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Michael Murray's aunt, Margaret Murray, greets him at a campaign event last week. He is running for county commission as an independent.

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Soldier returns from Iraq and sets sights on county commission seat as an independent

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

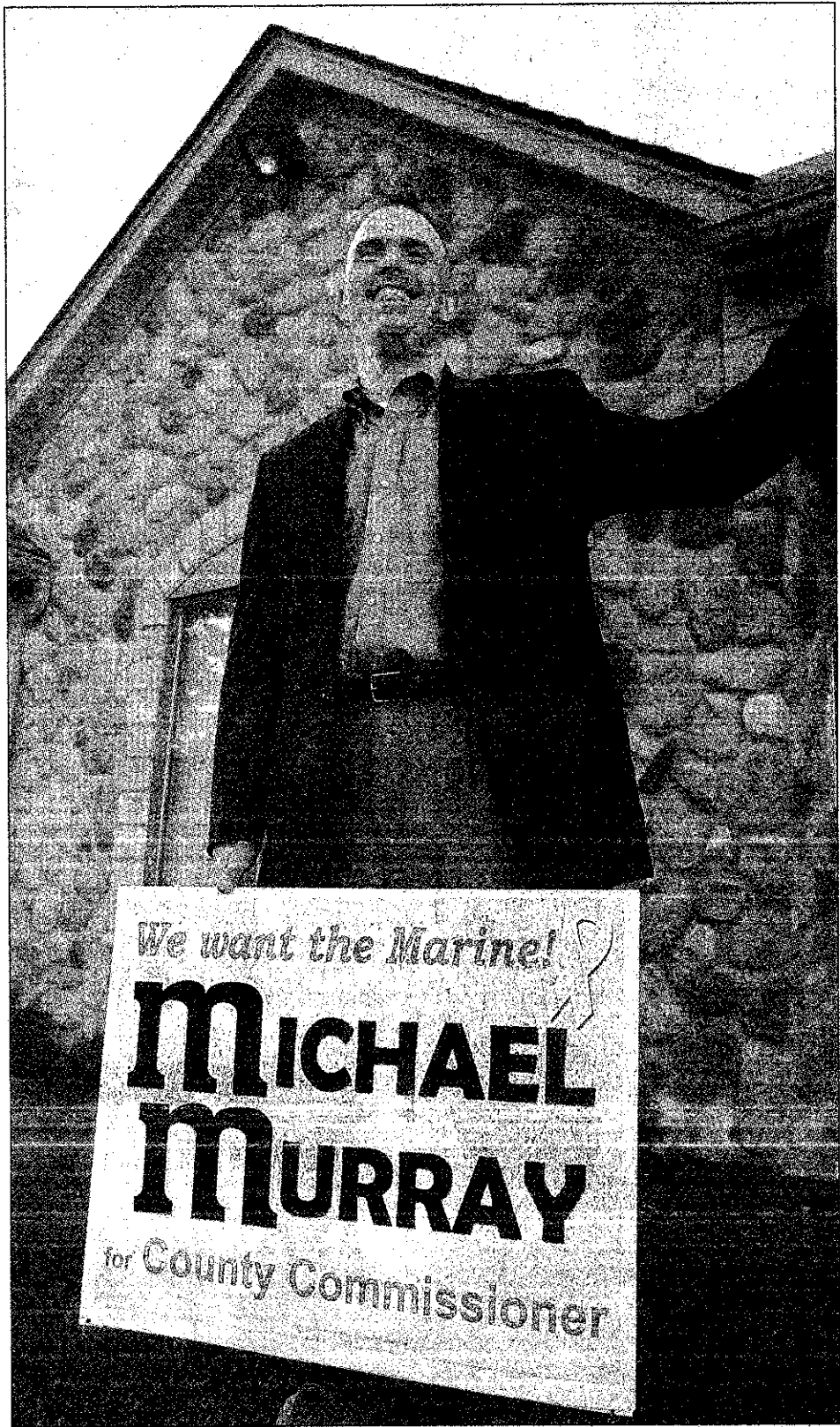
In the Marine Corps, Maj. Michael Murray adopted a popular phrase "Mission First, People Always." Upon his Sunday return from service in Iraq, the 37-year-old Canton man was ready to bring that idea to his newest mission - running for an open seat on the Wayne County Commission.

Murray started thinking about running for the commission back in 2002. He had been a lifelong resident of Wayne County, and he and wife Terri had just moved into their home in Canton.

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Michael Murray, a U.S. Marine who recently returned home from Iraq, waves to supporters arriving at his campaign event at the Sunflower subdivision clubhouse last week.

Police arrest felon after botched robbery

It only took minutes for Canton police to find and arrest Barry Knight, a 40-year-old Ann Arbor man, following a bizarre home invasion and attempted robbery Wednesday afternoon.



Knight

According to police, a man broke into a home on south Lotz near Michigan Avenue.

"He ransacked the house, then proceeded to call a plumber, saying there was an emergency. He said there was a leak in the house and he needed a plumber right away," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

When the plumber arrived, police say the man pulled out a shotgun and tried to rob the plumber, a 48-year-old Canton man, at gunpoint. But the burglar didn't count on the plumber knowing self-defense tactics.

"The plumber grabbed the gun, and the two struggled until the plumber got control of the gun," Pomorski said. The robber fled the house on foot, after trying to steal a car which was parked at the house, according to police.

Within 10 minutes, police arrived with a K-9 unit, which established a scent track. Police established a perimeter around the area and cordoned it off, and then caught Knight.

Knight had been on parole, and was wearing an electronic tether, after his release from prison for a 1991 conviction for armed robbery. He absconded from parole in August, according to the Michigan Offender Tracking Information System.

Knight was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court on charges of assault with intent to commit armed robbery, for which he could serve up to life in prison; first degree home invasion, a 20-year felony; possession of a firearm by a felon, a five-year felony; larceny in a building, with a four-year penalty; attempted motor vehicle theft, a 2.5-year felony; felony firearm, which carries an automatic two-year penalty; and because Knight is a habitual offender, he could face as long as life in prison if convicted of the charges.

Judge Michael Gerou set a \$50,000 cash bond.

Carol Marshall

Circle of women looks to make a difference

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

"The fastest way to change society is to mobilize the women of the world."

- Charles Malik, former president, United Nations General Assembly

Loren Wadington receives in her home mailbox at least a half-dozen requests from national charities in any given month. While she believes those charities are good and worthy causes, she wonders: "Where is my money going and just how much difference am I making?"

By day, in her position at the



Shahnaz Broucek, Katie Robiackek, Joan Noricks, Linda Radtke, Loren Wadington, Martha Snow and Nancy Eggenberger are among those who have formed Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle.

Canton Community Foundation, she sees plenty of need in her own community. To fill those needs and make a big difference, Wadington, along with dozens of Plymouth and Canton women, have formed the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle. Wadington describes it as a way for women to make a real difference in

their community by helping other women.

"Alone my \$500 contribution, spread out across several charities, like Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society, won't make a big impact, but when it's part of something bigger, part of other

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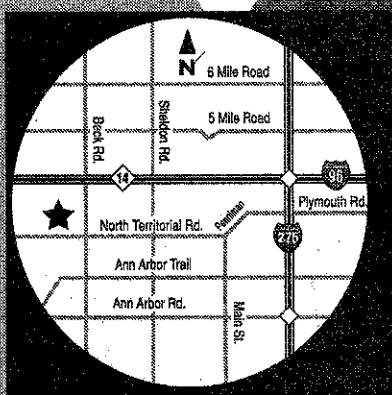
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Eriksson Elementary hosts fair

Eriksson Elementary, 1275 Haggerty Road (between Ford and Cherry Hill), is hosting its Fall Fun Fair on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The event, which is free to attend, will feature games, face painting and tattoos, crafts, balloons, a cake walk, inflatable bouncers, and prizes for the kids. Adults will be able to take part in a number of \$5 raffles. Prizes include a laptop computer, an iPod, and a digital camera. The \$1 basket-drop raffle will include numerous gift baskets filled with generous donations from Eriksson families and local businesses. Special donations, including sports memorabilia and tickets, will also be part of a silent auction. Food will be served.

Raffle tickets, food and game tickets, as well as game bracelets are now available for purchase. For more information, please contact the school office at (734) 981-5560 or visit the school Web site at <http://web.pcos.k12.mi.us/eriksson>.

Historical book signing

The Canton Historical Society is sponsoring a book signing with Gerald Van Dusen, author of *Canton Township*, at Cherry Hill School (northwest corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads) 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11. Shortly after 6 p.m., Van Dusen will briefly discuss his experiences writing the book and offer stories about Canton's agricultural past. He will then be available to sign books until 8 p.m. The books will be available for \$19.99 from the Canton Historical Society. The event is free and open to the public. Van Dusen's book contains many unique photographs drawn from Canton families and the museum archives. Light refreshments will also be served.

Canton Newcomers meeting

The Canton Newcomers will host a meeting at 7:15 p.m., Oct. 4 at the Village Theater to discuss the "secrets of Canton's success." The event will feature a number of guest speakers, including Supt. Jim Ryan of

Plymouth-Canton Schools, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Director of Public Safety John Santomauro, Director of Leisure Services Ann Conklin, and Canton Public Library Director Jean Tabor. The Canton Newcomers is a social, civic and charitable organization, whose motto is "where neighbors become friends." The group will also hold its general meeting during the evening.

This event is open to the public.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. For more information, contact Jennifer Maddock at (9734) 981-1715 or visit our Web site at CantonNewcomers.org.

A toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to benefit the Canton Historical Society, Canton Christmas in Action and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Chamber awards luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will recognize its 2006 Business Person of the Year, Chamber Excellence Award, and Ambassador of the Year at its Oct. 4 monthly luncheon. The event, which

begins at 11:30 a.m., will be at Summit on the Park and is being sponsored by the Observer Newspapers, Yazaki North America, Showroom of Elegance, and Waltonwood of Canton. Tickets for the event are \$20. Reservations are necessary by Tuesday, Oct. 3 and can be made by calling (734) 453-4040.

Police suspend CCW fingerprinting

Effective Oct. 1, the Canton Public Safety Records Bureau will temporarily suspend all CCW applicant fingerprinting. This temporary suspension of service is due to new state regulations requiring all CCW applicants to be fingerprinted on an electronic fingerprinting system. Canton's records bureau currently uses a paper fingerprint card system. The department has budgeted to purchase an electronic fingerprinting system in 2007, and will resume full-service fingerprinting shortly after Jan. 1.

In the interim, Canton residents who need to be fingerprinted for a CCW license can contact the Wayne County Sheriff's office located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland. Residents are encouraged to contact the sheriff's office at (734) 721-5125 for requirements prior to being fingerprinted.

For further information contact Canton Public Safety Records Bureau at (734) 394-5410.

Computer course

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 6-9 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an introduction to computers course at Canton Computers. Canton Computers is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2006 and 2007, which are open to chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber Members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

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'Dark cloud' over Sheldon plant as Ford eyes closings

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Johnson Controls' announcement this week of 250 layoffs at its Plymouth facility is only the latest in a string of downsizing notices by automotive suppliers because of production reductions by the Big 3 automakers.

Last month, Ford Motor Co. announced it would offer buy-outs to all 75,000 of its hourly workers. And, as part of its restructuring plan, Ford plans to sell or close all of its 17 plants managed by its Automotive Components Holdings (ACH) subsidiary by 2008, which includes the Sheldon Road facility in

Plymouth Township, United Auto Workers Local 845 President Ed Honsinger Jr., sitting behind a desk at his office in Canton at Joy and Canton Center roads, said many employees aren't even getting 40 hours a week, resulting in smaller paychecks.

"But with everything going on, 1,200 people still come to work every day and produce the best quality product for Ford Motor Company," said Honsinger, who resides in Canton Township.

Despite what he called a "dark cloud" over ACH's Sheldon Road facility, Honsinger — a second-generation worker at the plant where his father was employed for 31

years — said he believes the operation will be around longer than most people believe. Honsinger said he's signed a confidentiality agreement not to talk about the buy-outs and future of the plant, however ...

"I see positive things, and I think Sheldon Road will be around for a long time," Honsinger said. "I think the unions are working with the company, and they recognize it's a different day and age."

"I know they'll sit down at the bargaining table and deliver back to the membership an agreement, and we'll ratify it," he added, referring to negotiations that will begin in the next few months to deliver a con-

tract before the current one ends next September.

Honsinger said it's not only the union workers who have a lot at stake in what happens at the Sheldon Road facility.

"When you close down a Sheldon Road or Wayne Assembly or Wixom (plant), those communities take a hit," Honsinger said. "Plymouth needs a Sheldon Road because our workers invest the money back in the communities."

"They set the tone for the small gift shops in Plymouth," he added. "And, if not them, it's my retirees. If their pensions come under attack, they're not patronizing restaurants and the other stores."

Bob Harper, employed for

43 years at Sheldon Road, is now chairman for the 1,000 Local 845 retirees. Harper remembered the 1950s, when union members were making \$2 an hour, and the 1960s, when his federal W-2 forms reflected an annual wage of \$9,500.

"In the '50s, '60s and '70s we walked the picket lines, fighting for what we thought was right and gaining the little things to benefit our membership in the plants," Harper said. "The thing that bothers me now is it's starting to deteriorate, and these young kids will have to fight again to get at a level where it's livable so they can buy vehicles, houses and send their kids to college."

You've got to make more than 10 bucks an hour to do that."

Harper is hopeful that when the economy turns around and the auto companies get healthy, they won't forget the union workers who gave concessions to keep them open.

"We don't have a problem with Ford Motor Company now that the bad times are here," Harper said. "We know we'll have to give up some stuff. My retirees know that, and so do the guys in the plant, and they're willing to do it."

"But when the good things get going, don't forget us," he added.

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7 in a row: Wayne-Westland wins 2 accounting awards

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For the seventh consecutive year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has received national recognition for its financial accounting practices.

The district received an Excellence in Financing Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of School Business Officials.

"There are very few districts that go for the awards," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services. "We're one of three in the state to receive both awards and only a few hundred in the country."

Martin announced the awards at the school board Monday evening, pointing out that the district's 2005 com-

prehensive financial report was judged for correctness and completeness according to national standards.

The certificate of excellence is the highest award school district financial operations can receive from the ASBO. It enables school business officials to achieve a high standard of financial reporting. It's given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards for the program, Martin said.

The GFOA certificate of achievement of excellence also is the highest form of recognition the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a "significant accomplishment," Martin said.

He added that participation in the programs increase the district's financial reporting credibility and also have an impact when the district goes out and refinances its

debt, he added.

Martin had praise for the members of his staff, including Linda Kempton, the senior executive director for business and operations.

"It's through her leadership and hard work that the standards are followed from year to year," he said, adding that "we will proudly hang the awards in the business office."

Board members were quick to offer praise.

"I'm really glad you work for this school district," said Trustee Martha Pittsenbarger, while Trustee Skip Monit, citing his years on the board's finance committee, told Martin, "I'm used to your expertise and I appreciate what you have done."

"If I've said it once, I've said it 50 times, Gary Martin is the only person I know who can spend 10 cents and get 15 cents," Trustee Ed Turner said.

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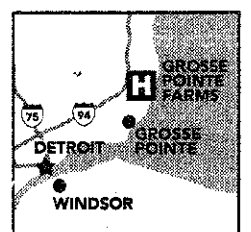
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CIRCLE

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women who are also donating, it can make a huge difference," Wadington said.

Back in May, Wadington and Canton Community Foundation director Joan Noricks invited a virtual "who's who" of Plymouth and Canton women to hear about giving circles and how they work. The speaker was a member of a Lapeer giving circle.

Attorney Martha Snow was one of the 40 women who answered the call.

"The message was so powerful, about what women can do for the community if we pool our money," Snow said.

In the months that followed, the group named a 13-member steering committee, wrote the circle's bylaws and mission, and established it as a donor-directed charitable fund. The group's intent is to designate money raised toward endowments for future giving, spend some on immediate granting, all in hopes of making a meaning-

ful impact on the lives of local women and families in need.

"We're more elevated financially in our communities than in other communities, and still there are a lot of women who fall through the cracks," Snow said.

Noricks agreed that often the need in the community is invisible unless you're looking for it.

Members of the circle chimed in at once about possible needs — from a widow with children who may need short-term help, to low-income women who need help acquiring wigs during chemotherapy, to non-crisis needs such as legal services for women or bringing to the community educational reading or speaker series.

"When we support these kinds of issues, we empower other women to become a vital part of our community," said Shahnaz Broucek, who is on the steering committee.

And the circle encourages further philanthropy by those who have been helped.

It's philanthropy that brought Katie Robiadek to the circle. As a former recipi-

ent of one of the Canton Community Foundation's college scholarships, the new graduate wanted to learn more about charitable giving opportunities in her own community.

"As a new graduate, I think of self-sufficiency, but part of self-sufficiency is making your community self-sufficient," she said.

Donations are tax-deductible, and due to the structure of the Canton Community Foundation, every donation is part of the foundation's audit.

The circle is looking for members and will hold a kickoff informational meeting 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 18 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be reserved by calling (734) 495-1200 by Oct. 9. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

"The whole community is invited," Noricks said.

"The whole community of women."

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MURRAY

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"We were trying to get in touch with a local official to get questions answered about stop signs in our subdivision," he said. "We found (the official) wasn't as responsive as I thought he should have been."

It was then that Murray and his wife began talking about how county government should operate. Murray had worked for the county commission when he was an intern in the process of earning his law degree. After graduation from University of Detroit school of law, he worked for the city of Dearborn.

"I thought I had a pretty good understanding of how local government operates, and we decided that if the opportunity ever came up, I would try," Murray said.

But Murray's also a realist, and knew unseating former commissioner John Sullivan would be tough.

While he was on active duty in Iraq, Murray's wife told him that Sullivan would not run for re-election on the commission, in order to run for a circuit court judgeship (Sullivan was beaten in the primary in August).

Even though Sullivan's seat was open, there were practical problems with running for

election. For starters, Murray had been deployed to Iraq with his Marine Corps reserve unit. The deadline to file to be on the ballot with a political party passed in May.

"But I could run as an independent," Murray said.

His wife picked up the petitions for him and collected the required 900 signatures so Murray could file to run for election. And so far, the Murrays believe this may be the least conventional campaign in the history of the commission.

"Running for election while you're out of the country is a little unusual," Murray said. His campaign team is tiny — consisting of five people led by his wife.

Murray returned home Sunday, and immediately went to work, hosting a fund-raiser Thursday evening. But even that's unconventional. He's only raised \$10,000 so far, and has no opportunity to seek out endorsements.

Though running as an independent poses challenges, independent is the way Murray describes himself. He says he has registered with both the Republican and Democratic parties, depending on who was running in primary elections. He calls himself a fiscal conservative son of pro-union Irish parents (though his father, an independent contractor, became a staunch Republican in the 1980s).

His priorities, should he win the election against Canton Republican Loren Bennett and Canton Democrat Kevin McNamara, will be economic development, infrastructure and financial stewardship.

Murray said he believes in increasing economic development in the region, holding government officials and employees accountable, and watching the county's bottom line.

