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Retail fraud

A 69-year-old Livonia woman was arraigned Monday on charges of retail fraud at one Plymouth business while potentially facing a similar charge at a second local business.

Jeanette Haddad was arraigned in 35th District court on charges of first-degree retail fraud and receiving and concealing stolen property. The retail fraud count carries a five-year penalty if Haddad is convicted.

According to Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski, Haddad is charged with entering Home Sweet Home on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and stealing a purse. The owner called 911, and on the preliminary interview with Officers Matthew Stoops and Jennifer Dergis admitted she'd taken items from the store. The items were recovered from Haddad's vehicle.

Her preliminary exam is set for Aug. 31.

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Dems take aim at Republican turf

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Joanne Lamar has already been elected once, although it was to the non-partisan Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

That's not likely to give Lamar, one of three Democrats appearing on the November general election ballot in Plymouth Township, much of an advantage in an area that has always leaned heavily Republican.

Complicating the issue for Lamar and Alanna Maguire, running for

part-time trustee seats on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, is the presence of three Republican incumbents.

The other Democrat on the ballot is attorney Rita White, who is challenging four-term incumbent treasurer Ron Edwards.

It's the first time in recent memory this many declared Democrats have appeared on the Plymouth Township ballot. The challengers understand the demographics, but remain undaunted as they try to break through on the township board.

Romney factor

"In my book, new ideas are always welcome," Lamar said. "I think our philosophy will be a refreshing change to the local government landscape."

That change may be hard to come by. Some 67 percent of the ballots cast in the August primary were cast by Republicans; only 25 percent of voters cast Democratic ballots.

Political observers point out strong support for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Rom-

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Alanna Maguire (from left), former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustee Joanne Lamar and attorney Rita White are attempting to go where few — if any — Democrats have gone before: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Playing ball



Michael Domzalski coaches the Yellow Jackets.

Miracle League going strong in second year

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Anyone wondering how the Miracle League of Plymouth is doing in its second year doesn't have to go far to find out.

Bilkie Field, the MLP home where special-needs kids get a chance to play baseball, is right downtown.

And this fall, some 80 players (and their "buddies") on eight teams are playing four games every Saturday, fulfilling the promise the MLP provided when it began last year. Players are coming from all over the area — from Milford to Dearborn — to get the experience.

"Everyone involved wants every child and family to feel welcome and have fun," said MLP president Deb Madonna. "Volunteers who thought they came out to help learn very quickly that they are part of something special and learn much more from players."

Miracle League of Plymouth gives an opportunity to special-needs players who might not have gotten the chance otherwise to



Devyn Sweeting got up at 5 a.m. Saturday, excited about playing baseball.

"put on the uniform, become baseball players and be part of a team," Madonna said. She said while baseball is fun for everyone, the baseball played at Bilkie Field is also therapeutic for the players.

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Absentees slow for special vote

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

If absentee ballot applications are any indication, there may be far less voter interest in the Sept. 5 special election to fill the rest of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's term than there was in who will represent the new 11th Congressional District.

The special election was called for by Gov. Rick Snyder after McCotter's resignation in the midst of a petition-signature scandal that led to criminal charges against four of his aides. McCotter was not charged.

Plymouth Township Clerk Joe Bridgman said as of Friday morning, only some 1,600 absentee ballots had been returned for the election. In the City of Plymouth, Clerk Linda Langmesser said fewer than 400 of the nearly 700 ballots that were sent out have come back.

Langmesser said the

fact whomever eventually wins will only serve a couple of months in bothering voters, as is the money being spent.

The 11th District election is expected to cost taxpayers an estimated \$650,000. Bridgman said it will cost Plymouth Township some \$30,000; Langmesser said the city's cost will be around \$9,000.

"I'd say interest is low, because we've had a lot of people come in and say they're not even returning the ballots after they read the term limits," Langmesser said. "I think people are very upset about the amount of money being put into this type of election."

Bridgman said the township sent out more than 4,500 absentee voter applications, but only some 2,800 sent back a request for a ballot.

That's in contrast to the August primary, when 3,954 ballots were back.

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Opening night

Canton High School senior Taylor Hinojosa shows her school spirit at Thursday night's football game against the Midland Chemics. Midland beat the Chiefs in overtime, 29-28. For details, please see Page B1.

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Owners sell business to Ohio firm

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

The sale of Plymouth Township's Sealant Equipment & Engineering Inc. to an Ohio firm is still sinking in for former President Nick Schultz.

"We served about every market, automotive, military, construction, recreational, appliance, medical," said Schultz, a Plymouth Township resident. "Just about every industry you can think of."

Schultz was co-owner with brothers Carl Jr. and James and parents Carl and Isabelle. The firm on Helm in the Metro West industrial park, in the Five Mile-Sheldon area,

was acquired by Ohio-based Nordson Corp. for an undisclosed amount.

"My father started the business in 1967," Nick Schultz said. "I joined the business in 1978. As a family, we carried the business football for 45 years. We were very fortunate to have a successful second generation transition."

The business designs, engineers and makes its own product line for material handling and dispensing equipment applying adhesive sealant such as epoxy, urethane and silicone. The acquisition details took some time and the sale was official Aug. 1, said

Schultz, 56, a Plymouth High School and Eastern Michigan University graduate.

Plan in place

"Right now, I'm just going to catch my breath and pursue other opportunities," said Schultz, noting he and his family will live here and remain active. "We have no plans to make any changes (in residence). We like it here. Plymouth is our home."

It would have been irresponsible of the family "not to have a succession plan in place. Nordson specializes exactly in what we do," he said.

The firm has 60

employees. Its new owner has done well with prior acquisitions, Schultz said.

"Sealant Equipment & Engineering provides Nordson with a broader presence in the cold materials equipment market and focuses on a wide variety of general industry applications including aerospace and transportation, building and construction, medical, alternative energy and many others," said Nordson President and Chief Executive Officer Michael F. Hilton in a statement. "The company is an excellent complement to Nordson's existing cold material equipment offering. It also pro-

vides us with additional capability in a space we have previously highlighted as attractive, and fits our profile of providing customers with outstanding service and differentiated products which improve their processes and productivity. In addition, we see significant opportunities to leverage Nordson's global infrastructure to grow the business beyond its current, largely North American footprint."

Emotional move

Nordson has \$1.2 billion in annual sales, Schultz said, and is in 36 countries. It's publicly traded. "They have an excel-

lent reputation and track record for maintaining and growing the companies they acquire," he said. "It's in their best interest to maintain the talent and years of experience. It's a win for everybody."

"Very emotional because this has been our passion and we've done it for half a century," Schultz said. He noted the capital gains tax as a factor.

"Sales were at an all-time high. All our family members have their health. They (Nordson) basically knocked on our door and wanted to buy our house."

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ELECTION

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requested, and nearly 3,600 were returned.

In the city, Langmesser said some 750 ballots have been issued. In the August primary 699 of 733 ballots were cast.

Bridgman said ballots could perk up as the deadline approaches.

