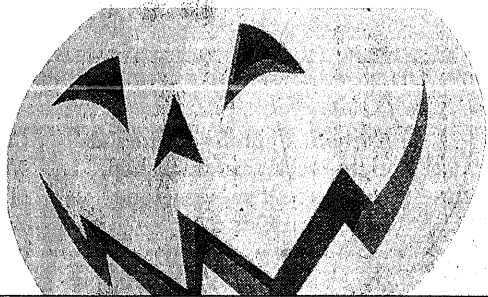


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District is now third largest in the state

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools overtook Grand Rapids as the third largest school district in the state, and should settle more securely into that position after another enrollment increase this school year.

According to final enrollment figures from the state of Michigan, PCCS ended the 2007-08 school year with 18,939 students, an increase of 233 students from the previous year. Meanwhile, Grand Rapids enrollment numbers dropped by several hundred students to 18,748.

The distance between the two districts is expected to increase as Plymouth-Canton expects to grow by 125 students this year, while Grand Rapids again will lose several hundred students in the official count.

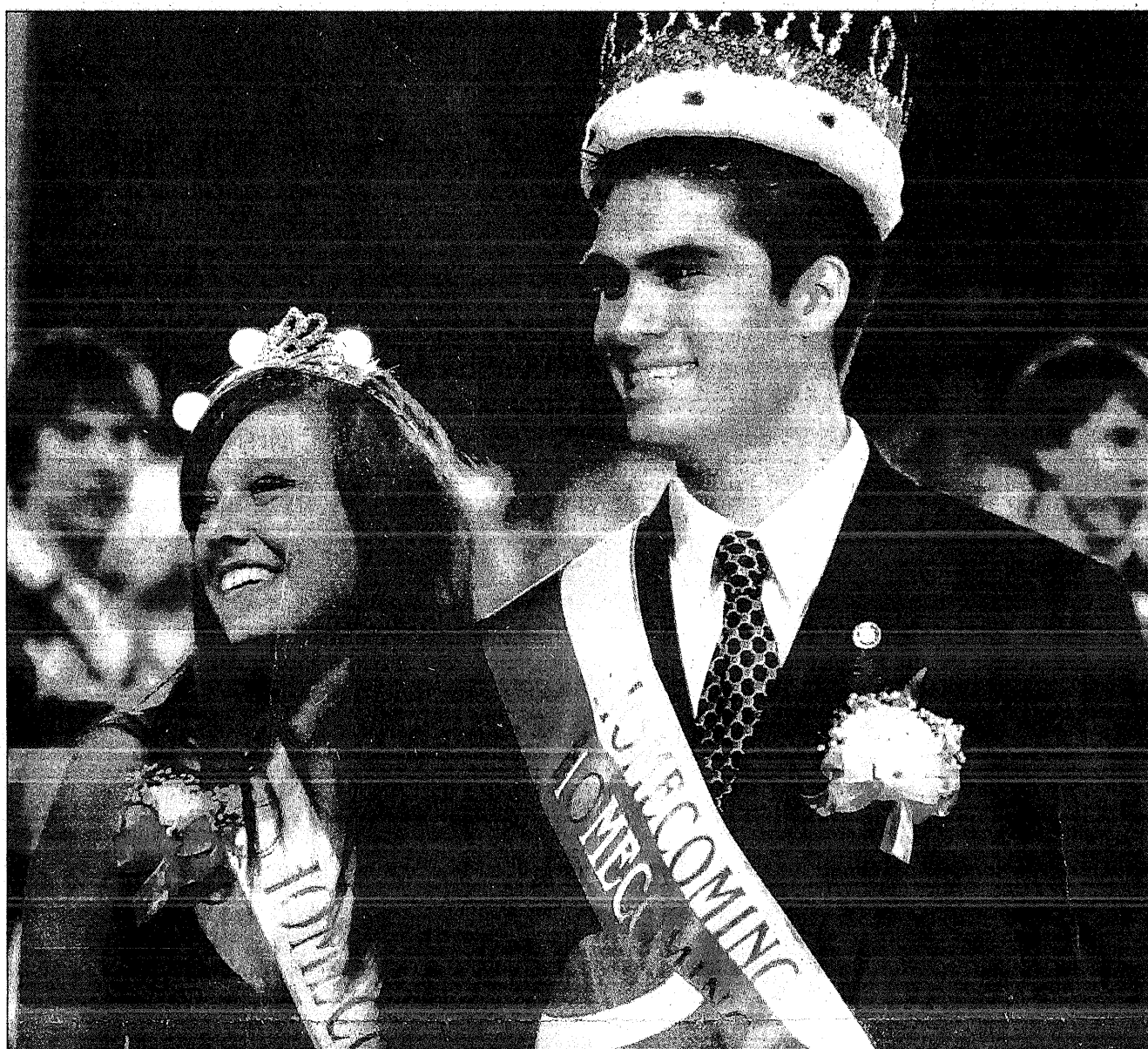
Plymouth-Canton will need to grow extensively to overtake No. 2 Utica Community Schools, which had 29,383 students at the end of last school year. Detroit Public Schools remained the state's largest district with 102,494 students.

In the past five years, Plymouth-Canton has gained 1,460 students. Supt. Craig Fiegel said with growth comes additional state funding. However, a growing district still has its challenges.

"Growth you can absorb within your current facilities and absorb within current staffing means you have scale of economy, which is good," Fiegel said. "Right now we can absorb that, but you can't continue to grow without expanding facilities."

"At the middle school level, we're pretty tight in a couple of buildings — Discovery is pretty full — so how much more growth can you absorb in a facility?" he said. "Then you have to start talking about additional facilities, and that can become expensive. Or add on to current facilities, but that's hard to do because maybe the infrastructure — the hallways, cafeterias and gyms — can't support it."

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Salem royalty

Seniors Samantha Kruse and John Dalton were named Salem High School's 2008 homecoming queen and king during the school's half-time activities on Friday night. For more on the game, see today's sports section.

Takeovers unlikely at other banks

Locally owned operations say they're in good shape

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The failure of Main Street Bank — based in Northville, with a branch in Plymouth — was the 14th bank failure in the United States this year, and the ninth in Michigan since 1970. That's the bad news, at least locally.

The good news is Montpelier Bank & Trust stepped up to purchase the assets of Main Street Bank, with the "all deposits transfer" meaning no customers lost money.

As the FDIC moved to complete the transfer of ownership, the demise of Main Street Bank raised the obvious question: Could it happen to another community savings and lending institution in Plymouth?

While nothing can be forever, the men who run New Liberty Bank in Plymouth Township and Community Financial in Plymouth (with branches in Canton and Northville) are telling their customers the chances are "slim and none" that it will happen to them.

"We meet and exceed the definition of a well-capitalized organization," said Bob Krupka, president of New Liberty Bank on Ann Arbor Road. "We have raised capital and improved the bank balance sheet."

"We are still making loans and serving the community," he added. "The government has certainly stepped up to make everybody feel better about the banking system, increasing the caps on (insured) savings (\$250,000) and temporarily removing the cap on business deposits. That removes a lot of fear for people."

Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton said his not-for-profit cooperative provides an additional \$250,000 in private insurance over and above the federally insured amount to give its members more protection.

"Through these difficult financial times, we have continued to be profitable and have seen significant growth," Lawton said. "You do not have to worry about the institution's financial performance unless you have more than the federally insured amount on deposit."

Lawton said Community Financial's lending decisions are based on what is best for members, including educating customers on the importance of saving and the responsibilities of borrowing.

"We offer free financial counseling for all of our members, work with them one-on-one and have partnerships with 29 schools teaching our youth to pay themselves first," Lawton said. "We work with our members to build relationships based on responsible lending and saving for their future."

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Down on the farm
Plymouth volunteers lead the charge at Maybury

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the man known by kids who visit Maybury Farm in Northville Township as Farmer Bob sits atop the tractor that pulls the hayride, the biggest kid of all is probably 67-year-old Plymouth Township resident (Farmer) Bob Zaetta.

The retired Redford Union science and history teacher, who grew up on a farm in central Illinois, gets to enjoy "all my different loves" by volunteering 8-10 hours a week at the farm.

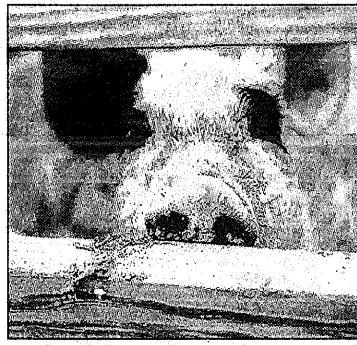
"(Being on the farm) takes me back to my roots," Zaetta said. "I would pay to work out there. The farm is such a gem."

"And I get to work with kids, again," he added. "I've developed a dialogue as we go through the cornfields and woods and point out the wildflowers in bloom, the beehives and the making of honey, the bat house and why bats are mammals because they don't have feathers."

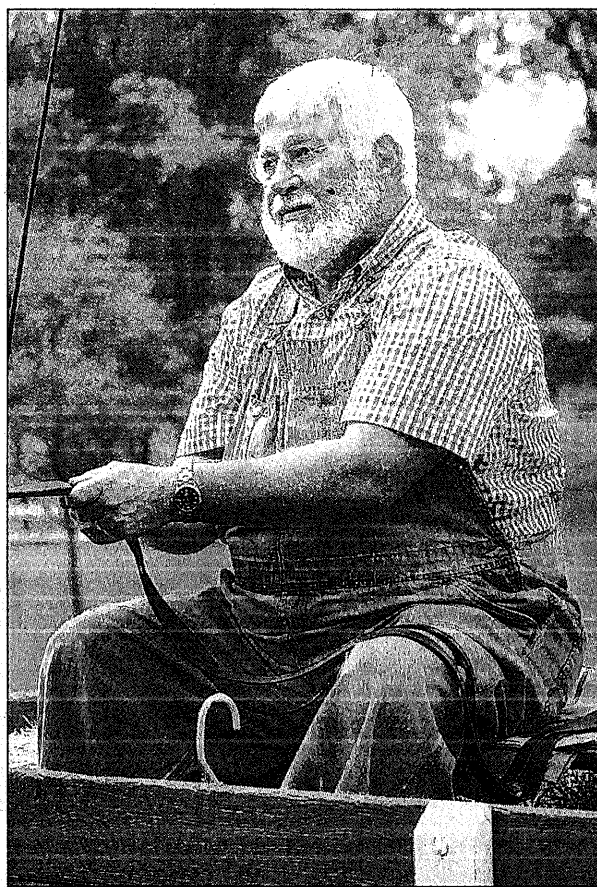
Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation — which operates Maybury Farm — said Zaetta's hayrides are "incredible."