Murray is a 1987 graduate of Divine Child High School, a graduate of Albion College and the University of Detroit. He has served in the public and private sector as an attorney, with the Marine Corps, the city of Dearborn, and with law firm Clark Hill.

He and wife Terri have three children — Justin, 8, Claire, 7 and Quinn, 5. His campaign Web site is electmichaelmurray.com.

Despite the challenges, Murray thinks that being an independent will make him more effective.

"I'm not beholden to a political party. Wayne County to a certain degree gets caught in the political game, and I can bring an independent voice to the commission," Murray said. "People are frustrated with the same old political games. I will tell people what they need to hear, not what they want to hear."

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Linda Logsdon Lepard, M.D.

Lepard, 66, died Sept. 28.

S

Irene Eleanor (Markham) Sather

Sather, 88, of Livonia, died.

Richard B. "Dick" Schlosser

Schlosser, 82, of Gladstone, died Sept. 26.

Donald L. Stivender

Stivender, 74, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sept. 28.

W

Mary Eleanor Weaver

Weaver, 85, of Birmingham, died Sept. 27.

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Contours Express members nationwide will be participating in this one-day pledge

drive. Each participant's fund-raising efforts will be matched by the Contours Express corporate office and submitted directly to the Foundation for research. The drive is expected to raise thousands of dollars for the cause. Contours Express is an all-women circuit training gym.

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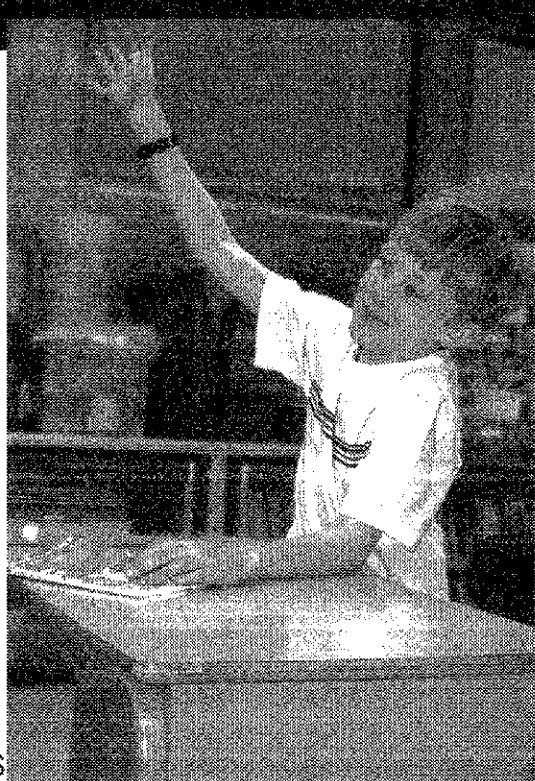
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Walking the walk

Kids stretch their legs to raise money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After trying his best to run three laps around the Farrand Elementary field, 7-year-old Michael Ljuljduraj panted heavily as he picked up his juice and snack from PTO members stationed near the playground.

"I was going to try (to complete the three laps), but I couldn't make it because it was so hard," Michael said. "But it was fun."

Ljuljduraj, along with the entire student body, ran and walked laps in the second annual Farrand Fox Trot, the PTO's main fund-raiser. In last year's initial trot, the PTO raised \$16,800. This year, the money collected surpassed the \$13,000 goal.

Previously, as with many school PTOs, the Farrand parents' group sold items from catalogs to raise the bulk of its annual budget. However, Fox Trot chairwoman Joanna Luce of Plymouth Township said most parents like the idea of just raising money. Plus, Luce said, there are advantages to the PTO.

"The catalog sales were easier on the PTO because the company provided the prizes and did all the leg work while we just sold it," Luce said. "But then we have to collect the money, and we only got a portion of what was taken in. And we found our sales were going

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Michael Ljuljduraj
Farrand Elementary student

down.

"So we came up with the idea of the walk, which also gets the kids a little more involved while having fun," she said. "For the PTO, this is a big chunk of money and it's all cash. It comes in the first part of the year, so we know how we stand with the budget."

For Karen Childs, whose 7-year-old Spencer participated in the run/walk, collecting money is definitely much easier than selling merchandise.

"Most of the kids live in the same neighborhood, so (when selling goods) they hit some of the same neighbors," Childs said. "My kids hit my family up (for money), and I just write the school a check."

All told, the Farrand PTO's annual budget is about \$34,000. Principal Ann Kuhn said without the support of the parents group, a lot of needs would go unfilled.

"The PTO supports us by purchasing books for the library and paying for assemblies and field trips," Kuhn said. "They also give the teach-



It's the Farrand Fox Trot, as students use their legs to help raise more than \$13,000 for the Farrand Parent-Teacher Organization.



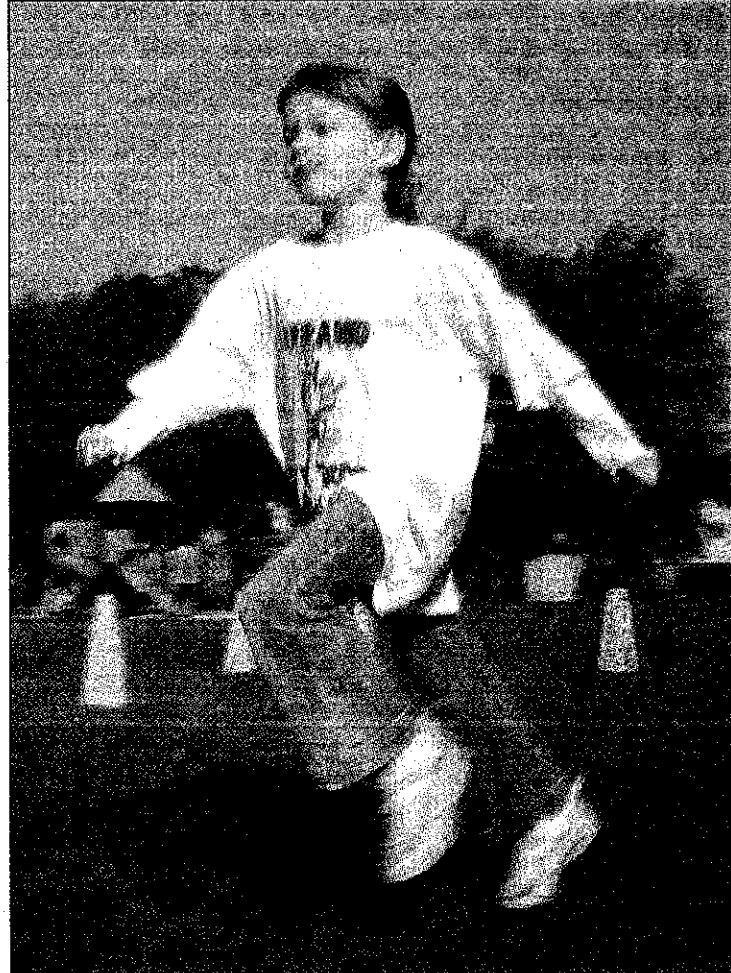
After the Fox Trot, Kyle Sedgwick and Jacob Visel take a break for snacks and a drink.

ers \$100 each to get their classrooms started.

If the teachers want anything special for their classrooms, the PTO purchases that for them.

"They really give a lot of support for our kids and teachers," she added.

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Dove hunting issue has been hijacked by out of state groups

Come November, Michigan voters will have much to decide about how they want their government to function, not only for the next couple of years, but potentially for generations.

Not only will we have to decide who will be our government representatives at the federal, state and county levels, but we will also have to wade through five ballot proposals that deal with huge social issues, including affirmative action and how our public schools will be funded.

As a hunter, I'm also very interested in Ballot Proposal No. 3, which will determine the future of dove hunting in our state. I'm not so much interested because I want to hunt doves, but because I think the outcome of this proposal will have major ramifications on the future of all forms of hunting in Michigan. Some might call that paranoia, but I don't think so. Let me explain.

First, a little background. In 2003, after a couple of years of trying, state Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) was able to get a bill through the state Legislature to establish the state's first mourning dove hunting season in a century. Considering the large number of people who opposed such a hunting season, our Legislature voted to allow a three-year test period, in which the doves would only be hunted in a handful of southern counties. If the test hunt proved to be devastating to the doves, the hunt would be halted. However, if the hunt showed no significant impact to the dove population (as wildlife biologists predicted), then the hunting would be renewed and perhaps even expanded to other parts of the state.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, seeing this as a good compromise, signed the bill — and then caught a tidal wave of criticism for doing so.

It didn't take long for opponents of the bill, including anti-hunting groups, to gather petitions to get the current proposal on the ballot. This also halted the test hunt after only one year.

There are many things about this campaign that alarm me, including the wild claims that the dove hunting opponents are making.

They say hunters only want to use

doves as target practice because they are too small to eat. The last time I checked though, we eat creatures much smaller, including shrimp, sardines and even perch and other panfish that are legal game in Michigan. They are also making the claim that the dove is the state's official bird of peace. The fact is, it's just not true. State Sen. Shirley Johnson (R-Troy) did introduce a resolution in November 2003, but it never went anywhere. Mourning doves are no more "peaceful" than any other bird in the state. In fact, I've watched them fight with one another on many occasions in my backyard around the bird feeders.

The other claim these opponents are making that bothers me is that large hunting groups from outside the state pressured our elected representatives into legalizing dove hunting. But if you take some time to investigate this issue, you will realize that anti-hunting groups from outside of Michigan are the ones who have hijacked the political process. The main group in this crusade, the Humane Society of the United States, which is based in Washington D.C., has donated nearly \$600,000 to the campaign, according to the Michigan Bureau of Elections. That is nearly 75 percent of the money that has been raised to fund the anti-dove hunting campaign.

The Humane Society of the United States says this fight is only about preventing dove hunting in Michigan, even though the federal government classifies the mourning dove as a migratory game bird, and 40 states already have an active dove season. During the campaign, the group has said this is not about other forms of hunting, but I believe that is just a smoke screen to hide its real agenda, which is to end all forms of hunting.

In fact, if you go to the group's Web site, <http://www.hsus.org>, you will find the following mission statement about hunting: "The HSUS strongly opposes the recreational hunting and killing of wild animals, as the sport is fundamentally at odds with the values of a humane, just, and caring society." The question I have is what will this group — emboldened by a victory on the dove issue — go after next. If you think it won't target other game species, you are being naive.

I understand there are people out there who don't want to see the cute dove shot by hunters, but our elected representatives, who were educated on the issue, voted to have a hunting sea-

son. Whether we all like it or not, those are the people we as voters decided should do our bidding in government. Electing representatives is the very bedrock on which our form of government rests. The people serving in that legislative session voted on that issue and chose this solution. Why can't we accept that?

And that brings me to ballot initiatives. We as a society have to begin to understand how destructive these things can be. Doesn't anyone remember Proposal A from 1994, which has since had a devastating effect on the funding of public schools in our state? Or what about the term limits we as voters approved? Most people in government will tell you how bad they have been. It takes a while for our senators and representatives to get their feet wet before they become effective lawmakers. In the current system, they are gone by the time they have figured out how the system works. So it should come as no surprise that our Legislature has been riddled by partisan gridlock in recent years, as lawmakers are always trying to set themselves for the next office.

If we want our system of government to work the way it was set up, we can't have anguished groups, who pay for outside consultants and signature collectors, getting proposals on the ballot every time they are unhappy about how our representatives voted on an issue. If we're going to keep doing this, why not just dissolve the Legislature all together? Of course, that's not only unrealistic, it would also bring our government to a grinding halt.

These ballot initiatives often sound good at face value, but in many cases we vote on them without knowing all the issues involved. And once they are approved, they are set in stone until another ballot initiative comes along.

Hunting groups have been petitioning our state government for the better part of 20 years to approve a dove hunting season. In 2003, they finally found a favorable political environment in Lansing. If you don't like the way your representative voted on the dove issue — or any other issue, for that matter — you need to vote for someone else the next time an election comes around. That's what is so great about our form of government. There's always another election.

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Job loss can be opportunity

There is so much we take for granted as gainfully employed people. Grocery runs once a week — at \$100 a pop; paying utilities so we can have heat in the winter and central air in the summer; chipping in a few bucks here and there for local fundraisers; supporting our children's dance class, skating or soccer ventures, and all of the stuff that goes with those activities. The list goes on.

And, so does life.

Until you no longer have the money for all of this because you've lost your job. Your position has been eliminated. They're closing your office or your plant. They're offering "buy outs" to thousands of workers at your company.

Then, your world turns upside down — even if you saw the layoff coming for months — and you can't imagine how you'll be able to support yourself or, worse yet, your family.

The world doesn't stop to give you a break because you've lost your job, either. The groceries are still expensive, gas prices soar beyond your budget and your utility bills and mortgage statements start to pile up.

You keep your phone appointment with MARVIN, the state's unemployment automated robot who sends your unemployment check request to the powers that be. You check job postings on the Internet and maybe you scour the want ads in your local newspaper.

It's all very impersonal. It's all very lonely — and quite scary — to be tossed out of your comfort zone, out of your income source and out of your proud position in the world of the employed.

Speaking from experience, job loss is one of the toughest curve balls life will throw at you. Even if you live off a severance pay or a "buy out" for awhile, the day inevitably comes when you're forced to pound the pavement.

But, it's all of the stuff between that last severance check and your first day at a new job that is the hardest. I can imagine it's even harder for someone who has been laid off from the auto industry and is left with specific skills only relevant to that industry. Where do you turn? What else can you do? How can you make ends meet flipping hamburgers for minimum wage (\$6.95 per hour, starting Oct. 1) when you were making triple that amount at your old job?

I don't have the answer, but I do have suggestions.

The first is to stay positive and be creative. Pursue something you've always wanted to do, as long as it's practical, legal, and will make you some money.

Find something that interests you or something you've wanted to try, but couldn't, because you were stuck in your job.

My second suggestion while making your way through that unpredictable phase of finding a new job is to attend a free (that's important) seminar called "Turning Job Loss into Opportunity." It will be held 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Costick Activities Center, 26800 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

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I know there is a period in which you're numb. You don't even know the first step to take and you feel panicked that, again, life doesn't stop just because you lost your job.


For me, it worked out to my benefit. I was able to devote time to a freelance writing project that allowed me to research and write the 100-year history of an area country club, which started out as the Automobile Club of Detroit in 1902. The end result was a beautiful, full-color, coffee table book.

It was important for me to keep my routine during that time. We kept our daughter in child care and I "went to work" every day, with my laptop computer, to the club, where I sat and sorted through mounds of archived materials until the story came together, piece by piece — just like my life after getting laid off.

But, I don't think it would have come together so well if I didn't have the right attitude as I packed up my desk on that afternoon.

I remember saying to myself on that day, as I looked up, "That ceiling is not my ceiling; I can rise so much higher and this is my opportunity."

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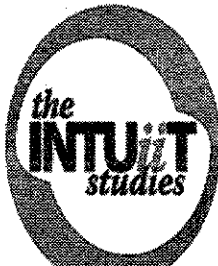
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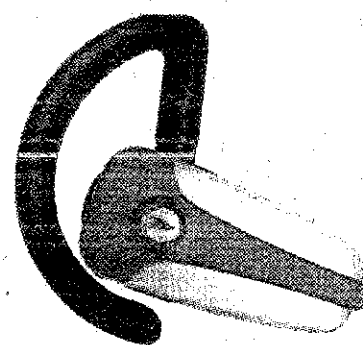
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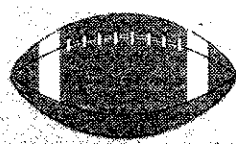
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Salem No. 2 singles player Tracy Lytle returns a serve during a match earlier this week. Lytle has played an instrumental role in the Rocks' 7-2 start. Salem won three of four matches this past week.

Salem netters thrive in the WLAA

Although it hit a speed-bump in the form of state-ranked Northville on Friday, the Salem girls tennis team is enjoying a success-filled 2006 season.

Following the 7-1 setback to the Mustangs, Salem owns a 7-2 record heading into Monday's home match against cross-campus rival Plymouth. Coach Lin Ware's Rocks have been led by singles players Alex Ware, Tracy Lytle, Allie Carpenter and Dana Anderson and the doubles teams of Claire Madill/Linda Ling, sisters

Kait and Liz McKinley, Stephanie Simowski/Raluca Bugescu and Ariel Rojo and Tazneem Mohammad.

Carpenter was the lone Salem player to win against the always-tough Mustangs as she rebounded to knock off Sarah Koupal, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

On Thursday, Salem handily defeated Walled Lake Northern, 6-2, as Ware, Lytle, Carpenter and Anderson all won in straight sets. On Wednesday, the Rocks whitewashed Wayne

Memorial, 8-0, in a match that was shortened by rain. In total games won, Salem outdistanced the Zebras, 73-6.

The Rocks close out their dual-meet season when they host Canton on Wednesday.

On Saturday, they will look to dethrone the Mustangs in the WLAA Conference Tournament set for the Plymouth tennis courts. The Division 1 Regional meet is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 12, with the state finals set for Oct. 20 and 21.



Salem No. 1 singles player Alex Ware returns a shot during a match last week. The play of Ware, a senior, has helped the Rocks compile a 7-2 mark heading into Monday's match against Plymouth.

Top line

Blockers pave the way in Chiefs' win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Canton may have a backfield of interchangeable parts, but it's the offensive line that keeps the Chiefs running smoothly without slipping out of gear.

Wayne Memorial was the latest casualty Friday, as unbeaten Canton earned its sixth straight victory and seven consecutive playoff berth since 2000 with a convincing 47-12 win over the host Zebras.

Down to their third-string quarterback - Adam Powers - and minus

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starting running backs (Deshon McClendon and Dalton Walser), the Chiefs piled up 476 yards rushing on the ground to clinch at least a tie for the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Fullback Nick Moores was the beneficiary of the well-oiled offense, finishing with 205 yards on 21 carries, including touchdown runs of 52, 16 and 6 yards.

Junior halfback Antwaun Hawkins contributed 99 yards on 22 carries. He scored on runs of 3 and 5 yards, both coming in the third quarter as Canton pulled away from a 19-6 half-time advantage.

Much of the credit goes to Canton's front seven blockers, an all-senior unit which consists of center Jeff Phillips; guards Nicholas Dunleavy and Keil Price; tackles Brandon Lasko and Williams Khoury; and tight ends Brandon Fender and William Turner.

They were so dominant throughout

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Sidelines

Penguins meeting

All P-CEP female athletes (and their parents) who are interested in playing hockey this season for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins are invited to an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in Room 305 of Canton's Phase III building.

Punt, Pass & Kick

Following are the winners of the local NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition that was held Sept. 23 in Canton:

■ 8-9: 1st - Ryan Radwan; 2nd - Robert Guajardo; 3rd - Pearen Heol.

■ 10-11: 1st - Jason Houle; 2nd - Evan Thomas; 3rd - Westen Price.

■ 12-13: 1st - Josh Peterson; 2nd - Braden Price; 3rd - Brian Bartig.

■ 14-15: 1st - Jake Peterson; 2nd - James Dexter; 3rd - Grant White.

YMCA programs

The YMCA basketball leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4-14. Practices begin the week of Oct. 23 for the fall II session and Jan. 22, 2007, for the winter session. There will be one practice a week and one game a week.

