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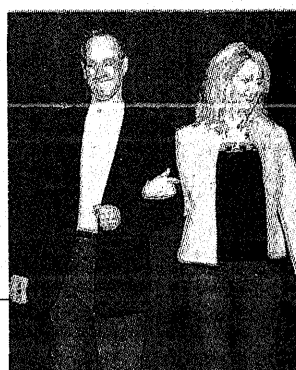
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The three high schools are locked down during a disaster simulation Thursday. Security, administrators and exercise evaluators make sure the halls are clear.

Penn signs on for concert series

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will be the home for a series of six old-fashioned variety shows to entertain the young and old.

"Saturdays @ the Penn" is co-sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Performances will be on the first Saturday of the month, beginning Oct. 4.

"It's really a continuation of Music in the Park," said Deb Madonna, the executive director of the PCAC, which sponsors the Wednesday summertime noon concerts for children in Kellogg Park. "We wanted continuity between Music in the Park and the shows at the Penn so we're not booking the same acts. We have a lot of great performers that we can't use in the summer."

Madonna said the variety shows last an hour and include special guest hosts and performers, including a juggler, yo-yo entertainer and the members of the PSO, including the Celebration Youth Orchestra. "(Symphony conductor) Nan Washburn loves to do things for kids," said PSO executive director Beth Stewart, "and the Penn is the perfect venue for it on Saturdays. We have a perfect partnership, we have music and the Arts Council has contacts for other great perform-

Penn pals follow mission, A6.

ers. Every month kids will be exposed to art in many forms." While the shows are geared toward children, the Saturday shows are being billed as for kids of all ages.

The Nov. 1 show will include Washburn and members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra playing excerpts from the PSO's first CD, *Magical Tunes & Marvelous Tails*.

As with most variety shows, there will be a master of ceremonies. Most weeks it will be kid-favorite Guy Lewis, who performs each summer at Music in the Park. The shows will start at noon and last one hour.

The groups received a \$3,000 grant this year and next year for the six shows. The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club and Travel Leaders also contributed to the programs. The money will go toward the \$310 cost to rent the Penn and pay the talent. Madonna said they are looking for additional sponsors. The price to attend the shows is \$3 per person.

"We wanted to keep the price down and affordable for the whole family and make it a gathering place for kids and families," said Madonna.

Potential sponsors and those wishing to purchase group tickets can contact Madonna at (734) 377-0914 or clarion@storytellerdesign.com.

The right reactions

Disaster simulation works like it's supposed to

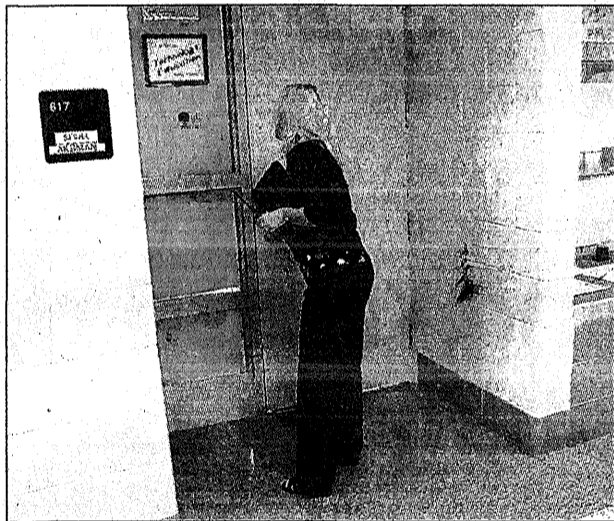
BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Students, teachers and school personnel at Plymouth High School were evacuated Thursday morning when a school bus collided with a chlorine tanker at the Beck Road school entrance shortly after 8 a.m.

The simulated disaster exercise worked as designed as approximately 2,000 students were moved out of the building — where they could (in real-life circumstances) have inhaled potentially dangerous chlorine through the ventilation system — to the nearby junior varsity football stadium.

The scenario was one of many in metro Detroit to test southeast Michigan's regional response teams and equipment purchased with Homeland Security grant money. Plymouth-Canton Schools — among a consortium of six area school districts — used its share of a \$570,000 Readiness and Emergency Management grant from the U.S. Department of Education to test its response in case of an emergency at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Within three minutes, the school was locked down and the ventilation system was shut



Plymouth High School assistant principal Julie Kaminski checks classroom doors to make sure they're secure.

Please see **DISASTER, A9**

Alert system creates virtual crime watch

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Any talk of a potential merger between the Plymouth Township and City of Plymouth police departments is premature and unlikely to end in anything happening.

However, the two departments continue to work together.

Their latest collaboration comes in the form of what township officials say is a new public safety broadcast system aimed at providing residents and local business owners up-to-date information any time there's a public safety issue at hand.

The "Silent Partner Alert System" uses e-mail to get the word out when necessary on public safety issues such as neighborhood crime alerts, missing and wanted persons, crime trends and property crimes, among others.

"When police departments inform the public about police activity in their area, it builds confidence and prompts

residents to join in, keeping their neighborhoods safe," said Officer Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township's community resource officer. "In this way, silent partner becomes an electronic neighborhood watch."

To participate in the program, residents and businesses will log in and subscribe to the free, online service by selecting their neighborhood and the information they want to receive. It is a simple process which takes only minutes to complete, said Senkbeil, who pointed out Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth will be participating with the e-mail option only.

Township of Plymouth residents can obtain further information by contacting Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243 or by visiting the township police department's Web page at www.plymouthtpwp.org.

City of Plymouth residents can obtain further information by contacting Detective Lt. Al Cox at (734) 453-1234 or by visiting the City of Plymouth Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Mock disaster tests emergency response

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During the blackout of 2003, Canton Township was left in the dark in more ways than one.

"There was no way to communicate — there were no phones," Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich said, referencing the lack of dialogue between the township and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. "No one knew what was going on."

But officials are confident the same scenario wouldn't happen today.

Thursday's layered mock disaster, which centered around a simulated oil spill in Detroit, has been in the works for about a year.

"We are definitely in a better position," Rich said. "This was the first time

we tested some of our equipment and it went well."

In the mock disaster, township officials received word that oil had spilled into the Detroit River. Crews from Municipal Services responded by heading out to the township's five water pits to simulate shutting off Canton's water supply. After DWSD proved the water wasn't contaminated, township officials prepared to put the water back on, but then discovered the main water feed had collapsed, leaving the community without water.

During this time, township officials also acted as if there was a hazardous materials incident at Plymouth High School, terrorist attacks in Oakland County and a possible attack on the water and sewer system at the township's DWSD facility near Joy and

Morton Taylor roads.

Plymouth Community Fire Department crews were on hand as observers, using the exercise as a learning tool, invited to witness it by Patriot Services, the organization that conducted the exercise.

"It was an excellent learning opportunity," said Mark Wendel, the PCFD's acting chief. "It helps get us a handle on handling those sorts of large events."

From all accounts, it was a good one to observe.

"This was definitely the best exercise we have ever gone through," Municipal Services Director Tim Paas said. "We had a number of events in a short amount of time and we took it very real. It felt real. We went through the whole drill."

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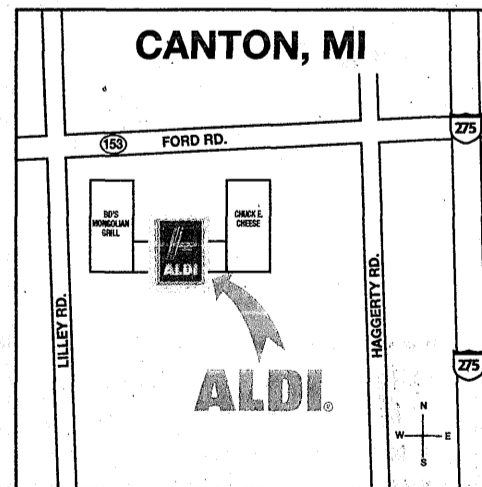
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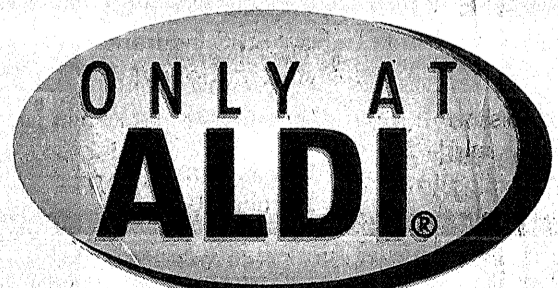


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CROP walk aims to stamp out hunger

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Worshippers from throughout the Plymouth-Canton community will again come together Sunday, Oct. 12, for the annual CROP Walk, the anti-hunger fund-raising event which has been held locally for more than 20 years.

"The last couple years have been a little light," said Bill Brave, a Plymouth resident and event chair with Barbara Fichtenberg of Canton. Brave is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, Fichtenberg of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton.

The event, also held in other communities, supports Church World Service; organizers have designated 25 percent of the proceeds for the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth,

'We're trying to attract more young people. We've all been walking since they were babies. It's a good family event. The weather's always been beautiful.'

BILL BRAVE, CROP Walk event chair

Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Participants can designate specific charities, such as the Catholic Relief Fund, Brave said.

This year's goal is 100 walkers and \$10,000 raised. Last year, there were about 50 walkers who raised nearly \$4,000.

Registration will be 1:30 p.m., the walk 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, with walkers starting and ending at St. John's Episcopal on Sheldon. There are both two-mile and four-mile routes looping through downtown Plymouth. Walkers will be helped at

midpoints by the Salvation Army canteen with water and snacks.

The event's been held the past several years in Plymouth, although Canton has also hosted it. St. John's Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian and Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth have signed on. First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth members have indicated interest in rejoining, Brave said. Churches wishing to send representatives can call Brave at (734) 414-9867.

"We're trying to attract more young people," said Brave, a stay at home dad

with kids ages 7 and 10. He, his wife and children enjoy the CROP Walk.

"We've all been walking since they were babies. It's a good family event," he said. "The weather's always been beautiful."

Walking helps participants realize their relative prosperity: "It's for a good cause. You're representing what a lot of people in the world have to go through in obtaining fresh water."

Donors make pledges for themselves and others. You can donate online with a credit card at the Web site www.churchworldservice.org under CROP Hunger Walk, navigating to Plymouth-Canton.

"It's a fun family event," organizer Brave said. "It's a fun event for people to try to make a difference."



