20 years in prison for having sex with teenage male students.

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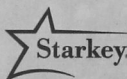
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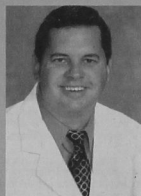
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COLBECK TIME

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 6-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, hosts an office hour in Plymouth. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. This will be an opportunity for local residents to meet with Colbeck to address issues related to state government. No appointment is necessary.

Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call (734) 335-0673.

HEISE COFFEE

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 21, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS OF MILLER WOODS

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sep. 26, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: In our corner of Wayne County there is a remnant of a forest landscape that once greeted pioneers to this area in the early 1800s. This gem is a designated nature preserve and the objective of the Friends of Miller Woods is to protect and preserve it for future generations. The Friends extend an invitation to anyone interested in learning more about Miller Woods, including volunteer opportunities. Individuals or groups who want to become involved in big or small ways are encouraged to come to this meeting.

Contact: Call Joyce Holmes (734) 453-8457 or visit www.millerwoods.com.

DIESEL RETIREES

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.
Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m., and brief business meeting with discussion on any topic of current interest to the attending guests. Cost to attend the lunch is \$25.

Contact: For information on the luncheon and pre-registration you can contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at (734) 455-2668, e-mail jrpavol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, (313) 863-8850, e-mail leidlejml@aol.com.

HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Date/Time: Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Connection Church in Canton

Details: Connection Church in Canton hosts a Holiday Art Fair. If you have a craft and are interested in renting a table (\$35 & \$25).

Contact: For more information please email katy@cholidayartfair@gmail.com.

DIPLACIDO EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through Sept. 25, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will showcase the works of artist Amy DiPlacido, including more than 20 works of art that explore experimental approaches in the presentation of contemporary art. DiPlacido's works explore language and perception through non-traditional fiber techniques and have also been exhibited internationally. DiPlacido finds humor in phrases that reveal man's compulsion to compartmentalize monotony. Her drawings heighten this irrationality and also pay tribute to her artistic training in fiber art.

Contact: For additional information about Amy DiPlacido's works, please visit www.amydiplacido.com.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth

Details: The American Sewing Guild-Plymouth-Canton Neighborhood Group is open to all sewists of all levels. Demonstrations at upcoming meetings include "Soft Baby Grab Ball: Sept. 6; "Sewn Yarn Scarf" Oct. 1; and "Purse/tote challenge judging and holiday gift ideas" Nov. 1.

Contact: For more information, email asgc@comcast.net

GENEALOGICAL MEETING

Date/Time: Monday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting. The program will be WWCS President, Stephanie Smith, explaining the process of navigating the Society's website. She will also include an explanation of how members can include their own personal information, such as surnames. The main speaker, following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting will be Byron Bailey presenting "The Forgotten War - the War of 1812." The meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome.

Contact: For further information, visit our website @ www.rootswest.com/~miwvcs/

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District struggles with bus issues

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Five times in the first week of school, substitute drivers had to be used on the bus routes serving Melissa Uhl's Taber Elementary neighborhood.

Several times, the buses were late getting to the bus stops. Other times, they were late dropping children off. On at least one occasion, the Plymouth mother told the Board of Education, a child was dropped off at the wrong stop.

Uhl, the mother of three, including a brand-new kindergartner she said was so excited to finally be able to ride the bus he couldn't sleep the night before, detailed observations such as drivers consulting maps, "careening" off of pavement onto the dirt, and even, she said, hitting street signs.

"While we understand there are circumstances beyond someone's control, most of these issues could have been eliminated quickly had there been a proactive plan in place," said Uhl, herself a graduate of the district. "For those families that have been affected, we've requested the board communicate to the community ... to identify corrective measures, and an apology to students and parents who've been inconvenienced."

While both Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent, and Phil Freeman, the assistant superintendent for



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators have had a difficult time keeping enough drivers on hand to handle some 125 bus routes a day throughout the district.

facilities and operations, offered Uhl the apology she sought, Freeman did point out there are ongoing problems with transportation that couldn't have been anticipated.

Losing drivers

The district, which before the 2011-12 school year privatized its bus drivers and contracted with Michigan Educational Transportation System to provide transportation, lost an estimated 25 percent of its drivers over the summer, including several drivers in the days leading up to the beginning of school.

Freeman said the district started the year with six substitute drivers, "which would have left us in good stead," he said. The problem, he explained, is drivers are leaving METS for better-paying jobs.

METS pays drivers about \$16.25 per hour, but with a lesser health care plan and no pension. Freeman pointed out, because Plymouth-Canton bus drivers move some 10,000

students more than 1.7 million miles every year.

"The problem we're having is as the economy continues to get better the opportunities for drivers start opening up," Freeman said. "This past week we lost three drivers to other companies who pay more than METS is paying, have better benefits and are offering retirement to their drivers. It's the market."

METS officials did not return a call seeking comment.

Freeman said the district is hiring new drivers, but the training process takes a little time.

"We are really struggling to get people in, to get them trained, and get them on the road," Freeman said. "We don't want to do that in a hurry. We want to make sure we've got qualified and safe drivers on the road."

Other issues, Freeman said, are "typical start-of-the-year" issues, including having new drivers learning new routes, drivers who started the year with medical problems and construction projects, particularly around Haggerty and the I-275 area, which have slowed things down.

"We are getting people on the road later than we'd like to have without the practice that we'd like for them to have," Freeman acknowledged.

"We've been working with METS all summer to address these issues."

Pushing METS

Trustee Mark Horvath, who was not on the

board when the decision was made to privatize bus drivers, said the "typical start-of-the-year stuff" argument shouldn't fly.

"Busing to me is a huge part of what we do, a huge part of our competitive advantage," Horvath said. "Personally, I don't want to hear 'This is a part of doing business.' Our customers don't like it, we shouldn't like it, we should never say 'it's the beginning of the school year.' We have a beginning of the school year every year. We've got to get it right."

Freeman said he believes the district will "get it right," and has been pushing METS to get qualified drivers in tow.

"We have been pressing METS throughout the summer to make sure their hiring was aggressive, that their training was as aggressive as it possibly could be," Freeman said. "The (driver) turnover issue is something that's very hard to control. We are paying a wage that isn't as competitive as it should be. It's very difficult for us in this market to maintain our drivers."

"This isn't just a Plymouth-Canton issue, it's also an issue throughout the county," Freeman added. "Do we press METS every day? Yes. We're asking for daily reports, not only about where they stand with their hiring and training, but we also ask them what steps they are taking to make sure we are not leaving routes uncovered."

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District sets record in National Merit race

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With three high schools making up the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the number of students achieving academic success such as becoming a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist has always been high, usually more than a dozen.

But this year's list was enough to set a record, as 28 P-CEP students were named semifinalists for the 2013 scholarship program.

District officials said that number sets a record, and attributed it to teachers and students and their families.

"We have great teachers, and they deserve a lot of credit for this," said Erin MacGregor, the district's director of secondary education. "We also have great kids, who have great families who are willing to put the work in to achieve this kind of academic success."

District officials said the district has seen averages of 12-20 students per class in recent years. The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors as semifinalists.

These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for more than 8,300 Merit Scholarship awards to be offered

next spring. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2011 PSAT/NMSQT. Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist, displaying very high academic performance in college prep course work, SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, detailed scholarship information about extracurricular activities and leadership positions, self-descriptive essays and full endorsement of the high school principal. The semifinalists include:

- From Canton High School — Bryant Chen, Shannon Guo, Paul Lou, Robert Morgan, Souvik Roy, Angela Sun, Durga Tata and Rachel Xiang.
- From Plymouth High School — Nihal Anishetty, Shirley Chen, Shelby L. Crosier, Mengdan Dai, Lindsey M. Gryniwicz, Calgary M. Haines-Trautman and Lara Stojanovic.
- From Salem High School — Madeline Buchel, Katherine Chen, Abigail Collingwood, Natasha Consul, Annie Fu, Eric Gaskell, Michael Karizat, Kevin Lu, Grant McKinney, Eleanor Pence, Andrea Ringer, Shaonan Shen and Jason Zhang.

MacGregor said additions to an already-solid curriculum help the students achieve the success.

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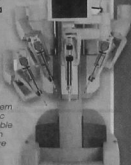
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er Deborah Whyman, a former state legislator who was the only woman seeking a part-time trustee seat.

Big spenders

When the primary vote tallies came in, however, Demopoulos placed fourth among four winning GOP nominees behind top-getter and former Supervisor Tom Yack, second-place finisher Anthony and third-ranked Williams.

Williams emerged as the second biggest spender in the primary after shelling out \$11,367 of the \$18,745 he raised, along with a \$338 in-kind contribution that pushed his campaign revenues to \$19,083 — the highest in the race.

Campaign finance reports show that Whyman and last-place Republican vote-getter Joseph Cafarelli trailed the four GOP winners not only in votes, but also in spending. Post-primary figures indicate Whyman spent \$1,850, though she had other in-kind — or non-cash — contributions. Cafarelli raised \$3,477, most of it his money, and spent \$2,985.

Williams, who still had \$7,716 in his post-primary campaign coffers, admits he spent more than he had expected in the Aug. 7 primary because of the perceived threat from Whyman's candidacy.

"With Debbie Whyman in the race, I spent more in the primary than I would have preferred," Williams said. "I believe it was necessary. Based on early polling, she was going to knock one of the incumbents out of the box. We felt we had a great team, and we didn't want that to unravel."

To that end, Demopoulos, Williams, Anthony and Yack — along with Wayne County Commission Republican nominee Shannon Price — pooled

some of their campaign resources to fend off their challengers.

As the Nov. 6 general election looms, the four GOP trustees face yet another challenge from the lone Democrat on the ballot, Steven Sneiderman, former Plymouth-Canton school board president. The five candidates are competing for four seats.

"We all need to work very hard again," Williams said.

Uphill battle

Though Sneiderman had no opposition in the primary, he raised \$3,111 and spent \$1,683 as he began to prepare for the November race. He hopes to double his campaign coffers for the November race.

"I think it will take a minimum of \$6,000," he said. "I'm not fighting candidates in my own party, but it's still an uphill battle."

Sneiderman said departing Democratic Trustee Dr. Syed Taj, now a U.S. House candidate in the 11th District, narrowly won his township trustee seat in 2008 despite "a great Democratic wave" that ushered in President Barack Obama.

"I do think there's going to be an uptick for Democrats this year, but not like in '08," Sneiderman said, adding that he is continuing to raise money. "I'm going to do the best I can with the money I have."

Demopoulos estimated he will spend \$5,000 on the Nov. 6 race. He already has campaign signs, so he won't face some of the earlier costs.

Williams said he expects to spend nearly as much as the \$11,367 he shelled out for the primary. He has loaned \$6,500 to his own campaign.

Anthony raised \$11,050 for the primary, \$6,000 of which he gave to his own campaign, according to financial reports. He spent \$7,978 in the primary and expects to plunk down \$4,000 for the November race.

"I did finish well (in the primary), and I feel comfortable, but I'm not taking anything for granted," Anthony said.

Yack raised \$8,824 for the primary and spent just \$3,846, his campaign finance reports show. Yack, former township supervisor for 20 years, became the top vote-getter in the August primary after he ended a four-year hiatus from township politics.

Political observers had predicted Yack would rank high in primary voting due to his name recognition and his two-decade run as supervisor.

"Name recognition is certainly worth something," Yack said.