The cost per program is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. If you sign up for both sessions by Oct. 9, you will receive a free basketball and will be assured a spot on the same team for both seasons. All participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey at a cost of \$15. For more information, call (734) 453-2904.

EMU wrestling at Canton

Due to a water leak at Bowen Fieldhouse, the Eastern Michigan University Open set for Nov. 4 will be held at Canton High School. Eagles head coach Derek Del Porto announced last week

"We will run the best venue we can," said Del Porto. "Canton head coach Casey Randolph assures me they can host a tournament of this size and after visiting Canton, I am confident this is the best solution for the temporary move."

Warriors hand Wildcats tough setback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hopes of returning to the Division 1 state football playoffs were chewed up Friday afternoon by the "Wozinator."

Walled Lake Western senior two-way starter Matt "The Wozinator" Wozny rushed for 150 yards and two touchdowns as well as providing several key defensive plays to lead the Warriors to a 30-10 Western Lakes Activities Association

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Western Division victory over the host Wildcats.

Playing in its fifth road game in six weeks, Western bolstered its playoff chances by improving to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the division. The Warriors' final three games are all at home.

Plymouth, on the other hand, dropped to 2-4 and 1-3, respectively, thus falling

out of contention for its second consecutive post-season berth.

"The key for us was stopping Plymouth from making big plays, and we did that except for their one touchdown," said Western coach Mike Zdebski.

"Defensively, we made sure we kept them in front of us. We didn't let their halfbacks run wild like they have in the past.

"Our defensive coaches did a great job of setting up the gameplan and putting

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Kelly named softball coach at Albion College



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Former Salem standout Katie Kelly was recently named head coach of the Albion College women's softball team.

Former Salem standout softball player Katie Kelly was named head coach at Albion College on Monday after serving as the Britons' assistant coach last season and earning four letters as a second baseman at the school from 2002-05.

The Plymouth native played in 123 games for Albion, posting a .270 career batting average with nine doubles, a triple and a home run. She was named the Britons' team captain and "Offensive Player of the Year" in

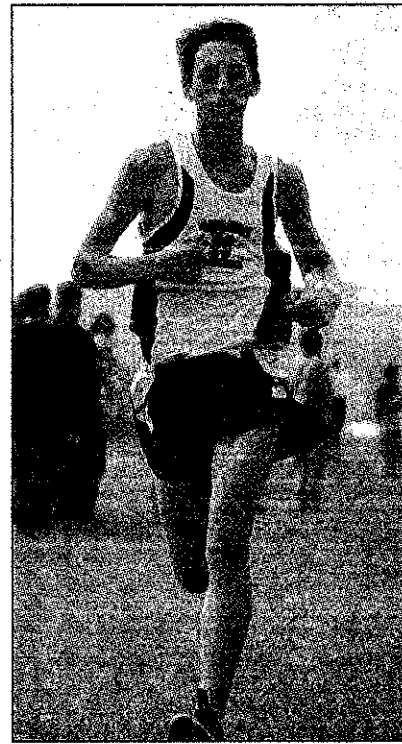
addition to earning All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honorable mention honors following the 2005 campaign.

Kelly graduated cum laude, earning a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in K-12 physical education. She received Albion's Elkin Isaac Outstanding Senior Physical Education Award in 2005 and was on the Dean's List.

Her softball coaching experience includes individual and

group instruction during camps at Albion College, running the City of Albion Recreation Department's summer clinic, serving as junior varsity coach of the Livonia Stevenson High School's junior varsity summer team, and coaching offensive and defensive skills during National Youth Sports Program camps.

She was also a three-year staff member at Camp Able, a special camp in Canton for cognitively and learning-disabled students.



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Rapid Rock

Salem's Kevin DeBear placed first in Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division meet held at Cass Benton Park in Northville. Led by DeBear, the Rocks finished second behind Livonia Churchill. For details of the meet, please see page B6.

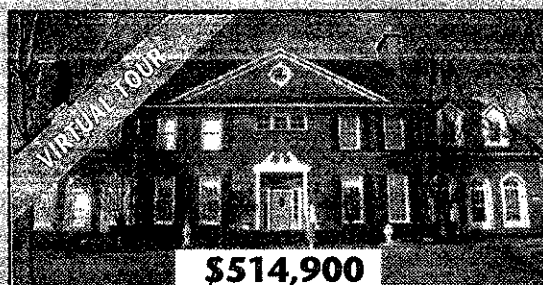
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Rockets' red glare ruins Rocks' big night

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Boy, Westland John Glenn's football team sure knows how to spoil a good party.

The Rockets crashed Salem's Homecoming and Parents Night celebration in a big way Friday night, rolling over the Rocks 41-0 in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division clash played at the P-CEP varsity football stadium.

Glenn scored early and often in the first half, surging to a 21-0 lead in less than eight minutes. The defense (Jerry's Smith's 30-yard interception return for a TD), offense (Antonio Smith's 2-yard TD run) and special teams (Keshawn Martin's 50-yard punt return) all contributed to

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the first-quarter scoring spree for the Rockets.

With the win, John Glenn improved to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Lakes Division. More importantly, the Rockets kept their post-season playoff hopes alive.

"We have to win out to make the playoffs, so the guys are taking things a little more seriously than they did earlier in the season," said Glenn coach Todd DeLuca. "This was by far the most focused we've been in a long time."

Salem, which only had one offensive play that gained more than six yards all night, dropped to 0-7 and 0-4, respec-

tively.

Of the 10 players who carried the ball at least once for the Rockets, the most productive was junior Charles Woodford, who gained 102 yards on 12 runs. Senior Blayne McCormick also had a big game, netting 75 yards on just eight attempts.

Altogether, the Rockets amassed 355 yards in total yards compared to Salem's 82.

Glenn's special teams were cooking as they returned a pair of punts — Martin's 50-yarder and a 60-yard sprint by Ian Thornton — for scores.

"I was a little surprised by the two returns," admitted DeLuca. "Our kicking game has been solid this season, but nothing like it was tonight. Jerry Smith got us off to a good start with the interception return, then

the two punt returns were an added bonus.

"Offensively, we thought we could move the ball on them because they haven't been stopping people. We needed this one."

Glenn cushioned its lead to 27-0 39 seconds into the second quarter when quarterback Kyle Acuna lofted a perfectly thrown 57-yard touchdown pass to Thornton. The Rocks blocked the ensuing extra point.

The Rockets closed out the first-half scoring less than two minutes later on Thornton's punt return to paydirt.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's 35-point, running clock mercy rule kicked in with 11:56 left in the game when Woodford scored

from two yards out to make it 41-0. Kicker Andrew Hein was good on 5-of-6 extra points.

Defensive highlights for the Rocks included fumble recoveries by Justin Bader and James Crabill. Bader also added several crunching tackles.

Junior running back Brandt Thomas was the lone Rock to enjoy any success against Glenn's swarming defense, grinding out 44 yards on 10 carries. Sophomore signal-caller Heath Parling, who was often feeling the pressure from the Rockets' front seven, completed 2-of-13 passes for five yards.

Senior Nick Ajlouny keyed the Rockets' defense.

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the night that the Chiefs did not have to punt.

"Potentially they're one of the best (offensive lines) we've had, but they're not there yet," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "We put them through a bloody week of practice because we've expected more of them."

"I'd say it was their best performance up to this point."

Canton's opening drive chewed up 6 minutes and 40 seconds, only to come up without any points when Wayne's Thomas Williams picked off one of Canton's two passes on fourth-and-five attempt.

"We wanted our first four drives to go 15 plays for six minutes while sucking up the clock," Baechler said. "But we had the two turnovers, including the fumble (in the second quarter), that kept her closer than we wanted. Our plan was to wear them out over four quarters and keep their number one (D.J. Freeman) and number two (Allen Freeman) off the field as much as possible."

Moore scored on a 52-yard run with 9:46 left in the half to make it 7-0 (following Colin O'Shaughnessy's extra point), but Wayne answered on D.J. Freeman's 14-yard scoring toss to Alvin Jones with 6:06 to go.

Wayne then self-destructed thanks to an illegal procedure call on fourth-and-inches, forcing the Zebras to punt at their own 44. That was followed by a Canton pooch kick that was recovered by the Chiefs at the Wayne 36 (following Powers' 49-yard TD toss to Turner).

Moore, a sturdy 6-foot, 205-pound senior, scored his second TD of the game on a 16-yard run with just 40 seconds to play in the half to put the Chiefs up by 13.

It became a rout as Canton scored twice in the third period — going 72 yards in 11 plays and 59 yards in nine plays with Hawkins scoring on TD runs of 3 and 5 yards, respectively.

Canton added two more scores in the fourth quarter, a 6-yard run by Moore (set up by Derek Perino's interception) and Devin Murphy's 4-yard run.

"Their offensive line knocked us around and that's shocking to me because our front seven doesn't normally get knocked around," said Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk, whose team slipped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the division.

The Zebras got on the board on 1-yard TD run by Brad Leverenz with 8:08 remaining, but it was too little, too late. Allan Freeman was Wayne's only real offensive threat. He finished with 111 yards rushing on 10 carries.

"Mental mistakes just kills us," Hnatuk said. "It's like an illness here and I don't understand it. We should have recovered that (pooch) kick, but we didn't because we thought the ball was going out of bounds. That was the turning point."

"But you can't take anything away from Canton. They're physical, very impressive."

Baechler, meanwhile, hopes to get back McClendon and starting quarterback Steve Paye back for next Friday's division finale against Northville.

"We cut our playbook in half, we concentrated only seven pass plays," Baechler said. "I thought Adam (Powers) did a great job on the one throw (to Turner). It was right on the money. He's a heady kid."

"The thing I was concerned about was that Adam was one of our starting safeties, and by moving him over to the offense, we had to go with two new safeties against a spread offense, which is kind of scary."

But Baechler felt at ease as the game wore on. The Chiefs' active defense limited Wayne to 156 yards and picked off three passes (one each by Perino, Alex Lajoie and Erik Wright).

And of course, don't forget the Chiefs' efficient offensive line, which led to nearly 500 total yards.

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our kids in a position to be successful."

Statistically, the Wildcats played toe-to-toe with the Warriors in the first half, and even outgained their visitors, 176-162, in total yards. But on numerous occasions, Plymouth was stymied by ill-timed mistakes that turned into drive-killers.

If you look at our play chart,

you'll see fumbled snap, end of series; fumbled snap, end of series; penalty, end of series," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "We're not an explosive enough team that can make up for mistakes like that."

"We felt there were some things we could take advantage of offensively, but once we got behind by a couple of touchdowns, we got out of our comfort zone."

The game's first series proved to be an omen of what was to come for both teams. Plymouth

moved the ball methodically to its own 38 before quarterback C.J. Gregory hit sophomore tight end Ronnie Goble with a 53-yard pass. However, as Goble crossed the Warrior 10-yard line, he was stripped by Wozny, who fell on the loose ball at the 8.

Western countered with a productive drive of its own, moving to the Plymouth 38 before Wildcat junior linebacker Spencer Tobin's sack forced a punt.

Following a Plymouth three-and-out, punter Charlie Webb's punt was blocked by Erik Goszczynski and recovered by the Warriors at the Plymouth 19. Four plays later, Wozny dove over from 1 yard out to make it 6-0 before Matt Watko tacked on the extra point.

"The blocked punt was the key play in the first half, in my opinion," said Blaylock. "It gave them the momentum."

The Wildcats chopped away at their deficit on their next drive when Jeff Lucco's 25-yard field goal culminated an 11-play, 84-yard possession and made it 7-3 with 7:15 left in the first half.

Western seized back the momentum the next time they touched the ball when — you guessed it — Wozny added his second 1-yard TD run. He set up the score two plays earlier on an ultra-deceptive trick play on third-and-11 that resulted in a 73-yard run.

"That's one of those plays we keep in our back pocket," said a grinning Zdebski. "When you play teams like Plymouth that are very well-coached, you need

to have a little something extra for situations like that."

The Warriors increased their lead to 21-3 with 3:58 left in the third quarter on Ken Loney's 2-yard TD run.

Plymouth answered three minutes later when Gregory connected with senior wide receiver Kulraj Sandhu on a perfectly executed 41-yard TD pass down the right side line to make it 21-10.

Watko's 38-yard field with 8:13 left gave the Warriors a 24-10 cushion before Edison Vushaj, a 6-foot-3, 185-pound sophomore, picked off a pass a returned it 62 yards to paydirt to cap the scoring at 30-10.


Loney was just as productive as Wozny for the Warriors, picking up 100 yards on nine carries. Western QB Montel Nix-Fleming completed a pair of passes to senior tight end Kent Roesler for 36 yards.

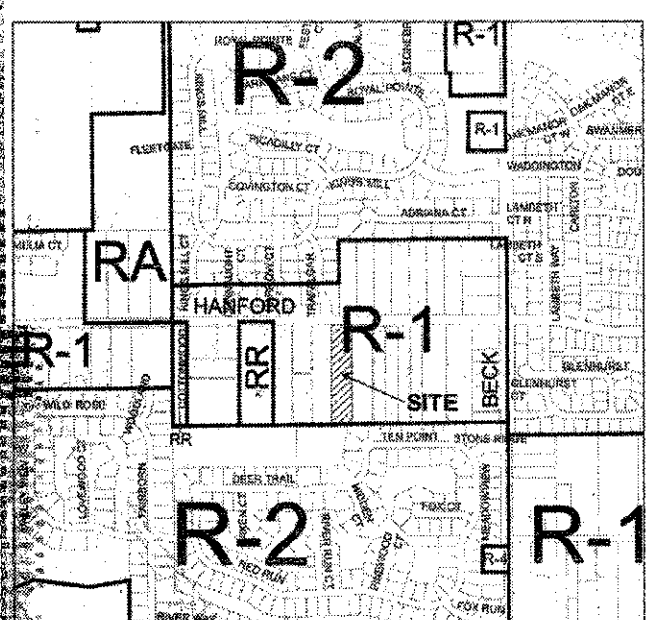
Plymouth senior running back Nate Gholston sparked the Wildcats' offense with 117 yards on 23 attempts. Gregory completed 4-of-16 passes for 115 yards.

Junior Zeke Chapman blocked a fourth-quarter punt for the Wildcats, who played without seven starters who were either suspended (three) or injured (four).


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To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your County or City Clerk's Office. Persons planning to register with the respective County or City Clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the Clerk's Office is open for registration.
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Act 110 of 2006 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 9, 2006 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
OSMER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 032 99 0007 001 (47865 HANFORD) FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Hanford Road and west of Beck Road.
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 5, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
SEE ATTACHED MAP Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Wildcat swimmers nip Canton, 96-90

The Plymouth girls swim team recorded one of the most memorable victories in school history Thursday night when it edged cross-campus rival Canton, 96-90.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Plymouth touched first in just two individual events — Sijia Hao won the 100-yard freestyle in 59.48 and Ellen Palczynski captured the 100 breaststroke in 1:15.74 — but they outlasted the Chiefs thanks to its depth and a first in the 200 medley relay.

Allison Schmitt, Monica Blaesser and Maggie Carlson were all multiple winners for Canton. Schmitt won the 100 butterfly (59.94) and 200 IM (2:10.29); Blaesser took the 50 freestyle (27.04) and 100 backstroke; while Carlson turned in gold medal efforts in the 200 freestyle (2:07.57) and 500 freestyle (5:43.64).

Canton's Chelsea Selden won the diving competition with 181.55 points.

PLYMOUTH 96
CANTON 90
Thursday night at Canton
200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Sarah Palczynski, Stephanie

Goulet, Emily Clanton), 2:05.90; 2. Canton Katie Kubacki, Alyssa Johnson, Monica Blaesser, Meghan Sears), 2:07.69; 3. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Ellen Palczynski, Chelsea Frid, Molly McKinstry), 2:09.92.
200 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:07.57; 2. Laura Landis (C), 2:10.50; 3. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:13.76.
200 IM: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 2:10.29; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 2:23.28; 3. Sarah Palczynski (P), 2:32.23.
50 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 27.04; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 28.28; 3. Emily Clanton (P), 28.29.
1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 181.55 points; 2. Tori Beeler (P), 138.70; 3. Barbara Wolohon (P), 108.10.
100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 59.94; 2. Chelsea Frid (P), 1:11.22; 3. Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:13.02.
100 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 59.48; 2. Laura Landis (C), 1:00.03; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:01.44.
500 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:43.64; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 5:58.23; 3. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 5:58.30.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Laura Landis, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt), 1:47.81; 2. Plymouth (Emily Clanton, Lauren Maslyk, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao), 1:51.74; 3. Plymouth (Michelle Chang, Molly McKinstry, Melissa McKinstry, Alyssa Liakos), 1:52.36.
100 backstroke: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:07.50; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:09.86; 3. Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:12.44.
100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:15.74; 2. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:16.74; 3. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:17.42.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Maggie Carlson, Hannah Maxam, Maddy McDuff, Allison Schmitt), 3:55.93; 2. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Laura Landis, Christine O'Keefe, Katie Kubacki), 4:01.28; 3. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Melissa McKinstry, Lauren Maslyk, Alyssa Liakos), 4:01.35.



Karate kids

Four Observerland-area youngsters earned first-place honors in the sparring and form competitions at the Pan American Open International Tae Kwon Do Championships held Aug. 10-13 at Harper College, which is located in Palatine, Ill. Pictured above are (front row from left) Livonia's Sarah Geyer, 12; Canton's Tyler Oh, 8; and Plymouth's Natalia Iacovo, 13. Pictured behind them is their instructor, Grand Master Sang Sup Kil. Pictured in photo at left is Canton's Matthew Armstrong, 7. The event drew more than 500 competitors from around the world.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 6
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 3
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
B'Ham Roeper at PCA, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
PCA at Parkway, 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6
Plymouth at A.A. Huron, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 2
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3
PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6
A.A. Pioneer at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 7
Canton, Plymouth and Salem at Wayne Co. Championships, 10 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 7
Canton, Plymouth and Salem at Wayne County Championships, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, Oct. 2
Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3
Canton at Salem, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7
WLA Conference meet at Plymouth, TBA
BOYS GOLF
Wednesday, Oct. 4
Plymouth at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Salem at Northville, at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5
Canton, Plymouth and Salem at Division 1 District Tourney
PCA at Division 4 District Tourney, TBA
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 5
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at Salem Pool, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7
Salem at Stevenson Invite, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 3
Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 4
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7
Madonna at Concordia, 2:30 p.m.
(Cincinnati St. JC Cup Showcase)
Schoolcraft vs. Globe Institute (N.Y.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Oct. 3
Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7
Madonna at Concordia, noon.
(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)
Schoolcraft vs. MSU Club, 11 a.m.
Rochester vs. Olivet JV, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati St. vs. UM-Dearborn, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8
(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)
Schoolcraft vs. UM-Dearborn, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati St. vs. Rochester, 1 p.m.
Olivet JV vs. MSU Club, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Saturday, Oct. 7
MU at Siena Hts. Invitational at Tecumseh Country Club, 10 a.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Environmental Non-Profit Seeks Request for Proposals
Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit, 501c3, environmental education organization is seeking candidates to submit proposals detailing a plan to develop and implement an all-inclusive database for the organization. Submission deadline: October 15, 2006. For a complete copy of the RFP go to www.therouge.org and click on FOTR Database RFP. Or you can contact Carolyne McCaughey at 313-792-9627 or ed@therouge.org to obtain a copy. Publish: September 28 & October 1, 2006

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The 10u tryouts will begin at 10:30 a.m.; the 12u will start at 11:30 a.m. and the 14u will commence at 12:30 p.m.