"The last week is when we get our AV ballots back, because peo-

ple have been sitting on them," he said. "All of a sudden they realize they need to get them in."

Five Republicans are on the Sept. 5 ballot — Milford business man and former teacher Kerry Bentivolio, former state Sen. Nancy Cassis and Livonia residents Carolyn Kavanagh, Kenneth Cridler and Steve King, a former Livonia school board member.

The winner faces Democrat David Curson of Belleville in the Nov. 6

election to fill the rest of McCotter's term.

Also on the Nov. 6 ballot, Bentivolio and Democrat Dr. Syed Taj of Canton will compete for a two-year term in the newly redrawn 11th District.

Langmesser said she expects so little interest in the election, especially on election day, that the city is reconsidering its precinct staffing. State law requires a minimum of three precinct workers, but Plymouth generally has more than that.

Langmesser said such may not be the case Sept. 5.

"I think we're going to see a low turnout at the polls, too," she said. "We're rethinking how we're manning our precinct workers because we don't think it's going to be very busy."

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Corrections



A photo that ran in Thursday's Observer misidentified Mary Mack (right) of Northville and Darcy Blakemore (center) of Westland. Decked out in various degrees of pink at last weekend's Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day are Rose Cerroni of Livonia (left), Blakemore and Mack. The women have become friends since meeting at the 2006 Michigan 3-Day. Mack (19 years) and Cerroni (21 years) are cancer survivors.

An incorrect date for the third annual Run for the Rouge 5K walk/run was reported in a story last Sunday. The correct date for the 5K run/walk, presented by the Friends of the Rouge, is Saturday, Sept. 29.

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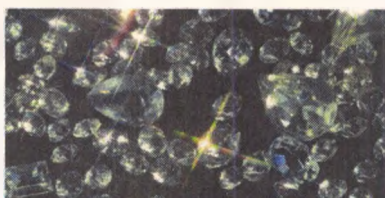
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County considering tax proposal

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne County residents may be voting in November on a \$38 million, .97-mill tax to help cover shortfalls in funding for county public service operations.

The issue will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot if commissioners approve the measure by a two-thirds majority Tuesday during a full board meeting. The measure was offered by Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Canton.

McNamara, who calls himself "as conservative a Democrat as you're going to meet," said he supports the move not because he's in favor of more taxes, but because it's an issue of public safety.

McNamara said Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon's assertion he'd have to release some 1,000 incarcerated prisoners and remove 300 more from electronic tethers is enough motivation to pass the tax.

"I am not pro-tax, but I am pro-public safety," McNamara said. "We've chopped down to the point where it's rubber meets the road. Public safety is the only thing left that can be cut, and I'm unwilling to cut public safety any more."

Commissioner Laura Cox, whose district includes Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth, voted against the proposal Wednesday in a 10-4 vote in a Committee of the Whole meeting of the commission. She will not be voting on the proposal Tuesday because she will be out of town at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla.

Cox said the vote needs a minimum of 10 votes to pass. She believes her absence will not make a difference in the vote because she is opposed to it and the commission would

need 10 votes supporting it. "It doesn't matter because they need 10 votes," Cox said. She said Thursday she would be surprised if it does not pass on Tuesday.

"It's not the right thing to do," Cox said. Cox added that there were "a lot of problems with the language." Under the language approved, the sheriff's department would receive half of the money collected; the children and family services departments would receive 27 percent and the prosecutor's office would get 23 percent.

Cox said Napoleon needs to make "serious changes" in his budget. "People don't want to talk about solutions; they just say 'give us the money,'" Cox said. "Let's just kick the can down the road another 10 years."

But McNamara said the budget has already "been cut to the bone."

"You're not going to find \$39 million," McNamara said.

Cox noted that Oakland and Macomb counties suffered greater losses in property tax revenue, yet have managed to balance budgets. With a higher tax, Wayne County is more expensive for businesses and residents, she noted. "Why would you come here when you can go to Oakland or Macomb counties for better services and government that is cheaper?" Cox asked. "They will argue that Wayne is different from Oakland and Macomb counties, and yes, we are different, but we have to compete. The taxpayers are going to have to put their foot down and say 'no.'" Without changes in the structure (of budgets and county departments), it will be business as usual.

Observer staff writer Brad Kadrich contributed to this report.

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Schoolcraft students, motorists face delays on Haggerty Road

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Students, instructors and employees at Schoolcraft College are being reminded to allow themselves more time to get to campus as the Haggerty Road resurfacing project continues.

Classes begin Wednesday. Lane closures and delays for motorists commuting to work or visiting businesses along Haggerty can be expected through October while Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile is resurfaced.

The work will proceed in two phases. In the first phase, the two outside lanes will be closed, leaving the three interior lanes available for traffic. In the second phase, the interior lanes will be closed for repair and the outside lanes will be open.

If any of the five Schoolcraft entrances off Haggerty need repair, the four other entrances will remain available. Drivers can proceed to another entrance if they find that one is blocked.

The project includes milling of the existing surface, repair of existing concrete pavement and curb, placement of new asphalt surface, upgrades of concrete sidewalk ramps, extension of the bike path from Wayne Avenue heading north and new pavement markings.

The project is being man-

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Lane closures and delays can be expected through October while Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile is resurfaced.

Students, employees and visitors are encouraged to allow extra time when driving to campus. Haggerty Road will remain open throughout the project. There are five Schoolcraft entrances off of Haggerty; drivers can proceed to another entrance if they find that one is blocked.

aged by the Wayne County Roads Division with funding from the county, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Schoolcraft's students can be updated on the construc-

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Seniors win big at annual Olympics



Tayshaun Payton, 12, is a volunteer for the Senior Olympics, helping out with the bean bag toss.



Carol Bodenmiller competes in the bean bag competition for the Wayne County Senior Olympics. She is watched by friends and competitors Jane Carbone and Boots Kawa. All three are from Canton.



D.J. Hoedel of Plymouth practices her marksmanship skills in the Wayne County Senior Olympics, held in Westland. Competitors fired CO2-powered BB pistols at paper targets.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

For three years, Westland has been on top when it comes to Olympic medals.

That that wasn't the case this year. The city passed the mantle to Canton which bested Westland, earning 112 medals in the eighth annual Senior Olympics held earlier this month.

"Westland for three years was in first place for all three categories, but Canton beat us this year with six more medals for gold," said Westland Senior Resources Director Barbara Schimmel Marcum. "I'm glad because you can't win all the time or it takes away the thrill of winning."

The week-long Olympics featured 42 events and culminated with a banquet where the 16 participating communities found out how their seniors did.

"We don't know until the day of the banquet how well we did or how many medals we won," said Marcum. "It's kind of exciting."

Sixteen communities participated in the annual Olympics. Garden City, Inkster and Wayne served as the host communities. The different events are hosted by the 16 different communities that are a part of the Senior Olympics. Westland hosted seven events, including Trivia, marksmanship and Wii Bowling which saw Jane Healy of Westland bowl a perfect game in the 70-79 age group.

