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Canton unveils plan to spur new growth

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton is embarking on a multipronged push to lure new businesses and retain companies that already have made this community their home.

"We've got to keep Canton Canton and keep it vibrant with new businesses coming in," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. His remarks came Tuesday

night as Kristen Thomas, Canton's economic-development and marketing analyst, gave the seven-member township board a peek at efforts intended to give Canton a competitive edge as communities wrestle for economic growth.

Officials say the aim is to create local jobs and generate new tax revenues to help offset financial losses that occurred after property values started plumm-

ing a few years ago. On the horizon, Canton is expected to seek proposals and choose a company to spearhead a new market study for the Ford Road corridor, specifically between Lilley and Lotz, the Cherry Hill Village area and Michigan Avenue.

The study is expected to cost less than \$50,000, and Canton hopes to partner with the Downtown Development Authority,

which promotes Ford Road, to pay for it. "There's still a lot that can be done along Ford Road, believe it or not," Thomas said.

Road fix
Though new development along Ford Road would certainly dump more motorists on the traffic-clogged thoroughfare,

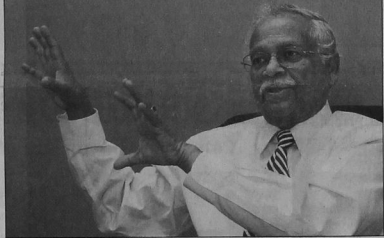
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House hopefuls hinge race on competing messages

Taj thinks he can fix what ails the country



By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer



Dr. Syed Taj believes there's a critical need for a doctor in the house — the U.S. House. He's running for the two-year term in the newly drawn 11th District.

As an India-born medical doctor who worked hard to achieve the American dream, Syed Taj of Canton views himself as a physician who has the right prescription for what ails this country.

Like a trusted family doctor listening attentively to his patients, Taj says he understands what is hurting people in the 11th Congressional District he hopes to represent: They need good jobs. They fear losing Medicare and Social Security benefits. They worry they could be stripped of health care. They want their children to have an affordable education.

11TH DISTRICT

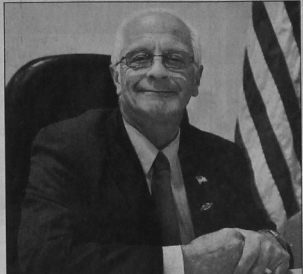
Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, composed of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Taj believes there's a critical need for a doctor in the house — the U.S. House, that is — and he appears confident he is one of the Democrats who, if elected, can help second-term-seeker President Barack Obama move the country forward not just for the rich, but for the middle class and those who need a safety net.

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Bentivolio: Send 'a regular guy' to Congress

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer



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Republican Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District and the remaining two months in the current district. He's running on a platform of fiscal and social conservatism.

Kerry Bentivolio has been called inexperienced, "that Tea Party guy" a candidate who seemingly emerged from nowhere to claim front-runner status in the Republican bid for the 11th Congressional District seat.

Yet he makes no apologies for never having served in political office or for embracing the conservative values of the right wing.

In fact, he says, that is precisely why voters should check his name on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"I'm just a regular guy who cares very deeply about this country," Bentivolio said. "And it's about time a regular guy — with a regular voice — came to Congress."

11TH DISTRICT

Republican candidate Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, composed of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties. He also is vying for the two months remaining in the current 11th Congressional District.

Key issues

Like his fellow conservatives, Bentivolio maintains a political stance that decries federal government's over-borrowing and overspending, as well as involvement beyond what is outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

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Stranger-danger incidents prompt school warning

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

A pair of similar "stranger danger" incidents this week led Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials to contact local police and send out a robo-call warning to parents.

The first incident actually happened Tuesday afternoon, when a Central Middle School sixth-grader said a man in a silver car

exposed himself to her while she was walking along Starkweather, near Main, on her way home from school. The girl reported the incident to Central Principal Anthony Ruela Wednesday.

The second incident occurred Wednesday, when a Discovery Middle School student was approached by a man in a dark gray car and invited to get in. The incident happened off-campus, district officials said, but close

enough that the student returned to the school to report it.

District officials said they weren't sure the incidents were related, but reported both to police in Canton and Plymouth, and initiated the robo-call to parents.

"We aren't sure the incidents are related, but two within 24 hours required this reaction from the district," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We

take our responsibility very seriously. It's rare we put out a message to our entire community, but we felt after talking to police this was the right thing to do to get the information out there as quickly as we could."

Vague description
The Central Middle School student described the suspect as

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STRANGER

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a white male between the ages of 40-50, with a scruffy beard, brown hair and blue eyes. The car was described as an older-model silver car.

Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox called the description "a little vague" but said the department has stepped up patrols around the school.

"We're hitting the schools pretty hard with visible patrols for awhile," Cox said. "We're looking for the car and the suspect, but there's not a lot to go on."

The second incident happened shortly after 3 p.m. Wednesday. The student in that incident said the suspect was driving a dark grey or black four-door car with dark tinted windows. The student said the suspect rolled

the window down part-way and motioned him toward the car. Other witnesses reported seeing a black four-door with tinted windows playing loud music in the same area the day before.

There were no words spoken and only a portion of the suspect's face was exposed. He is described as a white man with light-colored hair.

Third incident

Similarly, around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, Canton police took a report of a white male in his 50s exposing himself while crossing the street in front of a school bus in the area of Seabrook and Kensington. The male was described as stocky build, wearing khaki pants and a white shirt.

"We are unsure which, if any, of the three incidents are related but regardless, we are ask-

ing the community to be on alert, and report any suspicious activity they may observe to the police department," said Canton Special Service Sgt. Patrick Sullivan. "This could also be a good time for parents to remind their children about stranger danger, walking in groups, and how to react if they are approached by a stranger."

Plymouth Chief Cox had the same advice.

"We are encouraging parents to have that talk with kids one more time," Cox said. "Parents should get them to walk together, to tell someone if they see anything suspicious or if they are approached. They shouldn't be embarrassed about it; they need to tell a trusted adult so that adult can contact the police."

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AROUND CANTON



Beauty with Beast

Actors from both Plymouth and Canton are helping Spotlight on Youth bring "Beauty and the Beast Jr." to the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The production tells the classic story of Belle and her Beast along with the other enchanted characters who learn that outside appearances don't show who a person truly is on the inside. The show plays Oct. 18-21 at 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances Oct. 20-21. Tickets (\$15) are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village theater.

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

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Date/Time: Monday, Oct. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley
Details: The Canton Women's Connection meeting will feature guest speaker Stacey Stover, director of the Transition Center, Recruitment & Student Activities, Schoolcraft College. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 5.
Contact: June Nicholas, (313) 610 2561 or email:junenicholas@comcast.net

BOOK SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Canton American Association Of University Women Used Book Sale will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma's Craft Show. Pick up some reading materials for the fraction of the cost. Now collecting used books (children/adults), gently used, no text, damaged books or Encyclopedias.
Contact: If you have any books to donate and/or questions, contact Becky Copenhaver, (734) 981-6023 or email:bcopenhaver@yahoo.com

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates: Various
Locations: Various
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors

blood drives at the following dates, times and locations: Sunday, Oct. 7, St. Thomas a Becket Church, Canton, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 8, Church of Christ, 1-6:45 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 14, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 16, Victory Toyota, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 20, NorthRidge Church, Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 22, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2-7:45 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 24, VFW Post 6665, Plymouth, 2-7:45 p.m.

Contact: Donors can contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. (early bird), 9 a.m. to noon (regular)
Location: St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: The Mom 2 Mom sale features 74 tables of gently used maternity, baby, and kids items. There will be a bake sale and refreshments. Proceeds benefit St. Edith St. Kenneth MOPS.

Contact: www.stekmops.org

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Farmer's Market winding down

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Just as sure as fall leaves are turning color, the Canton Farmer's Market is winding down another successful warm-season market of selling Michigan products, supporting local vendors and offering visitors a friendly place to spend Sundays.

Today and Sunday, Oct. 14, signal the last two markets, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., until a special pre-Thanksgiving market happens 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, market manager Tina Lloyd said.

The market is located in Preservation Park, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

This Sunday, performer Ryan Blake is scheduled to appear 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the porch of the historic Bartlett-Travis House. A master gardener plant exchange continues 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Lloyd said patrons are invited to divide up their healthy perennials, label and bag them and bring them to the market, where they can exchange them and take a new plant home. The master gardener

tent will be on the gravel drive.

Moreover, Chef Paul is cooking 10:30 a.m. to noon today.

Next Sunday, the market concludes with what Lloyd said will be a harvest celebration. Among the events:

- Betsy Beckerman makes her debut playing on the Bartlett-Travis porch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Peace, Love and Planet is hosting a "garbage graveyard game" for children, who can have fun turning trash into art and learning the fundamentals of decomposing trash. This occurs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wild Birds Unlimited will feature winter birding 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Canton Public Library brings storytime 10 a.m. and noon.
- There will be Halloween crafts for children.
- Apple-tasting and treats with dietitian Lisa Soper is on the agenda 10:30 a.m. to noon.

As always, the market offers a wide array of fresh foods and other Michigan-made products.



Chef Paul will be cooking Sunday at the Canton Farmer's Market.

Charges loom in Sam's Club slashing case

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man is expected to face criminal charges as early as this week following allegations he spat on a Saline man and slashed him with a knife during an incident that police say happened outside the Sam's Club on Ford Road east of Lotz.

"We are investigating the incident including an allegation of the suspect having spit on the victim prior to the cutting incident occurring," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. The incident happened shortly before 4 p.m. last Sunday in the Sam's Club parking lot. The victim sought medical attention at a hospital, Schreiner said, but his injuries weren't life-threatening.

Canton police arrested the suspect, a 44-year-old Canton man, after finding him across the street near the Home Depot store.

"He was walking on foot," Schreiner said. "He was taken into custody without incident."

However, Schreiner said the suspect was being released Tuesday as local officials awaited word on charges from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Authorities said the dispute escalated following a verbal confrontation between the two men outside of the Sam's Club store. It wasn't clear what triggered the initial dispute.

"Officers arrested a 44-year-old Canton resident after he allegedly used a knife during a verbal altercation between himself and a 41-year-old Saline resident," Schreiner said. "The suspect reportedly slashed him on the arm, and he required medical attention at a hospital."

The victim suffered a wound to the top of his forearm, Schreiner said. There were no early indications the two men knew each other.

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Catholic Central has proud history, academic rigor

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Detroit Catholic Central High School opened its doors in 1928, with the school name the Shamrocks due to so many Irish immigrant families enrolling their sons.

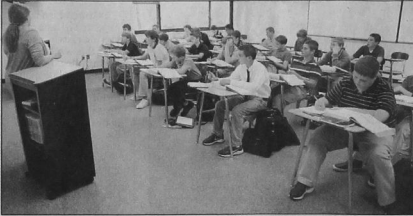
"So it's been awhile," said the Rev. John Huber, principal at the now Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School. After leaving Detroit, the school was located on Breakfast Drive in Redford before moving to Novi.

CC students, faculty and staff recently shared a proud moment upon learning the high school was ranked among the Top 50 U.S. Catholic high schools. That includes coeducational and girls' schools as well, Huber said.

"Above all, the kids work very hard," said Huber, also praising the faculty and staff. Novi resident Matthew Confer, 17, is a CC senior accepted to the University of Alabama for a dual major in chemical engineering/chemistry. The son of Lisa and Scott, Confer came up through the Novi public school system before CC.

"I love it," Confer said of CC. "It is by far the best choice I've made in my life. It has had the biggest impact on my life."

He manages the wrestling team, plays tuba in the band, and is in the Monogram Club which leads cheers at athletic events. Confer carries a 4.67 grade point average. "Get involved," is his advice to new students. "That has to be by far the



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Detroit Catholic Central algebra teacher Allison Hodgkins, left, teaches a Sept. 25 class at the Novi campus.



Detroit Catholic Central students change classrooms during a break on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

biggest thing I was told. It'll help you develop as a person."

Huber noted the top Catholic high school status previously came through the Acton Institute out of Grand Rapids, Mich., and was transferred to the Cardinal Newman Society, which recognizes top Cath-

olic colleges and high schools.

The society looks at academics, including test scores, curriculum and Advanced Placement classes. Civic education in history and economics is also included, with a focus on the church's social teaching. Theology is part of the process,

including prayer life, presence of priests, student community involvement, and access to such sacraments as Communion.

The Cardinal Newman Society recognition is given every two years, and CC will apply again then.

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Detroit Catholic Central freshman Josh Stein, right, and the students of Allison Hodgkins' algebra class, prepare to wrap up a Tuesday morning session at their Novi campus. Catholic Central was recently named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic schools by the Cardinal Newman Society. The school currently hosts a dozen National Merit Semifinalists.

CC thrives while facing challenges head on

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Catholic Central has been through challenging times in recent years, including the plane crash deaths of a hockey team that included the late Brad McCrimmon, dad to a CC student.

"Then we had to deal with the Cipriano tragedy as well," Huber said of the family in which the father died and mother and son Sal, a CC student, were beaten, with court charges against a son and a second young man.

"He's getting better every day," Huber said of Sal. "I attribute that to the kids and their fervent prayer for them (the family)."

CC has 1,070 young

men enrolled as students, the largest Catholic high school in the state. There are still plenty of Irish but not like the early days.

"We're much more diverse now," said Huber, noting the Arab presence in Dearborn and at CC, which has five Muslim students. Most of the Arab-background students are Catholic, he said.

The school has great sports teams, but Huber also likes to praise the academics. "It's disappointing we don't get the same kind of media attention" for academics, he said. The school emphasizes Christian/Catholic character first, followed by academics and then sports and activities.