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Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood, pictured above in a game earlier this season, tallied 16 points and six rebounds in the Wildcats' important victory over Walled Lake Western Thursday night.

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Rollercoaster 'Cats thump W.L. Western

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The up-and-down Plymouth girls basketball team was in an "up" mode at Walled Lake Western Thursday night.

The Wildcats put the skids on their two-game losing streak by upending the host Warriors, 54-34, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match-up.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 3-5 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA and 1-1 in the Western Division. Western slipped to 6-3, 4-1 and 1-1, respectively.

"Nine of our kids scored tonight, so it was a great team effort," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "The intensity was there tonight. We put together 32 minutes of effort. We were more aggressive on both ends of the floor tonight."

Reilly was especially pleased with the play of senior guard Amber Davis, who recorded four assists and three steals.

"Amber played very good defense tonight," added Reilly.

Shaakira Haywood paced the Wildcats with 16 points and six rebounds. Freshman Stacey Klonowski contributed 10 points to the winning cause.

Melanie Wilkerson was the lone Warrior to hit double-figures, posting 10 points.

Plymouth broke open a tight game by outscoring the Warriors 16-5 in the second quarter to grab a 28-17 half-time advantage. The Wildcats led 40-27 after three quarters

before outscoring their hosts 14-7 over the final eight minutes.

Plymouth returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Northville in a key WLAA Western Division contest.

CANTON 59, WAYNE 29: On Thursday night, senior guard Becci Houdek recorded 15 points and five steals to lead the Chiefs to a lop-sided victory over the host Zebras. Junior center Baylee Hollowell (12 points and eight rebounds), senior forward Ja'nee Morton (10 points) and senior guard Lauren Delapaz (eight points) also excelled for the winners, who improved their record to 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Zebras dropped to 1-8 and 0-2, respectively.

"The last six games we've played we've been playing well defensively and we've been rebounding well, which has allowed us to get the ball out, run the floor and get some easy baskets," said Canton coach Brian Samulski.

The Chiefs dominated early, grabbing a 17-5 first-quarter lead before coasting into the half with a 32-12 advantage. Canton put the game away by outscoring the Zebras 13-4 in the third quarter.

"Lauren Delapaz did a nice job of holding their leading scorer, Trenia Barbee, to just six points," Samulski said.

Canton hit 9-of-17 free throws while Wayne connected on a dismal 3-of-14 from the line.

PCA 42, A.P. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 29: On Thursday at

Plymouth Christian, the Eagles received nine-point efforts from Megan Greve and Lauren Beckett to hold off Inter-City in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

The victory improved PCA to 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the league. The Chargers dropped to 4-4 and 0-2, respectively.

"Both Megan and Lauren did a nice job of rebounding and getting down the floor to get open on the other end," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "We increased our defensive pressure in the third quarter and got a couple of quick steals and layups off the pressure."

The Eagles led 10-8 after one quarter and 17-10 at the half. They sealed the deal by outscoring their visitors 15-8 in the third quarter.

Amanda Ison led the Chargers with 11 points.

PCA struggled from the free throw line, draining just 6-of-23 attempts. Inter-City canned 12 of 24 shots from the charity stripe.

AGAPE 56, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 32: On Friday night, the Wolverines improved to 5-4 overall and 2-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference thanks to Brianna Chrenko's 25 points and 16 rebounds. Katie Lambert also shined for the winners, netting 17 points and eight assists. Katelin Foreman contributed eight points.

Agape led 16-3 after one quarter and 26-10 at the half. The Wolverines put the game away by outscoring Macomb 18-6 in the third quarter.

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Coppiellie too much for WLC

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls basketball team did more than just pass its first big Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division test Thursday night.

The Rocks aced it.

Led by the stellar two-way play of senior captain Teresa Coppiellie, Salem cruised past Lakes Division contender Walled Lake Central, 39-27, in a defensive-dominated game played in the Rocks' gymnasium.

The victory boosted Salem's record to 6-2 overall and 2-0 in the division. Central fell to 6-3 and 1-1, respectively.

Coppiellie shined at both ends of the court. She combined with teammate Lauren Kurtz to hold the Vikings' leading scorer, Brittany Burkhardt, to 2-of-13 shooting and just eight points. Offensively, the 5-foot-11 forward poured in a game-high 14 points while pulling down 20 rebounds.

"Teresa is an outstanding defender and she enjoys the challenge of playing against a player with Burkhardt's ability," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Our help defense was very good tonight, probably the best it's been all year. Chelsea Davis, Lauren Kurtz and Taylor Langham all did a nice job of helping on the defensive end."

The Vikings struggled shooting the entire night, making just 9-of-41 field goal attempts (21.9 percent) and 7-of-14 free throws.

"Salem executed a great game plan and we didn't execute ours," said Central coach Rob Schopf. "We didn't knock down any shots either, which didn't help. They have a tremendous program here and I respect the heck out of it. I thought they took it to us tonight."

Junior guard Alaya Mitchell contributed nine points and two rebounds for Salem while Taylor Langham and Lauren Kurtz both added six. Langham, Davis and Kurtz all grabbed five boards a piece for the Rocks.

Porsche Dudley led Central with nine points.

Central hung with the Rocks for the first nine minutes and trailed just 10-9 after Kristen Hakola converted a fast-break layup



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Salem's Taylor Langham (left), pictured above in a game earlier this season, netted six points and five rebounds in the Rocks' 39-27 victory over Walled Lake Central Thursday night.

with 7:23 left in the second quarter. However, Salem countered by reeling off a 12-4 run to take a 22-13 advantage into the intermission.

A Coppiellie putback with 5:30 remaining in the third put Salem up 27-13. The Vikings narrowed the gap to 33-23 on Dudley's 25-foot three-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer, but they couldn't dent the lead any more throughout a sluggish fourth quarter by both teams.

The Rocks, who outrebounded Central 39-20, made one-third of their shots (17-of-51).

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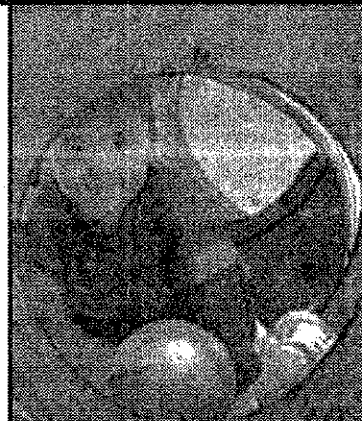
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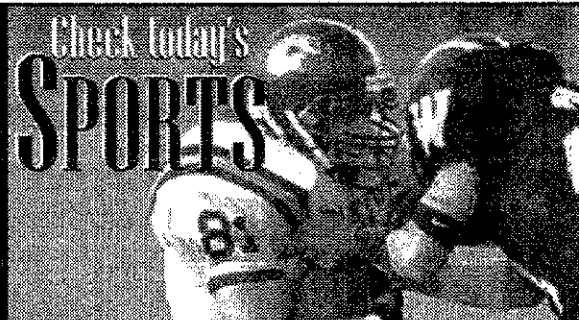
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Bhullar-led 'Cat harriers' 2nd in Western Division

The Plymouth girls cross country team relied on its depth to pull out a second-place showing at Thursday's WLAA Western Division meet at Gilbert Willis Park in Wixom.

Northville won the event with 28 points. The Wildcats and Livonia Franklin both compiled 76 points, but Plymouth earned the runner-up nod because its sixth runner — 24th-place Paula Green — finished ahead of the Patriots' sixth runner, who was 32nd.

Canton placed fourth with 93 points followed by host Walled Lake Western (99) and Wayne (167).

Earning points for the Wildcats were Pam Bhullar (8th place in 21:06), Molly Slavens (11th in 21:25), Beth Heldmeyer (13th in 21:34), Sarah Bálgooyen (21st in 22:42), Lauren Ahearn (23rd in 23:04) and Green.

Plymouth's Elise Chagas was 28th in 23:38.

Canton's Sarah Thomas was the top local runner, earning a fourth-place finish in 20:45. Three Mustang runners — Lindsay Hagan, Mary Sprader and Jenny Murphy — finished 1-2-3, respectively.

The Chiefs also received strong performances from Paula Schubatis (16th in 22:09), Annie Murphy (18th in 22:21), Katy Galm (20th in 22:41), Katie Raymond (25th in 23:17) and Melanie Kulczyda (27th in 23:30).

SALEM 5TH IN LAKES

The Salem girls cross country team

placed fifth at the six-team WLAA Lakes Division Jamboree Thursday afternoon at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The Rocks, who were without the services of senior standout Hannah Cavicchio, racked up 138 points, 113 more than eventual winner Livonia Churchill's 25. Livonia Stevenson placed second with 49 points followed by Walled Lake Northern (53) and Westland John Glenn (111). Walled Lake Central brought up the rear with 169 points.

Competing for Salem were Kelley Determan (16th in 21:32.3), Sabrina Burcroff (26th in 22:51.2), Megan Grady (30th in 23:01.9), Emily Rossman (32nd in 23:30.9) and Freyal Shah (34th in 23:51.3). Stevenson's Courtney Calka crossed the line first in 18:44.3, more than 41 seconds faster than runner-up Rachel McFarlane of Churchill.

JACKSON INVITATIONAL

Canton placed 12th in the 20-team Jackson Invitational, which was held Sept. 23 at Sharp Park.

"It was a fast course and all of our girls ran well," said Canton coach Tracy Haratsaris.

Sophomore Sarah Thomas led the Chiefs with a 20th-place finish in 20:10. She was followed by teammates Paul Schubatis (51st in 21:11), Annie Murphy (73rd in 21:44), Katelin David (83rd in 21:58), Katie Raymond (85th in 22:01), Brittany Dempsey (96th in 22:30) and Rachel Brunk (105th in 22:55).



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Canton's Sarah Thomas, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, finished fourth at Thursday's WLAA Western Division meet in Wixom.

Rock runners 2nd at WLAA division meet

Led by the first-place effort of junior Kevin DeBear, the Salem boys cross country team placed second at Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division meet held at Cass Benton Park.

Salem finished with 43 points, two more than overall winner Livonia Churchill. Walled Lake Northern (77 points) finished third followed by Livonia Stevenson (81), Walled Lake Central (137) and Westland John Glenn (162).

DeBear covered the Cass Benton course in 17:06.2, over nine seconds faster than runner-up Joe Varilone of Churchill. Two other Rocks finished in the top 10: Rob Curti (fourth in 17:19.3) and Craig Cowing (8th in 17:29.5).

Other Salem competitors were Andrew Cassidy (12th in 17:38.8), Justin Kane (10th in 18:14.2), Matt Korovesis (27th in 19:3.2) and Drew Furbacher (28th in 19:07.1).

PLYMOUTH 1ST

The Plymouth boys cross country team dominated Thursday's WLAA Western Division meet at Willis Park in Wixom, earning a scant 27 points compared to runner-up Northville's 50. Walled Lake Western (71) placed third followed by Canton (79), Livonia Franklin (128) and Wayne Memorial (11).

Individual results were not available to the Observer as of Friday night's deadline.



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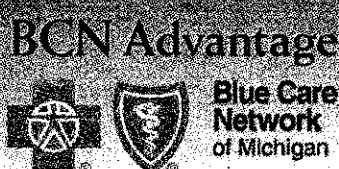
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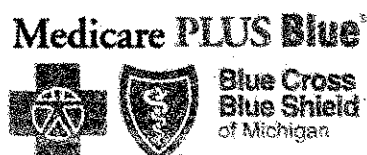
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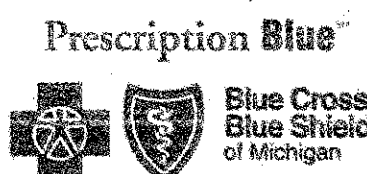
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A goaltender's mask is an extension of a netminder's personality. Former Whalers goaltender Robert Esche now with the Philadelphia Flyers — has gone from a theme of the United States Kid Rock on his masks over the course of his NHL career.

Although Esche has been called "Silent Bob" from time to time by the Philadelphia media, his mask speaks volumes.

With that in mind, the Whalers are asking fans of all ages to design a mask for the Plymouth goaltender whose winning design will be used this season by Michael Neeth, Jeremy Smith or Kyle Jen.

"We want the fans to have fun with it," said Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vardi. "We have an excellent fanbase with a lot of kids. Our players enjoy interacting with kids; this is a way we can all have a little fun."

Fans of all ages can submit their entries in a number of ways:

- bring the design to the Assistance Center (located behind Section 120) during Whalers' home game or at any time during business hours to the Computer Sports and main office;

- e-mail the design to the Whalers office at frontoffice@plymouth-whalers.com; or

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The person submitting the winning design will win the following:

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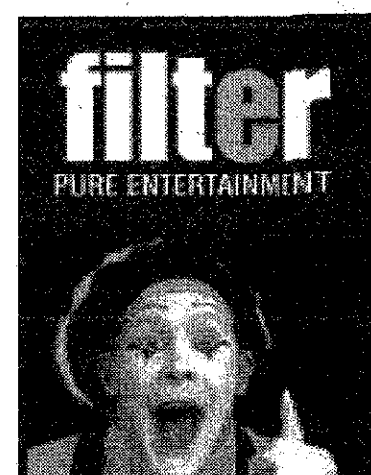
- a personal tour of the Whalers locker room and an opportunity to meet the Whalers;

- an autographed replica jersey and other Plymouth memorabilia;

- an interview for the Whalers game program and other publications; and

- a prize package of fun from the Whalers and the team's corporate sponsors.

The deadline for the contest is Friday, Oct. 20, when Plymouth hosts Brampton.



Chiefs hold on to down Pats

The state-ranked Chiefs (11-2-3, 7-0-2) survived a scare Wednesday from pesky Livonia Franklin (6-8, 3-6) in a WLA Western Division battle, winning 3-1.

Franklin's Tony Calleja closed the deficit to 2-1 with only 26:07 left on an unassisted effort, but Canton's Eric Piwowar gave his team some breathing room when he scored with 10:02 to go.

Canton led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Will Noetzel and Mark Edwards.

Franklin goalkeeper Marc Langlois stood out with 10 saves.

The Patriots also received sterling play on the defensive end from Ryan Matthey and Caleb Lindsay.

Franklin's Mike Sylvester left the game with a hip injury midway through the second half.

"We came out slowly and Canton held the ball well the first half," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The game got kind of physical and the yellow cards started flying. Both teams went at it. I thought we played with them today, especially in the second half."

Matt Revers was in goal for the Chiefs, who are tied for first in the Western Division with Northville.

SALEM 5, JOHN GLENN 0: Kevin Cope's hat trick propelled the host Rocks (13-3-2, 8-0-1), who wrapped up the WLA Lakes Division title with a win Wednesday over visiting Westland John Glenn (2-10, 0-9).

J.P. Pascarella and Tom Bennett each added a goal for Salem, which will play at the Western Division champion (either Northville or Canton) for the WLA championship, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. Dan Radosevich and Bobby Towne added assists for the Rocks, who host Canton Monday at 7 p.m.

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0: In a WLA Western Division game Wednesday, host Wayne Memorial (1-12-1, 0-9) lost in a



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Salem's Dan Radosevich (light shirt) battles Walled Lake Central's Mike Clark for possession of the ball during a match played earlier this season. The Rocks, who clinched the WLA Lakes Division championship on Wednesday, will host Canton Monday at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

mercy to the Wildcats (10-4-3, 5-2-2).

Colin Rolfe and Dan Jeong each scored twice for the victorious Wildcats, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Anthony Sasinowski, Robert Matar, Nick Plescia and Tommy Etienne scored single goals for the winners.

Mike Baretta earned the win in goal for the Wildcats.

"We started off slowly, played some brilliant soccer in between, but in the end it was too late," Wayne first-year coach Dave Mytych said.

LUTH. WESTLAND 4, PLY. CHRIST-

IAN 0: Freshman Austin Baglow scored a pair of goals Friday as Lutheran High Westland (8-3-3) blanked host Plymouth Christian Academy (9-8).

Kyle Ramthun added a goal, his 21st of the year, along with two assists, while teammate Kyle Vandenbrink contributed a goal and assist. Freshman Gage Flannery also chipped in with an assist for the state-ranked Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Goalkeeper Andy Cave, who made three saves, notched his fourth shutout of the year.

Canton linksters dim the Knights

The Canton boys golf team made history Friday afternoon when it knocked off Walled Lake Northern, 163-166, Friday afternoon in a match played at Brentwood Golf Course.

The victory, which was the Chiefs' first-ever over the Knights, was paced by Jeremy Lindbauer's 40. Lindbauer's effort earned him co-medalist honors with Northern's Joe Lemanski.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Andrew Rickerman, Zach Conrad, Derek Trosper and Dominic Bonell, who all carded 41's. Brendan Muir fired a 53.

The victory improved the

Chiefs to 4-4 overall.

SALEM WINS

The Rocks defeated Wayne Memorial, 162-190, Friday afternoon in a match played at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township. Junior Tyler Jeleniewski paced the Rocks with a one-over 36. Other scorers for the winners included Matt Smitebush (39), Chris Leib (43), Ian Barnaby (44) and Kyle Bricker (44). T.J. Doty fired a 45 for Salem.

SALEM 165 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 169
Sept. 28 at The Woodlands
Salem scorers: Tyler Jeleniewski, 39; Brian Garfield and Adam Powers, 42 each; Joel Cheesman, 43; Aaron Thompson and Quinton Higgason, 45 each.

Glenn scorers: Andy Meyers, 36 (medalist); Dan Tamarogio, 42; Jon Lada, 45; Gordie Gernert, 46; Steve Hickson, 47; Kevin LaFlave, 49.
Glenn's dual meet record: 2-9 overall, 1-7 WLA.

PLYMOUTH 159 WAYNE MEMORIAL 194
Sept. 26 at Fellows Creek (West)
Plymouth scorers: Jimmy Vleck, 38 (medalist); Matt Talbot and Ben Kosmowski, 40 each; Jeff Selasky, 41; Nathan Conroy, 42; Mike Manner, 45.
Wayne: Kevin Sample, 45; Andrew Ponican, 48; Jacob Smith, 50; Michael Green, 51; Kevin Erdmann, 53; Brent Patterson, 59.
Wayne's dual meet records: 0-8 overall, 0-8 WLA.

PLYMOUTH 167 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 170
Sept. 25 at Hickory Creek
Plymouth scorers: Matt Talbot, 40; Jeff Selasky, 41; Ben Kosmowski and Mike Manner, 43 each.
Franklin scorers: Austin Stillman, 39; Tony Semonick, 43; Alex Chisholm and Justin Adams, 44 each.
Franklin's dual meet record: 3-3 WLA.

