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### **Firefighters** want board to hire new chief

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When former Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Larry Groth retired a few years ago, Assistant Chief Mark Wendel spent some 14 months filling the position until Plymouth Township officials appointed Randv Maycock the new chief.

Wendel is again filling in
— this time for Maycock, who retired June 30 - and firefighters in the department are calling for township officials to speed up the process of replacing Maycock full time.

'We've been after them since we knew (Maycock) was going to retire," said Rick Tefend, president of the firefighters' union. "It's time to fill that job permanently."

Union members are a little disgruntled about the fact township officials and others have attached the title "Acting Chief" to Wendel's name. According to Tefend, such an appointment isn't within the township's purview without going through the Civil Service Commission, as required by Act 78, the law that governs the hiring and discipline of firefighters.

"The township board doesn't have that authority," Tefend said. "If the township wants to appoint (Wendel) acting chief, they should go through the proper channels."

Tefend attended a Civil Service Commission meeting earlier this week to make just that point. The commission, which is in the process of revising some of its rules and regulations, took the matter under advisement, pending an attorney's opinion.

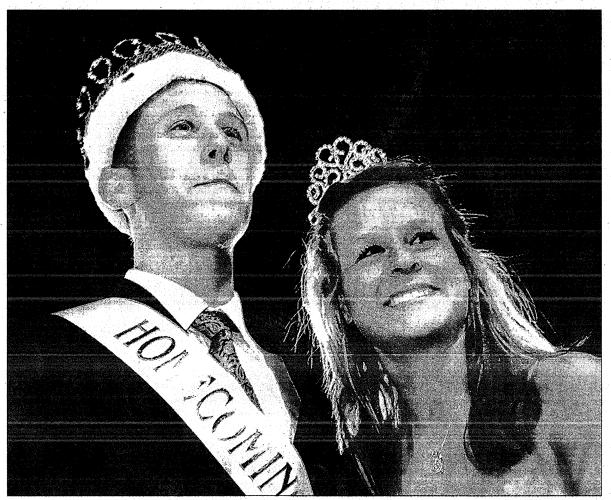
"(The union) gave us some documentation, we told them we'd review it and we agreed to get an attorney's opinion," said commission member Gary Davis. "We want the opinion of the attorney and then we'll have a discussion about it."

**Township Supervisor Richard** Reaume said it's much ado about nothing, because Wendel has not officially been appointed acting chief. He attributed the listing of Wendel as "acting fire chief" on the minutes of both the July 22 and Aug. 19 township board meetings to administrative error.

"It was a typo, a clerical error," Reaume said. "Did he receive a bump in pay? Yes. (But) he is not the acting chief."

As for replacing Maycock full time, Reaume said the firefighters shouldn't expect that move any time soon.

"These are uncertain times. and we aren't sure where we're going to be financially down the road," Reaume said. "We probably need to look at the structure of not only the fire department, but of all our departments."



### **Wildcat royalty**

Seniors TJ Madigan and Jill Brennan are Plymouth High School 2008 homecoming king and queen. The pair were crowned during halftime festivities at the P-CEP stadium where the Wildcats played the John Glenn Rockets. For results of the game, see the Observer sports section. The week's homecoming events continued Saturday night with the Plymouth High School homecoming dance.

### Farrand celebrates buth anniversary

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Students, teachers and staff young and old — were on hand Sunday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Farrand Elementary.

"It feels great to come back. The school looks great," said Ann Kuhn, former principal for 17 years who retired two years ago. "I miss the work environment and interaction with the kids and staff. It's a great school and great community."

The festivities included a flag-raising ceremony with a new American flag donated by Vietnam Veterans Chapter 582. and a new Michigan flag donated by the student council. Veterans and Boy Scout Troop P-6, which has been in the community for 52 years, participated in the flag-raising ceremony. And a new version of the Farrand school song, written by fourth- and fifth-graders, was

Principal Dana Jones helped to reveal the school's mosaic tile project.

'We raised about \$10,000 for the tile project and the new landscaping out front," Jones said. "Each student made a mosaic tile and they are displayed in big murals in the school. We had our current students and staff make them, and we had evenings where former and future students could make tiles as well to be included in the mosaics."

Among those who came back was 90-year-old Hazel Berry of Westland, who was a cafeteria worker for 20 years.



Irene Finkbeiner of Saline, a retired Farrand teacher (left), catches up on the latest with Hazel Berry of Westland, retired cafeteria manager.



**Jack Morrison of Plymouth Township** visits with current Farrand teacher Carrie McManus of Canton at the Sunday celebration. Morrison's late wife, Betty, taught at Farrand.

"I cooked from scratch," said Berry, who retired in 1976. "I ovenbaked chicken for 350 kids, made my own cinnamon rolls, my own pizza dough and sauce. I made everything from scratch, I never



Hazel Berry of Westland, retired cafeteria manager, brought along daughter Margaret Harlow of Wayne.

bought a thing.

'We had to wear white uniforms, white shoes and hair nets on our heads," she added. "I wanted to come back and see my kitchen."

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# Locals feel pinch from **Wall Street**

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When Wes Smith, CEO of automotive supplier E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth, went searching for more competitive interest rates on a line of credit, the reality of the current financial crisis hit home.

"My line of credit isn't due for several months ... and we talked with a bank that had been courting us," Smith said. "We were told that if we had a current line of credit 'consider yourself lucky' because there's little money

"Our business is healthy and we used to get money at minus prime," he added. "Now it's prime, plus. It's not like we've hit a brick wall, but the credit market is tightening up."

The result, according to Smith, is a lot of his customers have closed shop and he's had to lay off employees.

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### Clerks expecting high voter turnout

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Monday is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 general election, and clerks in Plymouth and Plymouth Township say they are busy keeping up with applications as interest is high in the race between Republican John McCain — who last week canceled an appearance in Plymouth and suspended his campaign in Michigan — and Democrat Barack Obama.

"It's been a good response, with a lot of them from college-age students," Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser said. "I think they're doing a lot of voter registration drives at the colleges, and many parents are making sure their kids are registered to vote. I hope they all vote and not just say they are registered."

Langmesser said there have been more than 100 new voter registrations in Plymouth since the August primary.

Meanwhile, Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill — who said her office mailed some 4,500 ballots — said her phones have been ringing off the hook.

"We've had considerable phone calls, even from people who are making sure they are registered," Massengill said. "All they need to bring is a driver's license. There's no reason for anyone not to vote if they have any interest in voting."

Langmesser said her office is also getting applications filled out on the Secretary of State's Web site.

"People are downloading them from the state election's Web site and they're getting faxed to the local jurisdictions," said Langmesser, who said she's sent out more than 1,200 ballots. "We put their names in the state qualified voter file and send them a card."

"I'm looking for more than 80 percent turnout in the election, which would be better than the 74 percent we had in 2004," Langmesser said. "I think it's because of the interest in the candidates and their differing opinions on the economy and other issues."

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# Cox, Clark spar over county issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Before the two candidates for the 10th County Commission seat got down to business at a candidate's forum Thursday night, forum hosts had to reiterate the standing rule that the discussion would revolve around the candidates' own views and concerns, not their view of their opponents.

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Wayne County Commission candidates Democrat Susan Clark and incumbent Republican candidate Laura Cox appeared at the forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County at the Livonia City Hall.

Clark was the first to speak, but had her opening statement cut short after she launched an attack on Cox. She was warned by forum hosts that she had

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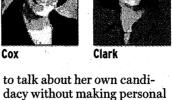
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Shortly afterward, she said the most important issues in the campaign were the economy, education and the maintenance of the lifestyles of county residents.

attacks. "I can," Clark said.

"But I'd rather talk about the

'We have to start building the Wayne County of tomorrow today," she said.

Cox said fiscal responsibility was the big issue.

We just passed a \$2.2 billion budget," she said. "We need cheap, efficient government."

Both candidates agreed the county's Web site is woefully lacking and could be better utilized for residents' convenience. Clark said the computer problem is an extension of a situation where the county has satellite offices but can't perform the full range of county business. Cox said Wayne County is 10 years behind the curve and there will be changes now that the department of technology is under her government operations committee.

The candidates differed on the news of the day, the mortgage foreclosure crisis. Cox said the county is there to

help.
"Wayne County has a partnership with mortgage companies," Cox said. "We have a program with the treasurer's office for people going through tax foreclosure."

Clark said there are limits to what the government can do.

"We should help people but I don't want to county to become a bank," she said. "The county should provide information on where people can go for help."

The 10th District is comprised of Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and part of Livonia.

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### Students get 'hands-on' to spruce up cafeteria

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

First graders at Hulsing Elementary School literally participated in a hands-on activity Monday.

As part of art class, a total of 78 first-graders walked to the cafeteria for a chance to choose either red or blue paint, which was then spread on their fingers and palms by teacher Craig Linderman. Each youngster then walked into the lunch line area where they placed their handprints on the wall.

"I never got to paint on the wall," said Kirstyn Anderson, 6, of Canton Township, who knows not to try it at home. "No, because my mom and dad won't let me."

Mark Baker, 6, of Canton was washing his hands afterward with the help of cafeteria staff.

"It was colorful and fun," he said. Hulsing cafeteria manager Pam Mack said the all-white walls were too dull, so they decid-

ed to decorate them with handprints. 'We thought we'd start with the first grad-



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What now? After making his handprint, Jeffrey Ogden looks for the sink where he'll wash his hand.

ers and I'll wipe them off after they leave fifth grade," said Mack, who then realized the water-based paint might not come off so easily after five years. "If not, we'll just have to paint over it."

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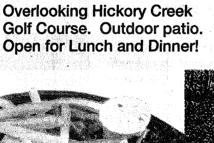
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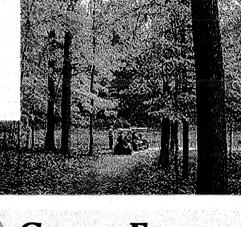
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# Playing with fire

# Production resurrects 190-year-old monster

BY KRISTIN HEITMEIER CORRESPONDENT

**Barefoot Productions pres**ents Playing With Fire (after Frankenstein), a stunning, soulful and penetrating play adapted directly after Mary Shelley's gothic horror novel, Frankenstein.

On the verge of death, Frankenstein has finally tracked down his Creature to the frozen tundra of the North Pole and is determined to destroy the malignant evil he believes he has created.

Frankenstein struggles with his conscience as he realizes his experiments have derived untold and terrible consequences for not only himself and his family, but for the Creature as well.

As their history unfolds, told in a series of flashbacks, it is clear that the Creature has become a sad, forlorn and sensitive being who wishes only to find love and acceptance, leading both the Creature and Frankenstein to question the true root of good and evil. Ultimately the exchange between Frankenstein and the Creature becomes a confrontation between parent and child, scientist and experiment, rejection and love - culminating in the Creature's agonizing question, "Why did you make me?"

was written in the 1800s, our



Barefoot Productions of Plymouth presents 'Playing With Fire (after Frankenstein),' a contemporary adaptation of Mary Shelley's gothic horror classic. Cast members include (left to right foreground): Amanda Igrisan as Elizabeth and Ken Karges as Victor Frankenstein; Matthew Williams (standing, background) as the young Victor and Nathan Corliss (background) as Adam (the young Creature).

production is a presentation of Shellev's 'contemporary' vision." said Craig Hane, Barefoot Productions' artistic director. "No big, green monster with bolts in its neck will you see here. Instead, our 'bromance' pits man against man tackling issues with which we struggle

ensemble consists of two sets of actors who play the doctor and the Creature in the play's present and its past as the story revisits scenes from the novel. Plymouth resident, Ken Karges, portrays the elder Victor Frankenstein, on his tormented quest to destroy the Creature, played

Plymouth. Other cast members are Amanda Igrisan of Canton as Elizabeth; Matthew Williams of Redford as the young Victor; Nathan Corliss of Livonia as the young Adam (Creature) and Kenny Konaszewski of Hamtramck as Professor Krempke.

Playing With Fire's key philosophical arguments - nature versus nurture, humanity versus science, ambition versus social accountability, good versus evil - offer an even greater relevance today then when it first was produced more than 20 years ago, Hane said.

"Stem cell research, human cloning, genetic testing are more than just science fiction, they are political platforms and worldwide priorities that provoke intense discussions over what many consider among the most highly sensitive matters of this century," Hane said.

### Observer earns accolades in press contest

The Plymouth Observer staff earned several awards for journalistic excellence in the Michigan Press Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

In results that were announced last week, Sports Editor Ed Wright earned first place for both sports coverage and sports columnist. Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich earned second-place honors as a local columnist and for news writing.

The awards were among the 45 total awards earned by the Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and Hometown Weeklies earned in the contest.

Judges lauded Wright for his sports coverage.

"In a field of highly competitive sports sections, Ed Wright's writing skill wins the day. His consistently engaging style, depth and creativity are matched by solid reporting. Other papers may have slightly better design or more diver-



sity, but if our judges could have only one of the sports sections in this division, the Plymouth-

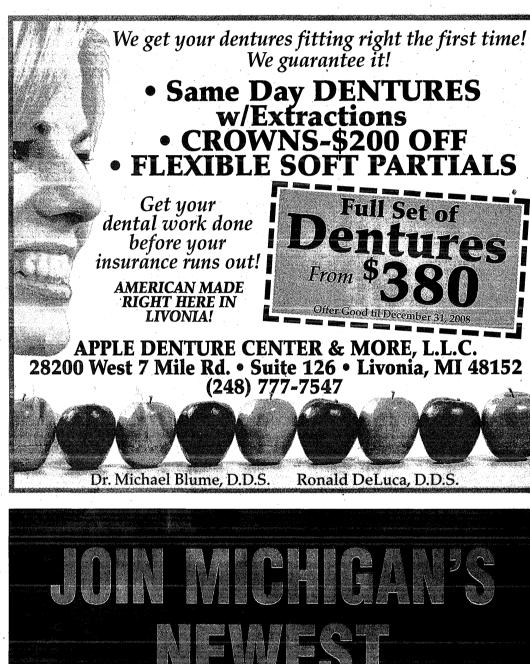
Canton Observer is the sports section we'd want every week," the judges wrote.

Wright's sports columns also struck a chord with MPA judges.

"Mr. Wright employs some very creative techniques in his story telling. It's clear he gives great thought, not only to the subject he's presenting, but also to how it is presented. A pleasure to read,"

they wrote. They also honored Kadrich for his columns, and his coverage of the Jean Pierre Orlewicz beheading trial, of which judges said, "Grisly murder. (The) Writer brings out details of families and background. Follows through as story unfolds."







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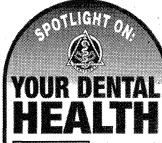


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#### **OLGC** wine event

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.

Tasting is from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m. This recipe for a perfect evening is made possible by major sponsor Holiday Market of Canton and supporting sponsors Antonio's Cucina Italiana and Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen.

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#### Rotary speaker

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. welcomes Taylor Joseph, a local 15-yearold who has already written and seen publication of her first novel, *The Crossing*, as its guest speaker 7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Taylor will speak on the issue of childrens' literacy - a passion and ongoing project of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

Everyone is invited to come and meet this gifted young woman from Canton. The PCAC is located at 774 Sheldon Rd. (corner of Sheldon & Junction).

#### Sighting-in days

The Western Wayne County

Conservation Association, located at 6700 Napier, again hosts "Sighting-in-Days" for the upcoming deer season from Oct. 14 through Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., seven days a week. Hunter safety classes will also start Oct. 7.

For this and other information of club events call (734) 453-9843 or log onto wwcca. com

#### Rummage sale

The Plymouth Community
Arts Council is having a
rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4
p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the
Joanne Winkleman Hulce
Center for the Performing
Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in
Plymouth.

Drop-off of donated items will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. The center is looking for art, equipment, books and gently used coats/jackets and household items. The PCAC is a 501(c)3 so all donated items are tax deductible.

All proceeds from the sale will go to programming at the PCAC. Unsold items will be donated to the AM Rotary Literacy Project and other local organizations.

Volunteers are needed to sort on Friday and work the Rummage Sale Saturday. If you are interested e-mail volunteer@plymoutharts.com For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

#### Child seat safety clinic

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#### 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

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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 homebased 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.

#### Cox hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox conducts office hours 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main, in Plymouth.

"I will provide an update on the county's 2008-2009 fiscal year budget, which began October 1," Cox said.

Cox represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

For more information, contact Eric Bacyinski in Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

#### **Shock-tober 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, 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.