"The kids love him," Peters said. "It's the most informative hayride and, regardless of the season, his talk changes all the time."

Peters said while volunteers at the farm come from all zip codes, residents from the Plymouths contribute as many volun-



A young piglet checks out some guy with a camera.



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Bob Zaetta of Plymouth takes the reins of the team of horses pulling the wagon at Maybury Farm in Northville.

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Coming Thursday in filter



The Detroit Institute of Arts celebrates the modern masters with its latest exhibit, Monet to Dali.

"Around Plymouth" 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 forum

The Plymouth District Library hosts a "Plymouth Women's Forum," where women can engage in a conversation about issues in this election cycle, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Issues up for discussion include funding for After-School Child Care / Head Start and Special Needs Children; equal pay for equal work; privatization of Social Security; reproductive rights and minimum wage.

For more information e-mail PlymouthWomen4Obama@gmail.com or call (248) 943-1921.

ID theft seminar

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union hosts a free seminar on identity theft 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the credit union, 8817 Sheldon (on the northwest corner of

Joy and Sheldon). FBI Special Agent Patrick Lentz's presentation will teach how crooks get personal information, how to minimize the risk of ID theft, tips to protect yourself from phishing attacks and what victims can do to get help.

For reservations or more information, call (734) 432-0212, Ext. 2.

Piano man

Renowned pianist Joel Hastings will play a concert at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

Canadian-born Hastings was the winner of the 2006 Eighth International Web Concert Hall Competition and the 1993 International Bach Competition at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Hastings, a Steinway artist, has performed solo recitals across Canada and the United States, while his orchestral engagements have included the Toronto Philharmonic; the Oakville, Okanagan, Windsor,



Hastings

Kamloops, Niagara, Racine, Timmins and the University of Michigan Symphonies; the Kitchener-Waterloo and Michigan

Chamber Orchestras, the Humber River Festival Orchestra and the Amherst Concert Band.

His concert in Plymouth Oct. 24 will include Scarlatti Sonatas, Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, and Liszt's transcriptions of Schubert songs and Wagner's Tannhauser Overture.

This concert is part of the church's "concerts with a cause." Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit Urban Harvest Ministries. The church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Voters guides

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County announced the 2008 Voter Guides covering candidates running for State Representative, Wayne County Commission, Circuit and District Courts and township offices are now available in all public libraries in Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Wayne, Redford, Garden City and Northville.

On-line versions of the voter guide are also available on the League's website: www.lwvww.org.

In addition to responses received from questionnaires sent to state and local candidates, voters can also find the Voter Guide for federal offices, university governing boards, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Court of Appeals that was produced by the League of Women Voters of Michigan at local libraries, and on the League's Web site.

Grief workshop

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Oct. 27.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For registration information call the parish office at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

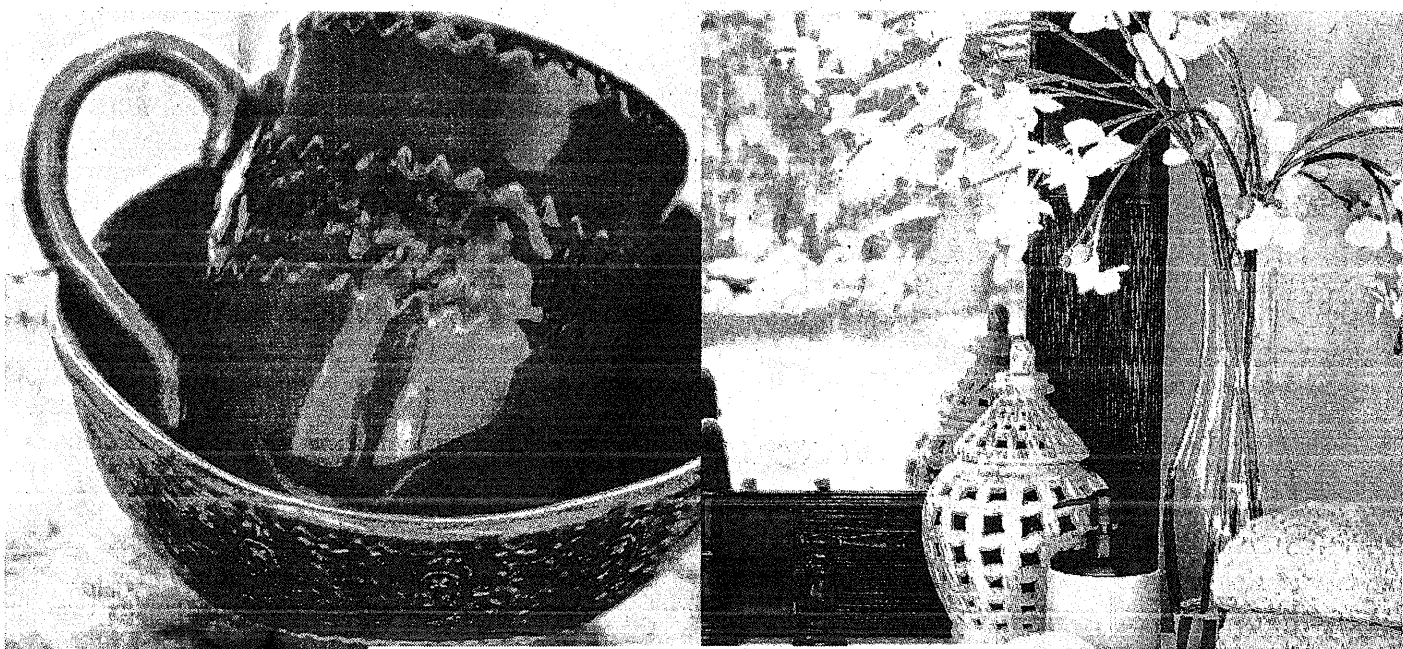
Marching band competition

The Plymouth-Canton marching band is hosting an all-day high school marching band competition called the annual Great Lakes Invitational (GLI) from 2-10 p.m., Oct. 25 at Canton High School's varsity field (parking at Canton High School, corner of Canton Center and Joy Roads). The Plymouth-

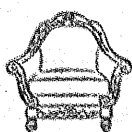
Canton Music Boosters, along with PCMB, is an annual host of the Michigan Competing Band Association sanctioned-competition. Also, 7th and 8th graders throughout the Plymouth-Canton Community are invited to participate in the 2 p.m. instrumental performance of the National Anthem, to be directed by former PCMB band director Marc Whitlock.

The competition will include 21 high school bands, including those from Mt. Pleasant High School, Crestwood High School, South Lake High School, DeWitt High School, Bad Axe High School, Westland John Glenn High School, Livonia Franklin High School, Grand Blanc High School, Novi High School, Lake Orion High School, Wyandotte Roosevelt High School, South Lyon High School, Taylor Truman High School, and Walled Lake Central High School. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will perform around 5:30 p.m.

Tickets to attend are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children/students 18 years and under at the gate. For more information, call (734) 416-7535 or visit www.pcmb.net.



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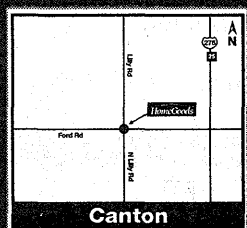
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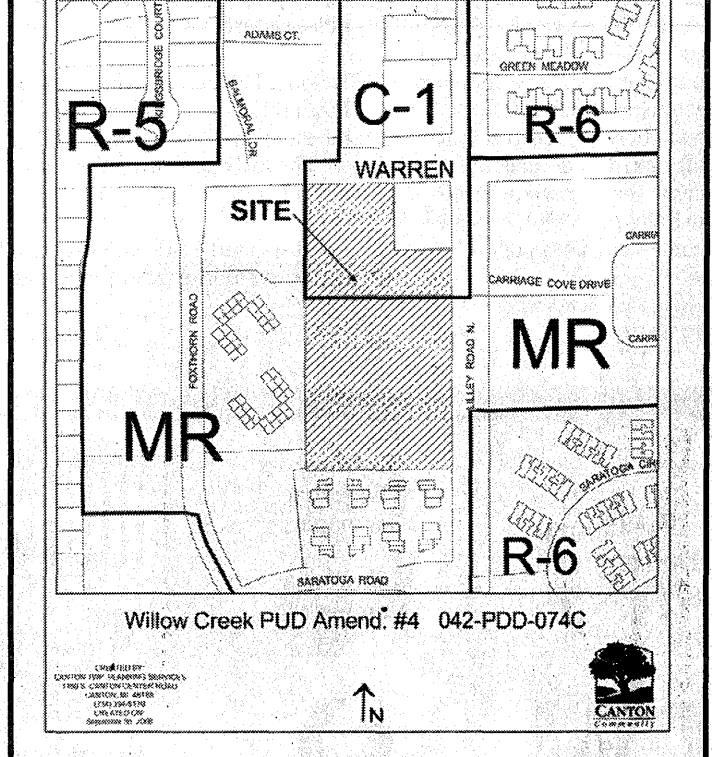
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 3, 2008, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WILLOW CREEK PUD AMENDMENT #4- CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 042 02 0197 303 AND 042 02 0197 304 (7025 LILLEY N.). Property is located at the southwest corner of Warren and Lilley Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 30, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



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Teen author hits bookshelves with first novel

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many of today's 15-year-olds with literary talent use the powers of an Internet blog to be heard. Taylor Joseph decided to skip that route and instead found a book publisher.

The Canton girl's first novel, *The Crossing*, hit the bookshelves Oct. 1. The book, published by Canton-based Four Star Publishing, is based on the struggle of a 12-year-old Mexican girl and is also for sale on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com

The idea for the novel was hatched two years ago when Taylor, a Salem High School sophomore, caught a news report on illegal immigration.

"A lot of my friends are amazed that I wrote a book," she said, grinning. "I have always wanted to be an author and when I told my dad, he told me to go for it and follow my dreams."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taylor Joseph, 15, of Canton, took her first book and her message — "It's important for kids to read" — to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary meeting Tuesday.