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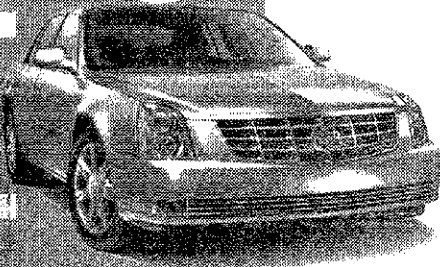
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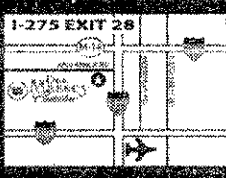


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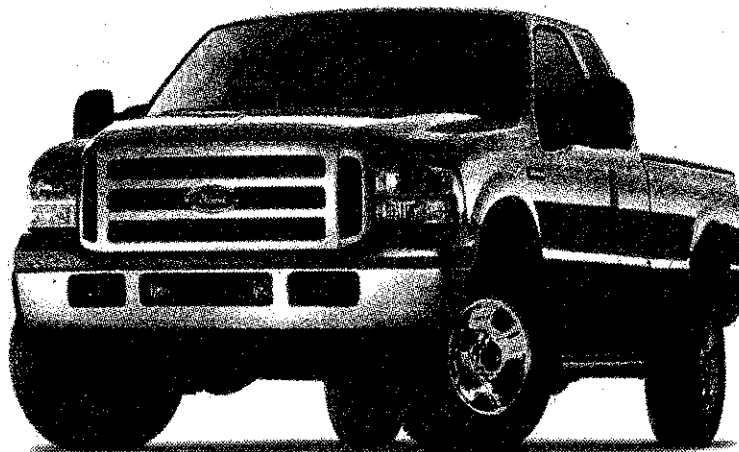
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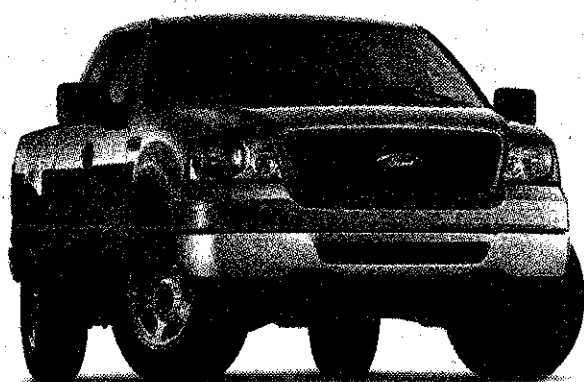
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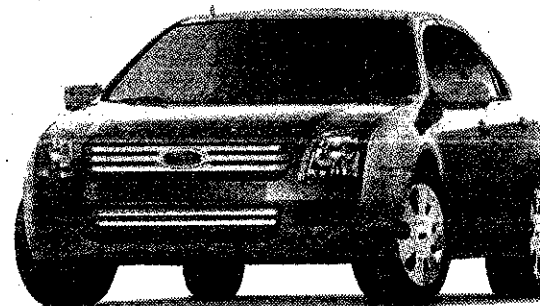
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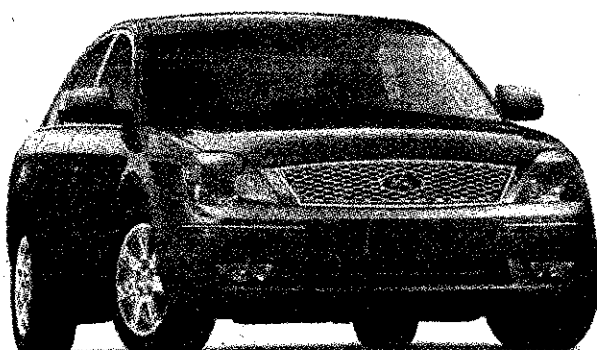
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Have no fear or fear will have you

How often have you found yourself avoiding certain situations because you have uneasy feelings about them?

How many times have you refused to take a trip, drive through a particular part of town or go out at night when you have just run out of ice cream and your cravings are so strong, but not strong enough to move you from that couch?

Having no fear is easier said than done, believe me I know. And we have all heard the stories about how dangerous the world is around us. All one has to do is turn on the local news to see just how true and alive the danger is.

Bobbie Jones

But, regardless of all of that, we all have lives to live and if we don't get a handle on the fear and anxiety that grips our lives we will truly suffer. We will suffer from regret, missed opportunities and unfulfilled lives, and we don't want that to happen, now do we?

Eliminating fear from one's life does not happen overnight. And that dark place where the thought of doing anything outside our comfort zone has crept up in all of our lives at one time or another.

In my younger days I kept to a strict routine which I thought was my safety net. I thought by having my job, my apartment and my internship on the same bus route was saving me time and keeping me from unknown dangers, it was all one straight shot.

A friend of mine had to point out to me how limited I was and how I was closing myself off to the outside world by refusing to venture outside of my comfort zone. Once I heard this I took stock of my life, and trust me it was not easy to change. I truly thought I was keeping myself safe, but in reality I was hiding a terrified soul.

Now, don't get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with having a plan for your life to help keep things running smoothly. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be safe, either, but when we start shutting ourselves off from the rest of the world we miss out on the good things life has to offer.

We Americans suffer from panic attacks, social anxiety disorder and obsessive-compulsive behavior, all of which are fear-based and costing many Americans precious time and energy that we will never recover.

So, why are we so afraid and what can we do about it? Well, after a very fearful and tragic event took place in my life, my husband walking out on me after 17 years, I realized how dependent I had become. Now that he was gone, what was I going to do to stop being so afraid all the time?

After my husband's departure I found myself having to re-learn everything I had willingly turned over to him.

I had to re-learn how to manage my finances, how to plan a meal - as simple as that sounds - and the dreaded road navigational skills that I lacked because I allowed my husband to do all the driving.

Starting small is what helped me to conquer and overcome the things I was afraid of. I started out by getting my finances in order; when I needed help I asked.

Don't be afraid to ask for help when it's needed, that was the first thing I learned.

Once I mastered my financial situation I went on to tackle something else until one by one I began to remove the fear I had about each situation out of my life.

Now, granted, in life fear will always be present, but what we do in the face of it will determine our survival. It has been said that it is very important for us to face our fears and this is true because if we don't face our fears - our fears will defeat us.

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For the heart



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dean Gilbert talks with some of the staff of the emergency angioplasty program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital where he was rushed after his second heart attack in the fall of 2005.

Gala proceeds to fund cardiovascular services expansion

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Dean Gilbert had his first heart attack in 2003, St. Mary Mercy Hospital physicians transferred the Westland man to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment.

In October 2005, Gilbert suffered the first of five cardiac arrests during a second heart attack. This time, Dr. Chaman Sohal and his team were waiting to perform emergency angioplasty in the cardiac catheterization lab of the Livonia hospital.

On Jan. 17, 2005, St. Mary Mercy became one of the first community hospitals to offer emergency angioplasty without open heart surgery backup on site. The expansion of cardiovascular services continues with a \$12 million project to offer patient care close to home.

Sohal, a cardiologist, believes Gilbert would have died if the ambulance had not brought him to St. Mary hospital.

"We had to shock him many times during the procedure," Sohal said. "If it had happened en route to Beaumont, he many not have made it."

The cardiovascular services expansion plan replaces the cardiac catheterization lab with multi-purpose technology necessary for cardiac and vascular intervention, and adds a second diagnostic/surgery room. Patients with cardiac or vascular disease such as peripheral arterial blockages in the legs will be able to receive services on the second floor of the hospital after construction is completed in January 2007.

This year's Circle of Hope Gala hopes to raise \$200,000 for the construction and new equipment with a gourmet dinner and dancing from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 13, at The Dearborn Inn.

This year's theme is "For the Heart" and includes a performance by swing dancers to music provided by the 16-piece Rhythm Society Orchestra with vocalist Paul King.

Tickets are \$125 and available by calling (734) 655-2980.

Overnight guest rooms are available in the historic hotel built in Georgian style with crystal-chandelier ballrooms and 18th- and 19th-century decorated rooms. For more information, visit www.dearborninnmarriott.com.

"It's an opportunity to bring more friends and benefactors to support the cardiovascular expansion," said Richard DeLoof, vice president of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation.

The cardiovascular services expansion is part of the hospital's 2005-2010 Strategic Plan which includes building an \$11 million cancer center tentatively scheduled to open in fall 2007.

"It's an exciting project," DeLoof said. "Cancer and heart tend to be two major areas of concern. The expansion is an investment for the hospital, an investment in the community."

One of the most expensive components of increasing cardiovascular services is the equipment, said Kathleen Kittle, service line administrator for cardiovascular and cancer services.

PLEASE SEE HEART, C3

Story time distracts children before the big sting

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Audra McEwen could hardly believe her eyes when 16-month-old daughter Kristina Seaton ran across the room and jumped into the lap of Christy Kondogiani. Kristina's mom says she usually "doesn't take to strangers," so it must have been the book Kondogiani was reading to the children at an immunization clinic in Mission Health-Livonia, a part of Providence Hospital, a member of St. John Health.

The storytime distracts children who are about to be poked with needles to prevent them from catching communicable diseases. Afterward, they receive a free new book as part of the Reach Out and Read Program, a national nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud in locations such as hospitals, clinics and pediatric exam rooms.

The immunization clinic, which is held on the third Thursday of the month in Livonia, is open to children ages newborn through 18 who are uninsured, underinsured, or American Indian. The cost is \$10 for all immunizations, which can range from \$60 to \$100 each. The state's Vaccine for Children program picks up the cost of the vaccine.

Last month, there was standing room only in the area where Kondogiani reads. Usually about 40 to 60 children are immunized at the clinic every month.

Parents fill out paperwork on the first floor, then are sent to the Reach Out and Read program in the lower level. It helps when parents or guardians bring a shot record. If not, nurses will look them up in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (a department of Michigan Community Health) where all providers enter immunizations into the data base.

"Often times more than one shot is

given," said Mary Kors, the registered nurse managing the immunization clinic, and a community health educator for Providence Hospital in Southfield. Providence offers the clinic as part of a community program which includes classes on a variety of health topics.

"We've had a number of grateful families who've come to the clinic," Kors said. "One woman said if she had to pay for immunizations it would have cost over \$500."

Kors says she wishes there was less crying by children because of the reading time, but that's not the case. Gabriel Warner screams briefly after receiving several shots but stops once he's headed toward the door after selecting a book on fire engines. His mother, Michelle, traveled all the way from Brighton with the 23-month-old. She started coming to the clinic nearly four years ago when her 4-year-old twins were born.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Volunteer Christy Kondogiani reads to two-year-old Aryana Martinez and 16-month-old Kristina Seaton while they wait to be called in for their immunizations at Mission Health-Livonia.

PLEASE SEE STORY, C3

AROUND TOWN

Olivet scholarship

Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

Rouge Park rally

The Friends of Rouge Park hold a "Rally to Save Rouge Park" noon-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Joy Road and Spinoza Drive (between Evergreen and Telegraph) to demonstrate appreciation for Rouge Park and build community support for preventing the sale of 115 acres to developers. Information will be provided regarding the proposed sale of 115 acres of the park for development and how to stop the sale. Lawn signs and T-shirts will be available. Call (313) 271-1643 for more information.

Circle of Hope

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the 14th annual Circle of Hope Gala 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 13, at Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. Musical entertain-

ment, Rhythm Society Orchestra featuring vocalist Paul King, is a 16-piece dance band specializing in swing music. Guest reservations are \$125; proceeds contribute to hospital renovations in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and new, leading-edge technology. For information, call (734) 655-2980.

ABWA craft show

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th "Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor. The fair features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Admission is \$2, children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking is free. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for Scholarships and Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

Melanoma walk

Join the 1st Annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m., \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 year olds and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.melanomawalk.org

Ann Arbor Art Center

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th annual All Media Exhibition Oct. 13-Nov. 11, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery 2, located on the Art Center's second

floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Lupus walk

The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan-Indiana Affiliate sponsors the 12th annual Metro Beach Walk for Lupus 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Metro Beach Metro Park, 31330 Metro Parkway in Harrison Township. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided. Raffle tickets available. Contact the Lupus Alliance, (800) 705-6677, e-mail info@milupus.org or visit the Alliance Web site at www.milupus.org

CC Rummage Sale

The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River and west of Wixom Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.

Genealogical meeting

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan will talk about "Genealogy and Adoption Research." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Call (810) 227-7745 for details.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western

Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festivals by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

Art/craft festival

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in atten-

dance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyomalley@aol.com

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

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Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525

Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

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If you are under age 60 and in good health, you can take on the operation and rehabilitation with little difficulty. The dilemma faces older patients and those with other medical conditions such as lung disease, past heart failure, or previous heart attack.

For people at risk for the operation and lacking the stamina needed for rehabilitation, the alternative is to live with the pain and immobility caused by the rotator cuff tear. Joint injections may relieve the extremes of pain and impairment, but the change is temporary. In addition, the optimum timing of injection therapy is still not determined.

For the older individual neither alternative, surgical or medical, is satisfactory. What happens in my practice is that elderly patients, particularly those living alone and dependent on their ability to maintain self care, opt for periodic shoulder injections.

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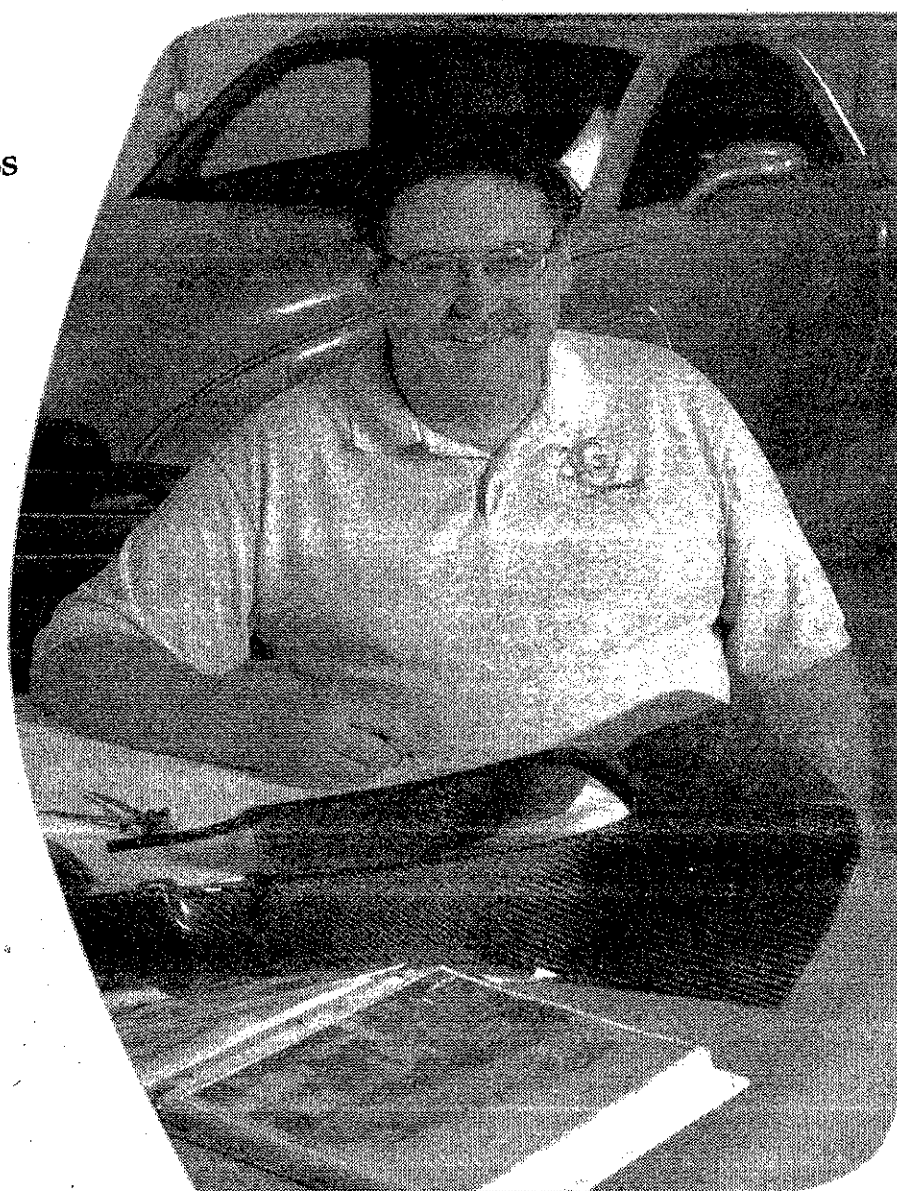
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Audra McEwen who works in Farmington Hills holds sixteen-month-old daughter Kristina Seaton as she looks over the book she picked out after getting her immunizations during an immunization program at the Mission Health Center in Livonia.

STORY

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A friend told McEwen about the clinic after her insurance ran out.

Stacy Martinez has insurance but it doesn't cover prevention.

The Redford mother came to the clinic with Aryana, 2, and G.T., 4.

"The stories make time go by for them," Martinez said. "Aryana likes to be read to. They both love books."

Whether a child prefers to read a book themselves or be read to, Kondogiani is avail-

able from 4-7 p.m.

A Livonia mother, she reads to her daughter, Lexi, a couple of times a day, but could use some help at the clinic.

Mission Health-Livonia is looking for volunteers in addition to donations of used books which can be given to siblings accompanying the children who receive immunizations.

"I have a 16-month-old at home so I can appreciate the distraction," Kondogiani said. "It helps so much. They're reading, having fun."

Kristina Seaton doesn't even cry after receiving her immunizations.

Sharon Wallace, a regis-

tered nurse at the clinic, thinks the reason children cry less is not only because of the reading program, but the nurses synchronizing their needles to give a child the immunizations all at once.

"The child cries only one time because we use the team approach, all giving the shots at one time."

"When immunizations are kept up, it's healthier for the child and they're not getting poked as many times at one visit," Kors said. "I also want to stress the importance of record keeping, for parents to try to remember where it is. Otherwise a child could receive extra immunizations

they don't necessarily need."

The next immunization clinic is scheduled for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. For more information, call (248) 849-3365.

For information about immunizations, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

To donate used books, call Linda Burkhart, a registered nurse, for the clinic, at (734) 591-3647.

Burkhart eventually wants to obtain a colorful rug for kids and readers to sit on during story time.

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HEART

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Kittle serves as a liaison between physicians and administrators.

"The role of the hospital is to provide physicians with tools. We pride ourselves on listening to physicians," Kittle said. "We'll be offering a new realm of treatment for PAD (peripheral arterial disease). Cardiologists and vascular surgeons both treat PAD. A lot of people with vascular disease also have cardiovascular problems. We'll have specialists collaborating on the best treatment for patients."

Since the catheter lab began offering emergency angioplasty in January 2005, the demand has continued to grow. Since then the team has performed 213 procedures.

"Twelve years ago, when we built the catheter lab, it was state of the art," Kittle said. "Today, it's all digital with enhanced operator safety. It enables us to do more here as opposed to transferring people."

The last words Dean Gilbert remembers while suffering his second heart attack were the ambulance attendant saying they were still "two minutes out" from St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"If I hadn't said St. Mary when they asked me where I wanted to go, I wouldn't be here," said Gilbert, co-owner of VR Metro, a Web site creator located in Westland.

Sohal says the expansion will be a win-win situation for everybody by making more services available in the community.

