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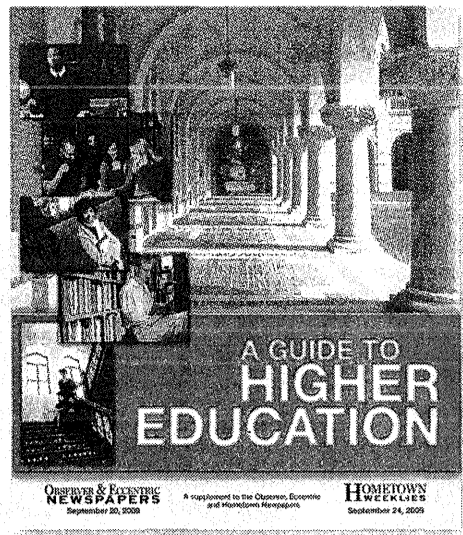
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CFP grants

The Community Foundation of Plymouth is accepting grant applications for community projects and programs that benefit the greater Plymouth community — specifically serving residents who reside within the 48170 zip code area.

Grant applications are due Wednesday, Oct. 7. The Community Foundation of Plymouth has \$10,873 available to award.

Organizations interested in applying are strongly encouraged to contact Phil D'Anieri, Program Director at the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF) well before the application deadline, to discuss their proposals. AAACF partners with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) to administer its funds and grant program. Phil D'Anieri can be reached at (734) 996-9286 or via email: pdanieri@aaacf.org.

For more information about the Community Foundation of Plymouth: Please visit www.aaacf.org.

Historic women

Did your grandmother serve in the military? Did your great-grandmother walk across many states with little children before settling in Michigan? What do you really know about your female ancestors?

Anyone whose curiosity is now piqued about the women in their family can attend the Plymouth Historical Museum 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, for "Discovering Women's History" day. Two presentations will be given on researching female ancestors: 10:30 a.m., "Finding the Women in our Family History," by Kathy Petlewski, reference librarian at the Plymouth District Library; and 1 p.m., "More Than Vital Statistics: Giving Your Women Context," by Liz Kelley Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The cost of admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students 6-17, and \$10 for families. For more information, call 734-455-8940 or visit the website www.plymouthhistory.org.

Youth search

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission (PCYAC) is accepting applications for new members.

The applications can be found on the City of Plymouth Web site (www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) under the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission tab. Applications can be dropped off at City Hall until Friday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. and interviews will be held in City Hall Commission Chambers at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

Applicants must be entering the 7th through 11th grade and reside in either the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

FBI report: Crime down in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Crime in the city of Plymouth ticked downward in most categories last year, with fewer assaults, burglaries and larcenies than the year before, according to federal statistics.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reports for 2008, listing crimes across the country by region, state and municipality, were released last week. The numbers are compiled based on reported crimes in the local jurisdictions, which generate reports that are then sent to the FBI.

The statistics show just six reported violent crimes in Plymouth in 2008, compared to 10 the year before. There were three aggravated assaults, two robberies, one forcible rape and no murders. By comparison, there were nine aggravated assaults, one robbery, zero rapes and zero murders in 2007.

Plymouth Police Department Chief Wayne Carroll said the city's low crime rate is due to an active police patrol operation and an involved citizenry.

"The interaction between the police department and the

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Township safer than neighboring communities

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While violent crime trended up slightly in Plymouth Township last year over 2007, the township remains safer than many of its neighbors and far safer than the tri-county Detroit area as a whole.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation released its 2008

Uniform Crime Report for the U.S. last week. The numbers are reported to the FBI by the local jurisdictions, which sometimes differ from the FBI in how certain crimes are defined.

There were 19 reported violent crimes in the township in 2008, according to the FBI's numbers:

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A shot at the shots



PHOTO BY MARY HOLALY

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

District in running as H1N1 vaccine clinic

Clean hands campaign, A4.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

"We have been working with the Plymouth-Canton school district, and we are hoping they will be one of the sites," Davis said. "This is a very large district, and

we can reach more than 19,000 people in the target groups if this is a site."

Davis wouldn't confirm Plymouth-Canton as a site and said the mass-vaccination sites would be officially announced when the federal government makes the vaccines available, probably some time in October, she said.

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

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

Plymouth-Canton Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel said the size and makeup of the district would make it a valuable asset in the county's campaign to prevent H1N1.

"We fit the profile," Fiegel said. "Our students tend to travel a bit more... they have access to other places. That's the more likely group to be exposed to (H1N1) in other places and bring it back."

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

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Auto analyst sees industry turnaround

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Although the automobile industry worldwide is in "an absolute depression" brought about by a "perfect storm" of economic factors, David Cole sees good things ahead for the industry in general and Michigan in particular.

Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, says the state remains an automobile powerhouse, despite the Big Three carmakers' problems, and can put itself in a good position for boom times when growth returns to the industry.

"The future is bright for Michigan. We've got a good situation. We're going through some tough times" currently, Cole told about 70 people during the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth's luncheon meeting Thursday at Ernesto's. "It's critically important to the state of Michigan to prepare for the future."

Cole said the squeezing of credit markets, brought on by problems on Wall Street a year ago, was a major factor in crippling the auto industry. "That really took the industry down big-time" around the world, he said.

In addition to the credit crunch, which made it difficult to finance auto sales, U.S. automakers faced several other factors: higher gasoline prices in 2008; higher raw materials costs; increased competition from the so-called BRIC countries, Brazil, Russia, India and China; and health-care costs that increase faster than the rate of inflation.

U.S. sales forecasts are at about 10 million vehicles for this year — 4 million below what would be considered a recessionary year, he said. "This is an absolute depression," Cole said.

But new technology, especially energy technology; the restructuring of the industry, which is allowing carmakers to reduce costs and production capacity; and demographic factors such as a growing population and the pending retirement of millions of Baby Boomers, will fuel a turnaround, Cole said.

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Museum to raffle off new Lincoln MKZ in fund-raiser

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Is there a Lincoln in your future? The folks at the Plymouth Historical Museum hope so — or at least hope you'll buy a raffle ticket that could get you a Lincoln, as in a 2010 Lincoln MKZ.

The museum is raffling off such a car (like the one on display in front of the museum at Main and Church in Plymouth) for tickets of \$100 each, said Elizabeth Kerstens, the executive director. With just 1,500 tickets printed, Kerstens said, an individual's chances of winning are pretty good.

The profits — the museum has to pay for the car, whose price

hasn't been nailed down — will go toward the museum general fund, Kerstens said. Money is tight, and the 26,000-square-foot museum is in need of some major maintenance, such as new rooftop heating and cooling units.

"We're trying to get a little bit of reserve so we can take care of some of the issues," Kerstens said.

The museum's entire budget for the current fiscal year is about \$148,000. It benefited last month, to the tune of nearly \$47,000, from an on-line fund-raiser, but Kerstens said some donors would have given regardless. The on-line benefit came with matching funds from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Kerstens said the raffle ties in with the museum's permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, and the current special exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln," which runs through Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The drawing will be made on Feb. 12, 2010 — the 16th president's 201st birthday.

If fewer than 600 tickets are sold, Kerstens said, the raffle will be a 50-50 drawing. Raffle tickets are available at the museum, Ribar Floral, Vic's Mart, Michigan Made and More and Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, or from some individuals. For information, call the museum at (734) 455-8940.

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Diners crawl

Seventeen restaurants and food providers are slated to participate in Penn-Taste-Tic, the downtown Plymouth restaurant crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. "Crawlers" can walk around Downtown Plymouth enjoying samples and treats from many of their favorite Plymouth eateries.

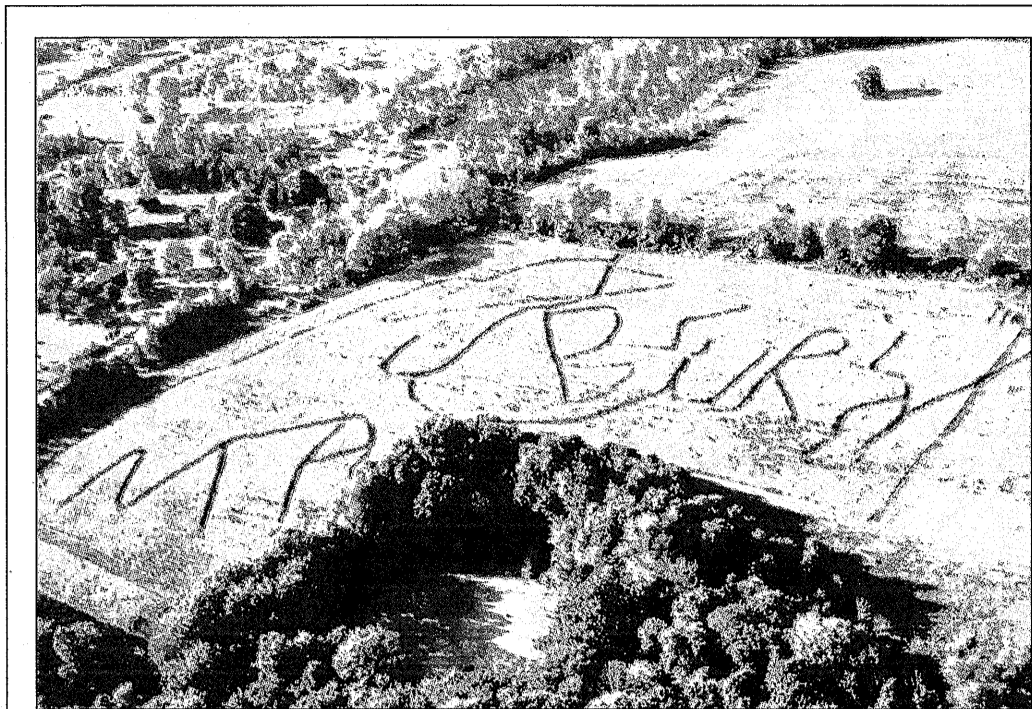
Proceeds from the Crawl go to support the Chamber of Commerce and the Penn Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Chamber office at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets must be purchased by 4 p.m. the day before the Crawl.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Shoe party

Every 9 seconds, Soles4Souls Inc. gives away another pair of shoes to someone in need. The shoe charity has earned glowing endorsements from Hollywood stars and professional athletes, but the people who truly make the non-profit organization effective are those who partner with Soles4Souls in its mission of Changing the World One Pair at a Time.

That's where local businesses are getting involved -- by becoming the hands and feet of Soles4Souls in Plymouth. Bella Mia is helping Soles4Souls reach needy people around the world through a "Ladies Night Out" event -- a



A-maze-ing event

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze runs through Nov. 8. Hours are Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-9 p.m. The maze includes a hayride to and from the Maze (last wagon leaves for the Maze at 8 p.m.). Those who successfully complete the Maze will be entered in a drawing to take place on Nov. 10 for a \$500 Meijer Gift Card (must be 18 years or older to enter). Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile between Beck and Napier (do not enter at the State Park). Parking is complimentary. Admission is \$6 for children 3-9 and \$8 for everyone else (does include the Corn Maze). Two years and under are free and welcome to visit our KIDDIE MAZE. Please visit Maybury's Web site www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or call (248) 374-0200 during business hours.

private party organized by Kristen Kaminski. The boutique will host the private party after its closing hours. A shoe donation will be required as admission, and Bella Mia will donate 15 percent of the evening's earnings to Soles4Souls.