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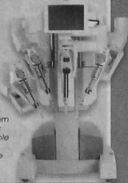
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By Matt Jachman
 Observer Staff Writer

With unfinished business in Lansing, Heise wants to stay on the job in Lansing. Heise, a first-term Republican state representative whose district includes Plymouth Township and Plymouth, said reforms begun in 2011 are pulling Michigan out of an economic malaise and have the state operating with a surplus rather than a deficit, but that more needs to be done to create jobs, lower the cost of government and improve public education. "I want to lower the tax rate for everybody," said Heise during a recent interview, pointing to a tenth-of-a-percent dip in

the state income tax that took effect Oct. 1. "Corporations create jobs and we need to make the business environment as competitive as possible." Heise, an attorney and the former director of the Wayne County department of environment, is seeking re-election to the state House of Representatives in the 20th District. He faces Democrat Tim Roraback in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election. Heise said that while steps have been taken, during his first term, to improve public education, more needs to be done. The need for good schools, he said, is "the common denominator for many of us" when choosing where to live. The 2011 state edu-

cation K-12 budget cut funding by \$470 student, and Heise, objecting to that cut, voted against it, and also voted against this year's schools budget. He would like to see public colleges and universities cut their costs, including for salaries and benefits, so that more money can be funneled to K-12 schools. "They have not done nearly as much as they should have," he said. Heise supports charter schools, saying parents with children in schools they do not think are up to par should have options. He also supported the approval of the measure that allowed more "cyber schools" in the state, after, he said, changes he helped write that

made the legislation more effective. The abolition of the Michigan Business Tax and streamlining of regulations, Heise said, has improved the business climate, but more needs to be done, and regulatory reform has a long way to go. "Businesses need certainty as to their regulatory environment," he said. He defended his record on taxes and said the 2011 tax changes, such as the scrapping of the MBT and the new tax on pensions, put taxpayers on a more equal footing. "What we're trying to do is take the tax code and make it apply equally and fairly to everybody," he said. The pen-

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Roraback: Heise doesn't share district values

By Matt Jachman
 Observer Staff Writer

THE RORABACK FILE

Name: Tim Roraback
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Profession: Retired Manager for Michigan Department of Human Services
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Community involvement: Member of the Supporters of Academic Integrity, Plymouth Democratic Club, Northville Democratic Club, and Community Democratic Club.
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Tim Roraback questions whether Kurt Heise truly represents the values of the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives. That's prompted Roraback, a Democrat and a retired manager in the state's Department of Human Services, to challenge the Republican freshman Heise in the new 20th District, which still includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The two are facing off in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election. Roraback said last year's changes in the state's tax code, supported by Heise, essentially resulted in a tax cut

for big businesses and an increase for some of those who can least afford it, including retirees on pensions, parents (with the elimination of a \$600-per child credit), and low-income workers, who saw the earned income credit reduced. "Somewhere, they put a new tax on people getting

pensions on Michigan," Roraback said of the Republican-led tax overhaul. "This is from the party that'll never raise your taxes." Roraback, of Plymouth, said he would like to see a system that puts more money in the hands of people who would spend it, increasing demand and thus jobs, and into education. "We would be better off to put money into the economy instead of squirreling away more money in the coffers of some large corporation," Roraback said. He said he'd also like to see a tax system that helps small businesses as opposed to large corporations. Roraback opposed the state's 2011 public edu-

cation budget, which cut per-pupil funding by \$470. (Heise voted against that budget.) Roraback said schools are vital to voters in the 20th District; he would like to restore that funding. He is also against the expansion of charter schools, which, in his view, drain students and resources from traditional public schools putting them on a downward spiral. "I don't think they were designed for a place like Plymouth-Canton, where our public schools are excellent," he said. He has a similar view of cyber-schools, which, he said, are mainly designed to bring profits to the companies that run them.

Roraback also:
 • Challenged Heise's environmental record, saying the Sierra Club recently gave him a 0 percent rating. (Heise responded that such ratings can be viewed differently in ways that he'd put his record up against anybody's.)
 • Said state legislators operate in an atmosphere of weak ethics guidelines, noting that the Center for Public Integrity rates Michigan as 43rd out of the 50 states in ethics standards.
 • Favors campaign finance reform.
 • "Our system allows too much money to be funneled into various campaigns and in ways that

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Group's meeting focuses on growing role of women

"Changing The World One Woman at a Time" is the topic of businesswoman and philanthropy specialist Terry A. Barclay's keynote address at the sixth annual meeting of the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle on Oct. 10 at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Barclay will focus on the growing role women play in philanthropic decision making; the critical importance of women helping other women; and how women philanthropists approach giving decisions differently than men.

Barclay is the President and CEO of Inforum and the Inforum Center for Leadership, one of

the largest women's business forums in the United States with more than 2,000 members throughout Michigan. Inforum provides opportunities for businesswomen to connect, forge alliances, address vital civic and business issues and advance as leaders.

Since taking over at Inforum in 2001, Barclay has increased membership 300%, expanded the service area to include all of Michigan and created the Center for Leadership, a non-profit education and research organization.

Founded in 2006, the Giving Circle is a group of local women who believe that they can bring about

change by pooling and leveraging their financial resources into grants for local nonprofits assisting women and children in need. More than \$28,000 has been granted to organizations such as First Step, the Wayne County program to assist victims of domestic violence, Starfish Family Services, the Girls Scouts and local libraries.

All women in the community are invited to the event which begins with a reception at 6:30, followed by the program at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 through the Foundation website at www.cantonfoundation.org or by calling the Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

GROWTH

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LaJoy said he is hopeful the Michigan Department of Transportation is close to finding a solution to fix the problem.

Across town, a few small businesses, such as a dog groomer and a coffee shop, have sprouted along the Cherry Hill Village commercial corridor, but the area has long defied earlier growth expectations that crumbled when the economy tumbled.

Cherry Hill Village residents have long sought amenities such as a grocery store. Officials say new housing starts might eventually usher in new growth.

"I think the more people we get to live out there, the better," LaJoy said.

Thomas cited a few critical ways Canton hopes to lure new businesses:

- Her office has formed ties to the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Schoolcraft College-based Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center to roll out Canton's BEST (Business Excellence Street Team). Thomas described BEST as "an economic development tool box" that provides one-on-one site visits to businesses to help provide the resources they need to succeed and grow.
- A combined effort by the planning, engineering, building and public safety departments has been fine-tuned to help potential businesses wade through start-up regulations and other issues.
- Strides are being made to make www.thinkcanton.org a website where companies can find information about available properties, Canton's demographics and community features such as the Village Theater at



Bill Whelan cuts the ceremonial ribbon on the company's new Canton facility back in October 2011.

Cherry Hill, Summit on the Park recreation center and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

Making strides

- Efforts continue to market Canton at business hubs such as the International Council of Shopping Centers. Last spring, Thomas and LaJoy attended the spring conference in Las Vegas to meet retailers, brokers and other business people.
- Thomas has continued to forge ties to groups such as the Michigan Economic Development Corp., the Wayne County Economic Growth Engine (EDGE) and the Michigan Small Business Technology and Development Center.

Canton already has made strides despite a still-challenging economy. Since 2010, Thomas said, nearly two million square feet of industri-

al space has been filled, though have of it came from W.F. Whelan, a logistics company near Haggerty and Joy.

Retailers such as Dick's Sporting Goods have chosen Canton, and Busch's has announced plans to bring a new market to the old Farmer Jack site off Canton Center.

Moreover, Lotus International, partnering with a Minnesota company, continues to put Canton on the map for making televisions.

"They're the only TVs made in America," Thomas said.

She said it's important to retain businesses such as Lotus and others that have shown growth potential.

"We want them to stay here," she said. "We want them to thrive and be successful."

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Hayton: Find ways to reduce spending

Jeffrey Hayton is concerned about the negative impact a fiscal crisis could have on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district. It's a big reason the Westland resident is making a second bid for an elective seat on the Board of Education.

"I am a longtime resident with two children in the school district," he said. "I'm concerned that the district is heading for a financial disaster which will negatively impact the education of students in the district and the community in general."

JEFFREY HAYTON

City: Westland
Age: 42
Employment: State of Michigan, systems developer
Family: Married, two children
Education: Master of Business Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University
Community involvement: assistant Boy Scout leader



Hayton served on the school board for several months in 2011, after being appointed to replace longtime school board member Martha

Pitsenberger. He believes that prior experience will serve him well, if he is elected to one of two six-year terms that will be filled in the November

school election.

With school funding from the state at levels lower than 2008, where do you think the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can trim expenses to maintain a balanced budget?

"I think that every area of expenditure has opportunities to find savings. I would like to see the district begin to benchmark some of its spending against other districts to identify areas where we spend comparatively more than other districts. We need to be more aggressive in seeking low prices and discounts from

vendors and suppliers.

A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of putting more money in the classroom and how would you accomplish that?

"Putting more money in the classroom" is about allocating a higher percentage of our budget into activities and services that directly impact the educating of students. This requires spending less in noncore educational activities, such as administrative overhead. I would work with the

board and administration to find administrative efficiencies and eliminate redundant or unnecessary activities that do not add to the learning process.

What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

My main goal will be to work with the board, administration, parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders to bring the district into a financially stable state while helping our students to reach their highest academic potential.

Weaver: Keep the focus on students

Frederick Weaver has three reasons for seeking election to the Wayne-Westland school board. The first is to work with the administration to solve the district's per pupil funding difficulties.

The second is to get the district's funding language restored, and the third is to work closely with a customer service piece being developed by School Superintendent Greg Baracy and that will be instituted throughout the district.

Weaver is campaigning for one of two six-year terms on the board after being appointed in August 2011 by the Wayne RESA Board to fill a vacancy. He also was elected to the board twice and served until resigning in 2008.

"What makes me the best choice for the school

FREDERICK WEAVER

City: Westland
Age: 54
Employment: Reflection Church
Family: Married, two children
Education: Doctorate in theology from Andersonville Baptist Seminary
Community involvement: School and city functions and events, Project 180



board is my experience," said Weaver. "I have served for nine years on this board. In that time, I have served three years as president, one as secretary and one as treasurer. My attendance at meetings is nearly perfect."

With school funding from the state at levels lower than 2008, where do you think the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can trim expenses to maintain a balanced budget?

Unfortunately, continued

cuts will have to be made. However, I am a strong proponent of keeping our teachers, bus drivers, custodians and other workers in the district and have continued raises when applicable. I believe that well-paid workers are happy workers. If the workers are happy and feel appreciated, it will show in the classroom in the area of students' achievement.

A lot has been said about putting more money in the

classroom. What is your definition of putting more money in the classroom and how would you accomplish that with a continued investment in our staff. After that, we need to keep improving in the area of technology. Technology allows us to invest in the way that students learn.

What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

Keep the focus on students. Our students are progressing in every school in the district. Test levels show that continued improvement throughout the district. This goal transcends to students who are not achieving at a higher level. We must not forget about them. Every student showing improvement every year.

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Dodson student honored for poem

Last year when he was in Mary Koltunchik's second-grade class at Dodson Elementary School, Aaron Peng wrote a poem called "Chinese New Year," which was submitted to a nationwide contest that was held for students in grades K-12.

Aaron's poem was selected from thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in his age division. The top 10 writers in each division (grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) are each receiving special recognition in the poetry anthology "A Celebration of Poets."

The only other Michigan winner was a seventh-grader from Holly. Each top 10 winner also receives a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$25 check. Poems are selected for their literary merit, creativity, and social significance.

Aaron, the son of Haihong Ouyang and Jinchun Peng of Canton, also represented Dodson School last spring at the Michigan Reading Association conference held in Grand Rapids. His first-grade piece about the four seasons was chosen to be published in Kaleido-



JENNIFER WILMARTH

Dodson Elementary School student Aaron Peng with second-grade teacher Mary Koltunchik.

scope, the publication of the Michigan Reading Association. Aaron attended a special ceremony with a guest author and received a medal at a special Young Authors' Lun-

cheon.

His parents, younger sister Megan, first-grade teacher Kim Sparks and literacy teacher Bonnie Goodrich attended in his honor.

Creative Communication sponsors this contest to offer a creative outlet that honors our youth. Dodson Elementary School has consistently been a Poetic Achievement Honor School with this contest. This award is given to schools which have a large number of entries accepted for publication.

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In addition, Dodson School has been one of the schools to receive a Creative Communications Language Arts Grant of \$250 to further develop writing projects. Creative Communications continues to further encourage young people's writings.

HEISE

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sion-tax exemptions (the first \$20,000, \$40,000 for a married couple, is tax-free) were only adopted after push back from the Legislature, he said. Gov. Rick Snyder wanted to tax all pension income.

Businesses have responded to the tax changes, Heise said. "That is making Michigan more attractive for job-creators," and in addition to the Detroit Three automakers being in a better position, auto suppliers in the state want to stay, he said.

Heise also: "Supports Snyder's overtures to China, which, he said, could expand the markets in that country for Michigan products."

• Casts himself as the "go-to guy" in the Legislature on environ-

tal issues, given his experience. He said his bill to put Detroit's water system, which serves more than 120 suburban communities, under regional control, remains alive as an incentive for the system, which is under the oversight of a federal judge, to complete needed reforms.

• Supports a new public bridge to Canada, which, he said, would benefit the entire state. That has got him at odds with some GOP legislative colleagues.

• Said the state's unemployment rate, a little more than 9 percent, is "still unacceptable to me" but can be brought down with lower taxes and regulatory reforms. "We're making our way back to the middle" when it comes to business regulation, he said.

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RORABACK

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are often not transparent," he said. "It's like throwing meat in a cage and asking the tiger not to eat it."