"What a day to bowl a 300, it was the only one in the tournament," said Marcum.

There's a method to Marcum's hosting so many events at the West-



Senior Olympics athlete Timothy Cronk tosses the bean bag at the target during the competition.

land senior Friendship Center. It gets more of her seniors involved. This year's team had 50 members, more than any other community, she said.

"We may do more next year," she added. "I'm very proud of all of my seniors. We had more senior participants and that's what I'm most proud of."

The Senior Olympics are open to Wayne County residents who are 50 years and older. The individual events are geared to the particular talent or achievement of the senior athletes and range from golf, bicycling and football and softball throwing to baking, creative writing and card playing like euchre and party bridge. And the athletes compete in events within their own age group.

With this year's Olympics done, Marcum also is thinking about next year. She "loved" having the Trivia competition, which was run by a private company, but is considering another game system game — *Wii Jeopardy*. "We may do that next year," she said.

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On location: Canton brothers drawing praise with videos

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Fear strikes Homam Nasser of Canton after he answers a cell phone call and hears a wicked, vengeful voice on the other end.

The caller has abducted his wife and taken his stapler, his deodorant, his iPhone charger, his toothbrush.

"Stop taking things from me," Homam wails.

Then he learns the caller has taken "your stupid kitty ..."

"William," Homam says, uttering the pet's name.

So it begins, this dark-humor exchange that leads to a gunfight in this YouTube video spoof made by Homam and his brother, Mollie Nasser, based on the movie trailer for *Taken 2*.

Taken 2 star Liam Neeson liked the Nassers' two-minute, 19-second video so much he mentioned it on social media.

Homam calls it "surreal" that actors such as Neeson and Ashton Kutcher have acknowledged their video talents on YouTube, where Canton's budding filmmakers have accumulated 19 million views, attracted 53,000 subscribers and, some months, earned a four-figure income from advertising.

They've made 47 short videos that have drawn viewers from some 100 countries, though they are most popular in the United States, the United Kingdom and the Middle East.

Long-term goal

"The long-term goal is to become a director or writer of feature-length films," said Mollie, a 20-year-old Salem High graduate and Schoolcraft College student who plans to major in film studies at Wayne State University.



COURTESY OF THE DECIMAL BROTHERS

Homam Nasser, carrying brother Mollie on his back, play around in Canton, where they film many of their popular YouTube videos.

"I'd like to move to L.A."

Homam, a 27-year-old graduate of Dearborn High School, is studying nursing at Ohio's Ashland University — a career he can rely on if this film thing fizzles.

Their video titled *Taken 2 Trailer Spoof* earned these accolades from Neeson — "really funny, great work."

The Nassers call themselves The Decimal Brothers — though "we hated math," Mollie says — and their videos can be found at www.decimalbrothers.com. Homam also markets their work online under the moniker Green-HatAngel.

Their videos often blend bloody violence with a twisted, topical sense of humor. After a Miami man chewed someone's face, possibly while he was high, the Nassers were inspired to make a 45-second clip titled *Zombie Attack Caught on Tape — Miami, Fla.*

"The best way to get attention is to make videos that are relevant," Mollie said.

Cast of characters

With four siblings and numerous friends, they have a ready cast of characters to help them.

They've drawn perplexed stares from neighbors who have seen them filming near the Canton house of their parents, Faik A.K. and Enaam Nasser.

In *Stay Golden*, Mollie accidentally kills his brother's cat, touches his off-limits Russian cap and steps on his little yellow bird, resulting in a street chase that ends with Homam pointing a fake gun at him before coming to his senses.

"I've seen a couple of really disturbed faces" from onlookers while filming, Mollie said.

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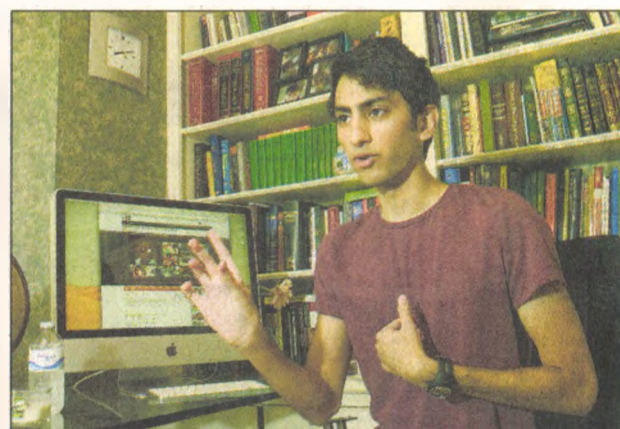
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Mollie Nasser explains how he and his older brother Homam make videos that have garnered 19 million views on YouTube.

after his father bought the family a big, clunky camera that, at the time, was the latest technology.

"I would be filming all the time," he said.

The brothers now use equipment such as a Canon EOS 7D, which they bought with money won from a video contest sponsored by camera company Olympus. Their first YouTube video came in early 2008, and they received support from popular YouTube partners such as David Days.

In June, they got a warm welcome in Anaheim, Calif., at VidCon, one of the world's largest online video conventions.

Location, location

The Nassers have filmed at places such as their home, their street, Canton's Heritage Park, an abandoned paper factory in Ypsilanti and The Somerset Collection, a Troy mall.

They've made odd little videos such as *Nice*, in which they repeat the title word, often for ironic effect, when they find no toilet paper on the roll, no toothpaste in the tube, no Little Debbie oatmeal creme pies in the box — or when Homam falls down

the stairs while carrying a laundry basket.

They received a startling 6.1 million YouTube views for their *Saw 7 Teaser Trailer*, a blend of horror and humor based on the *Saw* movie series.

Then there's *Unicorn Smiles*, in which Mollie awakens from a vivid dream and his brother concocts a sleep-inducing potion so the dream can finish.

They even have Decimal Brothers T-shirts.

Faik A.K. Nasser admits he once preferred that his sons pursue a career such as medical research, but he has decided they should pursue their dreams.

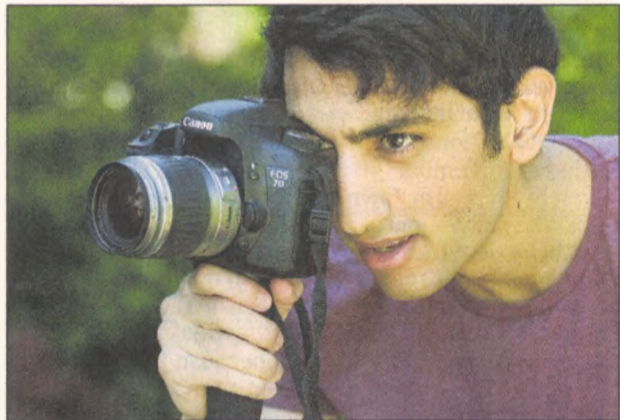
"I'm very proud of them," he said.