"I'm looking forward to this event bringing together women for such a great cause," Kristen Kaminski said. "With the help of Bella Mia and shoe donations from

all those that attend, I truly hope that we can make a difference in others' lives."

Yard sale

Plymouth Garden Club is sponsoring a Yard Sale on Thursday, Sept. 24, and Friday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12211 Hillside, Plymouth (Beacon Hill Subdivision).

The proceeds will support college scholarships granted to Plymouth-Canton community students and other local charities.

Euchre night

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts a euchre tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Summit on the Park's Maple/Oak Room.

Registration starts at 7 p.m., with the games beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature lots of prizes with a cash bar and food for purchase.

The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Register to play by calling Debby at (734) 282-2340 or dtorzy@hotmail.com

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrapbooking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at cassieh@gmail.com. Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

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

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"When this industry comes back it's going to be very positive for the state and for this region" he said.

Battery-powered vehicles will play an increasingly important role, Cole said, and Michigan is at the center of battery research. In fact, he said, 75 percent of the automotive research and design around the world takes place in Michigan.

"What we have is technology beginning to appear that offers dramatic promise," he said. But Michigan needs to plan, not hide, during the current economic troubles, he said.

Cole acknowledged high unemployment in the state, but said in the long term there will be a shortage of skilled workers. The problem, he said, will be in pre-

paring the workers of the future.

Cole gave credit to the administration of President Barack Obama, saying Washington, D.C., officials realize that supporting manufacturing is vital to the nation's economy.

And the auto industry, he said, generates value because of its complexity. For example, he said, computer microchips represent high technology, but their greater value comes from being a part of something else -- and new automobiles are filled with microchips.

"The most complicated and sophisticated industry in the world by far is the auto industry," Cole said.

Cole will be followed as a Kiwanis speaker this Thursday by Ron Gettelfinger, president of the United Auto Workers.

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10 aggravated assaults, six robberies, two forcible rapes and one murder or non-negligent manslaughter. That compares to 15 violent crimes in 2007: nine aggravated assaults, four robberies, one rape and one murder.

Property crime — defined by the FBI as burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft — plunged last year compared to 2008. Reported burglaries went from 87 to 62, larcenies from 353 to 272 and vehicle theft from 35 to 20.

Combined with statistics from the city of Plymouth, the numbers compare favorably with crime data from other Detroit-area communities of about the same population.

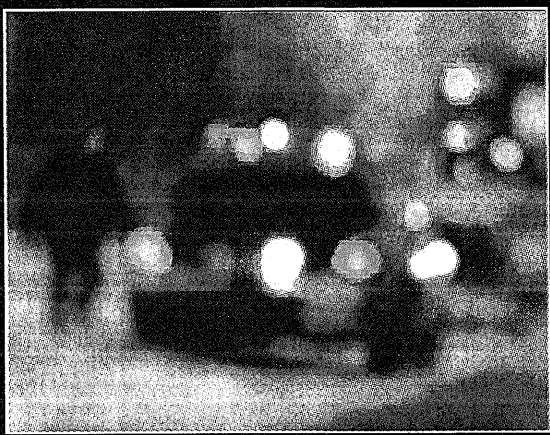
"Our officers do an outstanding job. There's a high emphasis on crime prevention in patrol, and we work very closely with our residents, who really are the eyes and ears of the police department," township Police Department Chief Tom Tiderington said.

While the township doesn't have a formal neighborhood watch program, the chief said, residents are vigilant about reporting suspicious activity.

Steve Mann, a former township police officer and township supervisor and current Board of Trustees member, also credited the department and the residents.

"Overall we've always had a pretty safe community in the township," Mann said. "It's a very active police department." In addition, he said, the department engag-

2008 CRIME COMPARISON CHART



Community	Population	Violent Crimes*	Per 1,000 Residents	Property Crimes*	Per 1,000 Residents	Total Crimes*	Per 1,000 Residents
*PLYMOUTH	34,298	25	0.73	501	14.7	526	15.5
EASTPOINTE	32,464	212	6.62	1,137	35.5	1,349	42.2
LINCOLN PARK	35,673	123	3.51	1,728	49.9	1,851	52.9
PITTSFIELD TWP.	35,064	80	2.29	1,144	32.7	1,224	34.9

*Combined City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township statistics

*Crime and population figures obtained from FBI's 2008 Year-End Report.

es the public and teaches residents how to keep themselves and their property safe.

While the township does have serious crime from time to time, Mann said, "serious crimes are very infrequent."

Per capita, Plymouth Township is safer than many of its neighbors. With a reported 374 combined violent and property crimes last year, and an estimated population of 25,676, that's a rate of not quite 15 incidents for every 1,000 residents. In Canton Township, there were more than 19 incidents per thousand, in Westland more than 38 per thousand

and in the entire tri-county area more than 28 per thousand.

Tiderington said he expects larcenies to be up for the current year, as there was a rash of thefts from parked vehicles, most of which had been left unlocked, in the summer.

The chief cautioned that having low crime numbers

means the shift of numbers here and there can take on an inflated statistical significance.

"You can have one person go out and break into 35 cars in one night and that will look like a huge increase when that year's numbers are reported, he said.

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citizens makes it a very, very healthy place to live," Carroll said. "We work real hard at catching our criminals and deterring crime." Patrol officers, he said, "are very visible."

But Carroll cautioned against seeing too much of a trend in the numbers, saying that because they're small to begin with, the shift of a few numbers can make a statistical difference that has little to do with what most residents will actually experience.

"Crime statistics are a useful tool, but I think you need a large enough pool to make much sense of it, to show a true pattern," the chief said.

In addition, he said, while watchful residents are desired, an increase in vigilance in a town the size of Plymouth could bring the numbers up if more crimes get reported.

Reported property crimes — listed by the FBI as burglaries, larcenies and motor vehicles thefts — were about the same last year as in 2007. Burglaries were down

from 27 to 22, larcenies down from 116 to 111 and auto theft up slightly, from 12 to 16.

Plymouth has no formal crime prevention program, but Officer Tony Angelosanto has begun an informal program, taking time from patrol duties, when he's able, to conduct public outreach and speak to local groups on such topics as identity theft and scams that target the elderly, the chief said.

Bob Evans, a retired dentist who has lived in Plymouth for more than 50 years, said he's always felt safe in the city. He told of a relative from Flint who, while attending the Plymouth Community Fall Festival with her husband and Evans and his wife a few years ago, expressed a concern about public safety there.

"We couldn't figure out what she was so worried about," he said.

Evans added: "I couldn't think of any place better I would want to have lived."

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EDUCATION

County kicks off clean hands campaign to fight H1N1

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

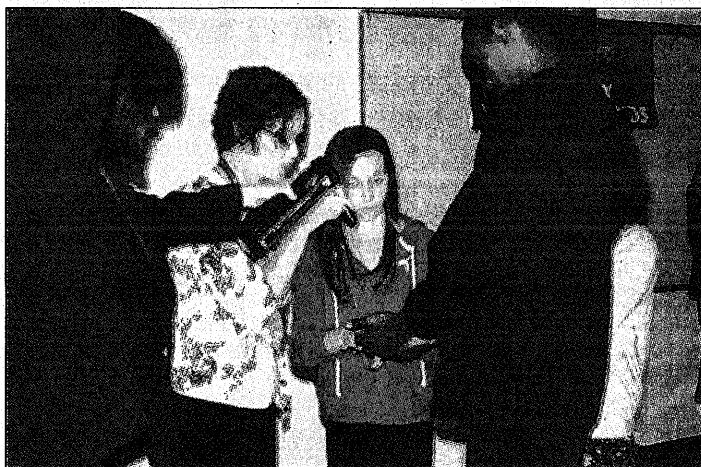
That's why she volunteered to be part of the Wayne County Health Department's kick-off of its "Wash Your Hands" campaign, the county's drive to educate and inspire people to take the necessary steps toward preventing the potentially deadly flu.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Students keep writer coming back to the band

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

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

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

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



Hanson

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

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

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

BAND PLAYS ON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(band) was a great release for her."

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

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

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

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Take distribution, then reinvest the money

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



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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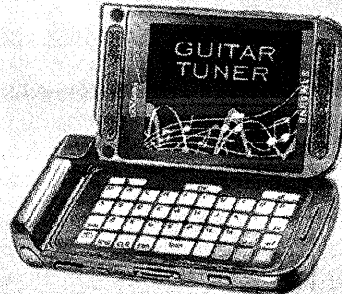
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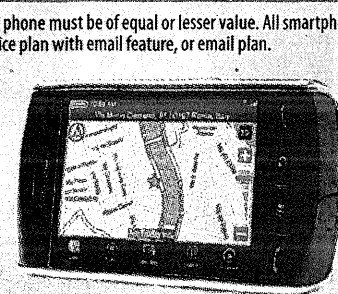
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Former soccer coach faces 15 years when trial comes

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liguori couldn't be reached late in the week.

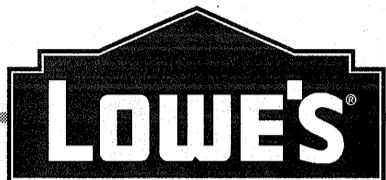
According to Canton police reports, the alleged victim and a friend had gone to a bar and returned to The Crossings with two men, neither of which was Kra. When the men didn't appear to want to leave, the friend phoned Kra, a neighbor, and asked him to help usher the visitors away, police said.

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

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

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

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

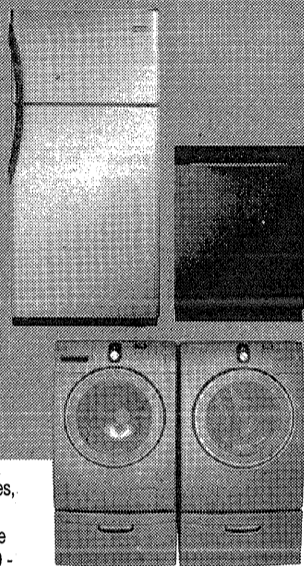


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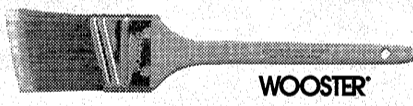
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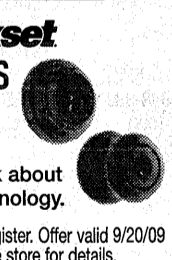


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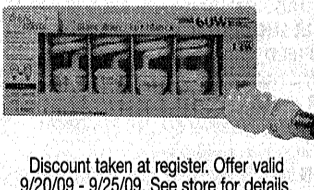
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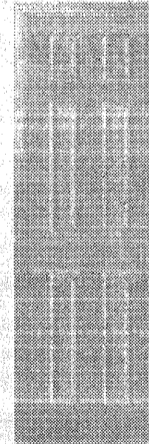
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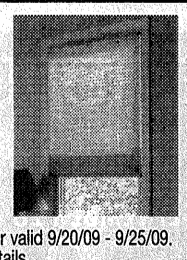


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W-W district forms plan for flu season

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, go online to www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents/ or visit the Wayne-Westland district's Web site at www.wwcsd.net.