Taylor, whose second book is an adventure-mystery that's "already at the printer's," made a speech to the Plymouth Rotary A.M., where she applauded the group for wanting to help stamp out illiteracy among children.

"It takes a lot of selfless people to give to others," said Taylor, quoting a study that shows some 40 million American adults can't read. "Studies show there's a direct link between being able to read and success in school,

and success in life. "By helping children to read, you're giving them a future." Taylor's father, Lawrence, helped her complete the book and is overseeing Taylor's budding career. He spends many days going over paperwork, making phone calls, sending e-mails and corresponding with his daughter's marketing team.

"I knew the book had a lot of potential and after reading it, I had a feeling about it," Lawrence Joseph said. "But I

never knew it would take off like this."

Lawrence Joseph said the novel has gotten a good response from those who have read its 199 pages.

"We have a couple friends who would not hesitate to hurt our feelings if they thought it was bad," he said.

Taylor, who wrote her first book when she was 8, said she never had any doubts about introducing *The Crossing* to the world.

"I told myself that if I wrote

this, I wanted it out for the public," she said.

As she leafs through the pages of *The Crossing*, Taylor, who loves basketball and being with her friends, smiles when discussing her future and says she wouldn't mind staying in the literary world or becoming a nurse or a screenplay writer or do voice-overs for films. "Everyone has been so supportive," the teen said. "And, I'm having a lot of fun."

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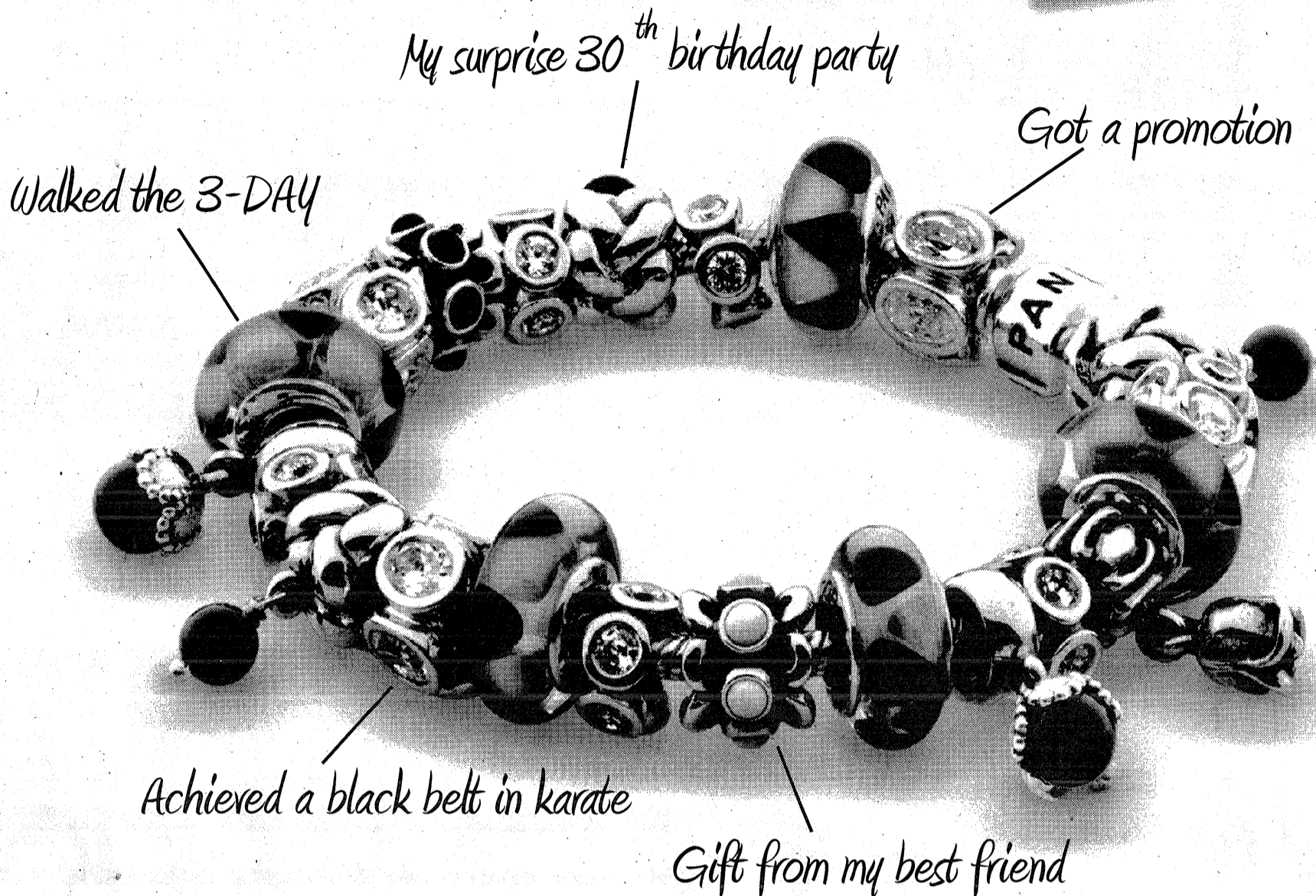
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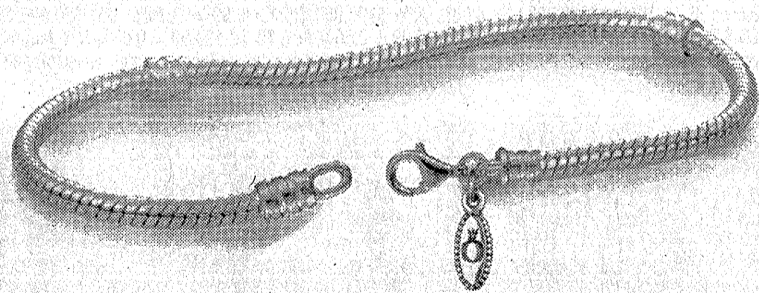
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Times may be too risky for aggressive money market investment

Dear Rick: I am an hourly worker at General Motors. I have a portion of my check put into an account called a demand note which is a money market account at Mellon Financial. The money is not insured. Should I withdraw the money and deposit it into an account which is insured? The note is paying a little over 5 percent.

A money market paying 5 percent in today's environment, is an aggressive investment. Unless you are an aggressive investor, I would move the money out of the money market into something more secure.

It is not just the situation at General Motors that I am concerned about, but rather the entire domestic auto industry. The credit crunch we are currently experiencing, along with increased foreign competition, means volatile times ahead for the U.S. auto industry. Taking this into



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

consideration and the fact that GM debt is considered non-investment grade, I would make a change. If you're looking for something that is insured there are a couple of ways to proceed. The first is to consider a CD or a money market account at a bank or credit union. CDs through banks are now insured up to \$250,000 and it is easy to shop rates around the country. There are many Web sites. One I like is www.bankrate.com. It shows you the highest rates

for federally insured CDs in the country.

Another option is a fixed annuity which also is insured up to \$100,000, has no principle fluctuation and offers fixed rates of returns. One of the benefits of the annuity is it grows tax-deferred.

Dear Rick: I heard you discuss the deal that Countrywide and Bank of America was doing for those whose homes were foreclosed. You said those people would be offered an opportunity to get back their homes or to have their debt reduced. Is that correct? My husband and I have struggled very hard to continue to pay our mortgage these past few months even though neither

of us had a job. Needless to say, other bills did not get paid on a timely basis. So when I heard that those who defaulted will, in essence, be rewarded, it was upsetting. What about those of us who only have one home, did get a funky mortgage, didn't buy homes to flip. Shouldn't we get some sort of adjustment on what we owe on our mortgage. To whom do I write about this?

The deal that Countrywide entered into with regards to some of their mortgages was based upon a settlement of massive fraud allegations against the company. It was alleged that Countrywide's loan officers deceived individuals about the terms of their mortgage. The settlement was meant to settle

those claims. Therefore, it is a little different than your situation.

I understand where you are coming from. You made the necessary adjustments within your lifestyle and paid your mortgage. It is not fair that some people who may not have been as responsible as you will be getting some sort of mortgage relief. I do not disagree with you and it does seem that people who play by the rules sometimes get taken advantage of. Unfortunately, that is the way our system works. I certainly think there is a difference between people who were defrauded vs. people who just made bad financial decisions. I do believe people should be responsible for their own actions.

However, in our society too many people are not fiscally responsible and they do end up getting bailed out.

If you wish to express your disappointment you should contact your U.S. congressman and the two senators from Michigan, Sen. Carl Levin, (202) 224-6221, or www.levin.senate.gov, and Sen. Deborah Stabenow, (202) 224-4882, or www.stabenow.senate.gov.

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Candidates agree budget needs to be addressed

Challenger wants to bring CPA's sense to county government

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The woman running to unseat the sitting 10th County Commissioner wants to bring a lifetime of financial experience to county government — something she says it hasn't had all this time.

Susan Clark, a certified public accountant, is the Democratic candidate facing off against incumbent Republican Laura Cox for the 10th County Commission seat in the Tuesday, Nov. 4, general election.

Clark said a run for this office has been on her mind for the past 15 years, but only now was the time right.

"I've always been concerned about the county commission," Clark said. "There's no CPA or financial person on the commission, no one who can read a budget. It's a \$2.25 billion bud-

SUSAN CLARK

Age: 57
 Residence: Livonia
 Employment: Self-employed CPA



Education: Masters taxation, Lawrence Technological University
 Family: Divorced, sons Michael, Dusty, Marty and Richie
 Community involvement: Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

get, and that frustrates me." She said she knows how organizations and budgets work and wants to get deep into the county system by visiting all of the departments, find

out what's going on and get a feel for them. An outsider's eye is valuable because it provides fresh perspective, Clark said. While she would not accuse the county of being wasteful, she said every operation the size of Wayne County's has duplications of services that can be addressed.

The state of the railroad underpass project on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township drew her particular scorn. She said the failure to complete the project is a sign something is very wrong.

"It's a debacle. They build three viaducts in Livonia in three years, one takes three years in the township," Clark said. "Businesses are dying. Water and other utilities were not done on time."

All in all, she said she's looking forward to bringing her expertise, and her insight, to county government.

Parks and public safety key for 10th commission incumbent

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Laura Cox said she was concerned that her communities got what was fair from the Wayne County parks millage.