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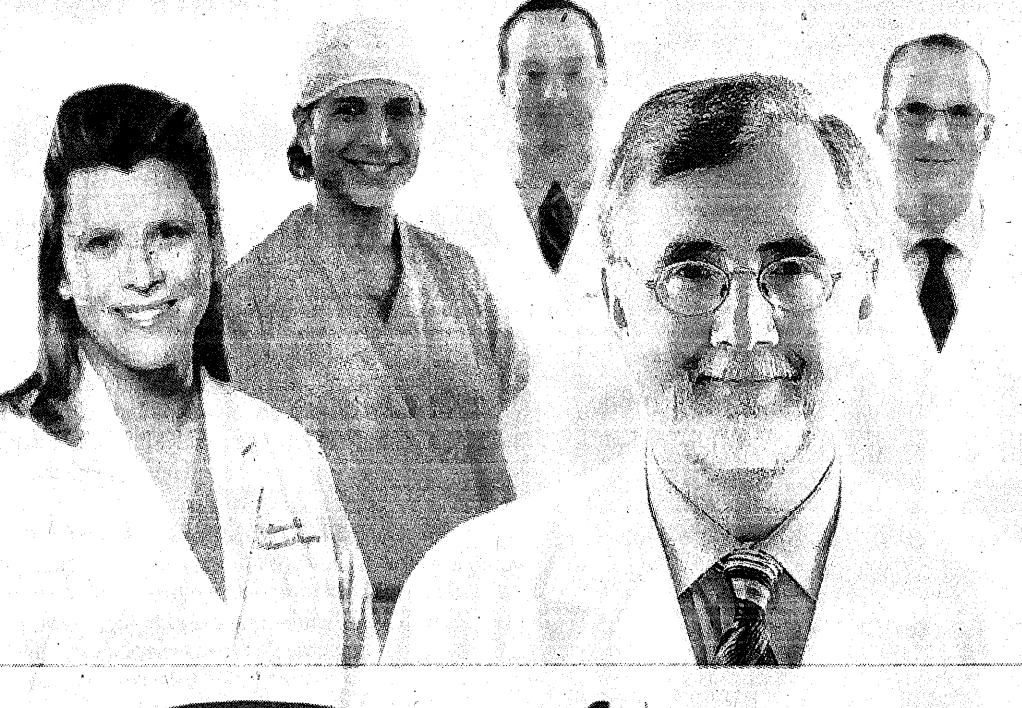
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Homecoming open house

All veterans of all wars are invited to a "Homecoming Open House" 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. All veterans organizations will be represented, including VFW, VVA, American Legion, Am Vets, Purple Heart, DAV, and Marine Corps League, and all will have information on their respective organizations.

All veterans and their families are welcome. A light lunch will be served, free of charge.

Jazz at the Penn

The Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble plays the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

The box office opens at 7:30 p.m., with admission set at \$3.

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The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman. For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

Grief workshop

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an

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

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

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

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth. Organizers are expecting some 1,500 customers for the show, which also features food and drawings.

For more information, call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE.716@COMCAST.NET

Shocktober movies

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth presents a "Shocktober Classic Movie Series" throughout October.

The schedule includes: *Creature from the Black Lagoon*, (1954) Thursday, Oct. 9; *Them!* (1954) Thursday,



MARK EVAN

Welcome aboard

Craig and Lisa Fiegel show off the cake donated in their honor by Canton and Plymouth High School football boosters at an introductory tailgate party in their honor held before the recent football clash between the two schools. Fiegel is the new superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Oct. 16; *House of Wax*, (1953) Thursday, Oct. 23; and *Frankenstein*, (1931) Thursday, Oct. 30.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Movies start at 7 p.m.; box office opens at 6:30 p.m. All seats are \$3.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

Parents and Tots

Parents and their children ages 5 and younger are invited to join Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors' newest group, Parents & Tots, for some fun fall activities. This new group provides a means to make new friends while experiencing exciting activities and fun venues in the greater Plymouth area.

The group gets together for a morning of fall fun at the Plymouth Orchards 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. Parents and tots will learn about orchard life, take a hayride, pick an apple and have a snack of cider and donuts.

The cost is \$4.50 per person. For an additional \$2, participants can pick a pumpkin of their own. Advance payment is required.

To sign up for this event, get more information or RSVP contact Kristen Ringler by Sept. 30 at (734) 536-5764, parentsandtots@plymouthnewcomers.com or visit the

group's Web site at www.plymouthnewcomers.com

Smith shopping spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its sixth annual Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

More than 25 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products for your shopping pleasure. This event will also feature a raffle of over 25 products from participating vendors. Proceeds from table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary PFO. Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie on (734) 414-0218.

OLGC wine event

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School hosts its fifth annual "A Night of Wine & Roses" wine-tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, lower level and adjacent grounds of OLGC's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

More than 150 wines from around the world will be offered for sampling, along with beer selections and a

variety of delectable culinary creations. Wine experts will be on-hand to assist tasters in appreciating each wine's attributes and recommending food pairings.

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Tickets purchased directly benefit the school and its 600-plus students in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Tickets are \$50 per person; ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available for purchase at the door. To order tickets or for more information, please visit www.olgcwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

Chorale scholarships

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BeckRidge auditions

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Credit union seminar

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union sponsors a free workshop to help people reduce debt and start saving money 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 8817 Sheldon (northwest corner of Joy) in Plymouth.

Participants will learn the real cost of credit, the impact of monthly payment and APR on debt reduction, rolling-up payments saves time and interest, and how to identify budget busters.

Handouts and light refreshments provided. Seating is limited. To RSVP or for more information, call (734) 432-0212, Ext. 203 by Sept. 21.

Bizarre bazaar

A "Bizarre Bazaar" to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church of Northville takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the corner of 8 Mile and Taft.

A variety of art, crafts and cottage industry businesses will be featured at this fun family event. Activities include: Attic treasures antique sale, supervised children's craft area, prize drawings, bake sale, Fair Trade coffee bar, pancake breakfast and catered lunch available. Admission \$1.

For more information, call (248) 349-1144 or visit www.funnorthville.org

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony League is launching their 2009 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. For \$20, buyers get coupons that will save money on a variety of entertainment activities like Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concerts, attractions like the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, specialty stores, and fine and casual restaurants all over the area.

For a limited time only, with each purchase of a 2009 Entertainment book, customers will receive a 2008 book free (while supplies last). The 2009 edition of the Entertainment Book also includes a Platinum section, featuring special discount certificates for the "best of the best" restaurants in Metro Detroit, including Plymouth's own Ernesto's and the Whitney restaurant in Detroit. Help the arts thrive in your community and get your books at the Plymouth Symphony Office by calling (734) 451-2112, Tue-Fri, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Mojo in the Morning: Win lunch with 95.5 crew

It's back! The *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heckled, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 95.5 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

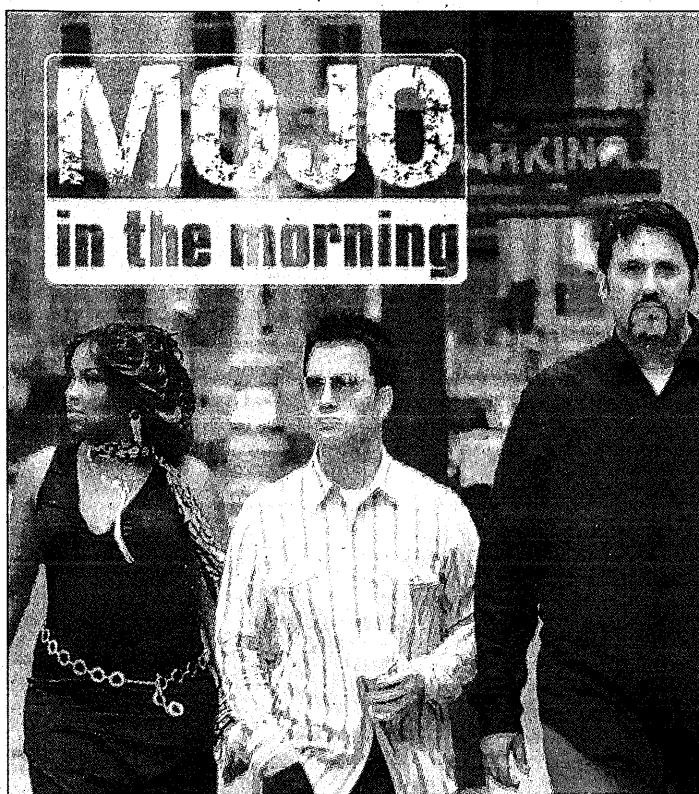
"My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new

language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made it."

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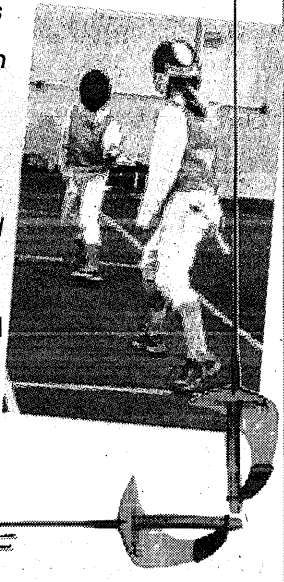
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Penn pals living up to theater mission

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been nearly 2½ years since a group of investors bought the Penn Theatre for over a million dollars to keep the circa 1941 movie house from possibly becoming a victim of the wrecking ball.

Part of the deal to purchase the theater and lease it to the Friends of the Penn for \$1 a year was to make the downtown theater into a place that would also host community events.

Don Soenen, who organized the consortium that bought the Penn, said he believes the Friends are doing just that.

"There have been some live performances by the Plymouth Symphony, Plymouth Community Band and other groups as well,"

said Soenen, who also heads the Plymouth Symphony Society board. "They certainly have been increasing dates of live performances, and we're pleased they're moving in that direction."

Soenen acknowledged the Friends of the Penn has been successful with showing movies Thursday through Sunday, which limits availability for live performances.

"We would not put them in a position to disrupt their programming," Soenen said. "Live performances generally have to be done during off periods, and that limits to some extent opportunities."

"They also have limitations with lighting and the sound system, which they will address with fund-raising," he said. "They do have plans to expand the capability of the facility."

Ellen Elliot, the executive director of Friends of the Penn, said some of the infrastructure issues needed to be addressed before they can take care of needs that would enhance the theater for live performances.

"We've spent about \$150,000 for the concessions area, the popcorn kitchen, and a new boiler; and we're painting the building and replacing the roof in the next couple of weeks, which is about another \$40,000," Elliot said. "Left in our top 10 goals are new seats, which will cost about \$330,000; new drapes, a new stage, carpeting and flooring."

Elliot said the movies "cover all our expenses, except renovations," for which they've raised \$290,000.

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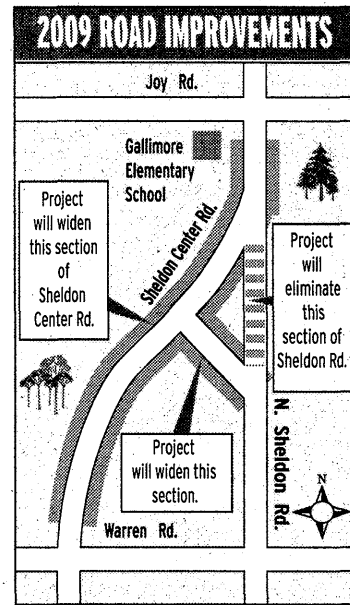
Residents see plans for Sheldon reconstruction

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Preliminary plans for the long-awaited Sheldon Center corridor reconstruction were presented to Canton Township residents Thursday evening.

The \$4.5 million project, which is expected to begin next summer, spans 1.11 miles and will include widening Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road to five lanes beginning 200 feet south of Joy Road to Canton Center Road. Canton Center will be widened from four lanes to five starting 400 feet north of Warren Road to where the road splits and turns northwest.

The reconstruction calls for eliminating the portion of Sheldon Road just north of the Sheldon connector, east of Mirage Liquor. North and southbound traffic on Sheldon looking to stay on the road through the Sheldon Center area will have to



access the connector, which will be widened from two lanes to three.

The closed-off section will be dedicated to the township and possibly used as green space or a park.

The traffic signal at Sheldon

and Sheldon Center will be removed and a new light will be installed at the connector. The signals at Canton Center/Sheldon Center and Joy/Sheldon are expected to be modernized.

In addition to the roadwork, a new storm sewer will be installed and the Willow Creek culvert will be revamped.

Thursday's meeting was led by Todd Zilincik of Canton Municipal Services and Victoria Holland of Wayne County's Department of Public Services.

Those in attendance discussed the aging condition of the corridor and raised some concerns about the proposed project. Among the concerns were, tree removal along both sides of the corridor to accommodate the storm sewer and road closures for construction in relation to the Forest Trails subdivision.

