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The deadline for entries is midnight Oct. 1 and the winner will be drawn at random Oct. 2.

### Variety show

The Canton Chieftettes host their annual Pom Pon Variety Show, featuring local high school talent, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Salem High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$6 if purchased before the show, and \$8 at the door.

### Vet summit

Online registration is now open to attorneys and legal advocates for the two-day Veterans Summit 2011 scheduled for Sept. 14-15 and hosted by the Canton Community Foundation at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Attorneys and legal advocates who work with veterans to obtain benefits through Veterans Affairs may register online at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

For more information, contact CCF at (734) 495-1200 or [info@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:info@cantonfoundation.org).

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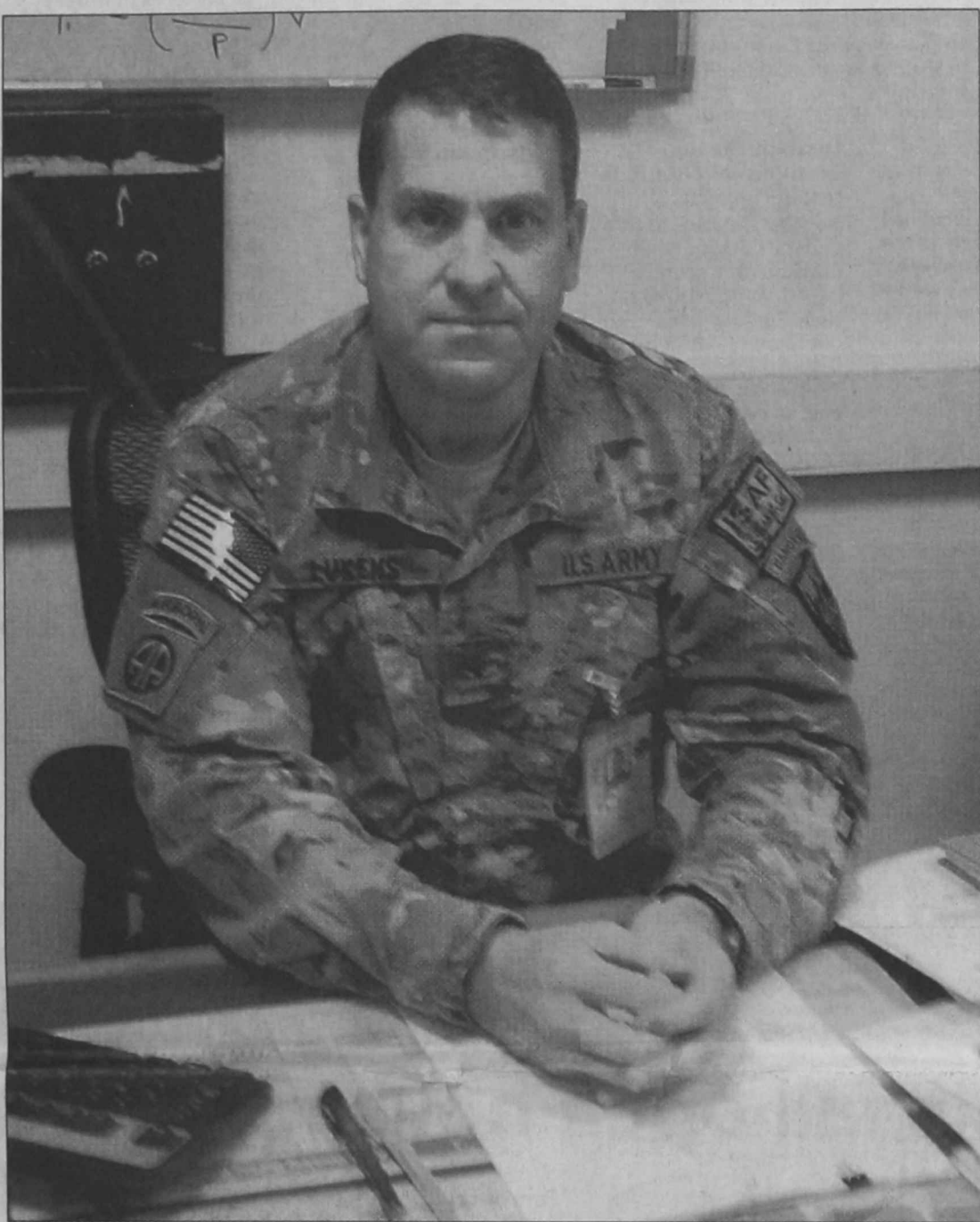
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## 9/11 Memories



Col. Mark Lukens, currently stationed in Afghanistan, also served in Operation Desert Storm. He was stationed at the Pentagon when the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks occurred.

## 'It was heart-wrenching'

### Salem grad lauds nation's response to 9/11

By Brad Kadrach  
Observer Staff Writer

It was a beautiful, sunny day in northern Virginia, cool and dry. The country had been at peace.

And then, it was all interrupted by a shock.

To Col. Mark Lukens, it seemed more like an emergency drill than anything else, that day 10 years ago when terrorists struck at the heart of the country.

Lukens, a Plymouth native and 1981 Salem High School graduate, was working in his Pentagon office when the plane hit, the third strike by terrorists Sept. 11, 2001. Lukens' office was a mere 50 feet from the crash site.

"There was a loud explosion, and then we were evacuating the building toward the center courtyard," said Lukens, then a major working for the U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for personnel. "When we moved out, we saw the big hole and the building on fire."

**Figured it out**  
He and his staff had been

### REMEMBERING 9/11

**What:** 9/11 observances

**When:** Sunday

**Events:** 9 a.m. flag-raising by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and a 7 p.m. patriotic concert by the Michigan Philharmonic at the Canton Library; a 2:30 p.m. observance at the Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer Road.

**Why:** The local Muslim community hopes to draw together people from diverse religions as Canton marks the 10th anniversary of terrorist attacks that scarred a nation and fueled discrimination against groups such as Muslims and Sikhs.

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watching televised coverage of the first two strikes — the planes smashing into the World Trade Center — and it didn't take long for them to put two-and-two together.

"Like everyone else that day, we just thought, 'Was it a mistake?'" Lukens recalled. "Then the second plane hit, and we knew the whole thing had changed. We kind of knew when we hit the courtyard and saw the black smoke coming out, we'd figured it out by then."

As it did for the entire country, the sense of loss settled in quickly for Lukens and oth-

er survivors of the Pentagon crash. The plane smashed through the window of the office of Lukens' boss, Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, the highest-ranking army officer killed by enemy action since 1945.

While Lukens' desk was "far enough from E ring to be safe," the same couldn't be said for the rest of the people in his office. Lukens estimates he lost some 20 percent of his staff that day.

It triggered what Lukens called "the worst part" of the attacks: Burying co-worker after co-worker, a stretch of "heart-wrenching" grief.

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## Westland man arraigned in dragging case

By Brad Kadrach  
Observer Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Westland man faces a preliminary hearing after pleading not guilty in 35th District Court Wednesday to one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, causing serious injury.

Rodney Manning will be back in court Friday to face the five-year felony. He was released on a \$50,000 personal bond. Canton police said Manning returned to Michigan from Florida to face the charge.

Manning was charged after a July 2 incident where he is alleged to have struck an 18-year-old Westland man attending a large social gathering near Beck Road and Woodlong Drive in Canton.

"It appears to us there was a social gathering at the residence, and during the social gathering a car drove up and reportedly went onto a grassy shoulder of the road, struck the 18-year-old and continued driving," Canton Detective Dave Schreiner said at the time of the incident.

The victim was caught under the vehicle — described by police only as a small, domestic car — and he was dragged "a considerable distance" from the scene toward Beck and Saltz roads, police said.

Police said Manning allegedly got

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Laura Buckingham of Canton talked with her lawyer, Rene Cooper, during her preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court.

## Canton woman faces trial for sex with minors

By Brad Kadrach  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton woman faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after being bound over on four charges of criminal sexual conduct involving minors.

Judge Mike Gerou bound Laura Buckingham over on two charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct following her preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court.

The charges stem from incidents that happened between 2003-05 and involve at least three minor boys — at least two of whom were just 12 years old at the time. If convicted,

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**SALEM CHEER**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Salem High School gym, 46191 Joy in Canton

**Details:** The Salem High School cheer team presents "Kid Camp 2011." The \$50 cost includes clinic, snack, a T-shirt and backpack. Campers are invited to cheer with the team for the first half of the Salem vs. Stevenson football game Friday, Oct. 7. Campers should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and gym shoes.

**Contact:** Dee Bryan, (734) 673-4329, or Kelissa Nordstrom, (734) 397-4562, or e-mail salemcoaches@gmail.com

**HEALTH SEMINAR**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Muslim Community of Western Suburbs gym, 40440 Palmer (northwest corner, Palmer and Lotz)

**Details:** MCWS is holding its sixth annual Health Seminar. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be lectures on healthy living and disease prevention throughout the day, free blood sugar testing, free doctor consultations, free ECG testing, CPR training and blood cholesterol testing by Garden City hospital staff for \$10. Breakfast and Lunch will be served at no cost. Babysitting will be provided free of cost as well. Register online at <http://www.mcws.org/workshop>

**Contact:** For more information contact Dr. Sohail Hassan, (734) 788-4166, or e-mail [soli786@yahoo.com](mailto:soli786@yahoo.com).

**POM CLINIC**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 1, 9-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Canton High School cafeteria

**Details:** The Canton



**Rouge run**

On Saturday, Sept. 17, Friends of the Rouge host the second annual 5K Run/Walk along the Rouge River. Runners, walkers and anyone who cares about the river and wants to get some exercise are invited to sign up for this 3.1 mile trail run. It takes place in Canton and is a fundraiser for Friends of the Rouge. Registration is available on the Friends of the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org). Volunteers are also needed to help support the runners and walkers. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, 3855 South Sheldon Road in Canton. The Run/Walk begins promptly at 9 a.m.

Chiefettes host a pom clinic where participants will learn pom pon techniques and a short dance routine. Participants perform at the varsity football game Oct. 14. Links to a clinic flyer and registration can be found at [cantonchiefettes.com](http://cantonchiefettes.com)

**AAUW MEETING**

**Date/Time:** 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22

**Location:** Hoben Elementary School (Salz Road between Sheldon and Canton Center).

**Details:** The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting. The meeting, titled "Not Your Mother's Tie-dye," will feature Emily Sharpe who will share her experiences joining a start-up company that specializes in a new form of tie-dye. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

**Contact:** For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at [bcopenhaver@yahoo.com](mailto:bcopenhaver@yahoo.com) or (734) 981-6023.

**GRIEF SUPPORT**

**Date/Time:** Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7-9 p.m.

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

**Details:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth is sponsoring "Grieving with Great Hope," a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. John Riccardo from OLGCC as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. The workshop will offer spiritual hope, practical guidance, fellowship with other grievers as well as time for private reflection and prayer.

**Contact:** For more information visit [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net) or call the OLGCC Parish Office.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Canton

**Details:** St. Thomas a'Becket Church is accepting applications for crafters for their Christmas Craft Show (home-made crafts only, please).

**Contact:** All interested

crafters e-mail [craftshow@abecket.org](mailto:craftshow@abecket.org)

**GRIEF WORKSHOP**

**Date/Time:** Eight-week workshop beginning Sept. 12, Mondays from 7-8:45 p.m.

**Location:** Ward Presbyterian Church, 6 Mile and Haggerty

**Details:** Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," a free workshop open to anyone who is grieving after the death of a loved one and presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

**Contact:** For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-5943.

**MOPS MEETINGS**

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

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

**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

**Contact:** Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail [stekmops@gmail.com](mailto:stekmops@gmail.com), or visit [www.stekmops.org](http://www.stekmops.org)

**HOSPICE SUPPORT**

**Date/Time:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

**Contact:** For information, contact Ann Christensen, (888) 983-9050.

Canton providers charged in Medicare scheme

By Jay Grossman  
Eccentric Staff Writer

More than a dozen health care providers from Oakland and Wayne counties — including four from Canton — are charged with trying to bilk more than \$28 million out of Medicare in false billing claims.

According to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, court documents name a total of 18 health care providers as allegedly being involved in a series of schemes to bill Medicare "for services that were medically unnecessary and/or never provided."

The false billings were allegedly generated from rehab centers in Livonia, Southfield and Detroit.

"Health care providers should be aware that the days of stealing from Medicare with impunity are over," said U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade of the Eastern District of Michigan. "We are relentlessly investigating and prosecuting those who seek to profit from false claims for services that are medically unnece-

sary or, in some instances, not provided at all."

Defendants charged include: Gerald R. Funderburg Jr., 31, of Southfield; Marcus Jenkins, 49, of Farmington Hills; Elizabeth Jenkins, 47, of Farmington Hills; Dr. Alphonso Berry, 50, of Orchard; Tausif Rahman, 36, of Canton; Zahir Yousafzai, 41, of Canton; Javed Rehman, 48, of Farmington Hills; Muhammad aka "Sib" Ahmad, 33, of Ypsilanti; Jawad Ahmad, 41, of Ypsilanti; Dr. Dwight Smith, 58, of Detroit; Dr. Paul Kelly, 74; Rehan Khan, 38, of Canton; Nabeel Shaikh, 29, of Wixom; Janaki Chettiar, 36, of Farmington Hills; Jigar Patel, 27, of Madison Heights; Anthony Parkman, 40, of Southfield; Hetal Barot, 28, of Canton; and Srinivas Reddy aka "Dr. Reddy", 35, of Bloomfield Hills.

Indictments and criminal complaints contain merely charges and defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Library resumes popular business series

The Canton Public Library's popular lunch time small business series resumes for the fall with a lineup of sessions to help business owners and entrepreneurs learn new skills to grow their businesses.

Topics in the upcoming series will help businesses devise a social media strategy, learn about the Chamber of Commerce, get some inspiration from Tech Town, create a website and get media attention. All sessions are at no charge, run for one hour and typically don't require registration.

• Back to Business with SCORE, noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13 — The counselors from SCORE will show you how to build a website for small business so you have a presence on the World Wide Web.

• Back to Business with Tracey Rettig, noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20 — Canton Chamber of Commerce president Tracey Rettig will talk about the function and purpose of a chamber of commerce

and how it can help your business grow and prosper.

• Back to Business with WSU Tech Town, noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27 — Wayne State University's unique Tech Town project will show you how to "Thrive in the Neighborhood."

• Back to Business with Social Media, noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4 — Develop a social media to make connections, foster partnerships and succeed in today's online world. Facebook, Twitter and Google+ discussed. Space is limited; registration required.

• Back to Business with Media Relations, noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Learn how to pitch your story to a reporter, submit information to the media and spread the word about your business. Peg McNichol hosts.

For more information, visit the Canton Public Library website at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or call (734) 397-0999. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Summit hosts fall open house

The Summit on the Park, Canton's community recreation center since 1995, will open its doors to the public during a special open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 24.

Visitors can stop in and take a guided facility tour where you can learn about the wide-range of comprehensive services and amenities that are available at the Summit for you and your family. Guests are also invit-

ed to jump into the Turbo Kick class at 10:15 a.m. and be entered in a raffle for a chance to win prizes and golf passes. Plus, all guests purchasing an Annual Family or Annual Individual membership (excluding matinee and couple memberships) will receive an extra month free.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet staff and get information about programs and services that interest you. See what makes the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton's leading destination for all your family's health and wellness needs. Learn about flexible membership options; over 80 fitness classes per week; no long-term contracts; experienced and certified personal trainers; state-of-the-art workout equipment and more!

The Summit on the Park offers a Fitness and Aquatic Center; Aerobics Studio; Gymnasium, racquetball court and indoor track; steam room and sauna; and Kids' Corner Child Care Center; and all the tools needed to achieve a healthy and active lifestyle.

For more information about this special event and membership to the Summit on the Park, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

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# Service groups turn out to kick off festival

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

While the Plymouth Community Fall Festival offers carnival rides, an auto show, free entertainment, an art fair and more, at its heart lies community service.

That was evident Friday afternoon when the 56th annual Fall Festival got under way in downtown Plymouth, as volunteers from area service clubs and booster groups worked the fundraising booths that lined Main Street, hawking goods and refreshments to raise money for their causes, and adding to the festival atmosphere.

"It's very good. It gets everybody out," said Jim Mazer, who runs a roasted-almond booth staffed by members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and their parents.

Mazer, a retired teacher, has been working the festival since the late 1990s (he worked with another group before the Corps joined him last year) and finds it a good way to mark the end of summer and the beginning of the school year.



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Robert and Stacey DuRusse, with 2-year-old daughter Gabriella, stroll through the Plymouth Fall Festival on Friday afternoon. They are residents of Canton.

"I've enjoyed doing it," said Mazer. "It's my way of giving back."

"Definitely, it's a good fundraiser for us," said Gayl Parr, whose son Ryan is a flag-bearer in the Corps.