"I've seen the evolution," said Sohal, a cardiologist for 20 years. "When we started the program, we barely had balloons (for angioplasty). It's been a constant evolution from balloons and wires to stents which have evolved from bare metal to drug coated stents to prevent reclogging of arteries. The future holds even better for patients."

Dr. Roy Misirliyan says at a time when coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and Michigan, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will "continue in stride with the growth in cardiovascular disease to help save lives."

"It's being able to offer care to our patients in the quickest manner, to treat our patients in our own community," said Misirliyan, chief of staff elect. Misirliyan is a cardiologist with Michigan Heart at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "The most important part of the expansion is we're able to give timely treatment that can lead to better patient outcomes. We will be better able to treat peripheral arterial disease and expand services to implant defibrillators and biventricular pacemakers to treat heart failure. Along with stroke those are the major admissions into hospitals. The expansion allows us to serve the community best which is the goal."



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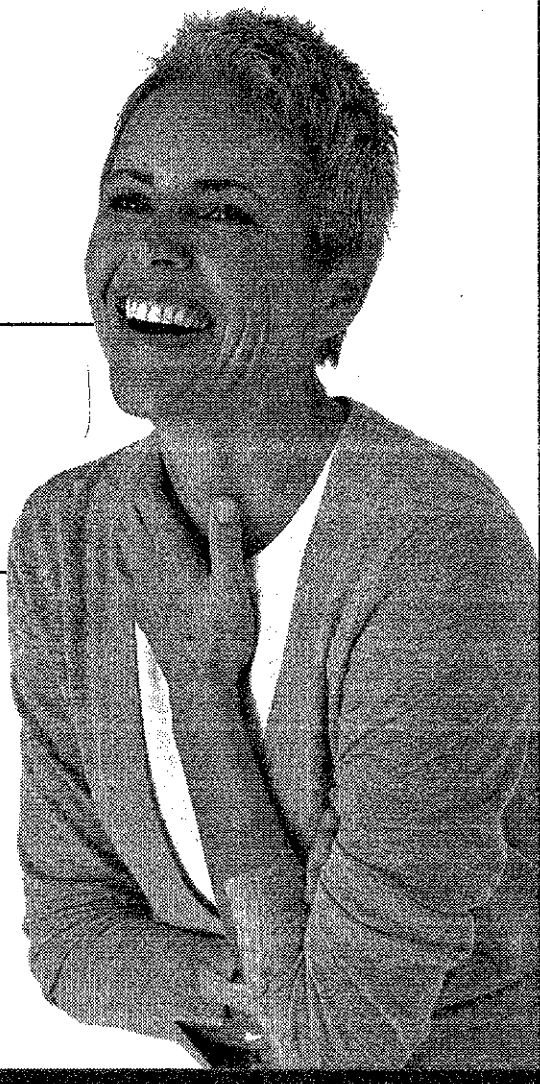
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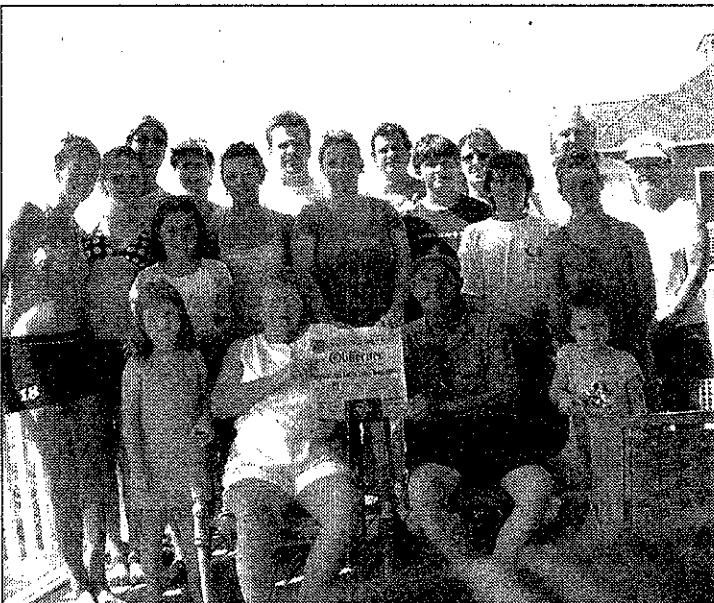
Gilbert 50th anniversary

The week leading up to Labor Day Ken and Brenda Gilbert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in North Topsail Island, N.C.

Thanks to a visit from Tropical Storm Ernesto on Aug. 31, the trip will always be memorable for the entire family.

Ken and Brenda met in 1954 and married in 1956 at St. Gabrielle Catholic Church in Detroit.

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Beloved wife for 64 years of Norman Blatt. Dear mother of Barbara (Jack) Krekun and David (Carolyn) Blatt. Loving grandmother of Aaron Blatt and his fiancée Rachel Cohen, Amy Blatt and fiancée Johnathan Taylor, Adam Blatt and the late Darryl Krekun. Sister of the late Geraldine "Goldie" Rushing. Sister-in-law of Sylvia Samuels and the late Harvey Samuels. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday afternoon at the Ira Kaufman Chapel (248) 569-0020. Interment at Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery. www.irakaufman.com

DONALD BUFFMYER

age 76 of East Tawas, Michigan, (formerly of Plymouth). Mr. Buffmyer died Tuesday, September 26, 2006. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was a former member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Surviving are his wife, Cynthia and four children. Services were Saturday at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Tawas. Memorials requested to Emanuel Lutheran School, Tawas. Arrangements by Buresh & Kobs Funeral Home, 989-362-8191.



LEPARD

LINDA LOGSDON, M.D.

September 28, 2006 Age 66 Beloved wife of O. Keith Lepard, M.D. Dear mother of Jennifer Lepard (Michael Hartman), Alison Lepard (Steve Tosini) and Eric Lepard. Grandmother of Rachel, Kegan, Nicholas, Julian and Theo. Also "mother" of countless cats and dogs. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 3:00-8:00pm. Funeral service Monday 11:00am at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



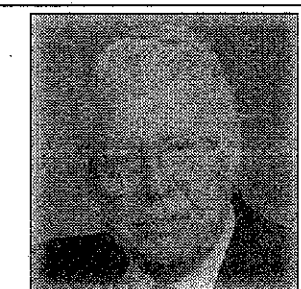
IRENE ELEANOR (Markham) SATHER

Age 88. Born July 1, 1918, to Mabel (Ross) and Joseph Isaac Markham in Detroit, MI. Irene Married Roy Oscar Sather in Detroit, on December 20, 1945. He preceded her in death. She is survived by her four children and their families: Janice Rathmann (Peter) and their daughter, Karen; Judith Prain (William) and their children, Andrew and Erika Prain; and Joseph Prain; Steven Wayne Sather (Nancy Locklin) and their children, Hannah Locklin Sather and Alecia Godwin Morning; and grandchild, Tyriq Morning; and R. Scott Sather (Susan) and their children, Jessica, Alison and Bradley Sather. She is also survived by her sister, Madeline Comstock, and several nieces and nephews. Irene has lived in Livonia since 1970. She was a member of the Wayne State University Faculty Wives' Club and Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday, 2 pm until 9 pm, and at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, Saturday, from 10 am until Funeral Service at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggharris.com.



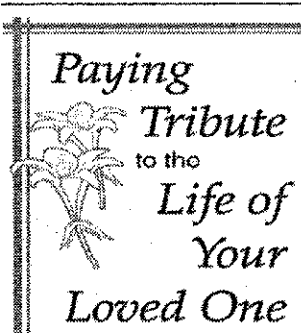
PHILLIP WILKEN

Age 65, of Kankakee, IL, passed away on September 23, 2006. Visitation for Phillip Eibe Wilken was held Wednesday, September 27, 2006, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. services at Asbury United Methodist Church. Burial followed at St. Paul Cemetery in Crescent City. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Kankakee Chapel of the Schreffler Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements. He was born June 29, 1941 in Milwaukee, WI, the son of Eibe Switters and Phyllis Margaret Lauermaier Wilken. Mr. Wilken had farming interests in Iroquois and Kankakee counties. He had been employed by Midwest Agriculture, Chicago, managing overseas accounts; was Overseas Division Product Line Manager for International Harvester Company, Chicago with sales trips to South America, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe; general manager at Chandel Master Corporation, Taipei, Taiwan, organizing an international trading company; manager at Midland International Corporation, Seoul, Korea and Taipei, setting up purchasing and sales offices to coordinate sourcing activities; professor at Sung Kyun Kwan University, lecturing on Asian economics and foreign trade development; Wilbur-Ellis Company in San Francisco, CA, international commodities trading; and was an accountant for Trans-Asia Engineering in Saigon, Vietnam. He attended Olivet Nazarene College; received a bachelor of science degree in marketing and accounting in 1965 from the University of Illinois, graduating with honors; received a commercial pilot license from Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ with a multi-engine rating in 1969; received a master's degree from Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management, Phoenix, AZ in 1970, graduating with honors; and was a 1973 graduate from Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul, Korea, with a master of economics in foreign trade. He held a top secret security clearance for the U.S. Army; attended Quarter Master School in Fort Lee, VA in 1965, and worked for the U.S. Army Security Agency in Hokkaido, Japan from 1965-1967. Upon discharge as First Lieutenant he was awarded a certificate of achievement for distinguished service. He was a Reserved Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army and a Veteran of Foreign Wars with memberships in Michigan and Illinois; a member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, active in recruiting students to business department; the Kankakee County Farm Bureau; Delta Phi Epsilon National Professional, Foreign Service Fraternity; Sigma Iota Epsilon, Honorary Management Fraternity; and Delta Sigma Pi, the International Fraternity. Surviving are his mother of Kankakee; one sister, Susan Louise Wilken of Rochester, MI; two nieces, Elizabeth Susan Miner of Evanston, IL, J. Louise Miner of Crystal Lake, IL; one nephew, Phillip Scott Miner of Rochester, MI; Ha Shim Sung Wilken of Rochester, MI; and special friends, Betty Lopez, Christina Meier, Osmand G'Bane, Theresa Hsiano, Julie Somash, Vicky Kowalski, and Cindy Weir. His father is deceased. Please sign his guestbook at: schrefflerfuneralhome.com



DONALD L. STIVENDER

Sept. 28, 2006, age 74, of Bloomfield Hills. Retired research engineer with General Motors Corp. for 33 years and veteran of the US Coast Guard. Beloved husband of Margaret A. for 50 years. Dear father of Anne P. Noah, Robert L. "Bobby" Stivender (Mary) and Carole M. Rice (Jeffrey). Grandfather of Christopher, Kelsey, Corrie, Jesse, Talia, Casey, Anthony, Maria and Ellie. Brother of Paul M. Stivender (Nancy). Memorial Mass Monday 11:00am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills 48304. Visitation begins at the chapel at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Ladies of Charity, c/o St. Hugo of the Hills. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MARY ELEANOR WEAVER

a long-time resident of Birmingham, died at home Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at age 85. Born December 13, 1920, in Detroit to Webb D. Doane and Mabel L. Northrop, she graduated from Highland Park High School in 1938, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University in 1943. On June 21, 1945, she married George Liscomb Weaver and together they raised five daughters. Mrs. Weaver was a dedicated teacher in the Berkeley school system for many years where she provided instruction and guidance to physically impaired children. Mary was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham where her great grandfather, The Reverend William R. Northrop, was a founding pastor. She was a long-time member of the Lydia Circle and the American Baptist Women's Association. Mary had a great respect for education and brought to her own children and others a love of history and literature. She rejoiced in the educational and musical accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. Her warmth, humor, inspiration and love have enriched the lives of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed. Mrs. Weaver is survived by her husband of 61 years, George and daughters, Rachel A. (Billy) Baumann of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Laura D. (Edward) Sala of Saline, MI, Martha (Dale) McNinch of Grand Rapids, MI, Sara B. Weaver of Ypsilanti, MI and Carol L. Weaver of Goodrich, MI. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a dear cousin, Nancy Kochenderfer of Royal Oak, MI. Funeral at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 10am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Tuesday 3-8pm. Interment in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorials appreciated to First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits, Birmingham, MI 48009

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ENGAGEMENTS

Condrion-Hattar

William and Pamela Condrion of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann, to Michael Hattar, son of David and Barbara Hattar of Dearborn.

An Oct. 13 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville followed by a reception at Dearborn Hills Golf Course. The couple will honeymoon in Walt Disney World.

They will reside in Lincoln Park.



Raetz-Maurer

Thomas and Leslie Raetz of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Jeremy Maurer, son of James and Emily Maurer of Birch Run, Mich.

Jessica is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as an advertising account executive at Moroch Partners in Novi.

Jeremy is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Frankenmuth High School. He is employed as a sales representative at GE in Troy. A June 2007 wedding is planned.



Trainor-Johnson

Keith and Beth Johnson of Bloomfield Hills announce the engagement of their son, Bradley Todd Johnson, to Mary Beth Trainor, the daughter of Gerald and Maureen Trainor of Canton.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Lahser High School and Western Michigan University. He is currently employed at Chase Creative Unlimited, in Comstock Park, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Western Michigan University. She has recently completed an internship with Karen Walker Photography of East Jordan, Mich.

An October wedding is planned at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

BIRTH

Brady Owen Peregord

Amy and Jim Peregord of Canton announce the birth of their son Brady Owen Peregord on Sept. 8, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Brady has three sisters, Kelsey, 5, Regan, 4, and Brynn, 2.

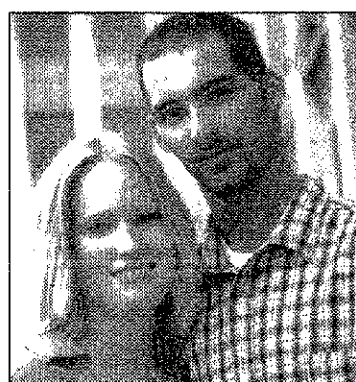
His grandparents ate Tom and Mary Lou Hollman of Livonia, Barb and Jerry Lenard of Port St. Lucie, Fla. and Tom Peregord of Las Vegas, Nev. Great-grandparents are Helen Patterson of Indiana, Pa., Anna Hollman of Rural Valley, Pa., Bernice Longton or Wyandotte and Lawrence and Lucille Peregord of Wyandotte.

Bickman-VanDeVen

Mary Ann Bickman of Westland announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Angela Marie Bickman, to David Anton VanDeVen of Canton.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently working on a master's degree at Madonna University. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Klazer and the late Peter Zarka and Edward Klazer.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Divine Child High School and is currently working at Auto Rail Logistics in New Boston. He is the son of Anton and Julie VanDeVen of Canton and the grandson of



WEDDINGS

Walsh-Hackman

Jessica R. Hackman and John David Walsh were married June 21, 2005, at sunset on Anini Beach, Kauai, Hawaii.

On Sept. 30, 2005, the parents of the groom, David and Barbara Walsh of Livonia, hosted a reception at the Italian American Club.

Jessica is the daughter of Ron and Marilyn Hackman of Scranton, Pa. She is a 2001 graduate of Grand Valley State University and is currently employed as an environmental planner with the state of Arizona.

John is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 2001 graduate of



Grand Valley State University. He is currently employed as managing editor of the Sedona Red Rock News.

The couple reside in Sedona, Ariz.



Schneck-Wolcott

Katie Schneck of Garden City and Scott Wolcott of Conyers, Ga., were married June 10 at Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Donald Gregory officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Shirley Schneck of Garden City. She is a graduate of Garden City High School and attends Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. She is working at the Marriott Hotel in Springfield.

The groom is the son of Scott and Sheila Wolcott of Conyers, Ga. He graduated from Heritage High School in Conyers and also attends Baptists Bible College. He works at the Sheridan Hotel.

The bride was attended by Melanie Bedwell, maid of honor, Kelly Moore, Soibhan Wolcott, Kendall Hardman and Ashley Mabe.

The groom was attended by Scott Wolcott, father of the groom and best man, Seth MacPherson, Keven Ventre, Benzi Masondo and Cliff Stayley.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun.

After graduating in December, the couple will move to Ames, Iowa, to work at the Heartland Baptist Church college ministry.

Hetrick-Burns

Denice Marie Burns and Sean Michael Hetrick were married April 1 at the Pennway Church of God in Lansing Michigan with the Rev. Roger Hamilton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tana L. Burns of Canton and the late Ronald E. Burns. She is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School and a 2001 graduate of the Michigan State University. She is employed with Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Sarah Kuykendall, bridesmaid Andrea Hartlund, junior bridesmaids Kelsey Burns and Cristina Burns.

The groom is the son of Barbara and William Bashore of St. John, Mich. and Jeffrey and Sharon Hetrick of Holt, Mich. He is 1992 graduate of Holt High School and attended Central Michigan University.



He is also employed with Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health.

The groom was attended by best man Mathew Hetrick, groomsmen Daniel Evenson, junior groomsmen Jacob Evenson, Isaac Evenson, ushers David Greenwood and Gary Banks.

The couple make their home in Lansing.

SINGLES CALENDAR

MISC. SINGLES

Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

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Euchre

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quanton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

Co-ed Bowling League

Signup Sundays, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 8, 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road, Farmington Hills.

Western Barn Dance

7:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Lazy J Ranch, 625 South Hickory Ridge Road, Milford. Cost \$18 members, \$20 non-members. For directions, call (248)887-1551 on day of event.

Hayride and Bonfire

Saturday, Oct. 14, at Sugarbush Farms, Gotfredson Road just north of Ford Road. For directions, call Sugarbush Farms, (734)482-4741.

Coalition Dances

Club Venetian Banquet Center, 29310 John R, Madison Heights, Friday, Oct. 13. \$5 for members, \$9 for non members. For directions only call (248)399-6788. Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$5 for members, \$9 for non members. For directions only, call (248)626-2600.

Halloween Party

Crowne Plaza/Novi Hotel, Novi Road at I-96. Prizes for best costume. Admission \$15. Attire, semi-scary costumes are optional, casual. For directions only, call (248)348-5000.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room

A101.

■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.

■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

Tennis Anyone?

