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**Library payoff saves taxpayer dollars**

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In a move that saved Canton taxpayers \$279,000, the Canton Public Library has paid off its building construction bond five years early. Library officials trimmed that amount off interest costs

by paying off the building construction bond last September rather than in 2020. The deed transfer from Canton Township to the library was just completed last month. Officials say the effort reflected the library's commitment to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

"The board is focused on providing the most library benefits to our community at the greatest value," said Michelle Farrell, the library board's secretary-treasurer, adding that paying off the building early "will allow us to redirect those funds to library collections, programs, services

and facilities for our patrons." The latest developments don't mean Canton residents will pay less in taxes going forward for library services, although library Director Eva Davis said tax rates are discussed every year by the library board. Canton taxpayers currently

have a library tax rate of 1.54 mills, meaning the owner of a \$200,000 home with a \$100,000 taxable value pays \$154 a year. The library board did lower the tax rate slightly to 1.49 mills for two years in 2010-11, Davis said, "in recognition of

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A fire destroyed a two-story home on Merrimac in Canton.

CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Second fire in two days destroys Canton home**

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A Canton house was destroyed by fire early Thursday, one day after firefighters doused a garage fire at the same residence, an official said. "Nobody was injured," Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Stoecklein said. Officials hadn't pinpointed the exact cause of either blaze. Stoecklein said later Thursday morning the fires remained under investigation.

The latest fire at the two-story colonial home was reported shortly after 5:30 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of Merrimac, near Cherry Hill and Lotz. Firefighters arrived to find the house and attached garage fully engulfed in flames. "It's a total loss," Stoecklein said. The family that lives in the house already had gone to a hotel room because of another fire that started in the garage about noon Wednesday, causing what was initially de-

scribed as smoke damage to the house. The garage had been boarded up when the second blaze was reported. Flames could be seen coming from the home's roof when firefighters arrived Thursday morning. One next-door house sustained minor damage to the siding, Stoecklein said. Firefighters from all three Canton fire stations fought the blaze.   
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CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Firefighters battle a house fire that destroyed a two-story house.

**Attorney: Mental health system fails carjacking suspect**

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Calling it "one of the saddest cases I've had," an attorney said Canton carjacking defendant Faheem Tamir-Saul Nance had sought help for mental health issues before a ruckus at Walmart led to criminal charges against him. "This circumstance says more about the politics of mental health and how we treat people than anything else," defense attorney Kesia Nikia Reeves said. "He had made several attempts at trying to get help for himself prior to this incident." Her remarks came as Nance, a 26-year-old Westland man, is facing trial in November in Wayne County Circuit Court for two counts of carjacking, six counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of armed robbery, making a false bomb threat and a felony firearm violation. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison. Nance was declared competent to stand trial during an Aug. 26 hearing in 35th District Court that came nearly one year after Canton police arrested him at the Walmart store on Ford Road, east of Lotz. It took almost a year after Nance was referred to a state forensics center for a psychiatric evaluation for authorities to



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**Students display summer art extravaganza**

Young people marked the end of a creative season Wednesday as they showed off their artworks during the Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual summer camp exhibit and reception. The show, featuring paintings, sculpture, pottery, drawings and multimedia works, followed nine weeks of PCAC day camps in which about 300 children and teenagers took

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part. The season's 40 camps ranged from hip-hop dance to musical theater to advanced pottery to painting, film making and cartooning. Parents and family members of the artists attended the event at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts in

Plymouth, where pizza and frozen desserts were served. Campers were able to take their summer creations home with them.

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Samantha Rousseau of Canton Township shows off a flower-shaped bowl she made in advanced pottery camp at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



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declare him competent to stand trial.

"A person being found competent to stand trial does not necessarily mean that person was competent at the time of the commission of a crime," Reeves said.

Witnesses told authorities the defendant pointed two Airsoft pistols at employees and customers — some of whom believed the guns were real — and then attempted two carjackings in the parking lot. The incident unfolded about 10:30 p.m. last Sept. 13.

One customer drove off, but witnesses alleged Nance managed to get inside another victim's Honda Accord, struggled to work the manual transmission and was captured by police, who said he

*"This circumstance says more about the politics of mental health and how we treat people ..."*

**KESIA NIKIA REEVES**

made false claims he had a bomb.

According to court records, Nance is jailed with a \$500,000/10-percent bond as he awaits trial - meaning he would have to pay \$50,000 for his release. He has a not-guilty plea on record.

Court records also indicate that Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong has ordered another competency evaluation for Nance, with a new competency hearing pending in October.

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# Suspect in Jimmy John's robbery waives preliminary examination

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A Plymouth man accused of robbing a Livonia sandwich shop last month has waived his preliminary examination and will continue his case in downtown Detroit.



Toombs

Bradley Toombs, 40, appeared Thursday morning before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann via video from the Wayne County Jail for a probable cause conference. Toombs is charged with unarmed

robbery, fourth-degree fleeing and eluding and larceny from the person and faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Toombs's attorney, James Anderson, originally told McCann his client's intent was to waive the preliminary examination, which is held in district court to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to trial. When McCann asked Toombs over the video conference if that was his intent, he originally told her he wanted to hold the exam and plead not guilty.

The case was adjourned for a short time as Anderson spoke to Toombs, as it appeared

there was some confusion over the intent. Later, Toombs told McCann he indeed wanted to waive the hearing and have the case sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for further proceedings.

Toombs is accused of robbing the Jimmy John's sandwich shop back on Aug. 17 at 13453 Middlebelt, just south of I-96, in Livonia. Police say he entered the shop around lunchtime, demanded money from the workers via a note and left after they gave him an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police were called and subsequently followed Toombs as he drove eastbound on I-96 through

Redford and into Detroit, according to police. He began accelerating away from police near the Southfield Freeway and eventually the chase was called off near the Davison Freeway.

Toombs was located and arrested by police the next day. As of Thursday morning, he remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

His arraignment is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

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## LIBRARY

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the recession and the difficulty residents were having paying their taxes."

As for future tax rates, she said, "the library board continues to have that discussion every year."

However, the tax rate is set to dip slightly to 1.53 next year due to the state Headlee Amendment that triggers automatic rollbacks of millage rates.

Library officials paid off the building construction bond early despite embarking on three phases of renovations that have transformed the facility and made it more user-friendly. Two more phases still are planned.

Davis said the library's fund balance now stands at \$3.8 million - down from a high of \$6 million - due to money



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Library Director Eva Davis looks over plans during one of the facility's renovations.

spent on renovations and a concerted effort to contribute to employee pensions, which are close to 100-percent funded.

Back in 1988, the library bond was initially authorized for \$6 million to construct the facility at 1200 S. Canton Center. It was refinanced in 1999 for a building expansion.

The library has grown from humble beginnings. It is a 53,000-square-foot facility with more than 350,000 items in its collection - much larger than when it began in 1980 in a small space with 20,000 books on the third

floor of the Canton Township administration building.

Over the years, the library has won accolades. It received the inaugural LibraryAware Community Award in 2013, a national award from Library Journal for community engagement. A year later, a formal survey of Canton residents revealed the library was the most popular facility in Canton.

Library officials say the library has long had good working relations with Canton Township departments such as

Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Safety and the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Nancy Eggenberger, board chair, said library officials are grateful to township leaders "for their leadership in establishing an independent public library more than 30 years ago" and said relationship remains positive.

For more on the library, go to <http://www.cantonpl.org/>

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## Holiday delays trash pickup in Canton

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Rizzo Environmental Services will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, Sept. 5, and all collections for the week will be delayed by one day.

Rizzo will resume their regular collection

schedule Monday, Sept. 12.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. Rizzo will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property.

All recycling must be placed separate from your refuse on the opposite side of the driveway. For questions or more information on solid waste collection, go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call Rizzo at 866-772-8900.

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# PCAC students show off their summer art projects



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A "fish maraca" made by Luke Covington of Plymouth during the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Sun-Sand-Surf! camp.



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This wood-block photo transfer, made by Madeleine Brugman during a digital photography camp, has an old-timey look.



MATT JACHMAN

Charlie Palko of Plymouth shows off work from the Plymouth Community Arts Council summer camps.