In addition to the Fife and Drum Corps, which raises money for equipment and to help fund its annual summer tour, other service groups on Main Street Friday included Canton Chiefs Softball (corn dogs), the Vietnam Veterans of America (corn on the cob), the Plymouth-Can-

ton Civitans (photo magnets and keychains), Homeless Heroes USA, which assists homeless veterans (fudge), and the Police Centennial Dancers (Polish food).

Friday's festival kickoff was met with sometimes-cloudy skies and light rain around 6 p.m., a carnival midway that was attracting crowds of high school and middle school students, and lots of activity in and around Kellogg Park as volunteers prepared for more weekend events, such as Friday evening Bingo,

a benefit for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. Taste Fest, which offered food and drink samples from more than 30 area restaurants, got under way at 6 p.m. at Station 885 in Old Village.

Rebecca Johnson of Canton Township said she's been coming to the festival for about 20 years — since she was in high school. This year, she brought her son, Landon, 7, who said his favorite ride was the "Bear Affair," where riders sit inside giant bear figurines that spin and twirl.

"It's a very nice family atmosphere," Johnson said, "Something for everyone."

The Fall Festival continues on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Rotary Club of Plymouth's annual chicken barbecue, at \$10 a meal, is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out) at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School. For more information on festival offerings, visit the website [www.plymouthfallfestival.org](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.org).

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# MINORS

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Buckingham could be sentenced to life in prison for the first-degree charges; the second-degree charges carry a maximum 15-year penalty.

Two of the victims took the witness stand Friday, although one refused to answer most of Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Suzette Samuels' questions once he was on the stand.

But the testimony of the other, now a 20-year-old college student, was enough to convince Gerou. With Buckingham, now 50, sobbing at the defense table, the victim testified about three different instances of sexual contact with her, all during his seventh-grade year at school.

In the first, according to his testimony, he and Buckingham's daughter had returned to Buckingham's Geddes home from a middle school dance. After the daughter fell asleep, the victim testified, he and Buckingham went into her daughter's bedroom and began kissing, which "led to touching, which led to other things," including oral sex.

In the second incident, he testified, the three

male victims were all in bed with Buckingham, and he witnessed Buckingham and one of the other victims "doing something below (the third victim's) waist." He testified he couldn't see exactly what had happened.

The third incident happened Feb. 1, 2004. The victim testified he remembered the exact date of that incident because it took place the same day as singer Janet Jackson's infamous "wardrobe malfunction" at the 2004 Super Bowl. That incident, according to the victim's testimony, included Buckingham fondling him "discreetly" with two other people in the room.

The victim testified he never told anyone outside a couple of friends until years later. Then, last year, a college psychology professor in whom he confided recommended he tell someone to gain a sense of closure. The victim testified he told his father, who urged him to report the case to the police.

"I've spent the last seven years trying to forget this," the victim said. "I've tried to push a lot of memories out of my head."

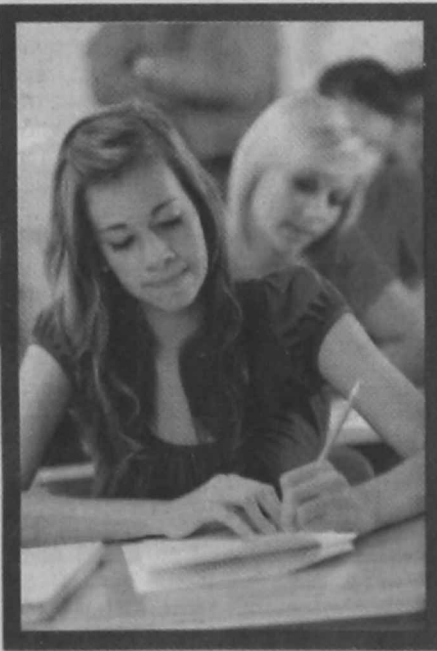
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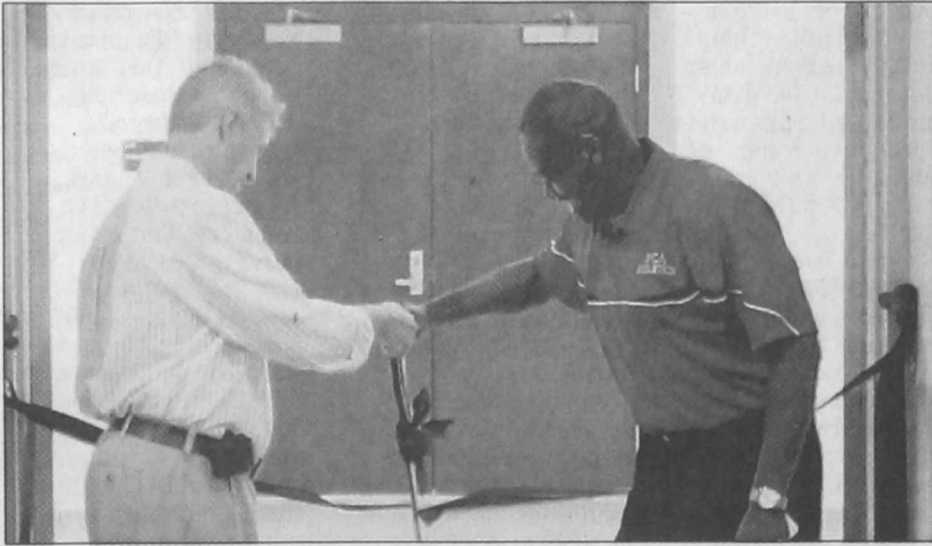
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PCA Board of Regents president Jim Rich (left) and athletic director Rick Swilley cut the ribbon on the school's new locker room facility.

## PCA cuts ribbon on new locker facilities

By Brad Kadrich  
 Observer Staff Writer

Back when boys and girls' basketball were played in opposite seasons, the smallish athletic facilities at Plymouth Christian Academy served well enough.

Now, with both sports being played in the same season, the situation was no longer tenable, so the school did something about it.

School officials Friday cut the ribbon on the school's \$350,000 addition that will allow PCA the space it needs to house home and visiting athletes.

"It's huge," said Jim

Rich, president of the school's Board of Regents. "It was the dedication of a lot of individuals. You talk about the effort that goes into (fundraising) ... It's a huge step forward for us."

The school funded the expansion with the help of what school officials called "a number of parents who wanted to help." Donations large and small poured in, as did a \$50,000 from the Ilitch family. The donations, school officials said, included "some large gifts" made anonymously.

Before expanding the facilities, the school

would house its own athletes in the boys' locker room, and put the visitors in the girl's locker room.

But with the switch in seasons a couple of years ago there were, at times, as many as eight teams vying for locker-room space. It's space PCA didn't have.

"It's an opportunity for a place for our children to change, rather than making them use a classroom," said PCA Athletic Director Rick Swilley. "It gives us a place for coaches to meet with their players. It's an exciting thing."

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## Dems set education town hall in Canton

As Michigan students and teachers headed back to the classroom this week, House Democratic leaders and caucus members reached out to Michigan residents in their fight to make education the number one priority by restoring what they call "unnecessary funding cuts" pushed through by legislative Republicans.

House Democrats are planning a series of education town hall meetings across the state to hear directly from residents how their children and schools are being impacted by the Republican-supported education cuts.

One of those meetings is scheduled 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, hosted by state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, at the Canton Public Library.

"After talking about 'bringing Michigan back' legislative Republicans inexplicably gutted education funding by taking money away from our schools and using it to cover a \$1 billion tax cut for corporations," said House Democratic Leader Richard E. Hamel (D-Mt. Morris Township). "My House Demo-



Slavens

cratic colleagues and I fought hard to stop that raid on education, and it is certainly not too late to restore this money to our classrooms. We ask educators, parents, and all concerned citizens to join us in our fight by sharing their stories of how these cuts are impacting their children and their schools."

The School Aid Fund was carrying a surplus estimated at \$900 million for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012, Democrats said, until the governor and legislative Republicans "raided that money to give a \$1.8 billion tax cut to big corporations." As a result, they said, schools have lost \$470 per pupil or more for the current school year.

"These were unnecessary cuts that not only hurt our students, but also jeopardize Michigan's economic recovery," said House Democratic Floor Leader Kate Segal (D-Battle Creek). "Our students need a sol-

id education in order to do well in college, find a good job, and succeed in Michigan's changing economy. Now that school has started we need to hear from parents, students, teachers and administrators about how these cuts are affecting their schools."

House Democrats invite residents to go to their website, www.Fight-SchoolCuts.com, to share stories about the impact on their communities. Town hall meetings are being scheduled in communities across Michigan to give residents a chance to meet directly with their legislators.

"Cuts like these cannot be allowed to happen if we want our children to succeed, find good jobs, and stay in Michigan to raise their families," said State Rep. Lisa Brown (D-West Bloomfield), minority vice chair of the House Committee on Education. "By sharing their stories, parents and students can let us know firsthand how these are affecting them every day in their classrooms. That kind of information will help us make a strong case for preventing further cuts in the future."

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# 9/11

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One of the funerals was for Maj. Kip Taylor, at the time an aide to Maude, the father of a 2-year-old son and whose wife was pregnant at the time.

## Funeral after funeral

It didn't help that many of the burials were in Arlington National Cemetery, directly across from the Pentagon crash site.

"Burying your co-workers was the toughest part ... it wore on you," Lukens recalled. "As they were lowering the coffins into the ground, you could see the big, blackened hole in the Pentagon. They were buried a half-mile from where they were killed."

Lukens, who with wife Lisa has two children, 12-year-old Hart and 7-year-old Helaina, has seen a lot in his 25-year career. After leaving Salem High School, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated in 1986. He was an infantry paratrooper during Desert Storm, and now serves at the highest headquarters, the International Security Assistance Force, in Afghanistan.

He knows what the country has gone through, but believes all the fighting — "We've been at war ever since" 9/11, he said — has been necessary.

"It was a big shock to the system," he said. "We had to fight



Col. Mark Lukens, a 1981 graduate of Salem High School, said he's proud of the way the country responded to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

these terrorists, and we had to go where they live to solve the problem. We had to try to fix the problem, and the problem emanated from Afghanistan. We've been here 10 years, and we're moving toward, hopefully, peace and stability."

## Sadness, then light

The attacks of 9/11 brought a lot of pain and sadness. But Lukens' service has also allowed him to see the positives, the dedication of his fellow servicemen and women, the heart shown by the country.

He points to the effort of a soldier who works for him now who is on his third tour in Afghanistan. The soldier has earned a pair of Purple

Hearts, but keeps coming back.

"He knows how important it is to help the Afghan people ... we have to give them that chance," Lukens said. "So many things about 9/11 seem sad and negative. We have to think about the positive things about our country."

"How our country responded after 9/11 — the flags and the patriotism — was very impressive," Lukens added. "We rallied around each other, and we've moved forward since that time. I'm very proud of my country, and the way we've tried to do the right thing."

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# After-school program offers teen activities

Parents looking for an after-school program for their teens, where they will know their child will be safe, supervised and will want to spend countless hours with their friends, can take advantage of The BLOCK After-School Program.

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Registration is now underway. Canton residents can sign up for \$175 and non-residents for \$219. Membership and drop-in options are also available.

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For more information about The BLOCK's After School Program and other fall offerings, call (734) 398-5570 or visit Cantonfun.org.

# DRAGGING

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out of the vehicle, left the scene and later turned himself over to authorities.

Canton police received a call shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday about an incident involving a car that hit the 18-year-old man, who was attending what Schreiner described as

"a large gathering of young adults and teens" near Beck and Woodlong Drive.

An investigation has indicated the driver and the victim knew each other, police said, but no details had been divulged about what may have triggered the incident.

Authorities remained guarded about details of the case. Schreiner said police were investigating numerous issues including the circumstances surrounding the large gathering, the driver, why he was there and his

connection to the victim and others at the scene.

Observer staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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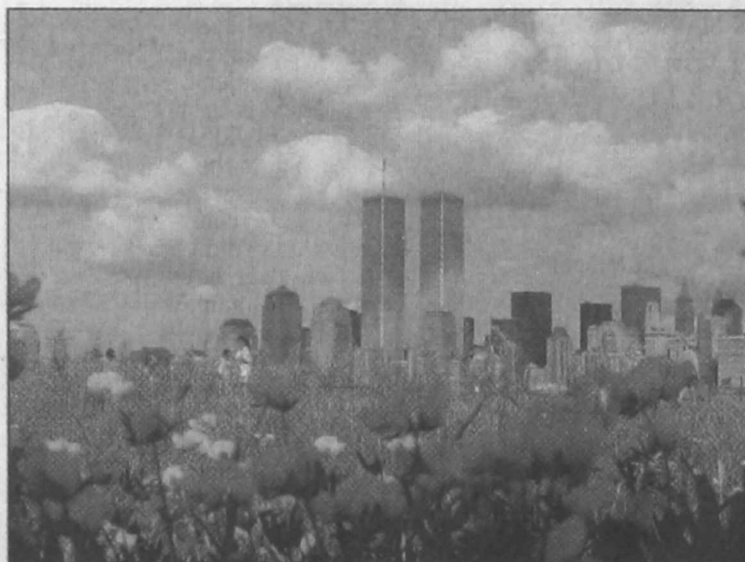
### Glued to the tube

It was about 10:30 am. I slept in late that infamous Tuesday morning — the first day of my last two vacation days for the year. All I needed to do was mow the lawn and relax awhile, but suddenly my wife came in the front door shouting, "Dave, Wake up! The World Trade Center towers have collapsed!"

It was incredulous but I went downstairs, turned on the TV and saw black smoke billowing from the towers. I said, "They haven't collapsed, look there they are!" It was a replay.

I was stunned with the rest of the world for the next 26 hours. Sleep escaped me even though I went to bed that night, determined I wouldn't turn the tube on again in the morning. But Wednesday found me glued to the tube once again. Finally, about noon I broke myself away from the tragedy and determined to mow the lawn. My wife had gone to the office and I had to do something.

As I mowed I found many drops around our Macintosh apple tree. I picked one up and it was in good shape. So I gathered all the drops and set them on the back patio steps. A few days earlier, my daughter had



This photo was taken Aug. 19, 2000, one year before the 9/11 attacks. Looking back at this photo, the photographer was amazed at the dark ominous cloud shadowing the towers, but children playing and flowers in the foreground. In the midst of tragedy, there is always hope.

made a French Silk pie to celebrate my 55th birthday. She gave me the recipe, including making the dough from scratch. My mom raised six sons, no daughters, so we all learned to cook, but she never taught me how to make a pie. I got to thinking, "Wouldn't it be nice for my wife to come home to the smell of a freshly baked apple pie and replace the dreary atmosphere left by 9-11?"

So on that day, Sept. 12, 2001, I baked my first ever apple pie, from scratch with apples from my own backyard tree. I couldn't even find a recipe, so I guessed and only forgot the

cinnamon. Now each September 11, apple pie memories help provide hope and recognition that my life could be snuffed out like those on 9-11 in a moment when I'd least expected it. But God is still in control and even gives "apple pie" to make bad things better.

Later, I was to learn the story about Todd Beamer and United Flight 93 called, "Let's Roll!". Our daughter and my wife's parents were graduates of his alma mater, Wheaton College. The F-16's which were mustered from Toledo to chase that flight included one flown by my nephew. He didn't know all that

had happened that day until he arrived back in the airbase lounge and saw the re-runs on TV. He was simply following orders to patrol the skies.

David Givens  
Canton

### Saying a prayer

I was the school secretary at St. Alfred's Catholic School in Taylor. The children were in class, starting their day and I was busy with my usual morning paperwork. The phone rang and I assumed it was a parent calling a child in sick. But it wasn't.

My principal was in Detroit that day at an Archdiocese meeting, so I was pretty much on my own. The caller was the principal's daughter, who had just heard of the first plane that was killing the first of many that day by plunging into the tower. She wanted to talk to her mother.

As the day wore on, the principal returned to school as quickly as possible. The decision was made to not tell the children and continue classes as usual. In about 45 minutes, the first of the parents began to arrive, to take their children home to be together and watch as our country was attacked. All day I had a line of parents coming in to gather their families.

I looked up at the crucifix in my office and said a prayer.

Those prayers continue for our country as we pass the 10th anniversary of the terrible attack.

Peggy Robichaud  
Canton

### Shock and sadness

"Sept. 11, 2001 still holds clear in my mind. I was in my middle school math class when I saw my teacher submerged in shock and sadness. Soon the PA system was non-stop with parents and family members pulling students out of school, myself being one of them. I remember being completely scared as if the world was coming to an end. I attended a candle light vigil with one of my best friends in the wake of the attacks, which we were featured on the front page of the Westland Observer.

My hero of a husband has served in Iraq, and is currently in Afghanistan and words cannot describe how proud I am of him, and all that serve. As the 10th anniversary draws near I am reminding myself how precious life really is, and how lucky I am to live in the greatest country in the world.

My heart and mind has been forever touched by the horrific attacks on September 11th, 2001 and my prayers remain with the families of the loved ones who lost their lives that day.