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

Police seek suspects in gas station thefts

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the two males in photos obtained from surveillance cameras at the Speedway gas station at Ford and Lilley roads in Canton. The two are believed to be responsible for stealing large amounts of gum, candy and cigars from gas stations in Canton, Plymouth and Livonia. One of the suspects usually distracts the employee while the other stuffs items in his clothing. Anyone with information on the identity of either suspect is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or online to www.1800speakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads to

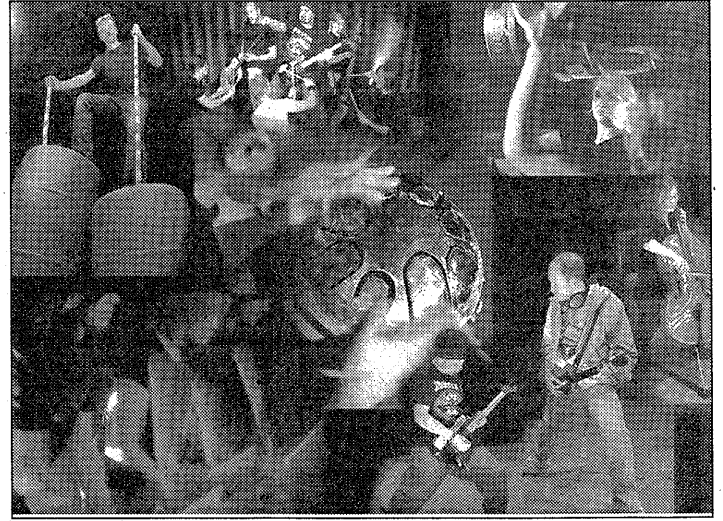
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A Canton business, Paws Grooming Studio, was broken into prior to Friday morning, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski confirmed. Store personnel arrived about 9 a.m. Friday morning to learn that a front window had been smashed out and a cash register taken from the business on Lilley Road south of Cherry Hill, Gajeski said. Police had no suspects, and the incident remained under investigation. Anyone who has information is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward may be made by calling Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Canton theater set to get 'Juiced'

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

Officials said the "exuberant display of music, dance and energy is guaranteed to get your toes tapping with its explosive mix of percussion, energy and invention." The show is a blend of music that is seen as well as heard when didgeridoos are fused with oil drums and electronics are merged with beat-boxing, all with a spark of humor. Each musician has a persona that represents a different style of music and instrumentation: percussion, rock and roll, electronic and classical music, as well as their own fabricated instruments from new and recycled materials. Nine performers will build a musical storyline that combines a variety of these instruments that were bought, found, or made. Together they'll combine their talents in small and large groups to create unique

music with kinetic instrumentation, choreography, and amazing visual effects. "Juice is a high-spirited display of music, dance energy, theatrical flair and wit," said Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Specialist. "Each time I see one of their performances, I can't help but be captivated by their energetic sights and sounds and you will, too." Tickets are \$20 per person, reserved seating. To purchase tickets online, visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org and click on Box Office or call (734) 394-5460. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. To view the 2009-2010 performance schedule, please visit CantonVillageTheater.org and click on Season-At-A-Glance. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about the group, visit www.juiceontour.com.



'Juice,' a display of music, dance and energy, comes to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Oct. 9.

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Crowd thrills to Steinem's call for social activism

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

efit that supports NCJW community service and advocacy

programs.

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

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

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

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

During a question and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Magazine set life course for woman business owner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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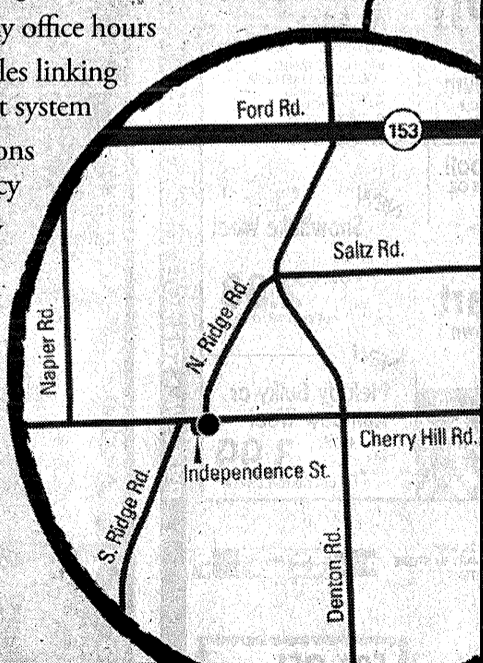
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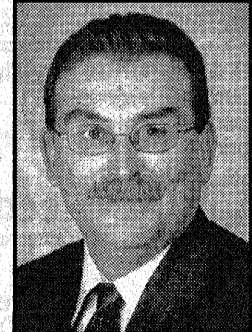
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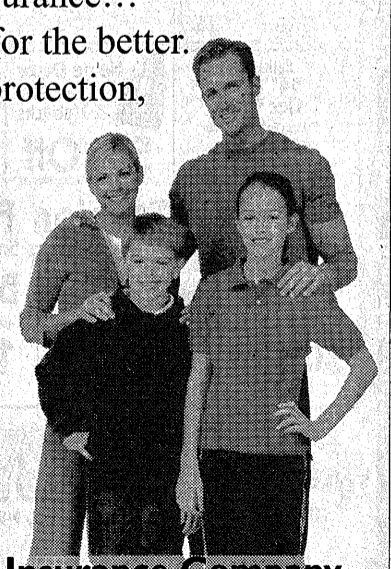
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Church brings renowned pianist to concert

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Her performances include:

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

diploma; and

- May 2009 - Carnegie Hall, New York City.

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

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

St. John's hosts gluten seminar

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

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

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

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

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

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Newcomers celebrates golden anniversary

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

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

Today, the group boasts a strong membership of more than 130 local families.

Despite the region's economic difficulties, the PNN board of directors hopes to grow membership and find new ways to serve the local community.

At PNN's annual Fall Membership Mixer Sept.

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

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

Moon festival

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Credit unions unite

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

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

Event organizers estimate

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

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

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

Funniest moms

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

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

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

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

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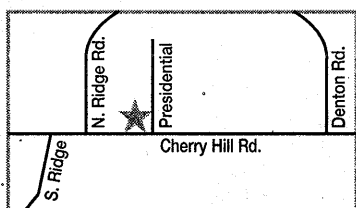


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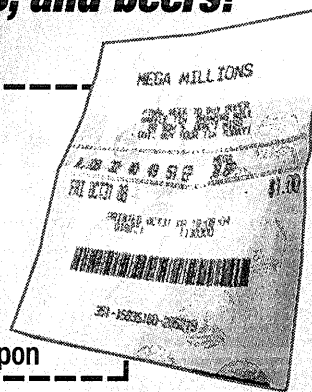
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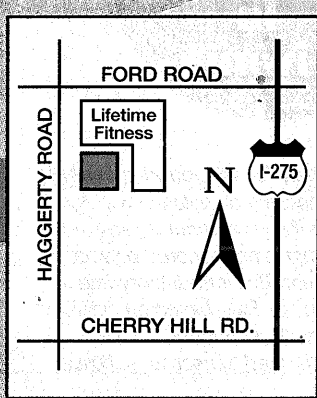


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FOOT PHENOM

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

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

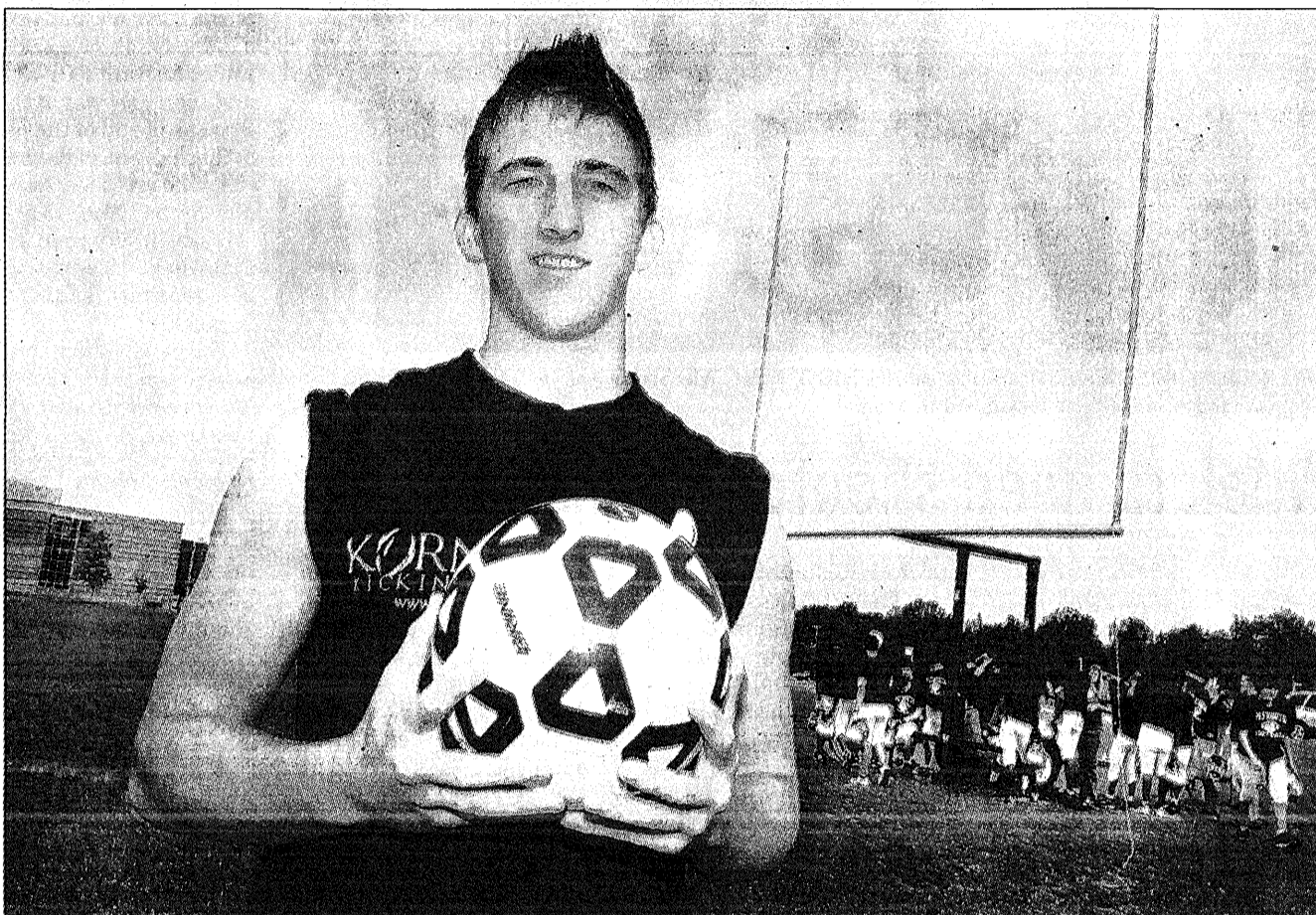
CHEERING HIM ON

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

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

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

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



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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

KYLE BRINDZA, Plymouth H.S. junior

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

And he was kind of in a rush during



that practice, too.

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

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

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

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

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

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Canton gridders stay red-hot

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Boudreaux reached up to field the kickoff, bobbled the ball slightly — and took off. "I'm glad he tried to catch it instead of letting it go over his head," Baechler added. "But he fielded it well and then he was gone."

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

The extra point missed the mark, and that

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

MANY THREATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rocks blank Spartans

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

BOYS SOCCER

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

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

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

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Cardinals 9U tryouts

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

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

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

YMCA eyes grant

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to www.responsiblesports.com.