Mollie said he gets his inspiration from TV shows, other YouTube videos and real-life situations. Homam can get an idea by finding a chain in the family garage that becomes a scene prop.

"It's a very collaborative process," Mollie said. "We try to make things we would like to watch."

It seems the world is watching too.

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Mollie Nasser, shown here with his video equipment, has made 47 short videos with his brother Homam.

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Kevin Mullan, former announcer for the Toledo Mud Hens, joined MLP announcer Jonathan Weid in the announcer's booth. Mullan was visiting his parents, who live in Plymouth.



Coach Jeff Powers works with the players.

LEAGUE

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"The spectators watch the games and cheer all players, and there are times when the effort that a player puts forth causes everyone to stop and watch every move," Madonna said. "Watching these players makes you believe that baseball is the great-

est game because these young people work hard to do things that many don't think twice about doing."

The money needed to build the field was raised last year, before the field ever opened. But Madonna said some \$70,000 is still needed for the \$300,000 endowment that will help pay for things like fixing and replacing things connected to the field.

"We continue to be pleasantly surprised by the financial support we've received from many, many people, often very unexpectedly," Madonna said.

Donations are still gladly accepted. People can donate any amount by going to the website (www.miracleleague-plymouth.org) and clicking on "Donate."

Madonna thinks those who get involved might

be even luckier than the players themselves.

"What is most unique is that everyone who plays or is a volunteer or a spectator benefits," she said. "I know the children have a great time, but I suspect that the volunteers and spectators never forget what they experience at the field."

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New player Noelle Caloia with her buddy, Anton Ferguson.

DEMS

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ney may make the road for Democrats that much harder.

Carl Berry, the former Plymouth Township police chief and a Republican election strategist, said the Romney factor could spell doom for township Democrats. "If you go back in the

election process on the (February Presidential) primary for Romney and take a look at what the vote was, they turned out very heavily for Romney," said Berry, who now operates a private security service. "The Democrats running are going to have a difficult time overturning any of that. There are going to be a lot of straight-ticket voters. That's going to be hard to overcome."

Alanna Maguire knows those numbers, but they don't faze her. She believes elections are settled in November — "Even in Plymouth Township," she said — and she's been doing "everything I can" to introduce herself and her issues to Plymouth Township voters.

Sticking to issues

Still, she's not naive enough to believe the

road will be anything but difficult.

"Thankfully, I'm not running for president so I don't need to worry about Mitt Romney's numbers," Maguire said. "That being said, I'm focused on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. I'm giving this campaign my all because I believe we need a new voice and new leadership in Plymouth Township."

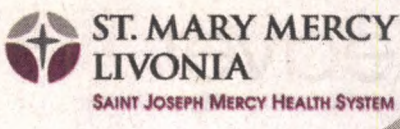

Rita White understands she may have the biggest challenge of all. Her

opponent, Edwards, was first elected in 1996 and has coasted to victories in the last three elections. Although his 400-vote win over Ed Schulz in the primary was the closest margin he's faced, Edwards still got more votes than any challenged politician in the township (Supervisor Richard Reaume had more, but he was unopposed in the primary).


But White actually believes that might actually work to her advantage, to a degree.

"The treasurer's office has been occupied by the same person for the past 16 years," said White, who has her law office in Canton. "I believe there is now a need for the treasurer to change hands to allow for fresh new ideas, viewpoints, and management of budgetary matters. I believe the people see that there is a need for a change to the status quo."

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JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The genuine clarinet phenomenon Dave Bennett will be performing with Doug Cobb on Drums, Kurt Krahnke on Bass and Cliff Monear on Keyboard. Step back in time as Dave plays the tunes of Benny Goodman, Pete Fountain, Artie Shaw and other clarinet greats. Go to www.davebennett.com to hear some great clips of his music. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: OLG hosts a craft fair. The church will provide an 8-foot by 6-foot space, table and two chairs for \$35. Electric outlets are available. The event will feature raffle drawings, food provided by Family Affair Catering. Proceeds applied to building debt reduction. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Call Sandy at (248) 344-7995 or email alsain1964@aol.com

TASTE FEST

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 7, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest features participation from Aubree's of Northville, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Canton Buffalo Wild Wings, Grand Traverse Pie Company, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Mitchell's Fish Marker, Noodles & Company, Rusty Bucket, Scrambler Marie's, Station 885, U.P.Pasties, Happy's Pizza & Ribs, Honey Baked Ham, Boule's Artisan Bakery, Old World Olive Press, Bahama Breeze, Brann's Sizzling Steaks, Chili's Bar and Grill, Claddagh Pub, Rocky's of Northville, & Zoup. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. They can be purchased at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 or at the Civitan Booth during Music

in the Air on Fridays at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

CALL FOR CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Plymouth

Details: The Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair is looking for crafters. Proceeds go for scholarships for future educators from the Plymouth-Canton High Schools. There are 80 crafters, 1500 customers, food and drawings. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Crafters can contact Judy at (734) 347-1001, or email jbstone716@comcast.net or email Alice at dachrenko@hotmail.com

GOOD GRIEF GOLF

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 8, shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts the 14th annual "Good Grief" golf outing will be held. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125. Dinner only is \$35 per person.

Contact: For information about sponsorship opportunities or registration information, contact Carol Spennachio at (248) 348-0115 and visit www.newhopecenter.net.

GIVING BLOOD

Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at a variety of locations this month. Blood drives are scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, St. Kenneth Church; 2-7:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth; 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, Salem High School; 1-6:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, Plymouth District Library. Donors will be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$500 gas card.

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

SHORT SALE SEMINAR

Date/Time: Thursday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: There will be a



Book give-away

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Contact: Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 to reserve a spot by Friday, Sept. 21. The event is sponsored by the MacNRO Team, Keller Williams

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HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes'

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.



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Refinancing could make sense, but not for everyone

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I've been getting calls from my mortgage company about refinancing. Currently, I have a 30-year mortgage at 5 1/2 percent. I have about 18 years left on the mortgage. They are telling me that I can refinance at 4 percent. Does it make sense to refinance?

A: Obviously, it would



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

you proceed. The first is,

be nice to lower your interest rate. However, there are a couple of issues that you need to consider before

how long do you plan to be in your home? If you only plan to be in your home a few years, then it probably does not pay to refinance. My reasoning is the cost of refinancing. It would take you at least a year or two to recoup your cost. On the other hand, if you plan to be in the home long term, then refinancing is a possibility.

The next issue to consider is the cost involved. Unfortunately, when mortgage companies contact you by phone, they neglect to tell you what the cost is to refinance. It wasn't too long ago that mortgage companies were waving fees and offering all sorts of deals. Today those deals are few and far between. My general rule is that if you're

going to be in your home long term and if you can recoup the cost of refinancing in two years or less, then refinancing is a viable option.

If by having lower payments you will recoup your cost in a two-year period or less, then the next issue is what type of mortgage do you get? Just because you had a 30-year fixed rate mortgage doesn't necessarily mean that it's the mortgage for you today.