Amanda Hall  
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# THESE PATRIOTIC BUSINESSES

**Finish the lesson**

The morning of 9/11 I began teaching a new Bible study at Calvary Baptist Church. We were digging into the book of Romans when I noticed a little commotion in the hall outside the classroom. My co-teacher, Sue Ellen Hampson (also of Canton), was ready to take the next section of the lesson and I slipped into the hall. The Women of the Word coordinators told me what had happened and asked me what they thought we should do? Send everyone home? Continue?

I quickly called the PCCS Board office - I think I was board president that year - and learned that the schools were going to hold the kids until closing time. That meant moms in the study didn't need to rush home. I suggested we offer a choice to each of the classes and let them decide.

I slipped back into the classroom and when we came to a break, I told the women about the twin towers. Already some of their cell phones were beginning to buzz so they knew something BIG was happening. As teachers, we posed the question, "Do you want to go home, or finish the lesson?" There was discussion around the classroom.

Then an interesting thing happened. Lucy Morris, an older woman in the class, raised her hand. Lucy is the essence of common sense -

*Ten years later, I know it was more valuable for us to be together than home alone, worrying and watching the TV.*

**ELIZABETH GIVENS**  
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she taught PCCS Kindergarten for at least 40 years. She said, "I was in the car with my family on the way to church in 1941 when we got the news of Pearl Harbor on the radio. My dad just kept going and said he couldn't think of a place he'd rather be than church if the world was at war. My vote is we stay and finish the lesson!"

There were cheers and Lucy won the day. We finished the lesson, prayed for those affected, and left. Ten years later, I know it was more valuable for us to be together than home alone, worrying and watching the TV.

**Elizabeth Givens**  
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**Life-altering decision**

I was on my way to work that day and heard the news on the radio. I could not believe it, actually I was in shock. When I arrived home that day, my 18-year-old son, who was at that time attending Schoolcraft College, with no degree in mind, he was just starting to take classes to find something he might like to do. He was

never a great student in high school, so I was thrilled when he told me he was signing up for community college. Well when I arrived home from work that day, I found him sitting on the couch with the news on and he expressed to me how sad he was about what had just happened.

The following week I was up early doing my work and I heard his bedroom door open, which was VERY UNUSUAL, as most 18-year-olds, they can sleep forever. His classes usually did not start until 8 a.m. or 9 a.m., so I was quite concerned when I heard him coming down the stairs at 6 a.m.

He came into the dining room where I was and looked at me and told me he was quitting school and joining the Marines. He said he felt his country needed him now and he was putting his education on hold to fight for his country. I was never so shocked in my life, yet so very, very PROUD!

I backed his decision all the way, whether I agreed with the war or not, I backed him fully. So that following February he went off to Parris Island,

S.C., he graduated from Boot Camp in May and the following November was off to Iraq to serve his first tour. He survived and did well. When he returned to the States I thought my worries were over, my son was home from war and seems fine. Little did I know the following year, he would be deployed again, which he was and again returned home safely! He finished his four years of military service and was honorably discharged. Now he is attending Wayne State on his GI Bill and should be graduating next May.

My 20-year-old son who has always looked up to his older brother, has now joined the Army and left for Boot Camp on June 5, and just had his graduation from Boot Camp this past August. He now is looking at a possible deployment to Afghanistan.

So for a mother this has been a long 10 years and I hope soon, these wars will come to an end and all our troops can return home safely.

**Kim Lyons**  
Canton

**A few days later**

This is not a remembrance of that immediate date, 9/11, but of a happening a few days later.

I am a native Canadian, now a naturalized U.S. citizen. Therefore national pride

is buried deep on both sides of the border.

The week after the World Trade Center tragedy my wife, Nancy, and I were visiting relatives in their capitol, Ottawa, Ontario. The four of us, my wife and I, along with the cousin and her spouse decided to take a "touristy" tour boat ride up the Rideau canal.

While waiting for the next tour to start my cousin suggested, "Bob why don't the two of us take a walk up to the U.S. embassy?" Being a short two or three blocks away we went.

Here it was a week or so after the event and the street at the embassy was crowded with people. At the embassy the Marine guards inside the gates were in their dress blue uniforms; however, you could see other Marines in the background, armed and in their cammys. The crowd was large, I would estimate a thousand or so.

Hung on the fence of the embassy was a large cardboard placard with a note for all, both U.S. & Canadian, to sign and leave their comments, Cousin Barbara and I did so, writing a condolence and note of hope.

Then we strode back to the boat landing arm in arm with tears streaming down our cheeks.

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## New Hope has new fund development director

Tim Cassidy has joined the staff of New Hope Center for Grief Support as that organization's fund development director.

Cassidy's responsibilities will include increasing the annual revenue through donor contributions and major gift campaigns as well as through corporate sponsorships. He will also look to increase gifts in estate planning and foundation support with grant requests.

Cassidy began his career in fundraising for the Boy Scouts of America with the Pacific Skyline Council. He managed the \$1.8 million dollar operating budget by facilitating many of the different campaigns to help raise the revenue necessary to provide the Boy Scout programs for San Mateo County and Palo Alto County, areas near the Bay Area in San Francisco, Calif.

During his development career with the Scouts, he was recognized many times for contributions in his area of responsibility. Cassidy achieved the Western Region Winner's Circle award for reaching his annual fundraising goals for the district he managed.

Cassidy graduated from San Diego State with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. When he moved to Michigan he continued his development career with the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County. He was instrumental in maintaining a \$1



Cassidy

million operating fund to provide programs for club

membership and after school activities.

Cassidy has had a successful sales career with a wide range of industries that includes new home sales, pharmaceuticals and the Palace Sports and Entertainment. Most recently, he represented Coverall, a franchise-based commercial cleaning service developing client relationships with corporations and businesses throughout the Metro Detroit area.

Cassidy is active both in the Novi and Northville Chamber of Commerce to help cultivate relationships with community business leaders.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian based bereavement center that provides free grief support services to adults and children throughout southeastern Michigan. New Hope was founded in 2000 and has served over 10,000 people in the past eleven years. Anyone who would like to learn more about grief support services provided by New Hope or would like to talk to Cassidy about fundraising opportunities can call (248) 348-0115 or visit New Hope's website at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

# Attorney general says Internet has 'dark alleys'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Students need to be aware of the dangers of the Internet and use precautions when using computers, according to state Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Schuette reminded eighth-grade students in a computer class at Holmes Middle School Wednesday that they need to keep safe by not divulging personal information online, keep away from Internet strangers and keep telling parents or trusted adults about anything online that makes them uncomfortable.

Schuette visited Sheila Hoetger's eighth-grade computer class at Holmes Middle School Wednesday to announce the launch of the 2011 Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative, a free Internet safety program for students in kindergarten through the eighth grade offered by the Attorney General's office.

Schuette said computers are "marvelous," but added that predators lurk on the Internet and aren't always who they seem to be, Schuette said.

### Internet has 'dark alleys'

The Internet also features "the bad part of town," Schuette said.

"Sometimes the Internet can be a dark alley with places where you should not go," he said.

Schuette cited the three "keeps" of Internet safety:

- Keep safe. "You don't need to divulge everything about where you live," Schuette said. "Some information needs to be yours."
- Keep away from Internet strangers.
- Keep telling parents. "Keep parents or adults informed about



Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette talks to students Andrew Thomas and Brandon Conn at Holmes Middle School.

the things that are making you uncomfortable or uneasy," Schuette said.

Schuette's office has revised the four-year-old CSI program to include information on cyberbullying and "sexting," the transfer of sexually explicit photos via cell phones. The program continues to provide age-appropriate information about safe and responsible Internet use and how to avoid Internet predators.

### Schuette: Don't give out info

Students do not need to provide personal information online, Schuette said. He also reminded students that they should not cyberbully.

"You need to treat people with respect, the way you want to be treated," Schuette said.

Schuette also said students should not put any message or photos on the Internet that they would not want on the front page of local newspapers.

"It can also get you in a lot of trouble," Schuette said.

Students need to be smart and responsible, Schuette said. "There are people who are no good," Schuette said. "They are predators who will prey on young people."

Schuette said the CSI program has been pre-

sent to more than 640,000 students in 455 school districts since 2007.

Schuette wasn't planning on any new legislation to be introduced to deal with cyberbullying or sexting, and said that local communities, school districts and law enforcement can work together to punish offenders.

### Liepa: Safety is first with parents

Randy Liepa, superintendent of Livonia Public Schools, and Eric Stromberg, Holmes principal, introduced Schuette to the computer students.

Liepa said the CSI Initiative helps the district provide a safe environment, the No. 1 concern of parents in a survey taken by the district a few years ago.

"A safe environment is what gets them learning," Liepa said.

Liepa was asked if he believed that cyberbullying or sexting was an issue in the district. "I think it's an issue everywhere," Liepa said. "It's the world we live in today. The more we can do to be on top of it, the better it is for kids."

Students who violate codes of conduct can face anywhere from an in-school suspension to expulsion, Liepa said.

Students then watched videos presented by Cathy McCann, a state presenter from Schuette's office.

The students watched and heard stories from victims of Internet predators.

"They shared too much information online," McCann said. "They didn't keep their informa-

tion safe."

Predators can find also piece together information on victims online, McCann said, using Google searches and maps from a T-shirt naming a school or a team in a photo.

### Watch digital footprints

Students also leave a "digital footprint" on sites such as Facebook, YouTube, Skype and Twitter.

"You should only have Facebook friends from friends you know in real life," McCann said. "If you don't know them, they are a stranger." Anyone who sends a nude picture of someone under the age of 18 has committed a crime, McCann said. "You do not want to be passing something that will get you in trouble," McCann said.

Students need to "think, know and protect."

"You need to think before you send a photo or a message," McCann said. "Once you send the message, it's not yours."

"Know the consequences. Most importantly, protect your reputation and integrity."

Schuette noted that Michigan CSI also offers the option of a community seminar for parents, teachers and community leaders.

The seminar covers how to access the Michigan Sex Offender Registry, tutorials on searching a child's social networking site, monitoring Internet history logs, and the use of safe web surfing filters. The community seminar can be viewed online at [www.michigan.gov/csi](http://www.michigan.gov/csi) or by requesting a free DVD from Schuette's office.

The website also includes a community seminar calendar with information about currently scheduled events.

For more information about Michigan CSI or to register for a free seminar at your school or community, visit [www.michigan.gov/csi](http://www.michigan.gov/csi) or contact the Michigan CSI program by e-mail at [AGCSI@michigan.gov](mailto:AGCSI@michigan.gov) or by calling toll-free, (877) 765-8388.

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# Babcock: 'You've got to hug your kids today'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Members of the Livonia and Novi chambers of commerce probably expected Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock to talk about hockey and the upcoming season when they purchased tickets to Thursday's luncheon.

What they heard instead was a reminder from Babcock about life's fragility and the importance of family and children.

Babcock, speaking at the joint Chamber lunch at Schoolcraft College in Livonia a day after learning of the deaths of former assistant coach Brad McCrimmon of Northville, defenseman Ruslan Salei and prospect Stefan Liv in a plane crash that killed members of the Lokomotiv hockey team in Russia, told the crowd that 43 families "don't have dads or husbands today."

"You've got to hug your kids today," Babcock said.

Babcock told the audience that Wednesday, after he learned of the crash, he sent his daughter, Allie, who is away at college, a text that indicated he missed her and he loved her, then went to watch his son's hockey practice. Babcock paused, visibly shaken by the deaths of the former Wings and his former assistant coach, as he told the story about his children.

Babcock said his message that day was that "it's about family; it's about kids."

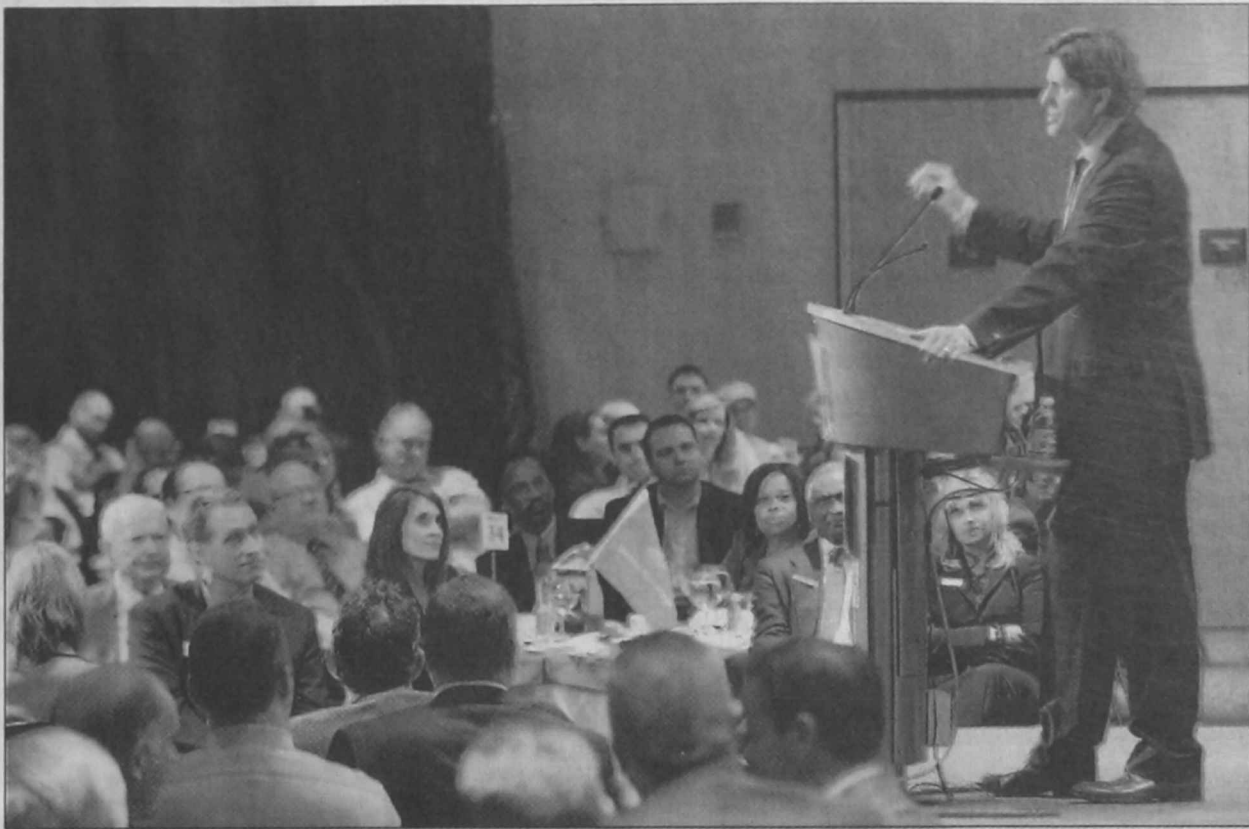
### All about attitude

The crowd applauded Babcock's comments; then Babcock talked about success in hockey and in business and how it evolves from attitude.

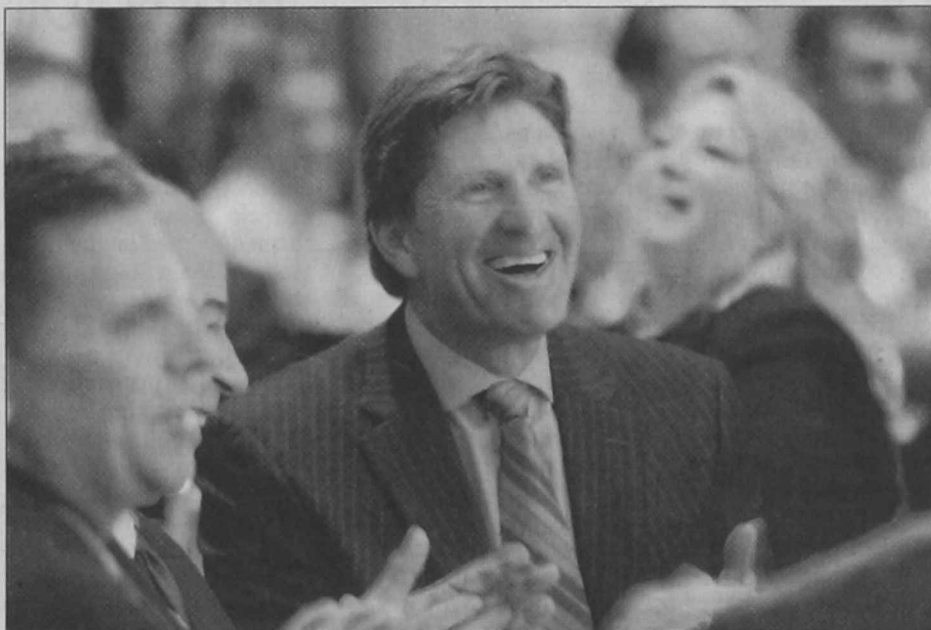
"We have a choice every day regarding the attitude we have that day," Babcock said.