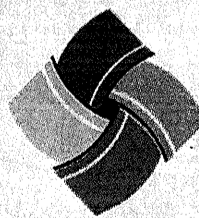
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Myles McCauley joins Plymouth Whalers teammates Tyler G. Brown, Tyler Seguin, and Leo Jenner to celebrate Seguin's first goal of the game Thursday at Windsor.

Whalers need shootout to nab opener

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

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

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

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

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

Although Plymouth goal-

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

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

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

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

Working on a power play

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

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

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

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

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 44-23.

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early lead, that makes it difficult."

PADDING THE LEAD

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

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

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

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

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

LEARNING CURVE

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

such a tough opponent over the years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chiefs stopped in KLAA South match

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

"We work on the normal

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

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

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

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

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

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

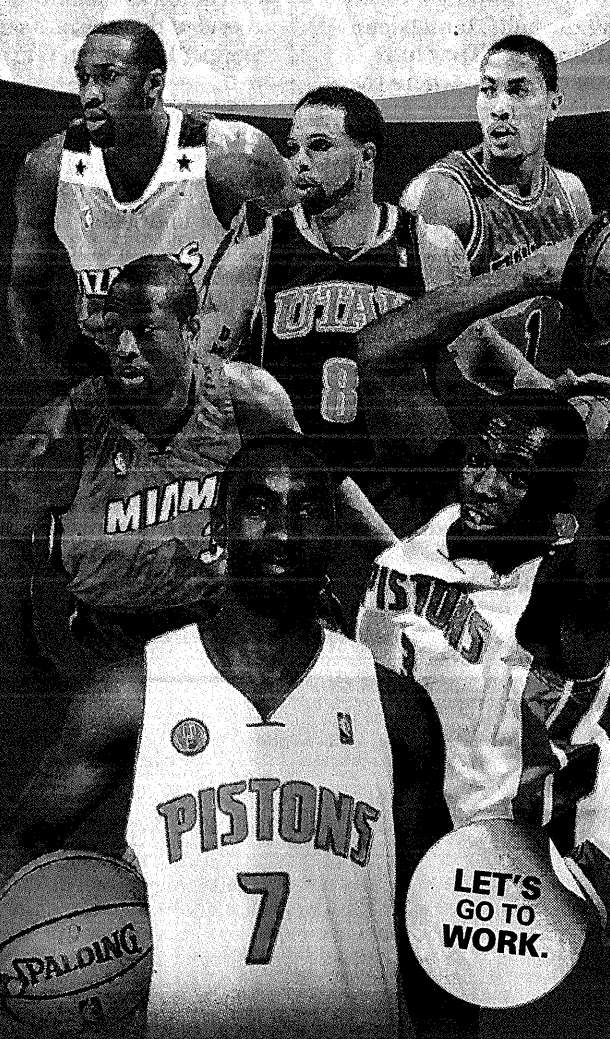
Kyle Brindza was in goal for Plymouth.

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MU golfers 2nd

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

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

Cornerstone's Ben Vanbiesbrouck was individual

medalist with a 2-under 70.

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

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

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

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

Ashley Hart had 11 kills for the Cardinals (10-7, 1-1). ■ On Thursday, host Cornerstone College earned a 25-17, 25-10, 25-22 MCCA Eastern Conference win over Henry Ford CC.

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

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

CANTON 8
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1
Sept. 15 at Canton

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

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

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

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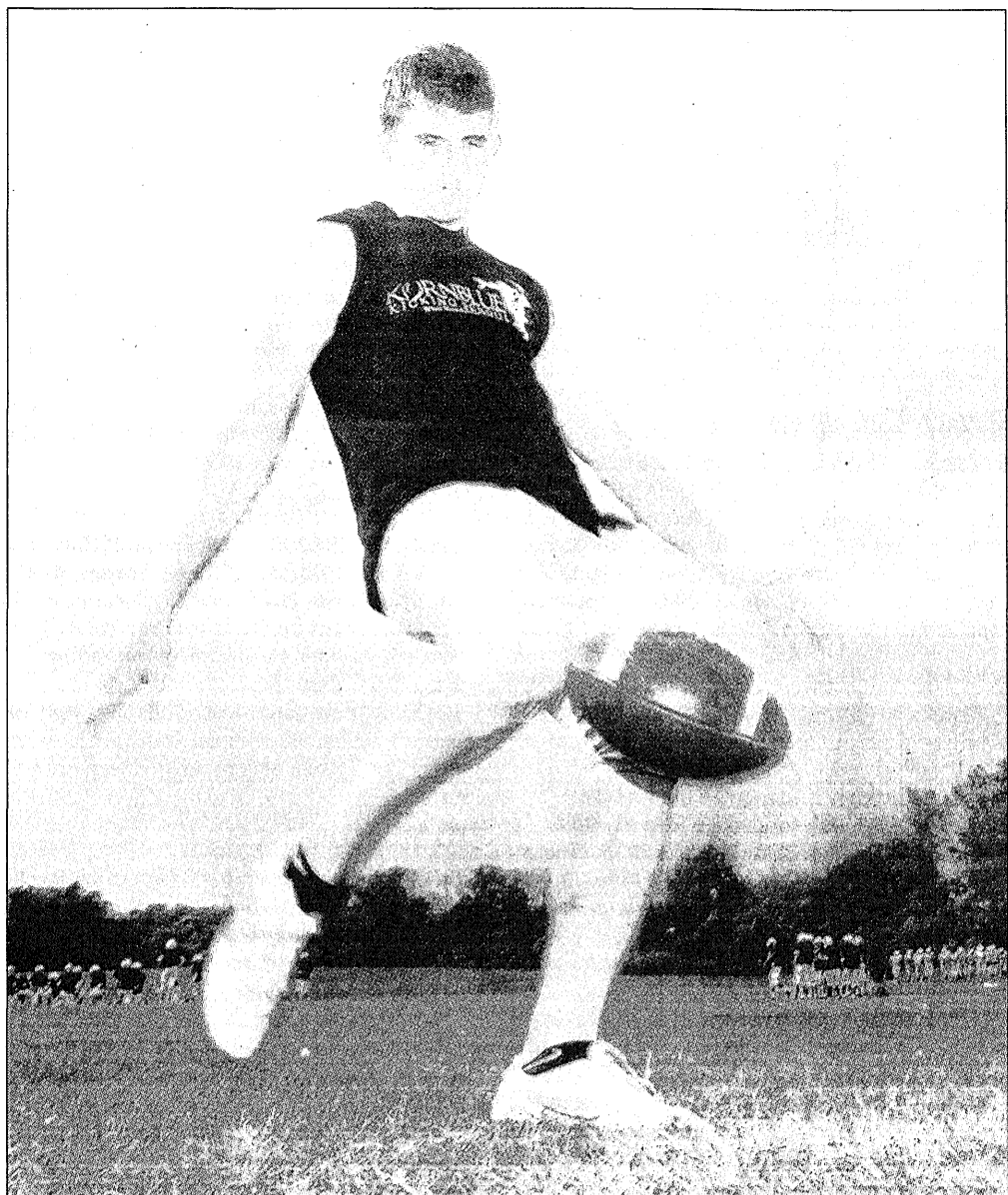
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Here, Kyle Brindza gets a foot into the oblong-shaped pigskin as he works on his punting.



Later that day, Kyle Brindza displays his ability to send a soccer ball long distances, too. He said kicking the spherical soccer ball is helping him tack on yards to his field-goal attempts.

EXTRA POINTS

Who: Kyle Brindza, 16, junior at Plymouth High School. He is a talented football kicker and soccer goalkeeper.
Tops: Brindza already is drawing interest to play college football by the likes of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Nebraska and Notre Dame. At rivals.com, a recruiting tool for colleges that banks heavily on input from coaches and scouts, he is ranked the No. 1 high school kicker this year in Michigan.
Highlights: His longest field goal in a game is 48 yards, but he routinely nails three-pointers from as far as 55 and 60 yards in practice.
Miscellaneous: Brindza, who lives in Canton with his mom, Tiffany, carries a 3.2 grade-point average.
Double dipping: Football actually is the second sport Brindza got into. He has played soccer for a decade or so, largely through the Canton Soccer Club.

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kicker in the state," Brindza said with a small smile. "But I'd much rather win a state championship with my team. My team means a lot more to me."

BOOT CAMP

According to Brindza, a decade or so playing soccer (including with the Canton Celtic premier team) helped him build up the leg strength that now dazzles with its sheer power.

"Being on soccer teams and all that for the past 12-13 years," he said, "I've been able to build

up my strength in kicking with the soccer balls."

But as a freshman at Plymouth, he discovered the joy of kicking field goals. While continuing to play soccer, he opened his high school grid career and fortified the latter this summer by attending former University of Michigan kicker Brandon Kornblue's specialized camp.

"That helped me with my follow-through," Brindza said about the Kornblue Kicking Camp — emblazoned across the front of his practice T-shirt.

All of that training is enabling Brindza to make transitions from kicking footballs to soccer balls, even if on the same day. It's not always easy to do.

"Kicking a soccer ball, you can bend it, you can swerve it, you can

do almost anything with it," Kyle said. "A football you have to get an end-over-end, you have to hit the bottom half of the ball, which you don't get all the time."

"You have to work with it, getting that follow-through. It was kind of a different transition, especially since punting a soccer ball and punting a football is a lot different."

The benefits of staying in soccer, meanwhile, are paying off on the gridiron with longer distances, he added.

JUGGLING ACT

Of course, juggling other elements of high school life (academics, friendships) isn't quite as seamless, but he gives everything a go.

"When we go right after school,

we come out for football and then I hop on a bus over to our away soccer games and I finish all my homework on the bus," Kyle noted. "I don't have a lot of time for friends and all that, but the team, I just bond with them a lot more."

And Brindza will keep on bonding with teammates every time he airs it out, especially in the clutch.

"It feels good to kick it, but I've always kicked 50-yard field goals in practice these past few years," he said in matter-of-fact fashion. "Kicking one in a game would be really nice. I'd feel really excited about that."

Then he could experience what all the noise is all about in the PCEP stands whenever he "Bends it like Brindza."

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 115
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71
Sept. 17 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Casey Peterson, Khiry Sparks, Kali Aloisi, Jennie Humbach), 2:03.76; 2. Canton, 2:06.89; 3. Canton, 2:12.18.
200 freestyle: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:05.53; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 2:08.8; 3. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 2:11.71.
200 individual medley: 1. Delaney Adams (C), 2:20.34; 2. Peterson (WJG), 2:21.15; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:36.61.
50 freestyle: 1. (tie) Sparks (WJG) and Kari Schmitt (C), 26.54 each; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 27.63.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Cienney (WJG), 210.85 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 195.35; 3. Humbach (WJG), 179.50.
100 butterfly: 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 1:06.98; 2. Caitlin Orr (C), 1:09.27; 3. Krebs (C), 1:10.98.
100 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 57.40; 2. K. Schmitt (C), 57.54; 3. O'Keefe (C), 1:01.77.
500 freestyle: 1. Eyster (C), 5:41.42; 2. Adams (C), 5:46.67; 3. Alholinna (WJG), 5:53.8.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Krebs, O'Keefe, Adams, K. Schmitt), 1:49.94; 2. John Glenn, 1:51.36; 3. Canton, 1:57.03.
100 backstroke: 1. Orr (C), 1:08.92; 2. Irwin (C), 1:09.31; 3. Peterson (WJG), 1:09.71.
100 breaststroke: 1. Aloisi (WJG), 1:17.08; 2. Annelise Niermann (C), 1:21.37; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 1:22.49.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Carlson, Abby Madison, Sara Schmitt, Eyster), 4:02.88; 2. John Glenn, 4:14.1; 3. Canton, 4:33.98.
Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

MEDICARE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the agreement between Omni Home Care, Wayne, Michigan, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a provider of services in the Medicare program will remain in effect. This notice supersedes the prior notice of August 27, 2009.