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Sheriff warns about posting videos online

To a proud parent it may seem innocent enough: Your child is doing something completely adorable while taking a bath or while in their "birthday suit," so you take some video and post it online to share it with the world. No big deal, right?

Not so fast, according to Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, who says that there are a lot of concerns – and even potential risks – that parents might not be considering.

"Not everyone who can access these videos is a model citizen," Evans said. "The Internet is a big candy store for pedophiles and posting nude or semi-nude videos of your children can give them something that may cause them to become fixated on your child."

Recently, an individual came to Evans with concerns about this issue when she learned that a co-worker had noticed a strange phenomenon: Of the videos she had posted of her child on YouTube, the one that had been viewed a disproportionately larger number of times was the one that suggested the child may have been partially nude (which he wasn't). "That set off alarm bells, as it should have with any good parent," Evans said. "We did some quick searches online and

it is apparent that these types of videos are being viewed by a large number of people. That suggests to me that people are searching them out, rather than simply stumbling upon them. Unfortunately, it's only safe to assume that some of these individuals are pedophiles."

Besides the obvious feeling of creepiness that any mom or dad would feel about their child being viewed in an impure way, Evans said that parents inadvertently may be giving these video voyeurs clues on how to find a child on whom they have become fixated. With that in mind, Evans is providing parents some practical tips to help keep their kids safe:

1. A child with no name. Keep your child's name a secret. If you have a video of your child on YouTube, don't include his or her name in the file name or the related video summary information that you provide when posting a video. Also, don't add titles that appear during the video that include your child's name. "An identity is the first, most important clue someone needs to find someone else," Evans said.

2. Live in Anywhere, USA. Never put up any video of your child that has information in it as to where you or they live (name of the town, child's school name, etc.)

3. Restrict Access: Videos on YouTube don't have to be publicly viewable. If you want to share them with friends and family in an online format, there is a way that you can YouTube it, but have it accessible only to those you personally invite to view it and who have a direct link or password to access it.

4. Kids post videos, too. As your children get older and tech savvy, they will be able to post videos as well. Parents need to scrutinize any videos their children are posting online and make sure they do not contain any images or information that could put them at risk. Evans pointed out that within just a few minutes, one of his officers was able to identify by name, city and the school she attends, a high school girl who had posted a suggestive video of her and a friend dancing in her home.

"That's all the information a predator needs to find someone they've become fascinated with," Evans said. "The bottom line is that parents need to use good judgment when posting videos of their kids online and they need to screen any videos that their older kids may be posting online. Don't your child's safety to chance."

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Prosecutor Worthy shares tales of her fast-paced legal life

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan's most celebrated attorney is a single mom who barely has enough time to put on her lipstick.

"I'll tell you what's scary," Kym Worthy said. "This parenthood is scary." The Wayne County prosecutor was the guest speaker Friday for the monthly meeting of the Women Officials' Network in Bloomfield Township.

Worthy told the audience how her day starts around 4:30 a.m. so she can drive her 11-year-old daughter, Anastasia, to morning figure skating lessons in Canton. She then heads north to drop Anastasia off at school in the Bloomfield district, before turning back around and heading to downtown Detroit.

"Now when I was on the bench I didn't have a lot of sympathy for people who didn't appear on time," she said with a smile. "But now I can see the

other side ... as a mother you have to try and balance everything."

Worthy believes most women jump through more hurdles than their male counterparts when it comes to running for public office. Admitting she's not a "makeup and fashion person," Worthy said she has nonetheless received dozens of letters over the years in regards to her appearance during some of her more high-profile cases.

"This is something I don't think men

get," she said, placing some of the blame on the media. "They talked about my hair, my nails and how I was going to dress for the trial."

She also referred to what she felt were unwarranted personal attacks during her prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, noting there were stories about her social life, her daughter — even a report indicating she had fallen behind on her property taxes.

"They don't mention you pay \$60,000 in taxes ... they just mention the amount you didn't pay," she said.

She told the crowd to watch their health, especially during stressful times.

Most of all, she emphasized the importance of putting family first. "We need to learn how to deal with our jobs and how to deal with our family life," she said. "Because our children are watching us and we owe it to them to do the best we can."

Women get help heading back to work

JVS will again offer its Women To Work program, designed to help women enter or re-enter the paid workforce. The next session will begin Monday, Oct. 6, at JVS offices in Southfield.

"I've gotten some excellent candidates, especially from the Plymouth and Canton area," said Judy Richmond, Women To Work coordinator, speaking of past *Observer & Eccentric* coverage. She asks that you call her at (248) 233-4232 in advance if you wish to participate.

The Oct. 6 session will be an informational meeting, followed by 10 group sessions Oct. 13 through Nov.

13. Sessions will be at the Southfield office, 29699 Southfield, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads.

In some cases, women have been home caring for family members when they need to begin working for pay.

There's no limit on age or geographic requirements to meet. Richmond agreed this tough economy, with many parents losing their jobs, has impacted JVS services.

"I'm seeing twice as many people as I ever have before," she said. "Families are going through very difficult transitions, to say the least."

Participants, who can be male, will learn to conduct a job search; work on a resume; handle job interviews; cope with stress; find success in the workplace; and more.

"We do have an employer forum," said Richmond, adding that although that's for practice people have been hired after doing well in the informal meeting with employers.

"People have had jobs as a result," she said. The program is free to participants and is sponsored by Charter One Bank.

— By Julie Brown

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Wednesday, October 1 College Night
Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Physical Education Building
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu

Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano
Noon to 1 p.m.
The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4403

Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble
The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn
Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
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Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"
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Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble
Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.
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Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
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November 8 (9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and 9 (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)
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down," said Scott Rayburn of Patriot Services, who led a team of people who watched and evaluated the school's response. "We were testing their communications within the school and with the first responders — Canton police and fire — and we were really pleased.

"I couldn't ask for a higher performance from a high school this size," he added.

There were student and parent "actors" who tried to disrupt the plan, however school personnel handled those situations while also dealing with the evacuation of students.

"I thought the kids were great and the staff did exactly what we hoped they would have done," Principal Michael Bee said. "We see films and do drills and tweak our manuals every year, but I don't think you'd see things much differently than we did today.

"Now (when a real emergency occurs) it will be a reaction and not a thought process," he added.

Bee is no stranger to real-life emergencies at the school. Several years ago, a science teacher brought a BB gun into Plymouth High School without notification or permission and the school was locked down while police searched for what they thought was a gunman inside the school.

"We made a couple of mistakes, but did pretty well," Bee said. "Doing this practice helped ensure we'll be better in case there's a next time."

Students, who evacuated the high school in orderly fashion and remained calm while being accounted for at the football field, appeared interested in knowing the school has a plan for almost any kind of real-life emergency.

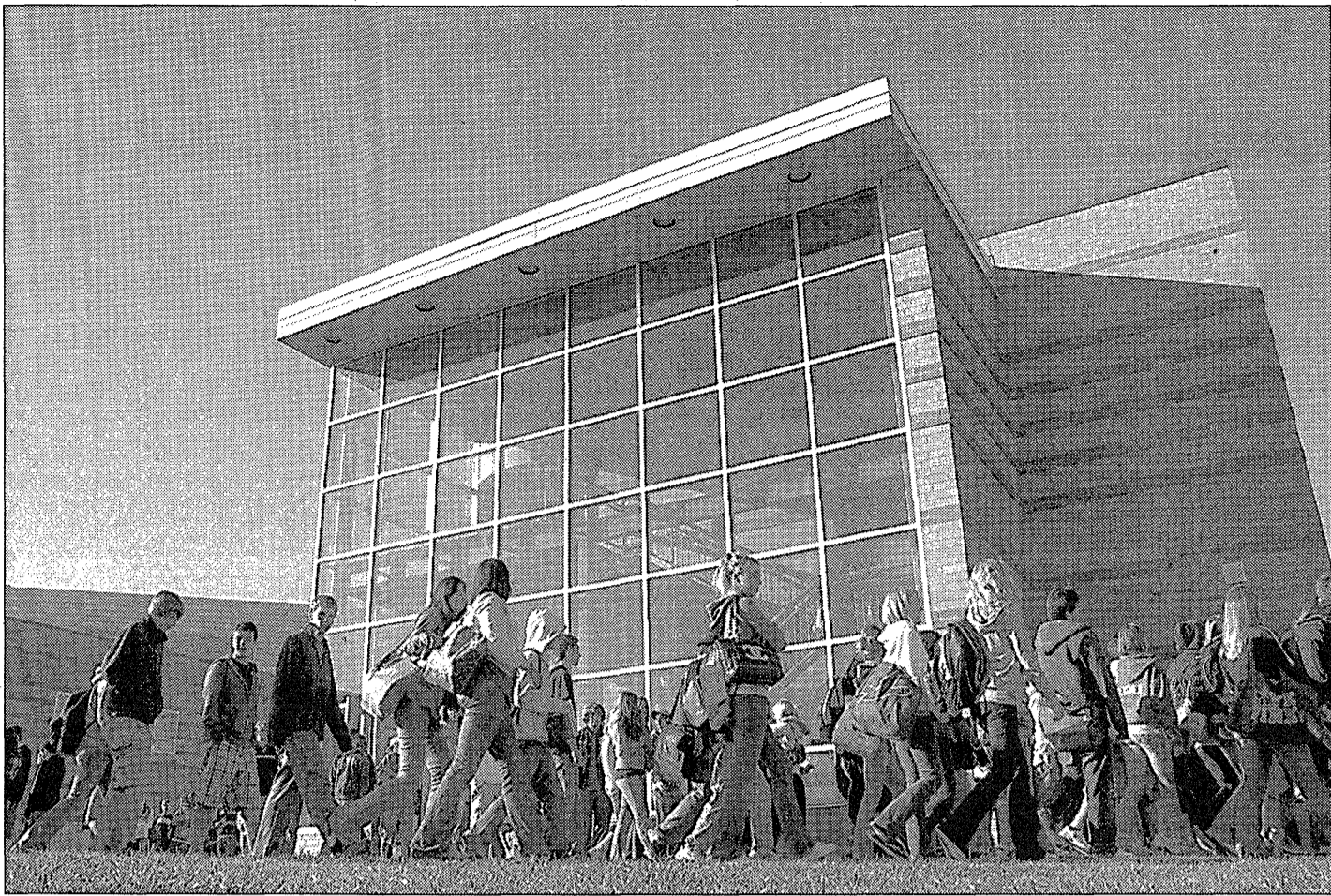
"I think we always need to be prepared in case something happens," said Megan Quinlan, 17, of Canton Township.

Plymouth Township senior Matthew Stowe, 17, said he assumed there was a plan, but this is the first time students have been evacuated to test it.

"I think this practice helps prepare us for any possible event so it doesn't turn into chaos," Stowe said. "People say it can't happen here ... but it's a crazy world."

During the evacuation of Plymouth High School, Canton and Salem conducted "shelter in place" exercises in which the buildings and classrooms were locked down and there was a simulated shutdown of the heating and cooling system. Class time wasn't disrupted.

"Canton and Salem have plans in place very similar to Plymouth," said Bob Hayes,



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It only takes a few minutes for students to evacuate the school. The students will gather at the JV football field where teachers will account for each student.



Evacuation of Plymouth High School begins.

the district's director of student services. "I'm confident they will work the same because we have close communication among all three high schools."

During a debriefing session afterward, school officials and Canton police officers acknowledged they could work better on communications between the two during an emergency. However, despite a few tweaks, the exercised received high marks.

"In this current situation where we place importance on national security, it is paramount that we have security measures regionally and locally," said Linda Haling of Plymouth, who has a son attending Plymouth High School. "It is exciting to live in a community where people are taking action."