Babcock pointed to the Red Wings' success. The Red Wings and San Jose Sharks are the only two teams that have made the playoffs in the six years since the new collective bargaining agreement created a salary cap for teams. Some hockey pundits had expected the Wings to falter with the salary cap.

The Red Wings also have managed to win 304 games in six seasons, joining the Montreal Canadiens of the 1970s and the Edmonton Oilers of the 1980s, as the only NHL teams to accomplish that feat.



Mike Babcock speaks with the crowd at the Chamber luncheon.



Mike Babcock reacts to Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's mention of Livonia's reputation as the speed trap capital of North America.



Chris and Tom Bell are part of a large crowd waiting for the coach's autograph.

Babcock said the Wings have been successful.

He told the crowd that he isn't afraid of losing

his job. "I'm afraid of not being great. I'm scared to death of not being the

best."

Babcock said success means "finding a new way before someone else does."

"If you do what you did last year, you're standing still," Babcock said.

Babcock said the Western Conference will be tough. He spoke about roster additions of goalie Ty Conklin, who won 25 games when Chris Osgood was injured, and defenseman Mike Commodore who will "keep the flies off" the Wings players, who are known more for their finesse and skill than physical play.

Babcock also compared the success of the Wings with running a successful business.

"It's how we go about our business on the cutting edge and how to get

better all the time," Babcock said.

Sometimes that requires doing something different, he said.

"Standing still is a death sentence," Babcock said.

### Hug your children

Babcock encouraged the members of the audience to hug their children that day. "We have to cherish all the moments we have and be thankful for what we have," Babcock said.

Chamber members and guests appreciated Babcock's speech.

Gretchen Alaniz, a senior audit manager in the auditing department of TRW in Livonia, appreciated his speech and how Babcock conducted himself during a tragic loss of life.

"When he told us to go and hug our kids, he showed how much of an impact the death of his colleagues had on him and on us," Alaniz said. "It was great that he was able to say those things to other people."

Others appreciated that Babcock even came to the luncheon, one day after learning about the former Wings' deaths.

"It was nice that he came to the lunch and that he went off script to discuss how he feels," said Tom Stroup, owner of Valaset Services in Livonia. "You can sense his pain when he talks about his lost friends. It's tough."

"It was very moving, very touching, with his message of keeping your family close," said Christine Greco, a bookkeeper at Lis, McEvilly & Associates in Livonia.

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# Soldiers' tell story of War on Terror

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

For the students in Karen Eldred's eighth-grade class at St. Damian School in Westland, Sept. 11, 2001, is something they read about in their history books. They were two years old when terrorists attacked the United States, sparking a War on Terror that has taken the U.S. military from Afghanistan to Iraq to Pakistan to root out the Axis of Evil.

But Friday, with the 10th anniversary of 9/11 just days away, they got a soldier's perspective of the war that still rages.

"Two days after 9/11 I had 15 kids come to me and say, 'I signed up for this, but they didn't tell me I would go to war, I came to go to college,'" said Earle Lewis, who was an Army drill sergeant at the time. "In the military, I changed my mind isn't an option."

"We're fighting on so many fronts. When President Bush said we root out terrorism, we didn't realize how bad it really was," he added.

Lewis, wearing his Army fatigues, and Jason Hurst in his Marines camouflage, spent more than an hour talking to the students about the War in Iraq, comparing what they did there with the plot of Walter Dean Myers' *Sunrise over Falujah*, which the students had selected for their summer reading book.

The two men came to visit the classroom by way of their employment. They work with Eldred's husband at G4S Security Solutions.

### Like real life

"My husband saw the book, he knew the story



Earle Lewis estimates he gave out 20 tons of material like pencils, pens and paper to children during his last deployment in Iraq.

and he knew some of the guys had been stationed in Iraq," said Eldred. "He asked if they would like to talk to the students. They were very interested and wanted to do it."

"The book is historical fiction, but some of the battle descriptions are like what they were in," she added.

Lewis, who has been in the Army for 23 years and did three combat tours in Iraq, told the students that war isn't like what they see on TV or in their video games. There's no reset button, you don't get up after being shot. War is never good and there's always victims, like an eight-year-old girl he meet.

"She had burns all over her body because of a bomb, she had no shoes and wore tattered clothing," he said. "All she wanted is some clean water. When you go into a village, the children want clean water and food."

The mission of civilian affairs - Lewis lead a civilian affairs company during his final deployment to Iraq - is to win over the hearts and

technology than we do, he said. "On every patrol, we'd pass out pencils and chocolate," added Hurst. "Mista, Mista, chocolate. You'd hear that all the time."

Both men told the students they never intended to join the military. Lewis who lives in the Monroe area, had a bet with a buddy to see who would do better on the test.

Hurst, a Livonia resident, went with a friend to see the recruiter. He took the test and scored high enough he could have any job. He opted for the Marines. He started boot camp but was sent home after he broke the bones in his wrist. He returned three years later.

"When I went in the first time, I was 19 and I knew what I wanted to do," he said. He served for four years and is now in college. His plan is to go back in with his college degree.

### Life in Iraq

They talked about the living conditions in Iraq and the things they learned about their enemy, in particular their ability to adapt. C-4 explosives in a sock dipped in grease creates a dirty bomb that can stick to a vehicle. A cell phone can be used to detonate an improvised explosive device.

"A lot of the stuff used against us was ours," said Lewis. "After the Persian Gulf War, we left so much there. We buried it. The sand shifted, and they found it."

According to Lewis, the worst mistake Americans made was to think the Iraqi people were backward and poor. In some cases, they have better

ing with the "beginning" in "Escanaba." Viewers will see the building of the infamous "Soady deer camp" and learn the tale of how the legends began. This production is being presented with special permission from the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, for these fund-raising performances to help Plymouth's own Barefoot Productions Theater raise the necessary funds for its upcoming 2011-2012 season.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Sept. 16-17 and a 2 p.m. matinee Sept. 18 at the Barefoot Productions Theater, located at 240 N. Main Street in Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling the Barefoot Productions box office at (734) 560-1493 or by visiting the website at www.justgobarefoot.com.

With focus of the War on Terror shifting back to Afghanistan, the two men offered an assessment of the Taliban fighters. Their view: they are "a very formidable opponent."

"The Afghans are the only people going back to Alexander the Great who have never been defeated," Lewis said. Eldred was glad the men visited her classroom. She served 10 years in the Air Force and her husband was in for 24 years and has a definite appreciation of what the military does.

"It is important that they know about this and they need to talk to people who have been there," she said.

"On my second deployment, we figured out that if we kept the children around us, we didn't get blown up," added Hurst. "If we saw them scatter, we'd give a sign that it was time to get in the truck."

Bill Brezina as James Nagamane from Menominee in Barefoot Productions' presentation of 'Escanaba.'



Bill Brezina as James Nagamane from Menominee in Barefoot Productions' presentation of 'Escanaba.'

## 'Escanaba' raises funds for Barefoot

Barefoot Productions brings the "North" to Plymouth for one week-end only, hosting Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba," performed by the Hartland Players' Main Stage Theater.

The production is an encore performance of their popular production presented last May in Hartland. The troupe of three actors — Bill Brezina, Tim Arrick and Deacon Acrie — return to their roles to present this repeat performance at the Barefoot Productions Theater.

"Escanaba" is the third and final chapter of the popular series which began with "Escanaba in da Moonlight." All three hit plays were written by actor and playwright Jeff Daniels. Each installment of the trilogy takes theater-goers further back in time, end-

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# It is wise to have attorney review severance agreement

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

**Q.** Dear Rick: I have a legal issue I hope you can help me with. I have worked for the same company for about 15 years. Last week, I was notified that I am being terminated. They didn't give me a reason other than to say it's for business reasons. I'm not happy with the situation, but it is what it is. On my last day, the company gave me a document that it wanted me to sign with regards to my dismissal. The agreement has lots of different things in it, but the bottom line is the company said that until I sign it I can't get any severance. My question to you is are these agreements relatively standard or do you think I should have an attorney review the document. The company says that there is no need to have an attorney review it, that it's a very standard agreement. My next question is if I do sign the agreement and receive severance pay, do I have to pay taxes on that

money?  
**A.** Whenever anyone says that a document is standard and there's no need to have an attorney review it, then almost always it means to me that I better get an attorney to review it. It is not unusual for companies to make receiving severance pay contingent upon signing some sort of document. These documents are not standard and they can cover a wide variety of issues. In these separation agreements, it's not unusual for companies to require you to waive your rights against the company with regards to your termination. For example, your termination may have been caused

by some sort of discrimination and you may have some legal recourse available to you. Typically, when you sign these types of agreements, you're waiving that right. In addition, many of these termination agreements require you to potentially do some work for the ex-employer without additional compensation. Furthermore, these agreements will frequently have non-disclosure provisions that can also potentially affect you.

The reality of the situation is that sometimes you have very few options available to you. Sometimes businesses won't negotiate separation agreements and they basically say to the ex-employee, if you want severance pay you must sign the agreement. Even in those situations, I recommend that you have an attorney review the document. If nothing more,

you should know what rights you are giving up and how executing the agreement can limit what you say about your ex-employer. That being said, there are companies that are willing to discuss and make changes to separation agreements to make them fair. Unfortunately, you'll never know how the company will treat a separation agreement until you discuss it with them. However, under no circumstances should someone blindly sign a separation agreement without thoroughly reviewing and understanding the document.

One last note, the money you receive is considered compensation and you are subject to the same taxes as if you were working. In other words, the money is taxed at your ordinary tax bracket and subject to all payroll taxes.

• I don't need to remind

anyone that today is the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11. When I think back to 9/11, the images that are ingrained in my soul are the heroes of 9/11. Heroes such as the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, who fought back and gave America its first victory in the war against terrorism, and the rescue workers in New York City and the Pentagon, who showed incredible bravery in trying to save their fellow man. 9/11 showed us not only how evil man can be to his fellow man, but also how in times of crisis Americans have always, and always will, rise to the occasion.

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Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 of which is tax-deductible) and are available by calling (734) 462-4518 or by visiting the [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation).

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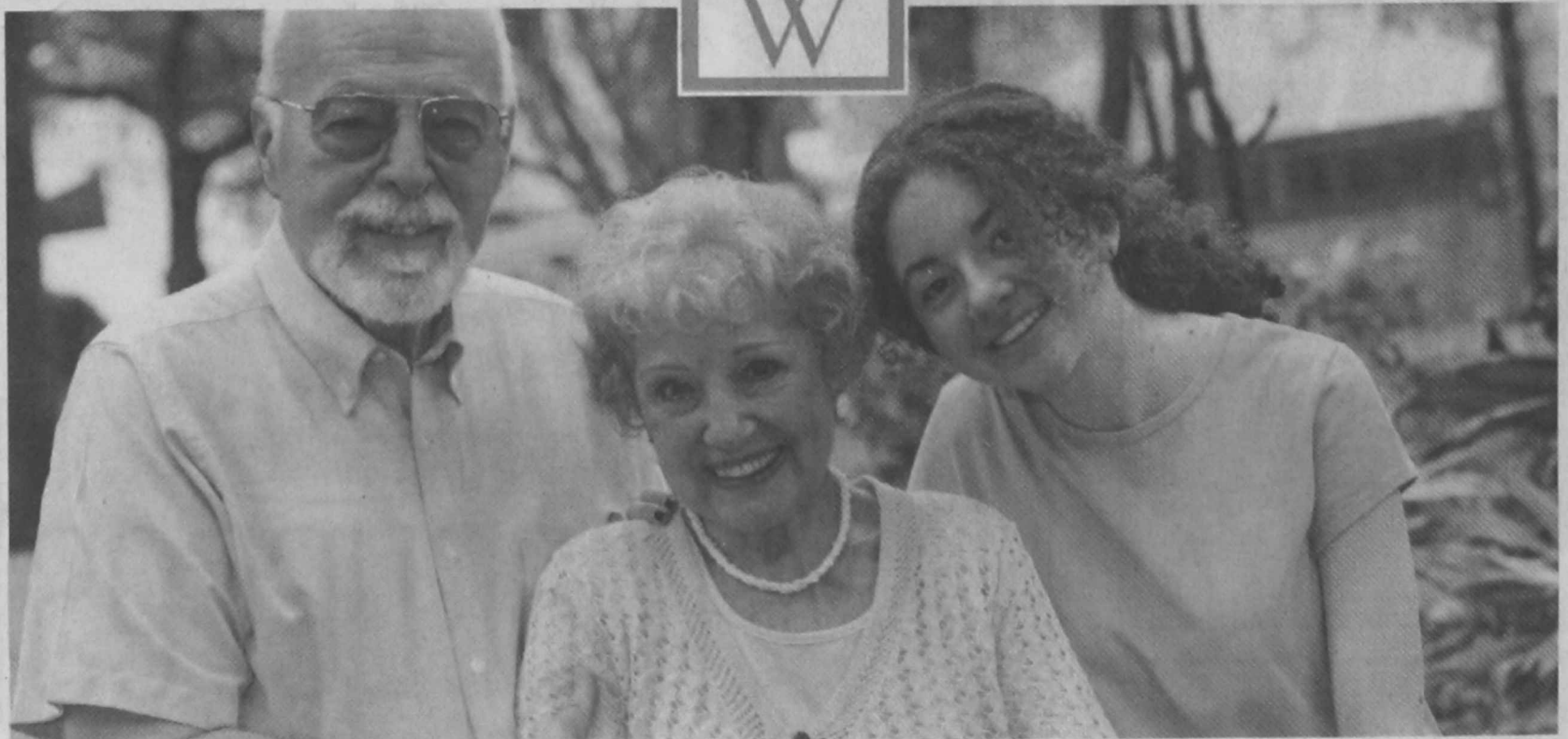


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# SPORTS



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Looking to gain some traction on the slippery field Friday is Canton running back Kendall Scott (No. 5), being pursued by Livonia Franklin's Cameron Pogorel (No. 21).

## Chiefs weather the storm

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton head coach Tim Baechler didn't like the way things started Friday night as for the longest time it didn't look like the Chiefs and Livonia Franklin were going to finish what they started.

But a 90-minute delay because of four lightning sightings didn't slow down the Chiefs, who improved to 3-0 with a 35-6 victory on Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity grass field.

Baechler laughed when recalling how he and other Canton coaches had to bark at players to get their game face back on when officials finally permitted play to resume (halfway through the first quarter and Canton up 7-0).

"It's a little bit of a maturity thing," Baechler said. "We had to get after them before we had to come out. They weren't ready. But after we got out here they did a great job and took control of the game."

Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert, whose team fell to



For quite a while Friday night, there were dark skies, rain and umbrellas but no football between Canton and Livonia Franklin.

1-2 after the KLAA South Division matchup, said the lengthy stoppage might have hurt his team somewhat.

The Patriots had the ball at Canton's 30 with 5:23 to go in the frame when the first stoppage was called (at 7:49 p.m.).

"We lost a little bit of momentum," Kelbert said. "We had that drive going

right before, got the ball down to the (30). Then we came out and didn't score. I think that kind of put a little bit of doubt in our minds and then they got those 21 points in a row."

### Waiting it out

After waiting nearly 90 minutes following the four stoppages (under state rules, a half hour must elapse following every time lightning is seen), the Pats moved the ball to the Canton 25 but turned it over on downs.

The Chiefs didn't waste much time adding to their early lead (which was thanks to an 18-yard TD pass from quarterback Kyle Adams to halfback Kevin Buford).

But it was a drive where Adams actually scored twice on carbon-copy delayed runs through the line. The first, a 55-yard run, did not count because play was inadvertently stopped.

Five plays later, Adams did it again. He faked a handoff, waited a split second before bursting through

Please see CHIEFS, B2

## Wildcats show moxie in loss

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Now Sarah Marody really knows what her Plymouth volleyball team is made of.

The first-year coach of the Wildcats varsity squad praised her team despite a four-game loss to host Livonia Churchill on Thursday night. It was the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

Plymouth won 25-20 in the first game, and gave the powerful Chargers plenty to think about despite losing the next three by scores of 17-25, 23-25 and 15-25.

"We came out in the first game fired up and ready to play," said Marody, who previously coached Plymouth's junior varsity. "Our defense rose to the challenge and sacrificed for every ball."

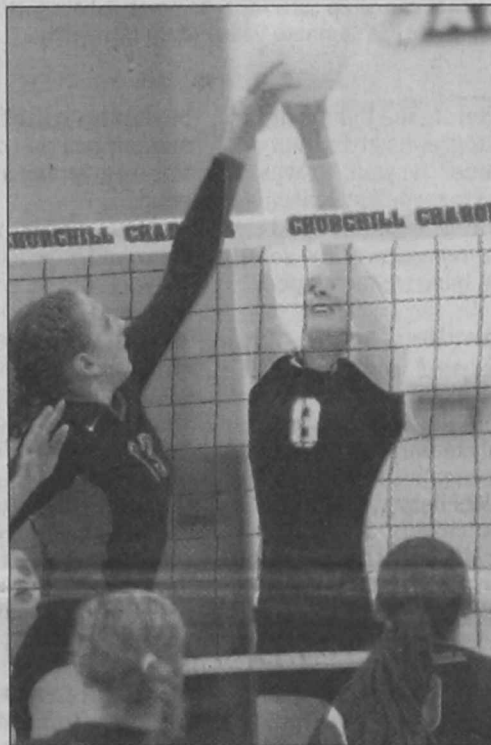
"I'm very proud of the way the girls didn't get down on themselves, they played every point like it was the last."