Today the incumbent 10th District county commissioner cites funds earmarked for projects in Livonia and Northville and Northville Township as examples of her bringing money back from the parks millage into local communities she represents.

Cox says she's done well as the sole member of the GOP on the 15 member commission, and promises to keep making progress and being the voice for western Wayne County if returned to the regional body. Cox is running to retain her seat against Democrat Susan Clark in the Tuesday, Nov. 4 general election.

The commissioner said she's done a good job in her tenure with the county despite the

LAURA COX

Age: 44
 Residence: Livonia
 Employment: Wayne County Commissioner



Education: Master's degree in Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
 Family: Married, Mike, daughters Lindsey and Sinead, sons Conor and Rory
 Appointment: Board member, Detroit Wayne County Mental Health

railroad underpass project in Plymouth Township "rife with problems," and said she would do whatever was necessary to keep the project on track toward its promised December finish date.

Cox won't step into a road project, she says, unless there is an issue, but also would leave the roads questions to county engineers and roads officials, admitting that she has no roads experience. She said what people need to know is that there are pressures beyond political ones on the commission, population pressures, and that not everyone gets what they want.

If elected, she said she would work on three major areas.

"I would work on fiscal responsibility, as a member of the ways and means committee, I would be able to do that," Cox said. "I would make public safety a priority and work on economic development."

fact she's vastly outnumbered.

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Military mom eyes support group

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having grown up as an Air Force brat — her father is a retired Vietnam-era veteran and her family is replete with military service — Kathy Barker learned firsthand what it's like for the families of military men and women who are deployed.

With her son, an Air Force C-5 crew chief, now on a four-month deployment to Iraq, she wants to help other families in similar situations learn how to get through it. Crafted much like the national Blue Star Moms, Barker's as-yet-unnamed group (she's leaning toward "Yellow Ribbon Families") would meet monthly to plan support projects, send "care" packages overseas — but mostly to talk.

"It's more than just the mothers concerned for the child (overseas), it's the whole family," said Barker, who met her husband at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. "If they have fellowship with others in the same situation, they feel more a part of things."

While the Blue Star Moms do have groups in Michigan — Barker says there are groups in Troy, Dearborn and Grayling — there's no similar group in the Plymouth-Canton area. Barker said her group would likely meet at the VFW Hall in Plymouth. In fact, the group was supposed to meet last month, but the meeting was



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kathy Barker intends to start a local support group for families of service men and women deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Her son (in the picture with his wife, Penny) is serving in Iraq.

pre-empted when a tornado ripped through parts of the community.

The idea came to Barker when her 24-year-old son, Nick, a Canton High School graduate, left for Iraq Sept. 2, leaving behind his wife, Penny, a medic at Dover AFB, Delaware, who also faces a

potential deployment.

She's not looking for money, simply donations of items that can be included in packages to be sent to military men and women serving overseas. In

SETTING UP SUPPORT

- **What:** Support group for families of military deployed
- **Who:** Kathy Barker of Plymouth, whose son is in Iraq
- **Idea:** To provide activities, put together "care packages for military overseas, provide support for family members back home
- **How to get involved:** E-mail Barker, kathybarker2003@yahoo.com

fact, one lawyer has already called to offer a donation of profits. Barker turned him down.

"I told him, 'I really don't want your money, I'd rather trade a cotton swab for a nickel,'" said Barker, whose father, brother-in-law and other family members have served in the military. "It's the items they need."

Mostly, though, she wants to provide support and fellowship. For instance, she sees groups getting together and doing things like bowling, cards or just watching a football game together. She also sees the Christmas project and care packages as a direct result.

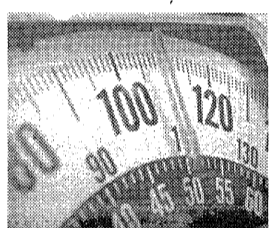
"Everyone has a 'Support Our Troops' ribbon on their car, but what are they really doing?" asked Barker, a homemaker and retired dental assistant. "This is a hole that needs to be filled. This is something we can really do."

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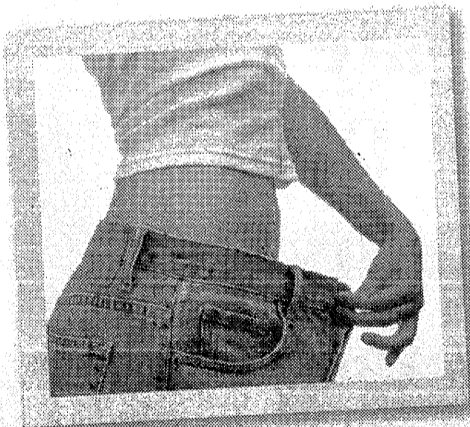
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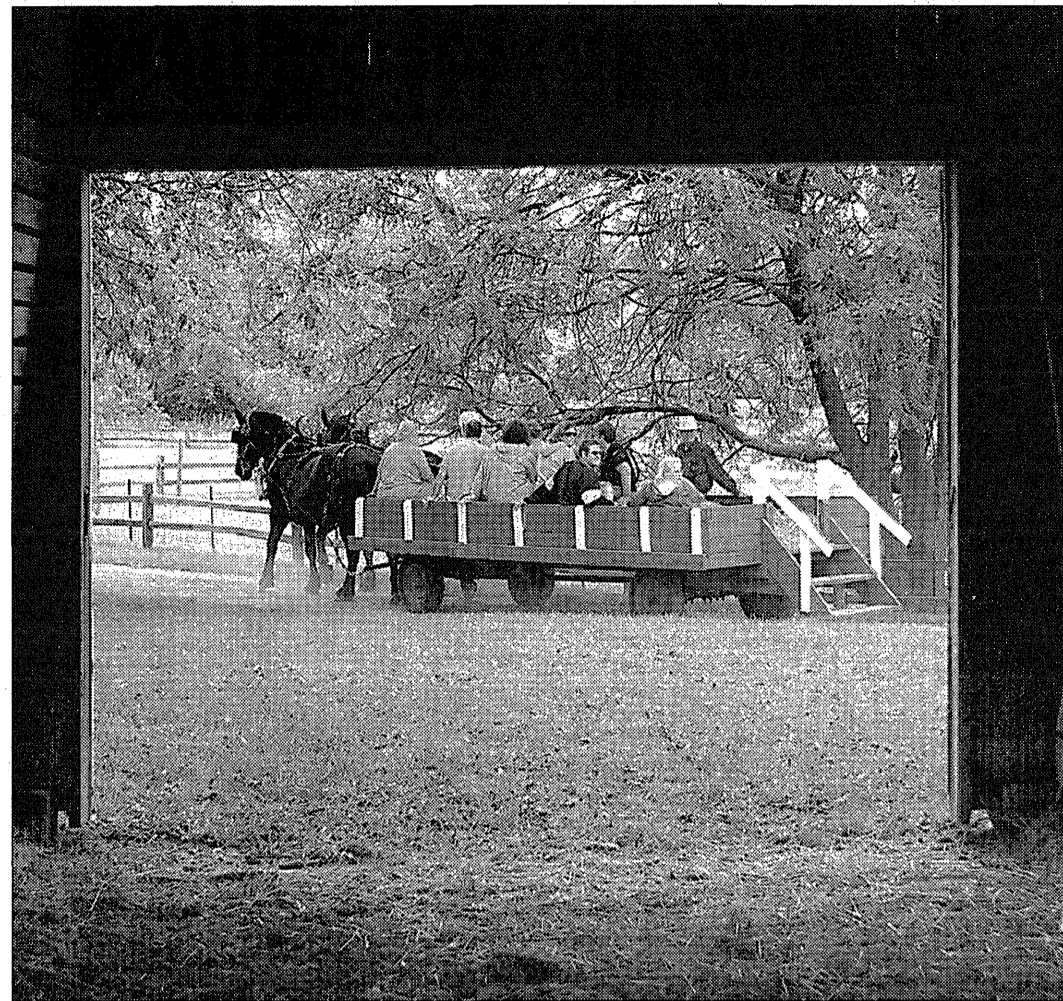
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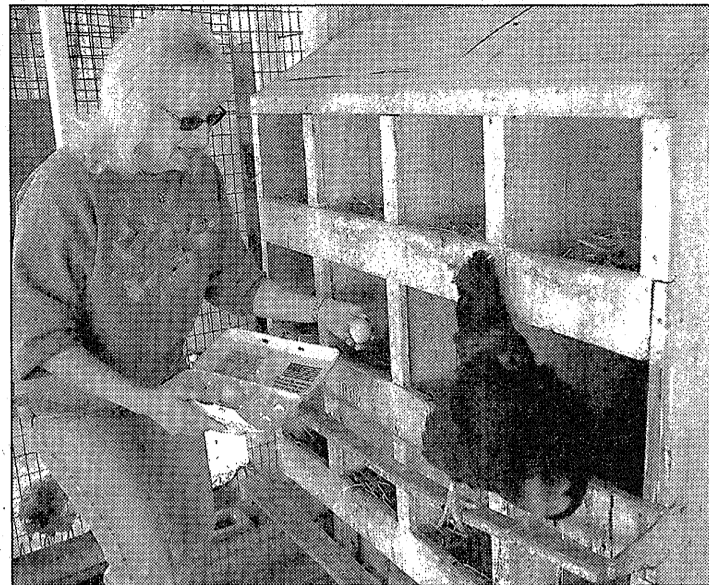
The hay wagon leaves on another tour of the farm.

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teer hours as any community. Linda Mertens, 58, of Plymouth Township, grew up in Detroit, but spent time on a farm and enjoys volunteering at Maybury Farm as a docent. "We try to teach children who have never been around animals to respect them and treat them kindly," Mertens said. "I like it because I can live in the city and play with my favorite animals. I've cleaned the barn and the animals."

Barbara Dickirson of Plymouth Township spends part of her retired time raking the fields at Maybury Farm, cleaning the chicken coop and painting the trim on the wagon.

"I still want to learn to drive the tractor," said Dickirson, 63, who began volunteering in February. "I love being close



Barbara Dickirson searches for eggs in the hen house.