If you made the same mortgage payment that you're making today, how long will it be until you pay the mortgage off? You may find by making the same mortgage payment you are currently making, coupled with the lower interest rates, it may take years off your mortgage. In many situations this is a viable alternative, particularly for someone who wants to pay their mortgage off as soon as possible. For example, I recently recommended this strategy to someone (early 50s) who is going to retire in about 10 years. He had about 16 years left on his mortgage and he was able to design a mortgage where he basically makes the same payment, but the mortgage will be paid off by the time he retires.

If you decide to proceed with refinancing, get a bid from your exist-

ing mortgage company. In addition, get a competitive bid from another company. Not only do rates differ between companies, but so does the cost. It may be a hassle to start up with a new mortgage company because it doesn't have your basic information, however, if you can save a significant amount of money by having a lower interest rate and lower fees, why not? After all, the money you save looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

With historic low interest rates, many people should be looking at refinancing their mortgage and taking advantage of the current rate environment. The key is to make sure you understand different options and costs.

Refinancing can be a very good way to go for many people. After all, lowering the cost of your mortgage is a very good strategy. On the other hand, refinancing is not for everyone. Take your time, get competitive bids and don't let anyone talk you into anything you don't feel comfortable with. Good luck!

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Isaac who? GOP delegates head to Florida

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Tropical Storm Isaac is threatening this week's GOP National Convention in Tampa, but don't tell that to the Michigan delegation.

Approximately 500 Michigan residents are expected to attend the GOP convention, including 112 delegates, alternates and guests.

Only 30 were granted voting privileges because the national party penalized the state for holding its presidential primary earlier than rules allowed. Despite their bad behavior for holding the early primary, they are staying at a hotel next-door to the convention center and may get front-row seats at the convention center.

Laura Cox, a Wayne County commissioner whose district includes the Plymouths, will attend as an uncommitted at-large delegate, with her husband, former Attorney General Mike Cox. Cox said she has endorsed and will vote for presumed presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

"He's a social conservative; I'm a social conservative," Cox said. "He supports cutting taxes to keep the economy moving forward, I support his positions on health care issues and he was expected to give a speech today (Thursday) on energy policy," Cox said.

Cox said Paul Ryan, Romney's vice presidential pick, is energetic and has shown leadership in developing his budgets.

Cox believed the Michigan delegation may receive a great seating arrangement. The Michigan delegation expects to have several Romney members, including Romney's niece, Ronna Romney McDaniel of Northville, and Scott Romney, Mitt's brother and Ronna's father.

"I think we're supposed to be in a good position, but I don't know that for a fact," Cox said. Cox will attend Michigan gatherings, including ones hosted by Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette today (Sunday).

Tom Stroup, chair of the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, is attending as an alternate without voting privileges. He is an alternate to Romney McDaniel.

Stroup said he too looked forward to the Ryan and Romney speeches on Wednesday and Thursday. Stroup said he supported Romney in 2008 and again this year. "He understands the needs of a small business owner and the state of the economy. He understands business and what it takes to run a business," Stroup said.

Stroup remembers a radio interview with David Brandon, currently athletic director at the University of Michigan, who was relating a story about Bain Capital's purchase of Domino's. After an initial layoff of 100 employees, Domino's doubled its work force, sales and profits after Bain purchased a \$1.1 billion controlling stake, said Brandon, who led Domino's turnaround

after leaving Valassis Communications in Livonia. Domino's reported a more than 1,000 percent increase in profit, to \$25 million.

Stroup remembers that Brandon called officials at Bain Capital "brilliant" in helping Brandon orchestrate Domino's turnaround and turn a larger profit. "They haven't been successful in these investments all of the time, but no one is in capitalism," Stroup said, but Stroup added that the Domino's story, Bain's hiring of Brandon and Domino's turnaround are examples of Romney's business acumen.

Laura Cox will be sending updates via her Twitter account at @LauraL-Cox. Tom Stroup's updates will be at 2012RNC.blogspot.com.

Romney, Ryan supporters rally at Commerce farm

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Republican heavy-weights were in full force Friday in the Huron Valley at a victory rally for presidential candidate Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan.

The former Massachusetts governor expressed his love for his home state, and the U.S. congressman from Wisconsin said he was glad to be "back in Big Ten country" at the Long Family Farm in Commerce Township with a crowd approaching 10,000 supporters.

On a hot, bright, sunny day, the slew of conservative speakers hammered home the need to improve the country's economy and to rein in federal spending.

"We need a president who believes in uniting the American people, not dividing them," Romney said to a burst of applause. "Our way forward is the only way to bring prosperity ... to all people."

"The president (Barack Obama) tried. I believe he did. He was just going in the wrong direction. That's the problem," he added.

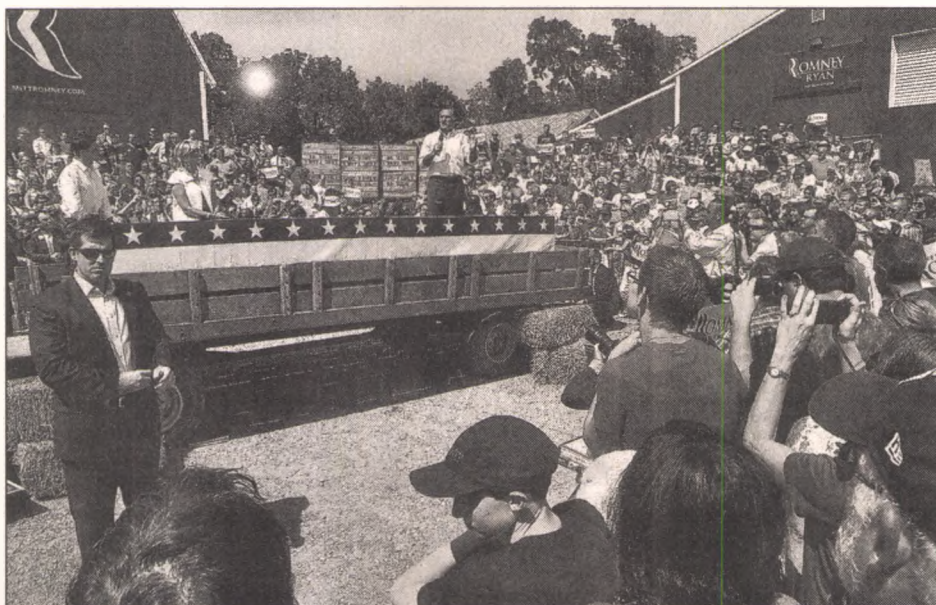
Those at the rally were ardent backers of the Romney-Ryan ticket.

"We came to support the hometown hero and get him elected," said Cathy Brush of Commerce Township. "We can't afford four more years of this."

Brush came to the rally with Martha and Jerry Klemmer of Commerce Township, who were sporting their Tea Party Patriots of West Oakland County shirts.

Martha Klemmer said she was "very excited when Romney selected Ryan as a running mate. We really like the Ryan choice. He's got a budget head."