He predicted he may spend "a little more" on the Nov. 6 election than he did in the primary, simply because "you've got a larger number of people to touch" with campaign literature.

The four part-time township trustee winners will join three full-time officials unopposed this election season: Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Clerk Terry Bennett and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin.

U.S. attorney dismisses charge against Goci

By LeAnne Rogers

Observer Staff Writer



Goci

is only good for 30 days (before indictment). It was dismissed without

prejudice (meaning it can be refiled). The investigation will proceed. We do this all the time." Goci had been freed on bond following his arraignment. A similar dismissal motion had been earlier granted regarding Duhanaj, who had been accused of charging exorbitant interest rates to local Albanians — 45 percent

or more — and threatening violence to ensure repayment.

Reached for comment, Goci said that his attorney would be drafting a response once the dismissal was official. Goci added that according to his attorney, the dismissal motion had been accepted but wasn't entered into the record yet.

Goci had been accused of lying to federal agents about the interest rate on a loan he obtained from Duhanaj and other statements which were picked up on a wire tap of Duhanaj's phone.

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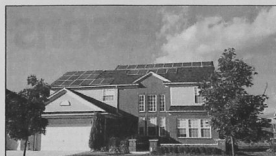
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Canton home featured in solar tour

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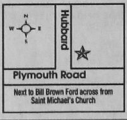
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Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One Flooring and Home in Westland shows off the teal bracelets and pins the store is selling to support Turn the Towns Teal, a campaign to raise awareness about ovarian cancer.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Sections of three roads in Wayne and Westland are a bit more colorful this month, thanks to the efforts of the workers at a Westland carpet store.

Led by Catherine Buchanan, employees at Independent Carpet One Floor and Home have put teal ribbons on poles along three different roads to help raise public awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms through the Turn the Towns Teal campaign, started in 2007 by Gail MacNeil of Chatham, N.J. "We want people to know we're not just here

selling flooring," said Buchanan. "We want people to know we have business that cares about the community and cares about women. Ovarian cancer is a silent killer."

Buchanan was in Ann Arbor last September and saw the teal ribbons. She looked into what they were for and decided to bring the message to Wayne and Westland. With the permission of Westland Mayor William Wild and Wayne Mayor Al Hadius, she and her fellow employees put up teal ribbons along four miles of roadway in Westland — Wayne Road from Cherry Hill to Warren Road and Ford Road from



Independent Carpet One is decked out in teal ribbons in a show of support for Turn the Towns Teal campaign.

the civic center to Wildwood — and along Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road in Wayne.

Buchanan estimates they used 12 bolts of the biodegradable ribbon they obtained from Turn the Towns Teal. The ribbons are displayed during September which has been designated as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

The campaign aims to make people aware of ovarian cancer and its often silent symptoms. Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death from gynecologic cancers in the U.S. There is no early detection test and the symptoms are subtle and often misdiagnosed which is why knowing the symptoms is so very, very critical, according to Buchanan.

MacNeil battled ovarian cancer for 10 years and realized that not enough was being done for ovarian cancer awareness. The Turn the Towns Teal Campaign not only consists of volunteers tying ribbons in and around town centers across the country but also distributing symptom cards.

"The ribbons are the visual," said Jane MacNeil, president of Turn the Towns Teal. "The symptom cards are key in educating people about the disease and its symptoms as when ovarian cancer is detected in the early stages, the survival rate is 90 to 95 percent successful."

According to Jane MacNeil, Gail MacNeil's gynecologist dismissed her classic symptoms on three separate occasions. Had she known the symptoms of ovarian cancer, she would have immediately sought the advice of a gynecological oncologist.

"What happened to Gail, unfortunately, is not uncommon," Jane MacNeil said. "Most women are not diagnosed until it's too late. Knowing the symptoms and being personally proactive are critical in fighting this disease."

The idea of supporting Turn the Towns Teal appealed to Buchanan. Teal is the business's signature color and Independent Carpet One has been actively involved with

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MacNeil was fastidious about her health and went to her gynecologist on three separate occasions complaining of classic symptoms; however, her doctor dismissed these symptoms as merely the onset of middle age. On Dec. 23, 1997, she was diagnosed with Stage III C ovarian cancer.

MacNeil laid the foundation of Turn The Towns Teal® and set forth certain guidelines for the campaign including the requirement that ribbons be put up in the beginning of September and taken down at the end of the month. She also required that volunteers receive written approval from their towns about placement of the ribbons.

Today, the campaign is being carried forward by the MacNeil Family and a group of dedicated volunteers. It is their collective goal to make Turn the Towns Teal a national campaign in the foreseeable future.

For more information about Turn the Towns Teal, visit its website at www.turnthetownsteal.org.

the fight against breast cancer for five years. Employees have been involved in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The business has fliers and posters in the store and is including symptom cards in folders giving to customers when they close on sales. Buchanan also is selling teal bracelets and pins in the store. Proceeds will be donated to Turn the Towns Teal.

"I thought it could be something we could do," Buchanan said. "We have to start somewhere with this, so we started in Wayne and Westland."

Buchanan said 135 cities in 36 states are participating in Turn the Towns Teal. She would like to grow that number next year by adding more western Wayne County communities.

"Hopefully, we can get Garden City and Canton involved," she said. "Many other businesses will get involved. The more people who get involved the better."

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Vets take advantage of benefits summit

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Mike O'Hara is frustrated. The U.S. Marine Corps veteran — he served from 1975-79 — knows Michigan ranks dead last among states whose veterans seek assistance, though he can't for the life of him figure out why — "That's the million-dollar question; it's very frustrating," he said. "One of the things we're lacking in Michigan is getting word to veterans about what is available," O'Hara said. "We need creative ideas to try and get them to ask."

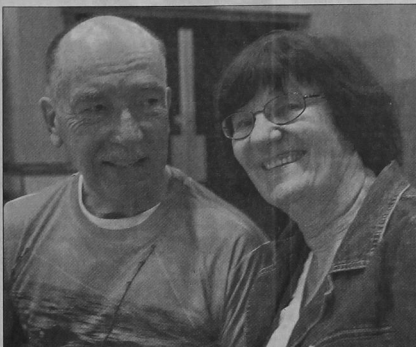
O'Hara, the executive director of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, thinks one of those "creative ideas" is the Canton Community Foundation's annual Veterans Summit, the third of which was held Wednesday and Thursday at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The summit is designed to not only provide information to veterans about what assistance may be available, but also put them face-to-face with people who can help attain those benefits.

This year's summit saw more than 315 veterans register to take advantage of the expertise provided.

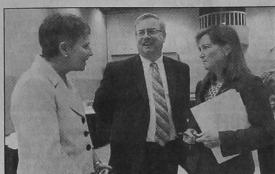
"It has been unbelievably great," said Joan Noricks, the president of the Canton Community Foundation and Jim Fausone, an attorney specializing in veteran's issues, talk with U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, who highlighted the second day of the veterans summit.

"It was a tremendous collaborative effort from all of the partners," Al and Traudy Collins of the Canton Community Foundation were among the hundreds of veterans to take advantage of the summit. Al Collins, diagnosed in 2003 with Parkinson's dis-



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Canton residents Al and Traudy Collins came to learn about veteran's benefits. Al had brain surgery to relieve symptoms of Parkinson's disease related to exposure to the chemical defoliant Agent Orange.



Joan Noricks (left), president of the Canton Community Foundation and Jim Fausone, an attorney specializing in veteran's issues, talk with U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, who highlighted the second day of the veterans summit.

ease, served in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam in 1965, when parts of the country were dusted with Agent Orange. Traudy Collins said her husband, now 71, was exposed at the time, and said doctors told them his Parkinson's

could be attributed to that exposure.

"We were told that by doctors a long time ago," Traudy Collins said. "We wanted to know what benefits he, as a veteran, has. We found out he can get a pension and he'll



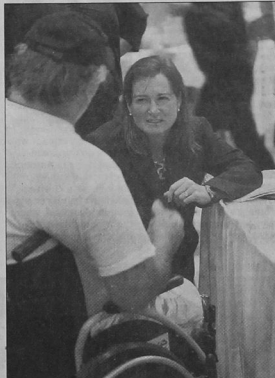
Barbara McQuade, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, speaks to veterans.

get some help when he gets to the nursing home stage. We were happy to find that out."

Traudy said the Parkinson's has left her husband with functional issues.

"His balance isn't so good," she said. "But we still try to go to church on Sundays."

The conference also featured a second-day appearance from



U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade speaks with veteran Lawrence Leach.

U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, who took time out from jury selection in the Kwame Kilpatrick trial to spend an hour or so making a presentation and talking with veterans about their civil rights.

She talked about laws that protect the civil rights of service members while on active duty and on their return to civilian life. Specifically, she discussed employment rights of active military and veterans, financial protections while deployed, voting rights while stationed overseas, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

McQuade said she reached out to the summit because veterans should know what their rights are and when they're being violated. She said it's "difficult to

measure" how often veterans get their rights violated, but the frequency with which her office encounters complaints leads her to believe "it's widespread."

"We think employees who violate these rights are doing it because they don't know what the rights are," McQuade said. "If we can raise awareness, hopefully that will help solve the problem."

Joe Kuznar of Farmington Hills thinks it might. Kuznar spent two years in the U.S. Army, and served as an infantryman in Vietnam.

"No doubt about it, this is a great thing to have," Kuznar said of the summit. "It gives you information, phone numbers, people... I needed information, and I got it."



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For those who played for him, Gordon was more than a coach

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

What's the old saying — time flies when you're having fun. Well, I'm here to report it does whether you have a smile on your face or not.

I was reminded of the fleeting nature of time last weekend when I attended a ceremony honoring the career and life of Chuck Gordon, the legendary Westland John Glenn football coach.

Somehow a quarter century has evaporated in what sometimes seems

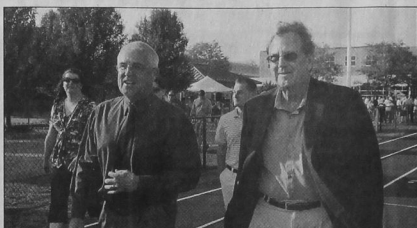


Kurt Kuban

a blink of an eye since I played inbacker for him at Glenn. Wasn't it just yesterday? Heck, I can almost still hear him yelling, "Get 'em up!" — something he did often when it was time to do the dreaded down-ups in practice. For those of you who don't know, a down-up consists of a player jogging in place and, when the whistle blows, hitting the ground and popping

back up, and repeating ad nauseum until the coach quits blowing that dang whistle.

And Gordon blew the whistle countless times during the three decades he roamed the sidelines for John Glenn. Coach Gordon had one of the greatest runs in the history of Michigan high school football, compiling a 211-64 record as head coach, and leading the team to 15 playoff appearances (many before the "six-win and you're in" rule change that greatly expanded the number of playoff teams). For his efforts



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Former Westland John Glenn coaches Chuck Gordon and Lloyd Carr walk into the stadium which was named Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field last week.

and success, he was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. So it comes as no surprise that Wayne-Westland Community Schools officials decided to name John Glenn's football field after Gordon, which they did Sept. 7 at a nice ceremony before the team's home game against Livonia Franklin. Dozens of ex-players, including me, showed up to pay homage to him, as did former University of Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, who actually hired Gordon as an assistant coach at Glenn in 1973. Gordon served as an assistant under Carr from 1973-75 and became the head coach for the Rockets in 1977, serving in that capacity with dignity and pride for the next 27 years. I was fortunate enough to play for him during two of those seasons.