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Larkin calls financial crisis legislation 'a rescue bill'

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 43
Residence: Livonia
Marital status: Divorced, no children.
Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan; law degree, University of Michigan.
Profession: attorney, 19 years, Larkin Legal Services, Livonia
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BY HUGH GALLAGHER
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joseph Larkin, Democratic candidate for the 11th Congressional District, doesn't like the media referring to the recent legislation on the financial crisis as a "bailout."
 "I don't like when people refer to it as a bailout bill, this is a rescue bill," Larkin said in an interview with Observer



Larkin

and Hometown editors. "A bailout means you give something for free and nothing comes back. This is effectively a loan to our economy to keep credit flowing, to keep people's investments from tanking."

Larkin, a Livonia attorney making his first run at public office, is critical of incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter for voting "no" on both the initial House legislation and the Senate legislation that was eventually signed into law by President George Bush. He said the first "no" vote in the House set off panic selling on the New York Stock Exchange that resulted in a

\$1.2 trillion loss.

Larkin faces McCotter, Libertarian John Tatar and Green Party candidate Erik Shelly in Nov. 4 general election.

"The United States government and taxpayers can actually make a profit," he said. "This was proven to be true when we did this under Franklin D. Roosevelt. In Roosevelt's time not did it help the economy but

taxpayers made a profit."

He also cited the federal loan to Chrysler and the buying of assets in the Savings and Loan scandal of the early '90s.

He added that the final bill was still a "bad bill" with a lot of added expense but still better than not doing anything in the crisis.

"I would like to see stronger protection for homeowners to protect against foreclosures," he said.

Larkin said he wants to "get back into common sense regulation" and was critical of the 1999 banking legislation that allowed investment banks to handle mortgages and other commercial bank activities.

"We need to change bankruptcy laws and allow someone who has filed bankruptcy to renegotiate their interest rates and payments to keep people in their homes," he said.

Larkin said that a top priority should be the redeployment of troops from Iraq.

"That should save us \$100 billion a year," he said. "I've highlighted how we can redeploy from Iraq. Politicians should not influence the decisions, they should be military decisions."

Larkin opposed the invasion of Iraq and has criticized the war effort and McCotter's support for the war.

"Mr. McCotter has been adamant about staying in Iraq until whatever vague goal he has in mind has been reached. I think that goal has already been achieved. It's time to let the Iraqi people do what they want for themselves."

He said he opposes subsidies for oil companies and prefers shifting investment to alternative energy.

"One of the greatest things that I am looking forward to in the (GM) Volt car," he said.

He said the car would be assembled in Hamtramck.

"The most important thing we have to focus on is to make sure jobs are created and maintained in the United States," he said.

Larkin said his opponents approach is vote negative on progressive legislation.

"He's a spoiler, a grandstander who voted with George Bush and is now trying to distance himself from George Bush," he said.

Larkin said he has been unable to set up a forum with McCotter's office.

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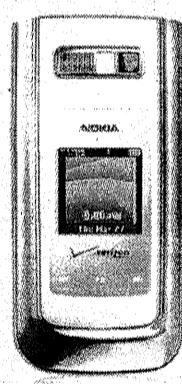
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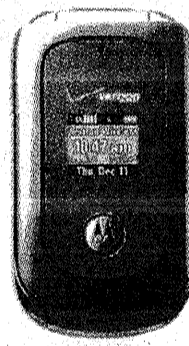
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Commissioners to hold hearing on county parks millage

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday in Canton to discuss its proposal to return a portion of the county's parks millage back to the local communities. The Commission's Ways and Means Committee will conduct the meeting at 1 p.m., Oct. 21, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Commissioners Kevin McNamara of Canton, Laura Cox of Livonia and Bernard Parker of Detroit have proposed an ordinance to return 25 percent of the annual millage back to

cities, townships and villages to use on local parks projects. The 0.25-mill tax, which voters first authorized in 1996 and have renewed twice since, generated more than \$13 million for the county parks system in 2007.

According to McNamara, a Canton Democrat, the county no longer needs the entire millage to maintain the parks system.

"We don't need to increase infrastructure to the county parks. We only need 75 percent of the millage to maintain what we have," he said.

If the ordinance is approved, McNamara said the communities eligible to receive the money

would be able to spend it on capital improvements of their own parks systems, though the projects would have to be approved by the county. They wouldn't be able to use it for maintenance, however.

"The municipalities know best what their needs are, and they can figure that out," McNamara said. "This ordinance will remove politics from the process and provide for a fairer and more equitable distribution of parks millage funds."

Each community would receive 25 percent of what they contribute to the fund, with the exception of the Grosse Pointe communities, which do not allow non-residents

to use their parks. In 2007, the City of Plymouth contributed \$117,302, which would make them eligible to get some \$29,000 if the ordinance passed. Plymouth Township kicked in \$500,093, which means they'd see a return of some \$125,000.

For years, local officials have been critical of the way the millage funds have been spent. Plymouth Township have long said many communities, including theirs, have been nothing more than "donor" communities which don't see a return on their investment. Cox said the new ordinance would address those criticisms.

"I obviously support this idea," said Cox, the 10th District commissioner whose district includes both Plymouths. "I look forward to seeing the details worked out."

However, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano has said the proposed ordinance is illegal, because it is at odds with the language that voters approved.

"We have a fiduciary responsibility to spend the money the way it was voted on by the voters of Wayne County. You can't go back and change it," said Ficano spokesman Vanessa Denha-Garmo.

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No on Prop 2

As election day nears, voters are making up their minds on whether to support Proposal 2, the stem cell research proposal. I am voting no, and encourage others to do the same. There are several reasons why, and they are critically important.

First, it is important we all agree that we all want cures to the many terrible diseases that afflict us or our loved ones. Any assertion that a voter opposing Prop 2 is without compassion is a false assertion, and is cruel and irresponsible.

One reason I oppose Prop 2 is that the language of the bill does not expressly prohibit public funding for stem cell research. True, it does not take public money now, but without a prohibition on public funding, you and I both know the tax-and-spenders in Lansing will come after your wallet.

Just look at California, where they are stuck with a \$3 billion tax bond for the research. That state is in a budget crisis (sound familiar?) and is now coming to the federal government for a bailout. Who gets to pay for California's bailout? You. If we enact Prop 2, we will eventually be stuck with higher taxes and spending just like California.

The specter of public funding is even more offensive to the millions of Michigan residents who have strong moral objections to embryonic stem cell work. If we open the door with Prop 2, the

push will be on to allow more and more areas of research that are morally offensive to many. It is not fair to go down this road.

Science should be encouraged to investigate NON-embryonic stem cell research. What Michigan cannot afford, for multiple reasons, is to open the door to public funding and morally offensive research. Voting no on Prop 2 is the reasonable and responsible choice.

Jerry Vorva
Republican nominee
20th District state representative

Water-sewer rates

I am responding to a letter to the editor in the Oct. 16 *Plymouth Observer* regarding comparison of water and sewer rates.

The letter cites a *Free Press* article which provides dollar figures/1,000 cu. ft. The difficulty with this type of comparison is the old apples-to-oranges comparison. Detroit charges on the basis of 1,000 cu. ft. while the majority of communities charge on the basis of 1,000 gallons (1,000 cu. ft. = approximately 7,480 gallons). In addition, the figures appear to be water-only figures. The table in the newsletter unfortunately did not clarify the unit of measure as 1,000 gallons.

The table above is a true and accurate comparison of rates charged per 1,000 gallons by the respective communities.

James Anulewicz
director, Division of Public Services
Plymouth Township

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WATER-SEWER RATES

Community	Water	Sewer	Total
Livonia	\$2.29	\$2.78	\$5.07
Ply. Twp.	\$2.72	\$3.52	\$6.24
Canton	\$2.61	\$4.54	\$7.15
Nor. Twp.	\$4.08	\$3.77	\$7.85
Northville	\$4.51	\$3.91	\$8.42
Plymouth	\$4.10	\$5.41	\$9.51

Time for Obama

I'm writing to express concern about McCain's plan for the health care system and to offer support for Obama. McCain's plan fails to ensure that uninsured citizens would gain health coverage, and he offers little to help eliminate race-based disparities.

Conversely, Obama's plan would require employers to either offer employees health benefits or contribute to a National Health Insurance Exchange. Coverage through the Exchange would be comprehensive and mirror the same enjoyed by senators.

Obama would also require that all children have health insurance — he supports expanding Medicaid and SCHIP, and would allow children to stay on their parent's coverage through age 25.

And finally, Obama explicitly supports reducing disparities by promoting diversity in the health care workforce and investing in research that addresses minority health issues. While both McCain and Obama surely want what's best, it is only Obama who will improve access and promote equity. This election is too important

to entrust to the old ideas of McCain. It is time for change. It is time for Obama!

Cameron Shultz
Plymouth

Obama supporter

Barack Obama will be a president who will do more, not only on the country's behalf, but the metropolitan areas like southeast Michigan.

As part of a cure for the current financial crisis, Obama proposes making badly needed improvements in our country's decaying infrastructure — roads, bridges and sewage lines — that will create thousands of jobs and benefit everyone. As someone who is in touch with the man on the street, Obama promises to push for a rise in the minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour by 2011, to increase benefits for working parents eligible for tax credits and to help low-income workers enter the job market.

As a former community organizer, Obama understands the needs of cities, their vital importance to the economy of a state, and the need for cooperation between city and suburbs and the state as a whole in working for their mutual benefit. As a campaigner, Obama has consistently appealed, not to the worst instincts of his listeners, but to their better side, to their willingness to work together through difficult times for the good of all.

He understands the huge income gap between the very wealthy and the rest of us has weakened the social fabric of the United States, but that

our over-reliance on credit implicates almost all of us in creating the current crisis. He does not minimize the dangers, but emphasizes what we can do when we work together. He has the empathy, the vision, the depth and the intellect to be a great president.

Mary Lee MacDonald
Plymouth

3-Day success

I recently participated in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. And while the entire weekend was a very emotional journey, one of the definite highlights was the cheering station in Plymouth on Saturday.

It was amazing to see so many people lined up from Harvey and Penniman to Main Street and Starkweather. You have no idea the emotional boost it gave us walkers to see such a turnout. Not to mention the houses that were decorated and, of course, the pink fountain.

The city of Plymouth should be extremely proud. No other cheering station along our three-day travels even came close the reception we received in Plymouth. I only hope that the Breast Cancer 3-Day continues to include Plymouth in its upcoming routes.

Thank you to everyone that came out to cheer us on. Whether you knew someone participating in the event, or whether you've been touched by breast cancer in some way, please know that your presence was sincerely appreciated.