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WHAT HAPPENED AND WHEN

- 8:32 a.m. — Received call from Canton dispatch about hazardous materials situation
- 8:40 a.m. — Seven students sent to office, possible contamination
- 8:44 a.m. — Police, emergency responders on scene
- 9:05 a.m. — Plymouth High School ordered evacuated
- 9:12 a.m. — Student in parking lot suffers broken leg
- 9:35 a.m. — Evacuated students, staff accounted for at football stadium
- 9:39 a.m. — All clear given to return to second hour
- 9:49 a.m. — End of exercise



Linda Haling is a volunteer for the exercise. Her job is to portray an anxious parent who wants information about her child. Teacher Jay Blaylock must convince her that she must leave and that her child is safe during the incident.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA OCTOBER 9, 2008

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Johnson, Vicki Welty
Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Taleb & Abdallah Holdings, 15111 W. Warren Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126, for commercial property located at 45495 Michigan Avenue (Amoco/BP), south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Dewitt Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15; Article 6A.00, Section 6A.06; Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25, sign variance.
 Zone C-3 Parcel 132 99 0010 712 (Building)
Tabled from the 12-13-2007 & 1-10-2008 meetings
2. John Groat, 43611 Hanover Court, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, west side of Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Joy Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback variance.
 Zone R-5 Parcel 012 03 0401 000 (Building)
Tabled from the 7-10-2008 & 8-14-2008 meetings

Approval of the September 11, 2008 Minutes

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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 LOCATED AT ANN ARBOR TRAIL AND FERGUSON AVE. PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MI

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on Monday, October 6, 2008 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Installation of irrigation system, testing, winterization and spring start-up.

General Description of Project Area: The project area is the Miller Family Park located at Ann Arbor Trail and Ferguson Ave., Charter Township of Plymouth, MI. The irrigation system shall be installed per The Irrigation Plan prepared by John Deere Landscapers, 31691 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071, issue date 11/1/05.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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REQUIREMENTS

1. The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work which requires a license to perform such work.
2. Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
3. The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
4. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the Township.
5. The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.
6. The contract must be approved by Plymouth Township.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Mr. Patrick J. Fellrath, P.E.
 Charter Township of Plymouth
 9955 N. Haggerty Rd.
 Plymouth, MI 48170
 Ph: (734) 354-3270 Ext. 7

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction September 23, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE
 CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
 (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cultural Center, to consider the following:

1. Z 08-14 675 Sunset Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Kevin Damico
2. Z 08-15 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail Non-Use Variance Requested Parking Space Dimension Variance Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Joseph Philips

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
 201 S. Main Street
 Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

Publish: Sunday, September 21, 2008

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Paying off mortgage best idea for money in CD

Dear Rick: I have a CD maturing for \$10,000 at 5.5 percent interest. I owe \$10,000 on my home at 6.25 percent interest. Should I use the money to pay off my house or leave it in the CD? I can't itemize on my tax returns so the interest on the house is not worth the write-off.

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Rick Bloom

The mortgage is costing you 6.25 percent. You are not going to receive that on a CD. Keep in mind that the CD is subject to income taxes. Therefore, it makes sense to

use the proceeds from the CD to pay off the mortgage. Dear Rick: A couple years ago I put money into a variable annuity. I know you do not like variable annuities but my adviser told me it was a great investment. I have lost a lot of money and if I cash it out I have to pay a penalty. Can they do this and is this fair? My accountant said even though I have a

loss, I can't deduct it on my taxes. Is he right? You are correct. I am not a fan of variable annuities and what you're experiencing is one of the reasons that I do not like them. First, the annuity company can charge you a penalty to terminate. In the majority of variable annuities, if you terminate the policy before a specific number of years, the

company can legally charge you a penalty. The reason annuity companies have such high penalties is because they pay high commissions to salespeople who sell them. One reason variable annuities are pushed by financial salespeople is because they pay some of the highest commissions in the financial world. In addition to the high up-front commissions,

many companies also offer salespeople a variety of sale incentives. When the variable annuity insurance companies give sales people free trips for selling their product, who do you think is actually paying for the trip? You — the investor. In addition to up-front commissions and back-end penalties, variable annuities also charge high on-going fees. Is it fair to charge high fees? I don't think so, however, fairness does not enter into the equation when it comes to the financial salespeople or the variable annuity company.

There are some variable annuities issued by companies such as Charles Schwab and Vanguard that have very low fees and no exit penalties. You can take your money out any time without penalty. Of course, these policies don't pay commission or give sales incentives. As to the tax consequences, your accountant is correct. One of the downsides of this product is you cannot deduct losses from your tax return. In today's difficult market, the negatives of variable annuities are certainly highlighted. However, even in a good market, variable annuities still are a poor investment choice for the great majority of investors. Dear Rick: Do you have any idea when the market will begin to go up?

I wish I had a crystal ball. I don't. No one does. However, I do know that we have experienced many downturns and the market has come back from every one. As difficult as it is, my recommendation is — for investors who have well-balanced and diversified portfolios — don't panic and bail out. History has shown that investors who maintain a discipline during difficult markets are rewarded. No one has been successful in timing the market and as Warren Buffett, one of the nation's greatest investors once said: "The hall of fame of market timers is empty." For the portfolios that my firm manages, we have always maintained a position, not only in equities, but also fixed-income investments. It cushions the blow when we go through difficult times. Of course, the allocation in fixed income investments depends upon the individual investor's time horizon. Market downturns are normal and always painful. When establishing a portfolio, always take market downturns into consideration.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.



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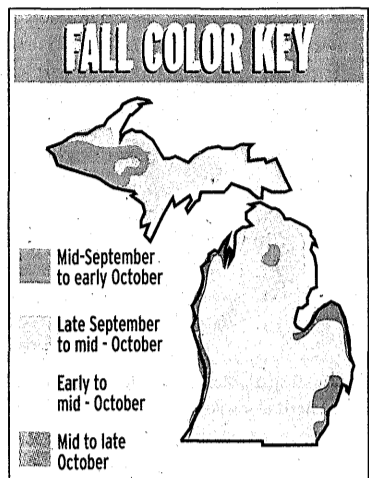
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OUR VIEWS

Autumn in Michigan a season second to none

Tomorrow the autumnal equinox will take place, one of two times during the course of the year when the sun crosses the equator, and the day and night are of equal length. It will also mark the official end of summer. But do not mourn its passing.

Here in Michigan, we are about to enter a glorious time of year, when our state puts on a show that can steal your breath away, when our forests light up in a blaze of color that can make any artist jealous with envy. A time of invigorating cool days and crisp nights that draw out our sweaters from their summer slumber. A time of hay rides, trips to the cider mill and football games.



There is nothing like autumn in Michigan.

Even though gas prices are high, you don't have to travel far to get a glimpse of Michigan at its finest. A tank of gas will get you to most places in the state, whether you want to travel to our magnificent northern forests or farm country closer to home.

If you don't want to burn a whole tank of gas, you actually don't even have to leave metro Detroit. There are plenty of places to take a nice drive close to home — places like Hines Park in Wayne County or through one of the many Huron-Clinton Metroparks. And, of course, you can also visit one of the many cider mills that call our region home — there aren't many better ways to celebrate fall than with a glass of hot cider and a fresh doughnut.

If you are looking for ideas about where to take a drive, a good place to start is by visiting the Web site www.michigan.org. The site includes weekly fall color updates, places for scenic driving tours and a calendar of autumn festival highlights around Michigan.

Truth be told, you don't even need a car to enjoy the splendor of fall. Get out and take a walk or ride your bike. Most communities have plenty of public parks that put on a show of their own. Even a stroll down Main Street can soothe the soul when autumn colors are in full bloom.

Perhaps the only downer about autumn in Michigan is that it is too short. And we all know what comes next. But let's not think about that *other* season. Let's enjoy autumn while it's here.

Cruisin' is done, and oh, what a ride

It's hard to believe that the time from May to September has passed us by and the CRUZ'N season is finished for 2008.

Vacations are over, the Gratiot and Woodward cruises are just a memory, the kids are back in school, days are getting shorter and we'll be putting our rides away until next summer.

The fifth season for CRUZ'N 528 Car Show was a great success, with some great looking rides in attendance. Our biggest night saw 125 rides, with an average of 70 cruisers each Wednesday. Even the "Monkee Mobile," owned by Mel Guthrie of Guthrie Lumber of Livonia, made an appearance.

The cruisers enjoyed the camaraderie, bench racing, tall tales and the participation plaque that was awarded to one cruiser each Wednesday from all the registered cars; there were fabulous door prizes, 50/50 drawing (the largest was \$350 with an average 50/50 of \$140); along with extra prizes given away, which were supplied by our sponsors, like T-shirts & Hats, surprise bags loaded with goodies from Meguire's, Stoner, Belle Tire and more.

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Thank you to all the VVA and VFW volunteers for their help in show setup, registration, cooking, cashier, 50/50, raffle and door prizes, show photos, radio coverage and many other jobs.

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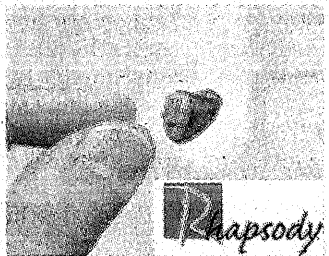


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Salem's strong effort falls short, 17-14

Sidelines

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Salem football coach Parker Salowich would have been armed with a rewind device Friday night, he would have used it four times during the Rocks' KLAAC Central clash with Novi.

Salem outgained the Wildcats nearly three-to-one in total yardage, yet was victimized by a handful of pivotal plays in a numbing 17-14 loss in a game played on the PCEP junior varsity football field.



Mullins

though we lost, this team turned the corner tonight. The kids remained positive and continued to play hard even when we fell behind 10-0, and I attribute that to our senior leader-

The setback dropped the Rocks to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the Central. Novi improved to 3-1 and 2-0, respectively.

"If we could have four plays back, we would have won going away," emphasized Salowich. "Even

ship and the hard work everybody has been putting in."

Senior running back Anthony Mullins enjoyed a breakout game for the Rocks, rushing for 140 yards on 25 carries and one TD.

"We kept feeding him the ball and he ran really hard with great pad level," said Salowich of Mullins. "Our offensive line was dominant tonight. They took a step toward the potential we all knew they had."

Paving the way for Mullins' big night were tackles Drew Grabowski and Blake Abbey; guards Ed Merhi and Dana Baltazar; and

center Zach Pelech.

Novi opened the scoring mid-way through the second quarter when Chris Bellamy scored on a short run to make it 7-0.

Wildcat senior kicker Dan Kilger elevated Novi's halftime lead to 10-0 with a 20-yard field goal a short time before the intermission.

Salem hit paydirt for the first time early in the fourth quarter when Mullins bulldozed in from six yards out to bring the Rocks to within 10-7.

Please see SALEM, B3

Whalers drop opener, 4-2

A sluggish start doomed the Plymouth Whalers in Friday night's season-opener at Kitchener.

The Whalers fell behind 2-0 in first period and never recovered, dropping a 4-2 decision to the Rangers.



Jeff Skinner, the Rangers' first-round pick in last

spring's Ontario Hockey League draft, proved to be the catalyst as he tallied three points in his OHL debut.