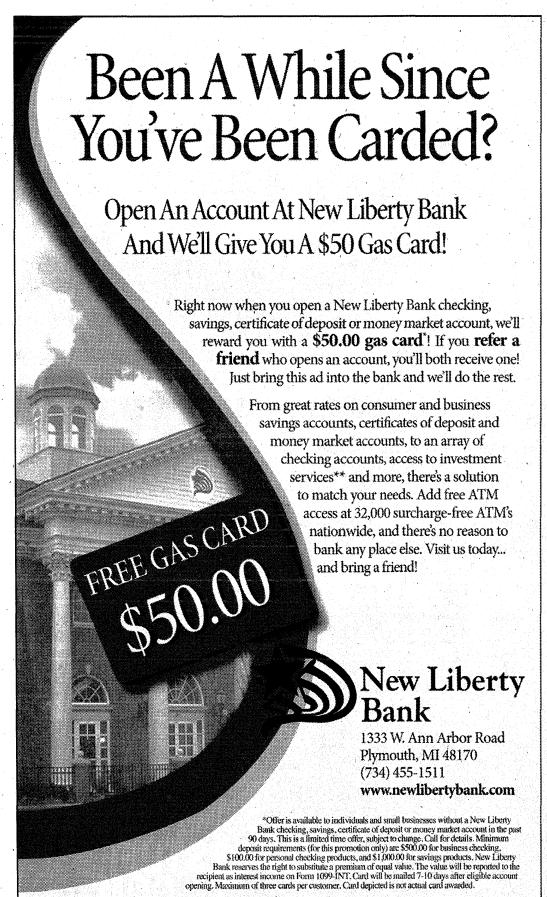
For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

#### One-man show

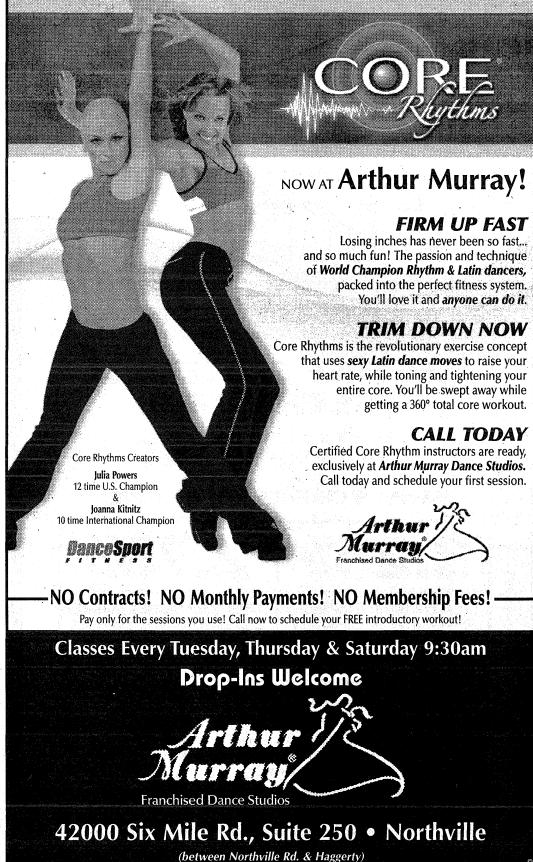
The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Jack Bailey - the one man show," 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Folks are invited to come enjoy the singing, dancing and his interaction with the audience. Complimentary refreshments of pie and coffee will be served. There is no charge.

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### Friends of Rouge looking for bug hunters

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.. This is a great opportunity to get outside, learn about your local stream and have a good

Volunteers need no experience but must pre-register before Oct. 10. Children five and above are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. On Bug Hunt Day, volunteers meet at a central location (Schoolcraft College) where they are assigned to a team. Each team carpools to two sites where they sample under the direction of a trained team leader. Volunteers take on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river.

Each team hopes to find lots of mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies at their site because the presence of many of these sensitive insects tells them that the stream is in good shape.

The Hunt is part of a long term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Interested volunteers can register by calling 313-792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org before October 10. Volunteers are instructed to dress for the weather because they go out rain, snow or shine.

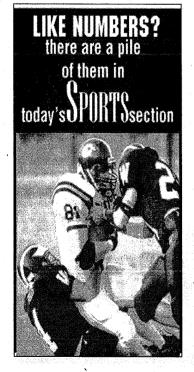
### Feds make money available to deal with foreclosed property

Under the Housing Recovery Act 2008, Wayne County will receive \$25.9 million in congressional allocated funds to help deal with vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties in the county.

The federal government dispersed \$3.92 billion around the country to help governments deal with areas hardest hit by foreclosure and abandoned properties. County Executive Robert Ficano will present a plan to the commission that will focus on reversing the negative impacts created by the country's housing financing crisis.

"Thanks to a team effort, Wayne County will be able to put a plan in place to tackle these serious issues in our municipalities due to the downturn in our economy," said Ficano. "We will be able to buy properties, refurbish them and put them back into productive use or demolish the ones that are abandoned and unsafe. This is a great tool to rid our communities of blight and revive many communities."

The plan also needs approval from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before it is implemented.



# Ficano leads 4th trade mission to China

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will lead a 2008 trade delegation to four cities in China Nov. 7-16. The delegation is scheduled to tour the following four cities: Wuxi/ Wuji, Chongqing, Changchun and Beijing with an option to visit Chengdu.

Each city is a leader in automotive manufacturing and economic centers for their respective regions. The delegation will visit government officials

and numerous companies and conduct seminars that include one-on-one meetings to help Michigan businesses establish contacts in China.

A highlight of the trade mission will include participation in China's International Auto Parts Expo (www.iapechina. com) where the Wayne County delegation will present a highly anticipated seminar to promote awareness for our region and local companies.

The Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Chinese **Business Association**, United States Department of Commerce, Warner Norcross & Judd, Comerica Bank, Butzel Long, Miller Canfield, Clayton and McKervy and others are supporting the trade mission to

for all participants. The goal of the trade mission is to match delegates with potential business partners,

make sure that it is successful

automotive OEMs and suppliers, environmental technology engineering and equipment suppliers, real estate companies, travel and tourism services, logistics companies, financial institutions, schools, universities and technical colleges, service firms, trading companies and local governments.

"This is our fourth trade mission. To date we have had over one hundred delegates travel

with us with many positive outcomes reported. The interest in our trade mission continues to grow with those interested in learning how to do business with and in China or expanding business operations," said county executive

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### Canton teen on **ECONOMY** the scene when news breaks

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Rodney Harris, 16, defies the trend of teens being uninterested in news.

"I like knowing what is going on in the world," the Canton High School junior said. He has a news studio in his Canton home basement and broadcasts on his Web site, www.thenews14zone.com.

Harris, son of Rod and Sue, has been interested in news since preschool days. He's done the broadcasts for the past



and national news, along with weather, sports and area gas prices. "I also cover breaking news on my Web site," Harris said, showing

the Westland Rotary a clip of his broadcast about Sarah Palin on the GOP ticket story. He offers clips from John McCain, Palin, Barack Obama and Joe Biden, but emphasized his role as an objective newsman in not telling Rotarians which presidential candidate he'd vote for.

Harris has met CBS News' Katie Couric, after the network did a story on him and his news coverage. He enjoyed a tour of the CBS New York studio, and has also shadowed other television journalists. Harris has been featured as well on ABC World News Now and locally on Fox 2 Detroit.

At school, he's Web director and assistant news director for student radio station WSDP-FM. Harris is politically active as well, working on Steve Johnson's campaign for Wayne County commissioner.

He has done broadcasts from up north, where his family has a second home. He'd like to attend Central Michigan University, which has a good journalism program, or possibly Michigan State University. Harris hopes to begin his career up north "and then work my way down to Detroit."

He's not interested in being a foreign correspondent. Harris, a former Observer teen journalist, gets help from cousin Amanda Sweet, his co-anchor, and other family members with his news operation.

Each newscast takes about an hour and a half to two hours, and Harris must juggle school and part-time work at the family's Sunoco station located at Newburgh and Cherry Hill in Westland

"He was always inquisitive and wanted to know everything," Rod Harris says of his son. "He would just search for knowledge. We're pretty proud of him.

Westland Rotarians were impressed during the teen's Sept. 25 visit to lunch at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"I'm excited to hear from him," said club member Margaret Harlow of Wayne, an owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "We are going to see him within the next eight to 10 years as a news anchor."



"We were forecasting a slower year anyway, and it's 25 percent below that," Smith said. "Over the course of the year, we've had to lay off 100 employees.

Whether or not you disagree with the bailout, and I understand people's anger toward bailing out those who don't deserve it, but in reality if you can't get a car loan or a house loan, it does affect Main Street.

The ripple effect of the current financial turmoil has hit many local governments, with the loss of credit raising the cost of day-to-day operations and threatening long-term projects.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said his community hasn't had to bond for any road projects recently. However, if he had to today the interest rates wouldn't be as favorable.

"We're very fortunate that we sold our street improvement bonds when we did and got a great interest rate," Sincock said. "We can't get that interest rate today. Several places across the country can't even sell bonds today. How this will affect us in the

future has yet to be determined.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the battle over the bailout plan hasn't affected the way he does business.

"We have sound financial strategies and we're not investing in things that might lead to losses in principle," he said. "If the bailout plan occurs, you'll see more car sales and housing sales will go up. People are getting refused."

However, some believe the ripple effect from Wall Street to Main Street might be a bit overstated.

"We're actually applying our same credit standards through this bailout crisis," said Robert Krupka, president of New Liberty Bank on Ann Arbor Road. "We've always been conservative, so there's no reason at this point to modify our credit underwriting standards.'

As for the affect of the bailout plan on New Liberty, Krupka says customers shouldn't be concerned.

"Community banks like ours don't have assets (mortgagerelated securities) that are the main source of our acquisitions," he said. As for not being able to get

an auto loan, there appears to be some wiggle room there,

"That's one of the misnomers out there right now," said Scott LaRiche, executive manager at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet on Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township. "If you have good credit, you can buy a car. Even people with slightly challenging credit

"Realistically, if you look at the whole picture, our sales in September were up 10 percent from September last year," he

Although Ron Loiselle said, "I'm scared of where this economy is going," the Plymouth stock broker - Loiselle and Associates on Main Street added it's not the time for

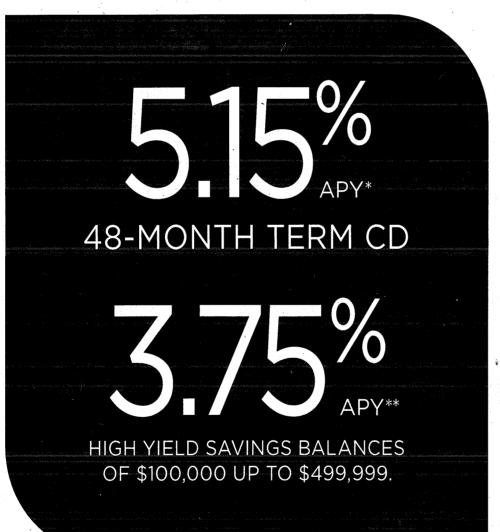
"If you keep putting money in your 401(k), you're buying at levels we haven't seen for 10 years," Loiselle said. levels that are down 25 percent since the beginning of the year. It's like buying on

"It's important to keep funding your retirement account every paycheck," he added. "If you don't need the money for five or 10 years, don't worry because in the last 100 years of the stock market there's never been a down 10 years."

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**Money Matters** 

Rick Bloom

what I would term middleaged people in the room and there were even fewer young people. Does it really take

most people

a lifetime to

need to be

learn that they

careful with their money? Thanks for coming to the seminar. It's always exciting to see young faces in the audience. I, too, question why more young people don't take an active interest in understanding how money works.

What has happened in the financial markets the last few weeks should be a motivator for people to recognize the importance of being able to take care of one's money in our society. After all, if we get into financial trouble there's no one to bail us out. For kids who are still in school, there's no doubt that the financial world will play a key part in their lives and thus the sooner they learn about finances the better it will be for

Being involved with money is more than being involved with your investments. It is understanding how money and finances work so you can make good decisions. We all make more decisions today regarding money than we have ever done in the past.

For example, it wasn't that long ago when we only had one phone company and one carrier for long distance. Fast forward to today, and the decision as to phone service is a lot more complex.

Teaching kids to have the methodology to make the right financial decisions is a skill. I encourage all parents to make sure their child gets a step up in life by teaching them the importance of making sound financial decisions.

Dear Rick: I read your column use your portfolio to borrow on a Roth IRA. Do I have to complete the conversion before the end of the year?

Roth conversions must be completed before the end of the year, however, you do not have to convert your entire IRA in one year. You can spread it out over multiple years. The advantage of distributing the conversion over multiple years is that you can spread out the tax consequences over multiple years as well.

It is an excellent time (down market) to convert traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. By doing the conversion now (for the same dollar) you can convert more shares than you could have just a few months ago. If you were thinking about doing a Roth conversion, now is the time to be proactive and do it.

Dear Rick: I know you don't like to margin accounts but with the market so low don't you think now is the time?

No. I'm not in favor of margining accounts whether the market is good, bad or anything in between.

Margining is where you

money to invest. Your portfolio is the collateral to secure the outstanding debt. I believe borrowing money to invest is a

bad strategy. If the value of your portfolio declines, you could be forced to come up with additional collateral or you will have to begin to sell to repay the loan. The worst time to sell is when the market is low. In fact, in most of margin agreements, the brokerage house does not have to give you the option to increase your collateral or choose what you sell, it can do so automatically.

In a volatile market, you could lose control of your portfolio. I don't recommend margining accounts no matter what the conditions.

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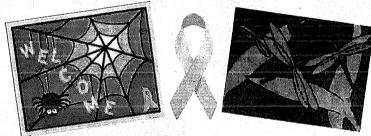


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**NEWS BRIEFS** 

#### Host airs final serving of 'Lemonade'

"Lemonade," 88.1FM's show by and for local seniors, celebrated its final show Wednesday.

The show, hosted by Plymouth resident Betty Smith, has aired Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for more than 10 years. Each week Smith spotlighted news for local seniors. She also took time to interview interesting people and seniors that are living an active life. Each show included



an eclectic mix of Jazz from her extensive record collection. Smith left the show to pursue other

interests. "I knew this time would

eventually

come but I'm still sad to see Betty go," said Bill Keith, station manager, "The show's success is a tribute to Betty's hard work and dedication. She has really created an important radio show for local seniors."

Wednesday's show turned the tables on Smith. Keith served as the host and Smith shared her favorite memories of the show. The show included clips of past guests including Bo Shembechler, Lloyd Carr, Maynard Ferguson, Elmore Leonard and others. Smith also shared some of her favorite music.

As Smith began talking about leaving the show, Keith said, many names surfaced as new hosts. He said station officials are "pleased to announce that Debra Madonna will take over the Lemonade slot with her new show, 'Community.' "Community" will put the spotlight on Plymouth-Canton individuals, service organizations, cultural activities, education groups, and businesses that contribute to the well-being and quality of life for others.

We're excited to have Debra step in on this show," said Keith, "No one could replace Betty, but Debra will provide a wonderful new direction for the show. I'm sure many of the same listeners will regularly tune into 'Community."

Madonna is no stranger to WSDP, the student-run radio station that serves

Plymouth-Canton schools. Her son, Mark, a student at the University of Michigan, is a former WSDP staff member. Even prior to her son's time at the station, Madonna was a regular supporter of WSDP.

We also look forward to having Betty back as a guest host when Debra is unavailable," said Keith, "We won't let her get away that easy. She's been too important to the WSDP Staff."

#### Parkway open house

Local Plymouth remodeling company, Stella Contracting, Inc. along with design and structural support from Joe Philips of Joseph Philips Architects, also of Plymouth, have successfully completed remodeling services to Parkway Veterinary Clinic located at 41395 Wilcox in Plymouth.

Folks can get a look at the work at the clinic's grand opening 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

Now that the project is completed, patients and their owners will enjoy several new features including a large, open waiting room; expanded reception area; state-of-the-art communication system; updated exam rooms; private consultation room and a new, updated pharmacy and lab room.

"This remodeling project has given our facility a fresh, new look," said Dr. Elizabeth Routson of Parkway Veterinary Clinic. "It allows us to offer our customers more services with greater efficiency and comfort. Ultimately, our goal is to make sure every office visit is a good experience for both the pet and the customer."

"Stella Contracting planned the entire project down to the smallest detail," explained Jeff Stella owner of Stella Contracting, Inc. and Project Manager Mark Foerster.

To maintain a relaxed, quiet and comfortable atmosphere in the clinic throughout the remodeling process, temporary interior walls with sound-deadening insulation were constructed.

We took special precautions to ensure the comfort of our patients throughout this project," explained Dr. Charles Bares. "Except for a couple of temporary interior walls, customers hardly know knew there was a remodeling project going on while they were in the clinic.

# Davenport University opens doors

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

**LOCAL NEWS** 

Livonia has opened its seventh facility of higher learning.

Davenport University, a private, non-profit university based in Grand Rapids, opened a new 26-classroom, 40,000-square foot facility which will serve as a regional hub for several Davenport facilities across southeast Michigan.