# Nothing sour about these new pickleball courts in Canton

Construction of six pickleball courts has been completed at Freedom Park in Canton, part of a community benefit project provided by Pulte Homes, in an effort to enhance sports opportunities and athletics for area residents with special emphasis on seniors.

A grand opening ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend this ribbon-cutting ceremony — especially pickleball enthusiasts and those looking to try out the sport. Equipment will be provided.

Funded by a capital contribution from Pulte Homes for Grandview



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Canton is unveiling its new pickleball courts.

Estates, this conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts will provide seasonal recreational opportunities for Canton residents. Popular in active adult retirement communities, pickleball

is gaining fans of all ages across the country, local officials say.

Pickleball, often described as a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, is played with paddles and a plas-

tic ball on courts about half the size of a tennis court, across a net two inches lower than a tennis net. The ball, which is similar to a whiffle ball, is hit with a composite paddle that resembles an oversized table-tennis paddle.

"Pickleball is a sport that has been growing among all demographics," said Jason Lombardo, Summit facility coordinator. "It is simple to learn and beginners are often playing on their own by the end of one lesson. We're very grateful for Pulte Homes' generous donation that enabled us to construct these dedicated pickleball courts."

Invented in the 1960s on Bainbridge Island in Washington state, pickleball has expanded from a family activity to a net court sport with formalized rules. Now more than 40 years later, pickleball is played in thousands of communities across the country. The origin of the sport's name is often debated, but it is supposedly named after one of the original game developer's family dog, Pickles, who would often chase miss-shot balls.

Freedom Park's pickleball courts are located on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer Roads. The courts are open to the public on a

first-come, first-served basis when not in use during scheduled class sessions. Canton Leisure Services will also provide instructional programming to encourage play for all ages. Additional neighborhood tennis courts are available at Griffin Park, located on Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, and Flodin Park, located at Saltz Road and Morton Taylor Road.

For additional information about Canton's new pickleball courts and upcoming instructional programming, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call the Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460.

## Special Observer & Eccentric Reader Offer Breakthrough relief for back pain and sciatica

By: Sam Potter  
Health Correspondent



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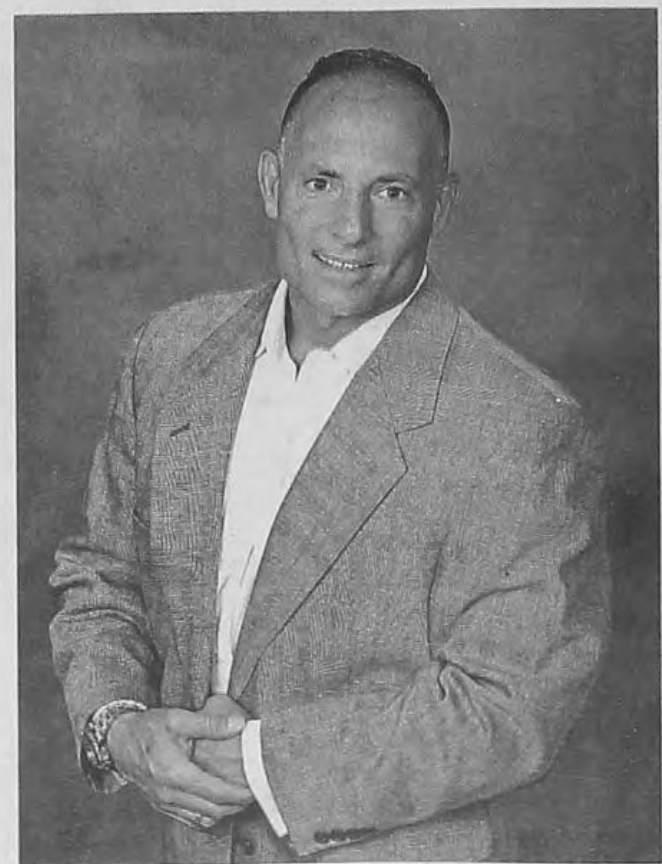
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Arbor Hills Landfill has withdrawn its request to expand north of Six Mile in Salem Township.

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# Arbor Hills Landfill officials withdraw expansion request

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On the heels of Northville Township's strongly worded resolution opposing expansion of Arbor Hills Landfill and a strong citizens' grassroots effort, facility owners at Advanced Disposal this week withdrew their request for expansion north of Six Mile in Salem Township.

"We felt our focus needs to address issues brought forward with the citizens," said Mark Nighbor, Advanced Disposal marketing and communications vice president. "They want us to address these issues — odors and traffic. We felt the request (for expansion) was being a distraction."

The decision to withdraw the request does not prevent Advanced Disposal from requesting expansion in the future, Nighbor said. "This makes sense now," he said. "We will focus on addressing the citizens and make them aware of our plans. We will get feedback and work on solutions."

The withdrawal request went to the Washtenaw Solid Waste Committee, which after 17 years is now updating its county plan. Washtenaw had not updated its plan until Arbor Hills requested it in anticipation of potentially expanding or building a new landfill. Advanced Disposal has reportedly purchased additional property on the Salem side along Napier Road in anticipation of expanding its operations in the future. According to Nighbor, Arbor Hills has an estimated more than 10 years — closer to 17 years, say township officials — capacity available at the landfill.

Because the landfill is in Salem Township, however, Northville Township officials have had no legal say in whether a new landfill is ever approved.

But the township's involvement and efforts from the grassroots Stop Arbor Hills have made resident voices and opposition heard. Tracey Birkenhauer, who started Stop Arbor Hills, said, "I'm absolutely thrilled that Advanced Disposal has withdrawn its landfill expansion request. Washtenaw County has confirmed to me they will not include any landfill expansion or new landfill in their solid waste plan as a result of Advanced's withdrawal."

"This is a huge win for all residents who have been negatively affected by this dump for many years," Birkenhauer added.

Since January, members of Stop Arbor Hills have distributed thousands of fliers, posted yard signs, hosted and attended countless meetings. Most of them are from Salem and Northville townships with a few from Novi and South Lyon, she added.

Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko and Treasurer Marjorie Banner, both of whom serve as liaisons to Stop Arbor Hills, lauded the citizens'

grassroots effort. "There's a large team who worked on this," Shadko said. "I learned the lesson that a group of grassroots volunteers — along with elected officials — can do wonderful things. Forming a partnership with Arbor Hills, Salem and Northville townships, is going to be good for all parties concerned."

In a press release issued Monday, Kelly Rooney, Advanced Disposal district manager, said, "We want the county's process to be successful and the expansion issue has been a growing distraction to the broader and very important conversation that Washtenaw County needs to have around issues like increasing recycling, sustainability and composting."

Banner, Shadko and Supervisor Bob Nix collectively weighed in on Advanced Disposal's latest news Tuesday:

"Northville Township is pleased that Advanced Disposal has acknowledged the concerns and requests of Northville Township and its residents. This withdrawal provides the opportunity for the township to seek solutions to the many issues surrounding the impact of the landfill on its residents."

"The township committee appeared before the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Committee at its public meetings. The township committee presented an impact statement which documented the adverse impact of a new landfill on our residents, and established that there was no need for a new landfill. (The impact statement is on the Northville Township website)."

Nix has consistently met with officials from

the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division and Wayne County Solid Waste management to support the township's efforts with Arbor Hills.

The four-page resolution opposing any expansion or the siting of a new landfill near the Northville Township border last week was the township's latest effort. The resolution had previously been read before the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Committee and trustees were expected to attend the next meeting Sept. 14 to officially present the document. Shadko said Tuesday he still intends to go to the Washtenaw meeting.

Napier Road resident Debbie Brown, who has also attended the solid waste meetings in Washtenaw, is happy with Arbor Hills' decision. But she remains skeptical. "We've been told this before," she said, referring to Arbor Hills' last expansion in 2009. Referring to acreage Arbor Hills donated to Salem as a park, Brown said to be a good neighbor Advanced Disposal should ensure that it remains park land, rather than used for future expansion. The park land, which Brown said does not appear to be heavily used, is an indication that "no one wants to be next to a dump."

Birkenhauer offered similar comments: "Advanced Disposal should donate the hundreds of acres they have purchased on the north side of Six Mile Road as an act of good faith. Advanced Disposal said in their press release they want 'to make Arbor Hills a great community partner with our neigh-

bors.' They need to prove this through their actions, not words."

