

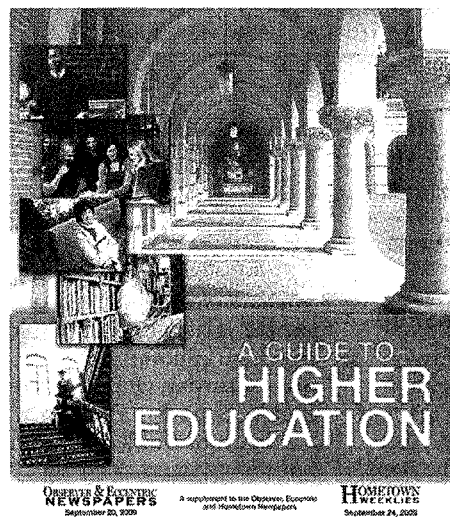
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CANTON CONNECTION

Fraud suspect

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the female in a photo they obtained from a surveillance camera at the Target store on Ford Road in Canton on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at approximately 2:30 p.m. The female is suspected of credit card fraud.



Canton Police are looking for help finding this woman.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or online to www.1800speakup.org.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads to the arrest of a suspect.

Little dresses

Members of the Canton Senior Center are undertaking a new project to make little dresses that will be distributed to orphanages throughout Central Africa. Volunteers are creating simple dresses out of pillow cases that will be distributed to young girls of Uganda and Tanzania.

Volunteers work hard to make these pillow cases into beautiful dresses by adding lace, buttons, bows, and other embellishments. The final product is turned over to "Little Dresses for Africa," a local non-profit organization that will deliver the dresses to the little girls in Central Africa. So far 80 dresses have been sewn and turned over to Rachel O'Neill, organizer of this area nonprofit group.

To learn more about the Canton Senior Center's "Little Dresses for Africa" or to donate pillow cases, trimmings or to make a monetary donation, call (734) 394-5485. For more information on "Little Dresses for Africa," call (734) 637-9064.



Canton Senior Center volunteers worked with area nonprofit to make Little Dresses for Africa. So far, some 80 dresses have been sent.

Public safety chief opts for January retirement

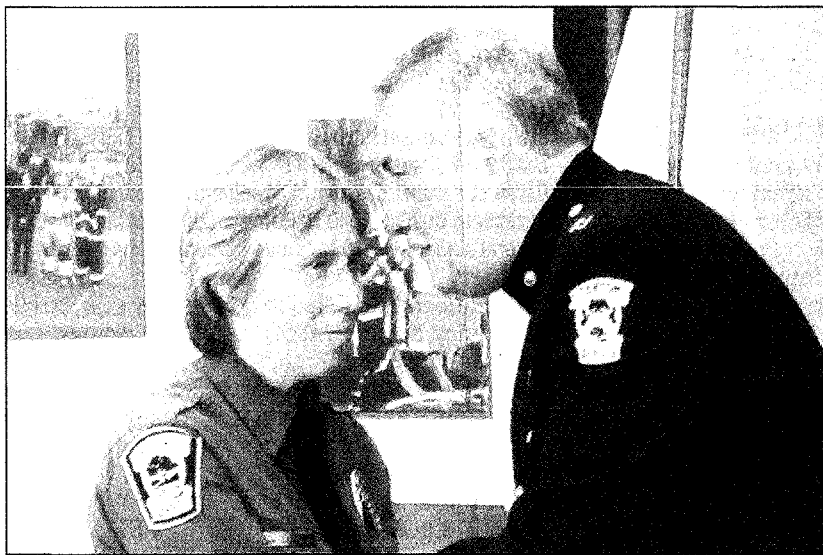
BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, praised for leading what has emerged as one of the state's premier police and fire departments, will retire in January and end a 24-year career in a township where his mark will long remain.

Santomauro, whose law-enforcement career spans four decades, led this township from a police station with fewer than 30 officers to a combined police-fire department of some 200 employees. He conceded Friday he will leave with mixed emotions.

"It is very bittersweet. I've been in this business 40 years," Santomauro, 60, said. "This is not a good public safety organization. It's an exceptional public safety organization."

His successor hasn't been named. Santomauro didn't credit himself so much as his employees with helping the Canton department earn



Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, here congratulating 2007 Civilian of the Year PSSO Robin Bush, announced he'll retire in January.

respect across the state for keeping the township one of Michigan's safest communities, despite its rapid growth in recent decades.

Santomauro was hired in Canton in 1985, after earlier serving as a U.S. Marine Corps platoon sergeant and following his previous law-

enforcement stints in Farmington and Pittsfield Township.

Under his leadership, the former Canton police station near Geddes and Sheldon was replaced by a public safety organization housed in a first-rate facility on Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, a former merit commission member, township board member and state representative, saw Santomauro's career flourish.

"Without question, he was the architect of what we have today, which in my opinion is the finest public safety department in the state of Michigan," LaJoy said. "We're one of the safest communities in the nation. We've had tremendous growth, but we've been able to maintain that safety and quality of life."

Canton, with more than 87,000 residents within 36 square miles,

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A shot at the shots

School district in the running to be selected as H1N1 vaccine clinic

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Wayne County Public Health officials begin setting up the eight mass-vaccination sites once the federal government provides vaccines to the H1N1 virus, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is likely to be one of them.

Wayne County Public Health Officer Loretta Davis said Thursday the county is talking with Plymouth-Canton officials about using the district as a site where people can go to get the H1N1 vaccination free of charge.

The negotiations are at least partially a product of a relationship built over the last few years, especially last year when the county and the district worked together to handle an H1N1 case within the district.

"We have been working with the Plymouth-Canton school district, and we are hoping they will be one of the sites," Davis said. "This is a very large district, and we can reach more than 19,000 people in the target groups if this is a site."

Davis wouldn't confirm Plymouth-Canton as a site and said the mass-vaccination sites would be officially announced when the federal government makes the vac-



MARY HOLALY

Discovery Middle School students Emilie Hawks, Archana Sondor and Alana Peterson demonstrate proper hand-washing techniques during a demonstration as part of Wayne County's Wash Your Hands campaign to prevent H1N1.

Clean hands campaign, A4.

cines available, probably some time in October, she said.

According to Davis, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have named several groups as targets for the vaccine:

- Pregnant women
- Children 6 months to 24 years old
- Health care and emergency care providers
- Adults 24-65 who have underlying health concerns

Plymouth-Canton Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel said the size and makeup of the district

would make it a valuable asset in the county's campaign to prevent H1N1. "We fit the profile," Fiegel said. "Our students tend to travel a bit more ... they have access to other places. That's the more likely group to be exposed to (H1N1) in other places

and bring it back.

"We've had a good relationship with the county," Fiegel added. "It developed last year when we had our own case. They were a great resource for us."

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Farm market suspects bound over

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two defendants have been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges they tried to break into a farm market in Canton.

Scott Allen Shuman, 41, of West Bloomfield, and Christopher Dennis Boldvich, 28, of Redford, are facing trial following a preliminary hearing Monday in 35th District Court. Shuman remains jailed with a \$15,000 cash bond, but a court clerk said Boldvich has been released after a similar amount was posted for him.

The pair was arrested Aug. 17 when a passerby called authorities after seeing two suspicious men near a farm market near Ford and Beck roads, Canton



Shuman

Boldvich

police said. Officers rushed to the scene and captured two men as they attempted to flee on foot.

Police indicated the men entered a storage area of the market and tried to gain entry to the building before officers halted their efforts.

One day after the incident occurred, Shuman and Boldvich were arraigned on charges of attempted breaking and enter-

ing a building — a felony punishable by up to five years in prison with a conviction.

However, both men have been charged as fourth-degree habitual offenders, meaning any sentence imposed on them could be lengthened if they are found guilty.

Even before the latest incident, Shuman already had been placed on probation for breaking into a coin-operated device. Boldvich also has a criminal record including the same charge, in addition to larceny in a building and burning of property, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Boldvich had served time in prison but was released last year.

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Foundation hosts 'philanthropy summit'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A lingering economic downturn has made it increasingly difficult for nonprofits and other organizations to raise much-needed money, but the Canton Community Foundation — with a proven track record of community aid — hopes to help.

"We're seeing that trend (of donating money) go down, but it doesn't mean that you give up," foundation President Joan Noricks said.

To that end, the foundation is reaching out to area nonprofits, donors, professional advisors and others during a philanthropy summit 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway near Canton Center and Palmer roads.

"The foundation's goal is really to create a social network of organizations that are sustainable and can fulfill their various missions,"



Noricks

Noricks said. The foundation can partner with nonprofits, donors and other organizations by investing earnings or simply administering "pass-through" donations that are more quickly used. In all, Noricks said, the foundation already oversees 32 funds.

Especially during tough economic times, many groups dependent on donations become bogged down in daily fund-raising efforts and fail to seek out potentially bigger sources of income, such as estate gifts and endowment funds, Noricks said.

Since June alone, she has met with 80 nonprofits and professional advisors, explaining how the community foundation can help them.

"They're very excited about it," Noricks said.

There's no charge to attend

the philanthropy summit, but reservations are required by calling (734) 495-1200 or by sending an e-mail to info@cantonfoundation.org.

Participants may register and mingle starting at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 1, and a program, "Managing Donor Expectations in a Challenging Environment," will start at 2 p.m. and be led by Christopher L. Kelly, vice president/senior philanthropic advisor for Comerica Charitable Services Group.

Participants will break for refreshments at 3:30 p.m. before having a panel discussion 4-5 p.m. on how the Canton Community Foundation helps with endowment fund growth. It will provide information on how to leverage the resources of the foundation.

The foundation is no stranger to raising money of its own. Since it was formed 20 years ago, it has awarded \$450,000 in scholarship money to college students.

"Our biggest claim to fame is

probably our scholarship program," Noricks said, adding that the foundation also funded a \$20,000 feasibility study before the Village Theater at Cherry Hill was built.

The theater, itself, has recently delved into new fund-raising methods. It raised nearly \$60,000 in donations and matching funds after it was chosen to participate in August in an online, arts fund-raising challenge by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Jennifer Tobin, Canton's arts coordinator, at that time had described herself as "thrilled" by the outpouring of support.

Noricks said it's important for nonprofits and other organizations to look past the current economic climate and plan long-term. When asked what she hopes participants in the philanthropy summit will learn, she said it's that "the Canton Community Foundation is here to help you be successful."

Readers now have a chance to Get Published

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Weekly Newspapers* have an exciting new feature designed to forge a more collaborative relationship with readers. Get Published, which launched Friday on our Web site, hometownlife.com, allows readers to publish stories and photos in a special area devoted just to them.

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The Get Published section of hometownlife.com is just below the middle of our homepage on the left-hand side. Perhaps the best feature of the service is that it's easy to use. You don't have to register or sign up for anything. Just click on the Get Published link and fill in the blanks on a form. Upload a photo to go with the article if you want and submit it for publication. An editor will review the story before it is published online, but the whole process will take just a day.

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Prep sports fans should also look for our new video preview of the games of the week. Featured every Wednesday on our main carousel will be analysis from the best prep sports writers in the business. Our reporters actually go to the games, so they can offer insight others can't match.

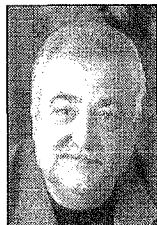
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just last week was cited as having the third-lowest crime rate among 16 communities with 50,000-100,000 people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Santomauro credited "the tremendous people" in the public safety department and a public that has been willing to work closely with law enforcement.

Santomauro has a bachelor of arts degree in social science from Madonna College and a master's degree in interdisciplinary technology



Santomauro

and lectured at the college and seminar levels, and his specialty has been leadership development and department rehabilitation.

His departure from his Canton position could ultimately save the township money. If he is replaced by someone within his department, local officials have

indicated in township board documents that one of the two local deputy police positions could potentially remain vacant starting in 2010 as a cost-saving measure amid tough economic times.

Santomauro has presided over sorrowful moments in his department, such as in 2003 when one Canton officer, Gordon Lewis Stevens, died in the line of duty when his patrol car was rear-ended.

Santomauro then called Stevens, a 25-year veteran, "a great officer and a great person" and said the incident "is an absolute loss for the department."

On Friday, Santomauro downplayed his role for the

last 24 years, calling his leadership "insignificant to the greater success of the organization" because "what stands out foremost is the tremendous people in the organization."

Referring to his career, he said, "I just have been really blessed."

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County kicks off clean hands campaign to fight H1N1

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pujitha Kasipuram of Canton admits pretty much everything frightens her, so it's not surprising the idea of catching the H1N1 virus is a little scary.

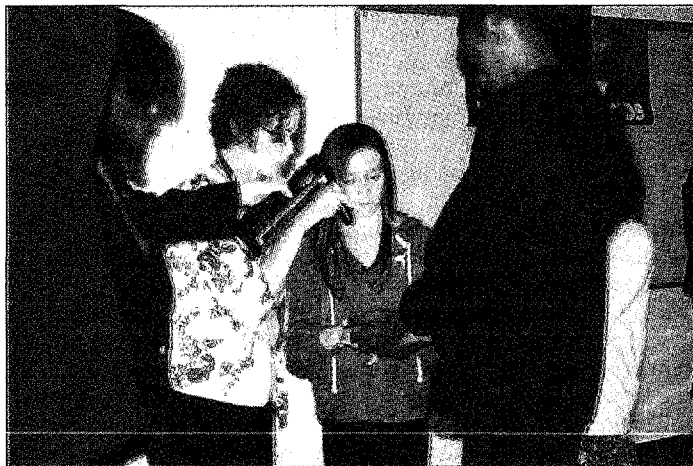
That's why she volunteered to be part of the Wayne County Health Department's kick-off of its "Wash Your Hands" campaign, the county's drive to educate and inspire people to take the necessary steps toward preventing the potentially deadly flu.