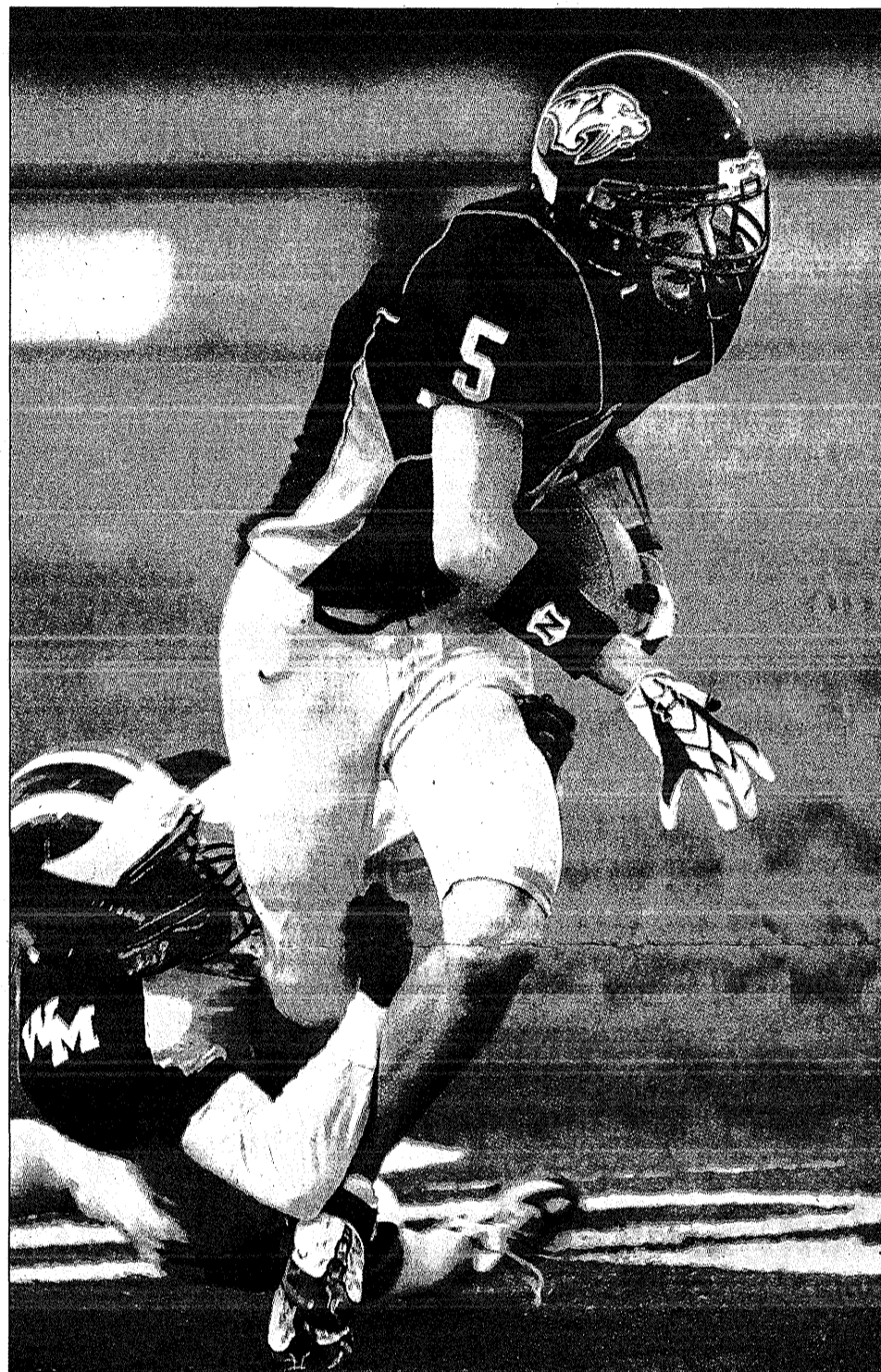
Veteran Kitchener forward Scott Timmins ignited the night's scoring with a power-play lamp-lighter off an assist from Skinner with 1:55 left in the opening stanza. Timmins struck again 1:50 later with another power-play tally that was assisted by Jason Akeson and Ben Shutron.

The hosts extended their lead to 3-0 4:21 into the second period on Skinner's first OHL goal.

Six minutes later he scored again to make it 4-0. Monroe native R.J. Mahalak accounted for both Whaler goals — one with 5:18 left in the second and the other at the 12:21 mark of the third.

Tyler J. Brown and Joe Gaynor picked up helpers on Mahalak's first goal while Ryan Hayes and Vern Cooper assisted on the second.

Skinner, Timmins and Mahalak were voted the game's three stars.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Travis Mewton returns an interception during Friday night's 38-8 Wildcat victory over Wayne Memorial. Altogether, the Wildcats forced six turnovers — three fumbles and three interceptions.

CASHIN' IN 'Cats make Zebras pay for TO's, 38-8

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a defense like Plymouth's that refers to forced turnovers as "money balls", Friday night's game against Wayne Memorial was like winning the Mega Millions lottery.

The Wildcats stole the ball from the Zebras six times — three fumble recoveries and a trio of interceptions — in their 38-8 rout at the PCEP varsity football stadium.

The turnover-fest/victory improved Plymouth to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras slipped to 0-4 and 0-2, respectively.

"We work on forcing turnovers every practice — we call it the 'turnover period'," explained Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "We work on stripping the ball and we want to intercept the ball, not knock it down."

The Zebras had a hard time moving the ball even when they did hang on to it as Plymouth outgained them 390-155 in total yards. The lop-sided numbers are extra impressive considering Plymouth played the entire first half without its first-string running back — senior Terrance Guthridge — and the entire game without its best defensive lineman — junior Darrell Cohn.

"We worked on a lot of fundamentals after last week's game (a 26-16 loss to Canton)," said Sawchuk. "We worked mainly on the defensive line squeezing and not coming up field so much. The kids were focused all week and my assistant coaches did a great job of coaching them up."

Wayne's first three drives were halted by a pair of give-aways and a failed fourth-down conversion from the Wildcats' 31.

"We had some opportunities early, but we failed to make plays and you have to

Please see PLYMOUTH, B3

Rockets stun Canton in overtime thriller

Westland John Glenn raised more than a few eyebrows Friday night, rolling the dice with a two-point conversion play in overtime to stun state-ranked Canton, 36-35.

The host Rockets, who scored just six points after starting the season 0-2, have won two straight are now 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (tied with Livonia Franklin for the lead).

Canton (3-1, 1-1) sent the game into OT with a nine-play, 80-yard drive capped by Rohn Gaudi's 3-yard touchdown run with 2:28

left in regulation followed by Dan Stoney's fourth-straight extra point to make it 28-all.

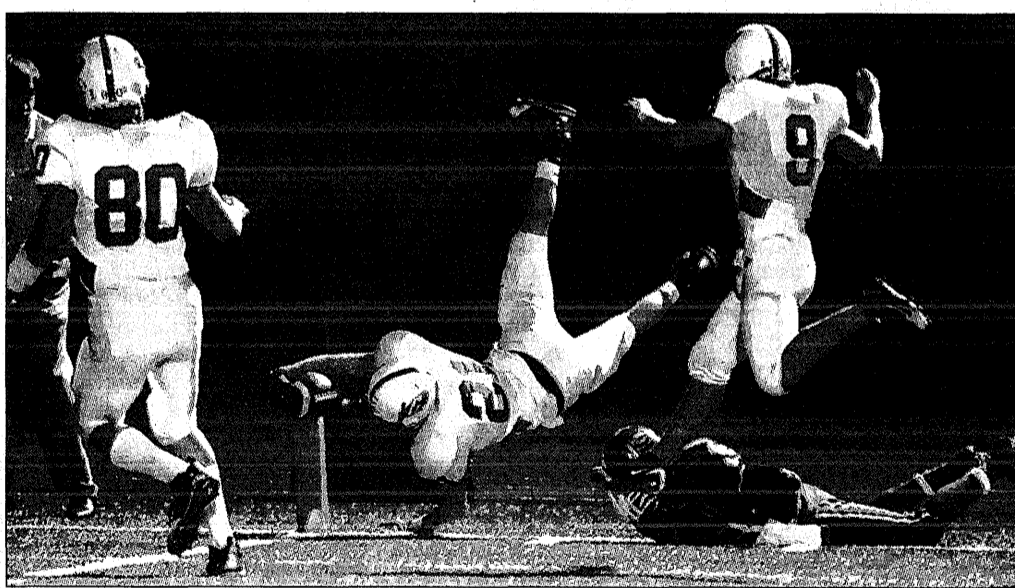
Glenn won the coin flip and elected to go on defense in OT.

Canton scored on Gaudi's 6-yard run and Stoney converted the point-after to make it 35-28, the Chiefs' first lead of the night.

Glenn answered on the second play of its offensive series when quarterback Jerome Scales scored on a 5-yard run.

The Rockets' rookie coach Tim

Please see CANTON, B2



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton running back Rohn Gaudi was ruled out of bounds at the 1-yard line on this run Friday night against Westland John Glenn. The Chiefs scored on the next play, but eventually dropped a thrilling 36-35 overtime decision to the Rockets.

He singled out a 25-yard "screamer" by Kate Gilbert as one of the Schoolcraft highlights. Assisting on the goal was Stephanie Gutowski. Also scoring for Schoolcraft were Canton's Clare Baptist (Plymouth) and Tara Pietela.

Against Albion, Ally King (Livonia Stevenson) scored from Katie Shull (Canton/Salem) late in the first half to even the match at 1-1 and both teams played a scoreless second half.

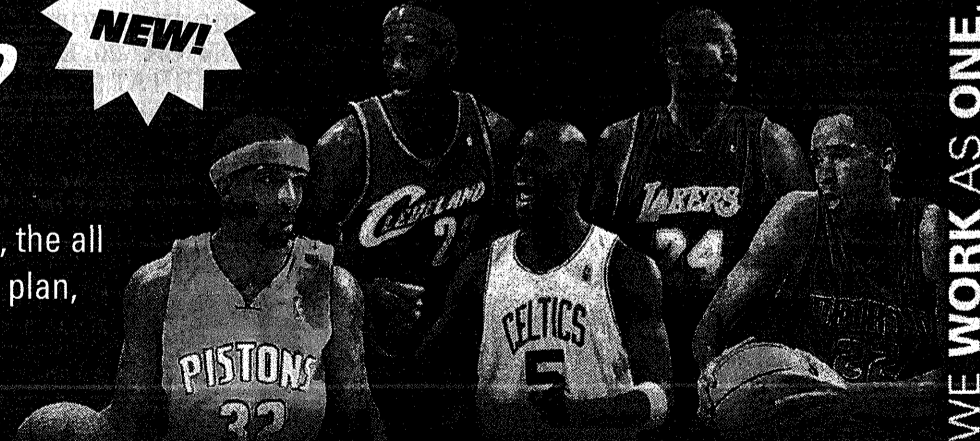
"We had several chances that we just didn't capitalize on," Shivraman said.

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TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 Sept. 17 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Pat Onoro (P) defeated David McCown, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Matt Dwan (P) def. Jesse English, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Kevin Sample (WM) def. Wen Ning, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Andy Mitchell-Alex Berk (P) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Tom Eggleston-John Lopus (P) def. Stephen Gust-Josh Estep, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt (P) def. John McTigue-C.J. Kulas, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Cheng Chen-Grant Senkbiel (P) def. Stephen McNamara-Mike Tombs, 6-0, 6-0.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 5-1 overall, 4-1 in KLAAsouth.

SALEM 5 SOUTH LYON 4 Sept. 16 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Doohak Kim, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Brock Foster (S) def. Willie Spears, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Dion Walker (S) def. Kyle Gordon, 6-2, 2-2 (retired); No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Mike Delizio, 6-4, 7-6.
No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (S) def. Colin Johnston-Andrew Martella, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Kyle Sitar-Alex Whybra (SL) def. Andy Steinman-Jose Peres, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: George Wellmer-Jared Timm (SL) def. Surya Nagarajan-Mike Keum, 7-6, 6-0; No. 4: Kyle Wilson-Matt Berbuscus (SL) def. Tyler Foley-Zenik Pelekh, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; No. 5: Tom Slankard-Eric Quang (SL) def. Alex Porambo-Vishnu Rajendran, 6-2, 6-2.