Located at 19499 Victor Parkway, north of Seven Mile and east of I-275, the university offers 21 bachelor degrees, ranging from accounting fraud investigation to service management and marketing, and master's degrees in business administration and master of science. The university will also offer degrees in health information management, medical case management and health services administration.

"This is becoming a hub within a corridor of a growing population, and growing needs," said Randolph Flechsig, president of Davenport University, at a ribbon cutting ceremony prior to an open house Friday.

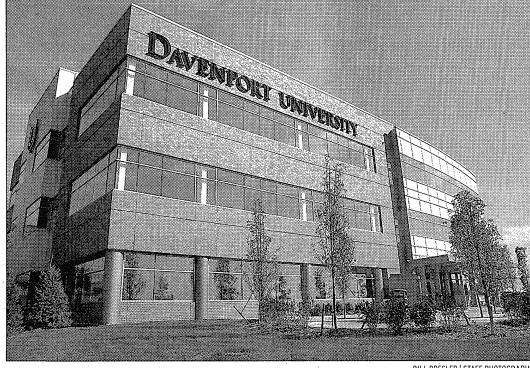
Degrees offered will be in demand in the 21st Century, Flechsig said.

Nearly 75 percent of graduates will be working within six months of graduating, Flechsig said.

"The school is all about the students," Flechsig said. "The building is technologically advanced, it's an exciting environment, but it's all about the

Mayor Jack Kirksey called Livonia an educational hub. "Without an educational hub, you can't have a workforce," Kirksey said. He called Davenport's opening an "exciting time for Livonia."

Kirksey said later that the school adds to Livonia's pride, and the school will obtain strong enrollment numbers. "When times are tough economically, educational institutions thrive more than they did before," Kirksey said. "I think this will meet a real significant need. It was real important for them not to come in and



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Davenport University's Livonia campus opened on Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house. The three-story building has 26 classrooms and covers 40,000 square feet.

#### **DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY**

What: A 26-classroom, 40,000-square foot, private university.

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directly compete with the other campuses."

Dan West, Livonia Chamber of Commerce president, highlighted other investments from other schools and universities. "Madonna University is spending some \$20 million to construct a new eco-friendly media and science center, which is scheduled to open in spring 2009," West said. "Schoolcraft College recently completed a \$12 million project to construct a new building for medical, math and science courses.'

West estimates that 25,000

students will be served by alumni relations. The School of Technology and School of these seven colleges and universities, which also includes Health Professions will be Eastern Michigan University, located on the second floor, while the third floor houses Northwood University, Central Michigan University and the School of Business. University of Phoenix.

Kim Corsi, Davenport's Afterwards, guests were department coordinator for allowed to tour the Davenport Allied Health, said the univerfacility. The first floor has a sity did research on what occulibrary information commons pations would be the jobs of the future. "Our goals are to eduand three multipurpose rooms for IT demonstrations, admiscate people and to make sure sions and career services and they are employed," Corsi said.



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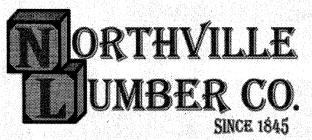
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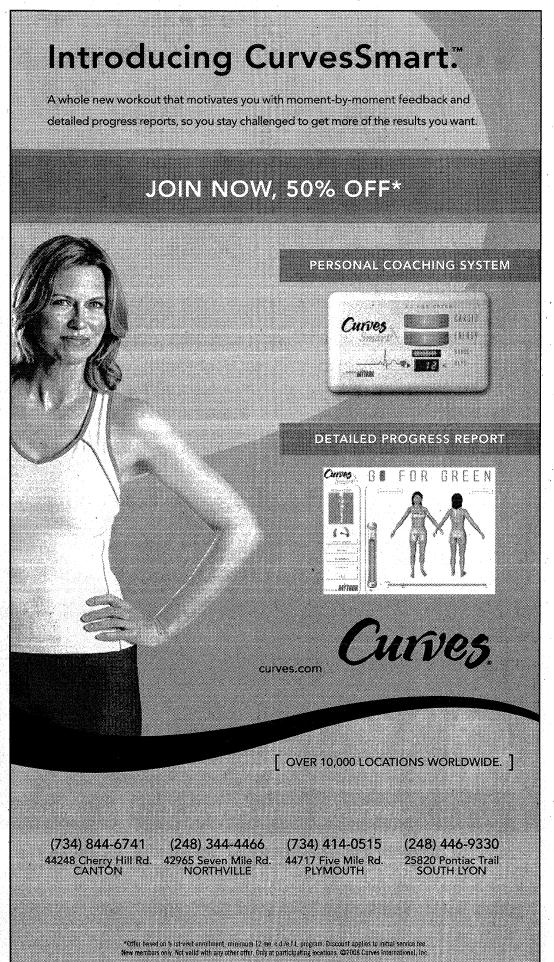
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**OUR VIEWS** 

### Compact just first step to protecting the Great Lakes

With a stroke of his pen Friday, President George W. Bush completed a decade-long effort to ratify the Great Lakes Compact, an eight-state (and two Canadian provinces) agreement that protects the Great Lakes from largescale water diversions.

The compact, officially known as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, sailed through Congress almost unanimously. It prohibits new or increased out-of-basin diversions except under special circumstances; establishes uniform standards across the Great Lake states for evaluating new in-basin uses of Great Lakes water; and requires all the states in the basin to develop water conservation and efficiency programs.

Most environmental groups have lauded the compact, which was approved by Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, as well as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, before it was sent to Congress.

This is an historic day for the protection of a Great Lakes system that is a global treasure," James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council, said Sept. 23 when the U.S. House of Representatives approved

There is no question that the compact is a monumental step in preserving the Great Lakes basin, which possesses 90 percent of the surface fresh water in North America and nearly 20 percent of the world's fresh water. The agreement means our thirsty neighbors in the Southwest and Southeast won't be siphoning off our water any time

However, now is no time to rest on our laurels. Certainly the compact won't stave off all the challenges facing the Great Lakes. For one thing, some lawmakers aren't completely happy with the compact. U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, whose district encompasses much of northern Michigan, actually voted against the measure, because of his opposition to a loophole that allows diversions in the form of bottled water (containers smaller than 5.7 gallons). His fear is that the exemption will lead the courts to declare bottled water an economic commodity and off-limits to regulators.

There are many other challenges as well, such as cleaning up toxic sediment that plagues many areas of the lakes, as well as banning large ships from dumping their ballast water in the lakes, and the incessant invasion of exotic species that are causing havoc throughout the basin.

The point is, there is much still to do to make sure we are protecting our greatest resource for future generations. It is one of the great challenges or our generation.

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We've been serving the Plymouth-Canton Community for 64 years. If you are reading this, you probably live or work in the Plymouth-Canton area. If you do, the last thing you need me to tell you what a special community we have. You already know. The Plymouth Community United Way and the agencies we support are working hard to keep Plymouth-Canton a great place to live and work.

The Plymouth Community United Way is a team of great people. The Plymouth Community United Way can attribute much of its success to the leadership of Marie Morrow and the tireless efforts of team members like Jay McDonald. Earlier this year one of our key team members, Jerry Trumpka, passed away and his passion for what we do has been sorely

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make sure the money you contribute is put to the best use possible.

One of the benefits of contributing to the Plymouth Community United Way is that we spend a lot of time making sure your contribution goes to organizations and efforts that have the biggest positive impact on our communities. This allows us to do this work for you. The organizations benefiting from your contributions do great work in our communities. The Salvation Army, Growth Works and First Step are just a few of the very worthy organizations that rely on the Plymouth Community United Way for a significant portion of their operating expenses.

You can support the Plymouth-Canton community by contributing to the Plymouth Community United Way. Many companies not based in Plymouth-Canton support campaigns for other United Ways. If you want your contribution to go the Plymouth Community United Way you can do so by making the appropriate designation on your contribution form; otherwise your contribution may go to a United Way other than the Plymouth Community United Way. Every little bit

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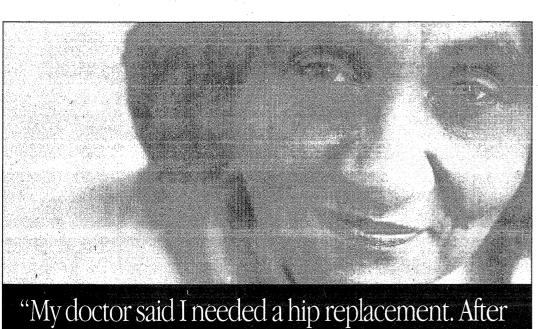
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Friday night lights

# **Canton gridders outmuscle** Patriots, seize division lead

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When it came to distributing doses of dominating physicality Friday night against Livonia Franklin, Canton's football team didn't discriminate.

"They physically beat us tonight — on both sides of the ball, everywhere," lamented Patriots' coach Chris Kelbert.

In a shoulder pads-crackling game that developed the up-and-down pace of a basketball game, the Chiefs prevailed 49-34 on Homecoming night at Franklin to move within a victory of securing a berth in the first-ever Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference championship game.

Canton improved to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South Division. Plymouth is also 3-1 in the South, but a victory over Livonia Churchill next week would give the Chiefs the tie-breaker based on their Week 3 26-16 win over the Wildcats.

The Chiefs scored on 8-of-10 possessions while churning out 497 total yards to the Patriots' 395.

"The offensive linemen were our MVP's tonight," emphasized Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I've been tough on them the past two weeks and they've really improved a lot. I'm very proud of them. Our backs are running harder and blocking better for each other, too.

"It was an ugly night defensively,

but like I just told them: Our defense bailed us out in a couple of games earlier this year and our offense bailed us out tonight. That's why football is the ultimate team sport."

Three Canton running backs eclipsed the 100-yard mark: Kiere Daniels, who picked up 170 on 16 carries; Adam Payter (108 on 13) and Ron Gaudi, who rolled to 103 yards on 14 attempts.

Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz completed 3-of-7 for 69 yards and a TD, but the stats didn't do him justice, in Baechler's eves.

"He's playing great," said Baechler. "We don't throw a lot, so if Kevin's 3-for-6, everybody's like, 'That's terrible.' It doesn't look as good as if a quarterback who goes 10-for-20, but he's very efficient and he's getting better every week."

McRobb turned in a stellar effort, completing 10-of-19 passes — many while on the run - for 175 yards and two touch-Mike Gadsby ran for 97 yards on just

Franklin senior quarterback Mark

five carries while Chris Vantuyl picked up 68 on 10 hauls.

Our offense did some good things," Kelbert said. "We were able to throw the ball OK, but we didn't run the ball the way I wanted to. They really got the better of us on both sides of the ball

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Northville's

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keep Salem

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### 2nd win barely eludes Rocks

BY FD WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Salem's Ethan Walsh did everything except park cars Friday night during the Rocks' football game against Northville.

Unfortunately, the sophomore's heroics weren't enough as the Mustangs escaped with a 20-14 victory before a boisterous crowd at the PCEP junior varsity stadium.

Walsh blocked a Northville punt that led to Salem's second touchdown, recorded seven tackles and punted three tonight, but we had a couple critical times for a 31-yard average in a breakout performance.

Northville's Jacob Weddle one-upped the effort, however, by scoring twice - the second coming late in the fourth quarter to give his team the deciding points.

The loss dropped Salem to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

The resurgent Mustangs improved to

4-2 and 3-1, respectively. "Tonight we did things that winning

teams usually do -we scored a defensive touchdown, we blocked a punt for a TD," said Salem coach Parker Salowich. "Unfortunately, we got a punt blocked, too, which negated some of our positive

"After turning the corner against Novi a couple of weeks ago, we didn't get better this week. I thought we played as well as we did the past two weeks, but we need to improve every week to get to where we want to be.

"We didn't have any turnovers penalties that wiped out some 10-, 11- or

12-yard gains.' The Rocks struck first when linebacker Al Ibe pounced on a Northville fumble in the end zone to make it 6-0. Walsh's first of two extra points upped the lead to 7-0.

Northville seized a 12-7 halftime advantage thanks to a 9-yard Weddle run to paydirt and a 25-yard scoring pass from Dan Mills to Ryan Gerlick.

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#### Whalers trade

Plymouth Whalers President and General Manager Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition 20-year-old left wing Cory McGillis from the Barrie Colts in exchange for an eighth-round draft choice in 2009 and a third-round draft choice in 2010.

"Cory is a big, physical power forward who has a nice scoring touch around the net," Vellucci said. McGillis is 6-foot-2 and 215 pounds and can play center or left wing.

**Ontario Hockey** League teams can carry three overage players (1988 birthdays) on the roster. Along with right wing Patrick Lee, the acquisition of McGillis gives Plymouth two overages.

McGillis was originally selected in the first round (seventh overall) by the Windsor Spitfires in the 2004 Ontario Hockey League Draft, where he played for two-and-a-half seasons. McGillis was acquired by Barrie at the 2007 OHL Trading Deadline.

#### Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Richard J. Nelson, 75, recorded an ace on the 109-yard fifth hole on the Fox Hills Woodlands course Sept. 25. Nelson used a nine iron to accomplish the feat.

#### YMCA basketball

The Plymouth YMCA fall and winter basketball leagues are now forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 12. The fall session will run Oct. 27-Dec. 19. The winter session with stretch from Jan. 20-March

There will be one practice and one game per week.

The cost is \$72 for program members and \$104 for community members. All participants also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for

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Plymouth's Zach Hamed focuses in on a pass during a game earlier this season. The Wildcats blanked Westland John Glenn, 19-0, Friday night on homecoming.

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### Plymouth focuses on playoff berth following 19-0 triumph

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

After wreaking havoc on opposing defenses the past few weeks, Westland John Glenn's offense wrecked Friday night at Plymouth.

led Wildcats defensive unit that paved the way to a 19-0 thumping of the Rockets on Homecoming night at Plymouth.

The wrecking ball was a Connor Martin-

Martin, who registered 11 solo tackles and seven assists, was the primary catalyst for the defense that held previously red-hot Glenn quarterback Jerome Scales to a 5of-20 passing night.

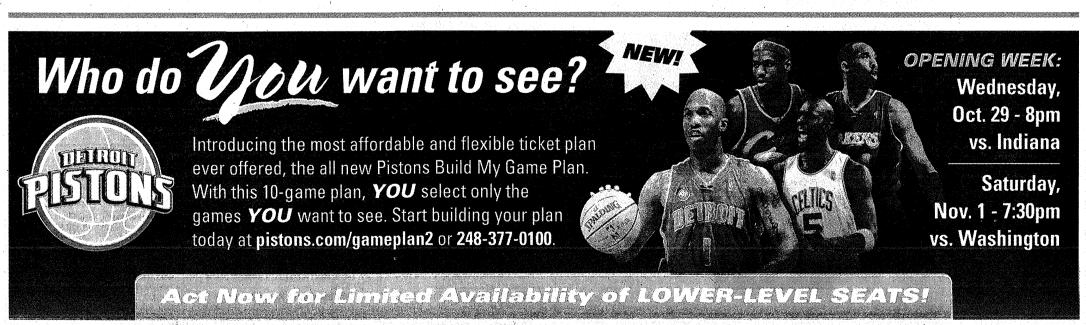
The Rockets accumulated just 95 total vards compared to the winners' 254.

The victory improved the Wildcats to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. John Glenn slipped to 2-4 and 2-2, respec-

"We worked all week on the guys staying in their pass-rushing lanes and containing Glenn's quarterback," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "They did a great job of

"A Plymouth team has never started a season 5-1, so we challenged these kids to

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Salem regained the lead, 14-12, in the third quarter when Walsh blocked a punt and Alex King recovered the ball in the end zone.

Salem senior running back Anthony Mullins, who rushed for 320 yards in last week's 63-14 trouncing of South Lyon East, was limited to 78 yards on 23 carries.

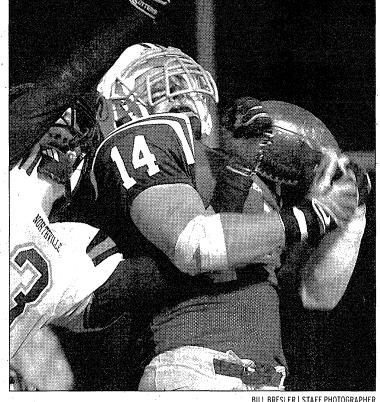
Rock quarterback Heath Parling was 3-of-9 for 38 yards.

"We didn't possess the ball the way we needed to," lamented Salowich. Northville outgained

Salem in total yards, 252-The Rocks will look

to double their win total Friday night at South Lyon.

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Justin Bashi nearly hauled in this Heath Parling pass, but Northville's defensive back knocked it away at the last second Friday night.