According to Rooney at Arbor Hills, landfill officials are "responding to concerns and requests from Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker on behalf of township residents to tackle issues that include resurfacing Five Mile Road, increasing dust control on dirt roads near the area, and directing trucks to use only a designated route in and out of the landfill to help ease traffic congestion."

With the request for expansion withdrawn, Nix said township officials will continue to work with Arbor Hills to address the odor and truck traffic problems. Nix said it will be interesting to see what happens with truck traffic when I-275 northbound opens next week. "All of us will continue to follow up with the other issues," Nix said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened a campaign office in Livonia.

## Democrats open campaign office for Clinton, other candidates in Livonia

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A new presidential coordinated campaign office recently opened in Livonia — and it's the first of its kind for the city in many, many years.

The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened an office at 28825 Plymouth, just east of Middlebelt.

R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said the office is the first time such a coordinated campaign office has opened for federal Democratic candidates in Livonia.

It's a move, Burnett said, local Democrats hope to do to push the center in favor of Clinton over Republican candidate Donald Trump.

"Turning Livonia blue is our goal," he said. "When I got started, I'm just estimating right now, the demographics were like 60/40. And today, it's more like 48/52, 49/51."

The city of Livonia has voted for a Democratic presidential candidate just once since

2000. That candidate was Barack Obama in 2008, who received 165 more votes than John McCain. Livonia voted for Mitt Romney in 2012, with the Republican taking 51 percent of the vote to Obama's 47 percent.

Several dozen people came to the opening, many donning shirts supporting Clinton and eating refreshments, which included Clinton-themed cupcakes. The office is expected to operate throughout the campaign season, organizing phone banks, meetings and canvasses across Livonia.

Several other coordinated campaign offices opened up Monday as well, including locations in Grosse Pointe and Battle Creek.

Speaking at the office opening Monday was Kumar, the Democratic candidate running against current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, for the seat representing the 11th Congressional District. That district covers parts of northwest Wayne County, as well as portions of southern Oakland County spanning from Milford to Troy.

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# Dagorhir warriors battle it out Tolkien-style

Sharon Dargay  
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*"It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."*

DAN 'SIR JACK ANGELFOOT' HEBEL

### Tolkien's world

"Dagorhir battle games have been around since 1977," said Dan "Sir Jack Angelfoot" Hebel of Warren, a knight of Akron. "It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."

Dagorhir was founded by college friends in Maryland and was based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel, "Lord of the Rings." The organization has chapters throughout the country and a week-long "extravaganza of mass melee and fun," called Ragnarok every June in northwest Pennsylvania.

Weapons must meet specific construction and safety guidelines and are checked before they are allowed in play. Hebel said they are designed to hit at full force and not cause injury.

In the 1970s, broomsticks were used as swords and couch cushions doubled as shields.

"Nowadays, weapons are more high tech. Typically they are made out of fiberglass with an exterior coating of foam," Hebel said. A layer of fabric prevents the foam from leaving an abrasion on unprotected skin.

"They definitely can sting," Hebel added.

### Detroit-area kingdom

He and a handful of other Dagorhir members founded the Kingdom of



The battle is fierce.

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Benjamin "King Jayne" Curley looks for an opening to strike his opponent.

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Akron seven years ago as a Detroit-area chapter. Hebel had been involved in Dragorhir while at Oakland University.

Kingdom of Akron now has 30 members and

practices in Dearborn and Ferndale during the week and in full dress each Saturday in Royal Oak. Group members come from all walks of life and with varying athletic abilities.

"It's a neat dynamic," said Hebel, an attorney.

He convinced his wife Renee to join the group, although at first she resisted.

"I never played sports as a kid," she said. "I'm not into that. I don't fight, but I do love to make the costumes and crafts. And the culture is phenomenal. There are all kinds of good people involved."

Taylor Oltman of Livonia, a "half-orc" named Sma, likens the Fury of the Called to a family. Oltman, a student at College for Creative Studies, joined the group



Stephanie "Akkinna" Ball of Dearborn, a member of the Kingdom of Akron, competes in the archery contest.

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a few months ago and enjoys her character, costumes and hanging out with her new friends.

"I do like battling, but I guess smaller battles. I've never done a big battle. It's a little intimidating," she said. "I come here every Sunday and practice right over there with the Fury guys. I do a lot of fighting during those practices."

Kyle Randall Tansek of Livonia also attends the Fury of the Called


practices at Rotary Park. He biked to the Deepwoods battle games in costume.

"In my normal life, I'm actually a martial arts instructor. That's what I do for a living," Tansek said. "For me, doing this is another outlet I can try in a more fun, less competitive environment."

"I can come out with a giant shield and a giant spear and nobody is going to tell me that isn't historically accurate."

For more about Dagorhir, go to dagorhir.com. Search for Fury of the Called and Kingdom of Akron on Facebook. Find Eryndor at Eryndor.com.

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# Community Choice Credit Union offering grant opportunities

In order to strengthen ties with community organizations and expand the reach of its Give Big culture, Community Choice Credit Union is issuing its first open request for grant applications through the Community Choice Foundation. Each quarter the Foundation will award a grant of up to \$3,000 to a nonprofit in Michigan.

"Since launching the

foundation in 2008, Community Choice has awarded \$880,000 in scholarships and staff has donated over 17,000 volunteer hours to local charities," said Steven Hernandez, foundation development coordinator. "The new grant program will now allow us to help fund the nonprofits we've spent so many years volunteering with and believing in. With four grants to be

awarded per year there is plenty of love to go around, and awardees just might also benefit from our annual Give Big volunteer weekend."

Nonprofits must be located in Michigan and address one of the foundation's four priority areas: health and human services, projects or programs that address the physical and or mental well-being of children

and adults; capacity building, which would support staff or board trainings, financial audits or strategic planning; basic needs, for organizations who provide food and shelter for the most vulnerable residents of Michigan; and neighborhood safety/community development, which would support organizations who are fighting blight and beautifying

their communities. Eligible organizations must also have their own 501(c)3 legal status.

Community Choice is accepting letters of inquiry on a rolling basis. The first winner will be announced in December. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and awarded quarterly.

To apply, interested organizations are asked to contact the manager at

their nearest Community Choice Credit Union member center to ensure eligibility and begin the application process. Community Choice has 15 locations across Michigan. To find the member center nearest to you, go to [communitychoice-cu.com/locations](http://communitychoice-cu.com/locations).

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LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
This homemade display supporting Donald Trump was stolen Wednesday night from a yard in Livonia.

## Whodunit? 'Captain America' Trump sign stolen from yard

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

Was it Iron Man looking to start another Civil War?

Livonia police are asking for assistance in finding a display taken from the yard of a resident who lives in the 15400 block of Doris. The display depicts Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's face atop the body of Captain America with a sign that reads, "Veterans for Trump," flanked by a pair of American flags.

Alvin Link is the resident who made the display and put it out in front of his home. He said it had been out in front of his home for about a month. It wasn't until Thursday morning when his wife noticed it was missing.

"He was doing pretty well for himself out there," said Link, an 89-year-old World War II U.S. Navy veteran. "All the neighbors have been very supportive. People have come by and taken pictures with him."

He said he designed the display after finding

an image of Captain America online and scaled him in size. He got some half-inch plywood and cut the design out, and then painted the entire display by hand. The display stands at about 6 feet tall with the sign.

He also included a small box containing papers that listed his reasons for supporting Trump, who is running against Democratic challenger Hillary Clinton this November.

That box proved to be pretty popular, with Link having to refill it several times.

Anyone with information regarding the stolen display is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

While Link is hoping his sign is returned, he's also hoping the sign helps promote Trump to the highest office in the land.

"Trump is my Captain America," he said. "We have to make sure we get him promoted to commander-in-chief."

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## Organization recruiting women candidates to run for Democratic Party

Emerge Michigan, Michigan's premier organization for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for political office, has opened the recruiting process for its next class.

The organization seeks bright, self-motivated Democratic women who are committed to effective and ethical political leadership. The multi-part application process, which includes submission of a resume and several short essays followed by an interview, will remain open until Nov. 14.

"Emerge Michigan is excited to begin accepting applications for our second class of aspiring women leaders," said Beth Kelly, Emerge Michigan executive director. "Our organization is committed to selecting exceptional applicants, who will seize on political opportunities once they are given the skills and tools necessary to run an effective campaign. This recruitment process is a vital part of identifying those women and putting them on a path to success."