Despite all of his success, Gordon never won a state championship, which I'm sure probably gnaws at him a bit. As one of his former players, and someone who knows how good a coach he was and how much time he put into the job, it bothers me a bit. In my junior year, we were about a minute away from going to the state championship game and a trip to the Silverdome, but we got beat by a late pass that ended our season. I still have nightmares about the play.

However, after seeing Gordon again and a lot of the guys I played with, I realized the other night that state championships, and wins for that matter, shouldn't be the measuring stick when it comes to high school football coaching careers. Looking back on it all now, I understand a coach (in any sport really) should be evaluated by the way he influences the young men who play for him. In fact, Gordon coached the X's and O's, but he also taught us the value of loyalty and hard work, how we are judged by the way we conduct ourselves, how there is no "I" in team. There are lessons I still carry with me today, and try my best to instill in my own children.

Sitting in the stands last week, I looked out at the field now bearing Gordon's name where so many memories were

made. Yes, I thought about all the games we won out there, but I also thought about those down-ups. Yes, they were hard at the time, but they are kind of a metaphor for life. When life drags you down, you have to pop up. Hard work and perseverance are the trademarks of a successful life.

And that is at the root of coach Gordon's true success. His players knew what was important — playing for each other and for the program. Winning was just the cherry on top.

During the ceremony to rename the field to Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field, Gordon spoke and deflected the attention away from himself, which was no surprise to those who know him. He spoke at length about Kionka, who was a long-time physical education teacher for Wayne-Westland Schools, about Carr, about his parents, his wife, his daughters, and, of course, about all of his players over the years.

"It's really a tribute to you guys," he told us. "You worked so hard and did the best you could in everything you do. I had and opportunity to coach some good college players, but I also had many good high school players. The highest compliment you can give a player is to say, 'You were easy to coach.' I loved every second of it — teaching and coaching. I didn't do it alone. I had a lot of help along the way."

That statement pretty much sums up Chuck Gordon. In a day when there seems to be so much focus on individual success, it was refreshing to be reminded that it's not always about the individual. In fact, it rarely is.

As Gordon said on Friday, "it was a great run." Yes, it was, coach. Those of us who played for you were all fortunate to learn from such a great coach, and more importantly a good man. The time I spent playing for you sure did fly by and, yes, it was fun. Well, except for those darn down-ups.

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the Northville Record, and a 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School. He welcomes your feedback at kkuban@hometownlife.com or (248) 437-2011, ext. 245.

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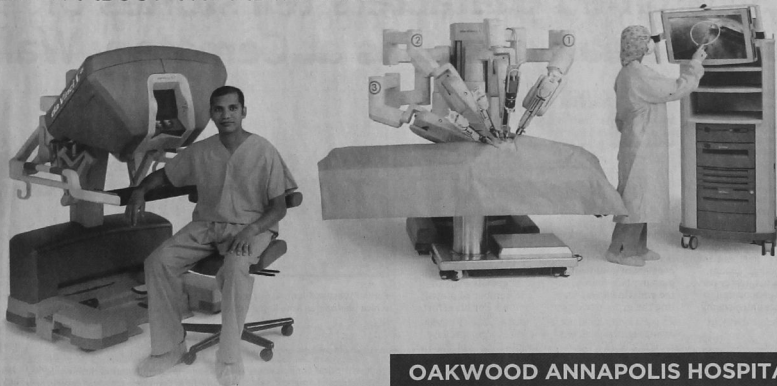
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Costumed characters tell stories of Livonia's early families at Cemetery Walk

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

David Ryder was a Livonia settler who fought in the War of 1812. His son, George, had two sons who fought in the Civil War. One son died on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg; the other died two weeks later from his injuries, but George was able to make it to Pennsylvania to see the injured son before he died. He brought both boys' bodies back home to be buried at Newburgh Cemetery in Livonia.

The Ryders' family story will be among those told by costumed charac-

2012 CEMETERY WALK SEPT. 23
What: Costumed characters will tell the stories of several historical Livonia families
When: 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. Tours will start every 20-30 minutes.
Where: Newburgh Cemetery on Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh Road
Why: Funds raised will be used to upright, restore and clean tombstones in Livonia's four historic cemeteries.
Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 the day of. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Greenmead Historical Park at (248) 477-7375.
If you go: Park at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. A shuttle bus will take participants to the cemetery. Cider and doughnuts will be served following the tours.

ters portraying historical Livonia figures during a Cemetery Walk 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Newburgh Cemetery.

Cost is \$10 per person if tickets are purchased before the event; \$15 the day of.

Proceeds will be used to restore, upright and clean old headstones at the city's four historic cemeteries.

"It's a sad story," Kathie Glynn, vice chair of the Livonia Historic Preservation Commission, said of the Ryder family's tale.

"But it's a very human story. We're trying to tell their life stories so they won't be forgotten and they (attendees) can identify with the history because it's all there."

The Cemetery Walk is being put on by the Livonia Historic Preservation Commission, Livonia Historical Society and the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Civil War re-enactors).

Sue Daniel, chair of the Historical Commission, said organizers held their first Cemetery Walk last year at Livonia Center Cemetery. It was so successful, they decided to



Livonia Historical Commissioner Linda Trewin, dressed in period clothing during a rehearsal at Newburgh Cemetery, said the focus of the Cemetery Walk will be on "how people lived back at that time."

do it again. "We were amazed at how many people came," she said, adding they raised \$1,400.

This year, they hope the interest generated by the headstone preservation work they've done so far at Newburgh will bring more people to the Cemetery Walk. Residents around Newburgh Cemetery have noticed the activity, she said.

"The more money we take in, the more tombstones we can repair," Daniel said. There are 1,400 grave sites in Newburgh Cemetery alone.

"They continue to deteriorate and there is some vandalism," Glynn said. Newburgh Cemetery was chosen for this year's walk because it has four War of 1812 veterans buried there, and this year is

the 200th anniversary of the war, she said. (Newburgh also has four Revolutionary War soldiers.)

But the focus will be on "how people lived back at that time," not just the soldiers, said Linda Trewin, a Livonia Historical Commissioner.

Other historical figures who will be portrayed include:

• Mary Robinson, who died at age 14. "We don't know a lot about Mary," Glynn said. "But this is what happened back then. You just never knew, a simple illness like measles or pneumonia (could take a child's life)."

• Sol Kingsley, a Revolutionary War soldier, and his son, Joseph, who fought in the War of 1812. Sol Kingsley was the first person to be buried in Newburgh Cemetery,

which was part of his son's property at the time.

• Ira Wilson, founder of Wilson Dairy and an early pioneer in the pasteurization of milk. He had a daughter who died at a young age, which was attributed to drinking unpasteurized milk. He was among the first to use glass-lined tanks for milk storage.

• Marcus Swift, a Methodist circuit rider preacher and early abolitionist who, with about 30-40 members of his congregation, withdrew from their church's synod because they were not doing enough in the church to work against slavery. "He was firm in his beliefs," Glynn said.

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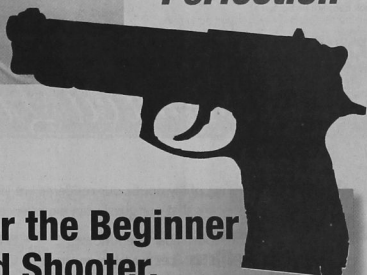
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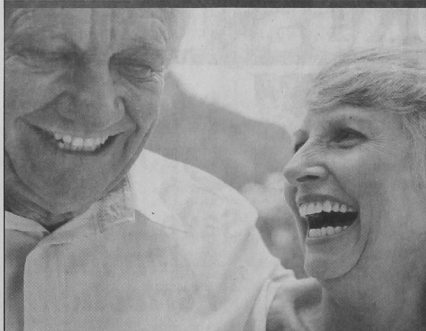
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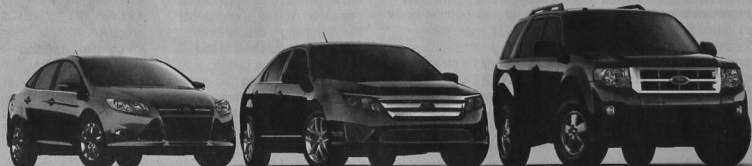
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Salem junior running back Drake Jordan keeps his distance from Northville defender Brandon Patrone (No. 86) during Friday's game.

Rocks on playoff path

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Kurt Britnell doesn't want anything to jinx his Salem football team.

But the Rocks showed they finally are a play-off-caliber team — as demonstrated throughout Friday night's 28-21 victory over KLA's Central Division rival Northville at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem improved to 4-0 (2-0 in the division) with the win, and the team needs two more victories to earn an automatic playoff berth in Britnell's fourth season as head coach.

"I think we're a football program now," Britnell said. "The kids have bought in to top-to-bottom. Freshmen to seniors."

A good indication that the tables have turned for Salem's football program came early in the second quarter Friday, with the Mustangs up 3-0 and driving.

Turn of events

Northville quarterback Joseph Hewlett nearly scored from the 6-yard line on a second-down play and tried to finish the job on third down from the 1.

But he fumbled and Salem senior Youssef Barakat recovered the ball inches outside the goal line. In on the play for the Rocks was senior Ivan Rhodes.

Salem senior quarterback Jacob Deprez (6-of-9 passing, 166 yards, one touchdown) then took over to orchestrate a 99-yard TD drive that took up more than seven minutes.

"That was a big play obviously down there to hold them," Britnell said about the fumble recovery. "But then to go 99 yards and eat at the clock and pound them, and pound them."

"The kids have bought in to what we started when I took over four years ago."

Please see ROCKS, B2

Big plays spark 'Cats

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Nate Emminger always seems to come with clutch plays for the Plymouth High football team.

The senior defensive back and wide receiver was up to his old tricks again Friday night as the Wildcats scored 23 unanswered points during the second half to pull away from host Livonia Franklin, 37-10.

The win pushes Plymouth's record to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the KLA's South Division, while Franklin falls to 1-3 and 1-2.

Ironically, Emminger's two biggest plays came in the opening half while the Wildcats were scuffling.

Plymouth got on the board on the fourth play from scrimmage when Emminger turned the right corner

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BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth's Nate Emminger (No. 3) sprints toward another touchdown Friday night against Livonia Franklin.

He's in hole-in-one club

On Aug. 23 at Brae Burn Golf Club, Canton's Mark Hosch sank the second hole-in-one of his career.

The 35-year-old account executive for Ricoh-USA Inc. aced the 125-yard No. 3 hole using a Cleveland 52-degree wedge. He followed that up with a birdie on No. 4 and finished with a 1-under-par 34 for nine holes.

Kroll wins MSU invite

Michigan State's Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill), running unattached, captured Friday's Spartan Invitational women's cross country 6-kilometer race with a time of 21 minutes, 10 seconds.

Kroll averaged 5:41 per mile to edge Northwestern's Audrey Huth by six seconds.

MSU senior Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) placed 10th overall with a clocking of 21:38.

Madonna University's top finisher was Bianca Kubicki (Canton) in 138th (24:03) followed by Jacyn Savasky, 184th (24:52); Brittany Slicker, 240th (26:55); Kimberly Ader, 256th (27:32); and Kayla Daugherty, 262nd (27:56).

Schoolcraft College's top finishers included Layne Marinski in 231st (26:26) and Adrianna Beltran (Salem) in 278th (29:00).

His favorite place to be

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Last year, Ian Wingate was the backup goalkeeper on Canton's Division 1 boys soccer state championship team.