And when, beneath the black light shone on the hands of several student volunteers, a plethora of germs appeared, Pujitha's decision to be part of the demonstration was confirmed.

"I was surprised ... I didn't know there were that many germs on my hands," said Pujitha, a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Discovery Middle School, where Wayne County officials kicked off the campaign. "After we washed them, I was shocked how many were knocked off."

That's the point Loretta Davis, Wayne County's public health officer, wants to make to students, parents, teachers - anyone who will listen - about preventing the spread of not only H1N1, but other communicable diseases.

The campaign talks about washing hands for 15-20 seconds - it tells people to time it by singing a couple of choruses of "Happy Birthday" - with emphasis on getting between fingers and around cuticles.



Wayne County Public Health officials used a black light to show Discovery Middle School students how many germs collected on their hands during a 'Wash Your Hands' campaign kickoff event Thursday.

There are also tips on proper sneezing and coughing etiquette (sneeze into the crook of your elbow, for instance) and other hygiene issues the county will stress.

Davis knows it's pretty basic stuff, but that doesn't make it less important.

"It sounds so basic and obvious," Davis said. "It's something we were all taught when we were young, but it's something we all fall into a pattern of maybe forgetting as we get older."

"We want to bring it to the forefront," she added. "As important as a vaccine is, this is at least equally important."

Important enough to partner with some 5,000 local businesses and restaurants to spread decals reminding people to wash their hands frequently. Billboards spread around the county will also espouse the plan.

And they chose Plymouth-Canton schools to kick it off because of a relationship the

two have built in recent years, especially last year when Plymouth-Canton had to deal with a case of H1N1 of its own.

"Canton has always been a very active participant with public health," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "They were open to it, so we decided to kick it off here. They have a lot of responsive parents, teachers and students, so it's a great place to start."

The students who volunteered to act as participants in the demonstration came away impressed and surprised.

"The amount of germs on my hands surprised me a lot," said Jordan Nobles, a 13-year-old Discovery eighth-grader. "It helps me realize I have to wash my hands all the time."

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Students keep writer coming back to the band

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Diane Hanson started writing newspaper stories about the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band 15 years ago, when her oldest daughter was one of the students doing the marching.

Now, 15 years later and four years after her youngest graduated, Hanson can't help herself. She's still writing stories about the band.

"These are great kids, they work hard and they really appreciate the effort" said Hanson, who has lived in Canton with husband Bart since 1983. "I love these kids."

And she wasn't talking about her own six (though she loves them, too). She was talking about the thousands



Hanson

of students who've passed through the band - and before her camera lens - in the years since daughter Lora became part of the color guard and later played trumpet.

That's when Diane and Bart Hanson got involved, becoming yellow-jacket wearing, equipment-hauling and supportive "band parents," members of the ultra-involved PCMB Band Boosters.

"We weren't really going to get involved that deep at first," said Hanson, who covered Saturday's opening competition. "The first time you walk into one of those meetings, it's amazing. It's one of the only

BAND PLAYS ON

Here are highlights of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's schedule for the 2009 season:

- Sept. 19 - Woodhaven-Brownstown Invitational, Woodhaven High School
- Oct. 10 - Bands of America Regional Championships, EMU's Ryneerson Stadium, Ypsilanti
- Oct. 17 - Great Lakes Invitational, P-CEP home field
- Oct. 31 - Huron Valley Invitational, Lakeland High School, White Lake
- Nov. 7 - Michigan Competing Bands Association State Championships, Ford Field
- Nov. 12-14 - Bands of America Grand National Championships - Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

things where the kids actually want you to be part of it."

Bart and Diane Hanson both come from something of a musical background; Bart was a cellist, Diane a violinist earlier in their lives. They passed that feeling for music on to all six of their

children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom played instruments in middle school.

The sons - Eric, Scott and Jeff - gave it up before moving on to high school. The girls - Lora, Lisa and Leah - stuck with it and all joined the marching band.

"The boys all had musical skills, but they moved on to other things," Hanson recalled. "The girls showed more interest."

Diane and Bart encouraged the interest in music, believing the subject, whether it's choral or instrumental, helps develop other skills - time management, academics and the like.

And the girls loved it. Eldest daughter Lora went on to become a member of the Michigan State University marching band. She also went into the school's veterinary program, and when that got tough, she always had the band.

"Particularly for Lora, there was always a great release," Hanson said of Lora, now a veterinarian in Allen Park. "Vet school was so tough,

(band) was a great release for her."

It's been a great release for her mother, as well. Diane Hanson was already writing free-lance when she noticed - during Lora's tenure in band - how much sports coverage there was compared to how little coverage of things like band. She approached the Observer editor, who suggested she write the stories and take the pictures.

She agreed to do it - and 15 years later is still doing it - for the kids.

"These kids do it with a love of music and for the camaraderie, they become like a family," Hanson said. "It's a great experience. It prepares them for life."

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Take distribution, then reinvest the money

Q: Dear Rick: I know I do not have to take a minimum required distribution this year, but I'm not sure if it wouldn't be in my best interest to do so. I don't need the money and I'm in a low tax bracket this year. Normally, I am in a higher bracket because although I am retired, I do have a part-time job. This year I work less than I have in the past. My thought is that I



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

should take a distribution because I'm in a lower bracket. What do you think?

A: My general rule is that if you do not need the money from your required minimum distribution, then it probably would pay to wait. However, one exception to that rule is if you are in a low tax bracket.

In your situation, there's a possibility you will be in a higher bracket next year, so it makes sense to take a distribution this year. I recommend you take a distribution that is a sufficient amount to keep you in the lower tax bracket. Once you remove the money and pay your taxes, you should turn around and reinvest the money.

When reinvesting the money, consider a Roth IRA. Typically, you are not allowed to take your minimum required distribution and use it for a Roth conversion. However, since in 2009 there is no minimum required distribution, you are eligible to do a Roth conversion. The benefit of doing the Roth conversion is you are taking money that was growing tax-deferred and converting into tax-free money. In addition, it is not subject to the minimum required distribution rules. Therefore, you can let that money grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

The one downside is the money must stay in the Roth IRA for five years. That does not appear to be a problem in your situation.

This year presents a rare opportunity for many seniors. Since there is no required minimum distribution, it allows many seniors to take advantage of a Roth conversion when in the past they were not able to. They should reconsider taking that distribution, paying the taxes and converting the money into a Roth IRA.

One recommendation for seniors considering the conversion is, don't wait too long. The transaction must be completed before the end of the year.

Q: Dear Rick: My husband and I were on vacation earlier this year and we were approached about buying a timeshare. After sitting down with the sales

representatives, it does appear that a timeshare can be a good investment. What do you think?

A: I've looked at timeshares as an investment for years and after doing research I don't believe they are good investments. All you have to do is go on a variety of Web sites and you can see that timeshares are selling for a fraction of

their original purchase price. In fact, I can't remember talking to one investor who has actually made money on his/her timeshare. The only thing to consider when investing is whether you made money and I don't see that happening with timeshares.

Although I do not believe that timeshares are a good investment, that does not

mean that someone should not purchase one. Many people like timeshares for their convenience as well as other factors. However, those are quality of life issues and not factors to consider an investment.

Don't make the decision based upon the same criteria you would apply to a decision involving an investment. For a timeshare, there are factors

such as location, availability and transferability that really don't come into the equation when it comes to an investment.

I know many people who have purchased timeshares who love them and I know an equal number of people who have purchased timeshares and have been disappointed. My advice is, do you home-

work and don't get swayed by aggressive salespeople who tend to work in the timeshare industry.

Good luck!

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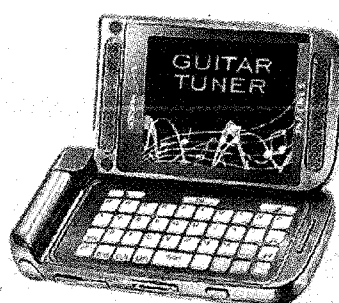
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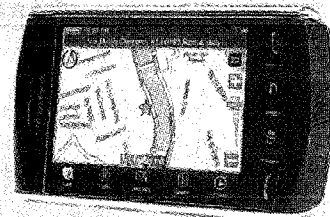
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Former soccer coach faces 15 years when trial comes

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man who had coached for the Plymouth Soccer Club is facing a Nov. 30 jury trial on charges he sexually assaulted a 23-year-old woman inside an apartment on Canton Township's northeast side, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Yao Fiacre Kra, 28, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison

if he is convicted of third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a woman who was visiting a friend earlier this year at The Crossings, near I-275 and Joy Road.

Allegations against Kra led to a criminal investigation and a preliminary hearing in July that ended with the defendant being ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Barring any new developments, Kra is set for a jury trial in Judge David Allen's courtroom.

Authorities have said Kra has remained free with a \$5,000 personal bond as he awaits the outcome of his case.

In July, Plymouth Soccer Club President Glenn Liguori said Kra has severed ties with the athletic organization while the case is pending.

"He's not having contact with anyone in the club right now," Liguori had said, although he stopped short of describing Kra's departure as a suspension.

Liguori couldn't be reached late in the week.

According to Canton police reports, the alleged victim and a friend had gone to a bar and returned to The Crossings with two men, neither of which was Kra. When the men didn't appear to want to leave, the friend phoned Kra, a neighbor, and asked him to help usher the visitors away, police said.

After the men left, Kra is accused of going into a bedroom and sexually

assaulting the visiting woman, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

Liguori has described Kra as a coach who seemed trustworthy and conscientious in his duties. Liguori said Kra had an unblemished, six-year stint with the club, and he said the executive board has reserved judgment as they wait for the case to unfold.

Kra had coached girls 8 to 12 years old and teenage boys, and Liguori has stressed that the allegations against Kra "have nothing to do with kids."

W-W district forms plan for flu season

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Influenza activity continues to hold steady at sporadic levels in Michigan, but school officials are leaving nothing to chance. The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has posted information on its Web site, offering precautions for the upcoming flu season in light of the worldwide H1N1 pandemic.

In a letter to parents, Supt. Greg Baracy said the district will take "many steps to reduce the spread of the H1N1 flu, including cleaning high contact area in addition to normal daily cleaning."

"We want to work with parents to do all we can do to prevent the spread of the flu and keep parents informed," Baracy said.

According to Baracy, the district will post hand washing reminder stickers in all bathrooms and monitor student illness through regular school health reports.

The district also has posted a letter and fact sheet about H1N1 (swine flu) from the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are recommending that children between ages 6 months and 18 years be vaccinated against the swine flu. In their letter, the health department's Loretta Davis, health director, and Dr. Talat Danish, medical director, state that the department is working with the CDC and the Michigan Department of Community Health to prevent and manage the spread of the H1N1 flu virus in schools.

"Students and staff with flu-like symptoms are expected to stay home for a minimum of 24 hours after they no longer have fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines," they stated.

They added that the department will not advise schools to close "unless absenteeism among staff and students due to flu interferes with the school's ability to function."

The health department plans to hold mass vaccination clinics this fall when the vaccine is available, most likely mid- to late October, and schools will be provided with information on the locations of the clinics once the vaccine is available. Children need two doses of the vaccine spaced three or more weeks apart. The vaccines will be provided free of charge.

Parents are being urged to remind their children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub, not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or by using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.

The signs and symptoms of the flu include fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

"Do not send children to school if they are sick," Baracy said. "Any child who displays flu-like symptoms while at school will be sent home."

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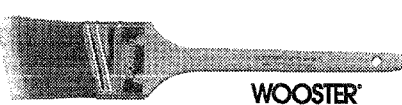
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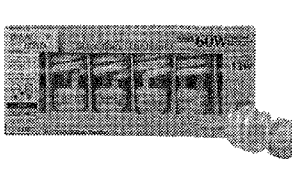
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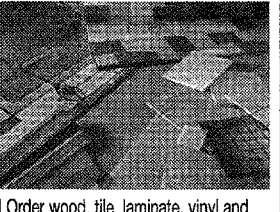
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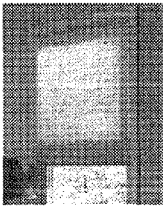


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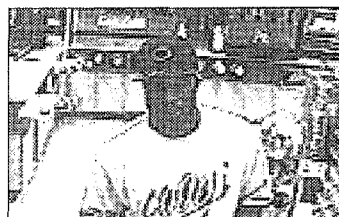
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Canton Police are looking for help finding these suspects in a string of gas station thefts in Canton, Plymouth and Livonia.

Police seek suspects in gas station thefts

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the two males in photos obtained from surveillance cameras at the Speedway gas station at Ford and Lilley roads in Canton.

The two are believed to be responsible for stealing large amounts of gum, candy and cigars from gas stations in Canton, Plymouth and Livonia. One of the suspects usually distracts the employee while the other stuffs items in his clothing.

Anyone with information on the identity of either suspect is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or online to www.1800speakup.org.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads to



the arrest of a suspect.

Grooming break-in

A Canton business, Paws Grooming Studio, was broken into prior to Friday morning, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski confirmed.

Store personnel arrived about 9 a.m. Friday morning to learn that a front window had been smashed out and a cash register taken from the business on Lilley Road south of Cherry Hill, Gajeski said.

Police had no suspects, and the incident remained under investigation.