• Favors the proposed new bridge between Detroit and Windsor, saying that, to the best he can determine, no state money is at risk. The bridge "would be a huge boon to all of Michigan," he said. It is also supported by Heise and Gov. Rick Snyder.

Roraback acknowledged the 20th District has a "pretty good partisan divide," but said his message has traction with independents and moderate Republicans as well as Democrats. He is conducting a door-to-door campaign, he said. "I can speak to an independent, or occasionally a leaning Republican. I pretty often get favorable responses from them," he said.

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Skeletons hang out at Historical Museum

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Skeletons have taken over the Straight Farmhouse as the Garden City Historical Museum presents its Skeletons on Revue exhibit.

Kim Marquette, a museum volunteer, has incorporated a number of skeletons and black cats in surprise locations within the museum. They're included in the ongoing Made in Michigan exhibit which runs until the end of November.

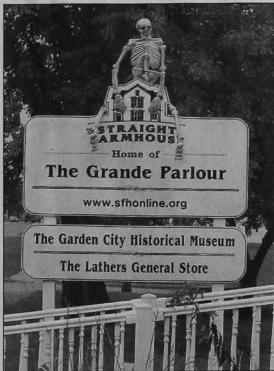
Skeletons can be found at almost every turn in the museum. The exhibit opened Saturday, Oct. 6.

"The skeletons are on all three levels," Marquette said.

Kim and Jerry Marquette purchased a variety of skeletons in different sizes from different Halloween party outlets. She also collected stuffed black cats from a variety of sources for the exhibit.

Downstairs there's a classroom scene where the skeleton students are playing Cats in the Cradle and Hangman.

"The word is 'skel-ton,'" Marquette said. On the second level,



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Greetings everyone. A skeleton watches for visitors at the Straight Farmhouse. They'll find skeleton guests throughout the Garden City Historical Museum.

a police skeleton will soon be holding a box of Dunkin Donuts. On the main level, there's a scene in the dining room and one skeleton has his tarot cards out. Other skeletons are gathered around a

"crystal ball" which Marquette said is a clear glass globe.

Upstairs a skeleton bride is getting ready for her wedding while a mother skeleton is ironing the father of the bride's shirt. The museum also is holding a raffle. On Nov. 14, it will



Two skeletons meet for a game of checkers at the Lathers General Store inside the Garden City Historical Museum. Years ago, the General Store found in many communities provided a place for camaraderie.

give away a \$100 gift Kroger certificate as well as a basket full of Made in Michigan products. The raffle tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each. They can be purchased at the museum which is open noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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OfficeMax makes teachers' day better

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Two Wayne-Westland teachers definitely had a better day Tuesday after receiving \$1,000 in classroom supplies as part of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better program.

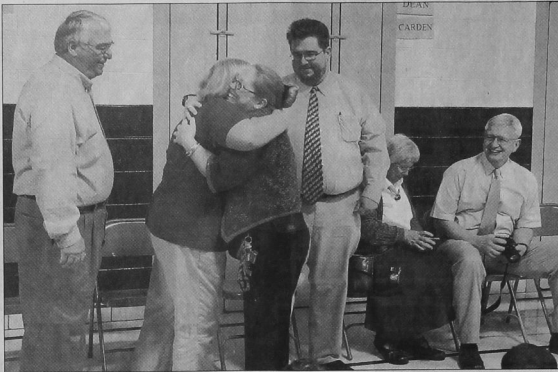
Michelle Furlong, a fifth-grade teacher at Adams Upper Elementary School, and Chris Swanson, an academic intervention specialist at P.D. Graham Elementary, received the supplies and new desk chairs during surprise assemblies. Furlong received her gifts from the Office Max store in Canton, while the Ann Arbor store provide the supplies for Swanson as well as more than \$3,000 worth of supplies to P.D. Graham that had been donated by customers.

This is the sixth year OfficeMax has sponsored A Day Made Better program, in which associates surprise 1,000 teachers in their classrooms with \$1,000 each worth of school supplies. OfficeMax consumers and business clients contributed nearly \$900,000 in additional school supplies through its summer's in-store supply drive. These additional supplies were donated to the A Day Made Better schools where the teachers are being honored.

"The chair is my favorite thing," said Furlong. "My teacher chair was broken when I got to Adams. This is my third year there."

Video camera

The "biggest" item in the box of supplies was a video camera, but there



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Roger Swanson (from left) watches as his wife Doris gives daughter-in-law Chris Swanson gets a hug after she was announced as the winner of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better program. Also at the surprise assembly was her husband Christopher and her parents, Gal and dad John Cooper (seated).

also was a laminator, label maker and "tons of notebooks, folders and pens and pencils."

"It took forever to sort through it," said Furlong. "The kids were so excited to see what was in the box, but a lot of them want the box. They keep asking if they can have it when it's empty."

Furlong was nominated for the honor by the school secretaries because she stays late to do a lot of work for the kids and spends a lot of her own money on them. "I don't keep track of that, if I had to guess it would be around \$2,000 a year," she said. "I spend most of my money on binders for the kids to help them be organized."

Furlong uses the three-ring binders and fills them with folders and a money pouch and uses it as an organizational tool for her students.

"The school I was at before used to buy the stuff, but that's not in the budget here," she said, adding that "I find the deals over the summer, but it still adds up."

She's excited about the video camera. Each year she makes DVDs of the school for each of her students.

"Now I'll be able to add video to the DVD," Furlong said.

Big surprise

For Swanson, the surprise included not only school supplies, but see-

ing her family — husband Christopher, parents Roger and Doris Swanson of Canton and John and Gale Cooper who drove from Fremont — to be at the assembly.

"Christopher called and said she was getting an award and we need to come," said John Cooper. "He said not to say anything. This is pretty cool, we're so proud

of her."

"It wasn't hard keeping this a secret because she leaves for work an hour before I do, so she didn't know I was staying home," said Christopher Swanson.

Swanson's box included a Kodak camera, calendar, pencils, backpacks, tissue and a laminator among other things. "This is priceless, espe-

cially for the para-professionals, it's more resources to work with the kids," said Swanson. "This is a huge benefit for the Graham community, it will be used."

Swanson estimates she "easily" spends 10, 15 times more than the \$250 tax credit the government gives on the students.

As an interventionist, Swanson works with students in their classrooms and in small group settings. She's also responsible for testing, including the MEAP.

"I'm kind of a jack of all trades, if they need something done, I do it," she said.

"She's an interventionist, but I don't think I know of anyone who does more, who's willing to go above and beyond with a smile," said Principal Jennifer Curry, who nominated her for the award.

The presentation was made by Ken Schaal whose son was a student at P.D. Graham. He honored one his son's former teacher, Jeanie Beatty, last year.

Getting the honor two years in a row had Curry asking Schaal if he could do it a few more years, "so I can recognize my whole staff."

"He needs to come 18 times more," she said.

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The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the General Election to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012. The testing is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012 at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerk's Office, 9955 N Hagerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Still missing, no clues; search continues for Novi man

By Lanny Huhman
Staff Writer



Keough

or clues turned up in the search. "This is an ongoing case and we are hoping to find him and bring closure to his family," Conquest said of the missing person case that dates back to June 14 when Keough

from M-5 to Halsted Road, said Novi Police Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest.

A missing person search continued last Sunday for 39-year-old Patrick Keough as the Novi Police Department and 41 citizen volunteers looked for any clues in the areas near Keough's work place on Cabot Drive.

Novi's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and police officers searched the area between 12 Mile and 14 Mile roads, and

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Patrick Keough is described as a white man with a medium build, 5-foot-10 and 220 pounds with green eyes and graying black hair. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact the Novi police at (248) 348-7100.

went missing from his office at Farmers Insurance.

Conquest said the department has kept an eye on everything that may lead them to Keough's whereabouts — from his financial accounts to being border

checkpoints a heads up. Conquest said the case remains open and there is no known criminal activity connected. It remains a mystery as to how he went missing.

Keough reportedly left his personal belongings on his office desk,

including his cell phone, wallet and paperwork. He had been driven to work that day and there is no indication that he was picked up by anyone. Conquest did say, however, that a note was left behind that raised concerns about Keough's well-being.

"We remain optimistic and have maintained contact with the family throughout," he said. Keough, a resident of Howell, has a wife and four children. Conquest said the family is at a loss

on where he is and what happened. "It's their hope he is found soon," Conquest said.

Conquest said another search will take place in the same areas once the leaves fall and it's easier to see by helicopter into the trees. "Our goal is to find him alive, but we must look at all possibilities as this continues," Conquest said.

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Vets shoot free at WCCA event

Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars are invited to attend a free day of target shooting and archery at the Western Wayne County Conservation Club, located in Plymouth, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

The event open to all veterans from all branches of the military and will include a continental breakfast and lunch as well as the equipment. Veterans will be able to participate in target shooting using rifle, shot-gun, pistol and archery.

Event chairperson for Iraq & Afghanistan Veteran's Outreach, Anthony Kennard is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School in Canton and a fairly new member at the WCCA. As a former Marine with three tours to Iraq, he recognized the need for these young veterans to have the opportunity to connect with other vets, young and old.

"Veterans have a unique experience not shared by the general public, and when they

come home they can feel intense stress and loneliness," Kennard said. "It is important to me that these young vets have a place to go where they can connect and network with other vets. It is my goal for this event to become a launch pad at the WCCA for other events for young veterans like myself."

WCCA president Ray Hanka of Livonia said the club had been approached by the Michigan United Conservation Club and a charitable organization to see if the WCCA had the resources to put on this event as part of a Veteran's Outreach program. The club's location is convenient for residents of western Wayne county, southern Oakland county and eastern Washtenaw county.

"The goal of this program is to offer a venue where military personnel returning from the Middle East conflicts can establish a support system," Hanka said. "With a large

number of veterans as members, our club has a long history of patriotic service and a deep desire to support those who serve our country. We are excited not only to host this inaugural event, but for it to become an annual program."

In addition to the 13 top notch outdoor ranges used by outdoorsmen, competitive shooter/archers and law enforcement, the club provides educational classes, Boy Scout campouts and an annual "mountain man" Rendezvous Weekend with re-enactors in period costume. Club members enjoy many family events such as an Easter Egg Hunt, parties for Halloween and Christmas, Steak Cookouts and Fish Fries during Lent. The WCCA boasts social events such as Detroit Tiger Night, Comedy Nite and a Euchre club.

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Don't let politicians slice and dice you with their divisive tactics

I was privileged to witness a pretty cool scene the other day when I dropped off my son to his kindergarten class. We were running a little late, so when we walked into the classroom the announcements had already started. As I was hanging up my son's jacket, the school's principal came over the P.A. and began the Pledge of Allegiance.

Because I was still in the room, I found the flag, put my hand over my heart, and also said the pledge along with the class. As I looked around the room, I saw a couple of dozen 5-year-olds who didn't have much of a clue what was going on. Some held their left hands to their chest, some their right. Many of them were looking to the teacher or the other adults in the room, trying to figure out what to do or say. Some were just mumbling along. It was pretty cute.

It opened my eyes a bit, however, to the meaning of the word patriotism. These young children, of different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, were being indoctrinated, if you think about it. The Pledge of Allegiance is made



Rick Bloom

up of words, powerful ones for sure, but words nonetheless. They are being hammered into their young minds, but they don't really mean a whole lot to a 5-year-old. It is society's responsibility to show these kids what those words really mean, and why it is important to be an American. If these kids have been watching television lately (of course they have), they might get a bit confused because they are being inundated with political ads that seem to get nastier with every campaign season. While the Pledge of Allegiance and their teachers tell them we are a united people, our so-called political leaders often tell them (and us) something very different.

Let's be honest. Politicians are in the business of getting elected. A time-tested strategy to do this is to divide people into different camps, so their votes can be cherry picked like low-hanging fruit. That cer-

tainly seems to be the case this year. Apparently some of us are in the 99 percent, or the 1 percent, or the 47 percent. We're either pro-choice or pro-life. We're conservatives or we're liberals. We're black or white, Christian or Muslim. Gay or straight. And on and on. Unfortunately, too many of us have fallen for the trap, and now are happy to draw sides and battle lines. We've allowed ourselves to be japed by the blowhards on the radio and television talk shows, the writers of nasty blogs, and a host of others who make their living off selling political division. If you want to know how bad it is, just read a news story about Obama, the auto bailout or the Tea Party on the *Detroit Free Press* or *Detroit News* websites, and check out the comments section. The comments are downright nasty. Terms like "libtards" or "republicans" (and much, much worse) are frequently leveled at those at the other end of the political spectrum with such ease and carelessness I sometimes wonder what keeps the country together.

The fact is, however, we are

not defined by our differences — at least not in the America I grew up in. Yes, our differences often get in the way and sometimes in messy ways, and our love of country — of being American — always triumphs in the end.

Our men and women in the military don't go overseas and put their lives on the line for 47 percent of us, or just for those of us who are straight or pro-choice. They are fighting for all of us, and our way of life. And they are fighting for freedom.

Yes, freedom. In this country, that means we can say and believe what we want to. We can pray to whatever god we want to. And we can vote for whoever we want to. That doesn't make us good or bad, or right or wrong. It just means we are all individuals with different beliefs, who are bound together by one common thread — America.

So as we endure another nasty political season, let's try not to demean our neighbor or our co-worker, who happens not to agree with us on political issues of the day or support the same candidates. Let's not call each

other names. It's childish. Try to talk to — and not at — those who think differently about politics. I'm not saying to let go of core political beliefs. In fact, I think more people should pay attention to what is happening in our political system — and that doesn't mean getting all the information from a talk show.