Emerge Michigan's training program offers Democratic women who want to run for public

office a unique opportunity. Women who are accepted receive 70 hours of in-depth education over six months that inspires them to run for office and gives them the tools to win.

The program's trainers are comprised of an elite team of campaign consultants, advisers and staff from all over the country, who have been involved in some of the most successful campaigns and initiatives seen in recent election cycles. Participants learn from these experts and develop practical knowledge in areas such as public speaking, fundraising, campaign strategy, voter contact, media and messaging and others.

Candidates also meet an array of dynamic women who hold elected and appointed office and become a part of a supportive network, which includes a national association of Emerge alumnae, the Emerge board and advisory council members.

"Despite making some gains over the last decade, women are still extremely underrepresented in our decision-making bodies at every level of government," Kelly said. "At this rate, it'll be almost a century

before we achieve equal representation in our government. That's just not fast enough. At Emerge Michigan, we're tackling this problem head-on by providing the aspiring female leaders of today with cutting-edge tools and training to run for elected office and elevate themselves in our political system. Our work is having a direct positive impact on the number of women who are choosing to jump into the political arena and are ready to win."

Michigan ranks 35th in the country in terms of women's representation in elected positions. Women make up a mere 20 percent of the Michigan Legislature. There are only four women in the state Senate and 25 women out of 110 members in the state House. Emerge Michigan is working hard to improve these numbers by recruiting, training and supporting Democratic women to give them the critical skills, confidence and network they need to run for office and win.

"After years of development on both the national and state level, we know that our training program gives women the practical knowledge they need to run for

elected office and win," Kelly said. "Emerge Michigan is committed to changing the face of politics in Michigan and the entire nation. All we need now is the for the right women for the job to step forward."

Emerge Michigan will select 25 women who have the potential to be political leaders from their applicants. Criteria for selection include, evidence of political leadership experience or potential; meaningful involvement in workplace or community; interest in pursuing political office; demonstrated ability to bring together disparate groups to achieve a goal; ability and desire to build effective networks; ability to articulate a personal political vision; demonstrated ability to inspire others; and commitment to full participation and attendance requirements of the trainings. Applicants must be registered Democrats. Women of all ages, races, nationalities, marital status, religious affiliations, sexual orientations and physical abilities are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the application process, go to [www.emerge-mi.org](http://www.emerge-mi.org).

## Get to know Canton businesses at Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Summit on the Park grand ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton

DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Thomas Paden, chamber president. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services

they have to offer. Again, this year, the Consumer Expo will feature local restaurants who will provide sample sized portions of their food."

The Consumer Expo is held annually in October and features more than 60 businesses from the community which display their products and services to the public. Participating busi-

nesses include banks, insurance companies, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union, Siegrist & Siegrist CPA, PC and Twist-ed Rooster.

## Rid your home of hazardous waste in Canton

Canton will host its annual household hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Public Works Division, 4847 Sheldon Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

It is open to Canton residents only and identification is required.

Examples of waste being collected are, but

not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kero-

sene, motor oil and acids. Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors and tires.

To obtain a detailed list of what is acceptable, call Canton Public Works

at 734-397-1011 or go to [www.canton-mi.org/248/Hazardous-Waste-Round-up](http://www.canton-mi.org/248/Hazardous-Waste-Round-up).

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## Salem's Izzy to play in U17 World Cup

Hard work pays off for Rodriguez, with spot on Team USA

Tim Smith  
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For seemingly an eternity, Izzy Rodriguez kept training and hoping — that all would not be for naught.

The Salem senior kept the workout wheel spinning, relentlessly battling on the soccer field and in the gym for a chance to play for Team USA in Jordan at the 2016 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup.

Rodriguez can stop worrying. She will play defense for the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team when the 16-team tournament begins Sept. 30.

"It has been an unbelievable experience over the past couple of years competing for a spot on this team," Rodriguez said when asked for her reaction



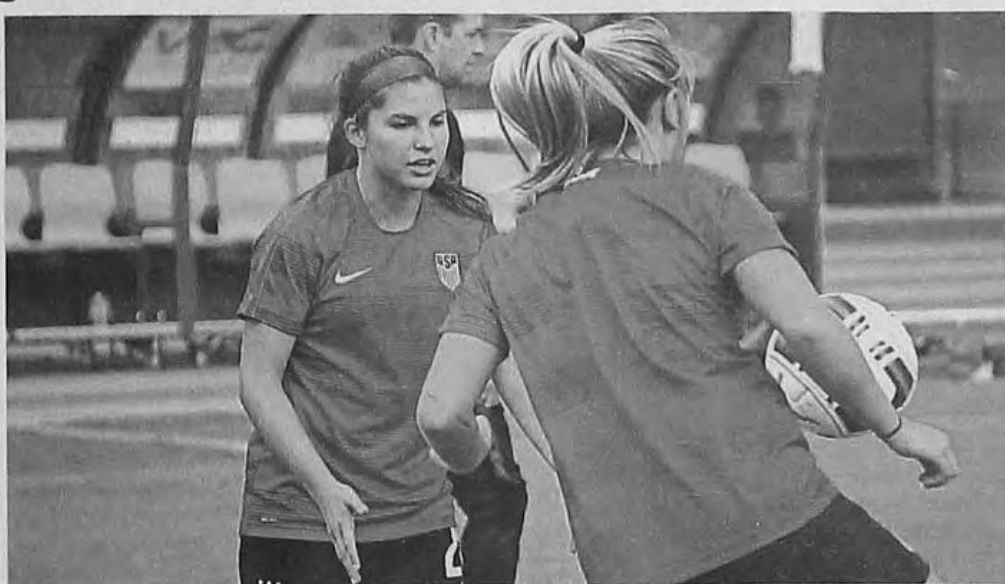
Rodriguez

to making the elite final cut. "And I am excited and honored to represent the U.S. in the World Cup.

"Making the 21-player roster was amazing because it showed how all of our hard work has

paid off."

Rodriguez, a 17-year-old from Canton whose club team is the Michigan Hawks, suited up Tuesday as Team USA blanked Venezuela, 4-0, in a friendly at Water Soccer Complex in Tampa, Fla. Also on the final roster is Hawks teammate Alexa Spaanstra, a forward from Brighton.



U.S. SOCCER

See **IZZY**, Page B3 Izzy Rodriguez (left) has been training with the U.S. Under-17 women's soccer team.

PREP FOOTBALL

## Rocks roll to 38-25 win over Hartland

Young combines with Davis to rush for almost 280 yards

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Almost from the get-go Friday night, it was a different Salem Rocks football team taking the field against Hartland at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Eagles fumbled the opening kickoff and Salem's Sean McCormack recovered it to set up a 31-yard field goal by William Neumaier just over three minutes into the KLAAs crossover. And Salem junior quarterback Ryan Young took the lead from there, running and throwing his team to an impressive 38-25 victory.

Young — who essentially is used like a second running back — and junior tailback Andrew Davis were a one-two wrecking crew on Hartland, combining for nearly 280 yards rushing and all five Salem touchdowns as the Rocks improved to 1-1 overall.

"He improved a lot from last week to this week," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said about his quarterback. "His reads were a lot better, he threw the ball a lot crisper. He played real well ... we're excited about the future with him."

Young augmented his 140 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns with a 4-of-8 night throwing the ball, enough to confound the Eagles (0-2) on defense.

Meanwhile, Davis gained 138 yards in 17 rushes and scored three times.