Anyone who has information is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward may be made by calling Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Canton theater set to get 'Juiced'

Theater-goers can enjoy a pulse-pounding performance of "Juice" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

Officials said the "exuberant display of music, dance and energy is guaranteed to get your toes tapping with its explosive mix of percussion, energy and invention."

The show is a blend of music that is seen as well as heard when didgeridoos are fused with oil drums and electronics are merged with beat-boxing, all with a spark of humor. Each musician has a persona that represents a different style of music and instrumentation: percussion, rock and roll, electronic and classical music, as well as their own fabricated instruments from new and recycled materials.

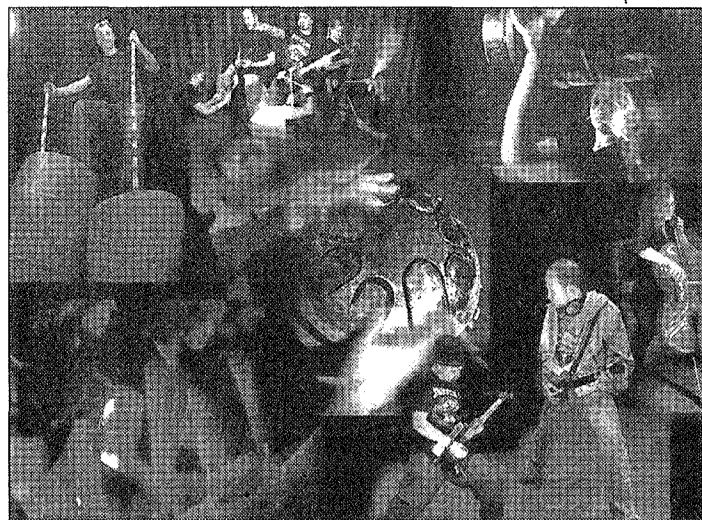
Nine performers will build a musical storyline that combines a variety of these instruments that were bought, found, or made. Together they'll combine their talents in small and large groups to create unique

music with kinetic instrumentation, choreography, and amazing visual effects.

"Juice is a high-spirited display of music, dance energy, theatrical flair and wit," said Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Specialist. "Each time I see one of their performances, I can't help but be captivated by their energetic sights and sounds and you will, too."

Tickets are \$20 per person, reserved seating. To purchase tickets online, visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org and click on Box Office or call (734) 394-5460. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. To view the 2009-2010 performance schedule, please visit Cantonvillagetheater.org and click on Season-At-A-Glance.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about the group, visit www.juiceontour.com.



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Crowd thrills to Steinem's call for social activism

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A record-breaking crowd Tuesday welcomed a vintage Gloria Steinem to Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield as she exhorted the members of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section to become active in the fight for women's rights.

Setting the tone for her talk, Steinem told the 350 women, who gathered in the sanctuary after lunch, that she hoped they would "leave with a new idea ... or a subversive organizing tactic."

She may have been only partly joking, as she repeatedly encouraged the women, who came from throughout southeast Michigan, to share their organizing activities. No one complied, except NCJW national President Nancy Ratzan who, in answer to a question, spoke of her work on the national health care initiative and other NCJW issues.

An author and political activist, Steinem founded *Ms.*, a national magazine for and by women, and *New York* magazine. She also was responsible for Take Your Daughter to Work Day.

She has been an outspoken advocate for unions and feminist causes and reportedly worked for failed Democratic presidential candidates Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern. Steinem, now 75, was a co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971.

Steinem currently is working with Smith College to document the grass-roots nature of the women's rights movement.

Ratzan described Steinem as "one of the greatest visionary heroines in American history."

Steinem's book, *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, "is really what the National Council of Jewish Women work at doing," said President Cathy Cantor of the NCJW/Greater Detroit Section and a West Bloomfield resident. "So she is the perfect speaker for our orga-



Political activist Gloria Steinem signs books Tuesday after her speech at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Ellen Frank of New Hampshire chats with the author while Myra Jacobs of West Bloomfield waits next in line.

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Mostly women — members of the National Council of Jewish Women — fill the audience for Gloria Steinem's speech at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

nization. She's an icon. ... This is a treat."

Steinem's speech came at the Women of Vision event, a ben-

efit that supports NCJW community service and advocacy

programs.

Steinem started off her speech with the equal pay struggle, which she said is generally the easiest to grasp, but at the core of all women's issues is reproductive freedom, she said.

"It is the single, fundamental issue ... the only way to control" how many men are available for the army to how racial groups grow, she said. "It is the area of most resistance against all logic of economics."

"Yet the need to control reproduction is so deep, deep in the political struggle."

According to Steinem, the proposed health care insurance bill may not cover reproductive health issues, including abortion. Steinem added that women use medical services one-third more than men, solely due to their reproductive functions.

During a question and

answer session, an audience member commented that in Florida, pharmacists have the option to not fill birth control prescriptions.

Noting that commercials carry information on Viagra used to treat erectile dysfunction, the woman suggested that commercials carry information on what pharmacies to use.

Some insurance companies consider domestic violence a pre-existing condition when it comes to paying for treatment, Steinem said. She laid blame for all violence, including terrorism, at the feet of domestic violence.

"It normalizes every other violence," she said, describing it as a "superiority crisis."

Steinem worried out loud that the nation is in a "time of maximum danger" from the "ultra-right wing." Just as women who are about to leave an abusive spouse are at "maximum danger," she said, "it is becoming more and more clear to me ... that is what is happening to this country."

She cited as examples that neo-Nazi membership is up, as are gun ownership and anti-gay violence. "It is a time of maximum opportunity ... and also a time of great danger," she said.

Paula Wolfe of Bloomfield Hills, a 35-year member of NCJW, remarked before Steinem spoke that the activist has had an impact.

"She made it possible for women my age (to fight) discrimination ... and for my daughter not to question that she can be what she wants," Wolfe said.

Steinem concluded her hour-long presentation by encouraging the audience to do one "outrageous thing" for the cause of social justice, whether it be "running for office ... or saying 'pick it up yourself.'"

"If you do that, I promise I will, too, and 48 hours from now, the world will be better," Steinem said. "You'll have such a good time that (it won't be a matter of) will you (do another outrageous act), but which outrageous thing you'll do."

Magazine set life course for woman business owner

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Darby Trapp recalls when her aunt gave her a subscription to *Ms.* magazine, founded by feminist Gloria Steinem. Trapp was in high school at the time.

That's how she became involved in women's issues, the Redford resident said. Trapp attended with a family member a speech Tuesday by Steinem, a feminist and author, before the National Council of Jewish Women Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

"Then I became a woman in business," she said. And the rest is a history that includes joining the NCJW in marches in Washington, D.C., and Lansing.

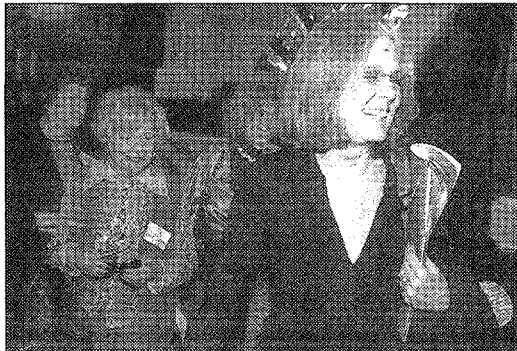
Like Steinem, Trapp said she has been interested in the history of the feminist movement. Steinem currently is working with Smith College on a history of the grass-roots nature of the movement.

"I think back about how much different it is now," Trapp said.

Steinem would agree only up to a point. She said that women used to make 59 cents of each dollar earned by a male. Now it's up to 77 cents, she said: "We have a way to go."

But Trapp wondered whether the younger generations of women can appreciate the changes.

That's something like what is concerning Abbey Brasch-Nathan, of Bloomfield, who is



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gloria Steinem makes her way through Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, where she spoke Tuesday to members of the National Council of Jewish Women.

forming a new group within the NCJW called Next Generation. "The goal is to bring people in their 20s to their 40s into the fold," she said, "because the majority are" her mother's age.

The Women of Vision luncheon also honored Judy Rosenberg of Birmingham with the Hannah G. Solomon Award for her work on the national board, the Jewish Community Relations Council, Common Ground and the governor's Michigan Women's Commission.

National NCJW President Nancy Ratzan described Rosenberg as the "ultimate collaborator" and mentor, who always brings back fresh ideas.

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Church brings renowned pianist to concert



St. John's Episcopal Church brings piano prodigy Anastasia Rizikov in for a Sept. 27 concert.

St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth announced that it will present in concert the world renowned 10-year-old piano prodigy Anastasia Rizikov.

The concert takes place 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

Rizikov did not begin her lessons until she was 5 years old and by the time she was 7 became a First-Place winner at The Vladimir Horowitz International Young Pianists Competition in Kiev, Ukraine, where she represented Canada.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Anastasia has in five short years accomplished what many pianists never accomplish, church officials say. She has been awarded First Place in over 10 Canadian music competitions, such as the Markham, Yips, NYCO, Peel, Davenport Music Festivals, the Toronto Music Competition, the prestigious Kiwanis Provincial Music Festival and the Canadian Music Competition.

Anastasia has also won and performed at many International Music Competitions:

- 2007 - Winner of The Thousand Islands International Piano Competition for Young People in Cape Vincent, USA;
- 2009 - First-Place winner of The Bradshaw &

Buono International Piano Competition

Her performances include:

- April 2008 - Young Stars of the Young Century 4th Gala Concert in the Toronto Centre for the Arts;
- May 2008 - International Festival Moscow Meets Friends representing Canada in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, where she was awarded the Festival's medal and

diploma; and

- May 2009 - Carnegie Hall, New York City.

Admission to the concert is free, though a free-will offering will be accepted to support St. John's concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-0190.

St. John's hosts gluten seminar

Tom O'Bryan, a chiropractor and clinical nutritionist, will talk about gluten intolerance and its links to health problems, including migraines, depression, rheumatoid arthritis and attention deficit disorder, during a special program on Friday at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

O'Bryan, who graduated from the University of Michigan and the National College of Chiropractic, will talk about how gluten intolerance can affect the brain and nervous system,

and about treatments for the conditions in which he believes gluten intolerance plays a role.

The program is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$15 with preregistration, \$20 at the door. Call 800-522-6382 for more information, or e-mail seminars@metamidwest.com.

O'Bryan will also offer a seminar on the same topic for health professionals, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, also at the Inn at St. John's.

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Newcomers celebrates golden anniversary

For five decades, newcomers to the Plymouth area and long-time residents alike have offered a helping hand, made lasting friendships and discovered new interests, thanks to a community group that continues to thrive today despite the uncertain economy.

"Times are tough right now, but Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors members demonstrate that we can lean on our neighbors in tough times and don't have to spend a lot to be good neighbors," said Tiffany Baker, Plymouth Township resident and PNN president. "Throughout our 50-year history, PNN has offered family events, networking opportunities and other ways for families to stay active in the community without breaking the bank."

Today, the group boasts a strong membership of more than 130 local families. Despite the region's economic difficulties, the PNN board of directors hopes to grow membership and find new ways to serve the local community.

At PNN's annual Fall Membership Mixer Sept.

24, the group will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a ceremony featuring special remarks; an opportunity to meet members from the group's early days; a scrapbook display showcasing 50 years of memories; and a display of the winning artwork from PNN's annual Kids' Coloring Contest. Complimentary appetizers will be served.

The event takes place 6-9 p.m. at Station 885, located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth. It's open to the public, and children are welcome. To pre-register, call Stephanie Fletcher at (734) 459-2318 or e-mail programming@plymouthnewcomers.com

Moon festival

Canton Leisure Services will host a memorable celebration of the Chinese Moon Festival at the Heritage Park Amphitheater 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3.

This joyous occasion will feature contemporary Chinese music performed by a live band, and a special enactment of the legendary love story behind this traditional cultural event. Stroll around the reflective ponds and moon-gaze with the ones you love,



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or sample the world renowned moon cakes (while supplies last). Everyone is welcome to this free event.

Chinese culture is deeply imbedded in traditional festivals, and the Moon Festival is one of the most important tra-

ditional events for the Chinese. The Moon Festival is full of legendary stories. Legend says that the moon goddess Chang Er flew to the moon, where she has lived ever since. Festival-goers might see her dancing on the moon during the Moon

Festival.

The Moon Festival is also an occasion for family reunions. When the full moon rises, families get together to watch the full moon, eat moon cakes, and sing moon poems. The Moon Festival is also a romantic one.

For more information on Canton's charming celebration of the Chinese Moon Festival, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Credit unions unite

There's no competition among credit unions and credit union partners when it comes to raising money for local charities, according to the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions, a chapter of the Michigan Credit Union League.

For 17 consecutive years, the Chapter has hosted an annual golf outing to benefit a variety of worthwhile charities and organizations. This year's outing, held in August at Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville, attracted more than 140 players.

Event organizers estimate

the Chapter raised more than \$14,000 at this year's event and more than \$65,000 during the past five years.

While all of the beneficiaries of this year's proceeds have not yet been named, those benefitting in recent years include the American Red Cross, Cass Community Social Services, Children's Miracle Network, Detroit Hispanic Development Corp., Experiencia Inc., Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund, SHAR House, Society of St. Vince DePaul, Volunteers of America, YWCA Interim House and others.

For more information about the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions, visit <http://metrowest.mcul.org>.

Funniest moms

Experience the hilarious comedy of America's funniest moms at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. "Mama's Night Out" will have you laughing until your sides hurts as they perform their award-winning comedy together for an unforgettable night of laughs.

Each of the Mamas was chosen from over a thousand entries to be a finalist in Nick at Night's Search for America's Funniest Mom.