Based on a review of additional information, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that Omni Home Care is qualified to participate in the Medicare program. Therefore, the Medicare program will continue to make payments for home health services furnished to eligible patients.

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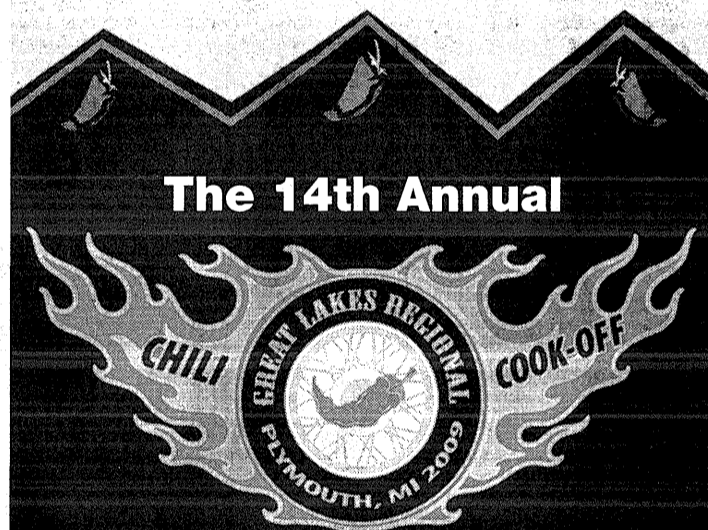
- ❖ If the bidder is a single practitioner, the names of two alternate attorneys must be provided. These two alternates must be available to serve during vacations and weekdays where the docket requires two Court Appointed Attorneys to be available (currently Monday mornings).
- ❖ The Attorneys are expected to be at the 35th District Court no later than 8:15 am each scheduled day a minimum of three times per week (currently Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).
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One copy of the sealed bid should be forwarded to Debra Kubitsky, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. All bids for consideration must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 30, 2009.

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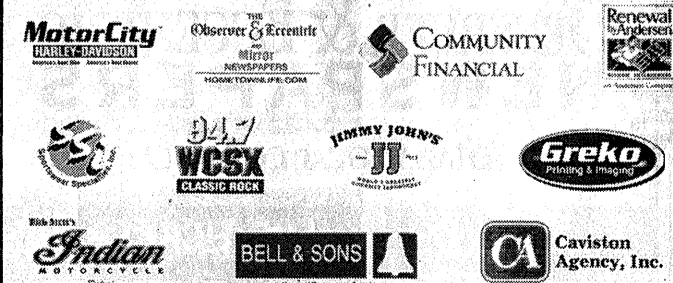
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

yards. Beyer gained 65 yards in three catches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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John Glenn quarterback Steve Kulikowski's hands and senior Dakota Dark-Bird recovered it. Just four plays later, junior Davion Stackhouse (seven carries, 47 yards) scored on a 20-yard run.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Arctic Edge shavings

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

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

Sunday Night Mixers

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

Cool happenings

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

Plymouth YMCA offerings

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

- Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.
Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.
Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games. Jersey is included in the fee.
Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.
For more information, or to register on-line, go

to www.ymcadetroit.org.

Fall hoops league

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

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

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

S'craft roller hockey

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

Tryouts are open to all students attending Schoolcraft College. For more information, call (248) 669-9831; or visit www.totalsportscomplex.com You can also contact Bob Zeuner at rzeuner@wideopenwest.com.

CYO hoop sign up

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

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

UDM hoop clinic

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salem spikers enjoy win

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

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

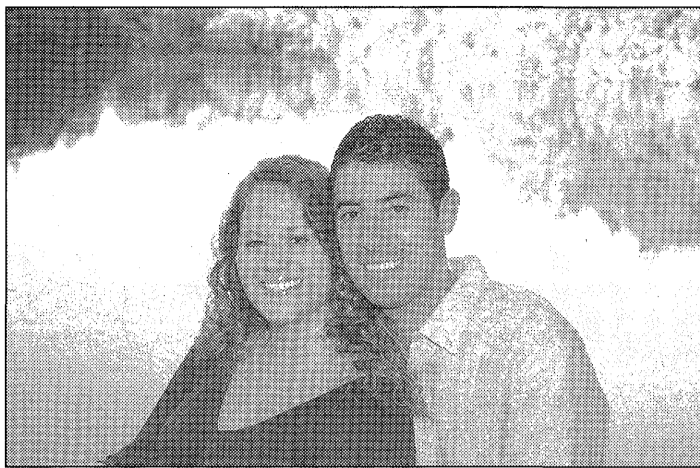
"Overall, my girls played well and kept their focus throughout the whole match," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. Salem improved to 9-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

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Higgins-Cook

Sara Higgins and Tyler Cook announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of William and Janice Higgins of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She received a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and just completed a master's degree in middle school mathematics from the University of Minnesota. She teaches in Van Buren Public Schools. Her fiancé, son of Dave and Pam Cook of Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School. He is a sales manager for his family's business, The Plymouth Trading Post. A June 2010 wedding is planned at St. John Chapel, Plymouth. A reception will follow at Wellers in Saline.



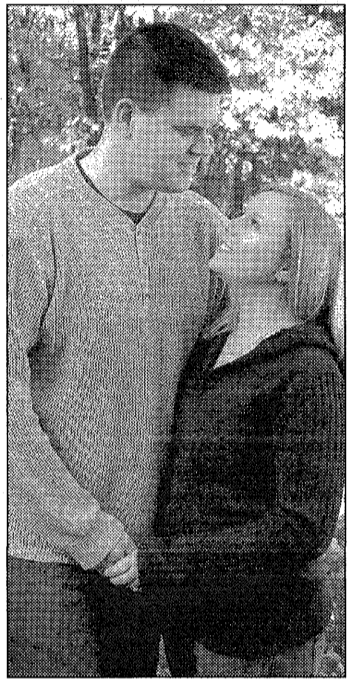
Bohn-Goldsworthy

Janie Goldsworthy and Eric Bohn were married Sept. 5, 2009 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, in Flagstaff, Ariz. A reception followed at Coconino Center for the Arts, also in Flagstaff. The bride is daughter of Don and Barb Goldsworthy of Madison, Wisc. The groom's parents are Mike and Pat Bohn of Livonia. The couple reside in Flagstaff.



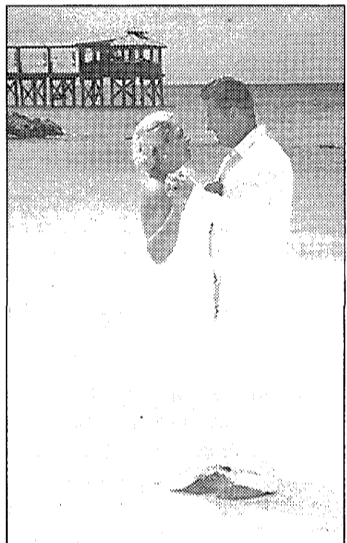
Gianna Drew Hoshock

Gianna Drew Hoshock was born at 1:51 p.m. Aug. 28, 2009, at Oakwood Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches. Gianna joins big sister Peri, age 4. Proud parents are Andrew and Nicole Hoshock of Livonia. Proud grandparents are Randy and Kathy Blankenship of Ypsilanti, and Richard and Susan Hoshock of Defiance, Ohio. Great-grandmothers are Aurel Mack of Ney, Ohio and Opal Blankenship of Pikeville, Ky.



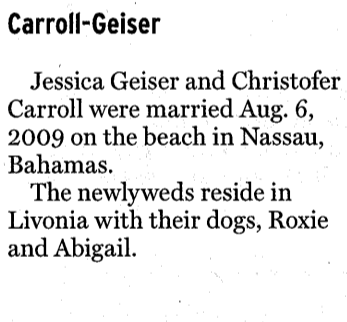
Doran-Hanson

Bethany Ann Doran and Jeffrey John Hanson, both of Ypsilanti, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dan and Kathy Doran of Astoria, Ohio, graduated from Eastern Michigan University with honors in 2008. She is employed as a life enrichment coordinator at Waltonwood. Her fiancé, son of Barton and Diane Hanson of Canton, is a 2003 Canton High School graduate. He graduated in 2007 with honors in computer science from Eastern Michigan University and is employed as a software engineer at ROVI in Ann Arbor. An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. John's Center in Plymouth.



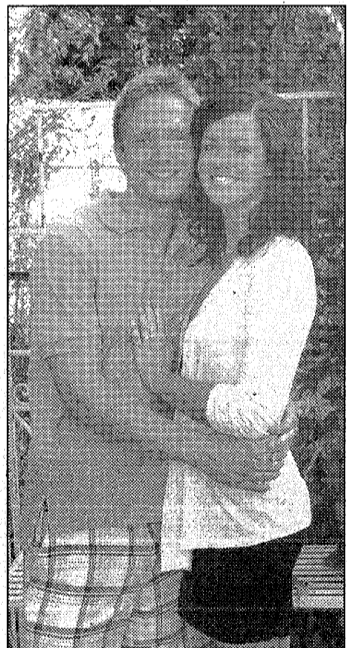
Presley Bella Rodriguez

Presley Bella Rodriguez was born July 30, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor. Proud parents are Michael and Melissa Rodriguez of Superior Township. Presley joins siblings Caleb, 4, and Brooklyn, 2, at home. Grandparents are Micheal and Mary Ann Dzielan of Canton and Israel and Isabel Rodriguez of Canton.



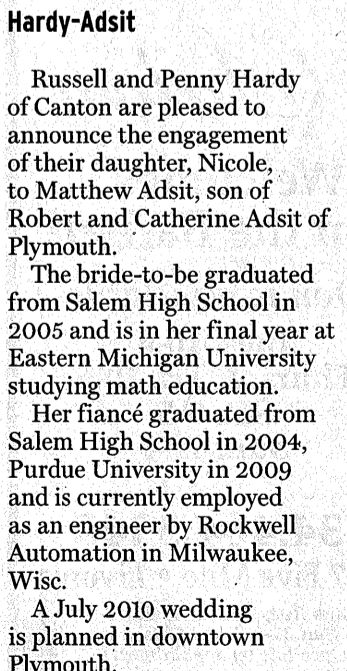
Carroll-Geiser

Jessica Geiser and Christofer Carroll were married Aug. 6, 2009 on the beach in Nassau, Bahamas. The newlyweds reside in Livonia with their dogs, Roxie and Abigail.



Golden wedding anniversary

William and Carol (Maurer) Choma of Canton marked their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. The couple wed in 1959 at Divine Child Catholic Church, in Dearborn. Bill and Carol met in high school. Both are graduates of Fordson High School in Dearborn. The couple and their family moved from Taylor to Canton in 1972. Their children, Mark, Kevin and Michele, all graduated from Plymouth Salem High School. They also have four grandchildren. The entire family celebrated their anniversary on Sept. 12 with a weekend trip to Mackinac Island. Their children planned to give them a party the following weekend.