The next time someone tries to slice and dice you into one group or another, remember our children. We can't tell kids to be patriots, and then yell and scream about those who don't have the same political beliefs as us. They won't buy it.

I imagine by the end of the school year, all of the kids in my son's kindergarten class will be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance by heart. Learning what it means to be an American will likely take place outside of the classroom, however. Whether we realize it or not, we are all teachers. Let's make sure they get the lesson right.

Rick Bloom is editor of the Northville Record. He welcomes reader feedback at rkblom@hometownlife.com or at (248) 437-2011, ext. 245.

Managing risk is the only safe way to invest

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Thank you to the more than 700 people who attended the Ford Buy-Out Seminar in Livonia co-sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media*. Like all seminars that I lead, there was plenty of time for questions and answers. I want to take this opportunity to answer one of the questions that was asked. A man, who described himself as relatively conservative when it came to his investments, wanted



Money Matters
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to know what option Ford was offering that would be risk-free. He explained to me his current situation and then asked how he should proceed. My answer was simple. There is no risk-free option available to him. Risk is more than just principal fluctuation; it's also not keeping up with the

increased cost of living. Ford retirees are faced with the decision of whether to take a lump-sum distribution for their pension or continue with their current distribution.

Most people assume that keeping what you have and taking a pension for the rest of your life is the risk-free way. However, that is not the case. The reasoning is simple — there is no cost of living adjustment in a Ford pension.

I tell investors all the time, you can't avoid risk, but you can manage it. One of the best ways to

manage risk is to have money in different buckets, where each one of those buckets has a different risk associated with it.

Risk cannot be avoided, but it can be managed. Investors looking for risk-free alternatives are fooling themselves. They would be better served to focus on managing risk. Good luck!

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For the following purpose: On the petition of Tiffany Figueroa to change the name of her daughter, Faith Fletcher, to Candace Faith Figueroa. With father named Joseph Fletcher.

September 29, 2012
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4160 Filbert Street, Wayne, MI 48144; 734-306-9922

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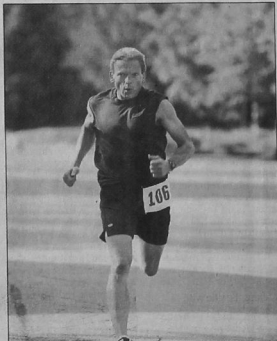
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Top male overall winner Vincent Jesudowich of Northville finished the run with a time of 17:12.

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SPORTS

Spartans
crush
RocksBy Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson turned in a nearly flawless performance Friday night to gain a piece of the KLAAs Central Division football title with a 35-6 win over Salem.

The Spartans, who improved to 6-1 overall, also automatically earned their 13th state playoff berth in school history. Stevenson and Northville share the title with 4-1 records, but the Mustangs, who beat Novi 21-14 in overtime, will play Livonia Churchill for the Kensington Conference crown next Friday at home after winning the first-place tiebreaker. Stevenson, the second seed, will host Plymouth.

The Spartans' defense never gave Salem (5-2-2) a chance to claim a share of the title holding the Rocks to mere 173 yards in total offense while forcing three turnovers.

"Our guys came to play," Stevenson second-year coach Matt Fielder said. "They responded and knew what was on the line for us and our program."

"They're getting to the ball, they're active. They're understanding of what we're trying to do. They're flying around."

The Spartans scored on their first possession going 79 yards on 15 plays, while consuming 7:50 on the clock capped by quarterback Joe Mims' 1-yard TD sneak up the middle on fourth-and-goal. But the

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Canton running back Kendall Scott (No. 5) turns the corner for a gain Friday night, helped out as teammate Matt McKoy (No. 4) slows Plymouth defender Kyle McMillan (No. 57).

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Clutch 'Cats edge Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton head football coach Tim Baechler wanted his offense to stay on the field as much as possible Friday night against Plymouth.

Baechler's objective was to stymie Plymouth's dangerous senior quarterback Jamar Eiland as much as possible.

For most of the first half the strategy worked, as the Chiefs built a 21-6 lead — parlaying marathon, grind-it-out marches into points on a chilly, rainy night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But Eiland ripped through the Canton defense for a 51-yard run with just over a minute left in the first half and then took it in for 5 yards out to give the Wildcats a

touchdown and reason to believe entering the second half.

Then Eiland — with considerable help from Plymouth's defense and special teams — kept on rolling after intermission, sparking a 28-21 victory and clinching a state playoff berth in the process.

"We couldn't stop No. 5 (Eiland)," Baechler said. "Even when we had guys on blocks sitting in front of him ready to tackle him, that kid was the best player on the field tonight."

"That was our plan, to run the ball and consume clock and keep No. 5 off the field as much as possible. We did that quite a bit in the first half. In the second half, we didn't get it done."

Reason to believe
Plymouth head coach Mike Saw-

chuk said the late score before halftime definitely turned the tide, especially since the Wildcats (6-1, 4-1 in the KLAAs South) tied the second-half kickoff and took the game 21-21.

"We persevered a lot," Sawchuk said. "They got one heck of an offensive line over there, (but) we knew we got some special athletes on offense."

"We knew we could probably score. It was just a matter of stopping them. I was a little worried in the first half, and then we just went in the second half and said, 'Hey, there's really no magic, you guys just got to toughen up and play ball.'"

The Wildcats still needed to make some key stops to get the

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PCS Penguins tryouts

The defending Division 2 state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team is holding tryouts 4-5 p.m. Oct. 29 and 31 and Nov. 2 for the 2012-13 season.

Tryout fee is \$60 for all three skates, to take place at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information, contact head coach Mary Beth Trainor at smeeb@aol.com.

It's 0-0 for Lady Ocelots

NJCAA Region XII women's soccer co-leaders Schoolcraft College and Owens Community College (Ohio) played to a scoreless draw in two overtimes.

The tie leaves Schoolcraft 9-3-2 overall and 5-1-2 in Region XII, while Owens stands 7-2-3 and 5-1-2.

"I felt that we deserved a win," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Our players worked hard, but couldn't capitalize on our chances. I was happy with our possession most of the times. We need to get more confident in the offensive third."

Goalkeeper Tara Gessler played all 110 minutes for the Lady Ocelots, who recorded their fifth straight shutout.

'Never give up'

Canton's Budlong rebounds from devastating knee injury

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Go watch Bobby Budlong play sometime for Canton's varsity boys soccer team. You'll see him diving, sliding, competing with every ounce of energy as if it were the last time he'd step onto a pitch.

Budlong cherishes every minute of every contest because he thought for several months in 2011 that he wouldn't have another chance to do just that.

"I don't take anything for granted, I give everything I've got on the field no matter what," said Budlong following Thursday's win over Westland John Glenn. "Because what happened last summer was just a thing I never expected."

"So you never know when it could happen again and you won't be able to play again. You just got to give it everything you have no matter what."

What happened last summer jump started an agonizing, frustrating period for the likeable, brush-cut-wearing Budlong — now just a couple weeks from celebrating his 18th birthday.

During the summer between his sophomore and junior years, he blew out his right knee at a college soccer camp. He wanted to cut to his left during a scrimmage, but the anterior cruciate ligament buckled.

ALL ABOUT BOBBY

Who: Bobby Budlong, 17, senior co-captain and midfielder for Canton's varsity boys soccer team.

What: He missed all of the 2011 season due to a knee injury, thus being forced to the sidelines during the Chiefs' Division 1 championship season. But he tirelessly rehabbed following surgery and is back, better than ever this fall.

Next: Budlong wants to help the Chiefs enjoy an encore postseason run. Then he intends to play soccer in college, although he has yet to choose a school.

Soccer parents: Bobby grew up loving and playing the sport, with parents Marge and Bob coaching him during his youth years.

Clubbing: He competed with neighborhood pals in the Fireballs and later went on to compete for the Canton Oaks and Celtic club teams and for the Wolves.

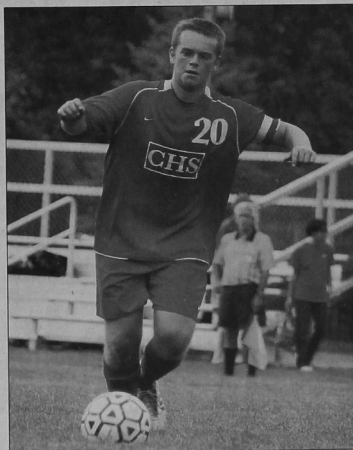
Miscellaneous: The Canton resident owns a 3.55 grade point average.

On the shelf

In a flash, his goal of being part of a team that had all the makings of a state championship went awry like a discarded water bottle.

"I was totally upset, I knew the upcoming

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Determination is etched all over Bobby Budlong's face during a recent Canton varsity boys soccer match. The senior midfielder is driven to experience what he missed in 2011 due to injury — a state championship run.



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year for 2011 was going to be huge," Budlong continued. "We had a lot of returning players that I knew we were going to bring it that year and I had a really good feeling about it."

"So when that happened, and I went in to get that MRI and told me a couple weeks later that I had a fully torn ACL and that I had to have surgery and I was done, I was devastated."

"Sure enough, the Chiefs were a dominant squad last season."

And Budlong, fetching cups of water for teammates and serving up pep talks to anybody who would listen, stood on the sidelines as the 2011 Chiefs won the Division 1 state championship.

He celebrated when it was all over and even received a championship ring, which he then had inscribed with "Never Give Up."

"Those words have become his mantra when he never stopped working and dreaming about helping Canton perhaps do it all over again this season."

"Yeah, never give up," he said, smiling.

Tough road

It wasn't easy to take that journey that has Budlong back as a key player on the KLAAs South Division championship, but he hopes for more celebrations.

"Through all the therapy it hurt, it was painful. It was so frustrating because you never knew when you would be able to play again," he emphasized.

Budlong has a big fan in Canton head coach George Tomasso, too. "Bobby's very motivated, he's a great leader, he loves his high school program and he leads by example every game he plays," Tomasso said. "We're very fortunate that Bobby came back and we're very fortunate that he's healthy and I hope he reaches his goals for this season."

Tomasso concurred that it seems that Budlong is always around the ball, making something good happen for the Chiefs.

"He's done a great job being around the ball, both offensively and defensively," the veteran coach added. "I couldn't imagine our team without him."

Do it again

Likewise, Budlong couldn't imagine not being able to play for that team.

Now that he is, it's all about keeping the victories coming and reaching for the heights. It's about being on the field instead of being a spectator during the districts and hopefully beyond.

"I actually think we have the potential (for an encore)," Budlong concluded. "We work really well as a team, we got great chemistry."

"Last year's team was really special. This team, it will take the extra effort, but we definitely have the skill to get there."

And there's always the inside of that ring to look at for a little extra incentive.

Never give up. Bobby Budlong definitely won't.

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Canton junior midfielder Griffin Parks (No. 7) looks to make a play Thursday night. He scored all three goals for the Chiefs in a 3-1 win over Westland John Glenn.

Chiefs win 10th straight in division

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn Thursday night got a taste of what continues to make defending Division 1 champion Canton such a threat.

The host Chiefs were bottled up for stretches of the KLAAs South Division contest, but then came the likes of offensive machines Dan Ovesea and Griffin Parks — who broke free enough to spark a 3-1 win and cap a perfect 10-0 division slate. (Canton officially clinched the division Sept. 27 against Plymouth.)

Parks scored all three goals, the first on an assist by Jack Zemanski and the final two set up by Ovesea.

"We're very fortunate to have two players like that," Canton head coach George Tomasso said.

"Danny is a four-year varsity player and Griff, being a junior, is a three-year varsity player."

"They've had a ton of experience within the program and great experience with their club teams."

Tough to stop

According to John Glenn head coach Brian Tomlinson, whose team dropped to 9-6 overall and 4-5-0 in the KLAAs South, it is tough to completely shut down Canton. "We did our best to

hang with them," Tomlinson said. "All roads in the division go through Canton right now. We know that. We had a pretty solid game plan we thought. When we drew away from that at times they were able to break through. Sometimes good offense beats good defense."

The Rockets tried to man-mark certain players and go to a zone D against others. "They're just strong, from front to back."

It only took about five minutes for the Chiefs to get on the scoreboard, with Zemanski setting up Parks, but that was all the scoring in the first half.

John Glenn had solid defensive coverage for good chunks of the contest, including stellar clearing plays down low by Erik Cheek among others as the Rockets effectively stopped several Canton corner kicks.

But then Parks made it 2-0 with 8:02 left in the second half, on a play started by Ovesea in the midfield. Parks raced into the 18-yard box after the ball and sent a low shot inside the right post past John Glenn goalkeeper David Isaacs.

Parks and Ovesea added a goal in the 77th minute of the match, essentially going in on a 2-0-0 breakaway. Parks finished up the scoring play to give him the hat trick and 15 goals for the sea-

son.

The Rockets, however, answered with 1:55 remaining when Robert Mason drove a 15-yard shot from the right side of the box past Canton goalkeeper Ian Wingate. "We were able to break up the clean sheet, it's good for morale," noted Tomlinson, about the late tally.

Big game ahead

Tomasso tipped his hat to John Glenn, coming off a 6-3 victory against Livonia Franklin.

"I give a lot of credit to their coach and that program because John Glenn's a very competitive team," Tomasso said. "We had to make sure we had everything organized at the beginning of the game to keep them scoreless, because last time we played them they scored four goals. We did a great job holding them to only one goal tonight."

Canton now gears up for the KLAAs Kensington Conference championship game against KLAAs Central Division champion Salem (12-2-4, 7-1-2) following Wednesday's 4-0 win over South Lyon East. That game will begin at 7 p.m.

"That is going to be a great experience and great preparation for the state playoffs," Tomasso said.