"These three Mamas are hysterical sanity savers and will leave you wanting to hear more of their hilarious views on life and laughter," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator. "Mama's Night Out is perfect for a girls' night out or for those who just want to laugh until their cheeks hurt."

Tickets are \$27 for all seats, reserved seating. Tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$22 per person. To get tickets online, visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org and click on Box Office or call (734) 394-5460. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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FOOT PHENOM

Plymouth's Brindza powering his way to success in two sports

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The ooohs and aaahs were audible as spectators at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park followed the impressive flight of Kyle Brindza's latest kick.

Brindza, the Plymouth High School junior who is considered the best high school kicker in Michigan, merely launched a punt out of his own end zone and the ball sliced through the September air with ease before falling some 70 yards away into the hands of a Canton punt returner.

The Chiefs wound up smacking the Wildcats 49-7 that evening, but the massive punt still had people talking afterward.

That's how special a talent the 16-year-old Brindza is — and he manages to do double duty for his school, as the starting goalkeeper for the varsity boys soccer team.

"I've played soccer since I was 4 or 5, but I fell in love with kicking," Brindza said about his two-sport prowess.

Although he volunteered playing some free safety for the Wildcats, a notion quickly and wisely snuffed out by Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk, it's really about Brindza's ability to strike a football or soccer ball with his foot and send it a long way.

"He's ranked the best kicker in Michigan (at rivals.com)," Sawchuk said. "Every kickoff is going into the end zone, so nobody's going to get returns. I also feel comfortable kicking a 50-yard field goal with him."

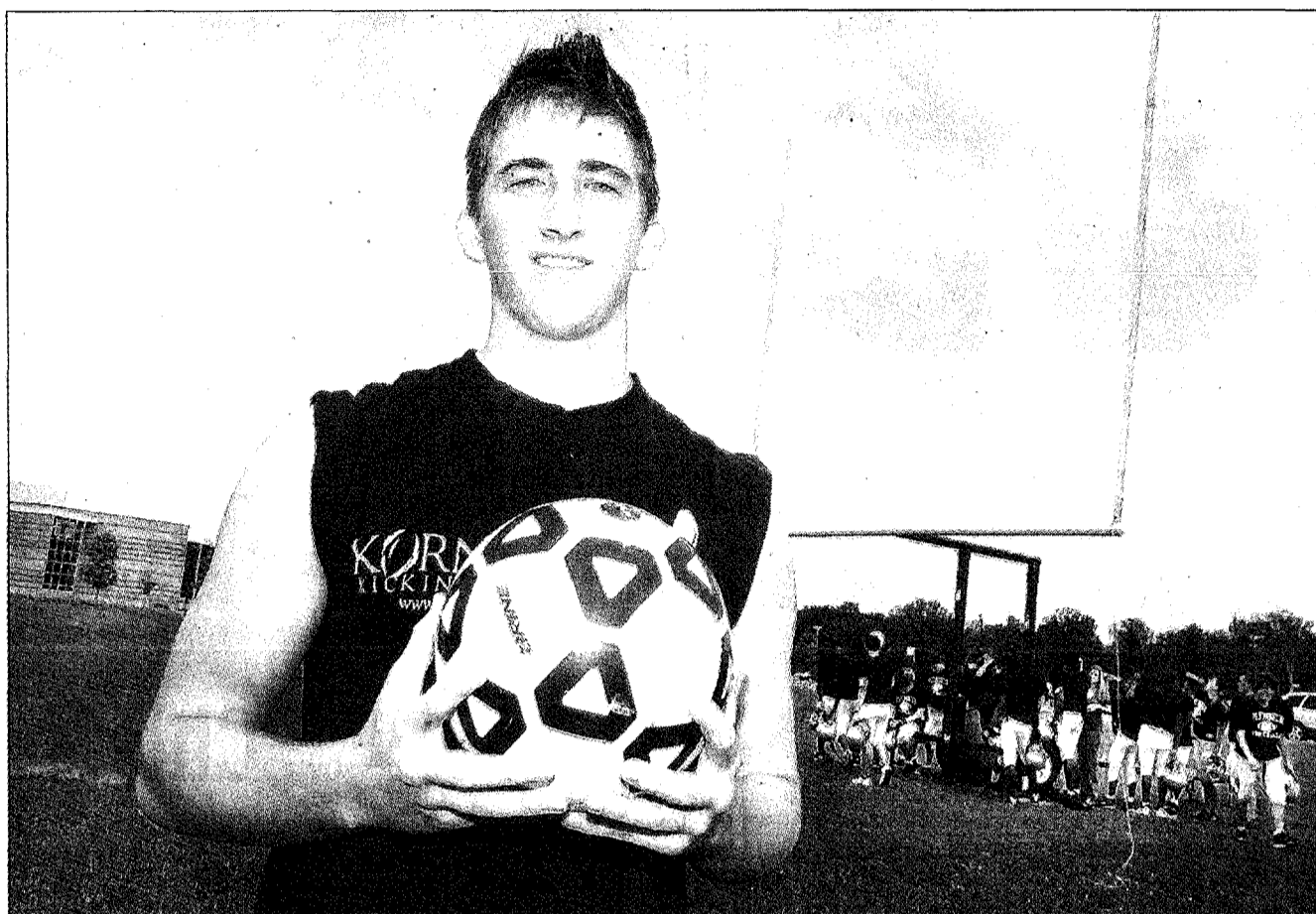
CHEERING HIM ON

This season's opener against Salem featured a 48-yard field goal by Brindza, which is his career best in games. But what about practice?

Just a few days before his amazing punt against Canton, Brindza lined up for field goal practice and drove a football through the uprights from perhaps 55 yards or longer.

Teammates cheered and thrust their arms skyward as another Brindza misfire found the target.

"I mean, I don't see the arms go up



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

During a recent football practice, versatile Plymouth junior Kyle Brindza holds a soccer ball while wearing a Kornblue Kicking Camp T-shirt. His strong leg enables him to boom long kicks in both sports.

'I mean, I don't see the arms go up because I'm concentrating on my follow-through. But when I hear them yelling and all that I feel good about myself. It's good when they do that for me.'

KYLE BRINDZA, Plymouth H.S. junior



because I'm concentrating on my follow-through," Kyle said. "But when I hear them yelling and all that, I feel good about myself. It's good when they do that for me."

And he was kind of in a rush during

that practice, too.

Brindza needed to play an evening varsity soccer game at Livonia Churchill. So his mom, Tiffany, picked him up and took him home to get ready for his second sporting gig.

During the match, Brindza was outstanding in goal, making ridiculously long and lethal punts (yeah, they call them that in soccer, too) and only getting beat on a penalty kick in a 1-1 deadlock.

"Kyle really is an amazing athlete," Wildcats soccer coach Jeff Neschich said, echoing what Sawchuk has to say about him.

With every field goal, punt or kickoff, evidence is mounting that the lofty billing at rivals.com (which college football scouts and coaches rely on for recruiting future players) is justified.

"Yeah, it's good to be the number one

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Canton gridders stay red-hot

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All week, the talk of the KLAA South was Friday's clash of offensive giants in host Canton and Westland John Glenn.

However, it didn't take long for the Chiefs to get the upper hand. A 93-yard touchdown by senior Arron Boudreaux on the opening kickoff gave the Chiefs the kind of spark they were looking for and Canton rolled to a 44-6 triumph.

Canton improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the South Division, while the Rockets dropped to 3-1 and 1-1.

"That's huge," Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler said about the Boudreaux TD. "Anytime you're in a big game, the key is to get off to a great start and get your kids excited. Then your best player makes a big play and everybody believes."

Boudreaux reached up to field the kickoff, bobbled the ball slightly — and took off.

"I'm glad he tried to catch it instead of letting it go over his head," Baechler added. "But he fielded it well and then he was gone."

John Glenn senior standout Jeremy Langford (204 all-purpose yards) quickly got that TD back. Out of the single-back "Wildcat" formation, Langford took a high snap and galloped 57 yards down the right side to make it 7-6 with 9:42 left in the first.

The extra point missed the mark, and that

was as close as the Rockets managed to get because Canton scored two more times in the first quarter.

MANY THREATS

Once again, Canton's prowess on special teams proved big. Junior Ryan Powell's 57-yard kickoff return into John Glenn territory set up a short drive that was capped off by senior tailback Adam Payter's 20-yard TD run. Payter gained 64 yards in nine carries as part of a multi-pronged running game.

"You just can't find the ball," John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin said. "They have this offense where you can't find where the ball was."

Chiefs' senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz (11 rushes for 115 yards) then broke through the line on a first-down play and took it 82 yards for the score to make it 21-6 (with Conner Shennan making one of five extra points).

"I just ran the play," Delapaz said. "The hole opened up, the offensive line did a really good job and I just ran for the touchdown."

Before halftime, Shennan's 22-yard chip-shot field goal made it 24-6.

If the Rockets thought about a comeback, it was a short-lived idea. Canton's Garrett Bryden knocked the football out of

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Rocks blank Spartans

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the hottest prep boys soccer rivalries was renewed Thursday night on a bit of a chilly evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

With a bounce, a belt and a penalty-kick blast, the host Salem Rocks took the first round of this season's series against Livonia Stevenson, 3-0.

Scoring the first goal — and ultimate game-winner — of the KLAA Central match with 23:23 left in the first half was junior midfielder Dan Martin (assisted by senior midfielder Lachlan Savage, who figured in all three goals).

On the play, Martin outraced Stevenson senior defender Adam Dabkowski and scooted around aggressive senior goalkeeper Conner Burton, who came far of his line trying to retrieve the ball.

Martin then placed a shot just inside the right post to make it 1-0.

BOYS SOCCER

"We got the early goal on a big break and that kind of changed the course of things and we were able to carry that momentum through," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy, whose top-10 ranked team improved to 8-2-2 overall and 4-0-0 in the Central. "Over the past 20 years, this game has determined who's played for the conference championship and I'm guessing this year will be no different."

McCarthy said Burton "came out and he missed it, so to get a one-goal break in a game like this is tough (for the other team) to overcome."

"We made a big mistake on the first goal and the margin of error for us this year is pretty slim," Stevenson head coach Lars Richters said. "We're not very proficient in front of goal yet, so when we make a mistake and allow them to take an

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SIDELINES

Cardinals 9U tryouts

The 9U Canton Cardinals Travel Baseball Team will be holding a third and final tryout 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Heritage Fields Nos. 1-2. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to get organized and start warming up and are asked to bring baseball equipment and plenty of water.

To be eligible, players must be a resident of Canton, Plymouth, or attend a Plymouth-Canton district school. Players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

To pre-register, e-mail or call travel baseball commissioner Alan Zidnik: l.zidnik@sbcglobal.net; (734) 397-5739.

YMCA eyes grant

Liberty Mutual will soon donate a \$2,500 Responsible Community Grant to 20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping to be one of the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues.

The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at a crucial time for communities where youth programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs.

Through the resources provided by the grants, it is hoped that "our organizations thrive even under challenging circumstances."

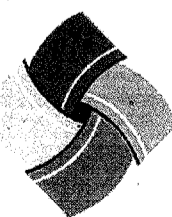
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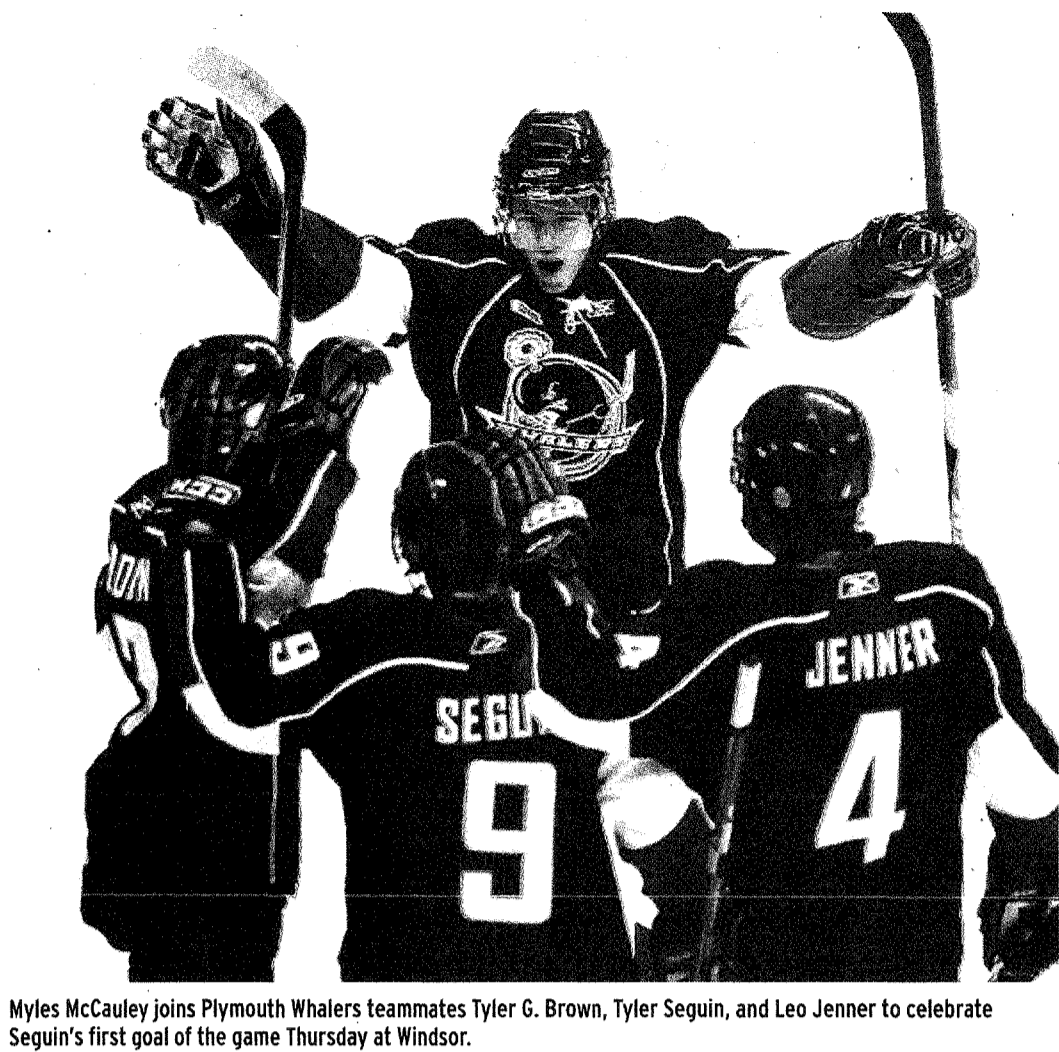
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Myles McCauley joins Plymouth Whalers teammates Tyler G. Brown, Tyler Seguin, and Leo Jenner to celebrate Seguin's first goal of the game Thursday at Windsor.