Now, he'd like nothing better than to play more of a significant role as the 2012 Chiefs gear up for what they hope is another long postseason run.

Being part of that experience — gleaming advice from last year's starter, Steven Murphy, and better understanding the nuances of the position — is preparing Wingate for that possibility.

"I learned a lot last year, about how you need to keep your head in the game always," Wingate, a 5-10 senior, said following Thursday's 8-0 shutout of Wayne Memorial. "You can't have any time where you lose your focus because that could be the difference in the game."

Focus is key

Being sharp physically and mentally is something he picked up from Murphy and Canton head coach George Tomasso, the latter a former high school and college goalkeeper standout.

"From Steven I learned a lot of things about how I need to make sure I keep my stamina up," Wingate said. "I need



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to be in shape and everything because I can be the difference in those 80-minute games, whether I make the save or not.

"I need to make sure my head's in the game."

Before games, he'll "just listen to music to make sure I'm focused. And I have a decent warmup."

Tomasso's presence and goalkeeping resume can't be underestimated, either.

"He just teaches a lot of fundamentals and makes sure all the form and technique is correct, then the skill will come," Wingate said. "If I'm ever uncertain or anything, I'll come and ask him and see what his opinion is and he'll tell me what I need to do differently."

Glad to move

One thing Wingate wouldn't

have changed is moving from a midfield position to the last line of defense.

As a kid, he played midfield first for Canton recreational teams and then All Saints Catholic School (in seventh grade). He switched to goalkeeping in eighth grade.

After that, it was on to the Canton Celtic club team and, ultimately, the Chiefs.

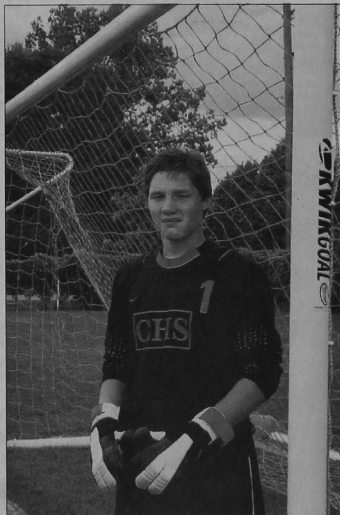
"When I was young, I always wanted to do it, but my coach never let me," instead taking advantage of his footsteps out on the pitch. "And then in eighth grade I just got the opportunity to do it (play goal) and I was kind of good, and my coach let me play there."

Now that he is entrenched in front of the cage, Wingate enjoys gauging whether to aggressively go after a ball or let those in front of him get there first.

"I like to communicate with my defense, just stay back and hold on to my line," he said. "I don't like coming out as much, because me being a short keeper I know that my defenders are tall and they can get those balls that are outside the sticks. But anything inside the 6-yard line should be my ball."

Staying back doesn't mean he

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Canton senior goalkeeper Ian Wingate says being part of the 2011 state championship team helped him understand the nuances of the position.



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ROCKS

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Getting the long march started, hard-nosed running by Kyle Cameron (11 carries, 45 yards) and Mike McNamara moved the Rocks out of the shadow of their own end zone.

And then Deprez connected with junior wide-out Michael Hoover for a 47-yard pass, into Northville territory.

Eight plays later, Deprez fired a laser that Hoover caught along the right side of the end zone for a 23-yard score to make it 7-3 (following the PAT by Alex Kenrick).

Northville head coach Matt Ladach, whose team dropped to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the KILA Central, said he didn't think the fumble and subsequent Salem TD drive "broke our backs. Our kids are strong, they fought. We didn't give up."

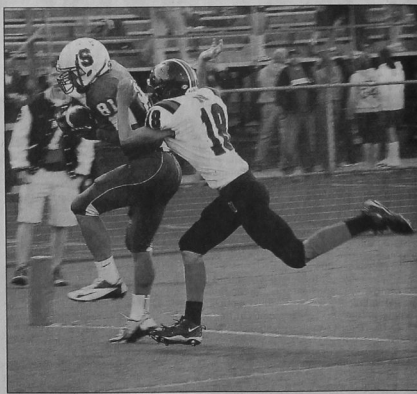
In fact, the Mustangs came right back to cut the lead to 7-6 at halftime after a line-drive, 42-yard field goal by Zach Wilds with 17 seconds left.

Salem went up 14-6 with 5:37 left in the third on a 12-yard scoring run by junior running back Drake Jordan (18 rushes, 115 yards). The catalyst for that drive was a 30-yard run around left end by Jordan, moving the ball down to the Northville 28.

That didn't keep the Mustangs down for long. It only took nine plays to answer, on a TD run by Robby Parks (15 carries, 46 yards) from the 3-yard line.

Earlier in the drive, Hewlett (13-of-25 passing, 254 yards) found Parks open for a 42-yard reception. A shuttle pass to Brad VanHulle accounted for 12 more yards.

Northville then tacked on a two-point conversion (a pass from Hewlett to



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Salem junior receiver Michael Hoover (No. 81) wards off Northville's Nate Priebe (No. 18) to score a 23-yard touchdown in the second quarter Friday. The TD capped a 99-yard drive for the Rocks.

Sean Conway) to even the score at 14-14 with 3:02 left.

Back in front

On the ensuing series, the Rocks stormed right back to go up 21-14 after three. With eight seconds on the clock, Deprez dropped back and sent a perfect spiral over the middle to Hoover. The 6-3, 195-pound receiver caught the ball at Northville's 35 and sprinted in from there.

"Everytime I stepped on the field, I felt a big urge to play amazing and change my team's outcome," Hoover said. "I knew we had to make those plays to get a first down and keep rolling, to get another touchdown."

Salem made it a 28-14 game with 7:15 to play in

the fourth on an 11-yard run by senior tailback Sean Davis (eight rushes, 38 yards).

A 24-yard pass to Rhodes was key to the drive. Deprez faded back, moved away from the rush and waited for a receiver to get open.

"Jake has made plays like that for two years and he's got a calm presence in the pocket," Britnell said. "He's a gamer. ... Up front, the guys are working hard and giving him time."

Making a bid

Salem's back-to-back TDs did not keep Northville from making a late push.

On first down from the Mustangs' 20, Hewlett fired a pass over the middle that Colin Bailey turned into an 80-yard TD with 2:51 remaining.

The Northville defense stopped Salem's next series and the Mustangs had another chance with a first down near midfield. Hewlett did complete three passes, but a last-second throw into the end zone did not connect.

"Playing in a close game like this was good for us," Ladach said. "I challenged our kids at halftime. The majority of our games over the past couple years have been lopsided one way or the other."

"I'm not at all disappointed in our players' effort, I'm not at all disappointed in their discipline."

"I'm disappointed in the score, but I'm proud of our players."

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Canton, which jumped out to a 44-6 halftime lead, racked up a total of 404 yards including 356 yards on the ground.

Charles Turfe scored three TDs

for the Chiefs (3-1, 3-0) including runs of 7, 31 and 8 yards. He finished with 140 yards on 12 carries.

Malcolm Hollingsworth, who added 128 yards on 19 attempts, added TD runs of 16 and 5 yards.

Quarterback Greg Williams also hit tight end Scott Gring with an 11-yard TD pass and Connor

Shennan added a 37-yard field goal to end the half.

Devon Spalding had the lone Rockets' TD, scoring on an 80-yard run in the second period to cut the deficit to 28-6.

Glenn had a total of 174 yards with 170 coming on the ground led by Spalding (3-for-86) and Thomas Carter (4-for-49).

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Goals hard to come by for 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The defense didn't rest Thursday night, and that suited Livonia Churchill's varsity boys soccer team just fine.

Host Plymouth could not solve Chargers' junior goalkeeper Colton Robinson — not to mention the back line in front of him — as Churchill earned a 3-0 KLAAS South Division win.

Scoring the first half was senior Michael Murphy with second-half markers by juniors Andrew Smutek and Patrick Adegbite-Martins completing the victory.

"They really outworked us tonight," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "They really fought hard and deserved the victory."

"I thought they came off a tough game and responded by really sticking it to us tonight. Hats off to them."

Not even senior co-captain Chandler Olah's talent and never-say-die attitude could help the Wildcats, who dropped to 2-7-2 overall and 2-2-0 in the KLAAS South.

"He's got a true heart and he can carry our team," said Neschich, about Olah. "But not enough of us stepped up to play coming out in that first half."

As a result, Churchill (2-4-2, 2-2) grabbed a 1-0 lead with about 16 minutes to play before halftime.

Finishing touch

Starting the game's first scoring play was a re-start from sophomore Brendan Dilloway, up from the junior varsity.

The ball was played into the 18-yard goal box by junior Tyler Piotrowski and senior Michael Murphy subsequently booted a low drive inside the right post past Plymouth senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski.

"Re-start goals are killers for the opposing team, and they jump-start the team that does it," Grodzicki said. "Those goals are so important and it really got our guys going."

Despite Grodzicki's halftime talk to players not to give Plymouth players extra chances, the Chargers fouled Olah just 1:40 into the second half to set up a free kick at the top of the semi-circle.

The foul took place to stop Olah from streaking into scoring territory after having received a perfectly fed pass from freshman Michael Blake. Olah laced the ball right into a wall of Churchill defenders.

"We were fortunate that he hit the wall there," Grodzicki said. "But if you give Plymouth enough chances, they're going to get one."

Churchill came close with about 33 minutes to play when sophomore Daniel Jones drilled a hard shot from 15 yards that Gruszczynski threw his hands up to deflect away.

A savvy play by Chargers' senior defender Nathan Bradford helped preserve the slim lead, with about 21 minutes remaining.

Olah's direct kick from about 30 yards out traveled high toward the goal area, but Bradford jumped high enough to head the ball out of trouble.

Pushing the issue

Then with the Wildcats forcing the attack in an attempt to draw even, gaps in defensive coverage cost them twice over the final 19 minutes.

"Late in the game we were pushing people up, and I just think we didn't have enough people back," Neschich said. "We needed to score, so we gambled a little bit."

Churchill's edge grew to 2-0 when junior Smutek blasted an 18-yarder inside the left post.

Capping off the scoring was the first varsity goal of Adegbite-Martins' career, with 5:02 left.

He launched a 35-yard shot that hit the middle of the crossbar, dropped down and over the goal line.

"Patrick, he worked hard, he earned that one," Grodzicki said. "He worked to get the ball from that defender, turned him around and shot the ball in a perfect spot."

"He got rewarded for it. It hit the post, hit the keeper, rolled around for a little bit and went in. I'm happy for him."

Meanwhile, Grodzicki said the key to the win was stifling Plymouth's creative, offensive threats (such as Olah and senior DK Kim) throughout the tilt.

"Our motto this season, our theme, the way we're going to win games, is we need total team defense," Grodzicki said. "That's how we gotta do it. These guys buy into that and this is the result when we play total team defense, from the top all the way to the back."

Neschich credited Churchill's defensive effort. "We put too many balls in the box that we didn't get to, that we let them play out."

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, the defending section Chiefs (8-2, 4-0) defeated Wayne Memorial (1-7, 0-4) in a KLAAS South Division match that was called at halftime due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Junior Griffin Parks had two goals and one assist, while Carter Schenk, a JV call-up, also scored twice.

Multiple point scorers for Canton included senior co-captain Scott Piowawer, one goal and two assists; senior co-captain Dan Ovesea, one goal and one assist; Bobby Budlong, two assists.