The nets are up at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. any time the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313)563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 Telford Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Cancer Benefit Ball

A Celebration of Life Cancer Benefit Ball is scheduled for Nov. 4 at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose, 22112 Sibley Road, Brownstown. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. All proceeds will go to the University of Michigan Cancer Comprehensive Research Center. For advanced tickets or more information, call Pat at (248)478-8977 or Harriet West at (734)449-2236.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "The Book of Fate," Brad Meltzer
2. "Rise and Shine," Anna Quindlen
3. "Dark Celebration," Christine Feehan
4. "Judge & Jury," James Patterson
5. "Ricochet," Sandra Brown

NON-FICTION

1. "I Feel Bad About My

Neck," Nora Ephron

2. "Marley & Me," John Grogan

3. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman

4. "The Looming Tower," Lawrence Wright

5. "Fiasco," Thomas E. Ricks

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Do Lions Live on Lily Pads?" Melanie Walsh
2. "I Can Do It!" Jane Hunter
3. "Hippo! No, Rhino!" Jeff Newman
4. "Joey and Jet in Space," James Yang
5. "Manny's Cows," Suzy Becker

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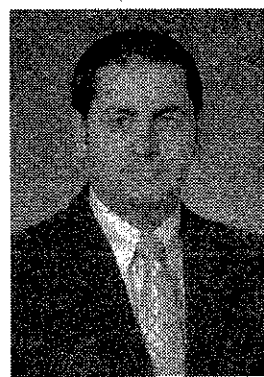
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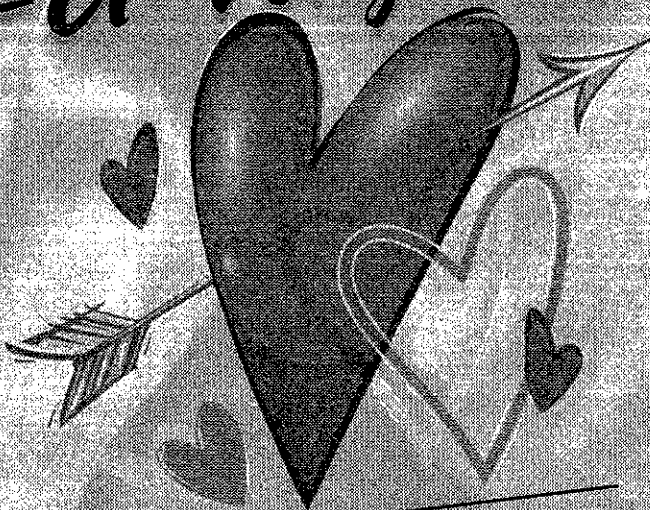
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REUNIONS

Birmingham High School

Class of 1956
Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko, (248) 644-8797 or baradrisko@hotmail.com.

Clawson High School

Class of 1973
6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino Club, Troy, \$75, contact Linda (Morrill) Hale, (248) 761-5550, or Dave Lake, (248) 684-4200.

Clintondale High School

Class of 1986
A 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14. For information, e-mail clintondale1986@yahoo.com.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or e-mail: jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Eastern

Annual All-Class Reunion

The Annual All Class Reunion of Detroit Eastern High School will be held 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with an open bar and sit-down dinner.

Tickets are \$30 per person, with pre-paid ticket pickup at the door. Advance reservations only before Sept. 24. Contact Bob Butler, (313) 824-7230; Terry DesRivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562; or e-mail: EHSReunion2006@aol.com

Detroit Northwestern

Classes of 1950-51

Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Contact Marlene (Olson) Hanna, hamharold@aol.com.

Detroit Western

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at jlskranton@yahoo.com

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Detroit Southeastern High School

Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Vintage House in Fraser. For more information, call Jeanne Eversham at (586) 778-1913 or Fran Durham at (248) 344-4613 or frn.md@aol.com.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dcsnyder@hotmail.com.

Farmington High School

Class of 1976

30-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. Alumni can update their address at (734) 261-3264, celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Fordson High School

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniliu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

Garden City East

Class of 1976

Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or sunniedal@twmlr.com for more information.

Garden City West

Class of 1971

Saturday, Oct. 7 at Whispering Pines Golf and Banquet Center 2500 Whispering Pines Drive Pinckney. Cost \$30 per person (cash bar/dj/pizza buffet) 6:30 p.m. Casual dress. Contact, Denise Delleree (248) 224-9263.

Class of 1981

Garden City West Class of 1981 A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please e-mail: gcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

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Livonia Bentley

Class of 1966

The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

Livonia Churchill

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Cost \$10 per person includes hot hors d'oeuvres and DJ. Cash bar. To RSVP, call Erin Leedie Atkins at (734) 449-8223 or Mike Fox at (313) 268-5200.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniliu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their address by calling (734) 261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriot Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" - mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information, e-mail dlindenm@hotmail.com.

Our Lady of Sorrows High School

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at Cowley's Irish Pub, downtown Farmington. Call Tom Goebel, (734) 453-7000 or TomGoebel@comcast.net.

Oxford High School

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion committee is searching for class members. Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 30 at Oxford Hills Golf Club, 300 E. Draher in Oxford. For more information, including links to classmates, go to www.myspace.com/ohs96reunion.

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem

Class of 1996

Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1976

A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., food-entertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar.

Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

Redford Union High School

Class of 1976

30-year reunion. 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, (formerly Double Tree Hotel) across Novi Rd. from 12 Oaks), 27000 Sheraton Drive, (248) 348-5000. (Some rooms are being held at \$89/night) \$50/person. Send check or money order by Oct. 1 to: Sue Ward (Rambow), Class of 76 Reunion, P.O. Box 52003, Livonia, MI 48152.

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60th reunion luncheon Oct. 2 at Rocky's of Northville. Contact Virginia (Majchrzak) Alger at (734) 453-1331.

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A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734) 787-9954.

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Class of 1956

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St. Damian

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Montana's in Westland. Contact Kathy Mimnaugh Story at alandkathys@yahoo.com or by phone at (734) 483-9201.

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Class of 1956-57

Reunion Oct. 14 at the PLAV Dearborn Heights Post 16, 25222 Warren. Dearborn Heights. \$30 per person. Contact, Rose Marie Kurcharski, (734) 420-2163.

St. Ladislau

Class of 1961

A 45-year reunion is planned for Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Gazebo in Warren. Still searching for lost alumni. Know whereabouts or interested in attending, contact Carol (Markowski) Goldsteina (248) 647-8415 or e-mail samg05@comcast.net.

Southeastern (Detroit)

Class of 1987

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Flying can increase cancer risk

Dana from Bloomfield Hills has a friend who's a flight attendant. She recently heard about a study that links frequent flying to breast cancer and wants to know more.

Jill, your friend may find the latest research disturbing — even downright scary! A recent study in California has found that instances of breast cancer are 30 percent higher in flight attendants than in the general population. They think the reason could be that planes flying at high altitudes are constantly being hit by high levels of solar radiation. It's estimated that a flight attendant, who's been on the job for 20 years, has been exposed to more radiation than a worker in a nuclear power plant! But, that may not be the only cancer factor. Many flight attendants also spend a lot of time in the sun during layovers. This just adds to anyone's cancer risk. The whole subject is a growing concern and we will continue to pay close attention as new research develops.

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Susie from Grand Rapids e-mails asking for a natural way to promote better dental health.

Susie, it turns out those dancing raisins should have been wearing dental jackets. Raisins sometimes stick to your teeth but in this case, that could very well be a good thing! A new study shows that raisins are rich in phytochemicals. They're essentially natural antioxidants found in plants that can help promote dental health. The study finds five essential phytochemicals in raisins that could help fight cavities. One word of caution, the study was conducted by the California Raisin Marketing Board. But so far, dental groups have yet to come out against the research. It's a good bet that there are positive benefits associated with raisins, so enjoy!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Leg pain can be a warning sign

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering free screenings for vascular disease from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at 36475 Five Mile and Levant, Livonia. Legs For Life® is a free nationwide screening program to identify people at risk for clogged arteries in the legs known as peripheral arterial (or vascular) disease (PAD). Vascular diseases caused by arteriosclerosis (clogged blood vessels) — including most heart attacks and strokes — account for more deaths in the U.S. than any other cause. PAD is an indicator of increased risk of heart attack, the nation's number one killer, stroke (number three) and abdominal aortic aneurysm (number 17).

Legs For Life® is administered by the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) and led at St. Mary Mercy Hospital by Yahya Albeer, MD, Interventional Radiologist. The screenings will be conducted by a multidisciplinary team that includes interventional radiologists, cardiologists, vascular and thoracic surgeons and interventional cardiologists.

"The screening takes only about 10 to 15 minutes, and can detect disease in its early stages before it becomes life-threatening or affects the quality of life," said Dr. Albeer.

PAD affects about 10 million people in the United States, but many people don't know they have the disease. In its early stages, there may be no symptoms. Sometimes people experience pain in the leg while walking that eases when they are at rest.

Other symptoms may include swelling or numbness in the leg, or skin discoloration. Some studies suggest that women may not experience symptoms as early as men, which may put them at greater risk for complications associated with later-stage vascular disease.

Those at highest risk include individuals age 50 and over who have a family history of cardiovascular disease and/or have diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or are smokers, and people who are overweight and/or lead an inactive lifestyle.

If diagnosed early, PAD may often be treated with lifestyle changes alone, such as diet and exercise.

Medication, minimally invasive treatments such as angioplasty, or surgery are available, depending on the severity of the disease.

To make an appointment for Legs For Life screening at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, call (734) 655-8950. For more information about PAD and other vascular diseases, visit www.legsforlife.org.

HEALTH



Breast cancer survivor Ruth Quah pays a return visit to Dr. Lyle Goldman, a medical oncologist and hematologist, at the Providence Hospital Cancer Institute.

Breast cancer update

Experts reveal latest on treatments, diagnostics

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Twenty years ago mastectomy was the standard treatment for breast cancer. Today, breast conserving surgery, partial breast accelerated radiation, chemotherapy, and the use of anti-hormone drugs are reducing mortality rates.

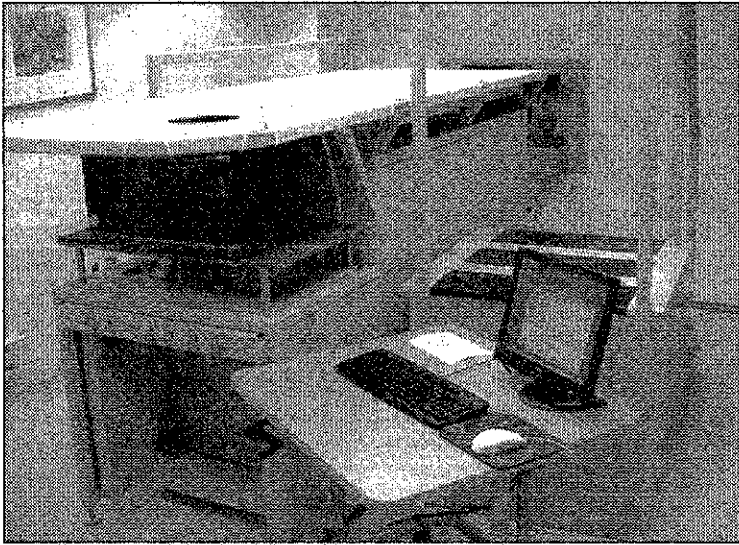
According to American Cancer Society statistics, fewer women will die from breast cancer in Michigan in 2006. Progress is being made in battling the disease thanks to research by major cancer centers in the area and around the world.

"I think there's a lot of reason to have hope," said Dr. Daniel Hayes, clinical director of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center breast oncology program. Hayes began treating breast cancer patients in 1982. "We've made a lot of progress. Mortality continues to drop all over the western world and therapies are getting easier to take. That's because of the clinical trials. That's why it's important for patients to participate in research."

Hayes is especially excited about the North American study of a diagnostic test to help decide if women should or should not receive chemotherapy. OncotypeDX by Genomics Health Incorporated is only for those who have negative lymph nodes and whose cancers are positive for estrogen receptors. In the randomized trial, all patients receive anti-hormone therapy. Half receive chemotherapy, half will not.

A trial about to open compares a new drug Lapatinib against Herceptin (trastuzumab), which studies have shown to reduce the chance for recurrence by about half. The drawback is that Herceptin has to be given intravenously for one year and causes heart failure in 1 to 5 percent of patients. Lapatinib comes in pill form.

One of the reasons Dr. Scott Schell took the appointment as director of breast care centers for Beaumont Hospitals is not only because of the research being done by staff radiation oncologist Dr. Frank Vicini but the technology already available. Beaumont offers digital mammography thanks to a \$7 million gift from Raj and Padma Vattikuti of Bloomfield Hills. Beaumont was part of a national study showing digital mammograms as more effective in detecting breast cancer than standard film and lowered radiation doses by about one-quarter.



This imaging device is so new it hasn't been named yet. It is based on the principles of ultrasound tomography and considered an ultrasound CAT scan for the breast, according to Neb Duric, program leader for imaging at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"We're continuing a long-standing commitment of ensuring the patients we treat have access to tomorrow's technology today," said Schell. "As more are treated with breast conservation, they need radiation so what happened in the cell doesn't happen in the rest of the breast. In the past, historically it's taken six weeks of daily treatment. Vicini has been a pioneer in partial breast irradiation which is limited to the area where cancer is most likely to return. He reduced the treatments down to one week and an increasing number of patients are now down to two days with accelerated partial breast irradiation."

Schell thinks gene therapy is the future of breast cancer treatment. He studied the subject with the National Institutes of Health Surgical Oncology Research training program while completing his internship and residency in general surgery at Johns Hopkins University in the mid 1990s. "The idea is to identify genetic changes in cancers then use tools and tricks to turn the cells against themselves," said Schell. "The vast majority of cancers do not have predictable gene abnormalities including breast cancer so gene therapy has been restricted to abnormalities once cancer is diagnosed."

The future is getting closer at Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ten years ago, a new breast imaging device that makes use of ultrasound tomography was invented to painlessly detect without radiation certain types of breast cancer that mammography misses. The procedure requires a patient to lie face down on a table and suspend her breast in water. It is being tested on patients in clinical studies and is about two-years away from being available, said Neb Duric, professor of radiation oncology at Wayne State University and program leader for imaging at Karmanos. Duric says the latest studies show that there is no safe level of radiation and the new technology would allow younger women with a family history of breast cancer to receive regular mammograms.

"Clinical studies help us learn how to improve the device. The other advantage is there's no radiation because it uses ultrasound wave," said Stephen Ethier, deputy center director and director of basic research, Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ethier has been studying breast cancer research since the early 1980s. "Years ago we only had the vaguest idea of what genes were causing the cancer. Now we have 10 to 12 oncogenes. We know now HER2 is in 25 percent of breast cancer. When we target it and knock it out, breast cancer cells stop growing. HER2 is just one of the oncogenes that drive cancer. Our understanding at the molecular level is light years ahead of what it was. None of this would have been doable if not for the Human Genome Project that determined what the genes are, where they are. It changed everything about biology and allows us to study these diseases and usher in a totally new era of drugs."

Ruth Quah was lucky an annual mammogram detected her breast cancer in the early stage. The Farmington Hills woman was one of 7,210 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in Michigan in 2005. She was cared for by a multidisciplinary team at Providence Hospital in Southfield where she received dose dense chemotherapy every two weeks for 16-weeks after a lumpectomy. Afterward, she received whole breast radiation for six-weeks. Half way through chemotherapy she began Herceptin for one year.

"Today we understand aspects of the biology of the cancer in a better way therefore we are better able to determine which patients need which therapy," said Goldman. Quah is just grateful the disease was found early. In 2005, 1,380 Michigan women died of breast cancer.

Events to make strides against breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The American Cancer Society's goal is to reach out to at least 50 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer and help them through their journey, says Jennifer Nagy, area executive director. That's why it's important to have the support of everyone at the Oct. 14 walk on Belle Isle. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer raised \$625,000 last year when 8,000 walkers turned out for the event. The money went not only to the Reach to Recovery mentor program but for research, education, advocacy, and services including the Breast and Cervical Control Program with the state health department and local hospitals. The program assists women, ages 40-64, who can't afford a mammogram.

Early detection saves lives. According to the ACS, 98-percent of breast cancer patients would survive if the disease was detected early.

For more information about the walk, call (248) 557-5353 or visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline/detroit. For information about breast cancer 24-hours a day, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

"There are women who still don't know the importance of mammograms," said Nagy who works in the Southfield ACS office. "Why we do Making Strides is to bring awareness. We've made a lot of strides in what we've been doing. It's not a hush thing to talk about like it was 20 years ago. When I first started 10-years ago just talking about breast cancer and doing an event around it was practically unheard of. Now we're talking about programs to gather resources. We're doing more research related to it and advocating for women who need a mammogram. We want be people to be involved whether to volunteer or be involved in the walk."

Carol Mortensen does both. The Farmington woman is a breast cancer survivor who mentors the newly diagnosed through the Reach to Recovery program. She will be taking part in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk with her husband Ralph and niece Melissa Goldblatt, 13.

Mortensen was diagnosed in 1994 at age 50. She had received regular mammograms since age 40. After hearing opinions from three different physicians, she decided to have a mastectomy. It was a difficult time for Mortensen.

"Then a woman called from the American Cancer Society from Reach to Recovery offering many booklets and information on mastectomy. She said we could get together. She was a survivor and looked wonderful and worked, and I said I can do this," said Mortensen.

Because Mortensen's cancer had been detected so early she required no chemotherapy or radiation treatments. In 1997, she joined Reach to Recovery, a group of 200 volunteers. Today she helps train other volunteers and works with patients.

"I try to listen to them and hear their story," said Mortensen. "It's been wonderful talking to them. It will be 12 years for me this fall (since the diagnosis). I just went to Celebration on the Hill where 10,000 survivors met in Washington, D.C. Sept. 19-20. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network sponsored this and arranged meetings with 435 representatives and 100 senators. We asked them to sign a pledge to support increased funding for the National Cancer Institute and early detection of breast and cervical cancer for women without insurance."

Crittenton Hospital Medical Center is doing its part to fight breast cancer by hosting a silent auction of bustiers 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 in the North Lobby. The Bustiers to Benefit Breast Cancer event will also raise money for scholarships for budding fashion designers. The 12 bustiers were created by students from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy. There was only one criteria — the bustier had to be made from pink fabric and lined with pink breast cancer ribbon logo fabric. Some of the bustiers will be modeled during the event by the designers. The early evening benefit includes music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a presentation from breast cancer survivor Carol Tough who was diagnosed in January. Tickets are \$50 friend, \$100 patron, and \$150 benefactor. Call (248) 652-5345.

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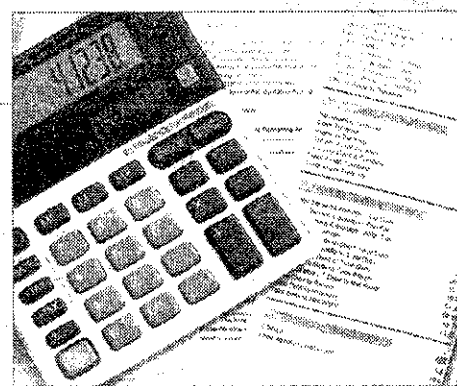
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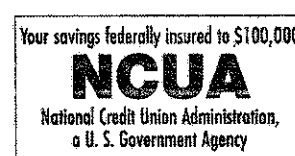
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Kelly Services has seen growth, change in its 60 years

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Even if you've never pursued temporary employment, chances are you've heard of Troy-based Kelly Services.

Kelly provides employment to more than 700,000 employees annually, in areas including office services, accounting, engineering, information technology, law, science, marketing, light industrial, education, health care and home care. Revenue in 2005 was \$5.3 billion.

Kelly Services, founded in 1946, is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Part of its success has been Marva Watkins of Oak Park, who started with Kelly as a temporary in 1982.

She's also worked full time for the company and is now back as a temporary since 2000. "What I enjoy about working for Kelly is the flexibility we have," she said. "As a temporary employee, the flexibility and variety is really wonderful."

With the Detroit region, she's worked as a trainer and branch manager among other assignments. Right now, Watkins needs more personal time. "Kelly has been really good at finding me work."