Marody said the way her squad competed makes the rematch on Oct. 4 (at Plymouth) more tantalizing.

### Senior spark plugs

Among the top Wildcats Thursday were libero Lindsey Stemberger (15 defensive digs) and setter Jessica Scott (19 assists), both seniors.

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Going up for a play at the net Thursday night are Plymouth freshman Olivia Beyer (No. 8) and an unidentified Livonia Churchill player.

## Dropping the (foot)ball

The "3rd Annual Football Drop" will take place at halftime of the Friday, Oct. 21 varsity game between Canton and Salem.

The tosser of the football that lands closest to the center of the field will win \$500. Second place will earn \$100.

Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Those who are interested may purchase a football "number" at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium prior to each varsity football game, or they may contact Sue Heinzmann at the PCS Athletic office in Salem High School or at: suzanne.heinzmann@pccsmail.net.

There will only be 250 footballs, sold at \$10 each. Please make checks payable to The American Cancer Society.

Meanwhile, there will be the auctioning off of a seat to ride in the helicopter for the football drop. Bidding starts at \$20. E-mail Heinzmann if interested.

## Carver's goal lifts Madonna

Joe Carver notched his first career goal as Madonna University opened its 2011 men's soccer season with a 1-0 win over visiting Lawrence Tech in a match played in a driving rain and high winds at Canton's Independence Park.

Carver, a native of Royston, England and a junior transfer from Schoolcraft College, scored in the 49th minute off an assist from senior Daniel Amaya.

MU goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) made three saves to post the shutout.

"It is always good to open the season with a win," MU second-year coach Eric Scott said. "I thought our backline did a good job of dealing with the skips and their pressure. Cayle (Lackten) played well and Adrian Motta made some big saves for us to keep the lead."

Mikey Knoff made seven saves for the Blue Devils (0-2-1 overall).

The Crusaders return to action at 3 p.m. Saturday at Calumet St. Joseph (Ind.).

## Fast-striking Canton kickers blank Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Thursday's daylong rain might have put a good soaking on the varsity soccer pitch at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. But it didn't slow Canton one bit in a late afternoon tilt against Plymouth.

The Chiefs, sparked by a two-goal surge late in the first half, rolled to a 3-0 victory in the KLAA South Division matchup.

"After we scored our first goal we started to be a little more patient and we didn't rush the ball," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "We found some open guys on runs because we let them develop the runs."

"The second and third goals were attributed to good possession and good movement off the ball."

Canton (6-1-1, 2-0-0) scored 13 minutes into the contest when a crossing pass by sophomore forward Griffin Parks was converted home by junior forward Daniel Ovesea.

Canton later kicked the offense into overdrive and quickly tripled that lead during the final minutes of the first half.

With 1:53 before intermission, Canton went

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Canton's high-flying Nathan Bergeson (right) wards off Plymouth's Jeff Pattison (No. 23) to get off a shot toward the Wildcats goal during Thursday's varsity boys soccer game. At left are Michael Shackleford (No. 13) of the 'Cats and Connor Furgason (No. 11) of the Chiefs.

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# College prep

## Summer baseball with Newark Pilots keeps Canton alum on career path

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton alum Andrew Tidwell had finished his freshman season with Saginaw Valley State University's baseball team and was pitching for an American Legion team when his cell phone rang.

It was from college teammate Carson Beauchaine, gauging Tidwell's interest in joining him (and another SVSU teammate Mike Saunders) on the Newark (N.J.) Pilots.

Tidwell, 19, quickly agreed to join Beauchaine and Saunders on the Pilots, of the newly formed Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, a summer circuit which college scouts follow for prospects.

It turned out to be the right decision as the 6-3 Tidwell was a key factor in the Pilots winning the championship series against Amsterdam.

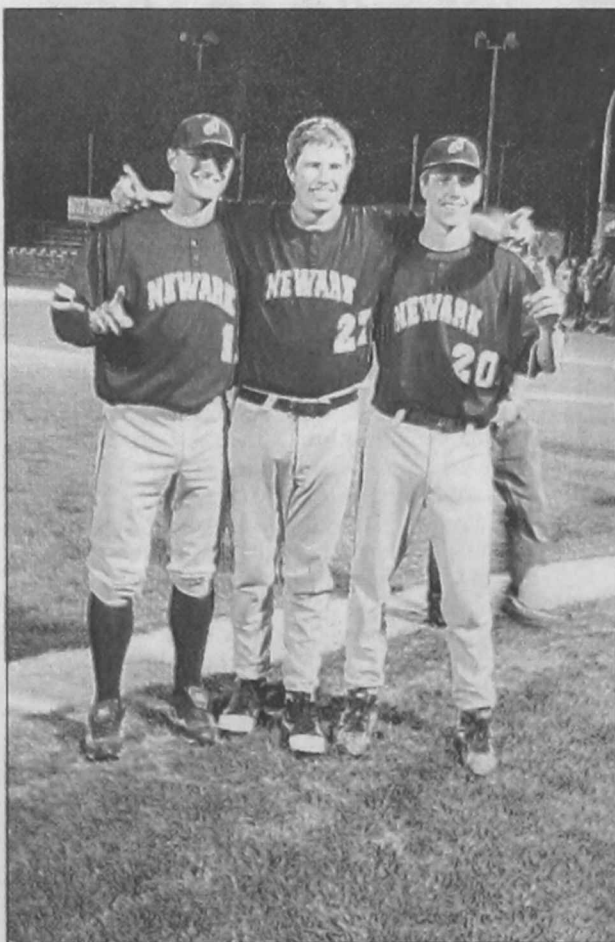
The righty won three of four decisions and posted a 2.85 ERA. Big wins included the playoff clincher and Game 3 of the championship series.

"My decision to go out to Newark was one of the best decisions I have ever made," Tidwell said. "I learned many new things that I had gone 15 years of playing baseball with that I had never been taught before."

"Things like being able to throw a changeup for a strike had never successfully clicked 'til I went out to Newark."

Although not a minor pro team, the Pilots do travel to towns such as Elmira, Cooperstown and Amsterdam to play before several thousand spectators. It was a fun experience for Tidwell.

"We sold merchandise, had a mascot, and



Carson Beauchaine (from left), Mike Saunders and Andrew Tidwell celebrate after the Newark Pilots won the championship series this summer. All are pitchers and teammates at Saginaw Valley State University.

even signed hundreds of autographs after every game," he said. "It was the team's first season as a program and I was very impressed with the solid fan base we developed."

### Familiar faces helped

Having his two Cardinals teammates with him on long bus rides with the Pilots helped him with the transition.

"Having Mike and Carson with me helped out a lot," Tidwell said. "There is little down time during the season. If we weren't sitting on six-hour round-trip bus rides, we would show up to the field at 2 o'clock for a 7 o'clock game taking our entire day."

On one of those bus rides, Beauchaine helped Tidwell put together a workout program to use

beginning in the fall. On another bus ride came tips on gripping a changeup.

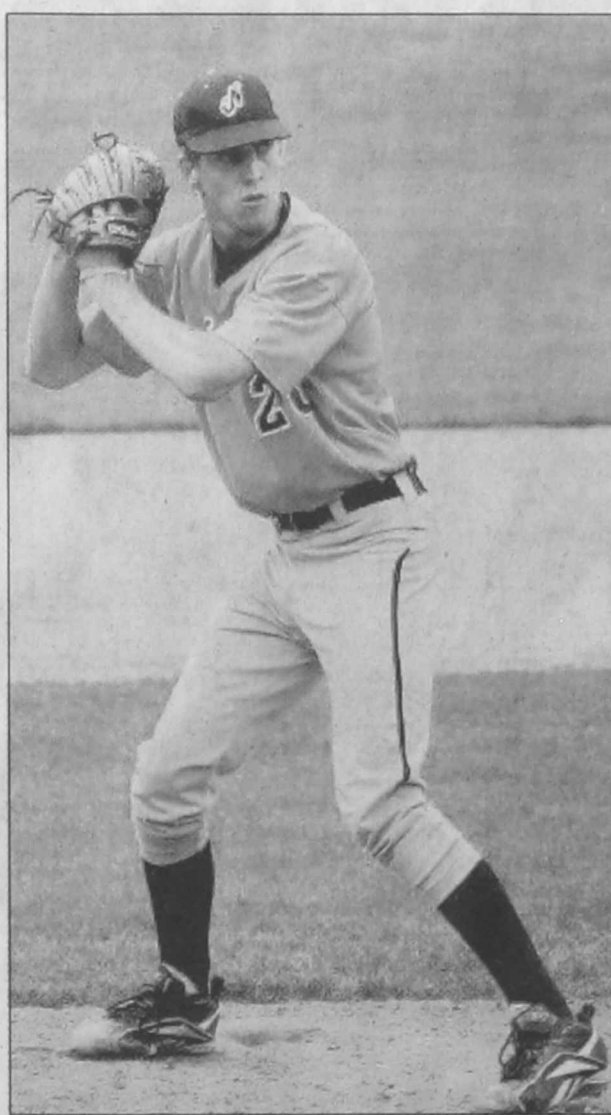
"Once in a blue moon, we would have a day off," Tidwell said. "Carson, Mike and I would head straight to the beach and enjoy a day at the lake."

According to Tidwell, who is back at Saginaw Valley and intends to pitch there again in 2012, he has been able to make the adjustment from high school to college to the Pilots mostly by listening to his coaches and putting in a lot of hard work.

### Can't be tentative

Those efforts are mainly to learn how to be consistent in throwing a variety of pitches over the plate.

"To begin, nothing frustrates a coach more than walks," he said. "You cannot walk guys and expect not to give up runs. Hit-



Andrew Tidwell gears up to deliver a pitch during summer action for the Newark Pilots. Tidwell is a 2010 graduate of Canton High School, where he was an All-State pitcher.

ting the strike zone is crucial.

"I've watched many guys who throw upper 80s and low 90s that have gotten benched because they cannot throw strikes."

And perhaps the biggest thing he gleaned from his time with the Pilots is "not be afraid to throw to anybody no matter what the count is. Even if the count is 3-1, I need to believe that my pitches are good enough to throw it right over the plate and still expect the batter will get out."

Meanwhile, when next spring rolls around, Tidwell (3-1, 4.00 ERA in his freshman year) will be back in SVSU mode.

He wants the Cardinals to beat arch-rival Grand Valley State University and win a championship in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Tidwell's other future goals include being an all-conference pitcher in the GLIAC as well as getting drafted to play minor league baseball.

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## FOOTBALL

# Wildcats rain TDS on Zebras

Last year's Division 1 state runner-up Plymouth continues to roll.

The Wildcats made it 3-0 on the season Friday with a convincing 56-0 victory over Wayne Memorial.

Donte Fox rushed for 93 yards on 14 carries and four touchdowns.

Plymouth jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead as quarterback Shaun Austin connected on a pair of TD passes including an 8-yarder to Devin McMillan and a 27-yarder to Nate Emminger.

Fox added a 5-yard run during the same quarter and contributed two more scores in the second including a 10-yard TD run followed by an 11-yard return of a blocked Wayne punt attempt with only a minute left.

With a 35-point spread at halftime, a running clock came into effect and the Wildcats were not done in the third period as Fox scored on a 1-yard run followed by another 1-yard run by Jordan Hernandez.

Fred Dunbar's 47-yard TD run with 6:27 left in the final quarter completed the scoring.

Plymouth had 198 total yards to Wayne's 163.

Wayne was limited to 74 yards rushing on 35 attempts. Quarterback Dean Caldwell was 5-of-14 passing for 89 yards with one interception (by McMillan).

Sam Ekanem picked off a pass for Wayne and Dimitrus Renfro recorded five solo tackles.

**SOUTH LYON 22, SALEM 7:** Host Salem gave up 15 unanswered points in the second half Friday night as South Lyon (2-1) earned a KLA Central Division victory.

The Rocks (1-2) tied the contest at 7-7 in the first quarter, on a 34-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Jacob Deprez to wide receiver Cam Warner.

Deprez connected on eight of 13 passes for 83 yards, including four for 43 yards to halfback Marcus Houston who added 58 yards rushing for 101 all-purpose yards.

## CHIEFS

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the right side of the line and raced downfield for a 42-yard score with 56 seconds to go in the first.

"It wasn't that frustrating," said Adams, about losing the first touchdown. "We just wanted to come back and I think it fueled our offense because we wanted to come back even more."

Canton made it 21-0 on a 29-yard TD run by running back Ryan Jones (six rushes, 73 yards) and added another on a short plunge by tailback Zac Merrillat just before halftime.

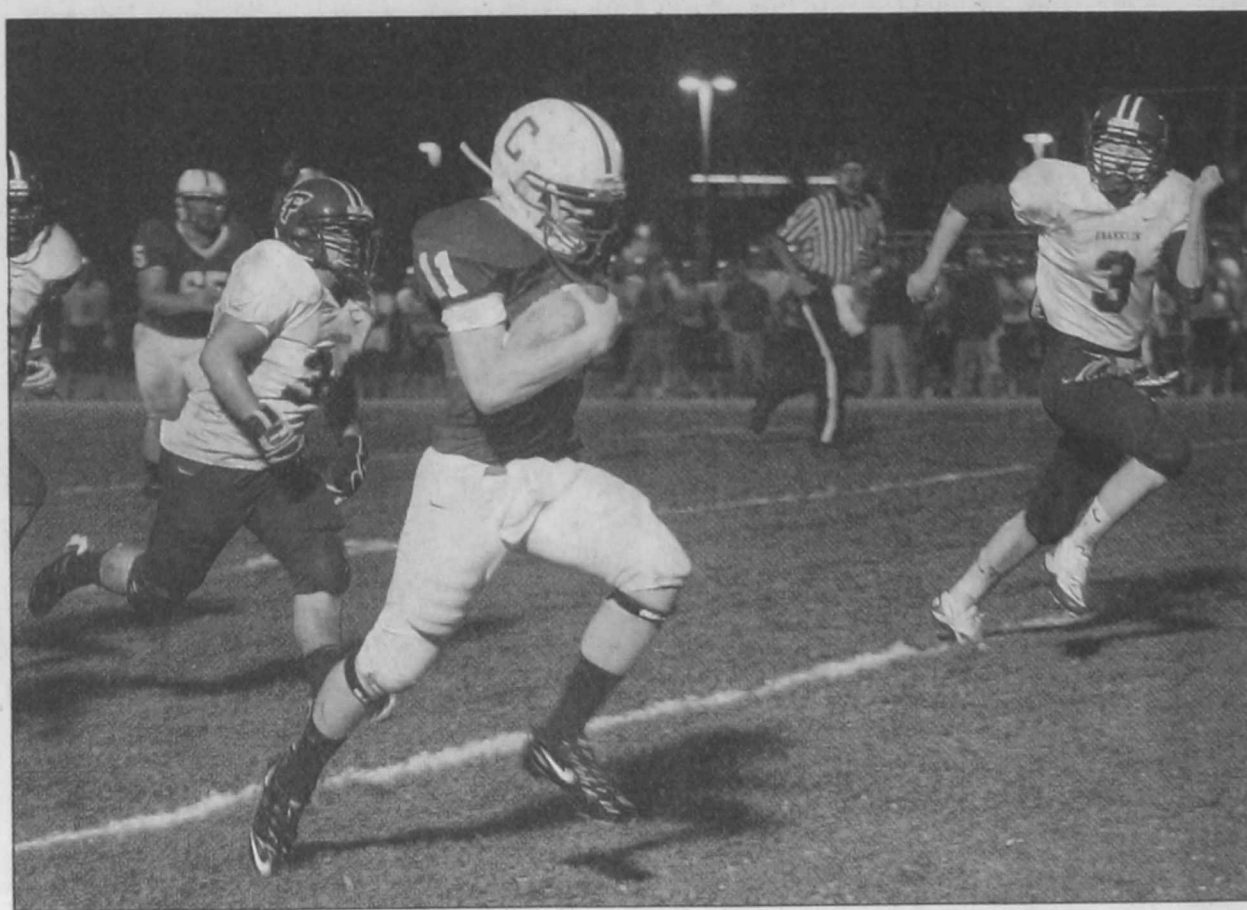
### Defensive spark

Merrillat's score was set up by a dazzling, 56-yard interception return by Michael Boes — who caught the pass from Franklin's Justin Forrestall at the Canton 35 and then zig-zagged down to the Patriots' nine.