Whalers need shootout to nab opener

The Windsor Spitfires blew a 5-1 lead Thursday night against host Windsor but won the OHL season opener 6-5 in a shootout.

Plymouth built a 5-1 lead late in the second period before Windsor came roaring back to tie the game and send it into overtime and the eventual shootout before 6,501 fans at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

Two of the OHL's top prospects put on a show and served notice they have a chance to dominate this season.

Windsor's Taylor Hall scored the hat trick and added two assists as the game's first star, while Plymouth's Tyler Seguin scored twice with an assist as the game's third star.

Rookie Sean Myers (first OHL goal), Tyler G. Brown and Josh Bemis scored the other Plymouth goals. Austin Watson scored a pair for Windsor.

Although Plymouth goal-

tender Matt Hackett was back in the lineup after spending time with the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild at their training camp, Scott Wedgewood got the nod in goal.

Wedgewood — starting his second season with the Whalers — was steady in stopping 39-of-44 Windsor shots through 65 minutes and then stopped Hall and Justin Shugg in the shootout.

Windsor's Josh Unice was pulled 46 seconds into the second period after the Whalers built a 4-1 lead on Bemis' first goal of the season. Rookie Troy Passingham went the rest of the way and stopped 10-of-11 shots in 44:02 of work.

After Seguin (5:57) and Hall (9:42) traded first period power play goals, Plymouth took a 2-1 lead when rookie Myers was left all alone in the slot and he buried a shot past Unice.

Working on a power play

45 seconds later, Brown gave Plymouth a 3-1 lead, skating untouched in the Windsor slot and beating Unice with the shot.

Bemis scored to give Plymouth a 4-1 when his shot from the left point tricked past Unice. Against Passingham, Seguin scored at 16:16 of the second period, following up his own rebound.

But Windsor came storming back. Trailing 5-2 in the third period, the Spitfires drew even on goals by Watson (16:39), Hall (16:59) and a deflection by Watson at 18:36 with the extra attacker on.

After a scoreless overtime, Plymouth iced the game when Seguin and Myles McCauley scored in the shootout on Passingham and Wedgewood stopped Hall and Shugg while giving up a goal to Greg Nemisz.

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 44-23.

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early lead, that makes it difficult."

PADDING THE LEAD

And although the Spartans competed, even having a slight edge in territorial play during stretches of action, Salem iced the victory with two second-half goals (by senior midfielder Alex Tramel and Savage on a penalty kick).

Tramel took a long pass up the middle from Savage and then launched a hard shot past Burton with 18:52 remaining.

Salem senior goalkeeper Sasha Miskovic had just made a point-blank save against junior forward Patrick Smith and soon play was at the Stevenson end of the pitch.

"Sasha's one of the best in the state and that was a big play for us," McCarthy said. "He's been very good and he really helps us even with the counterattack, getting the ball in quickly."

The penalty-kick marker by Savage was a laser into the top left corner with about 12 minutes to go.

LEARNING CURVE

Richters said his team (2-4-1, 2-3-0) played very hard, but younger players received a bit of an introductory course about what has made Salem

such a tough opponent over the years.

"They (Rocks) seem to be more equipped to physically bring what a game like this calls for," Richters said. "We have a lot of players who are new to the rivalry at the varsity level."

"Hopefully they learned today the type of physical energy and competitiveness it takes to be successful in this game."

Richters also said that miscues just can't be made against teams such as Salem: "We can't afford to make mistakes and give them chances."

On the plus side, he was pleased with the overall defense and liked the way Dabkowski competed.

"Adam Dabkowski never stops," Richters said. "He's our center back and he's been trying hard all season to keep things together even on days when the going's been difficult. I'm pleased with his leadership."

Richters also mentioned the return of senior defender Reilly Mullett, who had missed the first part of the season recovering from a spleen injury.

"It was nice to see Reilly Mullett, our right back, return to action," he added. "He's been injured all year and I thought he put forth a very good effort."

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Chiefs stopped in KLAA South match

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill feasted on corner kicks Thursday night scoring three times to beat Canton in a key KLAA South Division boys soccer match, 4-0.

The Chargers, ranked fourth in the latest Division 1 state rankings, improved to 9-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the KLAA South (tied with Plymouth).

Stephen Foster scored in the 17th minute off a corner that went untouched to make it 1-0.

Max Washko then scored the next two goals on diving headers — both off corners in the 20th and 38th minutes from teammate Erik Bird — to make it 3-0 at halftime.

Foster then completed the scoring in the 48th minute when he re-directed throw-in from Adam Bedell.

"We work on the normal

amount of corners in practice, but we talk about it all the time," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "If we can draw them inside of 30 yards, the last thing I say is 'we can score.'"

"We can go to the right and left side with guys who can serve it and guys who can finish. It was nice to put three through tonight."

Friedrichs split his goalkeeper with Christian Adams and Brian Bartig combining for the shutout.

The loss drops Canton to 6-3-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South.

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 2: Nicholas Rust scored a pair of second-half goals Wednesday as the visiting Wildcats (6-3-1, 3-0-1) erased a 2-1 halftime deficit to overcome upstart Livonia Franklin (0-7, 0-5).

The Patriots got a pair of unassisted first-half goals from Jordan McGuire and Zach Miller, while Plymouth's Ian Griffiths tallied the first of his two goals.

Kyle Brindza was in goal for Plymouth.

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lofty achievements and the sports staff is here to provide the most thorough information dealing with those events.

In order for this to happen, coaches and statisticians are asked to call Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com with scores, individual highlights and comments regarding the latest activity — win or lose, home or away. Results will be compiled and appear in the upcoming edition of the *Plymouth/Canton Observer*.

MU golfers 2nd

On Wednesday, the Madonna University men's golf team placed second in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Jamboree No. 4 at The Highlands at the Elks Country Club in Grand Rapids.

Cornerstone placed first with a four-player total of 299 followed to MU (301), Davenport (304), Indiana Tech (313), Aquinas (331), Siena Heights (336) and Concordia (348).

Cornerstone's Ben Vanbiesbrouck was individual

medalist with a 2-under 70.

The Crusaders' Steve South and Brett Quitiquit took third and fourth, respectively, with an even-70 and 1-over 73.

Other MU scorers included Tommy Lucko and Jimmy Uelmen, tied for 13th (78 each); Kyle Lawrey, tied for 20th (80); and Nick Sears, tied for 25th (83).

College volleyball

■ Sophomore Liz Dempsey recorded a team-high 11 kills and 10 digs as the ninth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team rolled to a 25-21, 25-17, 25-14 win Thursday at home over Concordia University.

Katie Czarnecki added 10 kills, while senior setter Inta Grinvalds had 41 assist-to-kills as the Crusaders improved to 13-1 overall and 2-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Ashley Hart had 11 kills for the Cardinals (10-7, 1-1).

■ On Thursday, host Schoolcraft College earned a 25-17, 25-10, 25-22 MCCA Eastern Conference win over Henry Ford CC.

The Lady Ocelots, who fell in four games Tuesday at St. Clair County CC, are 9-4 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

CANTON 8
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1
Sept. 15 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Ryan Hanz (Canton) def. Matt Cozart, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Ziwen Deng (LC) def. Riley Hoernschemeyer, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Adam Payne (Canton) def. Mike Houghan, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Varun Bandri (Canton) def. Vishal Joshi, 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Jimmy LaFontaine-Stevie Lee (Canton) def. Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Jordan Anderson-Kristian Matasich (Canton) def. Alex Zuccarini-Fred Beshara, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Andrew Tidwell-Rocky Willette (Canton) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Kartik Bhatt-Austin Payne (Canton) def. Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Luke Freeman-Ashwin Kumar (Canton) def. Tejas Soni-Mayuresh Iyer, 6-4, 6-3.

Dual match records: Canton, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 3-5 overall, 3-2 KLAA South.

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Plymouth 'D' saves day CANTON

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BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's defense staged a clutch goal-line stand in the final minutes Friday night and held off host Wayne Memorial, 14-7 to win a WIAA South Division football contest.

The Wildcats built a 14-0 lead thanks to touchdown passes of four and 82 yards from quarterback Victor Hicks to Brennen Beyer and Jernarian Caldwell, respectively.

But the Zebras cut the margin in half in the fourth on a 15-yard pass from Nick Mills to James Jackson and threatened to tie the game after returning a punt to Plymouth's four-yard line with two minutes to go.

Plymouth (3-1, 1-1) stopped two runs and broke up a pass and then sophomore Donte Fox intercepted a pass to enable the Wildcats to hang on.

Similarly, Plymouth's defense kept the Zebras (2-2, 0-2) off the board late in the first half. Wayne moved the ball into the red zone but a fumble was recovered by Plymouth senior James Emminger.

Hicks had a solid game leading the Wildcats' offense, completing five of 10 passes for 136 yards (and the two TDs) and running for 42 yards. Caldwell also was a big threat, rushing 29 times for 157 yards and grabbing two passes for 81

yards. Beyer gained 65 yards in three catches.

For Wayne, quarterback Mills had a big game, hitting 17 of his 33 passing attempts for 222 yards. Jackson caught seven balls for 73 yards while Jamal Strickland gained 120 yards in seven catches.

NOVI 14, SALEM 10: Visiting Salem came closer than ever to breaking into the win column Friday night, but some inopportune turnovers cost the Rocks a chance to defeat Novi in a KLA Central game.

Salem (0-4, 0-2) made it a 14-10 ballgame in the third quarter when recent JV callup tailback Marcus Houston (24-80) scored a five-yard touchdown.

Then in the fourth, the Rocks moved the ball down to Novi's 25 but the Wildcats intercepted a pass and that pretty much finished off Salem's hopes.

"We had offensive rhythm this week, we were driving the ball," said Salem head coach Kurt Britnell, still looking for his first varsity win. "But there were a couple negative plays and we had to throw. Then we threw a pick."

Houston's performance was a positive, as were the defensive efforts of senior Austin Root and junior Ethan Walsh (10 tackles each).

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John Glenn quarterback Steve Kulikowski's hands and senior Dakota Dark-Bird recovered it.

Just four plays later, junior Davion Stackhouse (seven carries, 47 yards) scored on a 20-yard run.

Finishing the scoring for the Chiefs were senior Ron Gaudi (11 carries, 25 yards) and junior Sam Scott (five carries, 23 yards) each on a 1-yard plunge in the fourth.

Baechler said the offensive linemen were "our MVPs," but he also praised his defensive coaches for making the adjustments to keep Langford from rolling up another 300-yard night.

"That was definitely the key, because the last two games he had 42 carries," Baechler said. "We knew we had to shut him down. We told them he's a great player and he might break loose once or twice, but just keep hitting him, keep being disciplined and ... hopefully we'll wear him down."

Langford came close to breaking more touchdowns, but either ran out of real estate (he stepped out of bounds on the 5-yard line to nullify a sure TD) or couldn't get past the last line of defense.

On the final play of the first half, Kulikowski (3-of-7 passing, 60 yards) completed a 23-yard pass over the middle to Langford, but Canton's Powell was there with an emphatic tackle.

Hardin said Langford had another superb game, but said the Chiefs' defense managed to bend but not break.

"There were several times we were close to breaking it for long touchdowns," Hardin said. "One more move or one more guy he would have been gone. That's just the way the night went."

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Arctic Edge shavings

Arctic Edge on Michigan Avenue in Canton is hosting a "Learn To Skate" program Saturdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 14 with sessions from 10-10:45 a.m. and from 11-11:45 a.m. Each class is 30 minutes with 15 minutes of full ice practice time.

Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league 6 p.m. Sundays. League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; roseccater@comcast.net for more information.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place. Open skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4. Skate rental is \$2. For more information, contact the Open Skate Line (734) 455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for up-to-date changes if any.

Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:

- Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.

- Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.

- Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee.

- Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.

For more information, or to register on-line, go

to www.ymcadenetroit.org.

Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.) The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey).

For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

S'craft roller hockey

Tryouts for the 2009-10 Schoolcraft College roller hockey club will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Total Roller Hockey facility, located at 46039 Grand River, between Beck and Taft roads, in Nov.

Tryouts are open to all students attending Schoolcraft College.

For more information, call (248) 669-9831; or visit www.totalsportscomplex.com You can also contact Bob Zeuner at rzeuner@wideopenwest.com.