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, the visiting

Wildcats (7-8-2, 7-3) wrapped up the second seed in the KLAAs South Division with a mercy rule victory at Wayne Memorial (11-14, 9-10).

INTER-CITY 1, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Garrett Kraatz's goal in the 46th minute was the difference Thursday as Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (11-3, 11-3), ranked No. 3 in Division 4, escaped with a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win at Lutheran High Westland (9-12, 3-11).

PCA 1, GREENHILLS 0: It was "Parent/Senior Night" Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy and the Eagles did not disappoint with this Michigan Independent Athletics Conference win.

Senior defender Matt Reed came through on his day and junior goalkeeper Jayme Putney was superb with eight stops.

The lone goal came with about 21 minutes remaining. PCA's Adam Powllus made a free kick from 35 yards out that forward Jacob Bailey headed in from inside the 18-yard box.

With the victory, the Eagles moved ahead of Lutheran Westland in the MIAAC Blue standings.

"The defense played their best game of the season, kept all but one shot out of the goal box," PCA head coach Daryl Beggs said. "We had possession of the ball more and controlled the field with better passing and positioning than in previous games. This was a great win for our seniors."

Other players cited by Beggs for their strong games included defender Torre Crown and midfielders Joey Fanelli and Luke Yakuber.

"All stepped up and played their positions with must-win attitudes," said Beggs, adding that during halftime PCA players presented flowers to their mothers and read tributes to their parents.

Salem plays tough on Senior Night

Thursday's Senior Night at Salem nearly was one to remember for more than one reason — tribute to players whose prep careers are about to end.

The Rocks played tough against KLAAs Central Division-leading Northville but came up short in a four-game girls volleyball match.

Northville won 27-25, 25-14, 21-25, 25-17.

Salem seniors honored were Abigail Dworzantin, Erika Hatcher, Bree Beaver, Nancy Krutty, Emily Lipa, Juliana DiMichele and Lexi Epler.

Dworzantin, Hatcher, Krutty and Lipa all were outstanding in defeat. Dworzantin contributed 10 kills and 12 digs, Hatcher led the way on offense with 19 kills, Krutty registered 37

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assists along with seven digs and Lipa tallied a team-high 15 digs.

Other Salem contributors included Epler (six digs), Beaver (four blocks) and Kelly Whalen (five aces).

"Emily Lipa did a great job moving smoothly in the back row for us," said Salem head coach Amanda Nies, whose team dropped to 2-7 in the division. "When our passing is on it really makes a difference for us to make something happen offensively."

"...We really came together as a team with more energy. Even though we may have lost there was a huge improvement."

Salem clinches division, gets ready for Canton

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem and Canton will be facing a lot of each other on the soccer pitch in coming weeks.

First off for the varsity boys squads is Monday's showdown for the KLAAs Kensington Conference set to begin at 7 p.m.

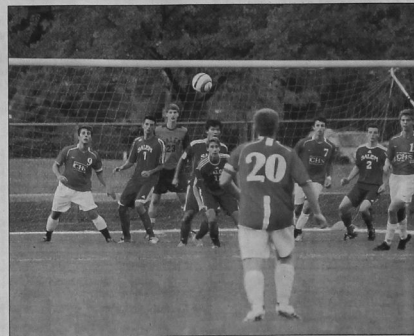
The Rocks and Chiefs conceivably could square off the week of Oct. 15-20, during Division 1 districts.

But Salem head coach Ed McCarthy, whose team clinched the KLAAs Central Division last week, is taking it one match at a time.

"Although we are pleased to have achieved one of our goals this year by winning the division," noted McCarthy, "we know that we need to work hard and continue to improve to be able to achieve the rest of our goals."

"The game next on Monday versus Canton will be extremely difficult as we both are pushing to win our conference and association."

Salem (12-2-4 overall, 7-1 in the KLAAs Central) took care of busi-



Canton's Bobby Budlong (No. 20) takes a free kick in the second half of a recent game against Salem. The Chiefs and Rocks will be renewing acquaintances Monday night in a battle for the KLAAs Kensington Conference title.

ness with Tuesday's 4-0 win over South Lyon East followed up the next day with a 4-1 triumph over South Lyon.

In the win over the Cougars, Brady and Connor Cole each scored

goals with other tallies being registered by Andriy Pelekh and David Schroeder.

Against the Lions, Chris Dierker, Tyler Fosdick, Will Benintente and Pelekh found the

mark. Splitting goalkeeping duties in each contest were Colin Hewett and Eric Beck.

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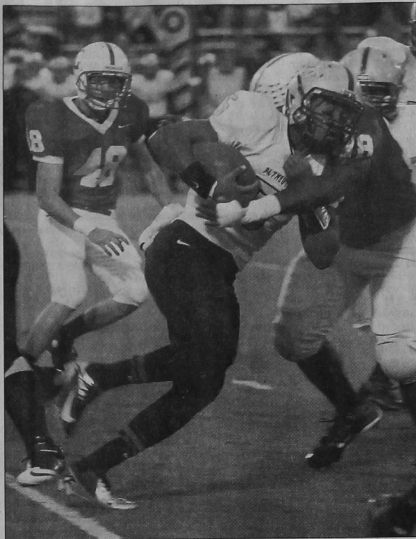
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Plymouth quarterback Jamaril Eiland (No. 5) tries to escape the grasp of an unidentified Canton defender during Friday night's game. At left for the Chiefs is Wally Turner (No. 48).

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victory on a night where the teams combined for 574 rushing yards (compared to just 51 passing yards).

After running back Mike Kennedy (14 rushes, 91 yards, two TDs) capped a 68-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge to open the second half — a drive jump-started by a 53-yard gallop by Eiland — the Chiefs were on the move in a bid to reclaim the lead.

Canton's march moved into Plymouth's red zone, but senior linebacker Nate Emminger made an open-field tackle against senior running back Kendall Scott outside the 10 that prevented what looked like a certain six-pointer.

On the next snap, Matt Janke and Josh Dennard combined to stop Joe Grinage and make it fourth-and-long. Baechler sent out senior kicker Connor Shennan for a 27-yard field-goal attempt, but Emminger broke through to block the boot.

"We knew it was a little wet outside, we just told them to get after it as much as you can," Sawchuk said. "I think the snap may have hit the

turf a little bit. ... That was a huge, huge part of the game right there. That probably won the game."

That play gave Plymouth the ball as the third quarter ended and the Wildcats subsequently went on a 70-yard march that culminated with the winning TD, a 36-yard run by Eiland with 6:13 remaining.

Eiland burst through the line and found a seam down the left side-line, bolting past Canton defenders. He finished with 201 yards rushing in 16 carries.

"We knew Canton was going to pound it, so we knew we had to continue to score with them because we knew they were going to score," Eiland said.

Early offense

Canton (4-3, 3-2 in the KLAAs South) opened the game's scoring just 2:37 into the contest, following the script of recent games.

A 33-yard screen pass from sophomore quarterback Greg Williams to senior tight end Matt McKay and senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth's 30-yard sweep on the following play put the Chiefs right outside the goal line. Finishing the job was

Hollingsworth, on a 1-yard run, with Shennan's extra point making it 7-0.

Plymouth answered on a 51-yard run by Kennedy, but the extra point was unsuccessful to keep the Chiefs ahead. That necessitated the later two-point conversion.

With 2:39 to go in the first, Canton scored again, on a 34-yard run by Hollingsworth. He busted loose down the left side of the field, as Plymouth defenders couldn't catch up following a nifty fake into the line by fullback Joe Grinage.

Hollingsworth chalked up 146 yards in the first half, but finished with just 159 yards in 27 carries as the Plymouth 'D' stepped it up.

Midway through the second half, the Chiefs took it 59 yards in 16 plays, all on the ground. Williams pitched the ball to Scott, sweeping around right end for the 1-yard score.

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to slice into that 21-6 deficit thanks to the Eiland TD just before halftime.

"I'm so proud of these kids," Sawchuk said. "They could have hung their hat when it was 21-6 and they came back."

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Emminger continues to be clutch

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Coming through with big plays in the clutch is nothing new for Plymouth senior Nate Emminger and he came up with three huge ones in Friday's 28-21 win over Canton.

In doing so, Emminger helped the Wildcats clinch an automatic state playoff berth by virtue of winning their sixth game of the season.

For starters, Emminger caught a key two-point conversion pass in the third quarter to lift Plymouth into a 21-21 deadlock.

On the Chiefs' next drive, he tripped up Canton's Kendall Scott on a running play that would have definitely been a touchdown.

"I've been on varsity since my sophomore year," Emminger said. "So I know what to expect from this opponent. We work hard every week and that was just a play I knew was coming so I made a play on it."

"That was a touchdown-saving tackle, it really helped us win the game," said Canton senior Connor Shennan's 27-yard field-goal bid.

"Usually, I'm not supposed to blitz on the blocked field goal but I knew I had the momentum and I knew I was coming and I got it," Emminger added. "It's the greatest feeling in the world."

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ROCKS

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Spartans botched the snap on the extra point to keep the count at 6-0.

After Salem went three-and-out, Stevenson struck again going 61 yards on eight plays with C.J. Weiss carrying a host of Salem tacklers into the end zone from five yards out. Mims then hit Billy Bonanno on a roll-out pass for the two-pointer to increase the Spartans' lead to 14-0 with 8:14 remaining in the half.

Spartans' linebacker Dom Ferrara picked off a Salem pass and returned it to the Rocks' 26 with 7:29 left, but Stevenson couldn't capitalize on the field position after being forced to punt following an offensive pass interference call in the end zone along with a holding call.

The Spartans missed a 30-yard field goal with 25 seconds left in the half, but got another turnover on the next play as Cody Coleman tipped a Jake Deprez pass that was intercepted by teammate Devin Kelly at the Salem 34.

Bonanno then ran a wheel route and got behind the Salem defense and hauled in a 34-yard TD pass from Mims with just 16 seconds remaining for a 21-0 advantage at the half.

"One of my players came over (C.J. Weiss) and said, 'We can beat them to the wide side on that play, and I said, 'Let's do it,' and it was open," Fielder said. "And it wasn't the kid that caught the ball either."

Tough sledding

Salem, meanwhile, had just 30 yards of total offense and only one first down in the first 24 minutes.

"That hurt, we were trying to get something going," Salem coach Kurt Britnell said of the late Stevenson first-half score.

"We thought we saw something that we could get. We just didn't execute it there and obviously it turned into a turnover and they scored late. That didn't help the

situation the first half. The beat went on in the third period as Ken Doodley's 39-yard kickoff return set up a 10-play, 56-yard Stevenson TD drive with Mims sneaking it in from 1-yard out with 7:25 to go. Down 28-0, Salem showed some life on its first possession of the getting down the Stevenson 10, but the Rocks came up empty after Deprez hit Ivan Rhodes with a pass near the goal line, only to have the ball dislodge at the goal line just with Jake Kelley coming up with the fumble for the touchback.

The Spartans then invoked the 35-point running clock with 8:22 left in the game when Kelly scored on a 34-yard TD run.

Stevenson had 371 yards in total offense with Mims going 10-of-14 for 118 yards. Ferrara was leading rusher with 92 yards on 10 carries, while Weiss added 64 yards in 12 attempts.

But it was the defense that stood out, yielding only last-minute TD when Deprez hit Justin Szydowski on a 23-yard scoring pass.

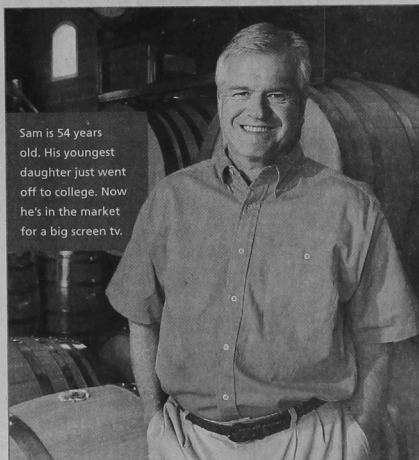
"I think it's that our guys have continued to improve, and they're playing aggressive and physical," Fielder said. "They've worked their butts off in practice. We've had some real good practices the last couple of weeks."

Meanwhile, Salem needs one more win to earn its first playoff berth since 1991.

"That wasn't us," Britnell said. "That's not how we've played all year. I don't know why. We'll figure out tomorrow on film, but that was embarrassing and we did not play like we've been playing."

"Give them (Stevenson) credit. They milked the clock all game and kept it away from us and we couldn't get it any rhythm on offense and we couldn't stop them on defense, and turnovers kill you, so I don't know."

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Chiefs get past Pats

Showing no dropoff in intensity from Tuesday's big win over Livonia Churchill, the Canton varsity girls volleyball team Wednesday dispatched visiting Livonia Franklin in four games.

The Chiefs came away with a 24-26, 25-20, 25-10, 25-18 victory to spoil Franklin's Senior night.

Canton improved to 21-9 overall and 7-2 in the division, while Franklin fell to 9-21 and 3-6.

Spearheading Canton was senior outside hitter Erica den Boer, with 17 kills, four blocks and 22 digs.

Other top performers for the Chiefs included senior libero Becca Middleton (15 digs), junior setter Chelsea Janice (15 assists, nine digs), Madison Kiehl (10 assists), Rachel Buzenberg (nine assists) and Sasha Cucuz (nine kills).

'Cats prevail
On Thursday, Plymouth spotted Senior Night at

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Westland John Glenn with a 25-14, 25-13, 25-17 KLAAs South Division victory. Senior Claire Truskowski paced the Rockets (10-21, 3-19) with 12 assists, nine digs and three aces.

Ladywood wins

Senior setter Hayley Jury collected 26 assists and senior Olivia Quinn added 15 kills Thursday as Livonia Ladywood downed visiting Warren Regina, 25-20, 25-22, 25-12, in a Catholic League Central Division match.