### State-ranked Churchill bumps Plymouth

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Plymouth's volleyball team suffered a three-game setback to Livonia Churchill Thursday night: 25-17, 25-19 and 25-21.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 9-8-3 overall and 1-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Churchill improved to 4-0 in the division.

The Wildcats were led by Meg Quinlan (16 digs), Dani Risi (seven kills), Kayla Bridge (seven kills) and Briana Beyer (11 digs).

#### Chiefs sweep Zebras

Canton improved to 17-4 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South Thursday night with a 25-11, 25-14 and 25-4 sweep of Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs' serving game was stellar as they recorded 22 aces without an error.

"We aggressively ran our offense and had hitters move around and try new things tonight," said Canton coach Jen

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Barnes. "We're still working out the kinks in our defensive play and serve-receive communication."

Shining for the winners were Jordan Kielty (14 kills, five aces), Kacy Moran (23 assists, six aces), Lauren Macuga (11 digs, five aces) and Kristen Muir (six ages and nine digs).

#### Novi edges Salem

On Wednesday at Salem, The Wildcats prevailed in a tense five-game match: 25-18, 21-25, 20-25, 25-15 and 15-11.

"I thought we played well after coming off a bad weekend," said Salem coach Amanda Suder, whose team slipped to 12-3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. "We moved our lineup around and our setter was out, but Kerry MacDonald did

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a outstanding job filling in

"It was a great match. The crowd was really into it. The kids needed a good performance and they got it.'

Nicole Merget continued to shine at the net for Salem as she recorded 17 kills and six "She was huge for us," said

Suder. "Her hitting percentage was around 70 percent - she was on fire. She was really nailing the ball." Kerry MacDonald dished off

36 set assists to go along with her four kills and 13 digs. Kelly MacDonald also spar-

kled, chalking up 12 kills and 13 digs. Suder also praised the play

of Jillian Sommerville, Kelly Gitre (10 digs) and Lauren Dworzanin.

"Tracy Whalen played great defensively, too," Suder added. "She had 12 digs, four blocks

# Hopefully, your team's in red zone at this point of football season

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space restrictions in this past Thursday's Observer sports section, the following Grid Picks column only ran online at www.hometownlife.com.)

ith the final third of the 2008 high school football season approaching,

Still oth-

lines and

some teams are struggling to get out of their own end of the gridiron. ers are stuck between the two 40-vard

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the remain-Smith ing teams are

crashing into the "red zone," the 20-yard territory that ends at pay dirt. And there is a correlation

between where teams are figuratively speaking — on the football field to their quest to garner the six victories necessary to automatically qualify for the '08 state playoffs.

Where on the "field" is your team? Breaking it down, it's never as clear-cut as all that. But let's give it a go:

■ No chance, folks: To those teams with less than two victories so far, meaning Livonia Churchill, Wayne Memorial, Salem, Redford Union and Garden City, it's already time to play for pride because the postseason probably isn't going

Only by running the table will those teams have any crack at the districts. And that would require the Michigan High School Athletic Association needing to flesh out to the mandated number of 256 playoff teams should there not be that many winning the six

So get to five victories and then let the chips fall where they may.

But of course, the last team to make the field last year was Livonia Franklin at 5-4 and the Patriots ended up winning two rounds in the Division 1 state playoffs before losing to state runner-up and crosstown rival Livonia Stevenson, 10-7, in the region final.

Stuck in the middle with you: The final four weeks figure to push some on-the-bubble teams one way or the other.

Three-win squads Redford Thurston and Redford Covenant fall into that category, since they would need 3-1 finishes to automatically qualify. And teams with two wins

so far -Westland John Glenn and Lutheran Westland — are just one defeat away from being thrown for a loss back into "No chance" territory.

■ Full speed ahead: The playoff goal line is within sight for on-the-move Canton, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Livonia Clarenceville. Despite tough opponents on each of their schedules, these four-win teams only need to finish 2-3 and they're in.

In these cases, the red zone means green zone because it's go time.

It's also getting to be the stretch drive for the Observer sports editors, who are separated by just one game in the Grid Picks standings following Week 5.

Leading the pack with a 9-2 mark was Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who remains in first place with a 45-13 record. Tied for second both last week and for the season are Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons and myself (8-3; 39-19).

Unlike the teams, we prognosticators don't need to adhere to any formula to determine who goes to the playoffs or not. First of all. we don't have a Grid Picks Bowl or anything like that and secondly, we just pick 'em and hope for the best.

Now, let's take a closer look at this weekend's slate of high school games:

FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED) LIVONIA CHURCHILL (1-4, 0-3) AT WAYNE (0-5,

0-3): These two Kensington Valley Activities Association South opponents have had a rough time in 2008, and each will look to bounce back from one-sided defeats. It will be good news either for the Chargers or Zebras. PICKS: Wright (Wayne); Smith

(Churchill); Emons (Churchill). CANTON (4-1, 2-1) AT LIVONIA FRANKLIN (4-1, 3-0): This KVAA-South contest very well could be the best of the week. The first-place Patriots have tallied 184 points so far while the Chiefs also are an offensive machine, with 155 points in the bank. Whichever defense comes up with more timely plays probably will decide this one.

PICKS: Wright (Canton); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Canton) WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-3, 2-1) AT PLYMOUTH

(4-1, 2-1): In a clash of KVAA-South rivals, Glenn is looking to rebound from a tough loss to Franklin while the Wildcats rolled over Churchill. These evenly matched teams have scored and allowed virtually the same number of points within division games.

PICKS: Wright (Plymouth); Smith

(Plymouth); Emons (John Glenn). NOVI (4-1, 3-0) AT LIVONIA STEVENSON (4-1, 3-0): Both of these teams are tied for first place of the KVAA-Central standings, and that bodes well for another compelling clash. Novi has scored 113 points (just one more than Stevenson) in Central tilts and allowed 54, while the Spartans have been a bit stingier on defense

(giving up just 29 points). PICKS: Wright (Novi); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson). NORTHVILLE (3-2, 2-1) AT SALEM (1-4, 1-2): The Mustangs are stinging from a 21-7 loss to Stevenson and that means the Rocks could pay the price. But

Salem is better than its record indicates and likely has extra confidence following a blowout victory last week. PICKS: Wright (Salem); Smith

(Northville); Emons (Northville). LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (4-1, 3-1) AT LUTHERAN WESTLAND (2-3, 2-2): Both of these Metro Conference opponents are feeling good after Week 5 victories. But the Warriors' defense figures to be severely tested by the highoctane Trojans, who romped 42-10 over Macomb Lutheran North on

won this matchup two of the past three years. PICKS: Wright (C'ville); Smith

Friday. Lutheran Westland has

(C'ville); Emons (C'ville).

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD (2-3, 2-1) AT RED-FORD THURSTON (3-2, 3-0): The Mega Gold leading Eagles are sky high following Friday's last-minute upset at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, but the Chargers can score plenty of points as their 48-8 trouncing of

winless Ecorse indicates. PICKS: Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Thurston). DEARBORN EDSEL FORD (4-1, 3-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-4, 0-4): These Mega Blue opponents are headed in opposite directions,

homecoming game. PICKS: Wright (Edsel Ford); Smith (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford). REDFORD UNION (1-4, 0-3) AT TRENTON (3-2,

although the Cougars will try to

have a strong showing at their

2-1): This year has been nothing but a frustrating journey - literally - for the Panthers, who can't seem to take advantage of opportunities when they get them. Last week, RU rushed for more than 400 yards but only managed 24 points at Gibraltar Carlson. Their fourth consecutive road game is to Trenton, where the Mega White rival Trojans have outscored division teams 83-44.

PICKS: Wright (Trenton); Smith (Trenton); Emons (Trenton).

SATURDAY'S GAME REDFORD COVENANT (3-2, 2-1) AT OLD REDFORD ACADEMY (2-2, 2-1) -- 1 P.M.: The visiting Spartans enter a pivotal gam They changed quarterbacks for the second half of Friday's loss to Southfield Christian and their top running back missed much of that

sive weapons to choose from, having tallied 179 points so far. PICKS: Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

contest with an ankle sprain. But

Covenant still has plenty of offen-





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tonight."

Of the 111 plays from scrimmage, the biggest unfolded with 7:05 left in the second quarter. With the Chiefs leading 21-14 and facing a fourth-and-6 from the Patriot 10-yard line, Baechler opted to forego the chip-shot field for a chance to build a two-TD lead.

The gamble paid off when Delapaz kept the ball around the left end and picked up the first down before getting pushed out at the 4. Two plays later, he scored on a 3yard keeper to make it 28-14.

"I thought about kicking the field goal, but then I thought, 'You know what? We're way down here and even if we don't get the first down, they'd have to go 90 yards," Baechler said. "Either way, we were going to go into the half with the lead, so I figured let's go for the jugular here and Kevin got it."

Canton led 21-14 following an explosive opening 12 minutes during which Daniels found the end zone twice from 19 and 51 yards and Payter tallied the third TD

on a 22-yard scamper. Franklin's pair of firstquarter TD's came on a 3-yard Mike Baumgardner plunge and a 63-yard strike from McRobb to Gadsby.

The Chiefs roared to a 35-14 halftime advantage thanks to a 3-yard scoring run by Delapaz and a perfectly placed 23-yard scoring pass from Delapaz to Satish Subramanian, who caught the ball at the 2 despite being covered like Saran Wrap by a Patriot defender.

The teams swapped third-quarter touchdowns -Vantuyl found paydirt from nine yards out for Franklin and Daniels sprinted in from 58 yards away for Canton.

After Vantuyl and Payter scored for their respective teams in the fourth quarter, Franklin capped the night's fireworks with a 5-yard TD pass from McRobb to Gadsby.

Led by its path-clearing blockers, Canton earned a huge advantage in first downs (23-14) and time of possession (29:04-18:51).

There were no turnovers in the contest.

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make history tonight. They rose to the occasion and now we're just one win away from qualifying from the playoffs again."

The Wildcats continued their habit of forcing turnovers as Martin and Michael Rose both picked off

Plymouth lit up the scoreboard first less than five minutes into the contest when senior quarterback Matt Skubik connected with Connor McKinney on a 19-yard TD strike. The ensuing extra point was no good, leaving the hosts' lead at 6-0.

The Wildcats extended their advantage to 13-0 two minutes later when Skubik scrambled in from two yards out. Sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza

capped the first-half scoring at 16-0 with a 31-yard field goal with 13 Brindza's 29-yard field goal with

6:54 to go with the third quarter closed the scoring.
Skubik finished 10-of-18 for 152 yards. His favorite targets ere

seniors Ronnie Goble, who hauled in three spirals for 57 yards and Zach Hamed, caught three for 55.

Terrance Guthridge picked up 94 yards on 23 carries for Plymouth.

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### **SWIM RESULTS**

**CANTON 111** Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Stephanie Matsui, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk), 2:00.95; 2. Canton, 2:03.01; 3. Canton, 2:08.51.

2:03.01; 3: Canton, 2:08.51.

200 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C),
2:08.22; 2. Michelle Chang (P), 2:08.58; 3.

Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:08.63.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:15.29;
2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:21.96; 3. Stephanie
Matsui (P), 2:23.95.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.41; 2.

Ellen Palczynski (P), 27.27; 3. Chantelle Cole (P), 27.60.

1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 177.55; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 159.50; 3. Catherine Huang (C), 153.90.

100 butterffy: 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:05.53; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.13; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:09.63.

100 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 57.24; Kari Schmitt (C), 57.29; 3. Michelle Chang

500 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:24.72; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 5:37.12; 3. Stephanie Matsui (P), 5:38.94. 200 freestyle relay: 1. CAnton (Kayla

Eyster, Christine O'Keefe, Kari Schmitt, Maggie Carlson), 1:48.91; 2. Plymouth, 1:48.92; 3. Canton, 1:54.66.

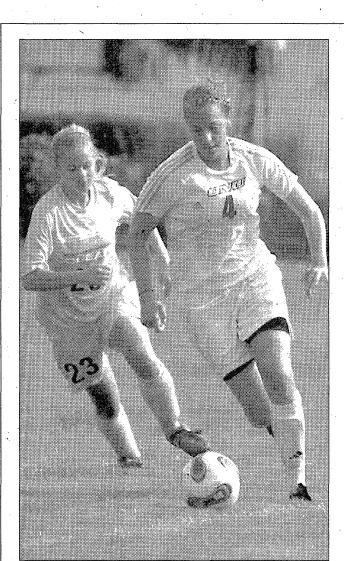
100 backstroke: 1. Rachel Huhta (P), 1:09.91; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:10.69; 3. Laura Kushner (C), 1:13.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:10.75; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 1:13.30; 3. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:15.90.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Maggie

Carlson, Kayla Eyster, Sara Krebs, Kari Schmitt), 3:53.17; 2. Plymouth, 3:55.21; 3.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 4-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South.



### Super sweeper

Plymouth High School graduate Brittany Hengesh has carried her soccer skills from high school to the collegiate ranks. Now a sophomore sweeper at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, Hengesh was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference's "Defensive Player of the Week" last week. Hengesh has been instrumental in the team's 6-1-1 start, which has included four shutouts.

# Salem kickers humble South Lyon East, 8-0

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How competitive is the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division?

So competitive that the No. 1 team in the state — Salem - finished second in the divi-

The top-ranked Rocks closed out KLAA regularseason play Thursday night with a resounding 8-0 triumph over South Lyon East to improve to 16-0-4 overall and  $\hat{7}$ -0-3 in the division. Unfortunately for coach Ed McCarthy's squad, Livonia Stevenson finished first with an 8-0-2 mark after the Spartans downed Northville Thursday night.

"It's disappointing because one of our goals coming into the season was to win the first-ever KLAA championship, which would have been special," said McCarthy. "That said, there are far bigger prizes left to win."

McCarthy was referring to a Division state championship. The Rocks' quest for a state title begins Monday, Oct. 13, in a District tournament opener against cross-campus rival Plymouth. The winner will play Canton, which drew a bye, two nights later.

A trio of Rocks registered a pair of goals each in the

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lopsided win over South Lyon East: Lachlan Savage, Dan Radosevich and Josh Pascarella. Brendan Quinn and Dan Martin added solo net-finders.

Pascarella contributed two assists and Radosevich one.

Will Allen remained stellar between the pipes for Salem, notching his fourth shutout in five games in relief of starting keeper Sasa Miskovic.

Salem will take on Canton Monday at 7 p.m. in a KLAA cross-over game.

#### Chiefs roll

Canton continued its streak of strong play Thursday night by ousting Westland John Glenn, 3-0, on the Rockets' home turf. The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 11-4-3 overall and 8-2 in the KLAA South.

Joey Krizanek and Mitch Posuniak netted first-half goals while Collan Baker chipped in with a secondhalf insurance goal. Sherif Hassanien, Brandon Tolinski and Brandon Burt registered assists for the winners.

Kyle Winningham picked up a shutout in goal for Canton. The senior stopped six Rocket shots.

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**LEGAL NOTICE** 

#### **ACCURACY TESTING FOR** VOTING EQUIPMENT

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The test is scheduled for Friday, October 10, at 12:30 p.m., at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Miller Consultations & Elections will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

> Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL CITY OF LIVONIA 33000 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan as owner, until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the City Clerk's Office at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

> REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE IDYL WYLD GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION/NEW **BUILDING PROJECT**

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting to explain the project, answer any questions and purchase Bid Documents at a cost of \$20.00 per set will be held on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. Prospective bidders should meet at the project site, Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

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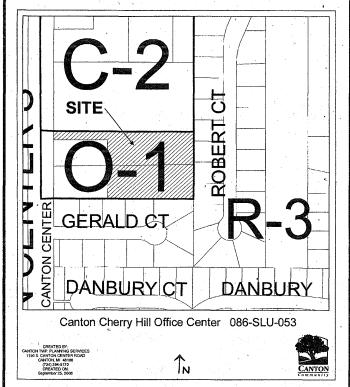
> JACK E. KIRKSEY Mayor City of Livonia

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#### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON CHERRY HILL OFFICE CENTER SPECIAL LAND <u>USE</u> - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 20.02B6 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 086 99 0002 001 (325 CANTON CENTER S.) AND 086 99 0002 002 (345 CANTON CENTER S.). Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Canton Center Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 16,2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

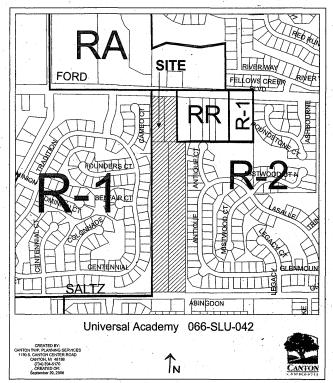
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UNIVERSAL ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A K-12 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B4 FOR PARCEL NOS. 066 99 0007 000 (48911 FORD), 066 99 0008 000 (48951 FORD), 066 99 0011 702 AND 066 99 0012 702 (+48956 SALTZ). Property is located south of Ford Road between Ridge and Beck Roads.