CANTON 3, PLYMOUTH 1: Canton scored three goals in a 10-minute span in the first half Tuesday to defeat Plymouth in a KLAAS South Division varsity boys soccer match.

The Chiefs went up 1-0 in the 15th minute when senior co-captain Dan Ovesea fought his way through the middle of the field and led senior Bryan Tolinski with a nice pass down the right wing.

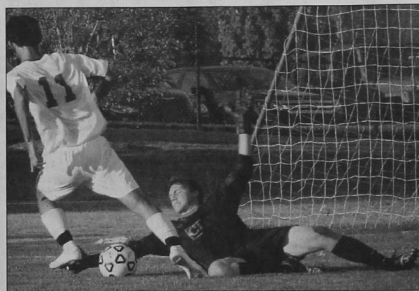
Tolinski cut inside and drilled a shot that Plymouth senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski managed to block. However, junior Griffin Parks was standing on the doorstep and calmly knocked in the rebound.

Plymouth answered midway through the half when junior Alex Decker hit a beautiful cross into the box that eluded the Chiefs' defense and senior goalkeeper Ian Wingate. Finishing up for the chip shot was DK Kim.

Canton regained the lead with 17 minutes to play in the first half, when senior co-captain Scott Piowawer jumped on a loose ball at the top of the 18-yard goal box and quickly chipped a pass to Ovesea, who one-timed a hard shot past Gruszczynski.

Less than two minutes later, the Chiefs were awarded a corner kick and senior co-captain Bobby Budlong curled a pass that found Ovesea's head to make it 3-1 going into halftime.

In the second half, the Wildcats carried the play with Kim and senior co-captain Chandler Olah threatening several times to score. But Canton's defense held, led by senior Connor Shennan, Nick Tomei and Robbie Morgan, who played an exceptionally strong game.



CAROL HOMCO

Scrambling saves like this are the kind Canton's Ian Wingate enjoys making most.

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is a passive goalkeeper, however.

"I definitely like making diving saves the most," Wingate said, smiling.

"Because in my opinion, they're really cool and fun to do. I just think it's really fun playing goalie."

Wingate, whose parents are Amy and Pat, also doesn't want to give up goalkeeping when his high school career ends.

"Hopefully, I'll play soccer in college," he said, adding that there has been interest from Saginaw Valley State University and Schoolcraft College.

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Eagles seek 1st victory

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Closer, but still no cigar.

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team dropped to 0-8-0 this season with Thursday's 2-0 loss to visiting Adrian Lenawee Christian.

The Cougars scored once in each half and goalkeeper Aaron Harabedian made sure those markers held up, to the dismay of Eagles' first-year head coach Daryl Beggs.

"The biggest thing I would like us to see is play offense in all situations," Beggs said. "I think we're too content to play defense."

"I want them to be more aggressive in getting the ball, they were too content to let (the Cougars) get the ball first."

And when PCA (0-8-0) does successfully move the ball through the mid-field into the attacking zone, there's the lack of a scoring knack.

"I think the shots we had were not well placed," Beggs said. "We're not finishing well, we need to work on that. Our corner kicks, when we had opportunities at the goal, we need to finish those inside the 6."

He cited several players for making some noise on offense, however. He listed forward Jacob Bailey, midfielder

Luke Yakuber and center-

mid Lucas Albrecht.

Lenawee Christian (6-4-0) got on the board about eight minutes into the game when David PCA's sent the ball behind PCA goalkeeper Jayme Putney.

Setting up the goal was Jesse Maguire.

The game remained 1-0 until the 29th minute of the second half when Maguire finished a play started by Ben Lu.

Beggs said the Eagles were hopeful of finally breaking into the win column with Saturday's home game against Allen Park Inter-Christy Baptist.

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Sept. 12 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Jonathan Martin (LC) def. Jordan Lu, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Joe Mulka (LC) def. Charlie Hou, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-4; **No. 3:** Kevin Hou (P) def. Rishabh Arivkar, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 4:** Jon Conn (P) def. Aditya Venulapati, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Denstead-Riley Price (LC) def. Cameron Earls-Dylan Grant, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 2:** Joe Klotz-Danny Sinnott (P) def. Mayuresh Iyer-Steven Van Wormer, 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3; **No. 3:** Akash Yerakola-Praveen Loganathan (P) def. Mit Patel-Shantam Ravan, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 4:** Jared Hop-Tyler Smith (P) def. Cooper King-Raymond Peters, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 5:** Charlie Anderson-Bryan Caragay (P) def. Joe Healy-Aditya Agrawal, 6-1, 6-3.

Churchill's dual match record: 9-4 overall, 2-1 KLAAS South Division.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 324, subsection 35702 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, twenty-five or more freeholders have Petitioned the County of Wayne, Michigan ("County"), to designate a portion of Ridge Road between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Roads in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as a Natural Beauty Road, being more particularly described as:

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During the Public Hearing, a Hearing Examiner of the County shall obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the County's Natural Beauty Roads Evaluation Committee for their recommendation.

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Ocelot men's soccer rolls

Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson), Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarencville) and Adrian Tash each tallied a pair of goals Sept. 8 to propel the host Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a convincing 6-3 triumph over Parkland (IL) College.

Schoolcraft, now 4-1 overall, trailed 2-1 at halftime as Parkland got goals from Jesus Morales (unassisted) and Luke O'Neill (off

a corner kick from Alonso Torres). Tash notched his second of the year in the fourth minute from Dushkaj and Romanio Georgis.

The Ocelots, ranked No. 7 in the latest NJCAA poll, then scored five straight goals within a 20-minute span in the second half — Dushkaj (unassisted), Tash (from Gino Pasquali), Long twice (both unassisted) and Dushkaj (from Georgis).

O'Neill notched his second of the game unassisted in the 70th minute for the Cobras (1-4).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette made one save and gave up two goals in 70 minutes of action, while Ryan Tkey (Livonia Franklin) finished up.

Lady Ocelots fall

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team slipped to 4-3 overall with a 3-1 setback Sept. 8 at Northern Michigan University.

Hunter Jurecki tallied the only goal for the Lady Ocelots.

Tara Gessler started in goal and played the first half for School-

craft before Danielle Schendell (Canton) and Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) divided duties in the second half.

"Despite the scoreline, our girls played really well and had numerous opportunities to tie and even win the game," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "We were very dominant in the second half."

Field hockey:

Blazers tie

Junior Erin Badge had the

lone goal Monday for Livonia Ladywood, which earned a 1-1 draw with host Birmingham Marian in a Catholic League field hockey encounter.

Senior Lauren Kozlowski assisted on Badge's goals, while senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made four saves for the Blazers, who stand 4-1-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the division.

Courtney Hellyer made three saves for the Mustangs (2-1-1, 0-1-1).

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CODE OF ORDINANCES

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1016

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES AS PROVIDED IN PUBLIC ACT 359 OF 1947, MCL 42.26; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Michigan has empowered and authorized the Charter Township of Plymouth to revise, amend, restate, codify and compile any existing ordinances and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published and to incorporate such ordinances into one ordinance in book form; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has authorized a general compilation, revision and re-codification of the ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth of a general and permanent nature and publication of such ordinance in book form; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality and that this ordinance take effect upon publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth:

SECTION 1. The attached general ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth as revised, amended, restated, codified, re-coded, and compiled in book form are hereby adopted as and shall constitute the "Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth."

SECTION 2. Such Code of Ordinances as adopted in Section 1 shall consist of the following: General Provisions, Charter, titled Chapters and Articles, as summarized:

CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

GENERAL PROVISIONS

This section provides for the distribution of the Code books, amendment of Ordinances, contents of the Code, and general provisions.

CHAPTER I: CHARTER

This section provides for adoption of the provisions of PA 359 of 1947, the Charter Township Act.

CHAPTER II: ADMINISTRATION

- Brownfield Resolution**
This article provides for the creation of the Plymouth Township Redevelopment and Finance Authority.
- Compensation Commission**
This article provides for the creation of the Plymouth Township Compensation Commission as authorized by general township law.
- Constables**
The article provides for the creation of a constable position and the duties thereof.
- Elected Officials Health Insurance Retirement Benefit**
This article provides for the health insurance retirement benefits for eligible elected officials.
- Emergency Management**
This article provides for a Township emergency manager and duties of that office.
- Cost Reimbursement for Emergency Services**
This article provides for cost reimbursement for emergency services and a definition thereof.
- Employee Pension Plan**
This article provides for a pension plan for Township employees.
- Group Insurance Plan**
This article provides for the creation of a group insurance plan for Township employees.
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer**
This article provides for the creation of ordinance enforcement officer and the duties thereof.
- Parking Violations Bureau**
This article provides for a State Law authorized parking violations bureau.
- Planning Commission**
This article provides for the creation/continuation of a planning commission as provided for under State Law.
- Plymouth Community Citizens Watch Program**
This article provides for the creation of a Plymouth Community citizens watch program.
- Police Department**
This article provides for the creation of a police department for the Township, the authority and duties of the supervisor, the appointments of personnel, the rules and regulations, the powers and duties and the property, equipment and buildings thereof.
- Township Property — Authorize Sale**
This article provides for the sale of Township property by auction and the process to be followed.

CHAPTER III: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Downtown Development Authority**
This article provides for the creation of the Township Downtown Development Authority.

- Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Plan**
This article provides for the duly adopted Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Plan.

CHAPTER IV: LICENSING

- Christmas Tree Sales**
This article provides for the licensing, application process, inspections, premises clean-up, exemptions, location, hours of operation and lighting pertinent to the operation of Christmas tree sales.
- Dogs**
This article provides for definitions, license requirements, application requirements, term of the license, fees and exemptions, tags, kennel licenses, kennel license applications, fees, maintenance, offenses committed by owners of dogs, yard cleanliness regulations, confinement of dogs, rabies prevention, a dog pound and the impoundment of dogs, release of dogs, the disposition of seized dogs, quarantine and penalty.
- Junk Yards**
This article provides for the regulation of junk yards, licensing and rules and regulation.
- Liquor Regulations**
This article provides for the requirement of liquor licenses and the process to obtain a liquor license, objections to renewal and request for revocation, and inspections of liquor licensed premises.
- Peddlers and Solicitors**
This article defines definitions, prohibited activity, license requirements, peddling restrictions, hours of operation, inspections, issuance of peddler's licenses, denial of licenses, solicitor's license and hours of operation, and regulations.
- Used Car Lots**
This article provides for a regulation of used car lots and definitions.

CHAPTER V: TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SERVICES

- Multi-Channel Service Provider Regulatory Ordinance**
This article regulates multi-channel service providers.
- Telecommunications**
This article regulates telecommunication service providers.

Appendix A: Gross Revenues
Appendix A-1: Allocation of Revenue from Non-switched Telecommunications Services

CHAPTER VI: RESERVED

- Reserved.

CHAPTER VII: CRIMINAL CODE

- Alarm User**
This article defines terms, regulates false alarms, fines and interference with telecommunications systems and audible or visual signals.
- Criminal Code**
This article is provided for the adoption by reference of a number of State Law provisions regulating or prohibiting criminal conduct and adopting by reference the Curfew for Children Act, PA 41 of 1960, prohibiting larceny, unauthorized practice of law, attempts, accessory liability, obstructing or hindering a police officer and providing for penalties.
- Garage Sales Regulation**
This article provides for the regulation of garage sales.
- Hunting**
This article prohibits hunting in the Township.
- Noise Control**
This article provides in great detail the regulation of noise and prohibition of noise pollution, definitions, specific prohibitions, maximum permissible sound levels, and maximum permissible vibration levels.
- Nuisance Animals**
This article regulates nuisance animals defined as non-domesticated animals including raccoons, possums, skunks, rats, bats, muskrats, and other verminous animals.
- Parks and Playground Areas**
This article regulates the use of Township parks and playgrounds and the destruction or property.
- Youth Tobacco Act**
This article adopts by reference the Youth Tobacco Act, PA 31 of 1915.