"That was a huge play," Baechler said. "It set up a touchdown for us right before half. It was a huge seven points to get, I didn't think we were going to get any there."

In the second half, the Patriots answered a challenge from Kelbert to ramp up their play and it paid off — albeit not with a victory.

Over the final two quarters, Franklin's ground game moved the ball and chewed up minutes off the game clock. The Pats



Holding on for dear life on his 34-yard touchdown run Friday is Canton quarterback Kyle Adams (No. 11), outracing Livonia Franklin defenders Sonny Phan (No. 34) and Tommy Smith (No. 3).

wound up with 222 rushing yardage, their total output for the night.

With 5:49 left in the third, a 35-yard up-the-middle run by junior halfback Jacob Kenney finally put the Patriots on the scoreboard. The TD capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive (all on the ground).

Franklin had another lengthy drive, with running backs Jimmy Marazis (21-56) and Jacob Tennant (28-114) doing yeoman's work.

This time, however, clutch defensive plays by Olaniyi Owagbemi and John Chadwick forced the Pats to again turn the ball over on downs.

"They (Patriots) did a great job, they put the play down and it was tough to get them off the field," Baechler said. "Our defense just made enough stops."

Two plays later, Chiefs junior halfback Kendall Scott grabbed a short pass in the left flat and

sprinted 60 yards into the Franklin end zone for a 68-yard touchdown.

"It's what they do, and it's so hard to stop every part of that," said Kelbert, about Canton's penchant for big plays. "Everyone thinks it's a simple offense, but it's the most complex offense there is out there and you can't take away everything."

"And they'll find the one thing you haven't taken away and they'll

get you."

The Chiefs tallied 325 yards of offense, including 236 on the ground.

That wasn't too bad a total given the fact players had to be careful to stay upright and not fumble the ball.

"I was just trying to concentrate on my footing and making sure I didn't fumble or anything," Adams said.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

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In a survey conducted by the Mayo Clinic, more than 18,000 youth players are treated annually for hockey-related injuries, with inappropriate and ill-fitting equipment among the leading causes.

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Throughout the month of September, Play It Again Sports will welcome parents and players into the stores to discuss any concerns they may have about proper fit, function and comfort of equipment.

Play It Again Sports stores will offer the chance for anyone with questions or concerns regarding equipment fitting to come in for the free consultation. Any minor adjustments will be done free of charge.

If needed, parents and players can "trade-in and trade-up" to a larger size or more protective equipment. Or they can purchase new equipment if anything is missing.

Play It Again Sports in Canton is located at 42079 Ford Road. Call (734) 844-8591 for more information.

## WILDCATS

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"Because of Lindsey, we were able to make plays out of attacks that would have been kills for other teams," the coach noted.

She cited Scott's leadership and savvy. "She ran the pace of the game and gave the hitters incredible balls to hit all night long, which they happily capitalized on."

On the offensive front for Plymouth (4-3-0), outside hitter Madelyn Betts led with 12 kills, followed by Olivia Beyer and Emilee Beyer with nine and eight, respectively. Beyer also chipped in with 10 digs on defense.

When Scott wasn't setting up the attack, Shayla Smalls was. Smalls tallied 11 assists, along with nine digs.

Other contributors included Emilee Beyer (10 digs) and Rachael Hille (six aces).

Churchill head coach Mark Grenier said the Wildcats gave his team a bit of a jolt early on.

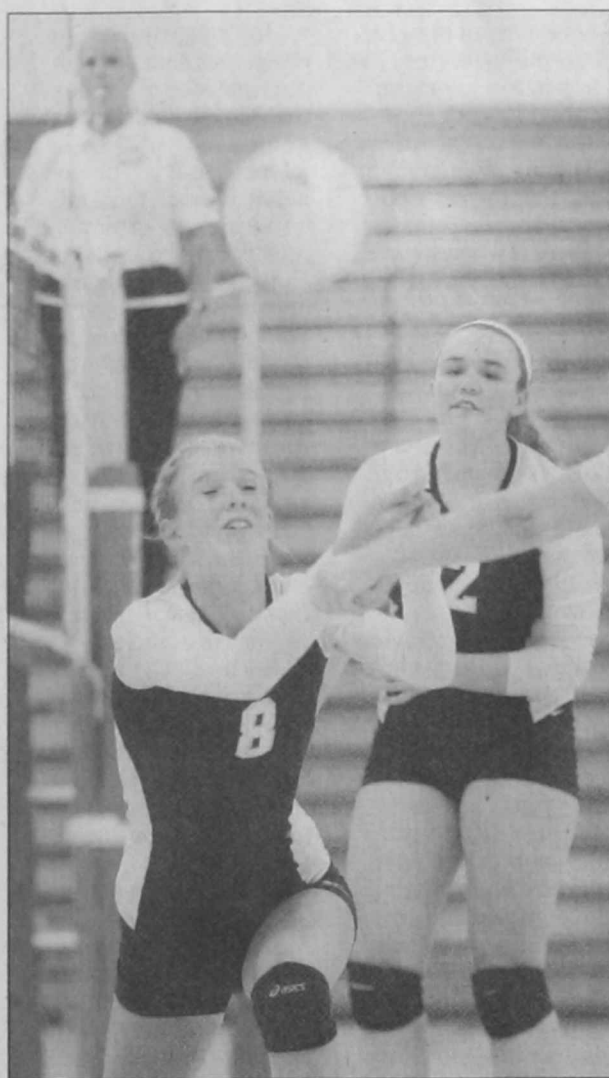
"It was a slow start for us and we didn't play well overall," Grenier said. "However, we did a good job hustling and we found a why to finish against an outstanding Plymouth team."

Erin Menard (seven kills) and Krystyn Niescier (15 digs) were among top Churchill performers.

**CANTON 3, WAYNE 0:** In a Wednesday night matchup between KLAA South Division opponents, the host Chiefs were solid in all facets of their game against Wayne Memorial.

Canton earned a 25-10, 25-12, 25-11 victory to improve to 11-1 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South.

"We have a lot of very aggressive servers which helps us to start strong," Chiefs coach Mary Kryskas said. "At any one point we have five hitters on



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Working hard in the front row during Thursday's game at Livonia Churchill are Plymouth's Olivia Beyer (No. 8) and Jessica Scott (No. 12).

the court so we have many options.

"The leadership on our team is great and keeps the team together all the time."

Alaina Turner had another stellar performance, with 21 kills along with eight digs.

Other standouts included Kristen Muir (10 kills, seven digs, five aces), Erica den Boer (10 digs), Maggie Deloy (nine digs), Lauren Martin (16 assists, eight digs) and Jackie Waite (14 assists).

The game was moved from Thursday's originally scheduled date because of open house at Canton High School.

The Chiefs will host

campus rival Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

### SOUTH LYON 3, SALEM 1:

In another game moved from Thursday to Wednesday to accommodate an open house, Salem lost a tight, four-game match against KLAA Central Division rival South Lyon.

Three of the games were decided by two points.

The Rocks lost 8-25, 24-26 in the first two games before rebounding to win Game 3 by a 25-23 count. In the fourth game, however, Salem could not hold off the Lions — falling 25-23.

Next for Salem is a tilt Tuesday at Novi.

## Salem girls cruise in opener

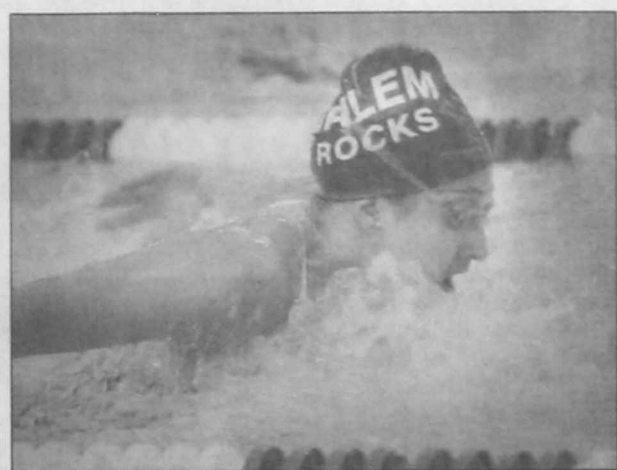
Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team got off to an outstanding start to the 2011 dual meet season with Tuesday's 128-58 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks showed they can compete in every event, which veteran coach Chuck Olson was happy with.

The 200-yard medley relay featured two Salem entries which scored points. In first place (2:02.32) were seniors Maggie Sneiderman, Maria Radzwion, Lauren Seroka and sophomore Claire Amin.

Salem's B-relay of junior Frenzi Taubach, sophomores Vincenza Zaia and Julia Suriano and freshman Stephanie Solterman added two points with a time of 2:03.61.

Both of the other relays were won by the Rocks. In the 200 free relay, Seroka, juniors Jocely Lamoureux, Maddie Gorman and Suriano were first with a time of



OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

During a 2010 meet, Salem's Claire Amin works toward a first-place finish in the 100 fly. She also won that event Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

1:47.61.

Taking the top spot in the 400-free relay (4:04.05) were Gorman, Lamoureux, Amin and junior Abby Aumiller.

In five individual events, Salem came in with the top-two finishes.

Those included the following races: (200 IM) Seroka, 2:16.99 and Amin, 2:25.50; (50 free) Suria-

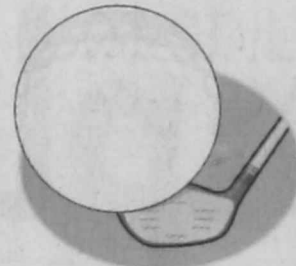
no, 26.25 and Sneiderman, 27.10; (500 free) Gorman, 5:30.07 and Lamoureux, 5:45.43; (100 back) Aumiller, 1:02.44 and Solterman, 1:05.72; (100 breast) Seroka, 1:11.69 and Taubach, 1:19.52.

Also claiming individual races were Amin in the 100 fly with a time of 1:05.93 and Suriano in the 100 free, finishing in 56.79.

## AREA HOLES IN ONE

Following is a list of Canton or Plymouth golfers who recently have scored holes-in-one or those from other communities who aced holes at local golf courses:

- Kathy Howell, 69, of Mt. Pleasant, on Sept. 8 aced the No. 8 hole at the Strategic Course of Fox Hills.
- Edward Chance, 73, of Plymouth, on Aug. 31 aced the 110-yard No. 5 hole at the Woodlands Course of Fox Hills.
- Chance used a 7-iron and a Nike TI Velocity ball to accomplish the feat.
- Michele Hurst Burton,



He used a 9-iron and a Pinnacle ball.

• Cliff Stovall of West Bloomfield on Aug. 23 aced the 139-yard No. 3 hole at the Fox Hills-Woodland course. Stovall sank a Taylor Made ball for his ace.

• Jim Nygord, 46, of Redford Township, aced the 144-yard No. 5 hole at the Fox Hills-Woodlands course. He used a 9-iron and Callaway ball for his feat.

• Mark Iovan, 57, of Bloomfield, aced the 174-yard No. 12 hole at the Golden Fox course of Fox Hills. He used a 5-iron and PRO-VI golf ball.

46, of Southfield, on Aug. 27 aced the 118-yard No. 11 hole at the Strategic Course of Fox Hills.

She used an 11-wood to sink a Titlelist.

• Sherman Henson, 69, of Plymouth, on Aug. 24 aced the 126-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course of Fox Hills.

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## Sunflower garners 'oohs' and 'ahs' from neighborhood

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E staff writer

The tiny seed came from a packet labeled "Russian Mammoth." Robb Grandon and his family found a special place for it in their Livonia backyard earlier this summer — in grainy soil where the old sandbox used to be. They watered it, fed it and gave it regular TLC.

By the time it bloomed earlier this month, it looked more like the beanstalk of folk tale fame than a simple garden sunflower. Russian Mammoth had lived up to its name.

"It's absolutely beautiful. It was, holy cow, really mammoth," said Joanne Grandon, Robb's mom. "All the neighbors kept saying 'oh my gosh' and 'oh, look at it.' Everything we have in our garden is planted from little seed. That's why it's unbelievable how big it got."

The family estimated the plant's height at nearly 18 feet while it was still standing. When a storm knocked it over a week ago and they measured it on the ground. It topped 16 feet.

"It was a great experience with my kids and a great experience for them," Robb Grandon said, describing sunflower gardening. "We thought it would be cool — tall as dad. It was supposed to grow eight to ten feet. What ended up happening was it was huge."

"The weird thing about



The Grandon family — Jorma in the foreground, his sister, Kassia-Lotus, and grandmother, — remove their mammoth sunflower from the back yard of their Livonia home. The towering plant succumbed to high winds in storms that swept through southeastern Michigan on Sept. 3.



Kassia-Lotus Grandon, 8, shows the seeds she planted for a summer vegetable crop.

the sunflower was planted it where the sandbox used to be. We put topsoil over the sand but there was about three to four inches of sand in there. I think the sand helped it."

He and his children, Kassia-Lotus, 8, and Jorma, 6, grew their first vegetable garden last year when they moved into Joanne's home. Robb, who owns a title company in Livonia, figured a garden would help ease the family's food budget.

He and his children started this year's vegetable crop and sunflowers from seed last spring. They fed their organic plants only environmentally-friendly nutrients and avoided pesticides.

"Last year we had cucumbers and tomatoes. This year we added chocolate cherry tomatoes, carrots and broccoli. We have pumpkins and small squash. We planted winter squash," Robb said. "They love it. They are out there every day wanting to water them."

When she's not gardening, Kassia-Lotus, a third grader at Randolph Elementary, likes to read and studies Wing Chun Do at Ambrose Academy in Livonia. Jorma, a first grader at Randolph, also studies Wing Chun Do, and likes to ride his bike.

Robb said the family may plant a row of sunflowers along their backyard fence next year. He suspects the grouping will look like a line of trees by the time the flowers are grown.



The mammoth sunflower they planted towers over Jorma Grandon (left) and Kassia-Lotus Grandon of Livonia.

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# Rod Stewart tribute show benefits arts

by Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Danny Dzialo expects to turn heads on the street.

"Even in Detroit where I live, people think I'm Rod Stewart," said the 52-year-old singer and businessman. "Diana Ross was playing the Fox and I was in the third row at the end. As she was leaving stage to change clothes, you could hear her on the mike saying 'I think we have Rod Stewart in the third row.' I get it all the time."

When he's on stage with his band, Danny D & the Vagabonds, he sings like Stewart, too.

"I won the Tribute Artist of the Year Award in Las Vegas for 2011," said Dzialo. He worked with Stewart's guitarist, Paul Warren of Plymouth, recently on an album he hopes will be ready for release this fall. It will include his original songs, in addition to some Stewart remakes.

"When I was playing with Paul Warren, he said 'You (and Stewart) are alike — the way you dress, the way you go into the sound booth.' I like white shirts and sun tanning ... hmmm ... he may have stolen my identity," Dzialo said with a laugh.

Arts supporters can judge for themselves next month when Dzialo brings his Rod Stewart tribute show to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for "You're in my Heart," a fundraiser for the Partnership for



Rod Stewart? No, it's Danny Dzialo of Danny D & the Vagabonds. They'll play a Rod Stewart tribute show at the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities next month in Canton.

the Arts and Humanities.

"Every year we try to do a different kind of fundraiser," said Jill Engle, executive director. "So, this year when we were looking at a tribute band, I contacted the entertainment company and they said he's one of the best ones because he not only sounds like Rod Stewart. He looks like him. Everyone does a double take when they look at the flyer. The great thing is Danny D plays old and new Rod Stewart."

Engle said a sold-out show will raise \$10,000 for local arts programs. The Partnership awards grants to such performing groups as the Michigan Philharmonic, Canton Concert Band, Spotlight Players and Beck-Ridge Chorale.

A second fundrais-

er is planned for February 2012 with Steve King and the Dittilies.

The upcoming tribute show coincides with Sweetest Day, making it a perfect date destination, Engle said.

"It doesn't have to be couples. It can be a great outing, too," she said. "There are businesses that have purchased tickets. It's a great opportunity if you want to do an outing with your business," she said. "It's a great opportunity for first time patrons if they've never been to the Village Theater before. It's a great way for them to sample the Village Theater."

For more information about the fundraiser call (734) 765-7061. For more about Danny D & The Vagabonds, visit [www.dannydive.com](http://www.dannydive.com). The site includes information about upcoming

## YOU'RE IN MY HEART

**What:** A fundraiser for the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, a Canton organization that gives grants to local arts groups

**When:** 7 p.m. Oct. 15

**Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Danny D & The Vagabonds, a Rod Stewart tribute band, will perform a two-hour show. A one-hour pre-show reception will include savory treats donated by Main Street Catering, Fat Chef in a Little Coat, Carolyn's Cocktail Cookies and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe. Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa will donate special offers or services. An after-glow will run until midnight at Hayden's Grill & Bar. Ticket-holders will receive one complimentary appetizer per couple. The event is sponsored by Western Wayne Urgent Care

**Tickets:** \$25 by Sept. 15; \$30 after. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.cantonvillageheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageheater.org)

shows, videos of the group's performances and links to Myspace and Facebook. Check out the video of Rod Stewart bringing Dzialo to the stage during a concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

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The event includes 5K and 10K runs as well as a noncompetitive 1.5-mile Fun Walk. Runners in the 5K and 10K events will start at the Zoo's 10 Mile entrance and wind through the scenic streets of Huntington Woods surrounding the Zoo. Walkers will follow a course past animal habitats as they stroll through the Zoo grounds.

Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K run, followed by the 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed Fun Walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is available at [www.detroitzoo.org/runwild](http://www.detroitzoo.org/runwild) until Sept. 14. Registration also will be available at the Zoo on Sept. 16-18.

Medals will be presented to the top two male and female finishers in each age category. All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt as well as free admission to the Zoo on race day. Regular Zoo admission applies for non-race participants. A post-race party sponsored by Kroger will follow the Run Wild event with live music, family entertainment, complimentary food and beverages and special appearances by the Detroit Zoo's mascots, Junior Z and the Zooper Heroes.

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## Aneurysm awareness

The 3rd Annual Freddie Harris Memorial 2K Walk/5K Road Race for Brain Aneurysm Awareness, is set for 9 a.m. Sept. 17 at Horizon Park on Belleville Lake in Belleville. All proceeds will benefit The Brain Aneurysm Foundation to help in providing awareness, education, support and research funding to reduce the incidence of brain aneurysms.

This year's race is timed and prizes will be awarded to winners. Preregistration by Sept. 15 is \$25. Cost is \$30 on race day.

Event day registration will start at 8 a.m. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be raffled.

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**BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1971**

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

**DEARBORN FORDSON**

**CLASS OF 1954**

A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

**CLASSES OF 1943-45**

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 16, at Park Place, 23400 Park, Dearborn. Luncheon will be served. Cost is \$20 per person. Send a check payable to Class of 1944 to Dolores Dysarz Hausch, 2100 N. Martha, Dearborn, MI 48128. For more information, call Dolores at (313) 278-4707.

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD**

**CLASS OF 1961**

50th class reunion Sept. 24 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmus-tangs@msn.com; (734) 595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD**

**CLASS OF 1981**

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaian) Turner at turnercrow@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**

**JUNE CLASS OF 1961**

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

**CLASS OF 1962**

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

**LADYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1961**

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymac@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

**GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST**

**CLASSES OF 1966-67**

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1986**

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

**GARDEN CITY EAST**

**CLASS OF 1981**

30-year reunion, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the Sheraton of Novi. \$75/person and discount on rooms. Includes entree, beer, wine, soft drinks and many extras. Classmates from other year classes also are invited. Contact Glenn at JudeGT@wow-way.com or (734) 564-0324.

**GARDEN CITY WEST**

**CLASS OF 1981**

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple.

Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin, (734) 751-2424.

**LIVONIA BENTLEY**

**CLASS OF 1961**

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**

**CLASS OF 1966**

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

**PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASSES OF 1965-66**

6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI. 48170.

**REDFORD UNION**

**CLASS OF 1962**

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012

E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at lindatracy100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlin-madeline@gmail.com.

**ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1951**

A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford

Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjlocke@aol.com

**ST. ALPHONSUS**

**CLASS OF 1971**

40th class reunion, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Liberty Street Brewing, 149 Liberty, Plymouth and 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 24, Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. The gathering on Saturday costs \$60 per person. For more information call Martie Zawacki McClain at martanmc@aol.com (734) 453-4946

**ST. CHRISTOPHER - DETROIT**

**CLASS OF 1961**

Sept. 18 reunion. Organizers are looking for 1961 June graduates. E-mail Cathy Assessor Stone at fmp20@hotmail.com or call her at (734) 692-1692.

**ST. PHILOMENA GRADE SCHOOL**

Class of 1961 50th reunion, Saturday, Oct. 8. Call Phil Ventura at 586 263-4909 or E-mail amvpav@aol.com

**WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1962**

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com

**CLASS OF 1976**

35-year class reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

Broadcaster talks about his Catholic conversion

Al Kresta, president and CEO of Ave Maria Radio, will kick off St. Michael the Archangel Parish's third annual series, "Why Be Catholic?" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth, between Farmington Road and Merriman, Livonia.

Kresta will tell the story of his journey from Catholicism to Evangelical pastor well-known in the Detroit area for his top-rated WMUZ Christian broadcast, "Talk From the Heart," back to Catholicism. The questions he was forced to wrestle with as a pastor led him to return to the Catholic faith in a profoundly personal conversion that he has chronicled in his anthology, *Surprised by Truth*.

In 1997, Domino's Pizza founder Tom Monaghan recruited him to launch the media apostolate, Ave Maria Communications, and the rest is history. Kresta and his radio broadcast "Kresta in the Afternoon," produced by Ave Maria and syndicated by EWTN, is heard daily on more than 160 radio stations around the US, Sirius Satellite, and numerous Web streams.

There is no charge or reservations required for Kresta's talk. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Learn about touchpad technology

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County will present "Game Changer: The iPad & Me" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Ann Orr, associate professor in special education at Eastern Michigan University, will share how the iPad and its various applications can open up worlds of learning, entertainment and connection in all areas of life. Topics will include iPad use for communication, visual prompting, literacy, organization and more. Free. Call (313) 532-7915 for more information.

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How much joint fluid is too much? Why does a doctor have to drain a knee that has too much fluid?

For knees, 1/2 to one cc of fluid is what the joint needs to move correctly. The chemical nature of joint fluid allows it to act as a lubricant; while one cc of fluid is sufficient, the knee can tolerate up to 5 cc of fluid and function efficiently.

Beyond that amount, extra fluid interferes with the smooth gliding motion a joint needs if it is to move well. One can think of joint fluid as being like air pressure in a tire. If a tire is made to take 32 lbs. of air, and the air gauge shows there is 34 lbs. of air, the mechanic will not bother to bring the air pressure back to 32 lbs. However, if the gauge shows 42 lbs., the mechanic will immediately take the air pressure back to normal because with that much extra air in the tire the amount of tread on the road will be less than normal, and the wear on the tread that is one the road will be excessive.

The same holds for the knee. Excess joint fluid takes the glide of the upper and lower parts of the joint off its normal track. Wear on the joint surface doing the work is excessive, while at the same time, the efficiency of the joint diminishes.

Only by removing the extra fluid can the doctor restore the joint to its usual working order. The doctor removes all the fluid possible, because a monolayer of fluid will remain, and that amount suffices to lubricate the joint.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Sept. 11-14

9-11 SERVICE Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: The congregation will recognize the sacrifice and commitment made by men and women in uniform. They will welcome all emergency personnel and military, along with their families to share in this special service

Contact: (734) 427-3660

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13

Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Focus is Samuel. Open to all

Contact: (248) 476-4700

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank,

41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, in Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes are given to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Accepting applications now

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product

Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpoffice@around-detroit.biz

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. for 13 weeks starting Sept. 13

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: GriefShare is a friendly group of individuals who help others through the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Sessions will include such topics as loss of a spouse, getting stuck in grief and dealing with emotions. The \$15 fee for the workbook will be waived for financial hardship

Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at:(734) 522-3570

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

Location: Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework, will plan a children's Hanukkah table presentation for "Holiday Tables" in December. Its next meeting, Oct. 9, at Prentis Apartments, will be a "Beaded Kipot" workshop taught by Linda Lublin. Kit fee is \$10

Contact: (248) 661-5337

Sept. 15-30

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25

Location: Nardin Park Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan celebrates its 25th anniversary with a \$25 per person plated dinner, speaker and awards. Dr. Wesley Brun is the guest speaker.

RSVP by Sept. 19 via phone, mail or Paypal

Contact: (248) 474-4701 or visit www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

Milestones

60th anniversary

Joseph and Dorothy (Shutt) Kovach of Houghton Lake celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. The couple married in Morann, Pa., in 1951.

Their children are David (Andrea) Kovach of Redford Township and Jerry Kovach of Monroe. They also have two grandchildren.

Joseph retired in 1990 from J. Levin Sons Company. Dorothy, a homemaker, also worked for Woolworth and Hudson's.



Dorothy and Joseph Kovach



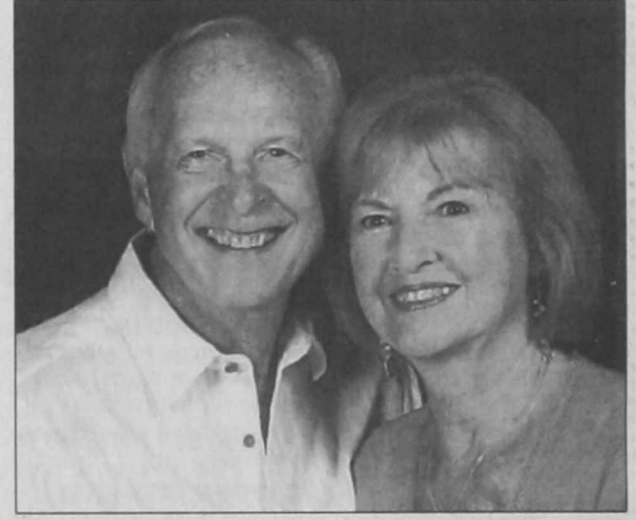
Bajas-Bolender

Stacy Ann Bajas and Charles Henry Bolender II announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Chester and Susan Bajas of Livonia, attended Stevenson High School in Livonia and currently attends Baker College of Allen Park. She works as a medical transcriptionist at Biotech Clinical Laboratories.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Cheryl Bolender of Livonia, attended Clarenceville High School in Livonia and Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Ill. He currently works as a master auto technician at Suburban Mazda of Troy.

An August 2012 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Gordy and Judy Smith

50th anniversary

Gordy and Judy Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 5 with a party at their son's home with family and friends.

They both graduated from Plymouth High School, were married at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wayne and have lived in Plymouth most of their lives. They have been members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church since 1962. That's also where their children were baptized and attended grade school.

Gordy started working at Saxton's Garden Center at age 14. He was in the U.S. Navy for three years after high school, and returned to Saxton's where he worked until

1982, when he entered a partnership in outdoor commercial power equipment, called PACE, Inc. He retired in 2005.

He and Judy enjoy traveling in their motor home. They usually spend winter in Florida or Texas, with occasional trips to California to keep up with their family.

They have three children. Sherry and her husband, Mike Talaga, live in Plymouth with their daughter, Haley. Deb is married to Jim Ondrus, and has daughters, Danielle and Paige, and step-son, Antonio. The family lives in California. Terry is married to Shenal. The Novi couple has two daughters, Jessica and Eryn, and a son, Nicholas.

BEDWELL, JANICE ANN

Age 74, September 3, 2011. Beloved wife of Gene for 50 years. Dear mother of Sheri (Dirk) Werhane and the late Carl. Grandmother of Patrick, Kristen, Paul, Kirk, Laura and Sarah. Dear sister of Carlene Kosis and Lyle (Linda) Maloney. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and friends. Funeral services were held on Wednesday. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. Memorials suggested to Young Life. santeiufuneralhome.com



CARLEY, ELIZABETH L. (OSBORNE)

A resident of Novi and former resident of Livonia and Gladwin died on September 2, 2011 after suffering a heart attack a day earlier. She was 80 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald in 1998, a son, Daniel, and sister, Shirley. She is survived by children, William, Donna (Ken) Koenig, John (Karen), Barbara, Joseph (Debra), James (Nancy); grandchildren, Lindi Koenig, Chris (Marianne) Koenig, Cynthia (Richard) Smith, Michelle (Brian) Przybycki, Steven, Michael, Christopher, Anthony & Alexander Carley; great grandchildren, Jonathan Antol, Luke Koenig, Jade & Ethan Smith, and Brendan & Madison Przybycki and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Betty worked for over twenty-seven years as a Program Administrator with Ford Motor Company. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Tuesday, September 6, at 1PM. Friends may visit Tuesday 11AM until time of service. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Heart Assoc. or Am. Diabetes Assoc. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FERGUSON, CHARLES A.

Age 80, of Northville, passed away September 6, 2011. Cherished father of Brenda, Donna, Denny, Terry, Larry, Patsy, Darcy, Darrell, Claudia, Paula, Billy, and the late Dorian. Dear brother of Betty and Norma. Adored grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 26. Visitation Friday from 2-8pm. The funeral service Saturday at 11am, visitation beginning at 10am at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Donations to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

Passages

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GALICA, STANLEY J.

Age 94 of Farmington, died September 3, 2011. Arrangements Thayer-Rock Funeral Home www.thayer-rock.com



OKERSTROM, RONALD A. "OKIE"

Age 73, September 2, 2011 of Livonia, MI. Beloved husband of the late Bryna (nee Remer), loving father of Julie Delaney (Keith Roberts), Cindy (Brian) Finamore, Ryan (Karie) Okerstrom, and Erik (Stacie) Okerstrom. Dear brother of Robert (Nancy) Okerstrom and James (Pat) Okerstrom. Cherished Grandpa of Kelly and Katelyn Delaney, Shane and Jesse Warren, Trent Okerstrom and Jeffrey and Alexis (Swinea) Okerstrom. Also survived by ex-wife and friend, Sally Okerstrom and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Service was held Sept. 10, 2011.

SPENCER, JOHN GENE

73, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 4, 2011. John was born on January 12, 1938 in Spinks Corners, Michigan. He is survived by his sister, Mae Harms of Garden Valley, California, and nephew, Steven Taiclet and grandniece, Lauren Taiclet, of Hayward, California. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Jean (Stewart) Spencer, his father, Ben F. Spencer, and his mother, Olga Krieger Spencer. John's grandparents were immigrants; he grew up in a rural farming community. John went on to have a very successful legal career as one of the founding partners of the law firm of Spencer and Stebbins, where he practiced for many years. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School (1955), Western Michigan University (1959) and Detroit College of Law (1968). He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and Admitted to Practice in the State of Michigan and before the United States Supreme Court. John's true love was golf. He was a member of Western Golf and Country Club for 34 years, serving as its President in 1986. He was also a Governor of the Golf Association of Michigan and a Director of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation, a scholarship program that provides college scholarships to financially-needy golf caddies. In lieu of flowers, the family would request that donations be made to the Evans Scholars Foundation, 1 Briar Road, Golf, Illinois, 60029. The family will have a luncheon in October to celebrate John's life. For those desiring more information, please contact Mike Hainer at 248-642-4100 or mhainer@hainerberman.com or Carol Gabler at 734-718-1588 or carolgabler@sbcglobal.net. Arrangements entrusted to the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home. www.neely-turovski.com



RENCE, DONNA JEAN

Oct. 9, 1931-Sept. 3, 2011. Donna Jean "D.J." Rence, age 79, of Sarasota and Bradenton, formerly of Farmington, MI and McDonald, PA., died Sept. 3, 2011. Services and interment will be at a later date in McDonald. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes is handling arrangements. Survivors include daughters Shelley R. and Anita L., both of Sarasota; sons Randall W. of Augusta, MI., Kevin M. of Naalehu, Hawaii, and Patrick A. and Scott T., both of Sarasota; sister Rhody McFarlane of Grand Rapids, MI; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Donna was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, William Arnold Rence.



SKAGGS, JAMES E.

September 6, 2011, age 77 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Lila. Beloved father of Susan M. Ragains and the late Bradley. Proud Papa of Christian, Andrew, Marlena, Jacob, Sarah, Luke, Bonnie, Paula and Ashley. Dear brother of Raymond, Alma (Noel) Mooney, Betty Bates and Delbert (Jenny). He was a dedicated U.S. Postal Service Mail Carrier in Plymouth for 39 years and a lifelong dedicated member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene where he served his Lord in all areas of the church. Visitation was held Thurs. & Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state was Saturday 10AM until the 11AM Funeral Service at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MINER, MICHAEL S.

September 7, 2011, age 44, of Westland. Graduate of Garden City High School in 1985 and Eastern Michigan University in 1990. Beloved son of Donald (Karen) and the late Carol. Brother to Donna (Dan Kerwin) Golden & Cynthia (Daniel) Tar. Grandson of Evelyn McConnell. Uncle of Andrew, Austin, Alexandra Golden and Rebecca, Olivia, Julia, Grant Tar. Step-Brother to Sean and Wendy. Step-Uncle of Wendy, Justine, and Ryan. Funeral service at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Monday Sept. 12, 10am. Visitation at the funeral home Sunday from 4:00-9:00 pm. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

Charles Noel Bulbuk

Charles Noel Bulbuk was born Sept. 2, 2011, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

Proud parents are Chaz and Johanna Bulbuk of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Mike and Karen Bulbuk of Novi and Brad and Pam Dase of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are nn Loveland of Bloomfield, Donna Saunders of Wixom, and Vikki Melton of Hartland.