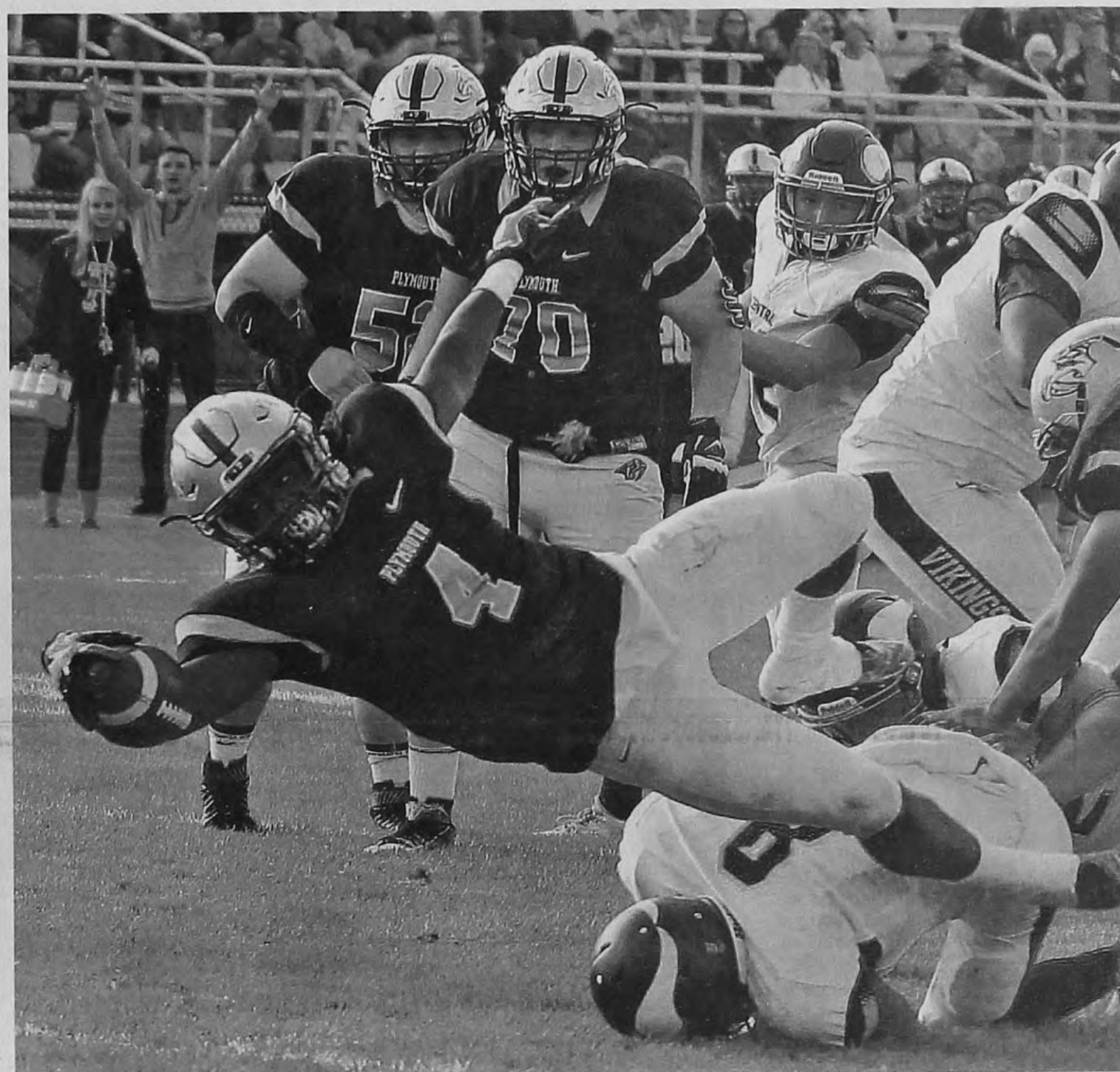
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Salem's Mason Phillips shakes off a Hartland player for a few more yards.

PREP FOOTBALL



EMILY FLORENCE

Reaching over the goal line to score a Plymouth touchdown Thursday is Darius Timmons.

## WILDCATS' CATALYST

Timmons' strong all-around game lifts Wildcats to 20-6 win over WLC

Tim Smith  
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Darius Timmons and his Plymouth Wildcats football teammates earned solid 'B' grades for how they took care of Walled Lake Central in the first half Thursday, breaking out to a 20-0 lead.

But not too long after Timmons left a trail of Vikings defenders in his wake on a 65-yard touchdown gallop midway through the second quarter, the Wildcats reverted to the C-level sloppiness and unforced errors of their season-opening loss to Utica Eisenhower.

Despite hanging on to a 20-6 win over the Vikings on the junior varsity field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats were given a homework assignment for the long Labor Day weekend.

*"You got to be able to understand the game as well as play it. If you can understand the game just as good as you can play it, you're unstoppable."*

**DARIUS TIMMONS**  
Plymouth running back

"You can't just show up and play nowadays," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said, shortly after telling players in the postgame huddle about the extended personal film critique awaiting them from Saturday through Monday. "You got to be a student of the

game, you got to know tendencies, you got to know how you fix mistakes. Obviously, in football, you can't keep making the same mistake."

Sawchuk spoke like a teacher disappointed in the kind of papers turned in, but not upset enough to give out demerits.

"It was a win. I am not satisfied with how we played in the second half," Sawchuk said. "We're going into the meat grinder of our schedule with Grand Blanc and Churchill and Canton. And if we play like we did in the second half, we're going to be in trouble."

"Kids got to hold themselves accountable. We got to get better after watching film. Coaches got to coach

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Chiefs sputter after starting strong

Walled Lake Western parlays big touchdown passes into 33-30 victory

Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

Much like two horses galloping down the final stretches of the Kentucky Derby, Walled Lake Western and Canton were jockeying for KLAA bragging rights Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Western edged the Chiefs, 33-30, behind a 29-yard touchdown pass from Cody White to Justin Thomas with 37 seconds left. Canton responded by driving to the Warriors' 30-yard line with four seconds left, but a 47-yard field goal attempt was short as time expired.

"I always dreamed of it as a kid, coming down and getting the game-winning drive, but never envisioned it like this," White said. "When it went in the air, it felt like it was in the air forever. When (Thomas) came down with it, it was so much joy."

Canton (0-2) scored on two single-play drives to start the second half and forced two Western three-and-outs in that stretch. The scores, rushing touchdowns by Colin Troup and Steven Walker for 60 and 51 yards, respectively, pushed Canton ahead, 27-14.

"They had two long runs and we had two three-and-outs, but this team, we never get down on ourselves," White said. "We're always positive and thinking we can win any game. So much momentum going into Northville next week."

However, the story of the night proved to be the Chiefs scoring too quickly and not allowing their defense to get much rest.

"The good thing was we scored points, bad thing was we scored too fast. Our defense was on the field too much," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said.

## Numbers good

Statistically speaking, Canton outgained Western in total yards (plus-74), rushing yards (plus-100) won the turnover battle (plus-1), won the time of possession battle (by seven minutes) and had two more first downs.



Carrying the ball Thursday for Canton is Steven Walker (left), who gained 149 yards against the Warriors. Trailing on the play for the Chiefs is Noah Brown.

Unfortunately for Canton, it was the aerial attack by the Warriors that did it in. White passed for 122 yards and two touchdowns, both to Thomas.

"They are a great team. We had match-up problems, in the secondary, we knew we would. We scored points, unfortunately they were on big plays. They were a gamble, all-out defense, which is hard to possess the ball against somebody like that," Baechler said.

According to Baechler, the defense has shown growth from the first game. It limited Western's explosive, long plays that the Warriors used to defeat Farmington a week ago, but their four biggest gainers all went for touchdowns: White's 59- and 29-yard touchdown passes to Thomas and 46- and 60-yard rushing touchdowns by Jalen Marshall and White, respectively.

"There was a lot (of improvement). We were a little bit better against the run. Most of the time, pass-wise, we

were good. Just the deep ball is our downfall right now. Those kids are going to be good; we're young back there. They're going to be all right," Baechler said.

## Keeping composure

Canton took a 30-27 lead when Ben Tubaro connected on a 33-yard field goal with 4:35 left in the fourth quarter. The field goal capped a seven minute-plus drive that went 64 yards.

When Western head coach Mike Zdebski saw the time and score situation after Tubaro's field goal, he knew it was four-down territory for the ensuing drive.

"When we saw four minutes and change on the clock, it was four-down territory the whole way, because we knew if they got the ball back, they could chunk out (the clock) — they're a very patient, physical team. We had a real difficult time stopping the run on

them. So everything was four downs there," Zdebski said.

White proved to be a thorn in the Chiefs' side all night, accounting for 241 of the Warriors' 369 yards. Every time the Warriors needed a play on the last drive, White stepped up and made one. He set up the final Thomas touchdown with a 7-yard run on third-and-one.

"Boy, he can run, can't he? He keeps his composure, even when things don't go right. So he's a good deal," Zdebski said.