Hardy-Adsit

Russell and Penny Hardy of Canton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Matthew Adsit, son of Robert and Catherine Adsit of Plymouth. The bride-to-be graduated from Salem High School in 2005 and is in her final year at Eastern Michigan University studying math education. Her fiancé graduated from Salem High School in 2004, Purdue University in 2009 and is currently employed as an engineer by Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee, Wisc. A July 2010 wedding is planned in downtown Plymouth.



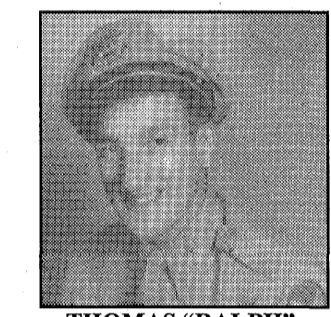
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ROSEMARY K. HUTCHESON
Age 86. September 15, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Roy G. Loving mother of Nancy (Joe Pietrangeli) Hutcheson and Carol H. (Keith) Hartwell. Dear sister of Irene (Fred) Mulhauser. Proud grandmother of Taylor Jeffrey Hartwell.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



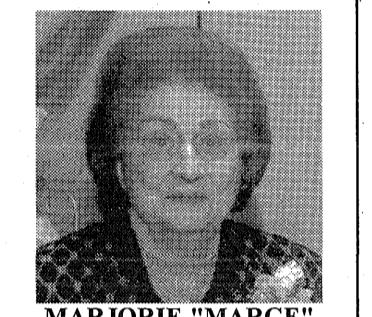
MICHELLE R. KELLER

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



THOMAS "RALPH" PATTERSON

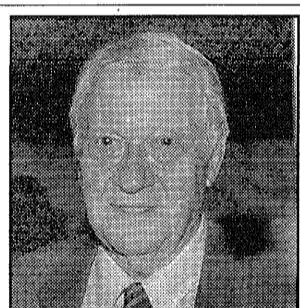
Age 88, of Northville; September 3, 2009; a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran, B-24 Bombarrier Navigator and P.O.W. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn (2000). Loving father of Thomas Jr. (Mary), Richard (Barbara) and John. Cherished grandfather of Brian, Marisa, Kevin, Jeffrey, Jenifer, Matthew, Christina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



MARJORIE "MARGE" ROSE WHITE

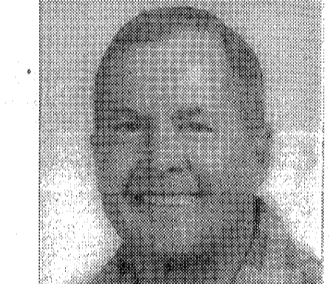
Age 86, of Canton, passed away September 16, 2009. Loving wife of the late Norris. Beloved mother of Sandra (Bob) Trombley, Lana (Ted) Byrne and the late David C. White. Proud grandmother of Kurt (Angie) Trombley, Julie (Roland) Weber, Theresa Olson, Jessica Olson, Robert Olson III, Clinton Byrne, Amy Gil, Patrick Byrne, Lance Byrne, Kelly Byrne and Erin Byrne. Great grandmother of Olivia, Nadia, Merrick, Clayton, Harlie, Landon, Kalie, Layla, Logan and Alex. Dear sister of Marvin (Marianne) Smith and Marvella Schaffter. Preceded in death by brothers Roger and Robert Smith. In addition to spending time with her family, Marjorie loved being with her friends, planning events, reunions and staying involved in her community. She was a member of the Canton Historical Society, past president of the Church Women United, lifelong member of the Assemblies of God Church and leader of various civic organizations in Canton, where she resided most of her life. She worked in her husband's lawn mower business, worked at the "Bomber" plant during World War II. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1940 and attended Schoolcraft College later in life. She loved sewing for herself and her family, making doll clothes and even had a doll hospital. Most of all she loved her church and had the Word of God as her source of strength. Memorials may be made to Canton Calvary Church, 7933 North Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187 in her memory or American Diabetes Association. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

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



Edward Kupsoff 1/26/1915-8/27/2009 "A master teacher and guidance counselor"

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



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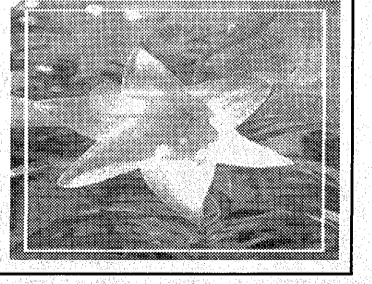
90 yrs. old. Beloved husband of Marilyn for 56 yrs. Father of Michael and Brian. Resident of Livonia for 49 yrs. Preceded in death by sisters Florence and Harriet; and, brothers Bernard, Melvin and Ray. Also, has many nieces and nephews. Milton was a Veteran of the Pacific campaign of World War II. He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

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

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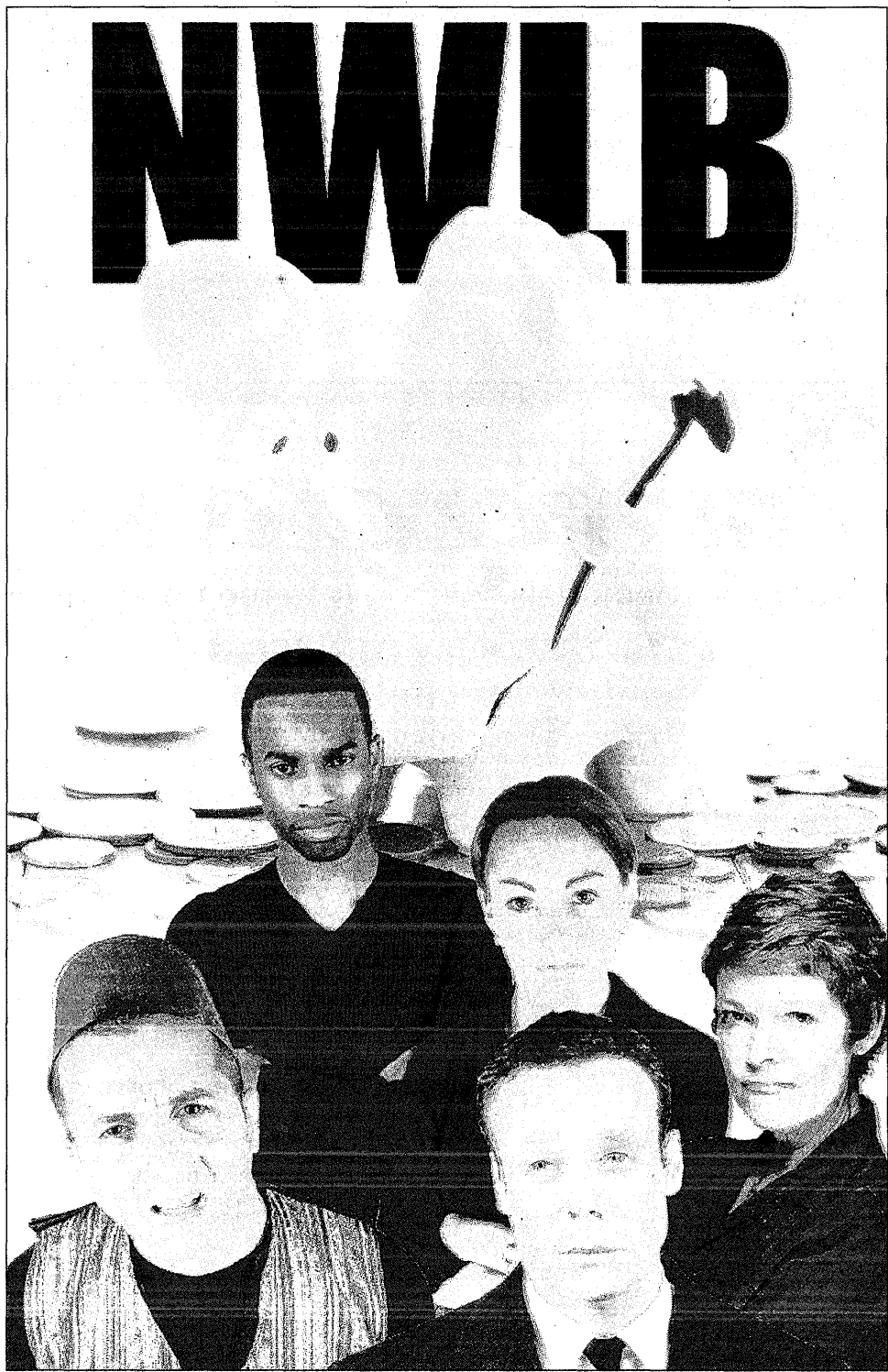
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NEIGHBORS

Funding setback puts job training on hold



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

out there as soon as possible."

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

ONLINE CLASSES

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

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

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

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

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

GREEN CAREER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'No Worker' program down, but not out

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

Monroe and Wayne counties.

- To be eligible a person must be:
- Receiving unemployment in a declining field
 - Not working or receiving unemployment
 - Working household income does not exceed \$40,000

"We're recommending they fill out applications for Federal Student Aid (www.FAFSA.ed.gov)," Speck said. "President Obama has put more money into the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for Pell Grants. The earlier they start, the earlier they end the journey if the journey is to get a new career. Maybe one of the steps is training. Start it now. Put our magnet on your refrigerator and call (800) 285-WORKS. We're kind of like the fuel and you're driving the car. We want you to choose one of the emerging careers. Look on Monster and Career Builder for ideas — nursing, ITT, upcoming green industries and film. We're always looking for whatever that next trend is."

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Usually the pain is transient. Unfortunately, the loss to the contours of the finger is permanent; no hand surgeon can operate and return the hand to its previous appearance. The reason is that the bumps and pain result from the deposition of calcium at the sides of the joint; this calcium is an extension of bone. Removal of the calcium would require excising small portion of bone, an operation no hand surgeon would undertake.
The appearance of these bumps is determined by heredity. The onset, size and finger joints affected is preordained making it impossible for doctors to prescribe medicine that will prevent or limit the number of heberden nodes a patient will develop.
The same bony enlargement can occur in the middle knuckles of the fingers, these bumps are called bouchard nodes. They are sometimes confused with the swelling of the knuckles associated with rheumatoid arthritis but a physician examining the hand can tell the difference between the two conditions. A bouchard node feels firm to palpation, a rheumatoid joint feels boggy to the touch.
Of importance is the fact that a heberden or bouchard node may make the hand look swollen, but in almost all instances the ability to use the hand remain unimpaired.