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> LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DDA STREETSCAPE Details are described in the bidding documents.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than  $3:00~\mathrm{PM}$ Local Time, on October 23, 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: Landscape maintenance services including but not limited to lawn mowing; fertilization and weed control; tree and shrub pruning and trimming; and management of irrigation system including system winterization and spring start-

General Description of Project Area: In an east-west direction, the Project Area extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township from Eckles Road to a short distance past the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road. The Project Area also extends along Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township just north and south of Ann Arbor Road.

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.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Local Time, on October 16, 2008 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. A walking tour of the Project Area will immediately follow the conference. All bidders must attend this meeting prior to submitting a bid.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

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- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
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- any other company without approval of the DDA. The term of the contract is three years.
- The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal,
- The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

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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ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: Ms. Marilyn Massengill Plymouth Township Clerk Plymouth Township Hall

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 10
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 6
Plymouth at
Canton at
Salem at Salem at Tuesday, Oct. 7 Washtenaw Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Oct. 8

KLAA Championship, TBA

Thursday, Oct. 9

PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10

Summit Academy at PCA, 4 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

TRESCAN OCT. 17

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. PCA at Greenhills, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Wildcat Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Salem at Madonna Invite, 8:30 a.m. Canton at Mega/KLAA Invitational at Northville, 8:30 a.m. PCA at Mt. Morris Tournament, 9 a.m.

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Tuesday, Oct. 7 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. South Lyon East at Salem South Lyon East at Salem at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
Canton and Plymouth Boys at Gabriel Richard XC Invitational, 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 10
Division 1 Regional Meet, TBA
GIRLS GOLF
Tuesday Oct. 7

Tuesday Oct. 7
KLAA Conference Meet at
Pheasant Run, 9 a.m.
Thursday Oct. 9 Division 1 Regional Meet, TBA GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Oct. 7

Livonia Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 9** Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

MISCA Meet, noon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 7 Aquinas College at Madonna, 7 p.m. St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Schoolcraft at Harper College Inv., TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Oct. 8 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

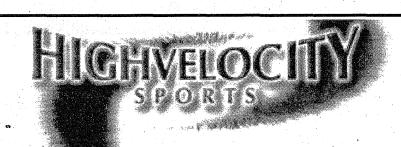
Saturday, Oct. 11 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon. Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

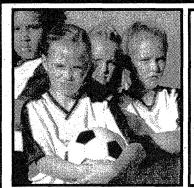
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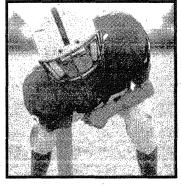
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# Pianists play unrehearsed

here's a lot to be said for experience. Improvisation comes easy only to musicians who have played jazz for years. On Sunday, Oct. 12, pianists Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini combine over 100 years of performances to complement, more than duel, on Steinway grand pianos at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Even though the two won't rehearse



Linda Chomin

beforehand, it's sure to be an interesting, intense afternoon. The two men have become good friends over the years and admire and know each other's style well.

Michaels has played in jazz clubs like Baker's Keyboard Lounge for years, His trio built

a reputation as the group to watch on Wednesday nights at the Botsford Inn in Farmington. At age 76 he still plays piano from 7-10 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Thursday nights at Nikolas in Southfield with drummer Jerry Mckenzie, bassist Dan Jordan, and a guest artist. Michaels retired as professor emeritus and director of jazz studies from Wayne State University two years ago. He and Tini co-founded the jazz studies program there.

"It's totally an impromptu situation," said Michaels of Southfield. "It's modeled after the Marian McPartland radio show on NPR (National Public Radio) where she interviews piano players from all over

#### DUELING PIANOS



Tini



What: Pianists Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini perform on two Steinway grands When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 Where: DiPonio room at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$15, and

available by calling Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720 be primarily jazz and light music, not classical."
Tini, a
Farmington Hills resident, is hoping jazz lovers turn out not only for the music, but to support the festival keeping the only true American art form alive. The concert is a fund-raiser for the Michigan

the world and then they play together

totally unrehearsed. I may ask Dennis

what are his favorite choices for waltz or bossa nova and just kick it back and

forth. It's going to

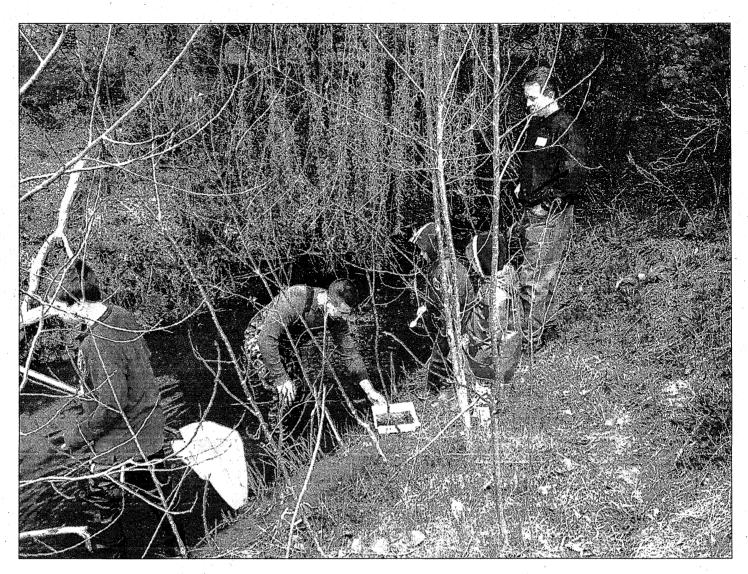
true American art form alive. The concert is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival, which spotlights local musicians every July at Schoolcraft College.

Tini is distinguished professor of music and former chairperson of the WSU music department. He continues to perform internationally. He took his "Global Peace & Understanding" CD on tour to 10 countries to try to create understanding. Next spring he's been invited to guest conduct choruses in Buenos

Aires as well as to perform in South Africa. "What Midge Ellis and John Trudell, Tom Saunders and the board volunteers do is to create a fantastic jazz offering to the community. It's a wonderful audience

and group of people that attend these benefit concerts every year," said Tini. "They are the reason jazz is continuing and we hope to introduce young people because that's the future of jazz. I look forward to sharing some music with them and to see what happens when you put two pianists together who appreciate each other stylistically. Matt's a brilliant composer, pianist and musician. We're culling creative and musical experiences in the moment and reacting to what each other is playing based on total musical backgrounds and drawing on our experiences. We both appreciate all periods of music including baroque and romantic and contemporary music. I'm sure that will come out in the different styles and tempos. The nice thing is we have a very close relationship, musically and personally, and I think that will come out in our performance Oct. 12."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or Ichomin@hometownlife.com.



Bob Belair (in camouflage waders) and his children Bobby and Samantha hunted for bugs at Fellows Creek by Saltz and Morton Taylor in Canton.

# Solomon Garden Garden Wolunteers hunt for clues to water quality

#### FALL BUG HUNT

What: Friends of the Rouge assess the health of the river When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 **Where**: Meet in lower level of VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia **Details**: Registration required by Oct. 10. To volunteer, call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF

Tracy Slintak's son Kristofer is good at finding bugs, but then he's been hunting them for several years as part of a study by Friends of the Rouge. Three times a year Slintak and her 12-year-old team up to join volunteers in collecting specimens that help determine the water quality of the river.

By day, Tracy works for the city of Farmington Hills as an environmental coordinator making sure the city complies with various regulations, so she's already concerned about the river.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, she and Kristofer will be at Schoolcraft College for a brief orientation and then they'll head out to various sites along the river.

"The bug hunt shows us the general health of the river, It gets the public involved," said Tracy Slintak. "It's really hands-on learning looking for bugs. Leaders sample areas of the river. Volunteers then put samples in trays and start going through them to look for little wiggly things in the water, moving around, swimming around. Some bugs indicate there's



Children ages 5 and up are welcome to hunt bugs as part of a study by Friends of the Rouge. Here, they sort through specimens at Fellows Creek near Ridge and Ford roads in Canton.

not a lot of oxygen in it or there is. The bug hunt shows our efforts are helping to improve the condition of

Sally Petrella is still looking for volunteers for the Fall Bug Hunt put on by the Friends whose mission is to promote restoration of the Rouge River watershed, which covers approximately 466 square miles, runs through 47 communities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, and empties into the Detroit River, a major source of drinking water for southeastern Michigan residents.

Please see BUGS, C3

# 3-Day walkers blistered but smiling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Danielle Momany of Rochester was putting gobs of Vaseline on the blisters on her feet, but had a smile on her face. The Rochester woman and her sister Diana Pierscinski of Royal Oak had just completed the first 20 of the 60-mile Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Friday, Sept. 26.

A total of 3,000 walkers crossed the line into Rotary Park in Livonia where they'd bed for the night. The walk began at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills and ended last Sunday at The Henry Ford museum in Dearborn.

"It was still a lot of fun, but I'm ready to rest," said Momany, who walked from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. "The funny thing is I trained in these shoes. Training was harder and on rainy weekends we did it in gyms. We have a lot of friends and co-workers touched by breast cancer. We did fund-raisers like Mugs for Jugs with kegs of beer

and sold tickets."

Lori Lee spent so much time training with her daughter, Katie, a 15-year-old junior at Stevenson High School, and mother, Jean Makela, 70, the 46-year-old Livonia woman was "even doing it in her dreams." Between the three of them they raised almost \$8,000. Participants were required to raise \$2,200 to walk in the event.

"My daughter Katie got me involved," said Lee, an elementary school teacher in Dearborn. "I said 'there's no way I can do 60 miles.' We started in March, training and doing fund-raisers. We have 31 names listed on the backs of our shirts of people who had cancer or died of cancer. Just about anybody can name someone who fought breast cancer and if not they'll know someone very soon. We know so many people affected by breast cancer. My grandma died of breast cancer. My mom had breast cancer."

Charlotte Oliver of Rochester Hills doesn't know anyone with breast can-

Please see 3-DAY, C5



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Livonia resident and 17-year cancer survivor Rose Cerroni, right, talks about why she takes part in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk as she and her niece complete the first day of the walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

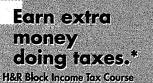
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#### Paul Kavieff, who's written several books on the history of U.S. organized crime, talks about the Purple Gang 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington

Kavieff, an engineer at Wayne State University, considers his interest in organized crime, particularly the Purple Gang, his avocation. He hold a bachelor's degree from

Oakland University and a master's in modern U.S. history from Wayne State University. His book, Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang (2008), will be available for sale after the presentation. The Purple Gang menaced the city of Detroit during the roaring 20's.

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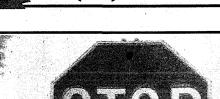
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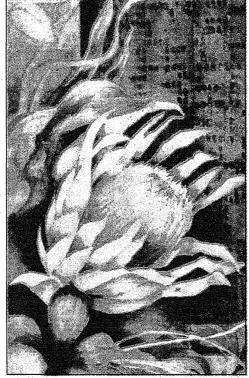


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Ruth Ann Platt of Redford painted this watercolor titled "Protea." The work is part of the Livonia Artists Club's Affordable Art Sale Oct. 11-12 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

# Club members to sell affordable art

The Livonia Artists Club holds its Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Unframed and small framed paintings, art objects, notecards, and Christmas ornaments will be available.

The club has been in existence since 1960. Many of the artists have been painting for years but still attend classes and workshops to learn new experimental techniques and keep ideas

There are also several new budding artists anxious to show their work. This year's show features watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, col-

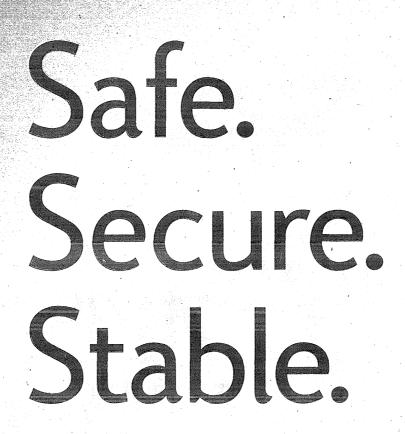
ored pencil, collage, and photography. Club members meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome to drop in.

For more information, call Nora Oxley at (734) 425-2005.

### **Author talks** about Detroit's early villages

Gene and Barb Scott of Livonia give a talk and present an audiovisual show on Detroit's Early Villages as guests of the Redford Historical Society at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the little red schoolhouse next to the Post Office on Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road.

Gene Scott is author of "Michigan Shadow Towns: A Study of Vanishing and Vibrant Villages" which is a compilation of more than 120 small communities. For more information about the book, call (734) 523-7844.



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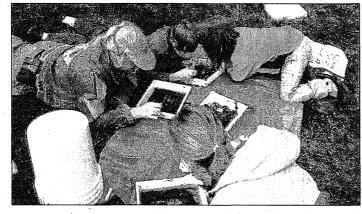
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The effort began in May 2001 with about 20 people and has since grown to 100, but volunteers are always needed. The Friends (therouge.org) began sampling the river in 1998.

Petrella says all ages from 5 on up are welcome but children must be accompanied by a participating adult. She suggests volunteers dress for the weather since the bug hunt is an outdoor activity. And don't forget to bring lunch and snacks because volunteers will be out in the field all day. Deadline for registration is Oct. 10.

"They'll be looking for mayflies, dragonflies, clams, snails, collecting and sorting them after identifying and counting them," said Petrella, volunteer monitoring program manager. "The leader calculates a score for the site which will tell if it's poor, good, fair, or excellent. In some cases we have unearthed problems we didn't know about that have led us to further investigate the site. More immediately volunteers discovered problems in the community. In Canton we discovered raw sewage leaking into the stream in a park. Another case we went to a site and all the vegetation had been removed causing the sediment to go into the water. Volunteers learn the way they take care of the land has a big impact on the river."

Volunteers need not know anything about bugs as leaders are trained in identifying speci-



Volunteers sort through sample trays from Fellows Creek, looking for bugs by using tweezers, and for fast moving critters by using eye droppers.

sites in Canton, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Northville," said Petrella. "In the field they're provided with identification cards. Most people know what a crayfish looks like, but may not know some of the water beetles, water striders. In the larval stage, mayflies are sensitive to changes in water quality. They use gills to breathe and need high levels of dissolved oxygen in the water. Some of the clams are very sensitive, the crayfish less sensitive. We're looking for a lot of these different types of critters. If you have a lot of especially sensitive ones that's going to tell you the site is in pretty good shape. Some of the sites in middle and lower rouge are showing improvement. We're really happy to see that."

Bob Belair has always been interested in the quality of the streams. For the last seven years he's served as co-team leader wading into the river to scoop up samples. He likes sharing the experience with his son Bobby, 6, daughter, Samantha, 4, and

"It's quite a learning experience," said Belair, who manages the Canton Township engineering department. "The best part is seeing the kids and their interest, At first my wife was not excited about it but after said it was really cool. She was surprised because the kids were into it and what they learned. In Canton we've seen an increase in water quality. We're starting to find more oxygen in the water, There's still a long way to go but it's good to see an improvement."

Bill Ruth feels like he's contributing to keeping the river and streams clean by volunteering for the bug hunts.

"I think all of us have to participate as members of our community," said Ruth of Redford. "I fish and feel it's helpful. It's our water source.'

Jordan Peerbolte became involved as a freshman at Salem High School as part of a volunteer project. The 17-year-old Canton resident continues to participate with his dad Marc.



Bugs of all shapes and sizes astounded volunteers in McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

doing it," said Peerbolte, a senior who likes to camp and fish. "It's a real fun way to get out into the environment. You're actually doing something to help."

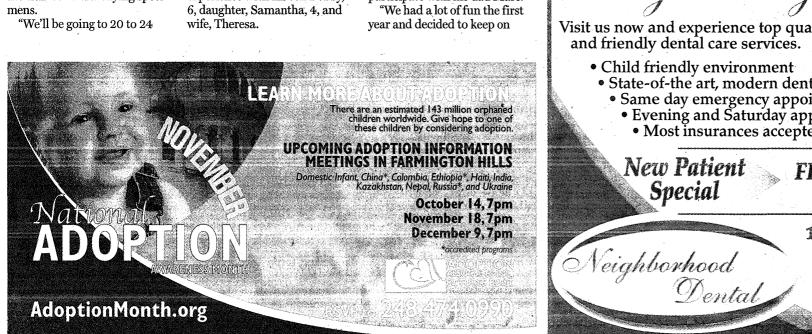
Whether you decide to volunteer for the bug hunt or not, Slintak said there's something everyone can do not to pollute the rivers, lakes and streams.