Added her husband:



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A huge crowd showed up at the Long Family Farm for a victory rally.

said the event "was awesome. He gives us a lot of hope."

In addition to Romney and Ryan, U.S. Senate candidate Pete Hoekstra addressed the crowd, as did U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, state Sen. Randy Richardville and state Rep. Jase Bolger.

The Rev. Leo Lukko with Highland's Church of the Holy Spirit gave the invocation, and Cats and the Fiddler, a Highland-based youth trio, helped provide entertainment.

"We're going to put people back to work, not because the government built it, but because the private sector built it," Hoekstra said. He's campaigning against current U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. "We're bringing out true American values."

Rob and Christine Long, owners of the host farm, said they were excited to host the rally.

"Rob always wanted to have a political corn roast," said Christine Long, a county commissioner representing Commerce and Milford.

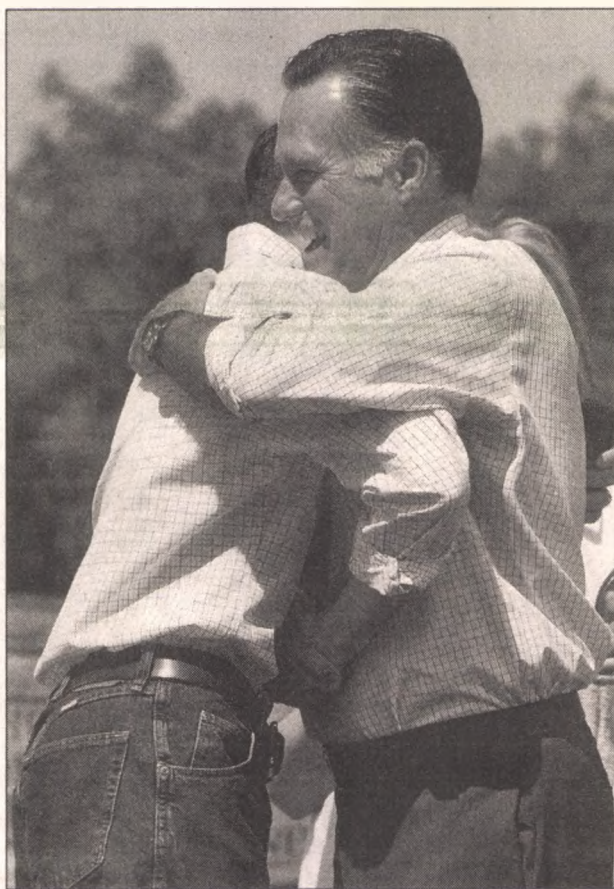
"Who would have thought it would be for Romney-Ryan?"

Pat Melligan, a Commerce resident who lives just down the road from the farm, said she wasn't surprised the Longs hosted the event.

"They had that huge fundraiser at Bakers," she said. "Oakland County is the place to be. I'm not surprised (Romney chose the farm). It's a great location."

Romney and Ryan "have to win," she added. "I strongly support them. If they don't win, the U.S. is in big trouble."

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Running mate Paul Ryan gives Mitt Romney a big hug at the rally.

ers first and leaving the unions behind," Romney said.

• Setting trade policies that are good for Americans.

• Changing the country's financial situation to entice businesses to build or expand in this country. That involves balancing the budget and eliminating the national debt, he said.

• Championing small businesses by lowering taxes, eliminating regulations and "repealing and replacing 'Obamacare,'" he said.

"If we do those five things ... you're going to see America charge back economically," he said.

After the rally, as Gordon and Carol Hogan of Linden were walking their grandchildren back to their minivan, Carol

"We need a plan. There's no plan right now for the country."

Romney highlighted the five-point blueprint he envisions will get the country turned around.

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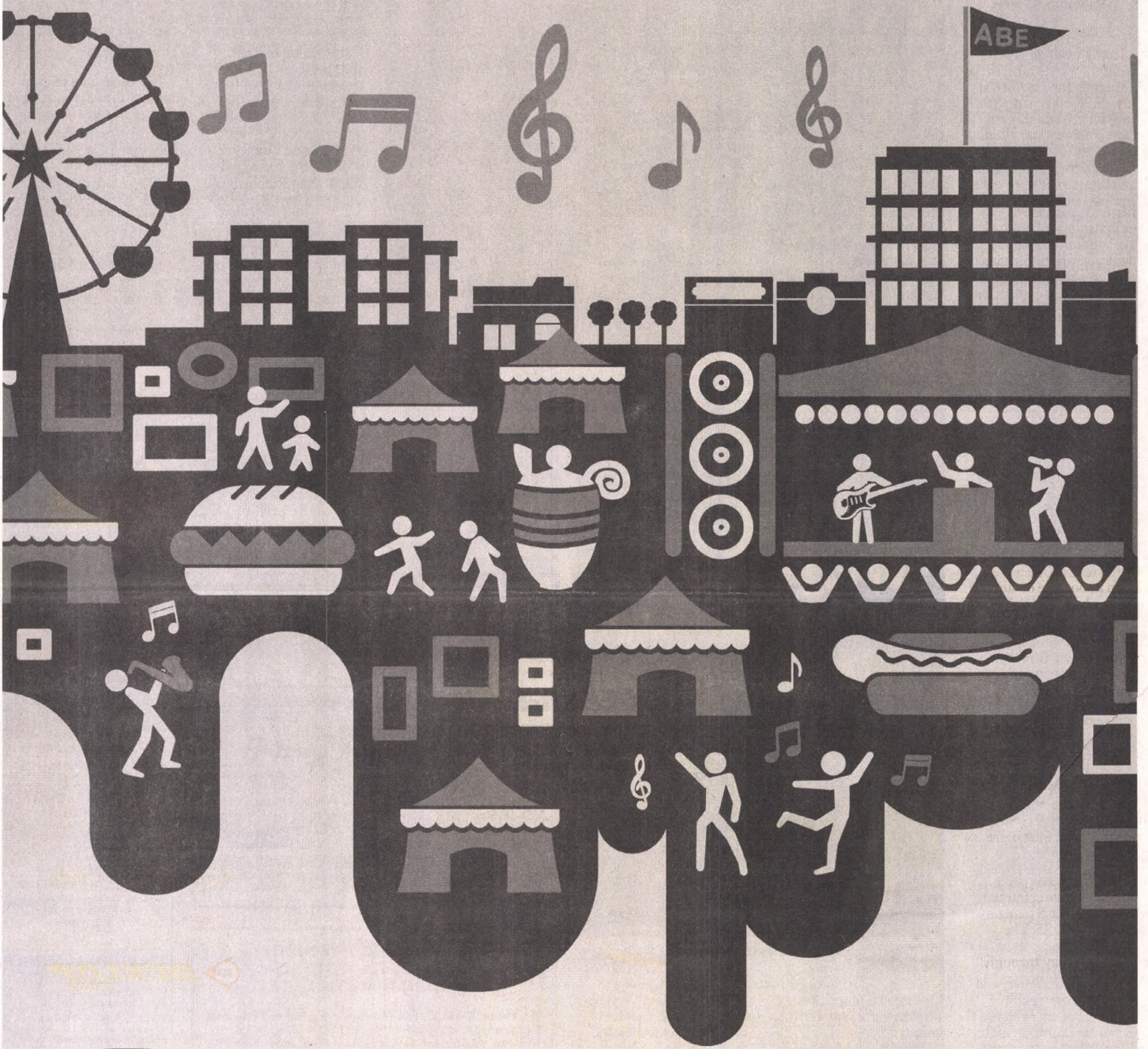
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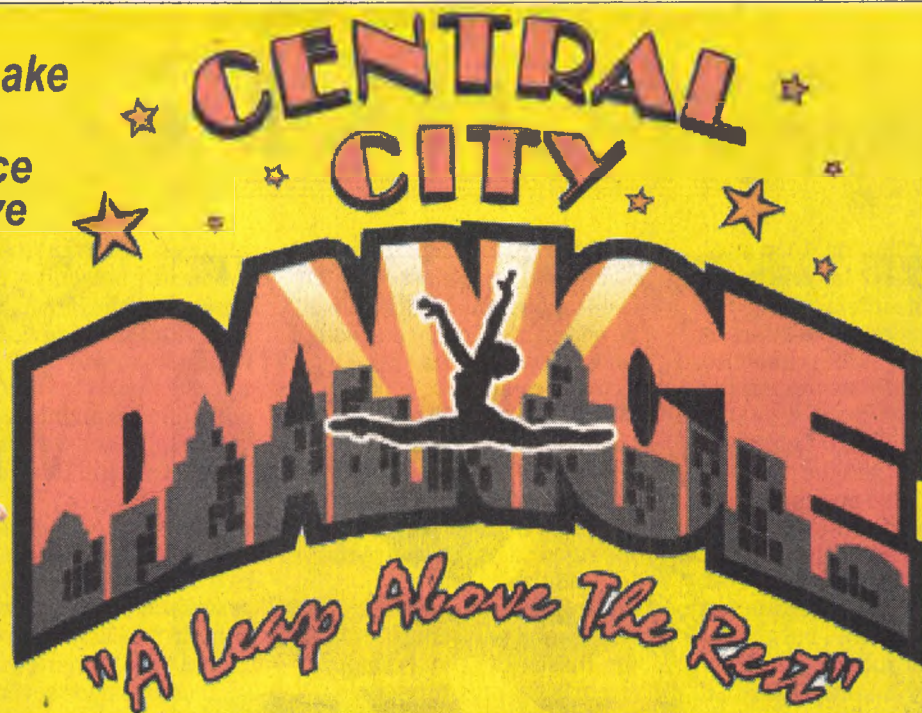