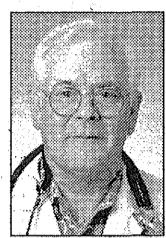
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Recall of range hits home

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



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

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

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

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

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

The surface elements can turn on spontaneously without being switched on or fail to turn off after being switched off. The range can heat to different temperatures than selected. The following is a list of model numbers pertaining to about 200,000 of these ranges sold from June 2001 through August of 2009. Kenmore Elite Model number 790.99012, 790.99013, 790.99014, 790.99019. The Frigidaire model numbers are FEFBZ90GC, FEFLMC55GC, FEFLZ87GC, GLEF396AB, GLEF396AQ, GLEF396AS, GLEF396CQ, GLEF396CS, GLEF397DB, GLEFM397DQ, GLEFM397DS, GLEFM97FPB, GLEFM97FPW, GLEFM97GPB, GLEFM97GPW, LEEFM389FE, PLEF398AC, PLEF398CC, PLEF398DC, PLEFM399DC, PLEFMZ99EC, PLEFM99GC,

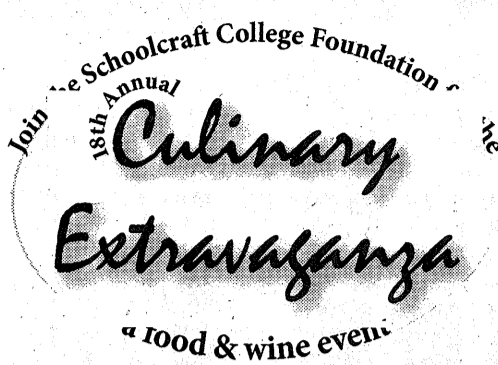
PLEFZ398EC, PLEFZ398GC.

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

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

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

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



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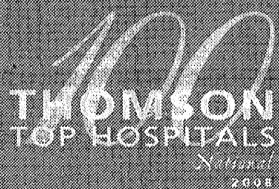
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"One road is blocked and people have to park down a ways," said Carol Dubuque, Friends' member in charge of publicity. "But we hope people still come this time. Our book sales are really important and we're doing really well with them."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- Sharon Dargay

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Andover and Lahser High Schools

Class of 1969 Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at bucknerliz@gmail.com. Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at lsykes@woh.rr.com.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1953 and 1954 55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960 50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford

Classes of 1954-1955 5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net. Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris_rhs55@wowway.com

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

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Classes of 1943-45 65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion" to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information, call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

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

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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.

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Ladywood

Class of 1984 25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@comcast.net

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Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969 A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1979 30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per-person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Redford Union

Class of 1989 20 year reunion Saturday, Oct 24 at Warren Valley Golf Club. For information or to register call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com

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Class of 1969 40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1984 25th reunion, 6-11 p.m., Oct. 3, at Wayne Tree Manor. \$45. Send checks to 25th Class Reunion, PO Box 222, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information e-mail to kellybellym3@yahoo.com or MPRES66@hotmail.com

Class of 1969

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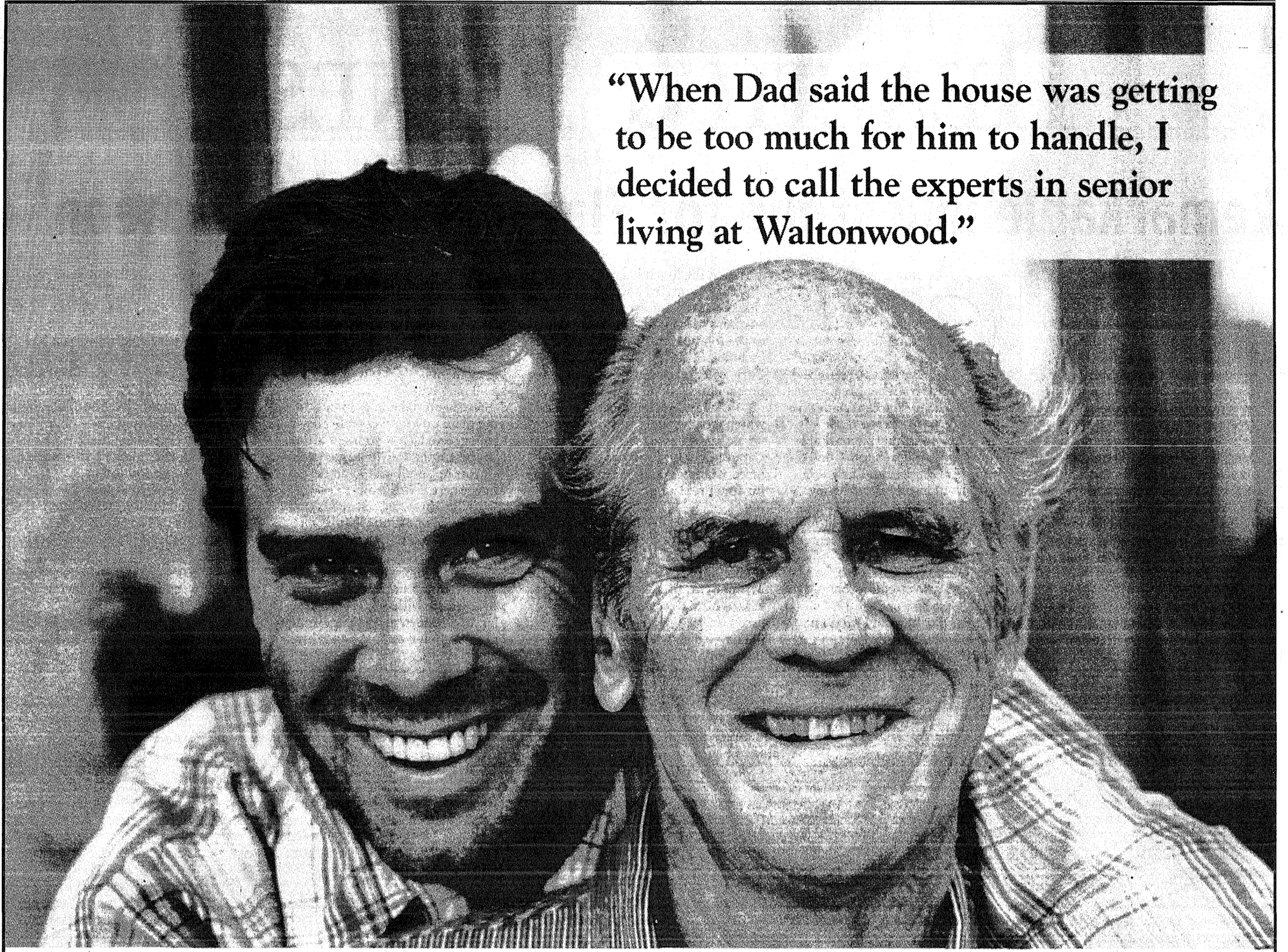
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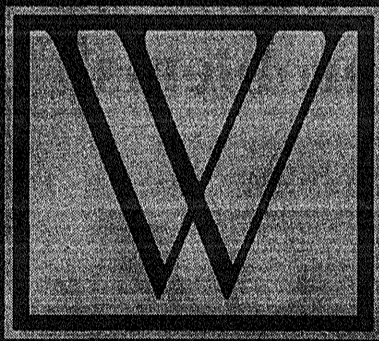


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HEALTH & FITNESS

Remarkable milestone for Florine Mark's luncheon

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Mark

Florine Mark never expected to hear the "C" word. As President and Chairman of the Board of The WW Group, Mark eats healthy, exercises frequently, and abstains from alcohol, cigarettes, even coffee. Yet during her recent Remarkable Women Luncheon, held Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, Mark told the audience she is not immune to health scares. "I had a 12-week medical adventure with colon cancer and lung cancer," the Farmington Hills resident said from the podium. Last December, during a routine colonoscopy, Mark's doctor found a polyp. It proved to be malignant. "The news took my breath away," Mark said. She spent nine days in the hospi-

tal recovering from surgery to remove 5 1/2 inches of her colon. Then, weeks later, Mark underwent another surgery to have a spot removed from her lung. The experience made the 10th annual Remarkable Women Luncheon even more meaningful to her, Mark said. Each year, the non-profit event raises money for women's health causes. Net proceeds are divided between Beaumont Ministrelli's Women's Heart Center, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center and the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center. "Wouldn't it be wonderful if I stood up here one day in front of you and said we found a cure for this, and a cure for that?" Mark said. About 500 people, mostly women,

attended the luncheon this year. Before a meal of low calorie chicken salad and iced tea, attendees were invited to meet exhibitors in the lobby. Health-related exhibits included Susan G. Komen for the Cure, offering resources for early breast cancer detection; University of Michigan's Livonia Vein Center, which treats spider and varicose veins; and the Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program, which helps women 40-65 years old qualify for free breast and cervical screening. "You have to be your own advocate. It's your body," Mark said. Authors Linda Kaplan Thayer ("The Power of Small") and Denene Millner ("Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man") were keynote speakers. Thayer discussed her book "The Power of Small: Why little things make all the difference."

"Think big, 'big picture,' 'don't sweat the small stuff,' look where that's left us - big bankruptcies, big trouble. If just one woman had read the fine print we wouldn't be in this mess," she quipped. "We look for the big moments. We rarely enjoy the small moments." Solve big problems by chopping them into manageable pieces, she suggested. Give yourself little rewards on the way to larger goals. Strike up small talk - you never know where it will lead. "It's like throwing out seeds every time you do one kind gesture, one small deed, you don't know how it's going to flower," she said. Millner said her book, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man," which she co-wrote with comedian Steve Harvey, is aimed at "getting women to realize that men just don't think like us, at all." The freelance entertainment jour-

nalist lives outside Atlanta and regularly appears on The Today Show, CBS Early Show, CNN, MSNBC and VH1. She said her book "shows you how to keep your marriage together by being confident in yourself, and how he's going to be looking at you and what's going on in his mind," she said. "We're not alike, and that's okay." After the speakers, Mark led a panel of Detroit media personalities through a roundtable chat. Detroit News columnist Laura Berman and local television news anchors Diana Lewis (WXYZ), Rhonda Walker (WDIV) and Sherry Margolis (celebrating 25 years on WJBK that day) answered questions about career, family and staying healthy. The event was presented by Weight Watchers and SmartOnes, and sponsored in part by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPT. 21-27

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

Women's health seminar
Carmarlyn Chrisman, assistant professor, University of Michigan Department

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

SEPT. 28-OCT. 4

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

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

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

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

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OCT. 5-11

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

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

Stroke conference
Registration deadline for a one-day community education conference, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital, is Oct. 16. The conference, called "Life After Stroke...Back on Track," runs 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver, in Troy. It will offer an overview of stroke, tips on prevention, treatment and recovery. Includes exhibits, lunch, presentations and panel discussions. Fee is \$10. Call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service at (800)_633-7377.

OCT. 12-18

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

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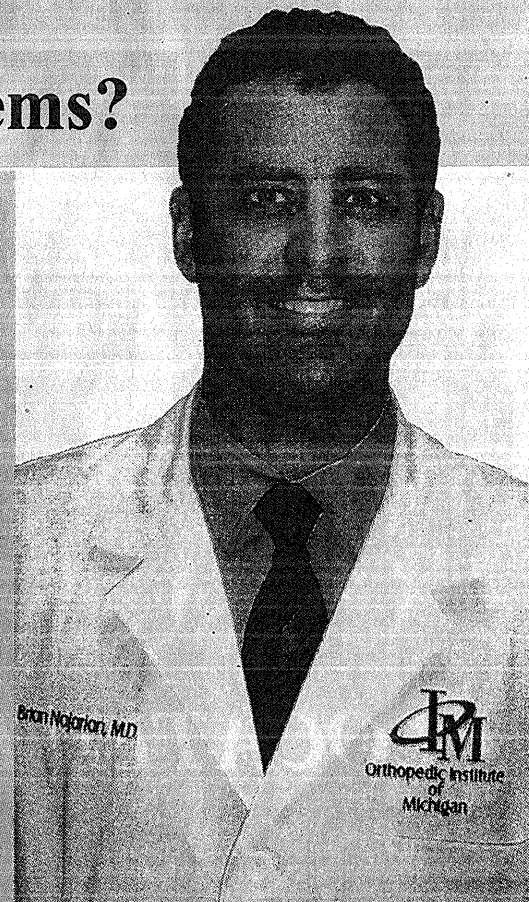
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INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE JOB



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

You might be dispirited about improving your prospects at work, even as hopeful signs of economic recovery dot the landscape. Don't let blinders keep you from overlooking existing and

growth and development." The support of company leaders opens the door to relationships upward and potential "stretch opportunities when you give without expectations," he adds.