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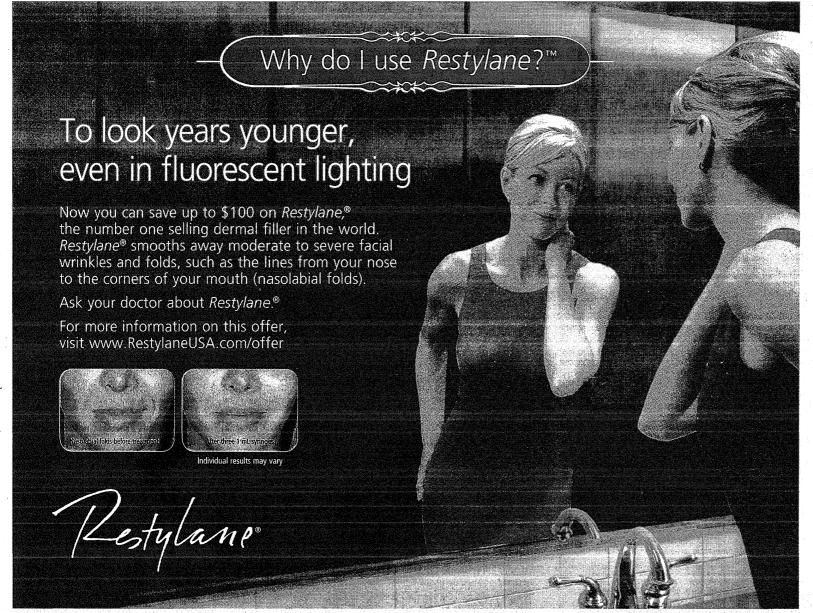
"It's the actions we're doing daily to our rivers," said Slintak. "It's important to clean up after your pet. The water that doesn't soak in the ground eventually ends up in the Rouge River. Fertilize your lawn responsibly and sweep off paved surfaces. There's research for and against fertilizing. Fall is the best time

to fertilize, but make sure you follow directions, and dispose of hazardous waste properly. Nothing but rain should go down the drains on your street. All these things affect the bugs we see in the river."

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# Learn about newest art supplies at Three Cities meeting Monday

Learn about the newest innovations in art supplies at the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in the lower level of Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

There will be light refreshments and there is no charge to attend. For information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hot-

Dennis Kapp, owner of Detroit's Martin Universal Design and Martin F. Weber Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and his daughter, Dawn Knowles of Canton, will show the latest products supplied by their companies. Established in 1853 in Philadelphia, the Martin/F. Weber Co. is the oldest and one of the largest manufacturers of art materials in the United States. Originating in 1853 as Scholz & Company, a sales agency, the company evolved through a series of growth partnerships to become F. Weber and Company in 1887 under the leadership of owner, Frederick Weber.

Throughout the late 19th century, F. Weber and Company offered a wide range of imported and manufactured products. A significant number of patents for innovative art products were

awarded to the company. After the death of Weber in 1919 his sons, Frederick and Ernest, incorporated the company, becoming F. Weber Co. Inc. Fred became Technical Director. A creative artist and chemist, as well as author of artists' materials books, he developed many new

One of the most notable, is Original Permalba White, first formulated in 1921. Fred was the first to develop a nontoxic, opaque, white oil paint with smooth working qualities to replace the toxic, lead-based whites that artists had used for hundreds of years. It remains the artists' standard in white oil paint. In the 1930s Weber introduced new pigments to the industry with excellent light fastness and reduced toxicity to the artist and synthetic varnishes to replace the less stable natural materials used in the past. Turpenoid, an exceptional odorless turpentine replacement, was introduced in the 1950s. This remarkably early commitment to the development of safer art materials continues to the present.

Mention Three Cities Art Club at D & M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, south of Joy, to receive a 15 percent discount on art supplies including products from Martin/F. Weber Co.

### Redford artist opens exhibit with reception

Redford artist Sergio De Giusti presents his timeless work Oct. 10, to Nov. 21, at the Ellen Kayrod Gallery at Hannan House, 4750 Woodward, three blocks south of the Detroit

Meet the artist at an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. The event is free and open For more information, visit www.hannan.org. De Giusti was born in Italy and is best known

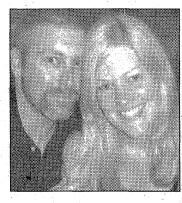
#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### Carriere-Mietelski

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Terrence and Margaret Carriere of Howell, and former residents of Livonia for more than 50 years, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Therese Carriere, to Joshua John Mietelski of Pittsfield Township. He is the son of Darlene Porro of Britton, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Mietelski of New Milford,

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and works as an investments representative at Fidelity Investments. Her fiance earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut



University. He works as a vice president and account executive at Fidelity Investments.

The couple is planning an October wedding at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland.

#### Macleod-Kelly

Weatherford

George and Cathleen

(Sedgewick) Weatherford

are celebrating their 50th

at St. Anthony Church in Long Beach, Calif. They met

in Long Beach at a church

gathering. George, a native

U.S. Navy at the time and

Cathleen, a Detroit native,

worked for Douglass Aircraft.

Though their first home was in

California, the couple moved to

Detroit, and once they started

their family, became residents

of Livonia. The Weatherfords

joined St. Genevieve Church,

where George became man-

ager of the Catholic Softball

League. He worked as a skilled drywall taperer, and served

as umpire, referee, and coach.

Cathleen worked for Livonia

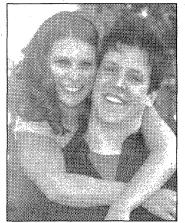
Public Schools. They have both

retired and are parents to two

of Portland, Ore., was in the

anniversary this month. The couple wed Oct. 11, 1958

Colin and Mary Alicia Macleod of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Mary Macleod, to Stephen Michael Kelly of Plymouth. He is the son of Thomas and Linda Kelly of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School and plans to graduate from Western Michigan University in December with a degree in elementary education. She is minoring in early childhood education, language arts and social studies. Her fiance is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and plans to graduate from Western Michigan University



in December with a degree in nursing.

The couple is planning a June 19, 2009 wedding at The Inn at St. John's.

daughters, Terry (Jerry) Vance

and Karen (Doug) Cavins,

and one son, Kevin (Denise)

Weatherford. They are grand-

parents to four grandchildren,

Shane and Shaun Vance, and

Joey and Lauren Cavins. The

vows Oct. 11 at St. Raphael

Church. "They're the best pa

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for and the best grandparents

anyone could ever have," said

Terry Vance. "They are loved

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American Blinds, Wallpaper and More, an online retailer of brand name custom window treatments and wall coverings, offers these tips for creating a warm, cozy house during fall and winter:

■ Use nature-inspired colors. Hues that reflect "air" make the house breathe. Earth-related colors can ground and calm a busy room. Water hues add a playfulness and fiery reds and oranges create a bold, confident environment.

■ Take a cue from the vibrant golds, rich reds, deep chocolate browns and toasty oranges in fall foliage as you decorate. The colors inspire life and energy as the days get darker and cooler. Look for ways to incorporate them into room décor.

Go natural with environment-friendly products that incorporate earthy colors and textures.

■ Carve out a tall pumpkin and use it as a flower vase or use small pumpkins for candles. A throw pillow, bowl of fresh citrus fruit or a bouquet of cut flowers are inexpensive ways to provide some color pop while welcoming guests with the feel of nature.

**■** Rearrange your furniture to set your fireplace, instead of the television, as the focal point of the room. Footstools, ottomans, and floor pillows by the fire create an inviting, warm atmosphere that will get you through the harshest days of winter. And if you don't want the hassle of starting and maintaining a fire, try placing tall white candles in the fireplace for a similar glow.

Add a few splashes of vibrant color. They enrich any look and keep you from feeling drab. Deep colors also inspire confidence. Use an area rug to add warmth and personality to any room.

Design a wreath with colorful fall items. Make it a family project.

■ Prepare your own for winter by insulating the water heater, sealing leaks and drafts with caulk or weather strips, cleaning the furnace and changing the air filter. Consider insulating cellular shades or lined window treatments and install a programmable thermostat that will help conserve energy.

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for his and David Barr's monumental collaborative sculpture, Transcending, the Labor Legacy landmark, in Detroit's Hart Plaza. The exhibit includes, reliefs, sculpture, and drawings. De Giusti has received several awards and public and private commissions over the year.

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#### FOSTER R. FREYDL

Age 44, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Northville, passed away suddenly on October 1, 2008. He was born on June 2, 1964 in Livonia, Michigan to Robert and June (Roberts) Freydl. Following High School he proudly served his country in the Navy, where he received Crypto and FAA Certification. He was united in marriage to Michelle (Cady) Freydl on July 30, 2000 and they spent eight loving years together. Foster loved his family and cherished his son. He treasured the friendship of his neighbors. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. Foster adored his cats Bling Bling and Tigger Bruno. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, and photography. He was technically and mechanically inclined, and liked to build computers. He is survived by his beloved wife Michelle; his son Matthew James Freydl; his mother June Freydl; his in-laws Mark and Lee Cady: his brother Karl (Maria) Freydl; and was dearly loved by many other family and friends. Foster was preceded in death by his father. A Time of Gathering Monday 2-8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions to VA Hospital, Attn: Sleep Apnea Clinic, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48175 or Affordable Vet Services, 611 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.



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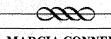


#### MARY LOU BROWN

October 2, 2008. Age 76, of Westland. Beloved wife of James D. Dear mother of Karen (Don) McCloud, David (Bridget) Brown, Thomas (Kathleen) Brown and Diane (Kurt) Haranczak. Sister of Willis, Claude and Roy Johnston. Grandmother of Jason Faryn, Matthew and Adam McCloud, Timothy and Luke Brown, Alexandria and Nicholas Brown and Jimmy Haranczak. Great-grandmother of Angelo D. Dimichele. Service Monday 11:30 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 2 9 pm. Please visit and leave a note

#### **IRENE GOULD**

Age 86. Of Farmington Hills, MI. October 1, 2008. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington



#### MARCIA CONNELL Age 90, a lifelong civic and communi-

volunteer and resident of Southern Pines and Pinehurst for 38 years. Died September 30, 2008, at Moore legional Hospital after a brief illness. Mrs. Strickland was born August 18, 1918 in Detroit, MI and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan, Class of 1939, of which class she would become president. She was selected Queen of the Big Ten in 1939 and represented the Elgin Watch Company at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. A member of the Delta Gamma Fraternity, she continued a lifelong relationship with the fraternity, serving as national president from 968 to 1972 and was among the first directors of the Delta Gamma Foundation. She was a chairman of the Alumnae Development Council of the University of Michigan and received the University's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. She was instrumental in developing and supporting the Aid to the Blind program of the Delta Gamma Fraternity and became chairman of the Sight Conservation project. She married Russell Strickland in 1940, and they lived in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where Mrs. Strickland was a member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, The Bloomfield Hills Country Club, and was on the board of trustees of the Cranbrook Educational Community. The Stricklands retired to Pinehurst in 1970 and Mrs. Strickland continued her community voluntarism. She served as President of the Garden Club of the andhills, President of the Garden Club of the Country Club of North Carolina and President of the Silver Foils. She was a founder of the Women's Special Events Committee of the Pinehurst Country Club and a founding member of the Women of the Chapel of The Village Chapel, Pinehurst. Mrs. Strickland maintained a lifetime commitment to leadership and education and lived her long life with sophistication, poise, grace, beauty and humor. Surviving are her children, Paul Kent Strickland (Elise Backinger) of Salida, CO, John Connell Strickland (Cynthia) of Pinehurst, and Sheridan Strickland (Michael Thomas) of Washington, D.C., and two grandchildren, Christopher Connell Strickland of New York, NY and Amanda Strickland Berg (Harold William Berg, III) of Winter Park, FL. Mrs. Strickland was predeceased by her

husband, Russell Steele Strickland to

whom she was married for 66 years,

and by her sister Jane Connell Hanson.

A memorial service will be held at The

Village Chapel, Pinehurst on October

4th at 11:30 am. Interment will be at

Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

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3250 Riverside Drive, Columbus, OH. 43221 or to The Village Chapel, PO Box 1060, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

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#### MINERVA A. PARKS

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#### TED KUCHAR

Age 86. Formerly of Birmingham, MI. Passed away August 28, 2008 in Spring Hill, FL. Employeed by Tappan Brothers, Inc. A U.S. Army veteran who is survived by his loving wife, Leonora; children Ronald (Dianne) of New Baltimore, MI; Beverly Keast (Lon) of Shelby Twp., MI; Nancy Lau (Michael) of Rochester Hills, MI: six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ted was laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery.

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#### Age 86. September 30, 2008, of

Garden City. Beloved wife of Elijah. Loving mother of Pat Alvarado & Bev (Bill) Torni. Dear grandmother of Joe Alvarado, Billy Torni & Tracy Torni. Great-grandmother of Alex & Tia Alvarado and Jenna & Lucas Torni. She was preceded in death by grandson, Ruben Alvarado Funeral services were held Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, 734-425-9200. Please sign Minerva's

#### Learn about winter preparation for roses at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5 and 12 and at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 6 and 13, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875

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Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare roses for winter survival. (734) 461-1230

### Accessorizing the garden

Michael Saint of the Good Earth Landscape Institute will show you how to punch up your garden with the proper placement of garden accessories, from 10-11:30 a..m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates Birmingham. Cost is \$19. Register at (248) 644-5832 or www.commmunityhouse.com

Meadow Brook benefit Proceeds from the Meadow Brook

Colossal Indoor Garage Sale, Oct. 15-18, at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, on the Oakland University campus, in Rochester, will benefit the 14 gardens surrounding Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club pres-

ents the event, which will start with a preview sale and silent auction, from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15. Sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday -Friday and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday. Admission to the preview is \$10. Admission to the sale from Thursday-Saturday, is \$1. (248) 364-6200. www. meadowbrookhall.org

#### **Butterflies and moths**

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will look at the "Life Cycles of Michigan Butterflies and Moths" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Nankin Mill's Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578, www.sembabutterfly.com

Michigan Orchid Society Karen Miur, an accredited American

Orchid Society judge from California, will show slides about the Japan Grand Prix at the Michigan chapter's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. Miur is one of few women who are invited to judge at the show, which is the largest and most prestigious

orchid shows in Japan. She also has judged shows in Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil and South Africa. For more information call Betty at (586) 416-1496.

#### African Violet Society

The Michigan State African Violet Society will host its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 18 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The free event features African Violets, Gesneriads and supplies on sale. Call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail ingridbow-

#### man07@comcast.net. Lily bulb sale

Michigan Regional Lily Society will sell hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple, between Southfield Road and Cranbrook, in Birmingham. Many kinds of bulbs - Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Orienpets – will be sold. Plant lilies now for blooms next year. No credit cards accepted, www.mrls.

### Noon recital features pianist

Pianist Panayis Lyras performs a one hour recital noon Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the VisTaTech Presentation Room on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Lyras was the silver medalist in the Sixth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. He is an internationally acclaimed musician who has been a guest artist with major symphony orchestra around the world. He also performs with chamber music ensembles and has appeared at the Interlochen Summer Festival. Lyras is currently artist-in-residence and professor of piano at the Michigan State University School of Music.

The program includes sonatas by Mozart and Beethoven, and works by Granados and Debussy. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft College liberal arts office and music department, the recital is free.

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cer but she was walking just the same. This was her third year.

"I wanted to raise awareness. It's an important cause," said Oliver. "I wouldn't normally walk 20 miles, but we're suffering for a reason. When you walk 7 hours it gives you time to think and reflect. It's an amazing journey, very invigorating.'

Leah Barnett of Ferndale was excited to see people lining the walk to cheer her on as she arrived at the park. More than 480 crew and volunteers had been working since 4:30 a.m. to make the 3-Day a success. Hundreds of pink tents were set up by the Romeo Bulldogs boys football team as part of the city that include medical and dining areas, and rows of portable potties. White remembrance tents honored those who lost their battle with the disease.

"It's my first year," said Barnett. "It's difficult but I feel good. I feel pretty good.

Fourteen girls, ages 10-12, from Girl Scout Troop 662 at Messmore Elementary in Macomb County, were among the cheerleaders at the park entrance.

"We had a guest speaker diagnosed with breast cancer and fighting it 15 years. She passed away two weeks ago," said troop member



Danielle Momany of Rochester talks about her experiences and blistered feet after completing the first day of the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Isabella Palazzolo.

Rose Cerroni of Livonia is a 17-year survivor of breast cancer. She was a member of the Hines Pink Pathers team along with her niece Gloria Leonetti.

"My niece and I are two of 59. We raised \$123,000 for our team by holding events such as bowling tournaments and selling cookbooks that included stories about why we walk," said Cerroni. "At age 70 I'm still going strong after my first 20 miles.'

Leonetti admitted she was tired but felt great. "I love it," said Leonetti. ence."

Colleen Gallagher of Ferndale found the walk. her first, inspiring.