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McCotter led fight against Bush financial plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was a leader in a revolt by House Republicans against the sitting Republican president George W. Bush and his Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and their plan to help financially distressed Wall Street investment banks.

"The premise of the Paulson plan was that responsible working people would have to bail out irresponsible powerful people or responsible people will be hurt. That did not have to happen," McCotter said in an interview with *Observer* and *Hometown* editors last week.

McCotter is running for a fourth term as a representative of Michigan's 11th Congressional District. He faces Democrat Joseph Larkin, Libertarian John Tatar and Green Party candidate Erik Shelley.

McCotter said Republican and Democrat legislators were "jammed" by the administration to approve the \$700 billion bailout proposal. He voted against the original bill that failed in the House and the Senate bill that finally won approval in the House and Senate, with an additional \$100 billion in tax cuts, credits and emergency aid.

DRAWING INVESTORS

McCotter favored a plan that would have used government insurance and tax incentives to draw private investors to acquire the "toxic" mortgages that have put a strain on the worldwide financial system. He said the Senate and House leadership in both parties wouldn't allow alternatives to the \$700 billion plan. (The interview with McCotter was before a shift by the Treasury from buying assets to direct investment in bank shares.)

He said the program has already been judged a failure and that actions by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 43
Residence: Livonia



McCotter

Marital status: Married, three children.
Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Detroit; law degree, University of Detroit

Profession: Three-term U.S. representative; chair Republican House

Policy Committee; member House Financial Committee; served as state senator, Wayne County commissioner, Schoolcraft College Board trustee.

Web site: www.mccotterforcongress.com

Bernanke to pump money into the credit market have had a more positive effect.

"Not only was the Paulson plan unfair, but we were voting on a plan that failed, because it could not address the problem of community banks, it was aimed at investment banks," he said.

He said the House Republican plan would have gotten investors off the sidelines and working on cleaning up their own mess.

"We tried the best we could. Democrats, in fairness to them, were jammed, too. We tried to work with Blue Dogs (fiscally conservative Democrats) but they didn't want to go along," he said.

He said the \$700 billion figure was pulled out of the air by the administration to impress Wall Street. He said even the graduated plan finally approved gives too much discretion to the Treasury Secretary.

McCotter had expected support from Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

"McCain put himself in an interesting position. At the White House meeting, he said he liked what House Republican were doing. Then the next day, he decided it was his job to get House Republicans to support the bailout," McCotter said.

He said it is a lot harder for McCain to complain about \$70 billion in earmarks when he pushes for a \$700 billion bailout.

He said one of the things that "grates" on conservatives is that President Bush has governed as a "centrist neo-conservative" rather than a true conservative.

TIES TO EUROPE

Going forward, he said the U.S. has to work with Europeans on monetary reform.

"You have to have some standard, whether the gold standard or a bimetallic standard, there has to be a standard undergirding the monetary system. Fiat policy and fiat money has not worked very well and it has put us in a position where you have people making up values on paper, values that turn out to be false," he said.

He argued that more attention needs to be paid to restoring balance to the economy by recognizing the value of manufacturing and agriculture.

He said it was important to look hard at trade policies that have made labor a commodity. He said efforts have to be made to keep jobs here in the United States. He said on issues like trade and Corporate Average Fuel Economy, the Michigan delegation often works across party lines.

On foreign issues, McCotter said he isn't bothered by Iraq setting a time line on U.S. withdrawal as they are a sovereign government. He said things seem to be turning in the right direction.

He said more will have to be done in Afghanistan. He said Barack Obama needs to say that if \$10 billion is pulled from Iraq, most of that money will have to be redirected to Afghanistan.

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Canton earns first Kensington Conference grid title

BY JEFF THEISEN
NOVI NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Canton was almost perfect on offense in a 38-21 victory Friday night at Novi to claim the inaugural Kensington Conference championship.

The Chiefs pounded the ball early and often with the run, scoring on all six of their possessions.

"We won four (titles) in our 11 years (in the WLA), Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We had kind of a downer year last year at 5-4. It's good to get back on track and get another championship."

The score got a little out of hand late. Novi scored a pair of touchdowns less than a minute apart early in the fourth to pull within 24-21. Canton didn't panic.

The Chiefs took the next possession 80 yards to

go up 31-21 with 6:38 remaining.

The defense held and got the ball back deep in Novi territory.

Kiere Daniels scored the final touchdown of the night with 2:54 left, and the game was out of reach. "The defense, we played a little better this week," Baechler said.

Canton started the night with an 80-yard drive, all on the ground. Davion Stackhouse rumbled in from the four to put the Chiefs up 7-0.

The lead grew to 14-0 following a pick by Bryan Gerst.

The Chiefs offense mowed down 85 yards in nine plays, again all on the ground. Adam Payter took a handoff up the middle from 20 yards out with 1:03 remaining in the opening quarter.

"That's what we do. We want to establish the run

and pound it, pound it and pound it," Baechler said. "Just like it's concrete. Hopefully, it breaks or cracks or then you can go over the slab, and we were able to do that too."

The Wildcats got on the board with a long drive that ate up more than seven minutes when Paul Favorite scored on a 14-yard run.

The Chiefs added a 31-yard field goal by Daniel Stoney and took a 17-6 lead into the half.

Novi stalled out on the opening drive of the second half, and Canton fired right back down the field.

Daniels scored from the five and Canton had its biggest lead of the game at 24-6, and things looked bleak for Novi.

But how quickly things can change in high school football.

Favorite finished off another long drive for Novi with a six-yard run, and the Wildcats completed a two-point pass to get within 24-14 with 10:54 left to play.

Dan Kilger knocked an onside kick straight forward and actually recovered the ball after it bounced off a Chief player.

Two plays later, Novi was within three when quarterback Chris Bellamy hit Brandon Bradford with a 26-yard score.

But to the Chiefs' credit, they didn't panic. They went right back to the run to get deep into Novi territory before quarterback Kevin Delapaz found Todd Turfe wide open in the end zone for a 16-yard score.

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Salem's Anthony Mullins looks for running room through the Churchill defense during Friday night's game at Salem.

Churchill outlasts Salem, 35-21

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it came to topsy-turvy momentum shifts, the final five minutes of Friday night's Salem-Livonia Churchill football game made the stock market look stable.

After the dust settled, it proved to be a bull market for the Chargers, who cashed in on an action-packed 35-21

victory to spoil the Rocks' homecoming.

Churchill improved to 3-5 while Salem slipped to 1-7.

Two of the most significant plays of the night unfolded consecutively with just over five minutes to play and Churchill securing a 27-21 lead.

Facing a third-and-12 from his own 12, Rock quarterback Heath Parling dumped

a screen pass to Anthony Mullins, who did a nifty impersonation of Barry Sanders, eluding a host of Charger tacklers before cutting up the north sideline for an apparent 88-yard touchdown.

However, Salem was flagged for holding, which negated the score and brought the ball back to its 6. Parling's next pass was

picked off by Churchill's Grant Morgan, who returned the ball to the Salem 24.

"That play was a huge momentum swing," said Morgan, referring to Salem's called-back TD. "We were down when he scored, but when we saw the flag, everybody's spirits came up. When we got the pick on the next

Please see **SALEM, B2**

Stevenson's White outruns Plymouth gridgers, 46-18

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's Austin White ran the football like Superman - the only thing missing was his cape.

The 6-foot, 180-pound junior put together a human highlight reel worthy of a spot on YouTube, breaking his own school rushing mark with 271 yards on just 17 carries and four touchdowns, while passing for another, as the host Spartans earned their eighth state playoff berth in 10 years with 46-18 win over play-off-bound Plymouth.

Stevenson, 6-2 overall, racked up 532 yards, including 349 on the ground and a perfect 9-of-9 passing for 183 yards in the air to riddle a Plymouth defense that given up only 71 points all season.

After Wade Stahl returned the opening kickoff 40 yards, Stevenson's senior quarterback Jacob Gudeman, who was 8-of-8 for 139 yards, connected with Stahl with an 18-yard TD toss just 1:35 into the game and the Spartans were off to races.

"Jacob has been pretty consistent all year and what he does is make good decisions," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He made good reads early-on. He throws an accurate, tight spiral. We've thrown effectively all year."

After Plymouth answered on Terrance Guthridge's 1-yard TD run on the ensuing drive, White

went to work with TD runs of 5, 83, 7 and 5 yards.

Stahl, a 6-foot, 180-pound senior, also caught two other TD passes including a 34-yard pass from Gudeman with 14 seconds left in the first quarter to make it 20-7.

But the back-breaker occurred when White disguised himself as Clark Kent, selling a fake with the run and throwing a perfect spiral strike to a wide open Stahl with 1:55 left in the half to make it 32-10.

The TD pass came after Kyle Brindza booted a 41-yard field goal.

"We practiced it, but we didn't complete any this week in practice, although we completed some earlier in the year," White said of the halfback option throw. "I looked downfield and saw the safety screaming up. Wade was all alone and let I let it go. I didn't see him catch it - I got hit a little bit."

Plymouth stayed alive, cutting the deficit to 32-18 just before halftime on a 5-yard TD run by Guthridge, who also converted the two-pointer.

But in the third quarter, Stevenson scored twice and sacked Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik three times to put the game away.

Although Plymouth (6-2) was down two starting two-way line-men and a free safety because

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Coach battles cancer with courage

If you participated in athletics growing up and you were lucky, you played for a coach like Kim Renzi.

Knowledgeable, caring and enthusiastic, the 38-year-old Canton resident was an instant hit with the Plymouth freshmen volleyball team after being hired in early August.

"Kim immediately gained the respect of her players and everybody in the program," said Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Kelly McCausland.



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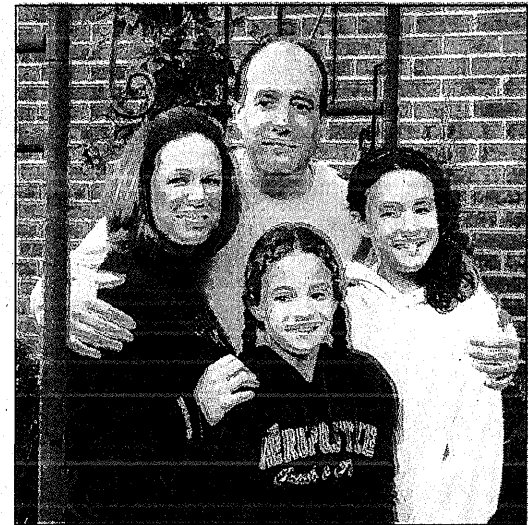
"She molded the young freshmen into confident young ladies who have a new-found love and passion for the game."