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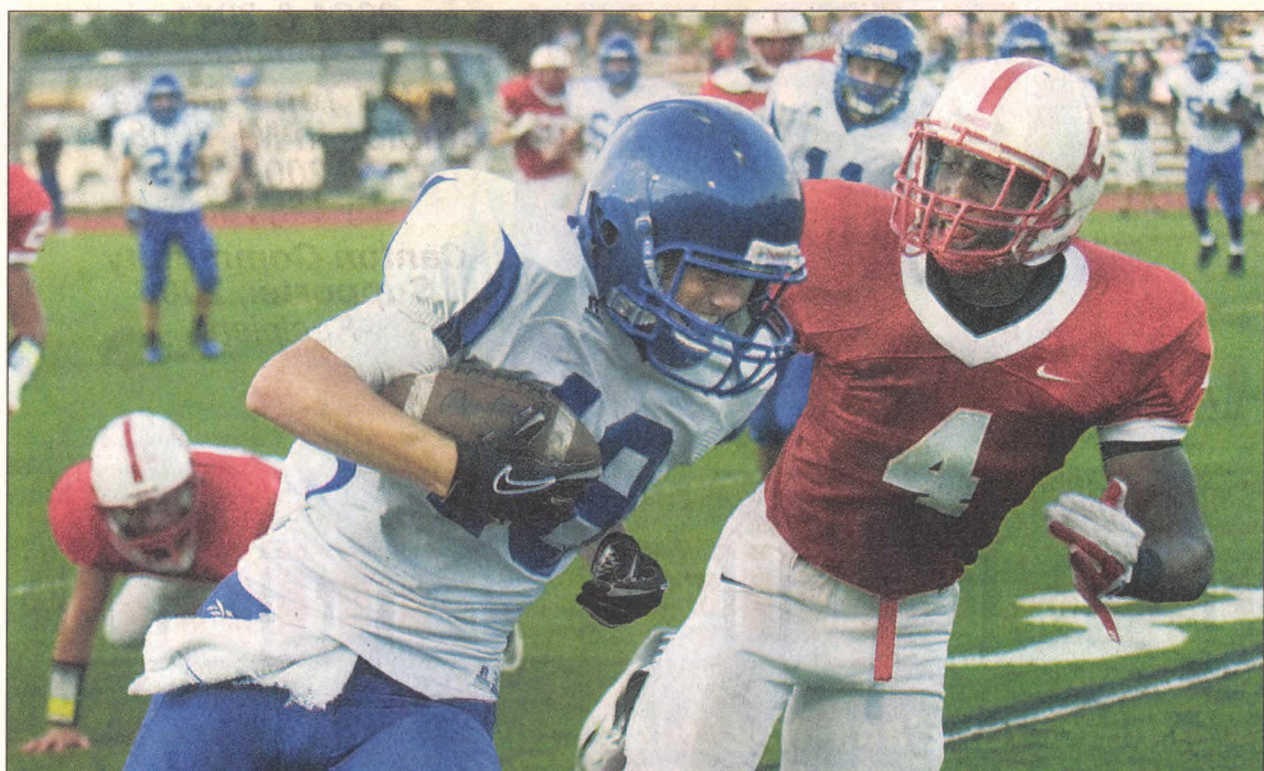
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SPORTS



Closing in for a big tackle Thursday night against Midland receiver Thomas Smith (No. 18) is Canton's Matt McKoy (No. 4).

Salem opens with dazzler

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

Give Drake Jordan an inch and he'll take a huge chunk of yardage, as the Salem junior running back demonstrated in Friday night's 41-17 season-opening romp over Ann Arbor Huron. "It's mostly him," said right tackle Casey Shaughnessy, deflecting any credit Salem coaches heaped on offensive linemen for the high-scoring show at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "He's got speed like no other."

Jordan was the catalyst in an offense that totaled 502 yards. In the first half, he scored on a 53-yard run and 71-yard catch-and-run from senior quarterback Jake Deprez.

Then he swept around the left end for a 13-yard TD late in the third quarter and zig-zagged all the way down the field for a 91-yard dash with 5:23 remaining to finish Salem's scoring. "I didn't want to let my teammates down," Jordan said. "I just wanted to be there for them, I knew we had to

pull together.