GARDEN & NATURE

Pruning lessons

Global ReLeaf of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will talk about pruning and the benefits of homeowner composting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 five Mile, Livonia. Afterwards, participants can "Ask the Arborist" from 8-8:30 p.m. They can bring in plant material and ask specific questions about their trees and shrubs. RSVP to this free program by calling (800) 642-7353 or e-mail to globalreleafmi@aol.com. For more information visit www.releafmichigan.blogspot.com.

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Butterflies

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) presents "Overwintering Butterflies," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The program will explain how to overwinter butterfly eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

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Master gardeners

Growing with Master Gardeners Conference is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Sponsored by the Dearborn campus' Environmental Interpretive Center and presented by Master Gardener Association of Wayne County Volunteers, the 23rd annual all-day educational program is aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels. It will include two keynotes, classes, shopping, and lunch. Cost is \$40 if registered by Sept. 14. Visit www.mgawc.org or call (734) 786-6860.

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## Take aim to fight bacteria in kitchen



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suggests using a meat thermometer to make sure food is cooked at correct temperatures.

September is National Food Safety Month — the perfect time to become aware of the hidden dangers found in kitchens.

Salmonella, norovirus, campylobacter and E coli are some of the bacteria found in kitchens that affect 48 million people each year. Of that number, 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die according to data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Young children, older adults, pregnant women, transplant recipients and individuals with diabetes, cancer or HIV/AIDS are most at risk for acquiring a foodborne illness.

The new Food Safety and Modernization Act, signed into law by President Obama earlier this year, strengthens the food safety sys-

tem by focusing on problem prevention and enables the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to better respond to problems when they occur. The law gives the FDA new tools to hold imported foods to the same standards as food manufactured in this country and allows the FDA to build an integrated food safety system by building partnerships with state and local authorities.

Creating a stronger safety system takes time, but consumers also can take steps to prevent foodborne illness in their homes.

- **Clean:** Wash hands and surfaces often for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food and after using the bathroom, changing dia-

pers and handling pets.

- **Separate don't cross-contaminate:** Cross-contamination is how bacteria can spread. When handling raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods. Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

- **Cook to proper temperature:** Use a food thermometer that measures the internal temperature of cooked meat, poultry, and egg dishes.

- **Chill:** Refrigerate promptly (40 degrees) because cold temperatures slow the growth of harmful bacteria.

For more information on food safety call the FDA Detroit District Office at (313)393-8196.

## Adults need vaccines, too

As many adults make sure their child's immunizations are up to date this new school year, it's a good time for them to review their own immunization status as well, say health experts with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

"Vaccinations can protect adults from many preventable diseases, but too many Michigan adults are under-vaccinated," said Dr. Dean Sienko, interim chief medical executive for MDCH. "It is important to remember that vaccinations aren't just for kids"

Whooping cough has been on the rise in recent years in the U.S. and in Michigan, and recently, Michigan had three adult cases of tetanus reported by hospitals.

Individuals, age 13-64 who have not received Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) should be vaccinated at their next health care visit. Those 65 years or older should receive Tdap vaccine if they are living with or caring for infants under 12 months old. It is especially important that those in contact with infants get vaccinated against whooping cough, including pregnant women, new parents, siblings, grandparents, day care and child care workers, and health care personnel.

Measles, a highly contagious disease, is also on the rise in the U.S. and Internationally. Some adults who haven't received MMR vaccine should get immunized right away. It is especially important that individuals who are planning international travel are vaccinated against measles, because many of the cases throughout the U.S. have been brought in from other countries.

In January, the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices updated its recommendations on the meningococcal vaccine, based on new data. Teens now need a booster dose at ages 16-18 years and college students, ages 19-21, who haven't received meningococcal vaccine in the past five years should be given a dose of meningococcal vaccine. Other adults may need meningitis vaccine, too.

Adults should check to find out if they need to be vaccinated against other diseases such as shingles, pneumococcal disease, varicella (chickenpox), human papillomavirus, and hepatitis A and B.

For information about the vaccines adults need, visit [www.adultvaccination.org](http://www.adultvaccination.org).

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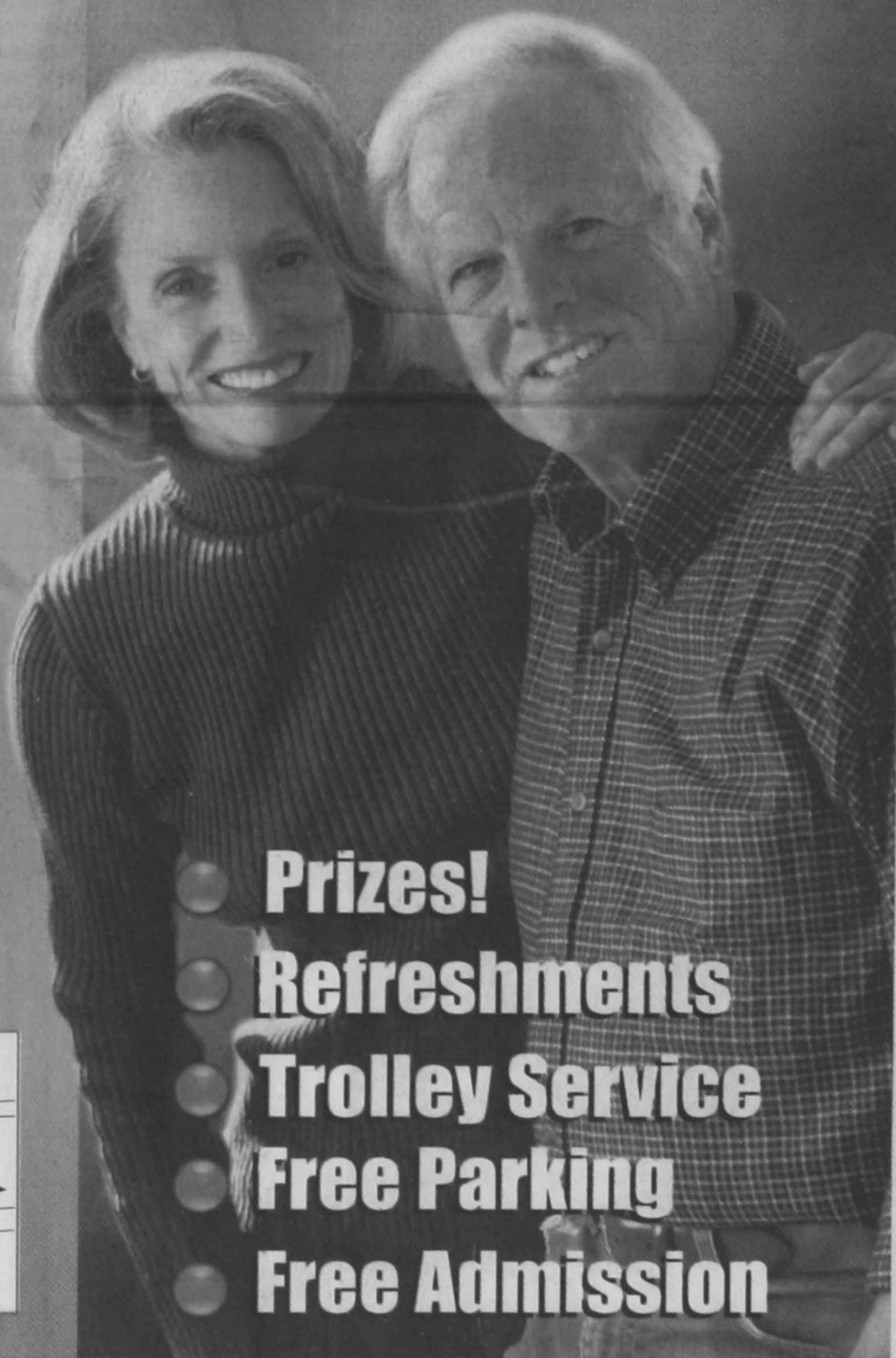
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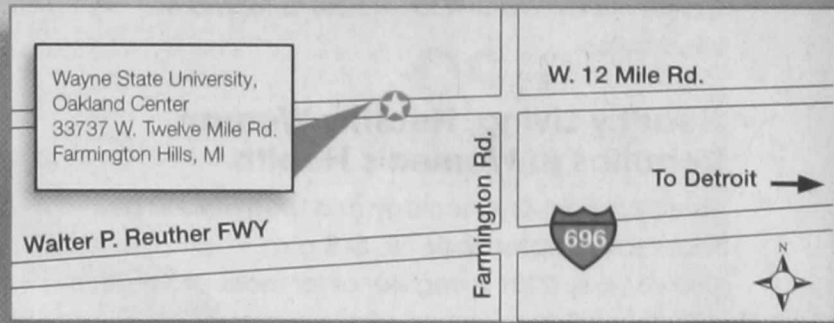
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**ACROSS**

- Phone trio
- Greek colonnade
- Renown
- by myself
- Some TV screens
- Pilots' sightings
- Narrow inlet
- Genuine
- Cuddle
- Quiche base
- Yo!
- Perfumer Nina
- Rum-soaked cake
- Fully matured
- Listener's need
- Tempe inst.
- Egypt's Anwar
- Mekong native
- Zilch
- Type of bed
- Madonna ex
- Attic end
- New recruits
- Charge it

**43** Contributing cause  
**46** Race place (2 wds.)  
**50** S&L offering  
**51** "Othello" heavy  
**52** Voice quality  
**53** Go on stage  
**54** Be sincere  
**55** Floored  
**56** Sixth notes

**DOWN**

- Draft!
- Newsman Abel
- Shutterbug buy, once
- Like snakeskin
- Exam choice
- Baseball's Mel
- Memorable tennis champ
- Yeast and mold
- Behind, at sea
- Miss Piggy's pronoun
- Upper-left PC key

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

Y	M	C	A	T	E	D	S	V	H	F
I	B	E	X	E	R	A	T	E	E	O
P	A	L	I	A	I	R	Y	R	A	G
S	T	O	R	M	C	E	L	L	A	R
M	O	S	S	U	E					
O	H	O	B	U	G	S	N	A	C	K
C	O	P	S	P	U	T	A	L	P	O
T	W	E	A	K	M	R	I	S	U	N
				K	I	M	A	F	R	
B	R	I	D	E	S	M	A	I	D	S
C	A	T	D	R	O	P	A	R	A	B
A	L	E	E	R	L	E	T	E	R	A
R	E	S	D	Y	E	D	A	W	A	Y

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**17** Leggy bird  
**19** Earl Grey, e.g.  
**23** Of the sky  
**24** "Misery" co-star  
**25** — Man Triathlon

**26** Slam  
**27** Great Wall locale  
**28** Windy and cold  
**29** Deposed Amin  
**30** Review harshly  
**33** Olio and dahl  
**37** Photo  
**39** Get ready to surf, maybe (2 wds.)  
**40** Hung open  
**42** Wonder Woman's friend  
**43** Powdery  
**44** Ocean predator  
**45** Charlie Brown epithet  
**46** Shady  
**47** "Norma —"  
**48** Ottoman official  
**49** Ticket info

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13					14		
15			16				17			
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					4	7	2	
	8	7	3			4		
		6	4	3				2
		1		2				
8				9	5	6		
		4	9		1	8	5	6
3		5	2			9		
	9	8		5				3

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J	T	W	P	I	Z	G	T	S	O	A	S	A	N	D
D	P	O	M	K	S	A	U	G	W	Y	G	H	R	E
E	Q	O	Y	A	R	G	N	I	T	S	S	L	E	W
E	F	I	U	F	M	U	S	S	E	L	B	T	A	S
W	L	K	I	L	A	R	O	C	Z	G	A	E	E	H
A	H	S	O	S	O	W	L	R	J	H	R	D	T	R
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S	M	K	G	K	W	C	Z	O	L	T	R	V	F	M
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E	Z	C	T	S	G	P	X	A	L	T	O	B	D	O
N	O	N	P	Z	L	E	O	E	M	R	B	Y	O	R
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I	Y	M	K	P	G	S	W	Q	W	B	O	S	M	V
M	G	Z	H	P	V	P	L	E	Y	A	D	P	U	S

algae      crab      lobster      sand      starfish  
clam      explore      mussel      seaweed      stingray  
coral      kelp      oyster      shrimp      turtle

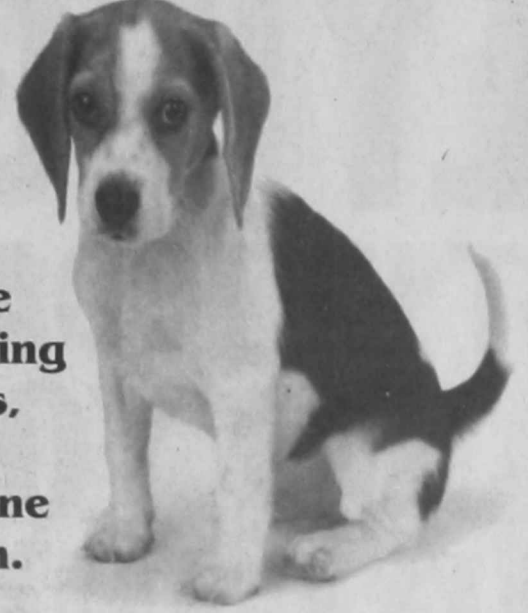
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		6	4	3				2
		1		2				
8				9	5	6		
		4	9		1	8	5	6
3		5	2			9		
	9	8		5				3

**Word Search**

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D	P	O	M	K	S	A	U	G	W	Y	G	H	R	E
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## FORD WANTS TO BUILD ON LEAD WITH GENERATION Y

By Dale Buss

Arguably, Ford is leading the U.S. auto industry when it comes to understanding the behavior and buying preferences of the Millennial generation. That's one big reason Ford was able to steal a march on all of its competitors with the Sync infotainment system -- by making it available in the first place, to work with most smart phones, and then by promoting it heavily as a must-have "accessory" in small vehicles aimed at twenty-somethings, including the Focus and Fiesta.

And so it's not surprising that Ford executives also appear to be leading their rivals when it comes to a related pursuit: worrying about whether the Millennials that they are so

arduously courting are actually going to buy more cars.

That's one reason Ford just announced a deal with Zipcar, the car-sharing service. It wasn't long ago that such upstarts were perceived as a threat to the sales volumes of Ford and other automakers. But now, Ford seems to be taking the view that young drivers who rent from Zipcar by the hour just might be potential customers down the road.

So the company announced an unusual partnership in which Ford will supply its vehicles to Zipcar locations on 250 college and university campuses in the United States. The two-year program will provide Zipcar with up to 1,000 Focus sedans and Escape sport-utility vehicles for students who prefer short-term vehicle rentals to the trouble and expense of owning their own car.

In addition to providing the



Ford Focus already is one of the most popular cars with Millennials.

cars, Ford will offer the first 100,000 university students who sign up for Zipcar a \$10 discount on the network's \$30 annual membership fee. And Ford has agreed to subsidize the hourly rental rate.

The desire by Millennials to borrow rather than own is one of at least three trends that have the Ford brain trust thinking for the long term about how to get the younger generation to keep coming to them for Fiesta, Focus and other Ford models long beyond the legions that have flocked to the brand over the last few years. The other two trends involve the economy and the generation's attitudes toward cars and driving.

One reason for the Zipcar deal is that Ford noticed a tendency of Millennials to gain access over ownership, as Sheryl Connelly, Ford's global trends director, put it -- a willingness to rent or borrow just about anything

rather than necessarily having to buy a "toy," whether it's jewelry, bikes, handbags or cars. That's why the biggest enthusiasts of car-sharing services such as Zipcar are twentysomethings. One unfortunate aspect of this attitude is that it's not so crucially important for Millennials to buy that first car for themselves, even after they're exposed to the enticements of new models like the Fiesta.

For another thing, Millennials demonstrate decidedly less enthusiasm than their parents, the boomer generation, and even than the subsequent Generation X, about owning a vehicle or even driving one. That ancient rite of passage for American youths, getting a driver's license, isn't such a Kodak moment for them, it turns out. While half of 16-year-olds got a driver's license in

1978, less than one-third do now, thanks to factors such as tougher driving standards, higher costs for driver training -- and teenage indifference.

"You're always going to have driving enthusiasts," Connelly said. "Boomers kind of made the car an iconic symbol of freedom and independence, and so for at least the next couple of generations, I don't see that disappearing. But there are many Millennials who are more interested in mere mobility than actual driving dynamics," she noted. And, of course, many of that generation are far more interested in digital connectivity and devices than in engines and automobiles.

In the short term, the most troubling trend regarding Millennials, and for selling them autos, is the moribund economy. The Great Recession and the continuing stubbornness of high unemployment rates have thwarted intentions of many Millennials to launch their careers, start families, even to gain financial independence from their Boomer parents. These frustrated twentysomethings aren't in the mood or mode to be buying or leasing cars, even if they are tricked-out Fiestas or a Focus that feels like a media lab to them.

So while it's great to be young at heart, it's not so great to be young in the pocketbook. And Ford and the rest of the auto industry are grappling with that truth.



Ford hopes to boost the appeal of the Escape SUV in a deal with Zipcar.

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