"I've seen a lot of people suffer through it and am convinced there's a better way to treat it, There were survivors on the walk. You go through the cheering sections along the walk and you know they have lost

somebody," said Gallagher. Nancy Kurdziel of East Lansing walked with coworker Michael Streeter of Bath because "there are too many women dying" of breast cancer.

Jenne Fromm, national 3-Day spokesperson, hopes

proceeds from the walk eventually lead to a cure. About 75 percent of the money goes to national research, and up to 25 percent to local breast cancer and health programs. This year the Michigan race raised \$7.2 million.

"We have 14 walks across the country and Michigan is the largest one," said Fromm. "Michigan is always supportive."

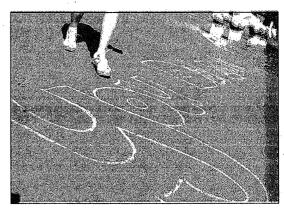
The 2009 Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day walk is scheduled for Aug. 14-16. For information, visit www. the3day.org.

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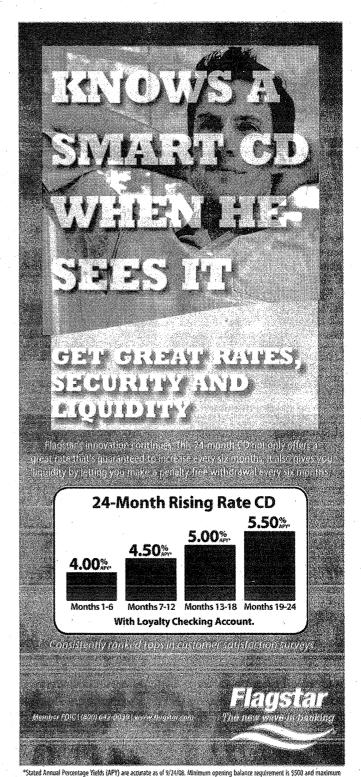


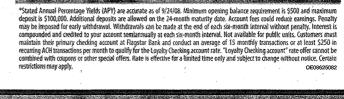


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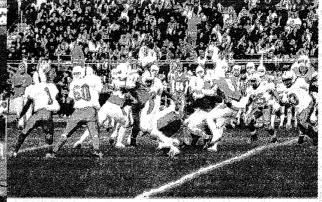


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### **October** events raise awareness of breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Katrina Studvent just turned 30 when she found a lump in her breast. She's urging women to pay attention to their bodies. The Southfield woman had no family history of breast cancer. Today she's back at work full time and studying for a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, but is still haunted by the grueling experience that included surgery to remove one breast and six months of chemotherapy.

"You can never say it's all gone," said Studvent. "I constantly stress to friends and family the importance of self-checking. Go for regular checkups, even 30 or younger need to ask questions."

Several events are taking place during October to inform individuals about breast cancer. Most hospitals offer support groups for survivors to share information. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia not only holds meetings in Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center on the second Tuesday of the month, but is planning a Ladies Night Out to spotlight Reiki, the gentle art of hands-on healing, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. The evening includes screenings for blood pressure and bone density, and massages. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1182.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month the Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's hosts Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mammograms must be scheduled in advance by calling (734) 655-1159. The daylong event includes opportunities to ask doctors and a dietitian questions and information exams.

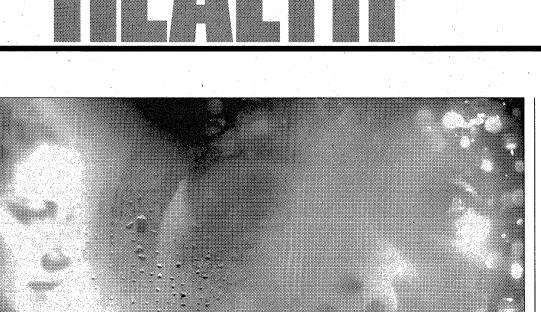
The Sharing & Caring support program at Beaumont Hospitals holds its annual Breast Health Fairs focusing on breast health/screening, cancer genetics, lymphedema prevention, meditation, support programs, treatment, and cancer clinical trials 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Cancer Center Hallway on the Royal Oak Campus, and Oct. 30, on the ground floor of the Troy Campus. For information, call (248) 551-1219.

Sharing & Caring regularly schedules talks about a variety of topics related to breast cancer. In October subjects range from preserving fertility prior to cancer treatment to what you need to know about breast cancer clinical trials, and a vegetable-based diet and cancer. For information, call (248) 551-8586.

Curves of West Bloomfield is offering the Liv Aid breast selfexam kit to help women become more comfortable with performing monthly self-checks. Nonmembers can get a free kit when they come in for a complimentary fitness assessment. For information, call (248) 738-9900.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk is an event to honor and celebrate breast cancer survivors, educate women about the importance of early detection and prevention, and raise money to fund lifesaving research and support programs to help eliminate breast cancer 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, registration at 7:30 a.m. at Gallup Park, Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (248) 663-3400 or stridesmetrodetroit@cancer.org, or visit www.cancer. org/stridesonline.

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# **Breast cancer update**

### Physicians reveal latest in treatment, diagnostics

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Dr. Eleanor Walker grew up in the Caribbean using leaves from bushes to treat illnesses so she's especially open to new ideas when it comes to medicine. After reading a journal article about acupuncture relieving the side effects of hormone therapy in prostate cancer patients she applied to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for a grant to see if the Eastern practice would be as effective in individuals with breast cancer. Cutting edge medicine has become

standard practice in the area with physicians like Dr. Frank Vicini at Beaumont Hospital conducting clinical trials to reduce radiation treatments from six weeks to five days. Recently several oncologists and surgeons took time to talk about the latest advances in treatment and diagnostics for breast cancer

Walker, a radiation oncologist at Henry Ford Hospital, lead the 47 breast cancer patients who found relief from hot flashes and night sweats after receiving acupuncture for 12 weeks. The symptoms were caused by hormone suppression treatment with Tamoxifen or Arimidex. The study followed women over a year and compared the results to Effexor which is usually given to reduce side effects, Acupuncture not only proved to be as effective but increased energy, sense of well-being, clarity of thought, and sex drive plus the results lasted about three months after stopping treatment. Patients on Effexor saw an increase in hot flashes after only two weeks.

#### **EARLY INFLUENCE**

"I'm always interested in integrative therapy," said Walker of Troy. "My mother, aunts and uncles if you got sick went to the back yard and picked a bush to make tea. That influenced me in looking for other ways to supplement treatment."

Walker would like to do a follow-up study to find out if patients might only need treatment three to four times a year, She's excited about collaborating again with the hospital's Center for Integrative Medicine because the study incorporated Eastern and Western medicine. Innovation is key at Henry Ford Hospital which recently began scheduling mammograms online at henryford.

"Henry Ford is an active participant in most of the big studies in chemo and radiation and genetic profiling," said

Vicini is the principal investigator for the national study to reduce the number of radiation treatments and still remain effective. He was recently encouraged by a Canadian trial that showed three weeks of radiation treatment work just as well as a longer course for women with early-stage breast cancers, He's

equally excited about a Beaumont program for individuals at high risk for developing breast cancer.

We're setting up a program for a high risk clinic. When a woman comes in for a mammogram we do an initial risk assessment, a questionnaire, and provide physicians with a risk assessment based on mammogram and information on potential risk of developing breast cancer," said Vicini, chief of oncology and a radiation oncologist at Beaumont Hospital. "We're reaching out to the community and trying to decrease the impact of breast cancer, trying to catch it before it develops."

While Dr. Nayana Dekhne, a breast surgeon and director of Beaumont's Breast Care Center, is concerned about patients with a family history of breast cancer, she believes all women could benefit from making certain lifestyle choices like eating six to eight servings of fresh fruits and vegetables daily.

"Just physical activity is tremen-Dekhne. "The logic is the estrogens or hormones are fat soluble so they might be less at a cellular level. Women who have a lower BMI (Body Mass Index) are probably at a lower risk."

#### **OFFERING OPTIONS**

Dekhne considers risk-reducing surgery one of the new, exciting developments. She's seeing more patients, especially the younger ones, opting for aggressive treatment such as bilateral mastectomies. As a surgeon, her job is to offer options. For years the standard for mastectomy has been to remove the nipple to minimize the recurrence of cancer.

"The nipple-saving mastectomies we can do now modified techniques to leave skin flaps with minimal tissues and save the nipples if possible because reconstructed nipples don't match God-given nipples," said Dekhne, who's followed the advances over 18 years of treating breast cancer patients.

Dr. Linda Dubay is especially looking forward to advances in imaging. The earlier a cancer is caught the better the

"Nationwide as far as imaging it's a very exciting time. We realize we're missing a lot. We're going to see a lot (of advances) in the next five years," said Dubay, a general surgeon who specializes in breast cancer at Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi where she is medical director of surgical services.

"Treatment is cutting edge right here and now. One of the exciting things that's completely experimental is related to immunotherapy. There are a few physicians in the country freezing advanced cancers that begin to die off so the body can fight off the cancer. There's new imaging on the horizon at Karmanos with water imaging that's completely experimental but it's exciting. They're

coming up with non-radiation imaging. In my 15 years as a breast surgeon, it's changed pretty dramatically. Going off hormones was a big thing that was contributing to breast cancer. Excessive hormones increase breast cancer risk, adding fuel to the cancer."

#### **CLINICAL TRIALS**

Dr. Amy Weise is excited about the possibility of some day eliminating chemotherapy as a treatment. At Karmanos Cancer Institute where she is a medical oncologist, researchers like herself are involved in a wide range of clinical trials looking at new combinations of medications including targeted therapy. "Some of the trials use traditional

chemo medications but alter the frequency in which those are given," said Weise. "We're also participating in a major trial that takes patients' tumor type and does genetic analysis and places patients into three risk categories. It's helping us to characterize molecular level so in learning more about the aggressiveness, we're able to eliminate the chemo and safely treat them with hormone therapy. We have a prevention trial looking at aromatase inhibitors compared to a placebo in women who are postmenopausal but at increased risk of developing cancer. We have unique trials not available at any other institution using different arms of the immune system to attack the cancer. We're the largest Phase I center in Michigan. Phase I is the first time a drug is tested in a person, brand new medica-

At the University of Michigan hospital, Dr. Jennifer Griggs is concentrating her research on quality care. The medical oncologist is director of the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program.

"We're spending more time with longterm effects of treatment," said Griggs. "Most people can resume a normal life, but can suffer with nerve problems, pain in fingers and toes after chemo, cardiac effects of treatment, swelling of the arm after lymph node removal, hot flashes, sleep problems. We're helping people make sense of what happens, Breast cancer is a life-altering event, Unlike cardiac rehab we don't have a model for getting back to being in charge of their health care. We want to make sure women benefit from the best therapies out there. PARP inhibitors directed at BRCA1 and 2 (genes); it's the first time for therapy directed at genetic mutation. We consider all of those options in every patient. There's no holding back on chemo in some people but we're getting smarter about who needs it, where there would be no benefit. We hope to see more people being cured and make advances in prevention and quality of care of people."

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# **Experts: Treat eye allergies** with caution

With news reports indicating this could be the worst year ever for the common allergen ragweed, area residents should not only prepare for sneezing and stuffy or runny noses but for eye allergies. The Michigan Optometric Association wants Michigan residents to be aware of eye allergy symptoms that may occur this fall and the precautionary steps needed to ensure healthy

Eye allergy symptoms can include itchiness, swollen or inflamed inner eyelids, tearing, blurred vision and sometimes mucus or watery discharge. These symptoms can be very uncomfortable for allergy sufferers and may impede sports activities, school performance and job productivity. For contact lens wearers, allergy season may present other difficulties involving airborne allergens that can adhere to the lenses and cause discomfort.

Many people use eye drops to relieve the symptoms associated with eye allergies. MOA doctors warn this practice may result in trouble if people are not careful.

"Eye drops may temporarily help to relieve eye allergy symptoms and keep contact lenses clean," said Dr. Teresa Seim, MOA past-president. "However, certain symptoms of eye allergies can be similar to other eye conditions so it is best to schedule an appointment with an optometrist to determine the best treatment for any eye issue."

The MOA offers the following tips regarding eye drop safety for allergy sufferers:

Prescription eye drops are generally very effective and because they are applied topically, there are usually few systemic side effects. Most prescription drops are only used once or twice a day and many can be used to prevent the allergic reaction in the first place.

Over the counter eye drops are not as effective or safe as prescription drops. If used in excess, non-prescription drops can cause a rebound effect and actually make the eyes more red and irritated.

The best treatment is avoidance of the allergen. If you can identify and avoid the particular agent you are allergic to, the symptoms will improve dramatically.

Treating eye allergy symptoms does not take a one-size-fits-all approach. There are many factors that go into getting the right treatment for symptoms. When visiting an optometrist, it is important to accurately describe symptoms so the doctor can prescribe a medication that safely and efficiently relieves the symptoms.

For more information about eyes or to locate an optometrist, visit michigan.

#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### **OCTOBER**

Ladies night out

Reiki: the Gentle Healing Art Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Blood pressure and bone density screenings, and massage will be offered 5:30-7 p.m., lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. Speaker is the hospital's Reiki Master Jane Kaleski, a Certified Massage Therapist, Medical Massage Therapist and Certified Infant Massage Instructor. Registration required. No charge, but a \$5 donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center programs. Call (734) 655-1182 to register or for information.

Grief seminar

Join national grief expert and author Dr. Alan Wolfelt as he presents The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Rd., Troy. No charge, but reservations recommended as seating is limited. To register, call (248) 362-2500. Visit www. desmondfuneralfuneralhome.com for details and

directions. Low vision support

The Canton Low Vision Support Group for the visually impaired meets 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Summit on the Park community center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For information, call (734) 394-5485.

Stop smoking program

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 12-16, and Monday, Oct. 20, at Metropolitan Adventist Church fellowship room, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. No need to register. For information, call (248) 349-5683.

Walk to fight diabetes

Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak. Proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association to help prevent and cure diabetes through programs and services in Michigan. To register as an individual or lead a team, visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Stephanie Camalo at 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6692 or scamalo@diabetes.

### The key to glycemic diets, and the amount of cholesterol in meat



Peter's **Principles** 

**Peter Nielsen** 

Bob from Royal Oak e-mails that he has been hearing a lot about high and low glycemic diets lately. He wants to know which is more effective when it comes to weight loss.

Bob, high glycemic foods are high in simple carbohydrates and cause a rapid increase in blood sugar. Low glycemic foods enter the system more slowly and contain more fiber

A recent study compared the two

diets. The weight loss was the same with both groups, but with a key difference. Those on the high glycemic diet lost more muscle weight while the low glycemic dieters lost more fat.

The low glycemic group also had higher levels of leptin, which leads to a higher metabolic rate. The bottom line: if you want to lose weight, eat a diet rich in low glycemic carbs and fiber and low in refined sugar.

See your doctor for the diet plan

that is right for you! Paul from Farmington wants to

know if a lean cut of meat has less cholesterol than a fatty cut. Paul, fatty meat has about the

same amount of cholesterol as lean cuts, since the concentration of cholesterol in fat and lean tissue is the same, 20 to 30 milligrams per ounce. Cholesterol is a fat-like substance found in all cell membranes and nerve fibers of animals. The reason

to avoid fatty meat, or at least to trim all the visible fat, is that it is rich in saturated fat, which stimulates the body's production of cholesterol even more than dietary cholesterol does.

Peter Nielsen is a health and 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 Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

#### **REUNION CALENDAR**

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail Ichomin@hometownlife.com.

**Bishop Borgess High School** Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11 at the Fairlane Club, Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

#### **Brighton High School** Class of 1989

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

#### **Cass Technical High School Classes of 1964-67**

Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133. Class of 1959

50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www. casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59. com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

#### Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar, Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

#### **Clarkston High School**

Class of 1998 A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent. com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail. com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

#### **Clarenceville High School** Class of 1988

20th high school reunion, Oct. 17-19. Contact Julie (Mansell) Pierce at (734) 996-2513 or pierce.julie@gmail.com for

#### more information. Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn. Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more

#### information. Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

#### **Detroit Cass Tech** Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

#### **Detroit Chadsey High School** Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

#### Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.

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#### Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

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

#### classmates. Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

#### **Detroit Winship School**

Class of 1956 Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

### Farmington Harrison High School

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites. 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

#### Ferndale High School Class of 1963

45th reunion, Oct. 11, at Shield's Pizza,

Southfield. Call Betty (248) 852-8530. Garden City High School Class of 1960

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

#### Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

#### **Grosse Pointe North** Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www. taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@ taylorreunions.com.

#### Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

#### Livonia Bentley Class of 1958

50th reunion, Oct. 10-12, including golf at Whispering Willows Golf Course and dinner at One Under, For details contact Ellen Baumgartner Dorman, (734) 261-6984: Jane Faries Hopper, (248) 474-3728.