Although the position didn't come attached with a high-paying salary or glamor-

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BENEFIT VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

WHAT: Kim Renzi Invitational volleyball tournament;
WHEN: Monday, Oct. 27; pool play begins at 3:30 p.m.;
WHERE: Plymouth High School gymnasium, 8400 N. Beck Rd., Canton;
WHY: To raise funds for Plymouth freshmen volleyball coach Kim Renzi, who was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma in September;
WHO: Freshmen volleyball teams from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area are invited to compete;
HOW TO HELP: Donations will be accepted at the door the day of the tournament. You can also send checks made out to "Honor Foundation" to: Honor Foundation, 19428 Gill Rd., Livonia, MI 48152;
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Kim Renzi is pictured with her husband, Todd, and her daughters Adeline (front) and Marina.

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SALEM

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play, it pretty much ended the game for us."

Morgan was pivotal on both sides of the ball as he racked up 199 total yards (109 passing and 90 rushing) as the Chargers' quarterback.

The senior said he couldn't have been happier when the team switched to a spread offense prior to this season.

"It's a lot more fun to run than the wing-T," he said, smiling. "There's a lot more quarterback involvement and it's just a higher-scoring offense."

The closer-than-the-score-would-indicate set-

back proved to be another tough pill to swallow for the Rocks, who have been competitive in all but one of their eight games this campaign.

"We're turning the corner," said Salem coach Parker Salowich. "(Salem baseball coach) Dale Rumberger told me that when you're turning a program around, you

lose big one year, you lose close the next year, then win close the following year. Hopefully, that's the case for us, but I feel for our seniors, who have really come into their own.

"The way they played tonight — and the way they've played in a lot of our close losses — is a benchmark for our juniors to fol-

low because that's how hard we need them to play next year."

Parling nearly matched Morgan in the heroics department. The senior completed 8-of-19 passes for 116 yards — including a 48-yard TD strike to senior wide receiver Courtney Frazier — ran for 51 yards on 11 carries, broke up several Churchill passes on defense and blocked a field goal in the game's waning moments.

The Chargers found paydirt on their opening possession when Morgan connected with Alexander Bay on a 14-yard slant to make it 7-0 following Matt Andrzejewski's extra point.

Churchill's Devin Moynihan-led defense didn't yield a first down until the 2:02 mark of the second quarter.

The Chargers eventually doubled their advantage to 14-0 with 3:43 left in the half when Morgan scored on a 10-yard keeper.

Salem gained some valuable momentum 19 seconds before halftime when Parling hit Justin Bashi with a 5-yard scoring strike. Ethan Walsh tacked on the point after to make it 14-7.

The most dazzling play of the night came 3:40 into the third quarter when Churchill's Jeff Ricketts hauled in a Salem punt at his own 7 and sprinted 93 yards to paydirt to up the Chargers' lead to 21-7.

"Jeff's our most explosive player," said Churchill coach

John Filiatraut. "If we had a little better record, I think he'd be up for our division's MVP award. He's a special player."

Salem knotted the game at 21-all by scoring on two of its next three drives. The first of two TD's came when Parling lofted a perfect spiral to Frazier, who hauled in a 48-yard TD pass with 5:47 left in the third quarter. The equalizer came with 11:44 left in the game when Parling scored on a fourth-and-1 quarterback sneak.

Churchill regained the lead just four minutes later when Morgan hit Moynihan on a 20-yard scoring pass to make it 27-21.

The Chargers capped the scoring on a Ricketts' 4-yard run with 1:02 to play and a Morgan-to-Ricketts two-point conversion pass.

Churchill won the total-yardage battle, 328-257, and picked up 17 first downs to Salem's eight.

Matt Kowalis churned out 80 yards rushing on nine attempts while Ricketts picked up 52 yards on six carries along with catching four passes for 41 yards.

Jordan Grohoski picked off a pair of passes for the Chargers' defense.

Mullins rushed for 88 yards on 18 carries for Salem.

Austin Root paced the Rocks' defense with 12 tackles and a fumble recovery. Bashi also sparkled for the Salem defense.

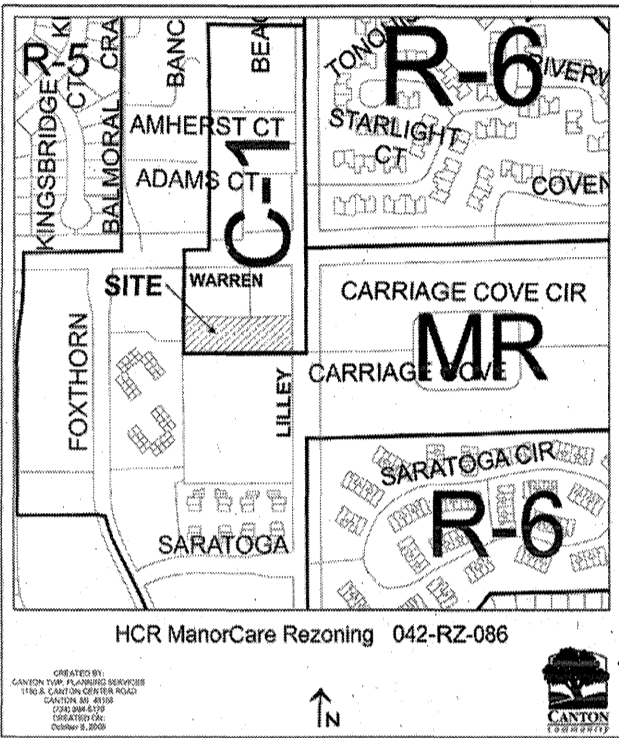
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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HCR MANORCARE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. PARCEL NO. 042 02 0197 303 (PART OF) FROM C-1 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO MR, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the southwest corner of Warren and Lilley Roads.



HCR ManorCare Rezoning 042-RZ-086

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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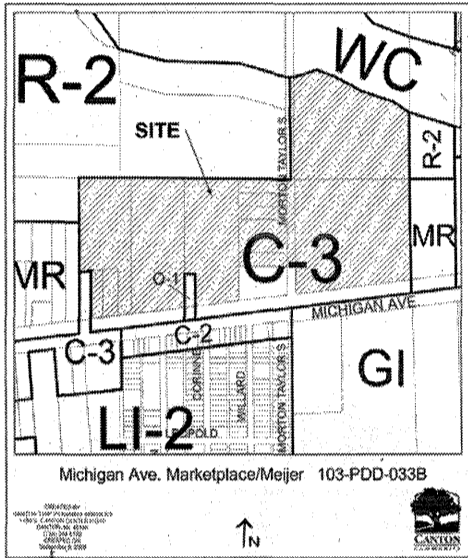
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MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKETPLACE/MEIGER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 103 99 001 003, 133 99 001, 133 99 0001 002, 133 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0002 000 (3700) MORTON TAYLOR S.), 13 99 0004 000 (43600 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 (43780 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0009 000 (48800 MICHIGAN AVE.) AND 138 99 0004 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.

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FOR THE NOVEMBER 04, 2008,
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Plymouth Township Municipal Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. 48170, for the Tuesday, November 04, 2008, Primary Election. For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone # 354-3224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
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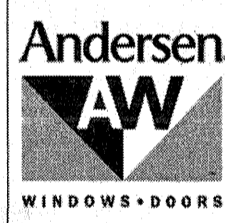
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COACH

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ous perks, it was undeniably a dream job for Renzi, who played volleyball in high school and college, and coached her two young daughters — 11-year-old Marina and 9-year-old Adeline — in YMCA leagues the past few years.

"Kim was beyond excited when she found out she got the job," said Todd Renzi, Kim's husband. "Even though our family is extremely busy — both of our girls are active in sports and Kim and I have full-time jobs — coaching high school volleyball has always been a dream of Kim's, so when she saw the position was open at Plymouth, she went for it."

"And the girls on the team touched her heart right away." McCausland, the players' parents and Todd Renzi marveled at how Kim and the team bonded in just a few short weeks.

"Everything was rolling along nicely for our family," Todd Renzi said, reflecting back to the second week of

September. "Our girls had just started school, Kim was doing what she always wanted to do — coach high school volleyball — life was great."

And then the unthinkable happened.

After experiencing shortness of breath, and pains in her back and chest, Kim visited her doctor. A CAT scan revealed several soft-tissue masses in her lungs. A subsequent biopsy confirmed a daunting diagnosis: metastatic melanoma, one of the most difficult cancers to treat.

"It was devastating," Todd Renzi recalled. "Within a few days, things went from fantastic to hearing from the doctors that Kim had a form of cancer that has no cure."

"She cried for a day, and then she got tough. We started looking into our options and we're determined to fight this thing."

Constant inspiration

Although she has temporarily relinquished her coaching duties at Plymouth while undergoing experimental treatments at the University of Michigan Hospital, Renzi con-

tinues to provide motivation to the freshmen Wildcats.

"Kim continues to inspire the team daily with her strength and determination as she battles her biggest opponent," said McCausland. "I, personally, have learned so much from her in the past few months. She is not only a co-worker, but I consider her to be a very dear friend."

"Her diagnosis hit the program very hard, but it has put many things into perspective for a lot of us. As a program, we learn from her daily. She is a walking definition of strength, courage, hope, determination, and perseverance."

Benefit event

A freshmen invitational volleyball tournament will be held to benefit Kim Renzi on Monday, Oct. 27, beginning

at 3:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Donations, which will go toward the Renzi family's mounting medical bills, will be accepted at the door.

If you can't attend the invitational, do what I did today: Make out a check to the "Honor Foundation," a non-profit 501-C foundation that is raising funds for the Renzis.

Mail the check to: Honor Foundation, 19428 Gill Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

Then say a prayer for Kim. Although members of the Plymouth freshmen volleyball team were lucky to get her as a coach, they haven't played for her nearly long enough.

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PLYMOUTH

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of injuries, coach Mike Sawchuk refused to make excuses.