CHAPTER VIII: TRAFFIC

- Traffic Code**
This article adopts by reference portions of PA 359 of 1947, PA 306 of 1969, PA 451 of 1994, PA 181 of 1963, PA 1197 of 1980 and PA 236 of 1961 all as amended, regulating traffic and the operation of motor vehicles.

CHAPTER IX: SOLID WASTE

- Solid Waste Disposal**
This article provides for the regulation of solid waste disposal.

CHAPTER X: WATER AND SEWER

- Cross-Connection**
This article provides for the regulation of connections which may result in a backflow, being water of questionable quality entering a public water supply system due to a reversal of flow, etc., correction of the condition, and regulation and inspections of water systems.
- Emergency Water Use Reduction**
This article provides for prohibition of water use during water use reduction emergencies.
- Water and Sewer System**
This article provides for the regulations as required by PA 178 of 1939, as amended, PA 342 of 1939, as amended, PA 185 of 1957, as amended, 33USC§1251, et seq., and Public Law 92-50, as amended regulating water and sewer systems, definitions, inspections, discharge prohibitions, permitting, reporting requirements, etc.

CHAPTER XI: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- Grass Height Maintenance**
This article provides for the regulation of grass height.
- Littering**
This article provides for the regulation of littering, definitions and means of littering.
- Littering on Construction Site**
This article regulates and prohibits littering on construction sites, disposal of debris, littering adjacent streets, and removal of litter.
- Noxious Weeds**
This article regulates noxious weeds as provided in PA 236 of 1961, as amended and PA 359 of 1941, as amended.
- Removal of Ice and Snow from Sidewalks**
This article requires homeowners, occupants, etc. to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting structures.
- Sidewalks**
This article regulates the installation, standards pertinent to the installation, necessity, assessments, and design standards of sidewalk installation or repair.
- Tree Regulations**
This article regulates trees, undesirable trees, overhead lines and clearances, and the protection of trees and shrubs.
- Vacant Property Registration and Maintenance**
This article regulates vacant properties, defines terms, requires registration and security requirements, registration, securing open property and monitoring property, exemptions, and assessments.

CHAPTER XII: LAND DEVELOPMENT AND USE

- Construction Hours and Permits**
This article regulates working hours and exemptions.
- International Fire Code with Appendices (2009 Edition)**
This article adopts by reference the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices as allowed under PA 359 of 1947, as amended.
- Natural Preserve**
This article provides for the preservation of natural property and the procedure for designation of natural preserve property.
- Private Road Construction and Maintenance**
This article provides for construction standards, testing, maintenance obligations and standards, sight plans, street signs and time of construction for private roads.
- State Construction Code Administration and Enforcement**
This article provides for the Township administering and enforcing the State Construction Code as provided under PA 230 of 1972, as amended.
- Subdivision Regulations**
This article establishes subdivision regulations, definitions, platting procedure, streets and roads, specifications, pedestrian crosswalks, easements, planting strips, monuments, reserve strips, required public improvements, and regulation of subdivision installations as provided under PA 286 of 1967, as amended, the Subdivision Control Act, PA 33 of 208, as amended and PA 451 of 1994, as amended.
- Floodplain Management**
This article complies with the requirements of the State Construction Code Act, PA 230 of 1972, and the pertinent sections of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) requirements in order to allow Township residents to obtain flood insurance.

CHAPTER XIII: APPENDICES

This chapter references the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Fees and Rates Schedules which have been adopted by the Township Board.

SECTION 3. Repeal. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Severability. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Savings Clause. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This section provides that a copy of this Ordinance and the Code of Ordinances shall be maintained and accessible at the Township Clerk's Office.

SECTION 7. This section provides that this Code shall be presumptive evidence in all courts and places of the ordinance and all provisions, sections, penalties and regulations therein contained and the date of passage, and that the same is properly signed, attested, recorded and approved and that any public hearings and notices thereof as required by law have been given.

SECTION 8. Publication. This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerks office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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Politics and religion

Author examines faith of 12 presidents

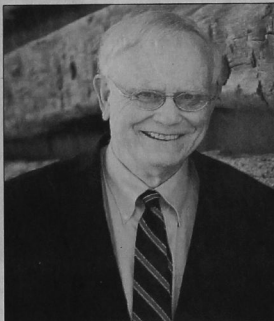
By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Gerald Ford was the most spiritual of the post-World War II presidents. Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy ranked dead last.

And although President Barack Obama attends church infrequently, he's inarguably a Christian—not a Muslim.

At least, that's the way author David Holmes sizes up a few of the most recent 12 commanders in chief. Holmes, who visited several libraries in the Detroit Metro area last week, devoted six years of research to the presidents' religious views, upbringing, education, church-going habits and influence of their faith on policy, for his new book, *Faiths of the Postwar Presidents*.

Lynn Ehrle of Plymouth, who calls the book a "must read for history buffs and presidential scholars," introduced Holmes, his childhood friend and fellow Redford High School graduate, to an audience of approximately two dozen individuals Wednesday at the Plymouth District



Holmes

Library.

Holmes, 80, who holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Princeton, recently retired after 40 years of teaching and is the Walter G. Mason Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus at the College of William and Mary, in Virginia. He has won numerous awards, including the Outstanding Faculty Award of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Graves Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching, the Society of the Alumni Teaching Award and the Thomas Jefferson Award, the highest award given to an administrator or professor at William and Mary.

His books include *A Brief History of the Episcopal Church*, *A Nation*

Mourns, The Life of the Reverend Devereux Jarrett and *The Faiths of the Founding Fathers*, which looked at the spiritual beliefs of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and other early Americans.

Three more sessions

Holmes wraps up his book tour for *Faiths of the Postwar Presidents* with a lecture and signing at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at the Ypsilanti City Library, 5577 Whittaker Road Ypsilanti Township; 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Ann Arbor Public Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor; and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, (Jefferson Ave.)

between Cadieux and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Holmes focused on Harry Truman, Nixon and Obama's 20-year relationship with the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ, for the Plymouth audience. He summarized his research on the other nine leaders and said he preferred to stay away from religious issues relating to the current election.

But, when John Eason of Ann Arbor asked about the role of religion in the 2012 presidential campaigns, Holmes said "Religion has not played a role in it that church historians at one time thought it would."

"Why do so many people continue to believe Obama is Muslim?" asked Elaine Hovey of Plymouth Township.

"They don't use primary sources. They deal in hearsay. They don't want to study both sides of the issue. They don't like

Obama," he responded. "But I put blame also on Obama's plate. We rarely see him going to church."

He added that Obama's "faith advisors send him daily devotions and he says he reads them."

While working as a community organizer in Chicago, Ill., Obama attended Trinity United Church of Christ, heard Jeremiah Wright preach and was introduced to Christ.

"Wright's sermon and his church transformed Obama from being a secular humanist to becoming first a fellow traveler for several years in Christianity and then a baptized member of the Trinity congregation," Holmes noted.

Holmes said Mormonism — Mitt Romney's faith — clearly is not a Protestant denomination.

"While there's nothing in Mormonism that is threatening to people, there are some beliefs that Mormons hold that most Americans don't know

about that would cause them to scratch their heads about what Romney believes."

Holmes said opinions vary on Mormonism's relationship to Christianity.

"You have to start with saying it's true Christianity, because that is the claim it makes. If we don't call it the true church, then we call it either Herodox Christianity — that means sloped to heresy, that it has introduced new doctrines that Christians maybe should have known about but they didn't — or it's a world religion."

When George Lovich of Canton asked which president Holmes would choose if he had to pick one "forever," the author paused and reflected on the 12 profiled in his book.

"The one person who came to my mind I don't agree with some of his policies," Holmes said. "I wouldn't want to make that choice. I guess that's why we don't have kings."

A quick look at faith and 12 presidents

Here's some of what David Holmes told an audience at the Plymouth District Library about post-World War II presidents and their faith:

• Harry Truman — "Truman described himself as ... a Baptist that is not adverse to dancing, or card-playing or theater-going or drink-

ing or swearing." Holmes said Truman liked church and believed in going to church, but began to

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On September 23rd, Schoolcraft College will be hosting a special event for the community.

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Get samples, prizes at Ladies Night Out

Mark your calendar for Thursday Sept. 27, for Ladies Night Out in downtown Plymouth.

The event, which runs 5-9 p.m., is designed for women to enjoy an evening on the town with friends. They will visit participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants also will offer special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include: Agio Spa; Basket Kreations; Bella Mia;

Bed & Boutique; Candy Trail; Creatopia Pottery Studio; Cupcake Station; Dazzling Daniels; Dearborn Jewelers; Delta Dia-

mond Setters & Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Genuinely Toy Co.; GIGI's Mode; Hands on Leather; Home Sweet Home; Isabel's Copper Pot; Kilwin's; Lolaryan; Maggie & Me; Magnolia Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opndohr; R.S.V.P.; Sharer Design Group; sideways; Simply the Best; Sun & Snow; Sunny J's Lingerie; That's Awesome/Primp and Tranquillita.

Back by popular demand, Mr. 48170 will hand out roses to the first 500 women, courtesy of Ribar Floral.

For more information about Ladies Night Out call (734) 453-1540.

TOUR FOLLOWS HISTORIC RAILWAY'S ROUTE

The Oakland County Historical Commission, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, and the Farmington Historical Society will present "Oakland County Rode the Rails," a bus tour retracing two main routes of the Detroit-Union-Indian Trailway, Saturday, Oct. 6.

The tour will run from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and costs \$30 per person, including lunch at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub in Birmingham. Reservations are required.

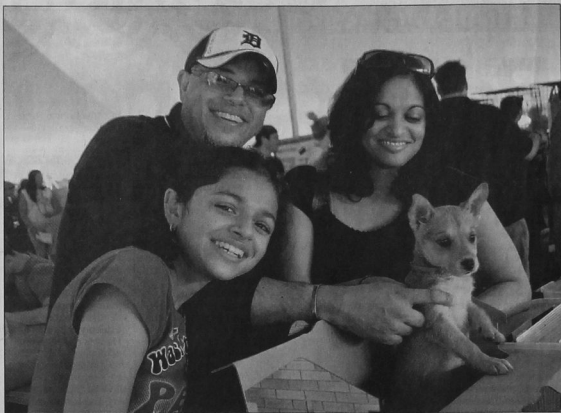
Participants will travel two of the main routes of the interurban line that once served thousands of rail commuters in Oakland County. They'll hear from authors and railway historians about the interurban and its importance to local communities and will learn about the historic buildings that served the railway and the communities that thrived along the rail

routes.

The tour will begin and end in Farmington at the site of the historic Botsford Inn, travel north through Royal Oak to Pontiac and back through the lakes area of central Oakland County.

Brian Golden, a member of the Oakland County Historical Commission and author of *Farmington Junction, a Trolley History* will be joined along the route by Helen Jane Peters, who will talk about the Sylvan Lake Inn, and Kenneth Schramm, author of *Detroit's Street Railway*, who will share his extensive knowledge of the D.U.R. Ticketholders will receive a tour booklet providing additional, supplemental information about the railway system.