"There's no running back without an offensive line and I just followed my blockers and we got the job done today."

Line them up

Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said the collective work of his O-line (led by Shaughnessy, Nick Howie and Danny Stropes) not only opened up big holes for Jordan, it gave Deprez enough protection to launch some impressive throws, too.

"Drake broke a couple," Britnell noted. "Early on Mac (Mike McNamara) did a great job on third down and long on a screen pass (a 15-yard catch during the opening scoring drive), but up front's where it started."

Deprez completed just four of six passes, but they went for 229 yards — including three TDs.

In addition to Jordan's score with 52 seconds to go in the first half (to make it 14-3 Salem), Deprez fired perfect

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
 Salem junior running back Drake Jordan busts it loose for another touchdown Friday night.

Chiefs drop wild opener

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

Two football teams with a playoff pedigree gave fans at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park quite a season-opening game Thursday night, with Midland needing overtime to edge Canton, 29-28.

Despite not having senior playmaker Kendall Scott in the lineup due to an ankle sprain, let alone falling behind 21-7 following a 90-yard kickoff return touchdown by Travis Patten, the Chiefs (0-1) rallied and nearly stunned the Chemics in overtime.

A fortuitous bounce along the goal line enabled Midland (1-0) to match Canton's OT-opening touchdown and it took a brilliant throw-and-catch for a two-point conversion to give the visitors the victory.

"You play a great team in the opener, you make some mistakes and some bad things happen to you, that's just the breaks," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "That's football. But our kids did battle back and came



Going at it Thursday night are Canton's Cameron Dillard (No. 77) and Midland's Steven Elmer, considered two of Michigan's top linemen.

back. I'm very proud of them."

Canton sophomore quarterback Greg Williams piloted two long, effective scoring drives to make it a 21-21 game with 3:22 left in the fourth and the Chiefs' Olaniyi Owagbemi forced a fumble a minute later (recovered by Matt McKoy) to set up a potential game-winning score.

The Chiefs moved it down to the 15 only for the drive to stall. Then with seven seconds remaining, Baechler sent kicker Connor Shennan in for what would have been a game-winning field goal.

A one-hop snap stymied that try, although James Hall gathered the ball and tried to make something happen any-

way. His throw into the end zone was intercepted by Michael Wright to send the exciting game into OT.

Canton converted the first attempt (each team took turns from the 10-yard line) on a three-yard carry by junior Robert Daoud — who was outstanding with 124 all-purpose yards, including 91 rushing. Shennan nailed the extra point to make it 28-21.

Answer time

Then came the Chemics. Quarterback Alec Johnson ran the ball down to the one, but on the next play the ball popped out of the running back's hands toward the goal line.

Instead of Canton recovering it to finish a win, it landed in the hands of Austen Ierrer for six points.

For the tying and winning points, Johnson bootlegged far to his right, looking for an open teammate to throw to or run it in as an option.

Almost crossing the line of scrimmage, he final-

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Getting after it

Salem's Andriy Pelekh (No. 11) battles against Warren DeLaSalle's Sbrocca Romano (No. 2) for a 50/50 ball during Thursday night's varsity boys soccer game. For more, turn to page B2.

SOCCER PREVIEW

New coach Beggs eager to guide Eagles to new heights

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

By day, Daryl Beggs is a flight instructor who spots technical glitches and offers insight on how to correct them.

A coaching veteran of soccer at the youth and middle school levels, Beggs brings the same trouble-shooting persona to his new "night" job — varsity boys soccer coach at Plymouth Christian Academy.



"I'm looking forward to the skill level being a little bit higher," said Beggs, 39. "And using the skills they already have, but also developing more technical skills."

"But with the background I've had with the younger kids, I have the experience on fundamentals to help key

on some things, curb some bad habits."

Beggs, a Westland resident, added that being at the PCA helm will be like seeing how kids do when the training wheels are removed.

"The fun part of being with the high schoolers is the experience level," Beggs said. "Letting them do their thing as opposed to the younger ages, where

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Healthcare jobs soon to be made easier by the iPad

Article Summary: Not just a consumer device, the iPad is meant to be a tool for a variety of professions not the least of which is healthcare. Apple is devoted to putting the power of the iPad into healthcare workers hands!

As any member of the healthcare profession can tell you the bane of any medical office, hospital or clinic is paperwork. Charts, forms and printouts seem to multiply on their own the longer a patient is treated, often resulting in hefty and unwieldy bundles. Of course the paperwork that gets used day to day is often a digest of previous forms, which requires cautious transcription to make sure all pertinent medical information is noted.

The computerization of most modern health care facilities has done much to reduce clutter, redundancies and oversights but it is still the duty of the healthcare staff to make certain each patient has a printed paperfile on hand for the attending physician. This final hurdle of wasteful and time consuming paperwork appears about to fall. With the release this past April of Apple's new tablet device, the iPad, the modern medical office gains a powerful tool of records modernization.

It's not only paperwork the iPad aims to improve. Numerous medical texts, any

of which is too heavy for a busy physician to carry on his or her rounds can be loaded onto the iPad, giving doctors a veritable library of medical knowledge at their finger tips and at a moment's notice. If the information you're looking for isn't in a book the iPad's lightning quick Wifi connection can put you on the internet at speeds your iPhone only dreams of.

Patients will benefit by their doctor's ability to draw up imagery and charts to help explain procedures and diagnoses complete with full-color diagrams and network access to test result, scans and x-rays. Always a major patient complaint, they need no longer wonder about the details a physician may be too busy to explain in detail, the doctor will soon be able to simply hand a detailed audio visual presentation from his or her white coat pocket.

At the same time the iPad can be an excellent tool for patient sign ins, surveys, registrations and, concierge service for patients. A number of hospitals have been using the iPad including the vaunted Cedars-Sinai Medical center in Los Angeles which was rumored to have been given a number of the early models of the top secret device before its official release to the public.



Apple contends that overall physicians and healthcare workers have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about their hopes for the iPad as a valuable tool in the medical office of the future. This comes as no major surprise if you consider the popularity of Apple's iPhone with doctors and nurses. Thousands of healthcare applications designed specifically for the iPhone are for sale in the iPhone App Store and an equal number, if not more are expected to be developed for the iPad in the coming years.

Certainly a huge contributing factor to the iPad's ability to carve itself a niche in the medical device market is its relatively low price. On the low-end a laptop - an item the iPad has designs on replacing, or at least usurping many of the

mobile medical applications for which laptops are used - costs at least twice as much as a single iPad. While other tablet devices designed specifically for medical use can easily cost 20 times the cost of the iPad.

It is obvious that this is a market Apple wants to be part of and that they have consulted physicians, nurses and workers variety of other healthcare jobs to discover what exactly they can do to set themselves apart in this lucrative market. The outreach has been significant and it's only a matter of time until iPads become as common a site in doctor's offices as stethoscopes.

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	4	2					1	5
			3			7	8	

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5	2	9	6	8	7	4	1	3
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