SALEM 8 SOUTH LYON EAST 1 Sept. 17 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (S) defeated Kevin Renehan, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; No. 2: Brock Foster (S) def. Chris Kyanko, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Tudor Bohmaba (SLE) def. Dion Walker, 6-1, 6-4; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Ryan Dennison, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (S) def. Brooks Emke-Robert Romeo, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Andy Steinman-Jose Peres (S) def. Matt Stanulet-Evan Bischoff, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Surya Nagarajan-Michael Keum (S) def. Jared Slanski-Tyler Foley (S) def. Nick Charney-Nash Saravanan, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Bohdan Pelekh-Greg Selewski (S) def. Bobby Brothers-Brandon Kulsman, 6-1, 6-0.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 Tuesday at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (C) defeated David McCown, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Liedel (C) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Jesse English, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. C.J. Kulas, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindlbauer (C) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: David Ding-Adam Payne (C) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Santosh Shanmuga-Ahvi Katti (C) def. Stephen Gush-Josh Estep, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: John Mosley-Jimmy LaFontaine (C) def. Justin Iler-Jacob Bean, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Steve Lee-Austin Payne (C) def. Josh Higgs-Michael Battaliga, 6-0, 6-1.

CANTON 9 JOHN GLENN 0 Wednesday at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (C) def. Zach Ernat, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Liedel (C) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Khari Stargell, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) won by default.
No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindlbauer (C) def. Zach Edwards-Mitch Bean, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: David Ding-Adam Payne (C) def. Asif Sheikh-Carlo Tejada, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Santosh Shanmuga-Ahvi Katti (C) def. Jacob Tozminia-Tommy Buerk, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: John Mosley-Jimmy LaFontaine (C) def. David Wilton-Wayne Woodard, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Steve Lee-Austin Payne (C) def. Karl Lawrence-Nick Stone, 6-1, 6-1.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 5-0.

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'Cats ready to make waves in KLAAsouth

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Palczynski second day of the meet again this year,

Plymouth's girls swimming and diving team should be a major player in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division thanks to strong senior leadership and an enviable amount of depth.
"Our overall outlook is positive," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "We will be competitive in the new division and I

expect we will have close meets."
The Wildcats will be led by senior captains Lauren Maslyk and Elle Palczynski.
"Elle has already made her state cut in the 100 breaststroke and I look for her to make it back for the second day of the meet again this year," said Schade.

Plymouth's junior class will be headed by Sijia Hao, Michelle Chang, Chantel Cote, Kim Snyder and Madison Tustian.
Among contributing sophomores will be Rachel Huhta, Paige Stevens, Abby Kelly and Kay Borst, who is the team's top diver.
The top new comer is freshman Stephanie Matsui, who has already registered three key performances in the Wildcats' first three dual meets.

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SWIM RESULTS

JOHN GLENN 112 PLYMOUTH 73 Thursday at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:01.21; 2. Plymouth, 2:01.83; 3. John Glenn, 2:13.35.
200 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (JG), 2:08.39; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:14.89; 3. Rachael Alholinna (JG), 2:16.94.
200 IM: 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 2:20.19; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:24.14; 3. Kalli Aloisi (JG), 2:35.78.
50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (JG), 26.48; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 26.98; 3. Chantelle Cote (P), 27.74.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (JG), 210 points; 2. Jennie Humbach (JG), 170.80; 3. Katy Harris (JG), 157.60.
100 butterfly: 1. Khiry Sparks (JG), 1:07.41; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:07.48; 3. Margaret Wright (JG), 1:15.70.

100 freestyle: 1. Casey Peterson (JG), 59.02; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:01.05; 3. Jessica Fielhauer (JG), 1:01.18.
500 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (JG), 5:34.65; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 5:36.07; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 6:06.45.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Ellen Palczynski, Stephanie Matsui, Lauren Maslyk, Abby Kelly), 1:49.87; 2. John Glenn, 1:53.84; 3. John Glenn, 1:54.10.
100 backstroke: 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:07.46; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:10.28; 3. Rachel Huhta (P), 1:10.70.
100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:10.86; 2. Casey Peterson (JG), 1:14.55; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 1:19.57.
400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Kalli Aloisi, Ashley Sells, Khiry Sparks, Jordan Burgess), 3:58.77; 2. Plymouth, 4:01.21; 3. John Glenn, 4:27.14.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-3.

NORTHVILLE 102 SALEM 81 Wednesday at Northville
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Rachel Brown, Kelly Burford, Becca Myers, Jessica Weber), 1:58.45; 2. Salem, 2:02.86; 3. Northville, 2:05.69.
200 freestyle: 1. Lauren Seroka (S), 1:59.22; 2. Leah Erlandson (N), 2:09.77; 3. Rachel Brown (N), 2:09.89.
200 IM: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 2:19.33; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:20.73; 3. Shannon Lohman (N), 2:21.72.
50 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 25.37; 2. Becca Myers (N), 26.64; 3. Faith Miller (N), 27.61.
1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 214.80 points; 2. Jennifer Jones (N), 158.75; 3. Lauren Bennett (S), 109.40.
100 butterfly: 1. Shannon Lohman (N), 1:02.57; 2. Emily Bair (S), 1:02.86; 3. Faith Miller (N), 1:06.18.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 26 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 23 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Novi, 7 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26 PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m. Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 23 Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Roper at PCA, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, TBA Salem at Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 23 Plymouth at Canton at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. Novi at Salem at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 Plymouth boys at Falcon Invite, TBA Plymouth and Salem girls at Hasslet Invite, TBA
BOYS TENNIS Monday, Sept. 22 Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m. South Lyon at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 Salem at Woodhaven Warrior Classic, 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF Monday, Sept. 22 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. South Lyon East at Salem at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn at Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24 John Glenn at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. Northville at Salem at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26 Plymouth at Franklin, 3 p.m. Salem at Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. Canton at Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING Wednesday, Sept. 24 Franklin at Plymouth at Salem pool, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25 Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 Rock Mauer Invitational at Salem, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 23 Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27 S'craft at Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.), TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 24 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 4 p.m. Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m. Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Sept. 21 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Rampaging Savages help Rocks KO Mustangs, 2-0

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A couple of Savages turned Salem's boys soccer team into a beast Thursday night against Northville.
Lachlan Savage scored two second-half goals — both of which were assisted by junior Sal Savage (no relation) — to lead the Rocks to a 2-0 triumph over the visiting Mustangs on a perfect autumn night for soccer.

The victory boosted the No. 1-ranked Rocks to 13-0-2 overall and 4-0-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. Northville slipped to 8-3 and 3-3, respectively.

Lachlan Savage's first net-minder came at the 23:56 mark of the second half when he secured a pin-point centering pass from his namesake and ripped a shot past the Mustang net-minder.

Just over 11 minutes later, the Savages tormented the Mustangs again when they pulled nearly an identical goal, although the pass came from the opposite side.
"Both of those goals were English Premier First Division-

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caliber goals," beamed Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Those guys are really working well together.
"I thought our back-line did a great job tonight, too. Tonight was probably our best all-around defensive effort this season."

Salem junior keeper Sasa Miskovic notched the shutout thanks to a great effort from his supporting cast, namely defenders Matt Calupina, Kevin Cope and Jace Bearden. Jeremy Stoychoff and Dan Radosevich excelled in the middle of the pitch for the winners.

The Rocks relentless schedule against state-ranked teams doesn't get any easier. They travel to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night to take on the Spartans, who sit atop the KLAAs Central with a 5-0-1 mark.
"Playing a demanding schedule like we have is certainly exciting on one standpoint, but the guys start to get worn down after so many tough matches," said McCarthy. "Hopefully, in the long run, it prepares us

for the post-season — that's the ultimate goal. As long as we stay healthy, we should be ready for the playoffs."

CANTON 4, FRANKLIN 0: Four different players scored Thursday as the Chiefs (7-3-3, 5-1) stayed in the KLAAsouth Division title hunt with a win at Livonia Franklin (1-9-1, 1-4-1).

Scott Zech, Joe Krizanek, Sherif Hassanien and Matt Edwards tallied goals for Canton.

Goalkeepers Nick Turnbull and Kai Walther combined for the shutout for the Chiefs, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Franklin starting goalkeeper Brad Mangune left the game with 30 minutes remaining when he took a knee to the ribs. Josh Sheppard finished up.

The Patriots got strong play from sweeper Steve Trapp, along with center-midfielders Zain Qureshi and Chad Rordon, according to coach Vic Rodopoulos.

JOHN GLENN 3, PLYMOUTH 2: It was a signature win Thursday for the Westland John Glenn boys soccer program.

The Rockets earned a one-goal victory over visiting

Plymouth to improve to 4-8-1 overall and 3-3 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

All the scoring came during the second half as Glenn took a 1-0 lead in the 42nd minute on Sergio Pavan's goal from Jacob Gates. At the 56th minute, Khalid Suleiman scored from Nelson Kenne to make it 2-0 before Plymouth's Vinh Nguyen answered two minutes later on a penalty kick.

Kenne's unassisted goal with 23 minutes left, a free kick inside of 18 yards, proved to be the game-winner.

Plymouth's Daniel Jasewicz cut the deficit to one-goal with 20 minutes remaining.

"This is our first surprise, it's the best game we've played in three years since I've been here," said first-year Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada. "We traveled very strong defense. The second half we controlled it. I'm very happy and it's an important win."

Zach Redden stood out in goal for the Rockets, who avenged a 4-0 setback to the Wildcats (5-7-1, 2-3-1) back on Sept. 2.

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Salem spikers sweep Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's volleyball team served noticed Tuesday night that it should be a force to be reckoned with in 2008.

In a KLAAs cross-over match at Plymouth, the Rocks swept the Wildcats: 25-20, 25-20 and 26-28, to improve to 7-1 on the season.

Plymouth slipped to 4-4-2. "Salem served us off the court," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We could not get a target pass to save our lives. When our reception was on, we got kills every time, but unfortunately, my three primary passers were off."

"Nicole Merget for Salem was great. She has really improved and seems to be their

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go-to hitter right now. Jansan Falcusan, as usual, ran the court as general and she got to second balls that we thought could have been points for us."

Merget compiled 18 kills, five digs and three aces. Falcusan added 20 digs, 32 set assists and three aces while Kerry MacDonald registered 17 digs.

"I thought we played very, very well," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Nicole's attack caused Plymouth a lot of problems."

Katie Salo turned in a solid effort for the Wildcats, notching 22 assists and 10 digs. Also shining for the 'Cats were Briana Beyer (22 digs) and

Kayla Bridge, who racked up eight kills and nine digs.

'Cats' 0-2-2 at Pinckney

Plymouth's volleyball team went 0-2-2 at Saturday's Pinckney Invitational.

The Wildcats dropped the first match, 26-24 and 25-12 to the host Pirates before splitting with Ann Arbor Huron (23-25 and 25-22) and West Bloomfield (25-16 and 22-25).

Plymouth dropped its first match of the playoffs, 25-22 and 25-23, to Pinckney.

Leading the Wildcats were Briana Beyer (47 digs) Kayla Bridge (27 kills and 19 digs), Mandy McManus (24 kills) and Katie Salo, who recorded 63 assists and 21 digs.

Beyer was named to the All-Tournament team.