CYO hoop sign up

St. Genevieve is accepting registrations for the upcoming CYO basketball season through Oct. 1. Eligibility is open to boys and girls in grades 4-8 from parishes St. Priscilla, St. Maurice, St. Aidan, Our Lady of Loretto and St. Genevieve.

For information, call Tim Jeter at (313) 701-4046; or e-mail StGenAD@yahoo.com.

UDM hoop clinic

The University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball program will stage its second annual coaches clinic on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Calihan Hall.

The clinic will feature on the court demonstrations from Titan head coach Ray McCallum, along with Michigan coach John Beilein, Minnesota coach Tubby Smith, IUPUI's Ron Hunter, UCLA assistant Scott Duncan and Detroit Pistons' assistant coach Pat Sullivan.

The cost of the clinic is \$25 per coach during the early registration period, with the cost moving to \$35 to register on the day of the clinic.

For teams wishing to bring their whole staff, a special \$50 per coaching staff discount will be given.

To pre-register, send name, phone number, and school/team affiliations to stacey.barns@udmercy.edu; or call 313-993-1731 (by Friday, Sept. 25).

All registration payments should be made out to: UDM Athletics - Men's Basketball; 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221 (Checks should be made payable to UDM Athletics.)

Salem spikers enjoy win

Salem's varsity volleyball team made up a game with KLA Central Division rival South Lyon East on Thursday and the Rocks enjoyed a 3-0 triumph.

The Rocks won 25-9, 25-9, 25-19 with strong performances from Lauren Dworzanin (6 kills, 8 digs), Kerry MacDonald (24 assists, 7 aces), Nicole Merget (9 kills, 4 blocks) and Lauren Aschermann (10 digs).

"Overall, my girls played well and kept their focus throughout the whole match," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. Salem improved to 9-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.



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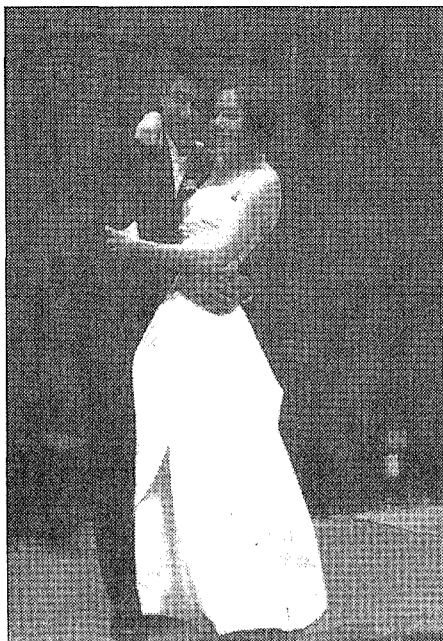
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**Higgins-Cook**

Sara Higgins and Tyler Cook announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of William and Janice Higgins of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She received a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and just completed a master's degree in middle school mathematics from the University of Minnesota. She teaches in Van Buren Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Pam Cook of Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School. He is a sales manager for his family's business, The Plymouth Trading Post.

A June 2010 wedding is planned at St. John Chapel, Plymouth. A reception will follow at Wellers in Saline.

**Bohn-Goldsworthy**

Janie Goldsworthy and Eric Bohn were married Sept. 5, 2009 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, in Flagstaff, Ariz. A reception followed at Coconino Center for the Arts, also in Flagstaff.

The bride is daughter of Don and Barb Goldsworthy of Madison, Wisc. The groom's parents are Mike and Pat Bohn of Livonia.

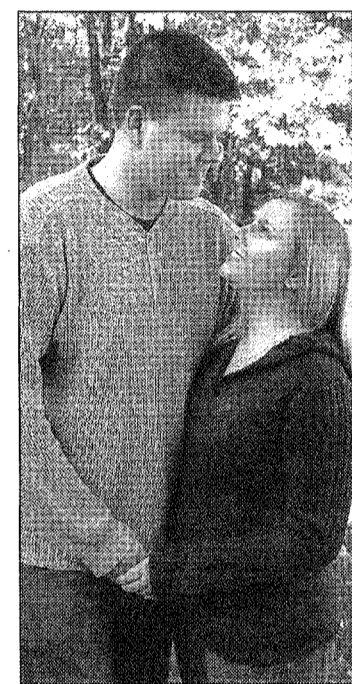
The couple reside in Flagstaff.

**Gianna Drew Hoshock**

Gianna Drew Hoshock was born at 1:51 p.m. Aug. 28, 2009, at Oakwood Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Gianna joins big sister Peri, age 4. Proud parents are Andrew and Nicole Hoshock of Livonia. Proud grandparents are Randy and Kathy Blankenship of Ypsilanti, and Richard and Susan Hoshock of Defiance, Ohio.

Great-grandmothers are Aurel Mack of Ney, Ohio and Opal Blankenship of Pikeville, Ky.

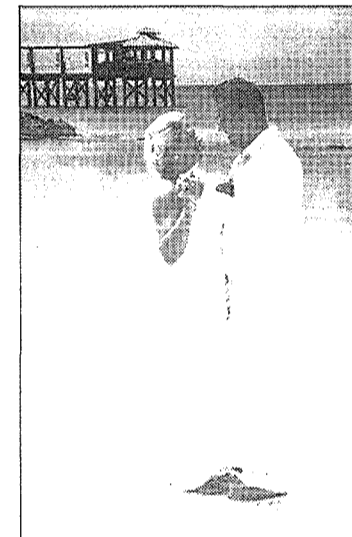
**Doran-Hanson**

Bethany Ann Doran and Jeffrey John Hanson, both of Ypsilanti, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dan and Kathy Doran of Astoria, Ohio, graduated from Eastern Michigan University with honors in 2008. She is employed as a life enrichment coordinator at Waltonwood.

Her fiancé, son of Barton and Diane Hanson of Canton, is a 2003 Canton High School graduate. He graduated in 2007 with honors in computer science from Eastern Michigan University and is employed as a software engineer at ROVI in Ann Arbor.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. John's Center in Plymouth.

**Presley Bella Rodriguez**

Presley Bella Rodriguez was born July 30, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are Michael and Melissa Rodriguez of Superior Township. Presley joins siblings Caleb, 4, and Brooklyn, 2, at home.

Grandparents are Micheal and Mary Ann Dziekan of Canton and Israel and Isabel Rodriguez of Canton.

Carroll-Geiser

Jessica Geiser and Christofer Carroll were married Aug. 6, 2009 on the beach in Nassau, Bahamas.

The newlyweds reside in Livonia with their dogs, Roxie and Abigail.

**Golden wedding anniversary**

William and Carol (Maurer) Choma of Canton marked their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. The couple wed in 1959 at Divine Child Catholic Church, in Dearborn.

Bill and Carol met in high school. Both are graduates of Fordson High School in Dearborn.

The couple and their family moved from Taylor to Canton in 1972. Their children, Mark, Kevin and Michele, all graduated from Plymouth Salem High School. They also have four grandchildren.

The entire family celebrated their anniversary on Sept. 12 with a weekend trip to Mackinac Island. Their children planned to give them a party the following weekend.

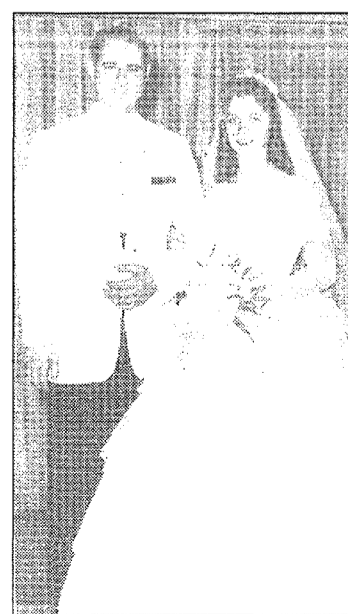
Hardy-Adsit


Russell and Penny Hardy of Canton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Matthew Adsit, son of Robert and Catherine Adsit of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be graduated from Salem High School in 2005 and is in her final year at Eastern Michigan University studying math education.

Her fiancé graduated from Salem High School in 2004, Purdue University in 2009 and is currently employed as an engineer by Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee, Wisc.

A July 2010 wedding is planned in downtown Plymouth.





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ROSEMARY K. HUTCHESON

Age 86. September 15, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Roy G. Loving mother of Nancy (Joe Pietrangeli) Hutcheson and Carol H. (Keith) Hartwell. Dear sister of Irene (Fred) Mulhauser. Proud grandmother of Taylor Jeffery Hartwell. Aunt of Fred Mulhauser, Michael Howe, Barbara Evox, Celeste Frawley and their spouses and children. Visitation was Friday at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Memorials to American Cancer Society appreciated.

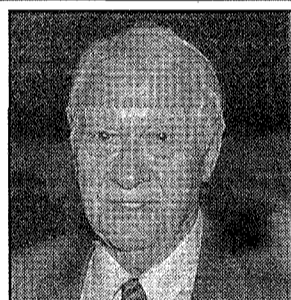
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ARNOLD WILLIAM KIPPOLA

Age 88, of Ishpeming passed away on Wednesday September 16, 2009 at Eastwood Nursing Center in Negaunee, Mi. He was born on June 1, 1921 to Alma and William Kippola in Ishpeming, Mi. After his father's early death from a mining accident, the family moved to the Black River location northeast of Republic, Mi to live near Alma's parents. He attended the school in Black River location, and Republic, and later served in the CCC, Civilian Conservation Corps, in 1938-9 helping build Wells State Park in the southern U.P. and later moved to the Detroit city area in late 1939 where he worked for the Packard Motor Car Company, before serving in the U S Army Air Corps Troop Carrier Command 30th Squadron during WW2 from 1942-5. He and Anja (Nurmi) met in Detroit and married on October 13, 1945. After the war, he worked at the House of Chairs, drove a Detroit city DSR bus, then worked at Burroughs Corp., during which he moved the family to Plymouth, Mi. in 1957. He then took a job with Ford Motor Company for 10 years. In 1970 the family moved to Ishpeming, where he worked at K. I. Sawyer AFB, and then worked for Cleveland-Cliffs at the Republic and Tilden mines, until retiring in 1987. He was an avid outdoorsman, but Arnold's unique talent was his proclivity to doing favors for people, especially after retirement. Whether it was finding a carpet for your entranceway or truck, fixing your leaky faucet, or delivering produce on a daily basis to help feed your farm animals, he took it to heart. Also a musician, he learned to play bones and knives/spoons in the Finnish tradition at an early age, and was not only the best at it, was recorded on several album projects, taught others to play, and kept the family entertained with it especially at holiday time. He is survived by his two sons, Gerald (Geraldine) of Ishpeming, and James (Janice) of Negaunee, grandsons Aaron, and James, granddaughters Megan (Christopher) Penney and Leah (Alex Budnick) Kippola, his brother Donald (Margaret) of Plymouth, Mi, and his sister Ruth (Melvin) Hjelt of Negaunee, an aunt, Hilda Prusi of Cloquet, Mn., as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is a member of the Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church of Negaunee, and is also survived by many brothers and sisters in faith. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Anja, brothers George (Marie), and Harold (Elaine) of the Detroit area. Visitation will be Sun Sep 20, from 5-7pm at the Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church in Negaunee on Co Rd 492 east of the Negaunee cemetery, with funeral at 7pm, followed by a gathering afterward. Interment will be Mon Sep 21, at 11am at the Ishpeming cemetery. Arnold's obituary may be viewed at www.bjorkandzhulkie.com where relatives and friends may leave a note of remembrance.

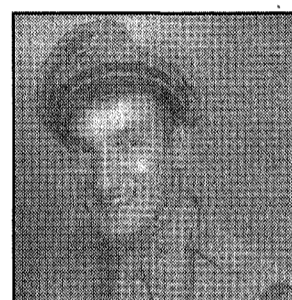
**MICHELLE R. KELLER**

Age 46, of Clinton Twp, passed away September 13, 2009. Loving daughter of Neal & Norma Keller. Dear sister of Robert & his wife Dana Keller. Special aunt of Tony, Jamie and Jeni Harb. Beloved granddaughter of Margaret Keller. Also survived by brother in law Joe Harb. Preceded in death by sister Debra Harb. Friends visited the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Saturday from 1-9pm with a funeral service at 7:00pm. Interment was at the Clinton Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories at: schradler-howell.com.

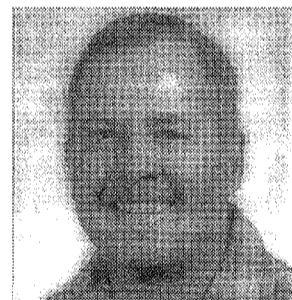
**Edward Kupsoff**
1/26/1915-8/27/2009

"A master teacher and guidance counselor"

Ed passed away on August 27th, 2009 at his home under Hospice Care with family members at his side. Ed was born January 26th, 1915 in Detroit. He lived 94 very full years. He is survived by his wife, Effrosina Tonia and his two sons and daughter-in-law; Gary and Carole Kupsoff of Marblehead, Ma. and Roger Kupsoff of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. Ed has two granddaughters and three great grandchildren; Elizabeth Rittinger of San Francisco and great grandson, William H. Rittinger, and Kathryn McGuire of Novato, Ca. and her two daughters, Lyla B. and Alice Rye McGuire. Ed is also survived by three nieces, Marsha Smith, Claudia Yuchida and Cynthia Barry all from Largo, Florida. Edward's parents emigrated from Russia and eventually located in Detroit in the early 1900's. Edward had two sisters Stella and Helene. Edward graduated from Wayne State in 1938 with a BS degree in Education. He later received a MS degree and a Specialist degree in Education from Wayne State. He taught high school, and later was a guidance counselor in the Detroit Public Schools for his entire career before retiring in 1981. Ed also realized how important it was for new immigrants to learn the English language. He taught English at night school for many years and in the summers taught citizenship classes, helping hundreds of immigrants become American citizens. During WW2, Edward worked the night shift at Packard Motor Company. He was a supervisor in the engine start up department for the Packard V-12 PT Boat engines. Edward was loved and will be missed by all his family and friends who have survived him.