She's done marketing work such as seminars and product demon-



Today, Troy-based Kelly Services places people in a variety of jobs.

strations. She's worked in the auto industry and handled switchboards, making sure calls get where they should go. Watkins liked working at local TV and radio stations and meeting celebrities.

"Highly recommend it," she said. She finds customers like working with Kelly staffers.

"They're usually extremely

happy to see you." The response is "If you make a mistake, don't worry about it. We can fix it."

She finds the work has changed since 1982 and requires more computer skills. "Your skills need to be just a little on the upside."

Watkins is able to take time to go out of state to visit her

mother, and lets branches know she won't be available. "It works very, very well," said Watkins, who plans to work for Kelly into the far future.

John Drew, vice president and regional manager for Kelly Services, notes the date the company was founded, Oct. 7, 1946. The move to Big Beaver and



When Kelly was founded in 1946, it employed mostly women in clerical jobs. This photo was taken in the 1950s.

Crooks in Troy came in 1978.

"Initially, it was focused on office clerical," Grosse Ile resident Drew said of what in 1957 was called Kelly Girl Services. The company now has three operating divisions, and among its placements are paralegals, attorneys, engineers and other professionals. The Troy headquarters are home to some 1,400 staffers.

Kelly's been having a year-long celebration of the 60th anniversary, including a poster contest showing its growth with the winner from the Center for

Creative Studies. Employees locally have done food and toy drives and fixed up schools and women's shelters, Drew said.

A total of seven employees, including four full time, are being honored as part of the anniversary. There's also a postage stamp recognizing founder William Russell Kelly.

This first week in October will have an anniversary celebration.

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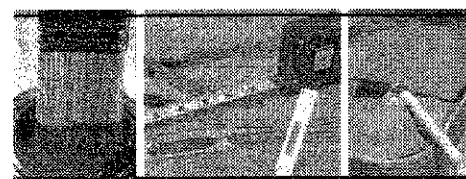
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- 12 Summer drink
- 13 Ruhr Valley city
- 14 Airport code for O'Hare
- 15 Gift ribbon
- 16 Wild guess
- 17 Oasis abode
- 18 End of a boat
- 20 Miss. neighbor
- 21 VCR button
- 23 Plato's H
- 24 Shri! insect
- 28 A Gershwin
- 30 Like some potatoes
- 32 Gold-colored
- 34 Give — — rest!
- 35 Cyberspace junk mail
- 36 Hit-or-miss
- 39 Part of TNT
- 40 Group of actors
- 41 Tax org.

- 43 Addr. part
- 44 Disk capacity unit
- 45 Blazing up
- 47 Where elephants are
- 50 Tony's cousin
- 51 Noon on a sundial
- 54 Chatty alien
- 55 Neonates
- 56 Okra morsel
- 57 Catch on
- 58 Pull — — one shoestrng

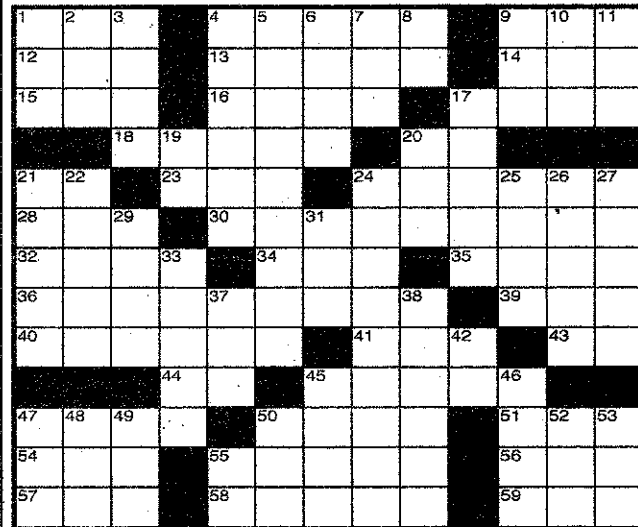
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- 1 Chemist's lair
- 2 Shakespeare title word
- 3 Hard benches
- 4 Updates a watch
- 5 Shun
- 6 Cold — — icicle
- 7 New socialite
- 8 Tin, in formulas

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Crosswinds Communities Announces Preferred Purchaser Event at Legacy Oaks

Legacy Oaks - a truly special place that you will cherish for years to come

Farmington Hills — An unprecedented opportunity awaits discerning home buyers as a limited number of graciously appointed single-family homes within the Legacy Oaks community are being released for pre-sale by Preferred Purchaser registration.

Presented by Crosswinds Communities, an award winning builder in Michigan for over 40 years, Legacy Oaks offers an exceptional lifestyle highlighted by the ultimate statement of luxury, comfort and convenience.

Passing through the Grand entrance, beyond

the welcoming gazebo and central pond, you will discover an intimate enclave of 24 impressively designed homes, embraced by a sun dappled wooded backdrop that provides an oasis of refined distinction. Upscale architectural elements that combine the strength and classic styling of stone with the warmth of natural tones, grace the exterior of these signature ranch and cape cod styled homes.

Situated on over 11 wooded acres and nestled in the highly desirable community of Farmington Hills, the homes of Legacy Oaks are remarkably priced from the upper-

\$200,000s. The homes of Legacy Oaks, range from 1,885 — 2,380 square feet and feature the utmost in quality and craftsmanship. Luxury details include hardwood flooring, wooden cabinetry, 3 car garages, main floor owners suites, finely finished interiors, a fantastic setting and premier location.

Crosswinds Communities is currently offering a limited number of Preferred Purchaser registration opportunities for the upcoming Legacy Oaks sales event. Early registration is strongly suggested as space is limited and Preferred Purchasers will be assigned numeric priority based on registration date. Registration is required to attend the sales event and is available by contacting Crosswinds Communities at www.legacyoakshomes.com or by calling (248) 388-1599. Realtors interested in registering their clients may also contact Crosswinds Communities.

Among the many unique and desirable characteristics of Legacy Oaks is the strategic location on the east side of

Haggerty Road, just north of 12 Mile Road. While only minutes from major thoroughfares and freeways, the picturesque wooded backdrop of Legacy Oaks offers contemplative serenity and insulates the community from the excitement that beckons beyond. There, adjacent to and within the surrounding metropolitan area are shops, cultural events, a vast array of restaurants, theaters, galleries, museums and more.

Crosswinds Communities Marketing Strategist, Allison Stark sums it up nicely. The response to Legacy Oaks has been remarkable due to the uniqueness of the community —there is nothing else available in the area that offers this high standard of quality in architecture, design and construction, coupled with extraordinary ease, adaptability and flow in the floor plans that creates a spacious, yet welcoming feeling.

For those who want to stay close to area amenities, this is the ideal community, added Ms. Stark.



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The quality and attention to design and detail and the serene wooded backdrop, combine to create a lovely neighborhood of beautiful, high-end homes, Ms. Stark continued. The prestige of Farmington Hills has also proved very appealing as well as Legacy Oaks enticing upper \$200s price point.

Legacy Oaks, is presented by Crosswinds Communities, a premier award winning Michigan company, founded by Bernie Glibberman, specializing quality residential home and land acquisition and development. Adeptness

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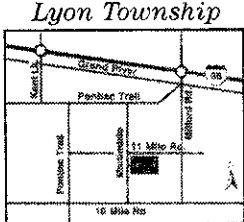
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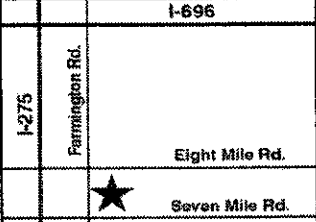
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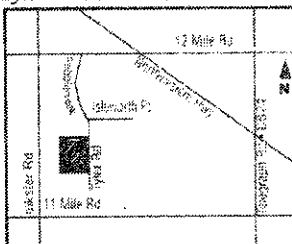
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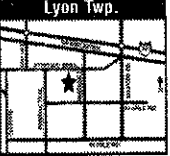
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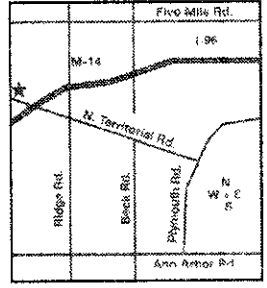
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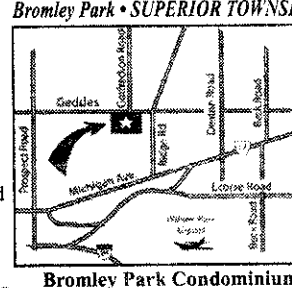
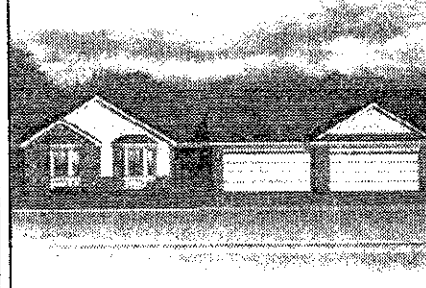
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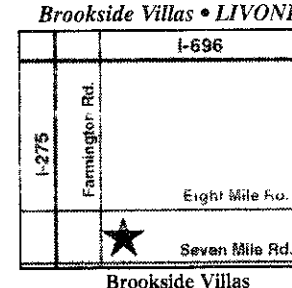

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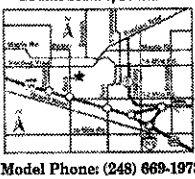


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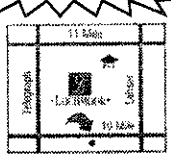


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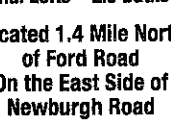
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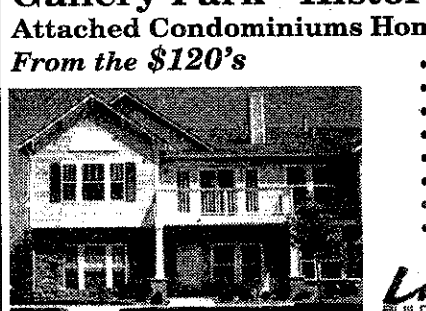
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will see the outside. You want the exterior parts to look beautiful. Some ways to do so are to

make sure that the lawn is mowed, and in the winter time that the walkways are properly cleared of snow. You don't want buyers to have to struggle to get to your house.

In the summer put in plants and flowers around the house.

■ **The door.** The door is a bit of a pet peeve of mine. Having a lock that is almost impossible to unlock does not make a

good first impression on buyers. I have had to struggle numerous times to unlock a door lock. Keep in mind that the buyer's agent won't know all the inner secrets of unlocking your door lock.

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■ **Clutter.** Remove excess clutter. As a general rule the more "stuff" you have in a room, the smaller it will look. You don't want rooms to be totally empty either. It should look like a home, so buyers can imagine themselves there.

■ **Pictures.** Keep art and such on the walls. You may want to remove personal pictures of you and your family

from the buyers' sight. You want buyers to imagine themselves there, not necessarily your family there.

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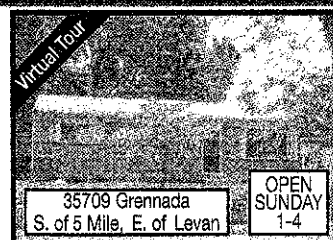
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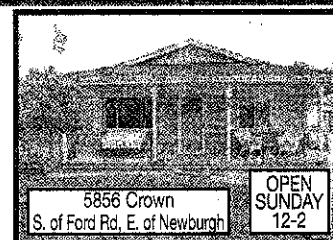
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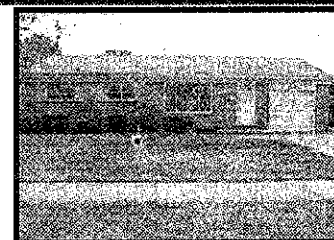
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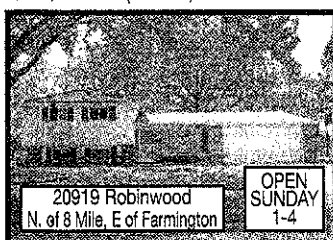
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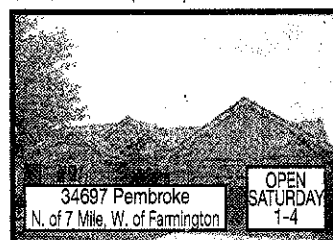
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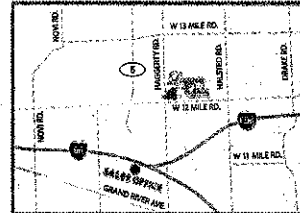
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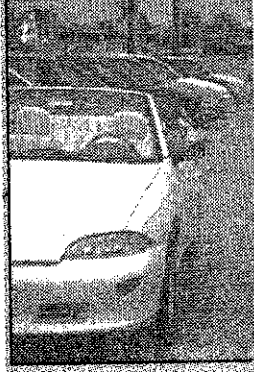
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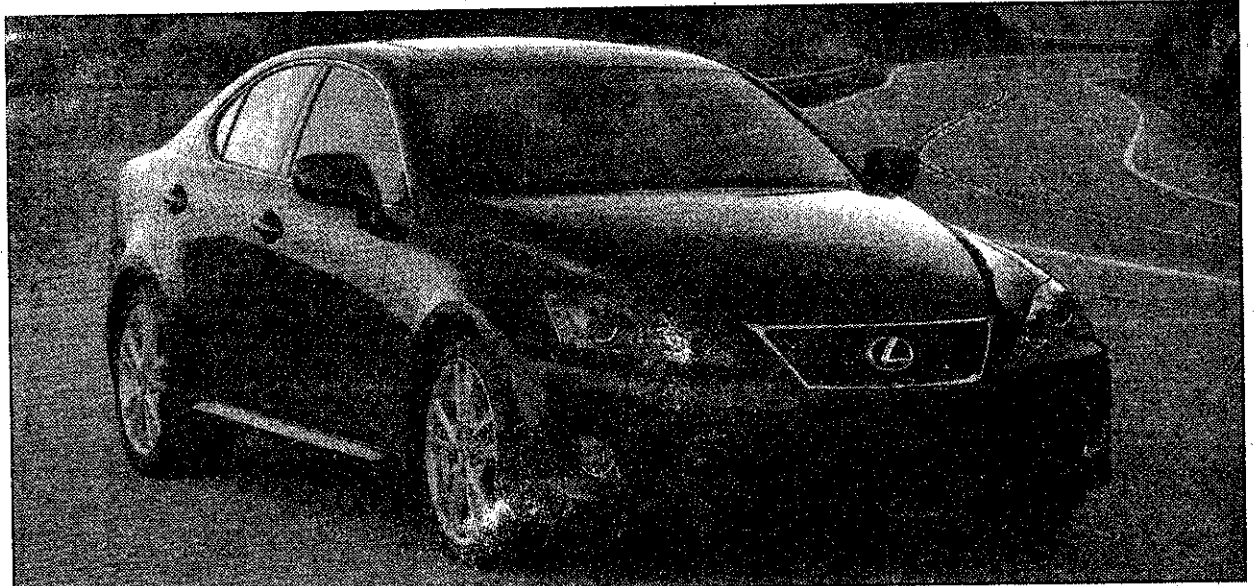
Remember the old TV commercial for Reese's Peanut Butter Cups where a guy eating chocolate literally runs into another guy eating peanut butter? The first guy says, "You got peanut butter on my chocolate," and the second guy replies, "You got chocolate on my peanut butter." They both taste the result and both, of course, love it.

That image popped into my head when thinking about the 2006 Lexus IS 350. I just heard, you got sportiness on my luxury car, and a reply of you got luxury on my sports car. The IS 350 is Lexus attempt to come up with the same type of tasty results Reese's did at those years ago—combining sporty ride and handling with luxury and style.

The 2006 IS 350 is a new model for Lexus and is a rear-wheel drive sedan. The IS 350 benefits from a longer and wider body—3.5 inches longer and 3 inches wider than the IS 300 it replaces. It comes with 17, 10-spoke aluminum alloy wheels (18-inch wheels are an option for \$720), dual chrome exhaust tips, dual high-intensity discharge headlamps, foglamps, and heated outside mirrors. It's a smart-looking package with nice lines and a sleek overall look.

Inside, the IS 350 is sharp. The cockpit is well laid out and looks like a performance car should. The engine starts with a button push—no key needs to be inserted. The instrument panel houses the tachometer, a 160 mph speedometer and the fuel and coolant gauges. An amber ring lights up around the speedometer if you go faster than 70 mph (like anyone would, right?), although the speedometer goes up to 160 mph. You also get a trip computer, automatic dual-zone climate control, a power moonroof, cruise control, power windows and locks, and a programmable garage door opener.

The 10-way adjustable power seats are leather-trimmed and they provide good support. There's plenty of room up front; the rear seating area is a little tight for adults stuck behind a tall driver, but should be adequate for most passengers. The rear



2006 Lexus IS 250. Vehicle class: Subcompact luxury car. Power: V8 engine. Mileage: 21 city / 28 highway. Where built: Kanji, Japan. Base price: \$35,440. Price as tested: \$39,494.

seats fold down for more cargo room, and the trunk is fairly roomy.

The standard audio system is and AM/FM/six-disc CD system with 13 speakers and rated with 194 watts of power. It's a pretty good system, but you can upgrade to a Mark Levinson Audio System which gives you 14 speakers, a DVD changer, and 300 watts of power. Both systems come with an auxiliary input for your iPod or other mp3 player, but you supply the cord.

You can also get a navigation system with the IS 350. The system is optional, but includes a feature I'd like to see become standard on all vehicles—the rear camera. It's great to be able to see behind the vehicle when backing up and it could be a life saver. It's only available with the \$2,550 navigation option. The navigation system itself is clear and easy to use, and also allows you to use your Bluetooth-enabled devices.

So much for the luxury part of the luxury sport sedan, now let's look at the sport section. The IS 350 comes with a 3.5-liter 24-valve DOHC V6 and a six-speed automatic transmission with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters for more control, if you choose. It's rated at 306 hp and a neck-snapping 277 lb.-ft. of torque, so acceleration is not a problem. In fact, you can go 0-60 in 5.6 seconds. This engine requires premium fuel and its EPA rated at 21/28 mpg.

The IS 350 got an all-new front and rear suspension system, plus new steering and brakes.

The front suspension features a double-wishbone system with a high-mount upper control arm and gas-filled shocks. In the rear, it's a multi-link system with high-mount upper arms, coil springs and gas-filled shocks. The result is a tight ride with some road feel, but not enough to make long journeys unpleasant. Speed-sensing power-assist steering is standard and the IS 350 handles very well in tight spots.

All of the electronic systems of the IS 350 are managed by what Lexus calls a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management system (VDIM). VDIM anticipates tire slippage before a skid, slide or wheel spin occurs and makes stabilizing corrections to maximize dynamic capability. VDIM uses an active-control strategy that gets input from a comprehensive range of sensors, including steering angle, yaw rate, deceleration, brake pressure, brake pedal stroke, wheel speed and others. Their signals are used individually by the various Traction Control (TRAC) systems and collectively by VDIM. These systems include electronic throttle, ABS, Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), power steering and VSC. The standard anti-lock brakes are very good.

The IS 350 starts at about \$35,500. Add the larger wheels and navigation system and you're up around \$38,700. That kind of money will get you a lot of chocolate and peanut butter, but it will also get you a lot of car.

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