For more information or to buy tour tickets, call Golden, tour conductor, at (248) 701-8112.



A family finds a new member at Meet Your Best Friends at the Zoo, an annual adoption event presented by the Michigan Humane Society, the Detroit Zoological Society and other animal rescue organizations.

Find a new furry friend, get one vaccinated

It's almost time to "Meet Your Best Friend" at the Detroit Zoo.

The Detroit Zoological Society and Michigan Humane Society, in collaboration with more than 20 local animal welfare organizations, will present the annual fall adoption event — now in its 20th year — from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 22-23 at the zoo, located at 10 Mile (696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for adoption to loving homes. Also, a number of additional breed-specific rescue groups will be on-hand providing information to potential adopters about the breeds they represent. For a full listing, visit www.michiganhumane.org/200.

Puppies are often in high demand and can lead to tent overcrowding, which is why special MHS "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 25 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those with a puppy pass will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m. A get acquainted area will be offered to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal.

There is no charge for admission or parking for the event. Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group and not by event hosts or sponsors. Animals will be adopted only to qualified homes. Adopters must present a valid driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical check-up and age-appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, visitors should leave current companion animals at home.



For more information, visit the MHS website at www.michiganhumane.org or call (866) 648-6263.

Low-cost vaccinations

Livonia-based Tail Waggers' 1990 will vaccination clinics in Inkster, Beverly Hills and Ypsilanti this month.

Distemper, rabies and bordetella vaccines are \$12 each or \$30 for all three. Microchipping also will be available. No appointment is necessary.

Clinics will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

16, at Pet Suite Retreat, 26245 Michigan Ave., Inkster; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Premier Pet Supply, 31215 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Norton's Flower and Gifts, 2900 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti.

RSVP by calling Tail Waggers' 1990 at (734) 560-4660 or e-mail to vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com.

Tail Waggers' 1990 also offers a low-cost spay/neuter program. All dogs and puppies, regardless of weight, cost \$85 and cats and kittens cost \$45. The group recommends that all animals be at least six months of age. Spay/neuter services are done at a local, private veterinarian hospital with arrangements being made through the Tail Waggers' office at (734) 655-4077. The Tail Waggers' office is located at 28402 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster; www.tailwaggers1990.org.

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GARDEN & NATURE

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Butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) will show the film *The Monarch, a Butterfly Beyond Borders*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. This presentation shows what still is unknown about the Monarch's various habitats. Parking on Hines Drive, or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.semabutterfly.com.

English Gardens

Create a spring garden that you'll force into bloom at a "Make It & Take It" workshop for kids, 11:30 a.m., Sat-

urday, Sept. 22. Fee is \$5. Register at englishgardens.com.

Learn about landscape design, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Free.

Get tips on pruning, 10 a.m. Saturday Oct. 6. Free.

Find out about the latest trends in seasonal indoor decorating 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13. Free.

Youngsters, 3-12, can make a terrarium filled with tropical plants in a "Make It & Take It Workshop" 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Fee is \$10. Sign up online at englishgardens.com.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-75. Their Now office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Lupus, vet care walks in works

The Lupus Alliance of America's, 18th Annual Metro Walk for Lupus is set for Saturday, Sept. 29 at Lake St. Clair Metro Park in Harrison Township.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 11:15 a.m.

The route is designed for people of all ages and abilities. Walkers with more than \$75 in pledges will receive a T-shirt. Participants can build their teams at milupus.org.

The event will include food, giveaways, and the Red Wings Experience.

Proceeds from the walk will enable the Lupus Alliance to provide monthly support groups, community outreach programs, patient advocacy at state and national levels and research advancements.

For walk, pledge or sponsorship information call The Lupus Alliance office at (800) 705-6677 or visit online at www.milupus.org.



FEET BEAT

Vet care

Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo kicks off with a 5K run at 8 a.m., followed by a 10K run at 8:45 p.m. and an untimed 1.5-mile fun walk at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Detroit Zoo.

Register outside the Detroit Zoo admission gates at the event. For more information, visit www.detroitzoo.org/run-wild.

FAITH

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avoid it when he became president because tourists would attend services just to watch him.

•Dwight Eisenhower—He was baptized upon becoming president, joined the Presbyterian Church, and led a national religious revival. "There is every indication that his faith was genuine."

•John F. Kennedy—"Research revealed him to be even more secular than I assumed," Holmes said. "One story ... it turns out Jackie complained to a reporter during the 1960 campaign that she felt it unfair people were holding her husband's religion against him. After all, she told the reporter, he's such a poor Catholic."

•Lyndon Johnson—His background was Southern Baptist, although he chose to go to the Disciples of Christ church as a youngster. He rarely attended church until he became president. "Then he started attending regularly, sometimes three times a Sunday," Holmes noted. "LBJ needed to be around people and church was where people could be found."

Richard Nixon—He became known for holding Sunday services in the White House, but in a college paper, at age 21, he wrote that he no longer believed in the Biblical miracles or divinity of Christ. Years later, he reaffirmed that view saying "One can be a good Christian without necessarily believing in the physical resurrection of Jesus. Holmes called him a "closet Unitarian."

•Gerald Ford—"A major surprise was that he turned out to be such a deeply religious man." He was raised as an Episcopalian.

•Jimmy Carter—"No surprises. The progressive Evangelical Southern Baptist we saw, was the progressive Evangelical Southern Baptist we got."

•Ronald Reagan—"I found Reagan's religion, to my surprise, to be absolutely authentic. He was the youth leader in his church in Illinois... he (dated) for 13 years the daughter of his pastor," Holmes noted. "In later years he retained the faith of his Protestant mother but adopted the poor church attendance of his lapsed Catholic father."

•George H.W. Bush—He was raised in a highly

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religious home and never departed from that path.

•Bill Clinton—"There seem to be two Bill Clintons. The first is the hedonistic Bill Clinton and the second, the Sunday morning Bill Clinton. These two men don't seem to know each other and if introduced, they would deny the other existed."

•George W. Bush—Holmes said Bush read evangelical material and surrounded himself with

evangelical advisors, but attended "main line Protestant churches because his wife 'is not at all comfortable with evangelical churches.'"

•Barack Obama—"After research I have little doubt that Obama's conversion to Christianity in his mid-20s was authentic. He was baptized. He had his two children baptized. Today, his half-sister, a Buddhist, says flatly, 'the man is a Christian.'"

Authors to sign books at annual luncheon

The Metro Detroit Book & Author Society will offer humor, drama and athletic competition at its fall luncheon at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The book lunch will be held at noon, Monday, Oct. 15 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft at I-96, in Livonia, and features lunch, book sales and the opportunity to have books signed by the authors.

The authors are: Chris Elliott—The Emmy-winning actor, comedian and writer has penned three books spoofing history or pseudo-history, including Jack the Ripper. His new book, *The Guy Under the Sheet*, in *Unauthorized Autobiography*, is a behind-the-scenes memoir "so personal, so provocative, that Elliott nearly sued himself to halt publication."

Chris Clave—An English newspaper columnist, he is the author of the #1 international bestseller *Little Bear*, which is being adapted for the movies by Nicole Kidman. His new novel, *Gold*, set around the 2012 Summer Olympics, pits two female athletes, close friends, in a test of their physical and emotional

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Joanne Harris—Born to a French mother and an English father in her grandparents' sweet shop, her family life was reflected in her international bestseller *Chocolat*. Her new novel *Peaches for Father Francis*, returns to the scene of *Chocolat* with a tale centered on a mysterious Muslim woman.

Scott Lasser—A Detroit native and novelist, his new novel is *Soy Nice Things About Detroit*. It is both a love story and a tale about the complicated urban politics of the 21st century and finding hope in a ravaged city.

Tickets are \$30. Books sales open at 11 a.m. To buy tickets see the ticket request form at the society's web site, bookandauthorinfo.com.

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Second annual picnic noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs. No need to pre-register. Call Janet Cable at (734) 377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com.

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Of course, in time, strain on the other joints becomes intolerable and the patient must come to the physician for therapy for the elbow. The doctor has several options. One is to put the arm in a sling and rest the elbow; the problem is that such treatment renders the whole arm useless. Another alternative is to increase the patient's arthritis medicine, but often only one elbow is involved and more anti-arthritis medicine may disrupt what is otherwise equilibrium between the body, the medicine and the condition under treatment.

A third choice is to aspirate any excess fluid from the elbow joint and then inject a cortisone preparation to forestall the return of inflammation. Doctors usually turn to this option as experience indicates that in most instances the elbow recovers its utility and pain is slow to return or does not rebound at all. In short, doctors can treat elbow arthritis just as ably as they do arthritis of the shoulder, wrist, hand, knee or foot.

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Managing pain

Wayne State prof researches health of African Americans

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

April Vallerand of Novi, an associate professor in the College of Nursing at Wayne State University, is researching pain management in African American cancer patients.

In this study, all are cancer patients, said Vallerand, 55, who received her Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned a master's in nursing from California State University at Los Angeles and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

Vallerand and colleagues did a study in home care, how to manage cancer pain, approximately from 2004-5. They lost a lot of patients, with less reimbursement for home care coming in.

"My thought was 'Where are these patients getting care now?'" Outpatient clinics are most common.

Vallerand has found patients who can manage their pain do better.

Sense of control

"It's that sense of knowing what to do to control your pain. If they didn't have that they were more distressed and less functional. Our African Americans had significantly higher levels of pain, more distress and significantly less function."

The patients are followed for 12 weeks, with intervention five weeks of that time.

At week 12, researchers want to see if changes have lasted.

Medication management is one component. "It's much more effective if you take it earlier. That's one of the pieces we're helping them understand." Nurses can help with side effects and issues of addiction.

They also train the patient and caregiver to support each other in interacting with doctors. "That validation is really important. That's our second component which we call pain advocacy."

Living with Pain is the third component, not eliminating all pain but letting patients do what's important to them. That could include a hot-cold pack to put in microwave or freezer. Some use prayer; those types of issues to help them continue their life. Sleeping because you're continually in pain "is not a good coping mechanism, she said.

Help with pain

"I do believe this type intervention will work for most any kind of pain." She would like to use it on non-cancer and other populations as well.

There was an article in *The Michigan Chronicle* on their study, with a woman from the study interviewed. "She talked about what the intervention did for her. It was wonderful," said Vallerand, who also recently spoke to the Novi Rotary about her work.

Caregivers aren't all fami-

ly members.

"It could be anybody." Spouses as caregivers are less likely for African Americans, many are friends or neighbors "or they have no one."

One man said when asked if he needed a hospital ride, "I'd call a cab." Many of them are alone in dealing with this," she said.

Researchers found that African American cancer patients experience chronic pain more severely than others and tended to believe that nothing would help them, making them vulnerable to depression.

Vallerand's \$1.1 million study funded by the National Cancer Institute, "Improving Functional Status Among African American Patients with Cancer Pain," is testing counseling as a way to help these patients. The research study currently has 109 patients enrolled in the Detroit area, half of whom receive in-home visits from a nurse who counsels patients and their caregivers. The study will enroll 256 patients, half in a control group and half in the counseling intervention group, prior to completion in 2014.

This study is the only one focusing on African American cancer patients with chronic pain. It's a three-year study, about half-way through. They're beginning to publish information, and applying for other grants to look at other populations.