Sophomore Izzy Porada added 15 kills Thursday as the Blazers improved to 17-12 overall and 2-2 in the Central.

Other contributions came from Lindsey Wagner (five kills, six aces) and Natalie Panek (six kills).

Rocks fall

A slow start Tuesday doomed visiting Salem, as the Rocks lost 10-

25, 25-17, 13-25, 18-25 to Livonia Stevenson.

"We started off very slow and just seemed to be very up and down all night," head coach Amanda Nies said. "We could not get our attack going when we were passing and then when we were attacking we just could not seem to get our passing on."

"There is only a few more games left in the conference and I am really hoping that the girls can really get their consistency of play going so it can carry over into the postseason."

Abigail Dworzanin had a solid night for Salem, with a team-high 21 digs along with nine kills and an ace. Other Salem contributors were Nancy Krutty (24 assists, 14 digs, one ace), Julianna DiMichele (20 digs), Bree Beaver (six kills) and Erika Hatcher (six kills, three aces).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 142 WAYNE MEMORIAL 40

Oct. 2 at Plymouth

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Sarah Dombkowski), 2:07.07; 2. Plymouth (Carolyn Stoddard, Kailey Moryen, Alexa East, Caylin Waters), 2:15.71; 3. Wayne (Janelle Schwartz, Julia Bryant, Gema Lopez, Bailey Hart), 2:24.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Emily Toro (P), 2:00.88; 2. Emily Weiner (P), 2:10.22; 3. Kaycee Coffman (W), 2:26.04; 4. Michelle Jaskolski (P), 2:27.60; 5. Samantha Woss (W), 2:47.83.

200 individual medley: 1. Erickson (P), 2:26.56; Morren (P), 2:46.38; 3. Amber Rutter (W), 2:49.38; 4. Megan Sullivan (P), 2:50.07; 5. Schwartz (W), 2:58.77.

50 freestyle: 1. Stoddard (P), 27.46; 2. Plencner (P), 28.75; 3. Matson (P), 29.02; 4. Hart (W), 30.03; 5. Lopez (W), 31.36.

1-meter diving: 1. Megan McKeenan (P), 152.10 points; 2. Katy Telega (P), 131.10; 3. Alexa Gullitt (P), 107.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Dombkowski (P), 1:01.69; 2. Emily Weiner (P), 1:12.14; 3. Jillian Lary (P), 1:26.47; 4. Lopez (W), 1:28.12; 5. Rutter (W), 1:32.18.

100 freestyle: 1. Earls (P), 59.15; 2. Hart (W), 1:07.10; 3. Rutter (W), 1:09.08; 4. Morren (P), 1:09.96; 5. Julie Armitage (P), 1:10.36.

500 freestyle: 1. Casey Wing (P), 6:11.13; 2. Waters (P), 6:19.25; 3. Coffman (W), 6:20.25; 4. Elias Savalox (P), 6:46.04; 5. Woss (W), 7:19.53.

200-free relay: 1. Plymouth (Dombkowski, Weiner, Earls, Wing), 1:48.31; 2. Plymouth (Erickson, Toro, Matson, Waters), 1:50.30; 3. Wayne (Lopez, Bryant, Rutter, Coffman), 2:04.56.

100 backstroke: 1. Plencner (P), 1:08.83; 2. Schwartz (W), 1:18.81; 3. Armitage (P), 1:32.21; 4. Kristina Szalai (W), 1:44.29; 5. Kelsey Szalai (W), 1:51.35.

100 breaststroke: 1. Earls (P), 1:15.61; 2. Matson (P), 1:17.30; 3. Jaskolski (P), 1:29.68; 4. Bryant (W), 1:32.89; 5. Krishelle Lewis (W), 1:33.64.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Erickson, Dombkowski, Toro, Stoddard), 3:56.74; 2. Plymouth (Wing, Plencner, Morren, Weiner), 4:24.86; 3. Wayne (Coffman, Schwartz, Rutter, Hart), 4:40.76.

SALEM 94 NOVI 92
Sept. 27 at Novi

200 medley relay: 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:51.83; 5. Salem (Claire Cousson, Kristy Rupp, Claire Amin, Jocely Lamoureux), 2:11.13.

200 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 27.83; 2. Aumiller (S), 2:00.72; 5. Patricia Freitas (S), 2:07.07.

100 butterfly: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 2:11.79; 5. Annie Patterson (S), 2:23.40; 5. Stephanie Solterman (S), 2:25.85.

50 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 26.74; 3. Maddie Gorman (S), 27.01; 5. Vincenza Zaia (S), 27.97.

1-meter diving: 4. Bridget Maul (S), 164.80 points; 5. Adelaide Jepperson (S), 125.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 59.72; 4. Andrea Ringer (S), 1:07.33; 5. Amin (S), 1:08.22.

100 freestyle: 2. Suriano (S), 57.06; 4. Gorman (S), 58.93; 6. Lamoureux (S), 1:02.67.

500 freestyle: 2. Patterson (S), 5:42.57; 3. Freitas (S), 5:47.34; 4. Zaia (S), 5:47.63.

200-free relay: 2. Salem (Gorman, Solterman, Freitas, Patterson), 1:49.30; 4. Salem (Hannah Tardiff, Ringer, Lamoureux, Zaia), 1:53.86; 5. Salem (Cousson, Amin, Noelle Milad, Maddie Maikowski), 1:54.68.

100 backstroke: 2. Aumiller (S), 1:00.62; 5. Solterman (S), 1:06.06; 6. Mckenzie Maurice (S), 1:10.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:07.91; 3. Hannah Pollard (S), 1:18.89; 4. Rupp (S), 1:20.55.

400-free relay: 1. Salem (Suriano, Lisa Zhang, Aumiller, Linda Zhang), 3:40.37; 3. Salem (Gorman, Patterson, Solterman, Freitas), 3:56.65; 5. Salem (Amin, Lamoureux, Tardiff, Ringer), 4:10.16.

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Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team. There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact coach Jeremy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at Lemmie@aol.com.

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8). Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization. To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

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The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 8-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to www.oaklandreds.com for additional information and to request a tryout.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for junior freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

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Canton Lions teams give valiant efforts

The Canton Lions Varsity had a hard-fought effort but came up on the losing end to the Dearborn Heights Redskins by the score of 32-14.

The varsity maintains an impressive 3-1 record going into an important stretch of the season. Defensively, the Lions were stingy against the run but were hurt by big plays by the Redskins in their passing game and special teams play.

A strong defensive effort was exhibited by Matt Wayne, Miles Davenport, Kyle Petruski, Jason Arnold, Trevor Costanzo, Ian Kovach, Matt Steeples, and David Mason III.

Offensively, the Lions were impressive on their first drive, going 70 yards in multiple plays while eating up almost the entire first quarter clock.

Guam Lee, Jr. provided some key runs during the drive, finished by a 4 yard touchdown run by Arnold. Key blocking for the entire game was provided by Zach Olson, Lee Rosinski, Devon Gunn, Zach Long, Max Mulvaney, Kyreece Smith, and Alex Mattison.

The Canton Lions Freshman team had a valiant effort on Sunday against the Redskins, but lost 13-7 for their first setback of the season after three

victories. The efforts of the offensive line, including Joseph Bergevin and Luke Nader, opened huge holes which aided the excellent carries by Jerome Nichols, Owen Keys, Ezell Snipes, Byron McCormack, Tywayne Williams and Sheldon Lyall and a kick recovery by Josh Webster.

The defense was hard at work with tackles by Seth Humm, Tyler Thompson, Jon Hanton, Connor Elkins, Preston Long, Joseph Richter and Ivan Davis, thanks to the great blocking by Jack Mulvaney, Radwan Mheisen, Xavier Walker and Sean Britt.

Guelph storms past Whalers

Visiting Plymouth led 3-1 early in the third period of Friday's Ontario Hockey League game at Guelph, but the Storm rallied for a 5-4 win.

That denied Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci of the 400th win of his coaching career. Plymouth defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto put the Whalers

up 1-0 at 1:30 of the first period with a power play goal.

After Guelph made it 1-1, the Whalers regained the lead 2-1 with 8:53 left in the opening frame on a marker by Cody Payne.

The teams played a scoreless middle stanza, and Plymouth's lead then grew to 3-1 at 2:22 of the second on a goal by Stefan

Noesen, also on the power play. Guelph scored three unanswered goals against Plymouth netminder Matt Mahalak to go up 4-3 before Rickard Rake-ll finished a play from Noesen and Tom Wilson at 11:14 to make it 4-4.

But Justin Auger netted the winner at 19:55, dropping the Whalers' record to 1-1-1-1.



Top senior golfers

The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association recently held its annual awards banquet to honor its 2012 tournament winners, runners-up and event champions. Among those recognized included (front row, from left): Jim Matthew, closest-to-the-pin; Bill Martin, fourth flight, first place; Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey, Ben Matusz, first flight, second; John Keller, third flight, first (middle row, from left) Bill McQuillan, fourth flight, second; Ron Barch, hole-in-one (May 24 on No. 8 at Fox Creek); Thomas K. Allan, third flight, second; Whispering Willows golf pro Paul Worley; Mike Thomas, championship flight, first; (back row, from left); Lyle Trudell, Livonia Parks and Recreation superintendent; Bob Walsh, second flight, second; Joe Wilcox, second flight, first; Gerald Sasek, first flight, first; and Lew Jeffries, championship flight, second.

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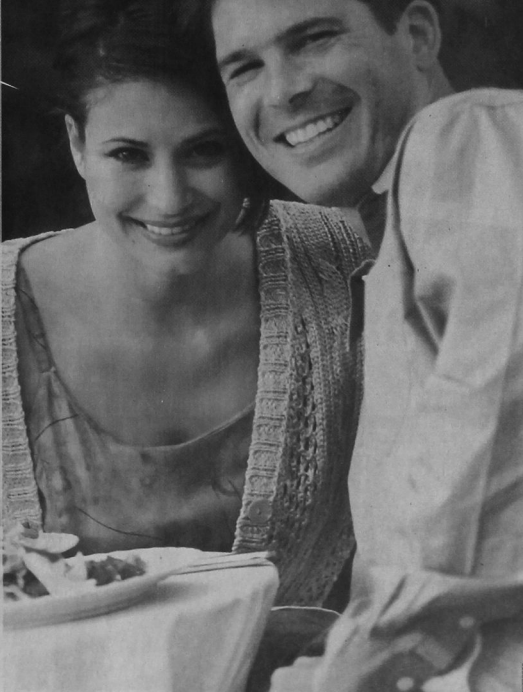
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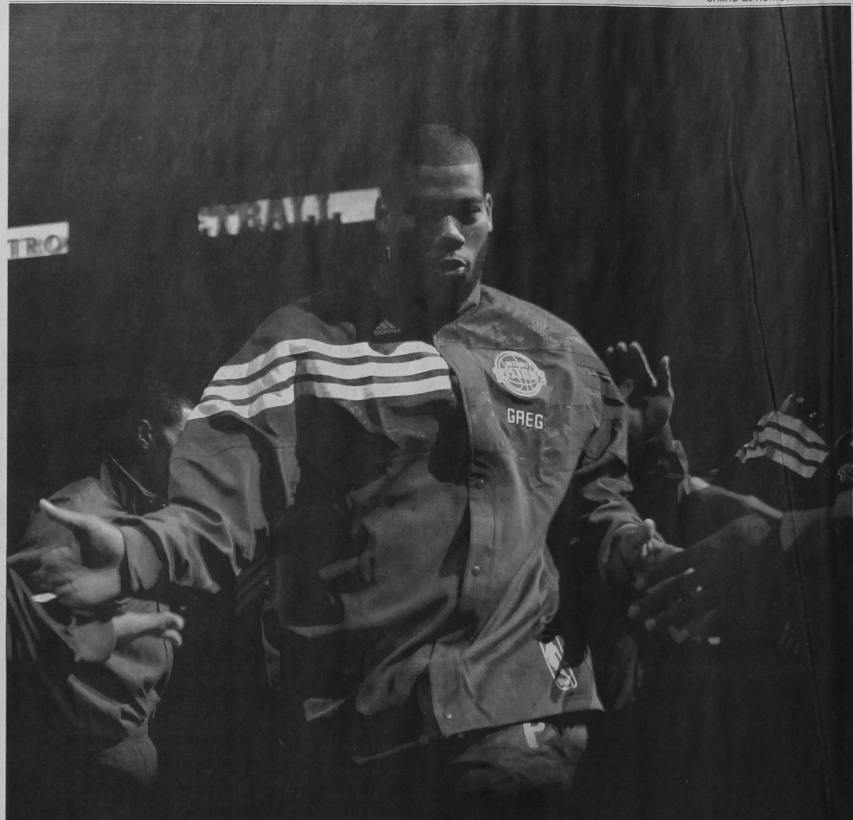


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Silk to paper costumes

Plymouth museum gets all dressed up for Halloween

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The bead-encrusted gown on temporary display in Pam Yockey's living room is all thawed out and ready for its debut at the Plymouth Historical Museum's upcoming Masquerade Tea.

Yockey, president of the museum board, acquired the piece for her extensive personal collection from a castle estate in England.

But before the exquisite velvet and silk dress — actually a late 19th century costume — entered Yockey's Canton home, it went straight into the freezer. Twice.