**THOMAS "RALPH" PATTERSON**

Age 88, of Northville; September 3, 2009; a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran, B-24 Bombardier Navigator and P.O.W. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn (2000). Loving father of Thomas Jr. (Mary), Richard (Barbara) and John. Cherished grandfather of Brian, Marisa, Kevin, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Matthew, Christina and one great-grandson Lucas. Dear brother of Elizabeth Brooks, June Manning and the late Scott Patterson. Memorial service Saturday, September 26th, 3:00 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds., N of Grand River) Downtown Farmington (248) 474-5200. The family will receive guests at the funeral home on Saturday from 2:00 PM until the time of the service. Memorial tributes are suggested to the American Heart Assn or Alzheimer's Assn. heeney-sundquist.com

**MILTON F. SMITH**

Oct. 3, 1918 - Sept. 11, 2009

90 yrs. old. Beloved husband of Marilyn for 56 yrs. Father of Michael and Brian. Resident of Livonia for 49 yrs. Preceded in death by sisters Florence and Harriet; and, brothers Bernard, Melvin and Ray. Also, has many nieces and nephews. Milton was a Veteran of the Pacific campaign of World War II. He retired after 37 years at Detroit Edison Co. He was an avid hunter, golfer and gardener. Memorial Service and Interment at: Gros Cap Cemetery Moran Township, MI. Memorial to: American Heart/Stroke Assoc. Greater Midwest Affiliate Memorials 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674

WANDA MARY SOUBLY

94, formerly of Livonia and Detroit, MI passed away September 2, 2009 in Peoria, AZ. Mrs. Soubly was born on May 19, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gus, and survived by son Gerald (Sharon), daughters Jacqueline Bennett, Rosemary (Gary) Dryden, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Wanda was a welder on B-52 airplanes during WWII and later worked at Ford Motor Co. and in real estate. She was a member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, Polish American Club, active in Boy and Girl Scouts and many other organizations. A prayer service will be held Saturday, Sept 26th, 11am at St. Hedwig Cemetery-Mausoleum, 23755 Military Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Memorials can be sent to Alzheimer's Assoc, 1028 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006.

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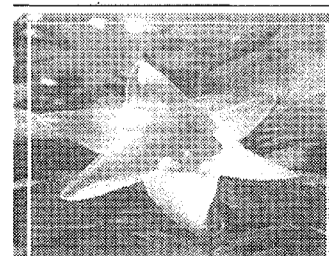
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NEIGHBORS

Funding setback puts job training on hold

NWLB

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

By 10:30 a.m. on a recent Wednesday, it was standing room only for those waiting to attend the No Worker Left Behind orientation at Michigan Works! Livonia Service Center.

A sign at the front desk told the grim news that NWLB funds had been depleted and there was no word on when funding would be available.

Nearly 30 people from as far away as Warren had hoped to learn of their options for returning to school. No Worker Left Behind is the free tuition program announced by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in 2007 to provide unemployed or underemployed Michigan residents with up to two years of training or education to compete in the 21st century global economy.

The good news is that the federally-funded NWLB program is not coming to a halt. Not all Michigan Works! agencies have run out of money. As the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance serving Wayne County has said, those who qualify will continue to go through the process and be placed on a waiting list until funds become available.

"We're going to move forward like we have money," said Kathleen Newton, the Michigan Works! case worker leading the orientation. "The goal is to get you trained and

out there as soon as possible."

After talking about the setback, Newton focused on a brighter future for the group, which included a Livonia woman already in her second year of a nursing program at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. She was laid off a year ago and was looking for assistance from NWLB, but the program does not pay for those who are already full-time college students.

ONLINE CLASSES

One woman drove all the way from Willis, outside of Ypsilanti, with hopes of returning to school after being laid off in June from her administrative assistant position at Yazaki in Canton. Lynne Williams was disappointed to learn that only certain online classes are approved by the program.

Timothy Parent was laid off from his job in the steel industry in May. He's looking forward to enrolling in computer classes at Schoolcraft College in January. Parent, 30, had worked in the steel industry since graduating from Canton High School.

He found the NWLB orientation so encouraging he returned for the second session two weeks later. Applicants for the funding must attend four, two-hour sessions and qualify by passing ninth-grade level reading and math tests and taking inventory of their career interests.

"It may be security for me," Parent said. "In school, I always got

along with computers. I like using them and I've been using them since 10 or 11 (years old)."

GREEN CAREER

Jim Coughlin is thinking about renewable energy technology. He was an electrician for 21 years before being laid off in March. He drove all the way from Warren for the second session.

"You have a lot of areas to choose from in renewable energy technology, from construction to maintenance to manufacturing," Coughlin said.

Hyskollari Aurela was at a loss as to a career after being laid off nearly a year ago from a window treatment business in Plymouth. Diane Warterian, the caseworker leading the second session, asked questions of the Westland woman to assess her skills and interests.

Warterian has had 25 different jobs over the years and calls herself a Trade School Poster Child. She believes NWLB applicants benefit from her variety of experiences.

"I love what I do," Warterian said. "You're helping people change their life."

Aurela left Albania three years ago, only to find she could not be licensed as a veterinarian in the U.S. even though she'd completed training in her native country. She also was struggling with English as her second language.

"This was very helpful," Aurela said. "You can do it."

'No Worker' program down, but not out

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Brad Speck isn't too worried about the lack of funding for the No Worker Left Behind program. He says it happened shortly after Michigan Works! began providing unemployed and underemployed workers up to \$10,000 for tuition at community colleges and universities for or training programs in August 2007.

In the last two years, the program has helped nearly 89,000 Michigan residents attend school for retraining. In fact, NWLB has been so successful that President Barack Obama mentioned it as a model for the nation when announcing his new community college initiative in July.

Now in its third year, the program is administered by 25 Michigan Works! Agencies throughout the state. Not all have run out of money. Those that have are counting on the approval of federal grants. NWLB is a federally-funded program that has been known by a variety of names over the last 25 years, according to Speck, assistant director of the Livonia Service Center for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance Michigan Works, serving

Monroe and Wayne counties.

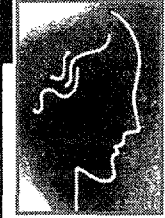
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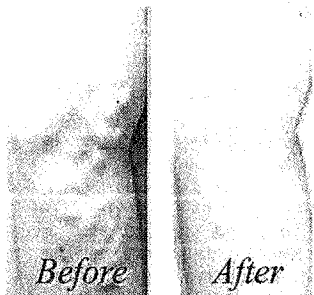
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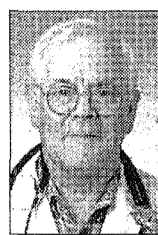


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Recall of range hits home

The number of recalls on major home appliances in the past 10 years may very well equal more than 20 million products and many of these are still in American homes being used today.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The recent recall announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission of the Frigidaire and Kenmore smoothtop electric ranges directly affects this writer and family. The Frigidaire range model number PLEF398AC is located at our cottage in Union City Michigan. This little cottage that we purchased last year is a work in progress. Valorie has torn it apart and rebuilt the inside to make it worthy of being in the awards category. The last thing she wants to see is the result of a cottage fire destroying all of hard work and satisfaction.

Valorie is a member of a group of retired school teachers who call themselves, "The Martha Stewart Wannabe's" and this group takes a yearly trip across the country which they call, "Camp." This year's trip was to the cottage where Barb Bennett discovered that we had the same electric range

she has in her kitchen. Barb also was aware of the recent recall on her range and had already taken the appropriate action to get her range repaired.

As a result of the "Camp" the Appliance Doctor found out that he owns a product which is under recall. I am now in the process of getting this appliance repaired. Here's the scoop for all homeowners who own a Frigidaire or Kenmore Smoothtop Electric Range:

The surface elements can turn on spontaneously without being switched on or fail to turn off after being switched off. The range can heat to different temperatures than selected. The following is a list of model numbers pertaining to about 200,000 of these ranges sold from June 2001 through August of 2009. Kenmore Elite Model number 790.99012, 790.99013, 790.99014, 790.99019. The Frigidaire model numbers are FEFBZ90GC, FEFLMC55GC, FEFLZ87GC, GLEF396AB, GLEF396AQ, GLEF396AS, GLEF396CQ, GLEF396CS, GLEFM397DB, GLEFM397DQ, GLEFM397DS, GLEFM97FPB, GLEFM97FPW, GLEFM97GPB, GLEFM97GPW, LEEFM389FE, PLEF398AC, PLEF398CC, PLEF398DC, PLEFM399DC, PLEFMZ99EC, PLEFM99GC,

PLEFZ398EC, PLEFZ398GC.

Consumers should stop using the recalled ranges immediately and contact Frigidaire or Sears to schedule a free repair. Contact Frigidaire at (800) 449-9812. If you purchased your range from Sears call (800) 449-9810.

By the way, my darling Valorie who is a retired school principal, professionally trained to react to anything to do with the word fire, had me turn off the circuit breaker to the Frigidaire range. It is just good sense to do so especially if the range can come on by itself during the middle of the night.

A few weeks ago a lady called me on the radio show to tell me her Frigidaire range went crazy. She was baking something at 350 degrees and the oven heated to more than 500 degrees. She shut it off and it continued to heat and the only way it shut off was when her husband shut off the circuit breaker. That was enough of a scare for anyone. I remind you of my past statements on recalls. Some 68 percent of recalled products are not known by American homeowners. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

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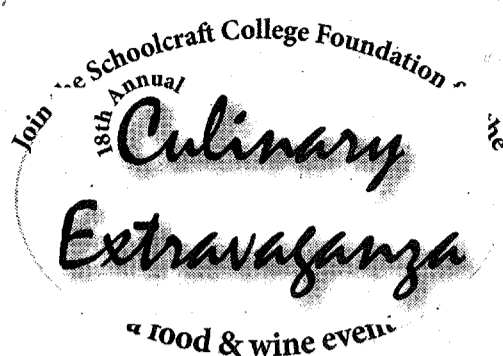
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Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

African violets

The Michigan State African Violet Society holds its annual fall display and plant sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 24 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 25, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Free admission. The show will include a variety of African violets on display and for sale. For more information e-mail to Ingrid Bowman at ingridbowman07@comcast.net



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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Don't let construction near the Livonia Public Library discourage you from attending the Friends of the Livonia Library's fall used book sale Sept. 25-27.

"One road is blocked and people have to park down a ways," said Carol Dubuque, Friends' member in charge of publicity. "But we hope people still come this time. Our book sales are really important and we're doing really well with them."

The organization sells books, CDs and videos three times a year and earns about \$30,000 from each sale, according to Dubuque.

Funds from previous sales have helped maintain the fish tank in the children's area, buy art for the Civic Center Library, establish a teen reading area, and enable the group to present public programs on a variety of topics. The next is 2 p.m., Oct. 18 with Gordon Castelnero, author of *TV Land* — Detroit.

"Our next sale will be in February. Right now I think some of it (book sale pro-

ceeds) will have to go to books, because the book budget was cut," Dubuque said. "Each library had been making a list and then we'd try to meet their needs. I think a lot of it will go back into books now."

The Friends' used book sale runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Hardcovers are \$1, paperbacks cost 50 cents, and romances are 25 cents. CDs and videos are priced separately. Buy an entire bag of books on Sunday for \$5.

"All of those books people have brought in to us. They're all sorted out so when people come in they have no difficulty finding the books they want."

The sale will be held at the main library at 32777 Five Mile, although proceeds benefit all three of the community's libraries. For more information call (734) 466-2495.

Selling fun

The Beckridge Chorale is selling the 2010 Entertainment Book to support its vocal scholarship program.

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Cost is \$20 and the purchase helps support the Chorale.

Call (734) 459-6829 to order. Books will be delivered in the Plymouth area upon request.

Express yourself

The Canton Communicators Toastmaster club offers an eight-session workshop called Communicating Your Strengths Speech Craft Workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Sept. 28, at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 Lilley, Canton.

The sessions are designed to help participants improve their performance in business meetings, presentations, job interviews, conversations, sales and problem-solving situations. They'll prepare and present short talks and practice impromptu speaking in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere. The aim is to communicate with confidence and poise.

Cost is \$10 for the series. To enroll, call Bonnie Hilberer at (734) 646-2237 or Joy Rooke at (734) 748-2359.

— Sharon Dargay

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Andover and Lahser High Schools

Class of 1969

Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at Bucknerliz@gmail.com. Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at lsykes@woh.rr.com.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford

Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritechn.net

Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostie, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Farmington High School

Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehrn@aol.com.

Ferndale High School

Classes 1962-66

Reunion class of 1964 invites classes 1962-66 to the homecoming game and a tour of Ferndale High on Oct. 2 and a party at Via Nove, Oct. 3, in downtown Ferndale. Contact Barbara Tierney at (248) 910-9908 or bjs202@aol.com; Susan Payne at suspayne@msn.com; Donna Wilson at donnagillespie83@yahoo.com, or Peggy Connolly at pegnbar@centel.net.

Fordson High School

Classes of 1943-45

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive; in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion" to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information, call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October.