#### Livonia Franklin **Class of 1969**

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

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#### Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Email milford78@gmail.com.

#### **Redford Thurston** Class of 1968

Pre-Party Get Together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six. Livonia. 40th Year Reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@ netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

#### **Redford Union** Class of 1978

30 Year Reunion Saturday, 6 p.m. till? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank

Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1, \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at teresamac7@yahoo.com or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at Ildugan@comcast.net or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 p.m. Cash bar.

#### Royal Oak Dondero Class of 1988

20-year reunion, Friday, Oct. 10 at the Royal Oak Music Theater featuring The Mega 80's. More information on classmates and where to register can be found at www.dondero1988. myevent.com.

#### St. Joan of Arc

All alumni, parents and friends

2nd Annual Homecoming, Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. Cider and Donut Tailgate; SJA Chargers vs. St. Isaac Jogues games; 12:30-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Alumni Memory Walks through SJA School; 6 p.m. Alumni Mass; 7-11 p.m. Campfire Gathering and "Dance through the Decades," \$5-\$10 per person. Visit www.stjoana-



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excessive running, prior foot injury or ill fitting shoes do not apply to the majority cases of plantar fasciitis.

MRI imaging has shown that in plantar fasciitis, not only is the plantar tissue swollen, but the surrounding bone is bruised. Current medical thinking is that possibly the pain of plantar fasciitis is not from the swollen tissue but from the injured bone.

Since no one treatment can claim consistent success, a large number of therapies, claim attention. Advocates exist for physical therapy, application of heat, application of cold, shoe inserts, pressure molded orthotics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, pain medication, shock wave therapy, ultrasound therapy, radiotherapy, steroid injections and surgery.

Practical treatment consists of finding a comfortable pair of shoes and keeping as active as possible, as in time the foot pain will leave. However, keep in mind, that the resolution of

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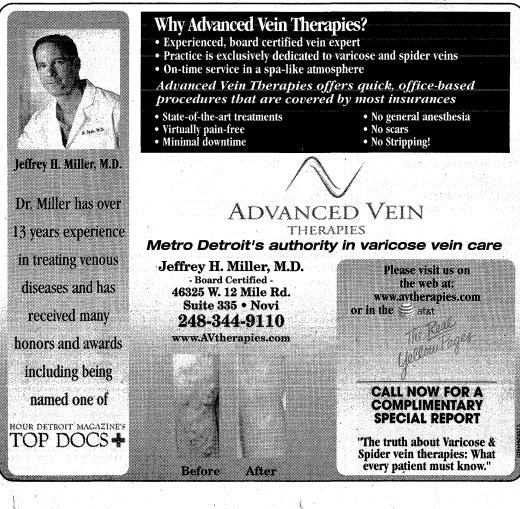
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### REJECTED AT WORK? HOW TO 'RECALIBRATE'



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for a promotion or plum assignment, bv laughed at and Mildred L. harassed. They're made aware in no uncertain terms

that they're not valued. If this happens to you, how can you turn the situation around?

Psychotherapist and workplace coach Elayne Savage of Berkeley, Calif., says that if you feel rejected, you're probably "taking something personally, causing you to feel slighted, wronged or attacked. You're jumping into the center of your own universe. Recalibrate by creating distance to see the situation more clearly. Imagine walking alongside yourself. Clarity and distance allow you to choose to make a different response.' INCIDENTS

Dori Harrell is a freelance writer in Yakima, Wa., with a book in progress. Before the first of her three incidents with a single employer, she'd won regional awards as a local reporter. "I'd been nominated by coworkers for that month's (internal) Editor's Choice award," she recalls, "for in-depth articles about a topic

editor rejected her three consecutive times, even though Harrell received the most nominations. The first time.

Each time it happened, co-workers e-mailed supportive messages about how she should have won. That continued for a week or two.

Not being recognized for excellence stings, especially if external sources have already conferred rewards. The same is true for job seekers who don't land a job they really want. Joseph Meuse, managing director of Belmont Partners Inc., in Washington, Va., has started five companies projected to generate \$10 million in revenue this year. He provides shell companies for small- to medium-sized businesses going public.

At 23 or 24, Meuse found a job he was passionate about. Although specific details are a bit hazy after more than a decade has passed, he thinks that he interviewed several times after walking in the door at the local office and asking for a job. He had more interviews at the regional location and an office north of it. "If I remember correctly, I was told no three times," he reports. RESOLUTION

Harrell and Meuse reacted differently. "It was eating me up to go into work every day," Harrell comments. "It was affecting my work, writing and desire to get out of

"It was affecting my life," she adds. "I had to start talking about something else. Since there was little I could do, the one thing I could do is not take it as

Because of this decision, she agonized only about a week the first time; during her return to her desk the second; and, expecting nothing the third time, even less. She still e-mails story ideas and sees former colleagues

Meuse acted on the spot. "Boy, they're wrong," he said to himself. "They're wrong about me." Five minutes after hanging up the phone, he hopped into his car and drove to a nearby city he knew nothing about. The receptionist pointed him to HR, but no one was there. Asking for something to write on, he was handed a 4x6 or 5x7 notepad "and just started writing, just what I believed in," he explains. "No one will be more dedicated or work harder . . . " He went on for at least ten pages. The fourth call from the company was the

The experience for Harrell was life-changing, causing her to shrug her shoulders and "just move on, she remarks, when similar situations arise. Today she advocates giving recognition to people who deserve it, even if you don't like them. Meuse learned that "life and work is just a bunch of problems. You get up every day



Freelancer Dori Harrell and former colleague Scott Sandsberry, a sports and outdoors reporter, regularly meet in Yakima, Wa., to critique their book manuscripts. Harrell retains ties with co-workers in the workplace where she didn't receive recognition for excellence.

and say, 'I'm going to work hard to overcome a problem.'

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Built by General Motors' Daewoo subsidiary,

the Chevrolet Aveo has been a popular choice in the past few years thanks to its low price and

However, with such fine offerings from Honda, Nissan, Scion and Toyota in this economy car class, the competition has been stiff.

The 2008 Aveo is good on gas, which cars in this segment are known for, but it's not as miserly as the Honda Fit or Toyota Yaris. That's because these models have more refined and sportier engines. So, when it comes to price, the Aveo is more comparable with the bargain

The Aveo, which is assembled in South Korea but sold by your Chevy dealer here in America, is available in two body styles: a sedan and

hatchback that's called the Aveo5.

Both Aveos come with two trim levels: the Special Value and LS on the Aveo5 hatchback,

special value and LS on the Aveos hatchback, and LS and LT on the Aveo sedan.

Special Value means getting what you pay for, which, starting at \$9,995, isn't much. Standard equipment includes 14-inch steel wheels, manual mirrors and windows and manual locks.

The Aveo5 LS adds the availability of options

such as 15-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, cruise control, a sunroof, power windows, carpeted floor mats, keyless entry and a CD/MP3

player.
The Aveo LS sedan is similarly equipped, but offers an upgraded interior with better materials and an auxiliary MP3 jack. The LT sedan rounds out the trims with almost all of the LS model's optional features standard, while offering upgraded seat cloth and the availability of options like leatherette upholstery and upgraded audio with an in-dash CD changer and steeringwheel-mounted audio controls.

The Aveo sedan's radios come from GM's family of premium radio systems that have new features and capabilities such as an auxiliary input jack for iPods and satellite radio accessories.

The base radio is an AM/FM stereo with four



Since it made its debut in 2003, the Chevy Aveo has been a popular choice for compact car buyers.

speakers. A CD/MP3-capable ratio with six-speaker sound system is available, as are steering wheel audio controls.

The 2008 has a 1.6-liter 4-cylinder engine that is good for 103 horsepower. A five-speed manual transmission is standard, and there's

also an optional four-speed automatic.
Fuel mileage ratings are 23 mpg in the city and 33 on the highway with the manual transmission and 23 city/31 highway with the

A combination of sound-dampening technologies and aerodynamics provides a quiet and comfortable ride, even at higher speeds.

The Aveo sedan and Aveo5 hatchback have different interior designs. The sedan got an overhaul in 2007, while the hatchback stood pat. So it's no surprise the sedan has higher-quality materials, like wood-grain or metallic trim. materials, like wood-grain or metallic trim, a driver's armrest and additional storage. The Aveo sedan has a "tall car" design and

generous dimensions that offer ample interior space – capable of accommodating passengers more than 6 feet tall in each of the five seating

The hatchback is more practical with a folding 60/40-split rear seat – a design that provides 42 cubic feet of storage space. The sedan is a decent hauler as well with a trunk that holds 12.4 cubic feet of cargo, with a fold-down rear seat that allows for the transport of longer items, such as skis.

Part of the Aveo's safety is built into the frame thanks to a high-strength steel structure that

creates a safety cage around the passenger compartment.

The structure has been engineered to help maintain passenger compartment integrity and features tailor-welded blanks, a feature not typically found on vehicles in the segment.

Front-seat side airbags are standard on all trim levels, but side curtain airbags, a safety feature that is found on most subcompacts, aren't available. Anti-lock brakes are optional on LS and LT models.

In National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration crash tests, the 2008 Aveo earned a perfect five-star rating for its protection of front occupants in frontal impacts

and four stars for occupants in irontal impacts and four stars for occupants in side impacts. Although it's one of the lowest-priced cars offered in the U.S., via the Aveo's trim levels, there's a variety of amenities, such as a glass sunroof, optional ABS, and keyless entry, that are not available anywhere else in this segment.

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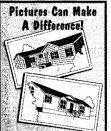
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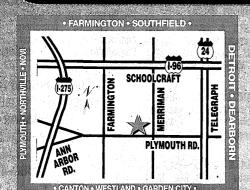
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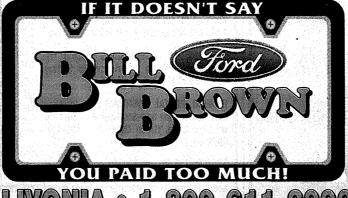












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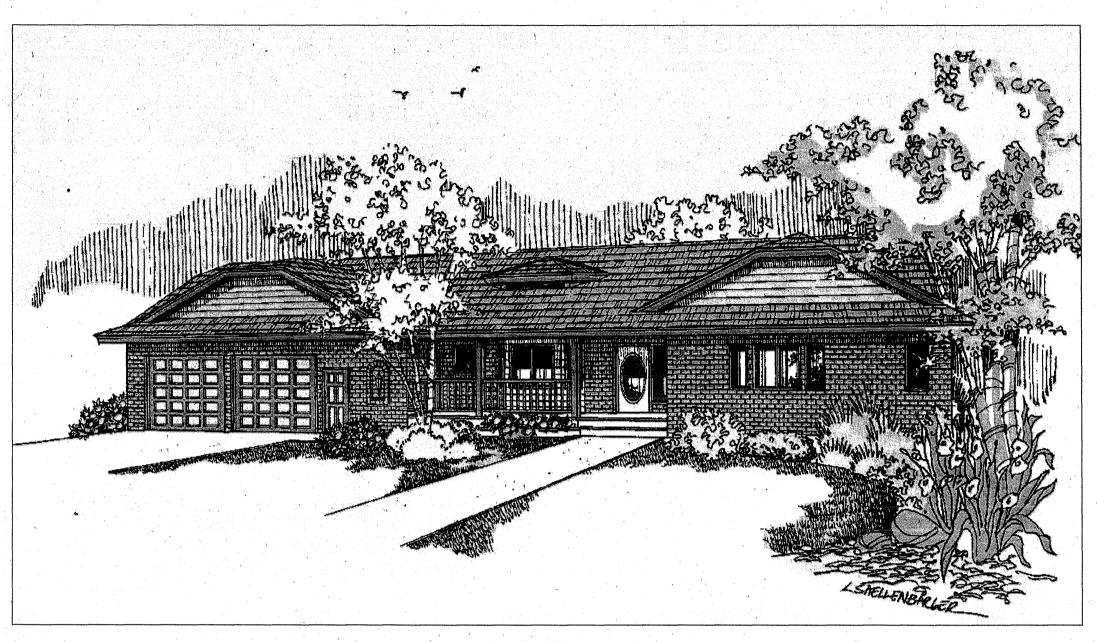
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## Sturdy Hall design leads way to life of comfort and ease

The symmetrical exterior of the Hall (406-66) is accentuated by "Dutch clips" in the roof design. With 2,060 square feet of living space and a basement option, this is a sturdy, brick home with an efficient floor plan.

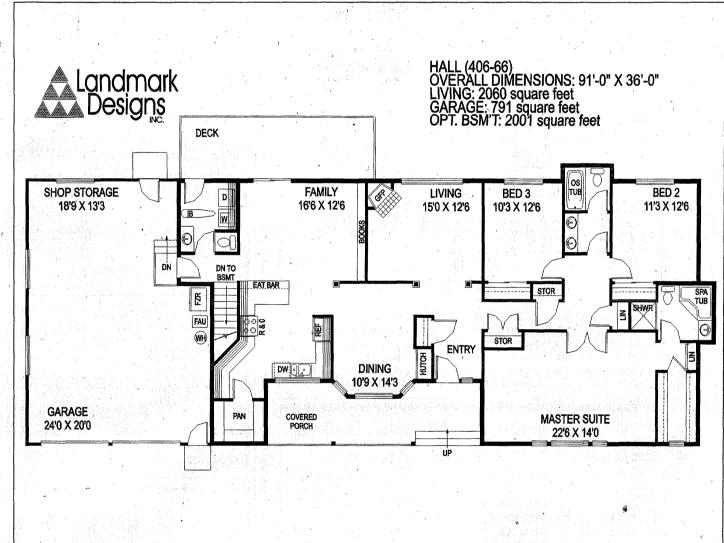
The garage easily fits two cars as well as allowing extra storage and shop space in the rear. There is a door to the back yard for taking the lawn mower outside. From the garage, there is a convenient kitchen access for carrying items inside. A utility room, enhanced with deck access as well as a half bath, is also located near the garage entry.

The family room is spacious and close to the kitchen. One whole wall contains bookshelves for the library look. Sliding doors to the deck makes those Sunday afternoon lunches fun. The kitchen overlooks the covered porch. Cooking is made easy with an enormous counter and cabinet space, and an eating bar at the end. There is the perfect window above the sink area for watching the outside and taking one's mind off dishes and cook-

The dining room is next to the kitchen and has a built-in hutch. This is a great touch because it uses area that would otherwise be lost. The bay windows in this room overlook the porch. Across from the main entry is the living room with a gas fireplace in one corner. This room has a pillared entrance, which magnifies the solidity of the home. The entire right end of the Hall consists of a master suite, two bedrooms, and a full bathroom. Outside the rooms are storage closets that can also be used for linen.

Entry to the enormous master suite is through two French doors. The walk-in closet has a window in the end for extra light, and a linen closet is located at the entrance. The bathroom has both a corner tub and a shower. Because of the width of this suite, part could be used for a sitting room. A basement plan is available. It is undeveloped and unfinished. This leaves an area for one's imagination and for extra space. Stairs are located between the kitchen and garage.

For a study plan of the HALL (406-66), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www. ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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#### Condo operation

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards. All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

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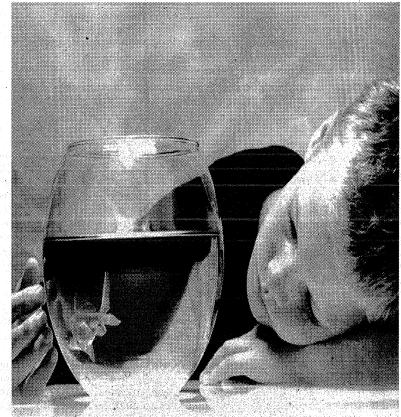
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compassionate gentleman, 40s-early friendship, dating, possible LTR. 2295421

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SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friend-ship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! 2287187

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Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 2113901 ARE YOU THE ONE?

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SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247** 

SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2280950** BEAUTIFUL SBF. 37. seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. 2271683 ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 57", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. 2287305 A POLISHED DIAMOND Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You

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dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. 2289151 COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man,

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outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman

OUTGOING BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 2292940 DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, in

dependent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. 2281229 SINCERE AND HONEST Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. 2284932

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty.

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WiWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. 23976914 ARE YOU LONELY? Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentle-

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SBF, 33, 5<sup>4</sup>7, 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. 2287856 KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real.

Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1"+, N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. 2285613 STILL SEEKING

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SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. 2287987 STAND BY YOUR MAN Smart SWM, 50,5'11", 180lbs, employed, ISO BF, 25-55, for a real relationship. I like cooking,

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sibly more if it develops! 2294946 TALK TO ME! SM, 36, 6'2", 210lbs, medium build, loves work-BF, 35-45. 2294942

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female, 40-70. 2287161

SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if inter-

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