The Wildcats rushed for only 61 total yards. Skubik was 16-of-30 for 197 yards, but was sacked four times and fumbled once. Plymouth also had a punt blocked, which led to a Stevenson first-

quarter TD.

"Once we got down, we hung our heads," Sawchuk said. "That's a good football team (Stevenson). After that performance we got a lot of work to do, both character-wise and on the football field. We got a butt-kicking."

White's electrifying 83-yard TD run, however, may have been upstaged by his 19-yard double-spin move that led to Stevenson's second score.

Chief spikers edge Plymouth

Canton outlasted Plymouth in an exciting five-game volleyball match Thursday night: 25-16, 25-23, 24-26, 21-25 and 15-8.

"It was a great match with both teams playing aggressive volleyball," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Offensively, we struggled in games one and two, but in games three and four, Mandy McManus stepped up to put more offensive pressure on Canton's defense."

"Canton was missing their starting setter (Kacy Moran), but Gina Waite stepped in and set a great match."

Canton's offense was paced by Jordan Kielty (24 kills) and Kristen Muir, who notched 12.

"I think if we would have stayed consistent and mentally tough in game five, we would have come away with the win," McCausland said.

The Wildcats were led by McManus, who had a career-high 16 kills. Also shining for the hosts were Briana Beyer (45 digs), Jenna Livingston (25 digs), Lauren Scott (24 digs) and Katie Binger (eight kills).

Rocks upend Novi

Salem pulled out a dramatic five-game victory over Novi Thursday night: 18-25, 25-21, 25-9, 19-25 and 15-13.

The triumph improved the Rocks to 21-6 overall and 6-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

"Overall, this was a huge win for us," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "My team was mentally and physically prepared. Novi is a very good team and it was nice to see us finish on top tonight."

Kelly MacDonald led the winners with 23 kills, five aces and 23 digs.



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UNIVERSAL ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A K-12 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B4 FOR PARCEL NOS. 066 99 0007 000 (48911 FORD), 066 99 0008 000 (48951 FORD), 066 99 0011 702 AND 066 99 0012 702 (48956 SALTZ). Property is located south of Ford Road between Ridge and Beck Roads.

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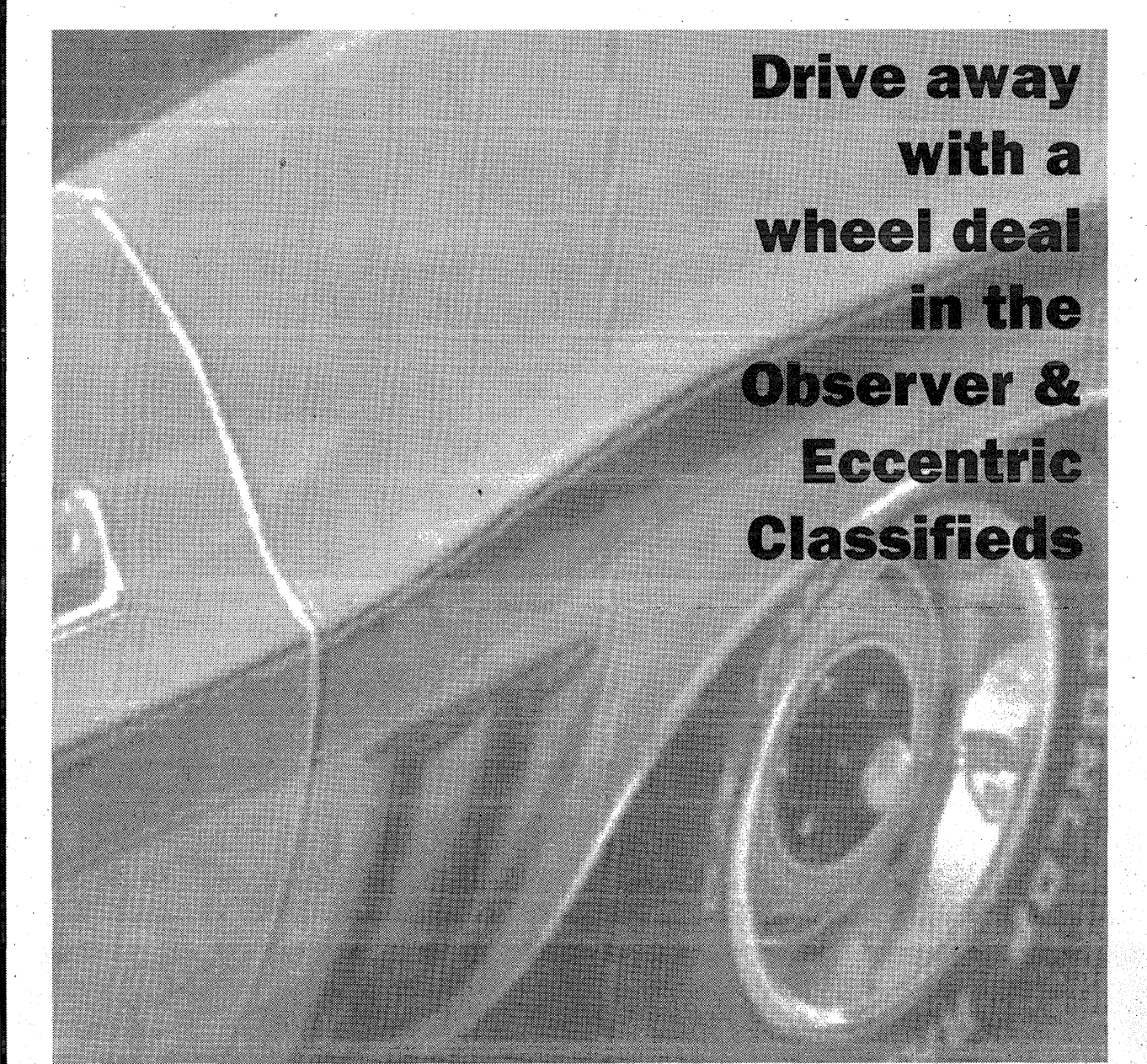
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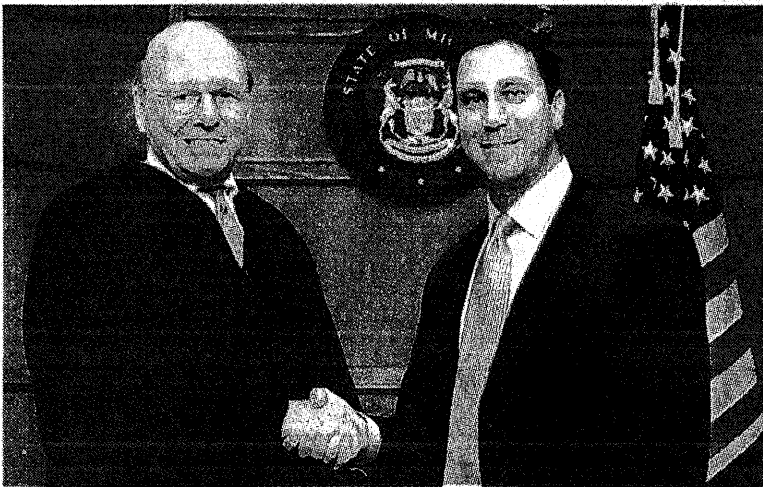
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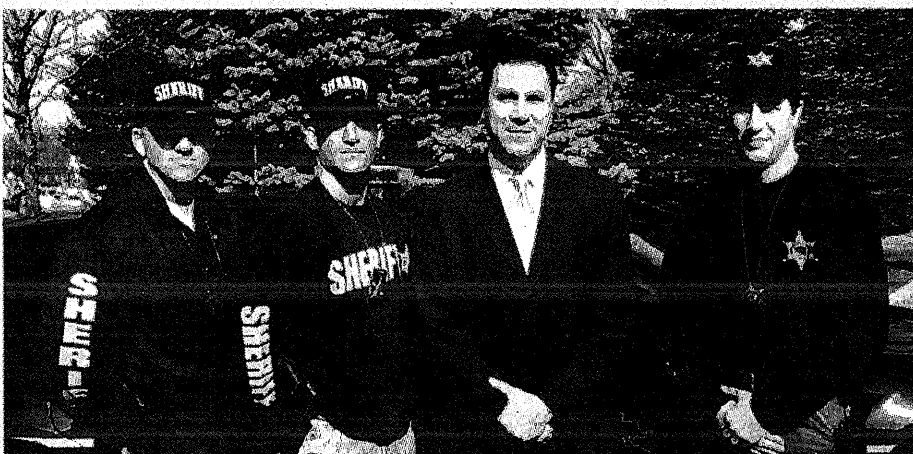


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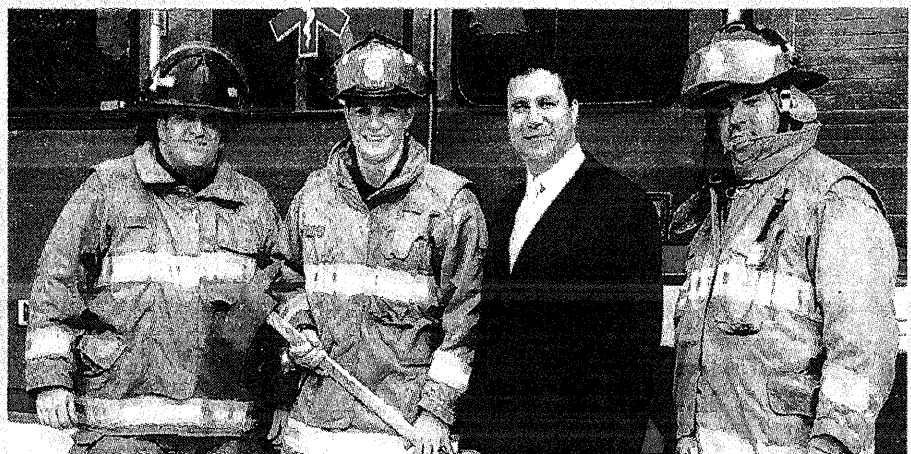


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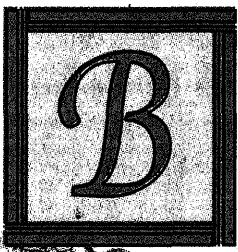
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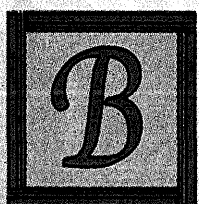
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