Walker led the Chiefs in rushing with 149 yards. Julian Thornton and Troup followed with 89 and 70 yards, respectively. Each of those runners scored a touchdown, while Thornton also scored on a 51-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jake O'Donnell (4-of-7 passing, 96 yards).

Canton will travel to Hartland at 7 p.m. Friday; the Chiefs defeated the Eagles 27-21 last season.

## WILDCATS

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harder. Clean things up and play more disciplined."

Even Plymouth's top student of the night, Timmons — who rushed 18 times for 133 yards and scored the game's first two TDs and on defense had a hand in 11 tackles (six solo, five assists) — understood the need for the extra film study. He actually welcomed the assignment.

"That's really important. Your football IQ's got to be better than you are on the field," Timmons said. "You got to be able to understand the game as well as play it. If you can understand the game just as good as you can play it, you're unstoppable."

## Wouldn't be denied

Timmons was just that when he bounced off a Central lineman, found a hole and steamrolled 5 yards into the end zone with 1:53 left in the first quarter to put Plymouth (1-1) on the scoreboard.

Junior quarterback Zach Beadle (5-of-9 passing, 93 yards, one touchdown), starting his first varsity game, sparked the scoring march with a 12-yard completion to senior wide-out Chase Timko for a first down at the Central 30; he then gained 11 and 7 yards on a pair of keepers to move the ball to the 5-yard line.

"That was not going to be denied," Timmons said. "I was not going to let myself be denied. I needed to put us on



Plymouth quarterback Zach Beadle (left) tries to elude the tackle of Walled Lake Central's Kellen Branoff.

the board so we could get some momentum and get the game going, so that's what I did."

Early in the second quarter, Plymouth's defense stiffened up to make up for a missed fair catch. It took only two plays for the Wildcats to make it a 13-0 advantage.

Timmons stepped through a hole up front and then sprinted past any remaining Central linebackers and defensive backs along the left sideline en route to a 65-yard touchdown run with 9:40 to play in the half.

"As soon as I got to the line of scrimmage, (I) saw nothing but green grass," Timmons said. "The receivers picked

off their guys and I was gone."

## Flight pattern

The Wildcats, who outgained the Vikings 311-177 despite having three fewer offensive plays (46-43), got the ball right back after a three-and-out Central series and scored again to go up 20-0 with 6:32 remaining.

Beadle's strong arm was key, connecting with Timko on a 34-yard catch-and-run to set up a first down at the Vikings' 30.

On the next play, Beadle stepped back and fired a perfect spiral that senior receiver C.J. Colliver brought down at the front-left pylon for a 30-

yard TD. Nailing the extra point was Erli Metko.

But the third quarter brought fumbles, missed tackles and an interception as the Vikings (1-1) got to within 20-6 with 2:13 left in the quarter. Two snaps following a very short Plymouth punt, Dalen Franklin scored on a 30-yard run.

Plymouth's offense could not get untracked in the fourth quarter and the Vikings had chances to cut the lead to a touchdown.

Here again, Timmons took charge from his middle linebacker position, this time on a fourth-and-12 play inside the Plymouth 20 with about four minutes on the clock.

Parker dumped the ball over the line to Michael Woodridge, who made a beeline for the first-down sticks. He didn't make it, thanks to Timmons.

"He had about a good yard (to go). I made sure I got to him," Timmons said. "I had him right around the waist."

That ultimately secured Plymouth's first 'W' of the season. Yet Sawchuk knows he and his coaches also have to brush up on studies, along with players, if the Wildcats are to enjoy a successful season.

"I don't know what they (Vikings) did, but even after I had the talk with them at halftime about 'we got to finish' we came out undisciplined and kind of flat," Sawchuk said. "I got to fix that. We got to fix that attitude if we want to go to the playoffs or we want to win, period."

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## ROCKS

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## Big plays pay off

"Finally, offensively some explosive plays showed up for us tonight and Trevor's rock-solid on defense," Britnell said, noting the hard-nosed play of senior linebacker Trevor Nowaske (nine tackles).

After Britnell huddled with his team following the victory, Young briefly talked about how good it felt to come back with a win after missing his entire junior season with a hip injury.

"I worked hard this whole summer," Young said. "I just kept it in mind I might not be able to play football again, but I worked hard and I'm back. We're back, the Rocks are back."

Davis followed the early field goal with a 2-yard touchdown run with 4:20 left in the first, capping a 56-yard drive.

A big play in that march was Young's 23-yard pass to senior wide-out Mason Phillips, who made a nifty catch-and-run down the left sideline.

Nowaske blocked a Hartland field-goal try early in the second to keep the 10-0 edge intact.

But Hartland got on the scoreboard with 8:55 to play in the half, on a 24-yard scoring run by Brad Ekenon.



Salem's Andrew David looks for a hole in the Hartland defense during Friday night's contest.

## Bouncing back

Salem then parlayed Cody Tapp's 41-yard kickoff return into great field position and the Rocks cashed in soon thereafter.

Young connected with Phillips on a 34-yard completion down to the goal line with 3:50 remaining.

"That's on me; I kind of overthrew him," Young said with a smile.

Not to worry, however, as Davis bounced off-tackle to cross the goal line

and give Salem a 17-7 edge.

Hartland got to within 17-13 less than a half minute later, thanks to a 80-yard kickoff return by Jack Slavin.

Undaunted, the Rocks responded with a touchdown drive of their own.

Zippering around the left end for an important 17-yard run was Tapp, then Young fired the ball over the middle to Nowaske for another big 17-yard gain down to Hartland's 12.

Two plays later, Young veered far to

his left before turning the corner for a 9-yard touchdown run, putting Salem up 24-13 at the intermission.

## Quick work

Starting right where they left off, the Rocks padded their advantage to 31-13 after just two plays in the third quarter.

On second-and-two at the Salem 30, Davis took the ball, waited for an opening to develop and slipped around the left edge. By the time he was finished running, he had a 70-yard touchdown.

"It wasn't just me, our whole line did great tonight," Young said about the blocking that helped Salem outgain Hartland, 370-265.

The Eagles got one back later in the quarter on a 35-yard pass from Brad Ekenon to Evan Metz, to make it 31-19 with 2:40 remaining in the quarter.

Once again, Salem showed its resolve when Young scored on a 77-yard dash on the Rocks' next series. He shot up the middle of the field before veering to his left and reaching his destination with a dive.

Another Hartland TD early in the fourth closed the gap to 38-25 and the Eagles recovered the ensuing onside kick. But the Salem defense held tough, with Phillips' interception stopping that comeback try.

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BOYS SOCCER

# Canton Chiefs red hot in early season

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Canton's varsity boys soccer team improved to 6-0-1 with KLAA crossover victories over Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Northern.

On Monday, Alex Spratte scored twice and Mo Miri scored one goal in a 3-0 victory over the Knights. Earning the shutout was David Sadanowicz.

The Chiefs followed up Wednesday with another 3-0 triumph, against Grand Blanc.

This time, it was goalie David McGraph who blanked the opposition, bolstered by excellent defense from Matt Rockefeller, Caleb Moraw, Cam Waller and Matt Tenglin.

Taking care of the offense against the Bobcats were Miri, Spratte and Avery Olson. Helping the cause with assists were Spratte and Matt Eastman.

Canton faces an important week in the KLAA South race, hosting Livonia Churchill (7 p.m. Tuesday) and then squaring off against Plymouth at 7 p.m. Wednesday at P-CEP.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team already is off to a quick start, winning both games so far.

PRO SOCCER

# Evans pursues soccer dream

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Kirsten Evans of Farmington Hills is pursuing a pair of longtime ambitions to play professional soccer and to experience life in Europe.

After completing her collegiate career at Michigan State, Evans signed a pro contract this summer with Football Femminile Lugano, one of the top women's teams in Switzerland.

The city of Lugano is located in southern part of the country, not far from the Italian border, and the team competes in the LNA — the Nationalalliga, the Swiss First Division.

Evans will be one of a handful of American players on the team, including Jamie Kator, a former teammate of Evans at Vanderbilt University.

"From what I've heard — and I know a couple girls on the team — they absolutely love it," Evans said last week while waiting at JFK Airport for a flight to Milan and bus ride to Lugano.

"They love the club, they love the location, they love the league they're in. They said Lugano is an absolutely beautiful city with a lot to do. They've been taking trips to Italy on the weekends."