"I have a freezer just for clothing. When an outfit comes in from an attic, it comes home and gets frozen. I don't even let it enter the house. I will look at it. I'll open the box outside, and I'll make sure everything is okay. Then it goes into the freezer for seven days," Yockey said. "Then I'll vacuum it down

MASQUERADE TEA

What: Victorian-style tea
When: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

Where: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Includes tea sandwiches, scones, desserts and the museum's own "Mary's Blend," a cherry and almond tea. Following the tea, Pam Yockey, president of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum and a textile historian, will present "You're Wearing What?" a Halloween costume history and fashion show. The fashion show will include five original historic costumes from her collection. Participants may wear their own costumes to the event.

Cost: Tickets are \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members and are available at the museum or through PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org.

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and then it goes back into the freezer for another seven days. Then I'll take it out and put it into my collection."

The process kills insects, larvae, anything that might be living in fabric folds or hems. Afterward Yockey cleans the garment by hand and may mend or reconstruct it. She replaced some of the



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Pam Yockey of Canton shows off masquerade costumes from her personal collection of antique clothing. She'll show them at a tea, Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where Yockey serves as president of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

original gelatin beads on the estate gown, for example, with new, plastic versions. Another costume dress was dismantled and re-stitched. The Observer got a peek at both gowns, and a velvet Cavalier costume, earlier this week. All three will be on display with other "fancy ball gowns," masquerade party outfits and Halloween costumes at the tea, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the museum. Yockey

will talk about historical costumes and show pieces dating from 1860-1930, from her own collection. Some dresses will be modeled.

Debut event

"These have never been out. No one has seen them. They've never been in a show or on display," Yockey said. "I always thought the perfect time to do this was Halloween. "Halloween now is sec-

ond to Christmas in money spent. Last year the average person spent \$58 for Halloween. It's just amazing." Until the 1930s, when the Fisch Co. created the first commercialized Halloween costume patterns, revelers dressed "in anything other than who you were," Yockey said. That was the same concept behind the fancy dress ball gowns worn to costume balls and parties

in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Yockey's beaded estate costume was constructed from an 1860s ball gown around the turn of the 20th century. It includes an 1880s-style bustle and sleeves, but was created to resemble a dress worn by a lady of the royal court during the 1600s.

"You had balls, with very unique, elaborate

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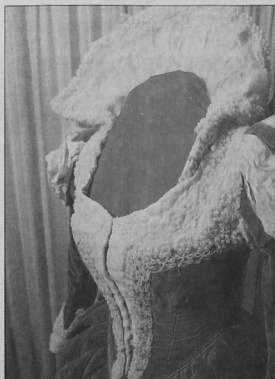
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Beads made of gelatin decorate this costume gown.



Pam Yockey dismantled and restitched this costume gown.

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COSTUMES

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costumes, for adults only. It was a way of celebrating between Christmas and New Year's," Yockey explained. "Then you had masquerade parties for families. Halloween as we celebrate it was Scottish and 1895 was the first recorded Halloween activity."

From rowdy to reserved

In Scotland, the celebrations often included alcohol and gourd-toting revelers who went door to door for treats.

"Then it came to the U.S. and the Victorians were not going to put up with that. They decided parties should be with children," Yockey explained. "There was no more drinking and they were called costume parties."

Halloween parties held at town halls and in church basements became the norm after World War I.

"They felt if they kept the children entertained at town parties, windows wouldn't get soaped," Yockey said.

She recalls attending town parties as a child while growing up in western Michigan. Her favorite costume was a Little Miss Muffet made entirely from crepe paper. "Dennison put out Bogie Books that told

how to dress for Halloween on the cheap," said Yockey, 62. "The Boogie Books gave detailed instructions on how to make a crepe paper costume."

A crepe paper owl costume will be modeled at the Masquerade Tea.

Hooked on clothing

Yockey, a retired Taylor school teacher and now a part-time seamstress for The Henry Ford, began collecting antique clothing about 20 years ago after receiving a 19th-century blouse as a gift. It had been worn by her husband's grandmother in the early 1900s.

"I investigated it and got hooked. Then people started giving me more family possessions and I started to see them in a new light and began collecting."

She has attended costume conferences in Europe and the U.S., visited museums worldwide and bought fashion from the 18th-20th centuries.

She once bought out an entire museum in France.

"I bought a textile store," she added.

"There were thousands of yards of black lace because for some of these gowns I have to have the original piece of lace and you can't get it any other way."

For tickets to the tea, visit www.plymouth-history.org.

Pam Yockey is dressed as a milkmaid might have looked in 1818. That net hat she's wearing is authentic, from 1820. When worn under a bonnet, the ruffle remains visible and frames the face.



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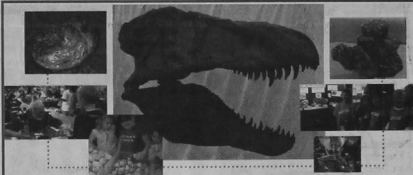
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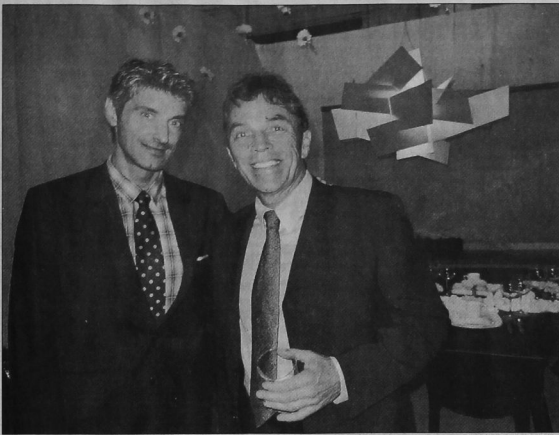
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Jon Jordan, (left) WDIV-TV fashion editor, and John Mayer of Farmington Hills

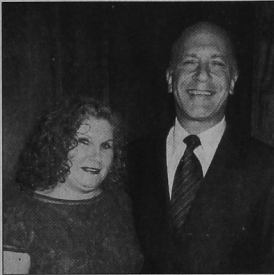
Fundraisers support health causes, public airwaves

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

Farmington Hills residents Sheryl and Jeffrey Lesser recently joined more than 450 supporters of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLFM) at the 5th Annual CRUSH Birmingham Wine and Food Class-

sic. This year's gala, held at the Townsend Hotel, also celebrated CLFM's 60th Anniversary. The sell-out crowd helped raise approximately \$250,000 for the organization. The Lessers attended the event to support Ellen Lesser Siegel who received the 2012 CRUSH Humanitarian Award.

Design benefit
Farmington Hills resident John Mayer, a landscape architect, attend-



Sheryl and Jeffrey Lesser of Farmington Hills

ed the Design Industry Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) fundraiser, Dining By Design Detroit. The event benefited the Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC). The three-day fest, which was held this year at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse on the Michigan State Fair-

grounds property, included an opening night strolling cocktail party with 26 top-area restaurants and more than 100 pieces of original artwork up for auction. Detroit's design community — architects, artists, interior designers — banded together to create 28

table-setting vignettes for the event. Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC) is the largest AIDS prevention organization in Michigan, having merged Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) and Michigan AIDS fund (MAF) last year.

Public television
Tracy Muscat of Farmington Hills was among approximately 100 benefactors who recently attended a special dinner for Detroit Public TV. The dinner, which was hosted by Allan Gilmore, a past Detroit Public TV honoree, and Eric Jirgens, at their exquisite Birmingham home, was sold out before the invitations were even printed. That evening preceded the 11th Annual PBS Premiere Night gala which was held at the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit and included a preview of the PBS Fall Season.

Contact Julie Yolles at lyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.

Club accepting scholarship applications

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is offering two \$500 scholarships to women who are pursuing programs in culinary arts or aviation management at Schoolcraft College.

All monies will be handled through the Schoolcraft College Foundation office. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and live in the Schoolcraft College District, which includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville. These scholarships are open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age.

To request an application, e-mail rsrand521@bcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by U.S. mail and postmarked by Nov. 1. Scholarships will be awarded by Nov. 19 and monies available for the winter 2013 semester.

Zonta International is a non-profit women's service organization dedicated to advancing and improving the status of women. The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County supports the needs of women through community projects and fundraisers. Over the years, it has given more than \$30,000 in scholarships to help women reach their academic goals and be prepared to enter the workplace.

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JACKSON JAMES RYAN

Jackson James Ryan was born Aug. 31, 2012, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He joins his parents, Sarah and Scott Ryan, and siblings, Addison, 6, and Kathryn, 3, at home in Canton. Proud grandparents are Renee and Jim Casillas of Plymouth and Carol and Jerry Ryan of Canton.



OLIVIA GRACE BARRINGER

Olivia Grace Barringer was born Aug. 28, 2012, at Troy Beaumont Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches. Proud parents are Jeffrey and Andrea Barringer of Northville. Olivia's siblings are Jonathan, Zachary, and Madeline. Grandparents are Rick and Kathy Barringer of Farmington Hills and Joe and Adele Pollock of Lake Orion. Olivia also has six cousins — with two more on the way — 10 aunts and uncles, and four great-grandparents.

Schuchert-Donakowski

Darcy Schuchert and Nicholas Donakowski announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Debra Schuchert of Livonia, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and earned a bachelors of science degree in technical management from DeVry University. She is a personal injury protection litigation adjuster for Farmer's Insurance. Her fiancé, son of Richard and Sherry Donakowski of Livonia, graduated from Alpena High School and earned a bachelors of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. He is the vice president and graphic designer for Doubletake Studios in Plymouth. A June 2013 wedding is planned in the Dominican Republic.

Mason-Summers

Katie Lynn Mason and Daniel Shane Summers announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Kent and Karla Mason of Farmington Hills, is a 2010 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology. She works as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Michigan Medical School. Her fiancé, son of Ralph and Roberta Summers of Chillicothe, Mo., is a 2005 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor's degree in American legal systems and an M.S. in environmental management from Webster University in Saint Louis, Mo. Summers is currently the commander of the Dearborn Army Recruiting Company in Dearborn. An April 13 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

October

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: State Rep. John Walsh, Livonia, will talk about the tax implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2011. Walsh is a former tax attorney and current vice chair of the Michigan House Tax Policy Committee. Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniaismichael.org

CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

Location: Solanus Casey Center entrance, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Family Day includes an open house and guided tours of the Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum site, including Earthworks Urban Farm gardens. Mass also is planned at 11 a.m. in the St. Bonaventure Chapel. Free light lunch snacks will be available.

Coming up: The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow runs 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$50 per person and include two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee bar, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Get tickets at www.secondhelping.org or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

Contact: www.solanuscenter.org or www.cskdetroit.org

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 and 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing Contact: (734) 404-2882

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 35920 Five Mile, Livonia

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CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, Southfield

Details: Pianist Calvin Taylor will perform beloved hymns, well-known spirituals and classical sacred music. Light refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 569-2972

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICE

Time/Date: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Live Christian pop/rock music, a special drama and message, communion and refreshments are planned. Free will offering with proceeds to feed the hungry in need in local communities through Gleasons Food Bank and Deacons of the church

Contact: Mark Adams at madams.28@hotmail.com

CREATION EVOLUTION

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 8-10

Location: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Grady S. McMurty, an international speaker on creationism vs. evolution, will talk about such topics as The Complexity of the Universe; Mt. St. Helens; Why I Believe in a Young Creation; No Truth to Global Warming; and, What is Really in the Ground? The presentations are free

Contact: (734) 464-6722

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High School Commons, 1062 Church, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings is a support group for divorced Catholics that features guest speakers who will address topics central to the experience of divorced Catholics. The evening will begin with a talk by Pam Heags, MS, LLC, followed by a Q&A session providing attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge

Contact: newbeginningsfilm@gmail.com

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 17

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

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BOIGHNER, TRACI RENAE

Age 40, of Westland, MI died Sunday, September 23, 2012. A Memorial service will be held at Eureka Christian Church, 2619 Maple Rapids Rd., Eureka, MI on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. The family will receive friends from noon to 1:00 at the church. Traci worked for Agency Coordinator for FCCU: Hope in Detroit, MI. Traci is survived by two sons, Austin & Dominic of Westland, MI, her parents Bruce and Cathy Boughner of Maple Rapids, MI, brother Todd and Nicole Boughner of St. Johns, MI and nephew Matthew. Memorials may be made to Susan O'Korn Breast Cancer Research @ 8333 W. Mead Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences can be sent to www.ami.funeralhomes.com. This service is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes of St. Johns Chapel St. Johns, Michigan.

DEFOR, EVELYN BIRCHALL

Was born an Ann Arbor, Michigan. She spent her early years in Plymouth, MI graduating from Plymouth High School. She attended Hillside College and the University of Eastern Michigan where she received her B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She returned to Michigan and studied at the University of Michigan and Georgia College & State University in Milldeville. She ultimately received her master's degree in Remedial Reading from Kutztown university in Pennsylvania. She married John (Jack) Birchall of Plymouth, MI and lived in Atlanta while he completed his degree in Technical Engineering from Georgia Tech. After graduation, the couple moved to Milldeville, GA where they resided for over 20 years. After the death of Jack in 1978, she returned to Plymouth, MI. In 1998, she married Joseph DeFors of Ann Arbor, MI. They resided in Saravanna, GA and Wilmington NC until Joseph's death in 2005 when she moved to her current residence in Jasper, GA. She was a member of St. John's Church, of P. Beta Phi Sorority, the Retired Officers Wives Club at Hunter Air Force Base, the Huntington Club of Savannah, the National Reading Association of PA, the Retired Teachers Association and garden clubs. She volunteered for many community projects and activities. She is survived by one sister, Fern Hannah of South Lyon, MI, one daughter and son in law, Jackie and Richard Lamy of Jasper, GA, one son and daughter in law, Gary and Teresa Birchall of Wilmington NC; two step sons, Joseph DeFors of West St. and Doug DeFors of Wilmington; two granddaughters and one great grandchild. At her request, she will be cremated. A memorial service for the family in Jasper, GA and the remains interred in Michigan at a later date in lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the American Heart Association. She will be missed by friends and family.