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Hardin then took a page out of the Mike Shanahan playbook by going for two and the win. Junior running back Jeremy Langford then found a gaping hole in the Canton line and scored the game-winner, sending the Rockets' players and fans into a wild celebration.

Langford, a 6-foot, 185-pound junior, finished with a team-high 117 yards rushing on 21 carries. He also caught five passes for 81 yards.

Glenn bolted out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead on Langford's 11-yard run, capping an eight-play, 80-yard drive followed by Scales' 40-yard TD burst after the Rockets recovered a fumble at the Canton 40.

In the second quarter, Canton got on the board when quarterback Kevin Delapaz hit Arron Boudreaux on a 19-yard TD pass with 6:36 left, but Glenn took a 21-7 lead into intermission when Langford scored on a 12-yard run followed Anthony Reakoff's PAT.

In the third period, Canton pulled to within 21-14 when Delapaz scored on a 5-yard run and the Chiefs pulled even at 21 with 8:38 left in the game when Kiere Daniels scored on a 4-yard run to cap a seven-play, 75-yard drive.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Glenn's Kyren Boyd raced 91 yards for school-record TD (tying the mark held by Brandon Pratt set in 2005).

Canton had the edge in total offense, 308-271, as Gaudi rushed for 126 yards on 21 attempts.

The Chiefs also had the edge in first downs, 16-13.



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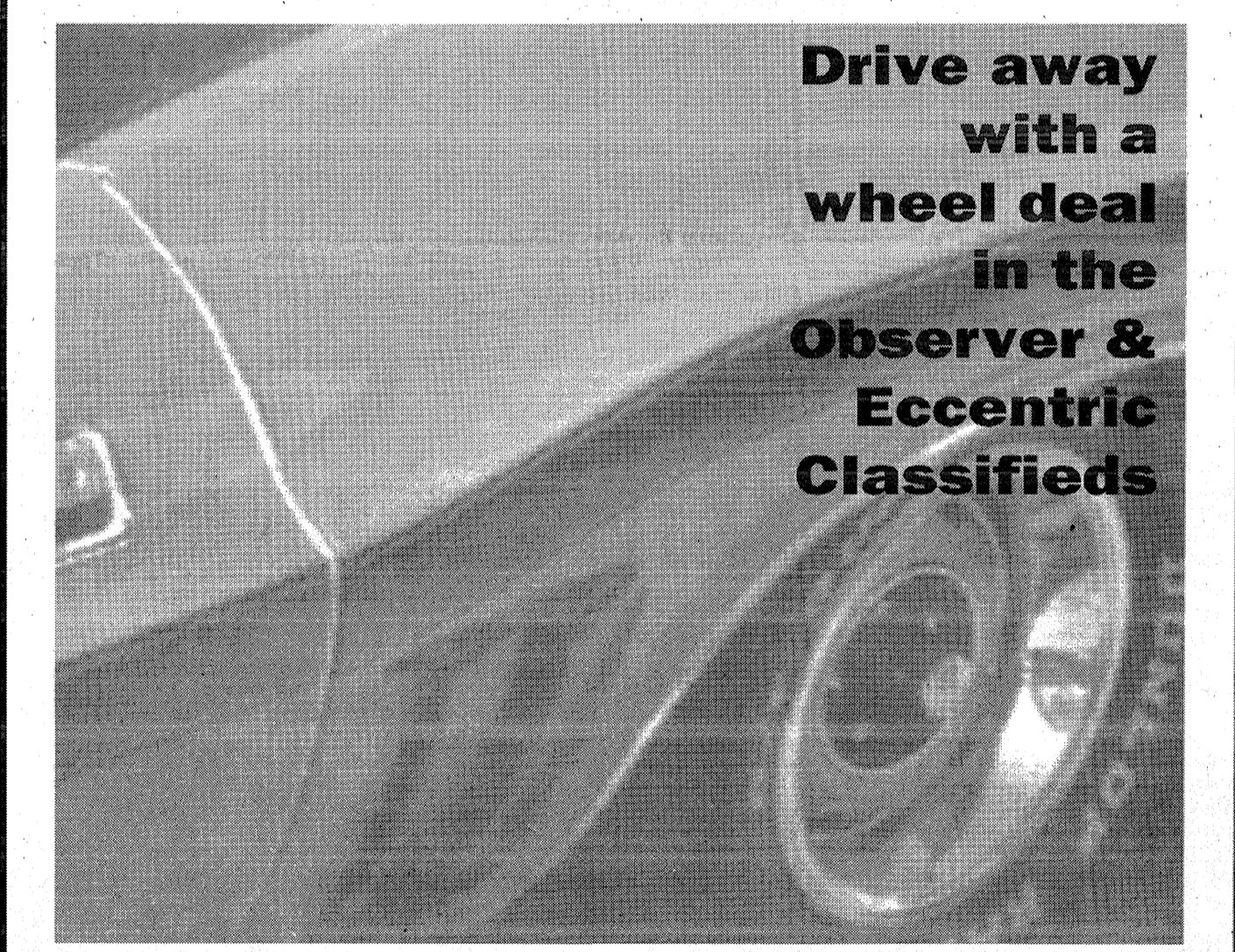
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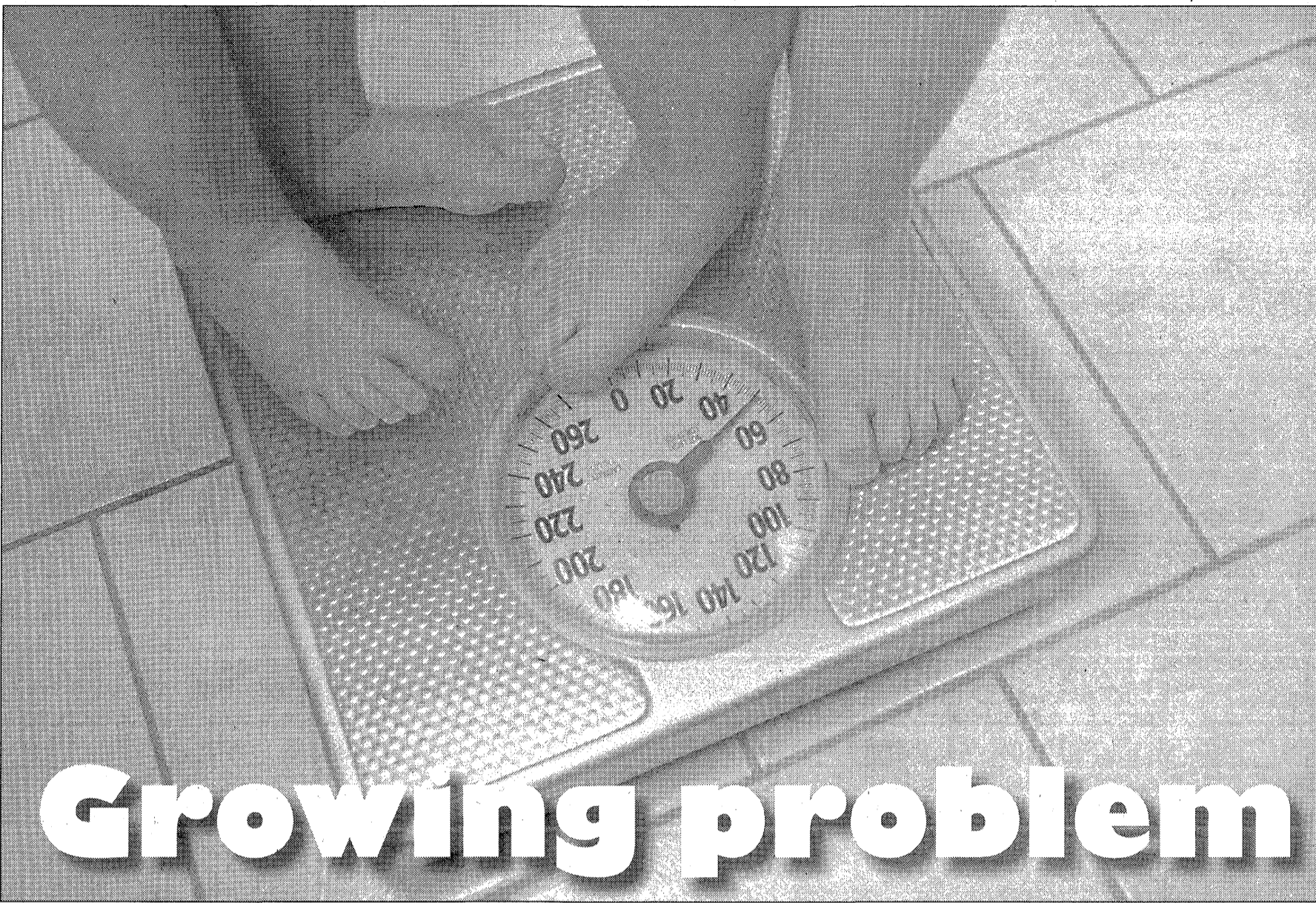
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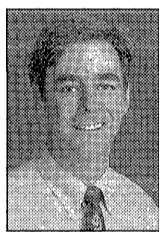
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An internationally recognized authority on childhood obesity, Robinson is a widely respected researcher at Stanford University as well as a pediatrician. He talks about the subject as keynote speaker for the Fighting Childhood Obesity conference Saturday, Sept. 27, at Oakland Schools in Waterford.

Robinson is professor of pediatrics and medicine in the division of General Pediatrics and the Stanford Prevention Research Center at the School of Medicine, and director of the Center for Healthy Weight at Stanford University and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Calif. "It's not just a cosmetic issue," said Robinson. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prediction is kids being born this decade, 1 in 3 is projected to have diabetes in their lifetime, an African-American or Latino girl is 1 in 2, and that's just one of the health consequences. In addition we're seeing non alcoholic fatty liver disease, which in a quarter of cases can progress to cirrhosis, indistinguishable from alcohol cirrhosis and the number one reason for liver transplants in the not too distant future."

Marcia Gershenson is so concerned about the ramifications of increasing childhood obesity the Oakland County Commissioner is working with government, schools and hospitals to find a solution. She's inviting parents, children, teachers and health care workers to attend the sessions on nutrition, fitness and the psychology of overeating. A scholarship is available for those who can't afford the \$10 conference fee.

"We want to show how do you shop economically and healthy when both parents work," said Gershenson, a former school teacher. "This is a population we really need to get to. This is the first generation of children facing adult diseases like heart



Robinson

disease and diabetes. We've become a computerized culture. Physical education is not stressed." Robinson blames the fast food industry for part of the increase in obesity, but technology such as the microwave has also made it easy for children to eat fatty, processed foods. India and China are experiencing similar problems because of Westernization of their lifestyle.

"There are thousands of causes but in general we've created a society in which we have very inexpensive, highly palatable, tasty food that's everywhere, 64-ounce sodas packed with calories, and we've engineered opportunities for less physical activity. Because of the invention of the microwave we have food that didn't exist 20, 30 years ago.

"The food industry is spending over \$6 billion a year to advertise to children, McDonald's alone spent \$1.7 billion. We did a study with ages 3 to 5 in Headstart who were given identical foods packed in a McDonald's wrapper and a plain wrapper. Overwhelmingly asked if one tasted better, they said if they thought it was from McDonald's it tasted better. That was the case for hamburgers, chicken nuggets, milk or carrots."

Since Robinson completed his medical residency in 1991, he's watched the numbers of obese children rise and decided to make the crisis the focus of his life's work.