Evans, a 2011 graduate of Farmington High School and former Falcons player, missed the start of the season while she finished a course at MSU.

"The coach in Lugano was very understanding and cool about it," Evans said. "He said to get here as soon as I can. Unfortunately, I missed out on the preseason with the girls. They've only played two or three games, so I haven't missed much."

Living the dream

With the help of Kator and a Swedish agent with Swiss contacts, Evans was put in touch with the Lugano club, which asked for a resume and highlight video. Subsequently, the team offered her a contract and spot on the team.

"I always knew I wanted to play professionally and live in Europe at some point of my life," Evans said. "I'm just ready for this adventure. I've dreamed about doing this my whole life."

"My older sister was able to play in Sweden and said, 'If you ever have the opportunity to play internationally, definitely do it. You learn so much about yourself, get to see the world, travel expense-free and meet people from all over."

"It was a really great experience. I'm just ready to go over and absorb as much as I can and enjoy this next chapter of my life."

Loves to go places

Lindsey Evans, who also played at Farmington High and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, spent three years playing in Sweden.

"I think we just have this travel bug in all of us, that we crave new cultures, languages and places," Kirsten said. "Instead of a graduation party, I asked my mom and dad if they would send me to Sweden to visit her."

"Seeing her there and enjoying it was a big moment for me. I said: 'I'm actually going to follow this dream. It's possible for an American to play in Europe and to play professional soccer.' It made me believe I could really make it happen."

The current Swiss season goes until the end of October. Evans plans to travel in Europe, return home for Christmas and go back for the second part of the season in January.

# New-look Schoolcraft still in postseason mix

Lady Ocelots expected to keep winning despite graduation of 15 players

Tim Smith  
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Win, recruit, repeat — that could be the mantra for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team as the 2016 season gets underway.

After losing 15 players to graduation following an outstanding 2015 season (16-3-0 overall, 10-0-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association), Lady Ocelots head coach Dave Carver can't wait to witness the next chapter.

"We were able to bring in some very exciting local talent as well as some international players that we believe will help us meet our program goals," said Carver, whose current team already is off to a 2-0 start. "We have been most impressed with how quickly the group has bonded together and the daily culture the team has been able to create through the start of the season."

The Lady Ocelots were ranked No. 11 in the NJCAA preseason Division I poll and hopes are that — changing of the guard or not — the team will once again qualify for the national tournament.

Of course, two key players from last season reprise their roles as sophomore co-captains Colleen McKay (midfield) and Emily Bondy (midfield/forward) "are doing a great job of leading the team and setting the tone."

Another key returnee is sophomore defender and Farmington Hills native Megan Schulz.

"She developed a lot in her freshman year and looks set to be a big part of our back line this year," Carver said. "She also brings a fantastic work

*"We have been most impressed with how quickly the group has bonded together and the daily culture the team has been able to create through the start of the season."*

DAVE CARVER  
Schoolcraft head coach

ethic and attitude to the group." Novi product Devon Powers is back, too, with the Lady Ocelots looking to her for offense.

"Devon was extremely dedicated in the off-season and you can see she has come in ready," Carver said. "She scored two well-taken goals in the recent 4-0 win vs. Delta."

Local ties

Several other players with ties to Observerland schools have the chance to contribute.

Those include freshman forward Lauren Wynns (Livonia Stevenson) and freshman defenders Susana Bryan and Raven Buck (both from Westland John Glenn).

"We were very excited to add (Wynns) and she has not disappointed," Carver said. "She is a very attacking player that always looks to score and create goals. Lauren is very competitive and brings a winning mindset."

The two former Rockets "will be looking to have an impact defensively" with the squad, he added. So will freshman center-back Madeline Rozanski of Huntington Woods.

Novi's Mallory Bryant (sophomore defender) and Alex McAleer (freshman defender) will help bring depth in the back, along with sophomore Rachel Rodeheffer (Commerce) and freshman Oliva Borgdorff (Belleville).

Others looking to help on the attack include freshman forwards Katie Webb (Pinckney), Sophia Shymylo (Berkley) and Jenna Smith (Milford).

Notable imports include Scotland's Eliss Jenkins (forward), Wales' Lailah Muscat (midfield) and Toronto, Ontario, product Jamila Thombs (forward).

Taking care of goalkeeping duties will be sophomore Rebekah Mathers (Waterford) and freshman Lauren Auspitz (Lake Orion).

Rounding out the roster are sophomore forward Katie Vitella (Sterling Heights) and freshman midfielder Elizabeth Ferguson (Woodhaven).

Turf field's a hit

Carver and the 22 players also have the chance to usher in a new era of Schoolcraft soccer, practicing and playing on the brand new turf field.

"The new soccer facility is top class and totally professionalizes our soccer program," Carver said. "It's state of the art and gives us the opportunity to play the attractive, attacking style we wish to develop with our team."

"The turf is perfect and the ball runs very smooth. It's also very big, so there is lots of space to play around and behind our opponents."

"We've trained on it a few times now and the players are really enjoying it."

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# IZZY

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The team was scheduled for a final camp Sept. 3 (after a Sept. 2 rematch against Venezuela) and later in the month will depart for Jordan.

"We have five weeks left to prepare for our first game in Jordan and we need to take advantage of every day," U.S. head coach B.J. Snow told the U.S. Soccer website. "The two games against Venezuela will provide a very important snapshot of where we are and what we need to continue to focus on."

"Venezuela is an outstanding opponent that has a history of success at the U-17 level, highlighted by their fourth-place finish in the last U-17 World Cup. Having the opportunity to play them will be a tremendous challenge and we look forward to testing ourselves."

The first test at the World Cup for Rodriguez and her teammates will be Oct. 1 against Paraguay, as part of the Group D pool. Other teams in the group include Ghana and Japan.

Group A features Jordan, Spain, Mexico and New Zealand. Group B features Venezuela, Germany, Cameroon and Canada. Group C features Nigeria, Brazil, England and North Korea.

According to Rodriguez, it will be good as a team to now have a singular



U.S. SOCCER

Izzy Rodriguez (No. 4) is pictured with the rest of the Team USA starting lineup before Tuesday's friendly against Venezuela.

focus as the World Cup games loom.

"The past years have been hard because we have always just been a player pool," Rodriguez stressed. "But now that we are a team I think that has allowed us to become a family and start playing even better together."

Snow, meanwhile, said players have the opportunity to grow exponentially as competitors because of the World Cup.

"The ability to play in a youth World

Cup is an important part of development for each of our players," Snow said. "They will be tested physically and emotionally like they have never been before."

"It is crucial that the players understand the intensity of these feelings and learn to not only deal with them but more importantly embrace them."

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# When a raise is denied, ask for alternatives

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On paper, you're an A-plus employee: You never miss a day of work, reach all your goals, get glowing performance reviews and are always willing to put in extra hours to get the job done right. You deserve a raise, don't you?

That may depend on whom you ask. Sometimes what you think warrants a raise differs from what your managers think. "If you've been told your performance doesn't warrant a raise, ask what you need to be doing differently and make a plan with your boss to measure your improvement," says Corrie Shanahan, CEO of The Beara Group, a consulting practice based in Washington, D.C.

Other times, your boss may agree that you deserve a raise but may not be able to grant you one because of factors that are out of his or her control, such as budgetary limits. Another possibility: You are already earning above industry standards, which can make it hard to justify raising your compensation even higher.

Frustrating as it may be to hear you won't be getting a bump in pay, you don't have to walk away empty-handed. If you've proven that you are deserving of a raise but don't get



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one, consider asking for one of the following alternatives, which can save you money in the long run.

**Promotion or title change.** A promotion might seem a little pointless without a raise to accompany it, but it can be a valuable résumé builder, says Cheryl E. Palmer, a certified career coach and owner of Call to Career. "It will be easier for you to find a comparable position with the pay increase (you want) if your résumé shows that you have already been working at the higher level."

**One-time bonus.** "Sometimes managers have a

separate pool of money available for bonuses, which may be available to reward stellar performance," says Amanda Sowadski, founder of the Institute for Feminine Leadership. Strengthen your case with examples of the ways in which you helped the company save or make money.