E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West

Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Ladywood

Class of 1984

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@comcast.net

Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siemior class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at (734) 358-3272.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynihilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisanefalk@comcast.net

Redford Union

Class of 1989

20 year reunion Saturday, Oct 24 at Warren Valley Golf Club. For information or to register call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com

St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1984

25th reunion, 6-11 p.m., Oct. 3, at Wayne Tree Manor. \$45. Send checks to 25th Class Reunion, PO Box 222, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information e-mail to kellybellym3@yahoo.com or MPRESS66@hotmail.com

Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday- Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at jghs69@aol.com.

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Applicant: Daniel Olson

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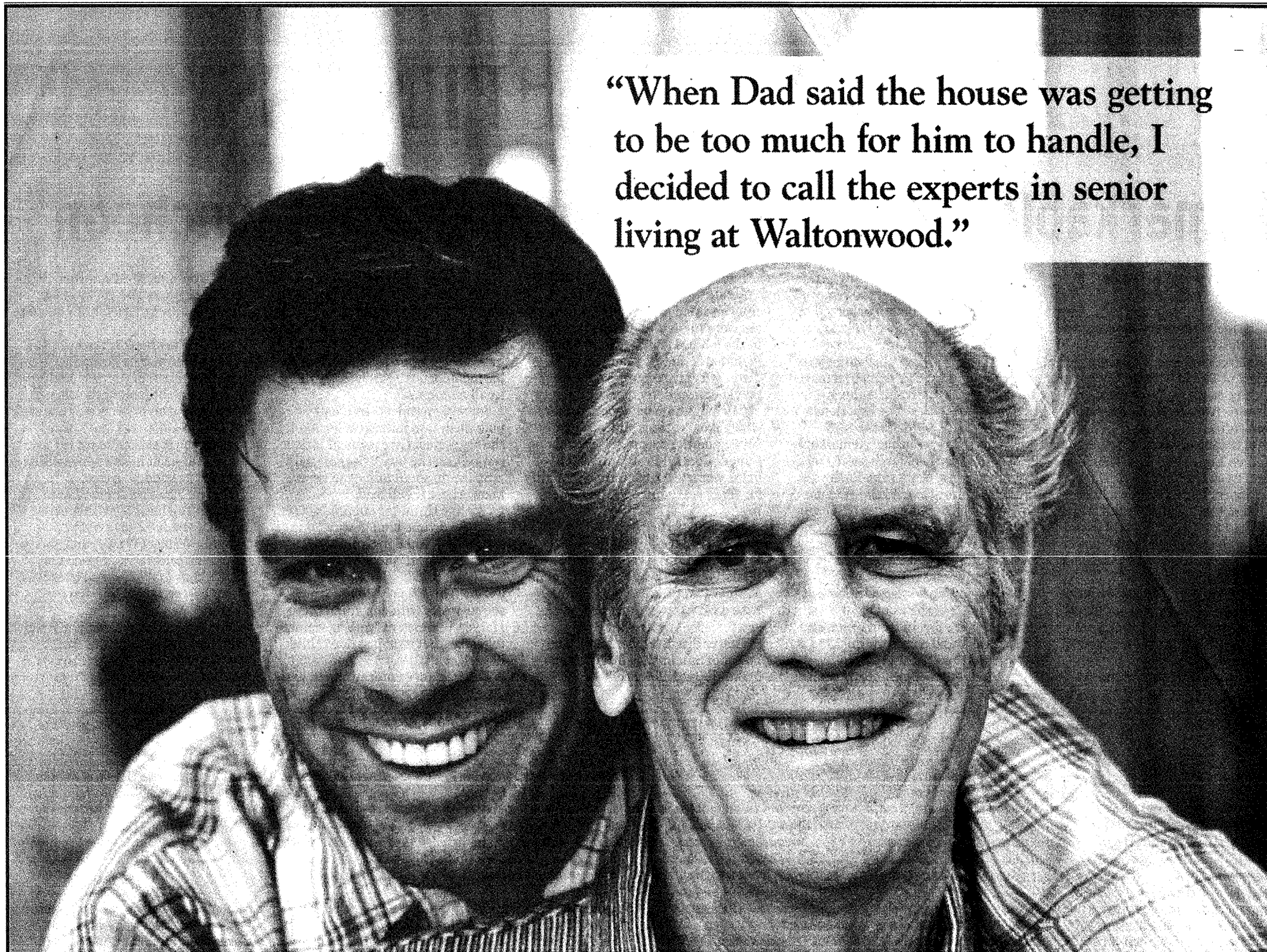
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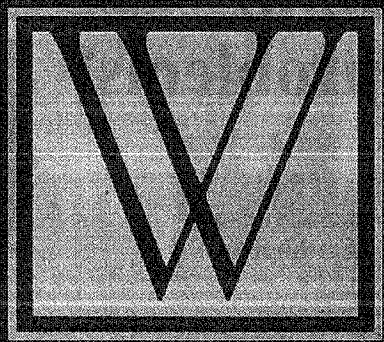
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Remarkable milestone for Florine Mark's luncheon

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
CORRESPONDENT

Florine Mark never expected to hear the "C" word.

As President and Chairman of the Board of The WW Group, Mark eats healthy, exercises frequently, and abstains from alcohol, cigarettes, even coffee.

Yet during her recent Remarkable Women Luncheon, held Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, Mark told the audience she is not immune to health scares.

"I had a 12-week medical adventure with colon cancer and lung cancer," the Farmington Hills resident said from the podium.

Last December, during a routine colonoscopy, Mark's doctor found a polyp. It proved to be malignant.

"The news took my breath away," Mark said.

She spent nine days in the hospi-



Mark

Women Luncheon even more meaningful to her, Mark said. Each year, the non-profit event raises money for women's health causes. Net proceeds are divided between Beaumont Ministrelli's Women's Heart Center, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center and the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if I stood up here one day in front of you and said we found a cure for this, and a cure for that?" Mark said.

About 500 people, mostly women,

tal recovering from surgery to remove 5½ inches of her colon. Then, weeks later, Mark underwent another surgery to have a spot removed from her lung.

The experience made the 10th annual Remarkable Women Luncheon even more meaningful to her, Mark said. Each year, the non-profit event raises money for women's health causes. Net proceeds are divided between Beaumont Ministrelli's Women's Heart Center, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center and the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center.

"You have to be your own advocate. It's your body," Mark said. Authors Linda Kaplan Thayer ("The Power of Small") and Denene Millner ("Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man") were keynote speakers.

Thayer discussed her book "The Power of Small: Why little things make all the difference."

attended the luncheon this year.

Before a meal of low calorie chicken salad and iced tea, attendees were invited to meet exhibitors in the lobby. Health-related exhibits included Susan G. Komen for the Cure, offering resources for early breast cancer detection; University of Michigan's Livonia Vein Center, which treats spider and varicose veins; and the Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program, which helps women 40-65 years old qualify for free breast and cervical screening.

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Thayer discussed her book "The Power of Small: Why little things make all the difference."

"Think big," "big picture," "don't sweat the small stuff," look where that's left us - big bankruptcies, big trouble. If just one woman had read the fine print we wouldn't be in this mess," she quipped. "We look for the big moments. We rarely enjoy the small moments."

Solve big problems by chopping them into manageable pieces, she suggested. Give yourself little rewards on the way to larger goals.

Strike up small talk - you never know where it will lead.

"It's like throwing out seeds every time you do one kind gesture, one small deed, you don't know how it's going to flower," she said.

Millner said her book, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man," which she co-wrote with comedian Steve Harvey, is aimed at "getting women to realize that men just don't think like us, at all."

The freelance entertainment jour-

nalist lives outside Atlanta and regularly appears on The Today Show, CBS Early Show, CNN, MSNBC and VH1.

She said her book "shows you how to keep your marriage together by being confident in yourself, and how he's going to be looking at you and what's going on in his mind," she said. "We're not alike, and that's okay."

After the speakers, Mark led a panel of Detroit media personalities through a roundtable chat.

Detroit News columnist Laura Berman and local television news anchors Diana Lewis (WXYZ), Rhonda Walker (WDIV) and Sherry Margolis (celebrating 25 years on WJBK that day) answered questions about career, family and staying healthy.

The event was presented by Weight Watchers and SmartOnes, and sponsored in part by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPT. 21-27.

Baby Basics

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class designed for first time parents. They'll learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Dr. Sunil Menawat will discuss infant illness and child immunization. There is a fee. To register, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162.

Women's health seminar

Camryn Chrisman, assistant professor, University of Michigan Department

of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Divya Patel, research assistant professor, U of M Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Talat Danish, medical director, Wayne County Public Health, will talk about HPV and cervical cancer during a seminar 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Schoolcraft College, VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The experts will lead a discussion that includes the connection between HPV and cervical cancer, issues and public concerns that affect vaccine decisions and HPV disparities across race, ethnicity, and class. Free. For more information call (734) 936-8886.

SEPT. 28-OCT. 4

Prostate screening

Free screenings, consisting of a blood test and a digital rectal exam, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Vattikuti Urology Institute at Henry Ford Hospital 2799 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Appointments are required. To schedule one, call (313) 916.2062

Pain awareness

7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30, in classroom #1, in the administration building at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki, will sign their recent book, "100 Questions & Answers About

Fibromyalgia." Virginia Drouin-Berry will talk about managing the pain of Fibromyalgia. Carol Young present an interactive talk, with chair exercises, about Fibromyalgia and exercise. The conference and book-signing are free and refreshments will be served. RSVP to hope@hffcf.org.

Pampering for cancer patients

Just for You, a free day of education, emotional support and pampering for women with cancer, their family members and friends, runs 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2, at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce. Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital presents the program which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, hand and chair massages, Reike therapy, reflexology and information about stress management, sleep, cancer and sex, pain management, and maintaining a positive outlook. Health and fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be the keynote speaker. Register by calling (888) DMC-2500 or by visiting www.dmc.org/peoplesmedicalcollege/

Prostate screening

Free screenings, consisting of a blood test and a digital rectal exam, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Vattikuti Urology Institute at Henry Ford Hospital 2799 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Appointments are required. To schedule one, call (313) 916.2062.

OCT. 5-11

Ladies night out

"Women's Health 101" Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage, 5:30 - 7 p.m.; lecture 7 - 8:30 p.m. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physician, Karin Dimon. (734) 655-4800

OCT. 12-18

Addiction conference

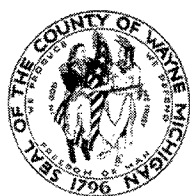
Robert Ackerman will speak at the Tri-county Prevention Institute for Alcohol & Other Drugs' 7th Annual Keys to Understanding Addiction and Consequences of Use workshop. The workshop will focus on the impact of addiction on the family, strategies for

individual and family intervention, and ways to facilitate family transitions and recovery. The one-day workshop will be held 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Henry Ford Health System's Allan D. Gilmour Center for Learning, One Ford Place, in Detroit. Cost is \$60. Continuing Education Credits will be offered to professionals. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (248) 661-6170.

Stroke conference

Registration deadline for a one-day community education conference, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital, is Oct. 16. The conference, called "Life After Stroke...Back on Track," runs 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver, in Troy. It will offer an overview of stroke, tips on prevention, treatment and recovery. Includes exhibits, lunch, presentations and panel discussions. Fee is \$10. Call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service at (800) 633-7377.

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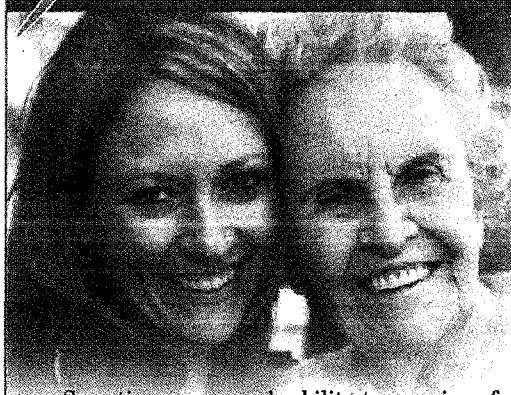
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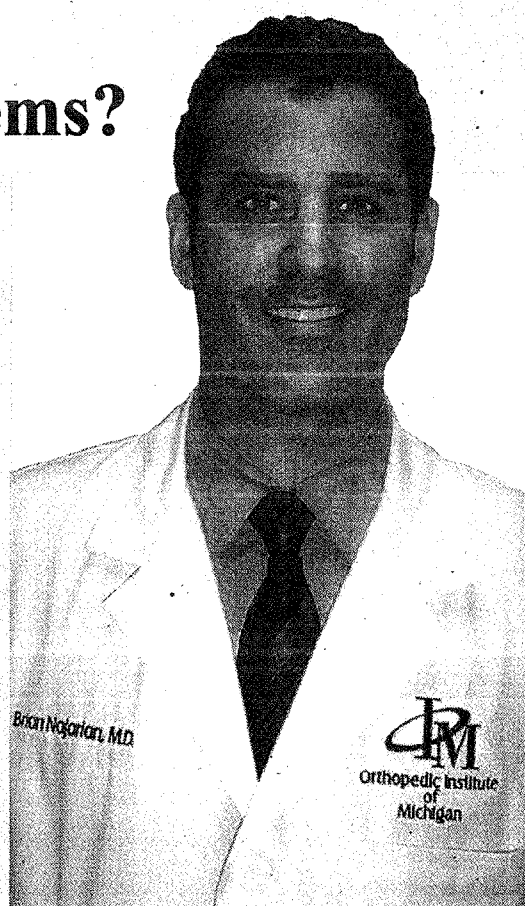
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