"Obesity is manifesting earlier and earlier and carrying into their adults lives," said Robinson, who grew up eating fresh vegetables and fruits in Birmingham. He's a product of Cranbrook's Brookside School in Bloomfield Hills. "Kids at the upper spectrum are much larger and heavier. A child comes in and we measure and weigh them and parents don't realize they're overweight because they look like other kids. Parents worry because they look too thin. It's obvious to most people we've seen a dramatic increase in the population as a whole to the point where people look at kids who seem to be quite heavy and they seem to be the norm."

For too long, Robinson said, medical authorities have preached about the consequences of obesity without seeing results.

"We have to come up with meth-

ods that are fun and rewarding and promoting health," said Robinson. "We've done some work to get kids excited about watching less TV which reduced the amount of eating in front of TV and was replaced with more activity. We're doing after school ethnic dance classes for girls in Oakland with hip hop and traditional African dance, in Redwood City with Mexican folklorico. We started an after school sports league for just overweight kids who are usually the last one picked and slowest one on the field, and compared them to other kids on a regular sports league and they lost more weight."

Robinson tries to apply his beliefs to his life as well.

"I don't go to the gym, I like activities like mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding in winter," said Robinson. "It's important parents expose kids to fresh fruits and vegetables. I enjoy gardening and growing my own food so that makes it more fun to eat. It's as much about saving ourselves as saving the planet. If we eat more fruits and vegetables and less meat it's a smaller carbon footprint. The environmental damage from hamburgers alone in the U.S. is greater than that from all of the sports utility vehicles because of all the land required, all the methane released. Some people may not change their lifestyle because of their health, but may change their diet because it has an impact on the environment. It's certainly in the best interest of the auto industry to look for ways to reduce the rate of obesity and in so doing the cost of health care."

Dr. Paul Ehrmann is as concerned as Robinson about the growing number of obese children. As a family physician he's seen weight skyrocket over the last 27 years. That's why he founded the Children's Health Initiative Program (www.chipkids.com), the topic of his session on Sept. 27. Ehrmann, a West Bloomfield resident, was recently honored as one of Crain's Health Care Heroes. His book, "Generation XL - The Childhood Obesity Pandemic: A Community Based Solution," tells how to implement the no-cost, 5-week CHIP program. It is due out at year's end. So far three pilot programs have involved himself, a psychologist, registered dietitian and physical therapist covering the topics of nutrition, positive lifestyle modi-

FIGHTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

What: Conference features topics ranging from fitness and movement to cooking with your kids to eating locally. Separate children's program available

When: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Where: Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children, maximum \$30 per family. Scholarships available. To register, visit www.oakland.k12.mi.us, click on Register for Parent Events under Families, and then on the event. For information, call Marcia Gershenson at (248) 808-1032 or Clare Cheesman at (248) 858-0539 or e-mail cheesmanc@oakgov.com

fication and the psychology behind weight gain.

"It takes a grassroots core of people to develop and implement the ideas," said Ehrmann. "I tried to get people at the table from four different areas in the community — health, business, education and municipal government — to get a no cost program that would be delivered by our health instructor team. The beauty of the program is it's not a grant based program. It's funded by voluntary business donations through the local chamber. So far it's been done in Royal Oak, Southfield and Flat Rock. It's all voluntary. The community has to be engaged. We get them started and then get out of the way."

Ehrmann admits the CHIP program is a start not a solution.

"Five weeks doesn't make a lifetime. We need to sustain the information we give to the kids and parents, but we need first to get mom and dad on board. I'm going to take people through the program, hopefully inspire people there to say, 'hey we want to get involved.'"

Ehrmann says he's like the bottle carrying the message.

"We need to get involved with this issue because it's going to affect our children," said Ehrmann. "25 to 35 percent of our children are overweight or obese. There are 10 to 15 million children that need help. The amount of overweight children has quadrupled over the last 40 years. I think it has to be a national movement in terms of cost and health. They're projecting \$4 trillion in health care costs. 70 percent of all chronic illness is preventable. Prevention is much easier than treating disease."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Ovarian cancer walk

Janis Warren Walk for Ovarian Cancer 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Drake Sports Park, 6801 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Proceeds go to cancer research at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. For more information, visit janiswalk.org.

Health fair/open house

1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Crohn's fund-raiser

In memory of Jessica Rowe who died from complications of Crohn's disease a little over a year ago at age 25, Mini-Golf Outing 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at PUTTERZ miniature golf and games, 2675 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti. All proceeds donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Call Pat at (734) 434-283, Roger (313) 608-4903, or Sharon (734) 788-6391 for information.

Charity ride

Annual David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride Sunday, Sept. 21, includes raffle drawing for a custom designed Harley Davidson-powered motorcycle, and fully-escorted, scenic 50-mile ride through northern Oakland County back roads and the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at DTE Energy Theatre. Registration \$30 driver, \$25 passenger, includes lawn seat concert ticket, lunch. Since concert tickets are limited, pre-registration encouraged. Visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-8222. Proceeds support Michigan families battling leukemia and lymphoma through support services provided by Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

AIDS Walk Michigan

Presented by the HIV/AIDS Resource Center and Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan Sunday, Sept. 21, a 5K walk through downtown Ann Arbor. Event kicks off with free registration at noon, ribbon-cutting 1 p.m. This is a fun-filled, heart-warming day for kids, adults and pets. To register individually, as a team or to volunteer, visit www.aidswalkmichigan.org.

Secret of health

With Lorraine Stefano 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, (734) 432-5804 or www.madonna.edu. For information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrium.com.

Mothers, daughters, sisters luncheon

Geralyn Lucas, a 13-year breast cancer survivor and author of "Why I Wore Lipstick to My Mastectomy," is the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Shenandoah Golf, Banquet & Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. Proceeds benefit the future Françoise & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, opening spring 2009. Tickets \$100; boutique shopping and valet parking included. For tickets or details, call (248) 853-3636.

Free foot screenings

Some 82,000 Americans lose feet or limbs to diabetes each year. The American Diabetes Association offers free foot screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 23 Michigan locations. Local podiatrists volunteer time to conduct exams and answer questions. To find a site or for information, call 1-888-DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org/detroit.

Autism open house

Enjoy a free evening of food, education and networking for families and friends affected by autism and other developmental disabilities 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Autism Connections, 42627 Garfield, Suite 214, Clinton Twp. Come hear presentations, tour the facility and learn about resources and services offered. Children's activities also available. Judson Center and The Detroit Institute for Children (DIC) partner together to provide comprehensive services for families of children with autism and other developmental disabilities through Autism Connections. For information or to RSVP, call (313) 578-4514 or e-mail leigh.keiper@detroitchildren.org.

Heart to heart du Vintage

Gala fund-raiser with strolling dinner, live auction, music by Simon Vitale band, and a chance to view limited edition classic cars from Peter Minirelli's private collection 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Franklin Hills Country Club. The evening helps uninsured and underinsured women receive care at the Minirelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak as well as contribute to the development of women's heart services at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. Tickets \$275 per person. Patron-pair tickets \$1,000. Sponsorships available. For information, call (248) 551-9951.

An easy exercise for upper body, and quick and healthy snack options



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Vic from Royal Oak e-mailed for tips on maximizing upper body strength.

Vic, here is one that is sure to fit the bill! One arm dumbbell rows build the biceps, forearm flexors, lats, traps, rhomboids and deltoids. Just stand to the side of a bench that is elevated 30 degrees at the upper end. Kneel on the bench with the inside leg and hold the dumbbell in the outside hand with your arm extended. Using a rowing

motion, pull the dumbbell toward your chest. Lower it to the starting position.

Exhale when you lift the dumbbell and inhale when you return it to the starting position. Do 3 to 5 sets of 10 reps of this exercise using both arms. It is excellent for isolating muscles on each side of your body and developing balance in your upper torso. It just shows that rowing is good for a lot more than just moving a boat through water.

Karen from Walled Lake gets snacky in the afternoon while at work. She wonders if there is anything good she can eat instead of chips.

Karen, try some pistachio nuts or sunflower seeds. They are a great afternoon snack and good for you. In fact, a recent study found both pistachio nuts and sunflower seeds lower your cholesterol and are good for your heart. But remember, too much of a good thing can be bad.

Nuts and seeds pack 150 to 200 calories per ounce, so limit your snacking to only 1 or 2 ounces. Also, many nuts and seeds can be very salty, so look for those marked unsalted. They are better for you.

Peter Nielsen is a fitness expert and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield, and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield. If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail him at www.peternielsen.com.

P-C Steelers dominate Railsplitters

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad dominated Lincoln Saturday afternoon, 46-12, to improve its record to 3-0. The winners' ground game was led by Kyle Cameron, who followed the pancake blocks of Udayveer Singh and Owen Ash. The Steelers' defensive unit was energized by Derek Young, Cameron Stella and Avery Simms, who helped keep the 'Splitters at bay all day.

The Steelers junior varsity contingent rocked Lincoln, 34-6, as they tallied 21 points on their first three drives. Christopher Vos played well on both sides of the ball while Rodney Allen, Jr. was a force on the defensive side. Matt Ramey and Justin Sydlowski also turned in pivotal performances on defense.

Offensively, Jacob Sydlowski paced the Steelers' attack with over 100 yards rushing, while Dakota Lynn ripped off a few large gains as well.

The Steelers freshmen scored early and often in their 32-7 rout of the Railsplitters. Offensively, Kyle Burnette excelled for P/C while McKenzie Marco and Vincent VanDerRoest shined for the "Steel Curtain." Christian Peterson recovered a pair of fumbles, and Ben Smyth and Luke Walkley made life difficult for the hosts all afternoon.

Lions' varsity wins

The Canton Lions varsity squad defeated Rochester, 19-6, Sunday afternoon in a clash played at Rochester Stony Creek High School. Playing on a rain-slickened surface, the Lions were paced offensively by Malcolm Hollingsworth and Jordan Ciciotti. One of their three TD's came on a Jamarl Eiland-to-Luke Denzer scoring pass.

Defensively, the winners were led by Nate Emminger, Kyle Durham and Scott Gring.

The Lions junior-varsity contingent dropped a hard-fought 26-12 decision. Canton's touchdowns came on runs by Kenny Arnold (two yards) and Tristan Rainey, who bolted 36 yards to paydirt.

Defensive standouts included Daniel Jipping, James Hall, Evan Thomas (interception), Charles Turfe, Nathan Hamel, Tyler Langer and Forest Hall.

The Lions freshmen unit lost 20-0 in a hard-hitting contest.

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The defense received strong play from Kyreece Smith, Spence Vantiem, Evan Voyles and William Bode. Providing strong blocking for the offense were Ethan Balogh, Colton Weloch, Eric Daniels and Joseph Glunt, all of whom paved the way for Jacob Miller, Victor Abraham and Jason Arnold.

The junior freshmen gave the Redskins more than they could handle thanks to inspired play from Adam Pitcole, Preston Sokol, Nathan Hunt, Cody Tapp, Cameron Wilborn, Mason Lamarand, Jason Todd, Mathew Pelukas and Luke Bonifacio. Steven Shoats-Thomas ignited the offense late in the game with an exciting catch and run from quarterback Mitch McKenzie.

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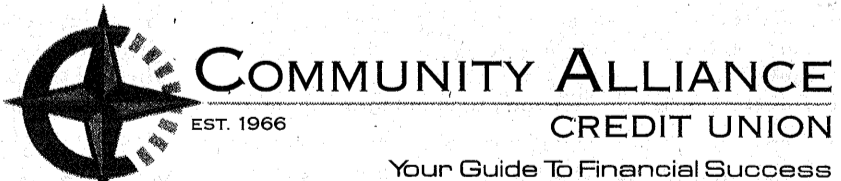
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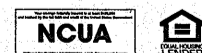
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