**Flexible schedule.** Consider asking your boss for a more flexible work arrangement, such as coming in and leaving a little earlier, working four 10-hour days or telecommuting a few days a month. You'll save money on transportation costs and get time back in your day to spend however you like.

**Extra paid time off.** If a raise isn't in the cards, getting extra vacation time can be a viable option. While such perks are most commonly negotiated during the hiring process, your employer may be willing to make an exception, says independent management consultant Caroline Siemens.

**Tuition reimbursement.** Ask if your company will pay for you to further your skills through workshops, seminars, conferences or classes. You may even be able to get full or partial reimbursement toward a master's degree. "Many companies view this as a direct investment back into

the company and are willing to contribute in this area," says Wendy Ann Payne, a founding partner of Centurion Wealth Management, which is based in McLean, Va.

Just remember that while it's perfectly OK to ask for an alternative perk in lieu of a raise, you should be careful not to aim too high, warns Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "You will lose credibility, and so will your request," he says. "It will also make your request for alternatives less likely to be taken seriously."

If, at the end of the day, these alternatives aren't enough and you feel you aren't being fairly compensated for the work you do, it may be time to start looking elsewhere. "When your boss won't consider your request for a raise no matter what you do, it's time to consider whether the job still meets your needs," Sowadski says. "It never hurts to have a Plan B. You are the ultimate leader of your life and your career, and you know what's best for you."

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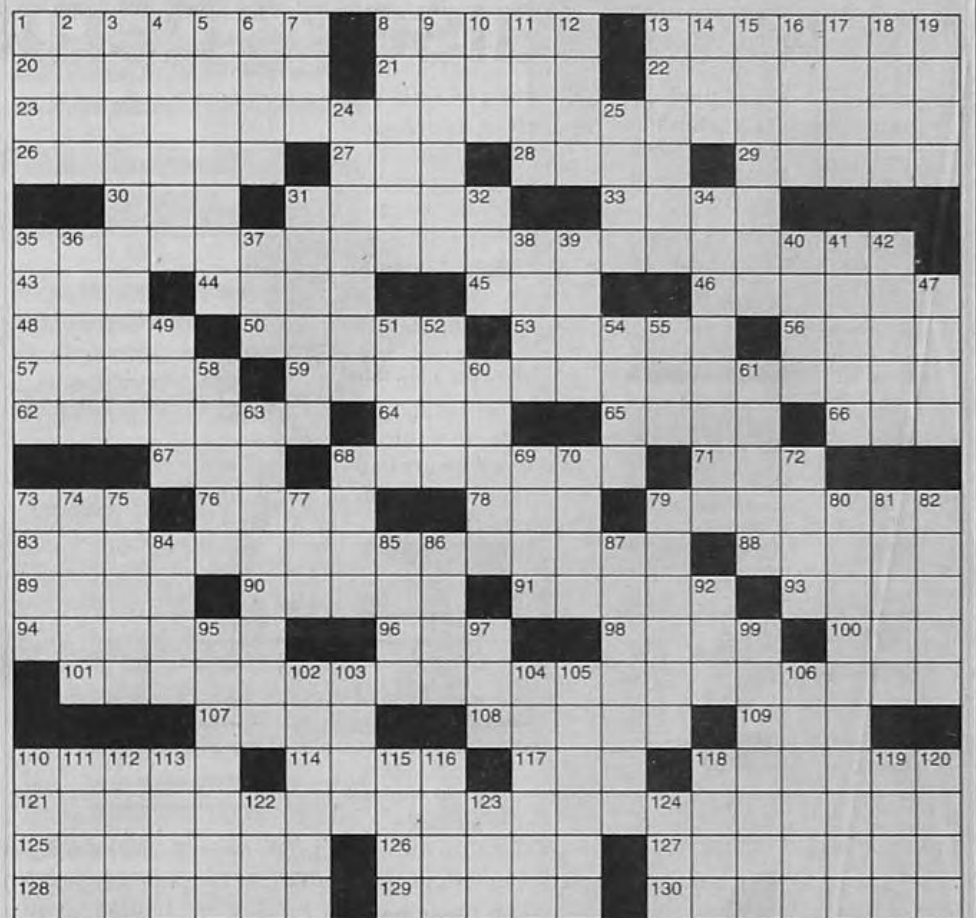
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  - 76 Surrender formally
  - 78 Responses of rejection
  - 79 Rock Mel is one of her fragrances
  - 83 Riddle, part 5
  - 88 Coin-op openings
  - 89 Sunscreen additive
  - 90 Elbow-to-wrist links
  - 91 Party givers
  - 93 Coal, e.g.
  - 94 Advil rival
  - 96 Sportscaster Berman
  - 98 — rock (Jethro Tull's genre)
  - 100 Nonsense song syllable
  - 101 End of the riddle
  - 107 Shipped
  - 108 Put — to (stop)
  - 109 "— Rheingold"
  - 110 Swiss — (beet type)
  - 114 Pleads
  - 117 Hostess — Balls
  - 118 Doc's stitch
  - 121 Riddle's answer
  - 125 Puts holy oil on
  - 126 Old Oldsmobile
  - 127 Cut off
  - 128 Of Switzerland's capital
  - 129 Copier need
  - 130 Stirred up
- DOWN**
- 1 Catch a quick breath
  - 2 Garfield's canine pal
  - 3 Salt, relish and mustard
  - 4 Pinball site
  - 5 List quickly
  - 6 Baseballer Speaker
  - 7 Old booming jet, briefly
  - 8 Affirm frankly
  - 9 Ray of "Blow"
  - 10 "Ewww!"
  - 11 Online help sheets
  - 12 See 72-Down
  - 13 Place for suite spirits?
  - 14 Ending of enzyme names
  - 15 Right-leaning type
  - 16 1970 Kinks hit
  - 17 Wise to
  - 18 Three trios
  - 19 Chokes
  - 24 Perfectly
  - 25 — la Douce (film title role)
  - 31 Social protest with supplication
  - 32 Depot: Abbr.
  - 34 Got closer to, in a race
  - 35 Disney dog
  - 36 Old Aegean Sea region
  - 37 Kin of .com
  - 38 Wine holder
  - 39 Sly laugh syllables
  - 40 99-Down, for one
  - 41 Calculus pioneer
  - 42 Lies dormant
  - 47 Tooth part
  - 49 Court units
  - 51 Opposite of west, to Juan
  - 52 Thug's blade
  - 54 Lickety-split
  - 55 Major news agcy, once
  - 58 Get to
  - 60 Church service cries
  - 61 Seeming eternities
  - 63 A sixteenth of a pint
  - 68 Celebrity cook Paula
  - 69 Sea arm, to a Scot
  - 70 Norway port
  - 72 With 12-Down, only partially accurate
  - 73 Sir's partner
  - 74 Give the OK
  - 75 Poky animal
  - 77 Fast Net connection
  - 79 Pippi creator Lindgren
  - 80 Juba is its capital
  - 81 Prenatal places
  - 82 Shia's faith
  - 84 Start for byte
  - 85 Galleria
  - 86 Found a purpose for
  - 87 Madrieno's language
  - 92 Lay turf on
  - 95 "The end!"
  - 97 Magic's gp.
  - 99 Old Russian ruler Boris
  - 102 Safe, to a ballplayer
  - 103 Runnin' Rebels' rivals
  - 104 Guarantee
  - 105 Golden age
  - 106 Femme —
  - 110 Sourpuss
  - 111 Refine
  - 112 Ovid's love
  - 113 It pulls a bit
  - 115 Black fly, e.g.
  - 116 French town W. of Caen
  - 118 "Yes, yes!" in 87-Down
  - 119 Per-unit price
  - 120 Gawked at connection
  - 122 Lb. and kg.
  - 123 Stiller of films
  - 124 Up to, in brief



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## SUDOKU

		4	6				7	
2				5				9
	6				2	1		
	5			8			2	
		2			6	7		
6			3					1
3					1	4		
		7		4			5	
	8		9					3

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	1	2	5	7	6	9	8	4
8	5	9	8	4	2	7	6	1
7	6	4	1	9	8	5	2	3
1	8	5	7	2	3	6	4	9
4	3	7	9	6	5	2	1	8
9	2	6	4	8	1	3	5	7
5	4	1	2	3	7	8	9	6
6	9	3	8	5	4	1	7	2
2	7	8	6	1	9	4	3	5

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