BUZDZINSKI, JACQUELYN

Age 68, Livonia, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2012. Jacquelyn attended Holy Cross School of Nursing in St. South Bend, IN. She loved cooking, sewing, and babysitting her grandchildren. She cared about people, her Hospice patients, and always was able to help. She truly put others first. Beloved wife of Ronald Budzinski, dear mother of Joseph (Juzen) Budzinski, Edward Budzinski, Terese (Todd) Rockwell, Kathleen (Robert) Walchli, Mary Lewis, Ann Marie Budzinski, Daniel Budzinski and his fiancée Carrie; proud grandmother of Jonathan, Alyssa, Madison, Audrey, Madeline, Sydney, Alex, Elain, Aidan, Grace Ann, Erin, Reese, canging sister of Eugene Holowinski. The visitation was Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at the Harry J Will Funeral Home, 3700 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Interment was at Glen Eden, Livonia. Jacquelyn's wishes were to make a memorial in her name to Angela's House of Hope, 100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154 in lieu of flowers. Please visit www.harrywillfuneralhome.com and share a tribute to Jacquelyn.

FERRIS, WALTER RICHARD

Age 88, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Wathena Jane Ferris of 38 years. Loving father of Janine (Tony) Valenti and Karen Ferris. Dear grandfather of Gina Valenti and Giuseppe "Joe" Valenti. Cherished brother of Anne Ferris. He leaves behind many family and friends. Walter was a proud WWII veteran who served in the Central Pacific Ground Combat unit and received a special marksmanship award. He loved life and was loved by everyone he met. Visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 S. Mile Rd., (E. of Levan) Livonia, Sunday 10:00 AM. The funeral service will be held at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Rd., Northville, Monday 10am visiting 11am service. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Walter's favorite organization located on fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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September 27, 2012. Age 83 of Birmingham. Beloved wife of Bernard J. for 56 years. Dear mother of Darcy J. DeWolfe (Aaron C. Rappaport) and Stephanie L. DeWolfe. Loving grandmother of Albert N. and Aidan J. Rappaport. Sister of the late Jean Spencer and Carl "Bud" Cook. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends. Memorial service Saturday, November 3, 2012 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Memorial tributes to the Cranbrook Music Guild, P.O. Box 402, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 or Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington, DC 20090. AJD@desmondfuneralhome.com (248) 549-0500

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MERRITT, RODGER J.

Of New Lenox, IL, passed away September 26th after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Salem Township to the late Cassius and Sara Merritt. Beloved husband of Carol (Huddleston). Loving father of Rodger J., Cathy Merritt and Janet (Gerald) Merritt-Kostek; "Poppie" of five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Dear brother of Russell (Carol) Merritt and the late Wanda (the late Frank) Merritt. He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for Combat Heroism. Interment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made to the New Lenox Fundraising Project at 1200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60461.

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Medical miracle leaves him grateful

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer



JOHN HEIDER
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Todd Nadeau, 51, of Northville Township holds a place in medical history.

Nadeau was working as a teen at a downtown Northville car wash site, a summer job, when an industrial accident severed his hand.

"I had just turned 18" and was a Detroit Catholic Central High senior, the psychologist recalled. "The saw was still moving. The next thing I knew my hand was severed."

Young Nadeau was rushed to then-St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and from there to Harper Hospital in Detroit "where they had a team of hand surgeons."

His first operation was 15 hours, with more surgeries to follow. "It was the first successful reattachment," Nadeau said. "I've had 22 major surgeries (since), about 120 hours of surgeries."

He has about 20 percent use of the injured right hand, and can grip with it. Nadeau engineered braces approved by the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) to allow him to play basketball as a Wayne State University and Albion College student.

The accident was Aug. 12, 1979, said Nadeau, who didn't set out to make medical history. "That wasn't my goal. You go through something like that, you're just gripping the steering wheel as tight as you can."

His family and school

Remembering mom: Help change heartbreak into hope

By Mike Hull
Guest Columnist

To me, October is a month of heartbreak and sorrow. The last few days leading up to this month have been full of pain and anger. My mom, who was a beautiful, sarcastic, loving and strong-willed woman lost her battle to breast cancer one year ago on Oct. 14.

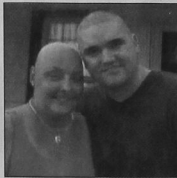
As I write this, I struggle to remember what my mom was like pre-cancer. All I can remember is what cancer did to her. It is so easy for me to remember the first time her speech was slurred and the first time she lost her balance and fell from the cancer taking over her body, but I can't remember the great moments we shared.

A lot of people tell me that, as time goes on, I will start to forget the pain, and to be honest, the hell cancer put her through. As I sit at my computer, almost one year later, I reflect on the last year without her. The little things and big things she missed fill my mind and cause tears to fall from my face.

Toward the end, mom and I would take walks around the block to get some fresh air and get out of the house. At that point she could not talk, so I often found myself talking to her about anything and everything. I talked about the dogs we would see on our path, events going on in the world, and most importantly, during every walk I made her a promise that one day a cure will be found for breast cancer. I vowed that I will do all that I can to make her better and help others.

There came a time where I knew we were nearing the end, and I had no control over it. At that point, all I could hope for was peace. I wanted her pain to go away.

Some people would agree that I have become obsessed with raising money and creating aware-



Mike Hull is planning a fundraiser to mark the one-year anniversary of the death of his mother, Jean Ann Vulichard (Stamper), from breast cancer.

ness for anything breast cancer related. Honestly, becoming an extreme breast cancer supporter is what has helped me to wake up every day and keep living. When my mom was sick, fighting for the cause gave me hope to save her, but now I fight for all of the other women who are currently fighting the most important battle of their lives.

I also fight for the women who tomorrow morning will walk into a doctor's office without a care in the world, and will leave as a breast cancer patient.

At times I find it hard to explain, but the thing that hurts me the most is the pain and frustration breast cancer caused my mother while she was still here. Words just cannot describe the condition breast cancer left her in. I will never forget having to carry her from bed to the chair or having to clean up when she had an accident. During those moments a part of me died, and I will never get that part of myself back. Those horrible moments lit a fire inside of me that you would have to kill me to put out. A fire to find the cure!

This October, my goal is to raise \$11,111.13 for the American Cancer Society Breast Can-

A CAUSE TO LAUGH

A fundraiser event is being held during breast cancer awareness month and in memory of Jean Vulichard,

who lost her battle with breast cancer last October. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

When: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley, MI 48072

Tickets: \$15 general admission - \$20 reserved seating. (table reservations accepted). To buy tickets: Stop by Farina's Banquet Center or call Mike Hull at (248) 828-5940, or e-mail WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com

Tickets also may be purchased online at: <http://givingchannelwithcomedy.eventbrite.com>.

What's included: Lot's of laughs and hors d'oeuvres.

cer Fund. This amount is in honor of my mother, who should be here to celebrate her 88th birthday with us on 1/11/13. So my goal is \$11,111.13.

Our large fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 20, in memory of my mother Jean Ann Vulichard (Stamper). The event is called Ha-Ha's For Ta-Ta's (Fighting Cancer With Comedy) and will be held at Farina's Banquet Center, on Coolidge north of 11 Mile Road, in Berkley. Farina's is donating everything.

For more information, visit: http://www.facebook.com/mchully22?ref=tm_tmnm#/ events/494779440532345/ and WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com

Breast cancer is not stopping, so why would we?

Mike Hull is a Royal Oak resident; his mother lived in Oak Park. Hull says that he is now working full time for the American Cancer Society.

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DISCOVER REMARKABLE

The job-related terms you'll hear this election season

Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer

Two of the hottest topics this election season are employment and the economy. When you're following the presidential debates, reading the news or listening to a speech, and you want to better understand the issues, refer to this glossary of job-related terms that you'll be hearing this election season.

Disability benefits:

Social Security benefits provided to those who can't do work they previously could or who can't adjust to other work because of a medical condition, and the disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death. This differs from the resources provided to those with short-term disabilities, including workers' compensation, insurance, savings and investments. Those receiving disability benefits aren't counted among the unemployed. (Source: Social Security Administration)

Discouraged workers:

People not currently looking for work, because

they believe no jobs are available. These workers are not included in the unemployment rate. (Source: The Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Displaced workers:

People 20 or older who lost or left jobs because their plant or company closed or moved, there was insufficient work for them to do or their position or shift was eliminated. (Source: BLS)

Employment projections:

The trends expected in job growth, employment, education and training, supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. (Source: BLS)

Employer-provided insurance:

Health-care coverage offered to employees by employers. (Source: BLS)

Extended benefits:

Available to workers who have exhausted regular unemployment insurance benefits during periods of high unemployment. The basic extended benefits program provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits when a state is experiencing high unemployment. Some states have also enacted a voluntary program to pay up to

seven additional weeks (20 weeks maximum) of extended benefits during periods of extremely high unemployment. (Source: Labor Department)

Involuntary part-time workers: The number of people employed part time for economic reasons, such as their hours have been cut back or they were unable to find a full-time job. (Source: BLS)

Labor force:

The sum of employed and unemployed people. Not included in the labor force: retirees, students, those taking care of children or other family members and others who are neither working nor seeking work. (Source: BLS)

Long-term unemployment:

Those jobless for 27 weeks or more. (Source: BLS)

Unemployment benefits:

See "unemployment insurance."

Unemployment insurance:

The Labor Department's unemployment insurance programs provide benefits to workers who become

unemployed through no fault of their own and who meet certain other eligibility requirements.

For instance, in Illinois, if eligibility requirements are met, the program ensures that those who receive UI will have some income while looking for a job, up to a maximum of 25 full weeks in a one-year period. State requirements may differ.

Unemployment rate:

The number of people, as a percent of the labor force, who do not have a job, have actively looked

for work in the prior four weeks and are currently available for work. (Source: BLS)

Susan Ricker is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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Car Report

Honda Bets Anew On Its Iconic Accord Mid-Size Sedan

If Honda wants to double its worldwide car sales over the next five years as executives have said lately, they'll require a very good Accord. That's why they're encouraged by the strong start for the 2013 Accord in the U.S. market, featuring robust sales demand out of the gate, quickly rising output at the plant in Ohio, and a fetching new advertising campaign aimed at American consumers.

Sales of Accord in September were a whopping 57 percent ahead of a year earlier after the new version hit dealerships in mid-month.

Great early returns and results for the new Accord are especially important for Honda after it was stung by the disappointing debut of the new generation of its Civic compact last year. Honda learned from that experience and has applied lessons to the launch of the new Accord.

True, the spiffy start for the new Accord comes in the context of easy overall sales comparisons for Honda, anyway, as it continues its full recovery from last year's supply disallows. Honda is in the midst of a big recall of a mid-grade version of Accord in the U.S., to correct a power-steering leak that could cause under-hood fires. And competition is intensifying in Accord's mid-size sedan segment, with the restyled Ford Fusion, a revamped Nissan Altima and a formidable-again Toyota Camry aiming at the same group of U.S. consumers.

But despite those headwinds, Honda simply can't afford to disappoint with the new Accord, the ninth generation of a

venerable product that last was substantially updated in 2008. Even more than Civic, it is a crucial and iconic nameplate for the brand.

"Obviously, it's important from an absolute sales standpoint — given the size of the segment it's critical for us to participate in a meaningful way," Mike Accavitti, CMO of American Honda, told me. "But more important than that, Accord has been so tightly associated with Honda that this segment is even more important to us."

"Accord has woven itself into the American fabric. There aren't a lot of nameplates that have been around for 30 years."

Accord, Civic and the CR-V utility vehicle combined comprise more than 70 percent of the brand's overall sales volume in the United States. But it's Accord that "defines Honda in a lot of people's minds," Accavitti said. There have been 11 million Accords sold in the U.S., "and that's a competitive advantage for us."

It's also a good thing that Honda is off to a winning start with advertising for the new car. Its campaign theme, "It Starts With You," cleverly taps into the long

experience that so many American consumers already have with Accords as well as effectively showcases features of the new model.

In Accord's first-ever 90-second TV spot, "We Know You," there's a depiction of the car's comfortable seats because a driver pulls over and naps in one. New safety and sensing technology helps a family avoid rear-ending a suddenly stopped vehicle ahead of them. Lane-change warnings help a driver cleanly merge an Accord into traffic. Accord's night-piercing headlights illuminate a woman's dreary chore of dragging the trash containers through the dark and

"We're trying to demonstrate the technology and benefits of the car in very relatable and practical ways," Accavitti explained. "And we wanted to be as real as we could."

Styling of the new Accord is updated but remains Honda-practical. Still, the advertising finds some significant ways to highlight the company's rather conservative approach to design. For example, Honda tries to maximize



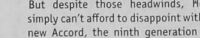
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visibility in the car, and for that purpose the new Accord retains the nameplate's low beltline and narrow A pillar. So in the TV ads, a young girl in the back seat of the Accord can see easily out the side window.

So far, Accord is being greeted far better than Civic, which bowed about 18 months ago to the supply problems and to immediate lackluster reviews by Consumer Reports and others.

"What we found in reality was that competitors had narrowed the gap to the Civic," Accavitti said. "Some would argue that in some cases they surpassed us from a product standpoint."

So with Accord and henceforth, Accavitti insisted, "We've learned to never underestimate our competitors — ever." And, he argued, Honda engineers "made sure the new Accord excels in all areas — that it's not just a one-trick pony. That means fuel economy, safety and style. In order to succeed in this marketplace, we achieved in each of those areas."



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