"There's not a good knowledge of what the survivors



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Novi resident and Wayne State University associate professor April Vallerand is working on a National Health Institute grant to study the effectiveness of pain management for African Americans going through cancer treatment. She coordinates the study through the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit.

go through," she said of cancer survivors.

Access is key

"I think that anything that provides more of our patients with access to health care is a good thing," she said. One patient had an insurance plan, with doctor who prescribed 60 Vicodin a month.

"He's spending at least half his day in pain. The insurance company said, 'No, we'll only give you 40.'" Because the study patients have cancer, Karmanos social workers will help to identify assistance.

"But it's a real struggle," said Vallerand, who hasn't found any negative reaction to nurses as researchers.

"It may be because I'm a Ph.D. I'm pretty good at making it clear I'm a nurse." Patients are comfortable with nurses.

"They have been incredibly welcoming. They watch out for us. We go into neighborhoods that are not wonderful." They may not expect their physicians to do this kind of research, she said.

Patients are sad to see them leave. One man with

prostate cancer couldn't wash dishes at his sink initially. For the second visit, he was waiting at the door and said, "You guys have changed my whole life." He would walk a mile a day in the park.

"So it's been very gratifying to see we are able to make enormous changes in some of these patients," she said. "That's exactly what we're talking about giving them their life back. What did that pain keep you from doing and can we help you get back to it?"

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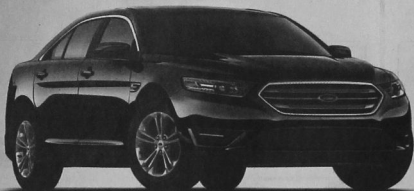
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10 things that scream, "Don't Hire Me!"

Rachel Zupek, CareerBuilder.com writer

You just don't get it. You've applied to numerous jobs, been to countless interviews and made several new contacts in your network -- yet here you are -- still sitting on the unemployment list. What gives?

Well... have you ever stopped to consider that what gives might in fact be ...you?

It's a hard concept that most job seekers have trouble wrapping their heads around, but applicants frequently -- inadvertently -- raise red flags to hiring managers that immediately scream, "Don't hire me!" But, it might not be entirely your fault.

"Most companies don't give direct feedback about areas people are weak in while they are employed. They are enabling poor performance and lack of accountability," says Tom Gimbel, president and CEO of The LaSalle Network, an executive recruiting firm in Chicago. "The same mentality exists when people interview. They feel they did 'great' on the interview and never look at themselves for if they feel that the interviewer was looking for something different."

Not sure if you're unknowingly blurring your chances at scoring your dream job? Here are 10 red flags to be wary of during your next job hunt:

Red flag No. 1: You don't have any contact information on your resumé

When you're crafting your resumé, you should focus on highlighting relevant skills and accomplishments that are in line with the position for which you are applying. But what good is an impressive resumé if hiring managers have no way to get in touch with its owner? If they can't find you, they can't hire you. Always provide a

home address, phone number or e-mail address so employers can get in touch with you easily.

Red flag No. 2: You have long gaps between jobs on your resumé

Even if your long departure from the work force is valid, extended lapses of unemployment might say to an employer, "Why weren't you wanted by anyone?" Gimbel says. Anytime you have more than a three-month gap of idleness on your resumé, legitimate or otherwise, be prepared to explain yourself.

Red flag No. 3: You aren't prepared for the interview

There are many ways to be unprepared for an interview: You haven't researched the company, you don't have any questions prepared, you didn't bring a copy of your resumé, etc. Plain and simple, do your homework before an interview. Explore the company online, prepare answers to questions and have someone give you a mock interview. The more prepared you are, the more employers will take you seriously.

Red flag No. 4: You didn't provide any references

By omitting references in your application, employers could infer that you don't know anyone who has any positive things to say about you -- when in fact, you just forgot to provide them with people who can vouch for you. No references also shows

employers that you aren't prepared for people to call them, Gimbel says. Always make sure the hiring manager has at least one person to contact who can speak on your behalf.

Red flag No. 5: You only have negative things to say about previous employment

We know how tempting it is to want to tell anyone who will listen how much of a (insert expletive word here) your old boss was -- but a hiring manager for a coveted job is not that person.

There are hundreds of ways to turn negative things about an old job into positives. Thought your last job was a dead end? Spin it by saying, "I felt I had gone as far as I could go in that position. I'm looking for something with more opportunity for advancement." Couldn't get along with your co-workers? "I really need to work in an environment where I feel like I'm part of a team and my last position didn't allow for that kind of atmosphere."

Red flag No. 6: You've held several different jobs -- in the past six months

Job hopping is a new trend in the working world. Workers are no longer staying in a job for 10-20 years; they stay for a couple and move on to the next one. While such a tactic can further your career, switching jobs too often will raise a prospective employer's antenna. Too many jobs in too

little time tells employers that either you can't hold a job or you have no loyalty, Gimbel says. Pick and choose the jobs you include on your resumé or prepare to explain yourself.

Red flag No. 7: You give inconsistent answers in your interview

One tactic hiring managers use during the hiring process is to ask you the same question in several different ways. This is mostly to ensure that you're genuine with your answers and not just telling an employer what he or she wants to hear. Keep your responses sincere throughout the entire process and you should be good to go.

Red flag No. 8: You lack flexibility

Most people know what they want in a job as far as benefits, compensation, time-off, etc. If you're unable to be flexible with some of your (unrealistic?) expectations, however, you're going to have a difficult time finding a job. Have a bottom line in terms of what you want before you start the hiring process and be willing to bend a bit if necessary.

Red flag No. 9: Your application was, in a word -- lazy

Only doing the bare minimum of what's asked of you won't get very far -- in life or in your job search. Applying to jobs with the same resumé and the same cover letter (or none at all) is pure laziness. And as Gimbel points out, if you won't spend extra time on yourself and your application materials, you sure as heck won't do for a client.

Red flag No. 10: You lack objective or ambition

If you have no long-term goals, then you really have no short-term goals either, Gimbel says. "Long-term goals may change, however you need to have some concept of where you want to go." Know where you want to go and how you plan to get there. Otherwise you will be unfocused and unmotivated, which are two big no-nos for an applicant.

Rachel Zupek is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com. She searches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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9 Constellation
10 Something
11 Connections
12 Lofy goals
13 Like hamster
14 "Doubtfire"
15 Thick head of

36 Yielded
37 Topknot of hair
38 Storehouse item
40 PC button
41 Impassioned
42 Pay attention
43 Mountebank
44 Joyful shout
45 Eggnoy time
46 Diner
47 Edible roots
48 Murder and such
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1 Links org.
2 "Breathless"
3 Lead row
4 Broken-arm support
5 Garden
6 Hopper
7 Rocker part
8 Fakes
9 Repeat
10 Verbatim

9 Capote, to pals
10 NASA
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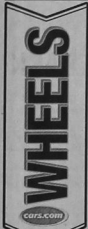
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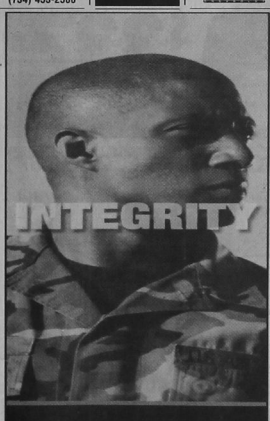
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Car Report

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CHRYSLER RELIES ON GRIT, SAVVY AND CHARISMA IN COMEBACK

By Dale Buss

Part 1 of a two-part report.

It seems that every week, Chrysler demonstrates some new phase of its determination to transform its three-year-old lifeline into solid viability—dare we even say, success? The company that has come to define corporate melodrama over the last 30 years looks more and more like the formidable long-term player that Chrysler never quite has been until now.

And it's no longer any contest which company, Chrysler or General Motors, has done a better job of leveraging the new lease on life made available to it by the U.S. taxpayer bailouts in 2009. GM seems to be flirting with the realm of disappointment, while Chrysler is becoming a revelation.

Consider one new savvy move by Chrysler, and two new bits of

validation.

Just as an uptick in the housing market has joined the stubborn general automotive recovery in renewing hopes for the U.S. pickup-truck market, Chrysler is introducing a vastly overhauled version of its mainstay Ram 1500 model this season, also just in time for what is annually the strongest season for truck sales.

Chrysler's product brain trust recognized early last year that its pickup-segment competitors would be falling into a lull in their own product cycles. GM isn't expected to introduce an all-new Chevrolet Silverado until next summer, and Ford won't follow with a new F-150, the segment leader, until 2015.

So Chrysler locked in a more thorough upgrade of Ram for this fall than the less-extensive mid-cycle refresh it had been planning. "I am going to be the only one in the marketplace with a new truck," Robert Hegbloom, director of the Ram brand, told the Free Press. "It's fantastic



The Ram 1500 is the freshest pickup truck on the market this fall.

timing."

Moreover, the new Ram 1500 seems to be a vehicle worthy of a fresh look, with a new V6 engine and eight-speed transmission, 2-mpg better highway mileage than any competitor, and even Chrysler's first manifestation of new engine "stop-start" technology that turns off the engine when idled and restarts it upon acceleration, to boost fuel efficiency.

Also, Strategic Vision has released its highly regarded Total Quality Index for 2012, and it reaffirmed Chrysler's surprising surge in actual and perceived vehicle quality. Overall, the company placed three winners of segment quality awards, out of a total of 22 segments, tying a few other OEMs for the most awards. It also finished tied for second overall in the survey of more than 45,000 consumers, with Ford, behind Volkswagen.

And Chrysler's performance as the "most improved" OEM this year caught the attention of the

head of the San Diego-based

research and consulting firm. "They are definitely beginning to turn things around," said Darrel Edwards, founder of Strategic Vision.

That endorsement came just days after Chrysler performed well on yet another third-party evaluation of its products: It placed the Fiat 500 No. 3 and the Dodge Dart No. 1 on KBB.com's new list of "10 Coolest Cars Under \$18,000." Notably, Dart won the day even before it was available in volume at Dodge dealerships, with KBB.com crediting the new Fiat-Chrysler collaborative effort with an "enticing combination of style, performance, features and value" including "exceptional interior space and loads of personalization potential."

All of these impressive accomplishments by Chrysler prove once again that there is no substitute—even in an industry as vast and complicated as automotive—for bold and

charismatic leadership that also is savvy. Clearly, Chrysler and Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne learned from his stylistic godfather, Lee Iacocca, when he invaded the U.S. auto industry with his gutsy decision to pick up the carcass of Chrysler in 2009.

Another sign that Chrysler is stabilizing at a much-improved place over a few years ago is that the company is finally able to pay true attention to improving its corporate culture after decades of erratic movements from one overlord to another and a necessarily makeshift approach to empowering and motivating its employees.

Under the Fiat-Chrysler global manufacturing system, for instance, there is a concerted effort to build on several crucial "pillars" of management that "really underlie the people side of our system now," Mario Pino, head of world-class manufacturing for Chrysler, told me. One goal of this approach is to eliminate non-value-added activities in Chrysler plants in a thoroughgoing way that the company never has attempted before, down to shaving steps required by an assembly-line operator to complete a given task—by asking the worker to redesign the job.

After the ultimately disappointing leadership of Chrysler by Dieter Zetsche, aka "Dr. Z," under Daimler ownership, and then the bloodless and ineffective ministrations of the suits from Cerberus, Marchionne was more than a breath of fresh air; he was a blood transfusion.

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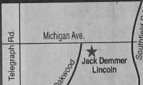


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