ACTIVE

Some opportunities are waiting for you to create if you simply keep your eyes open and thought processes working. These come through new relationships on the job. Arcement urges you to keep building them and developing trust. He considers being a giver rather than taker the best avenue to increased opportunities, particularly if you're giving to someone higher on the organizational chart.

Opportunities come through meaningful relationships, he points out, when "the person trusts you as a reliable source of help or reliable resource to help them do their job. In my experience, if you give first, people will begin to respect you and rely on you. You become a bit of an important person to them."

Stephanie Partridge would concur. She's a contractor at FEMA in Washington, D.C., through Front Row Inc., in Arlington, Va. "I know when I have meaningful relationships at work when the people I work with turn to me for answers and solutions to problems, when they thank me for the help I provide and when they stand behind

me in support of pitches I make," she says. "Of course, it's a two-way street. I am very supportive of them." When she writes letters commending them to management, she sends a copy to the person she's crediting, which creates more goodwill in her workplace.

However, if you have meaningful relationships but opportunities seem external to your workplace, you might need to learn new skills, Arcement says, to break out of your box. Your motives in opportunity-seeking don't always have to be selfless, according to Melissa Dawn Johnson, CEO of Atlanta's Velvet Suite Marketing Consulting Group Inc. "This is a great opportunity to offer your time or advice on a project to give value to a person in exchange for information, a referral or advocacy and access," she says. "The barter system is not dead."

With new-found openness, you might create an opportunity. Partridge, the contractor, recalls how she found a need as people around her were struggling with software. "I could hear them talking back and forth, asking questions (and using an occasional expletive)," she comments. "I'd offer to help and they were always appreciative."

She began to recognize that she was investing almost one-fourth of her day helping team members who hadn't been trained or simply lacked computer literacy. Morale was



Billy Arcement delivers a presentation on leadership to the Baton Rouge Society of Human Resource Managers. Based in Prairieville, La., he consults and speaks through The Results Group.

plummeting. Rather than sitting back passively, "I stepped up, told my project manager what I was doing and gave her a proposal complete with course outline and resource material that I had developed," she recalls. "It was just a matter of seeing a deficit in the current system, taking control of the situation and making a difference."

Some opportunities are there for the taking. Others are quietly developing through good relationships. You can develop a third type of opportunity by taking charge and innovating.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp welcomes your questions at cculp@workwise.net. Copyright 2009 Passage Media.)

potential opportunities.

PASSIVE

Billy Arcement, consultant and speaker at The Results Group in Prairieville, La., recommends making the most of opportunities the company already offers, including professional association membership.

Be aware, too, of emerging opportunities, such as those in the company of John Haynes, director of HR at Johnson Controls Inc., in Capitol Heights, Md. He says that its "affinity networks encourage specific groups, such as minorities and diverse employees, to:

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 - Chewy roll
 - They may be read
 - Pause
 - Sweater letter
 - Meet edge to edge
 - Water, to Pedro
 - Rattler's defense
 - Omgosh!
 - Pastime enjoyer
 - Fragrant fir
 - "Wolf Man"
 - Chaney, Jr.
 - Dog food brand
 - Harsh
 - Spectators
 - Pop up
 - Quick look
 - Maude of TV
 - Coffee dispenser
 - Hard or unpleasant work
 - Daffodil digs
 - Rapper Tone
 - Dryer residue
 - Live
 - Of no great consequence
 - Like pine scent
 - Planets or moons
 - Above, to Tennyson

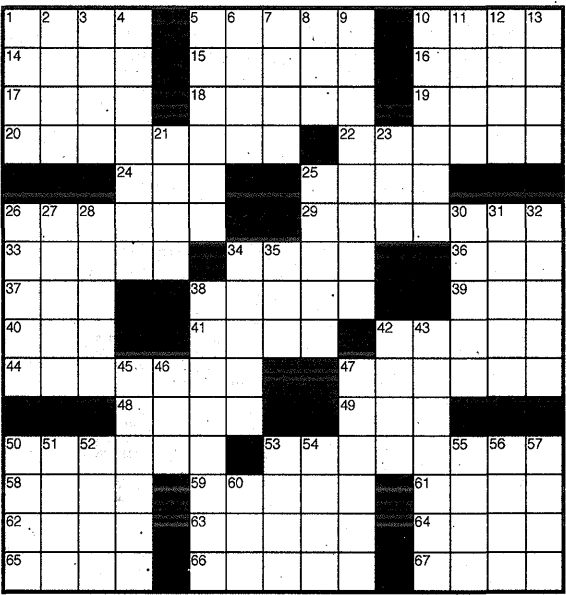
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 - Othello's foe
 - Nightspot
 - Pony pads
 - Heifer
 - Iowa college town
 - Polite bloke
 - Id companion
 - Gentle
 - Hole up (2 wds.)
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 - Butterfly stage
 - Pipe handle
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 - Zoo animal
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2	7	9	1	9	7	6	8	8
7	6	8	4	2	8	9	1	5
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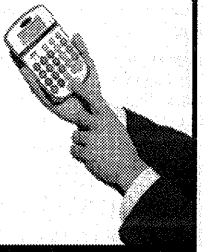
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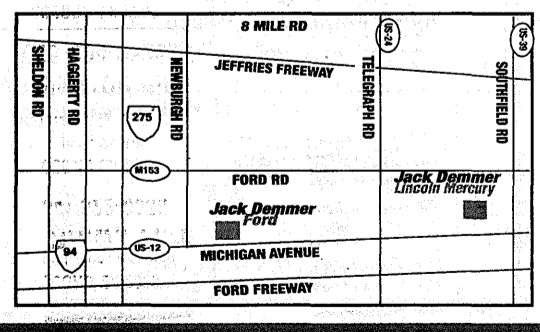
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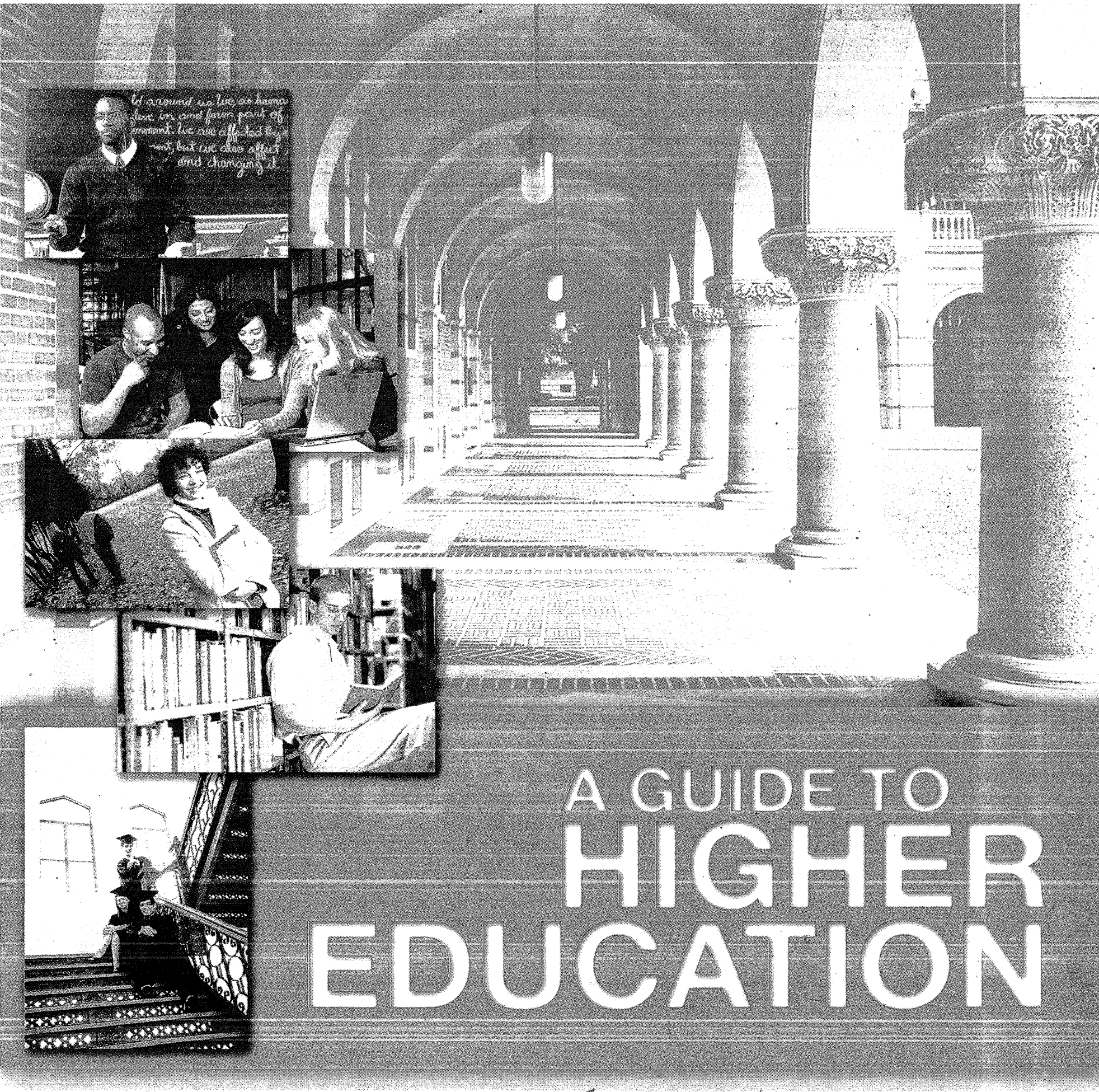
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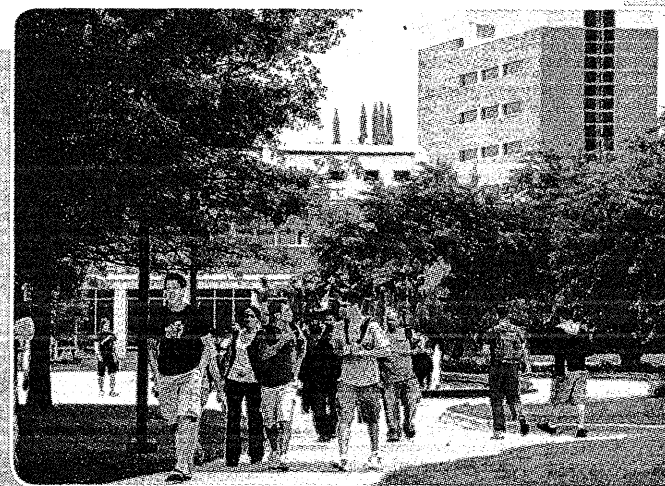
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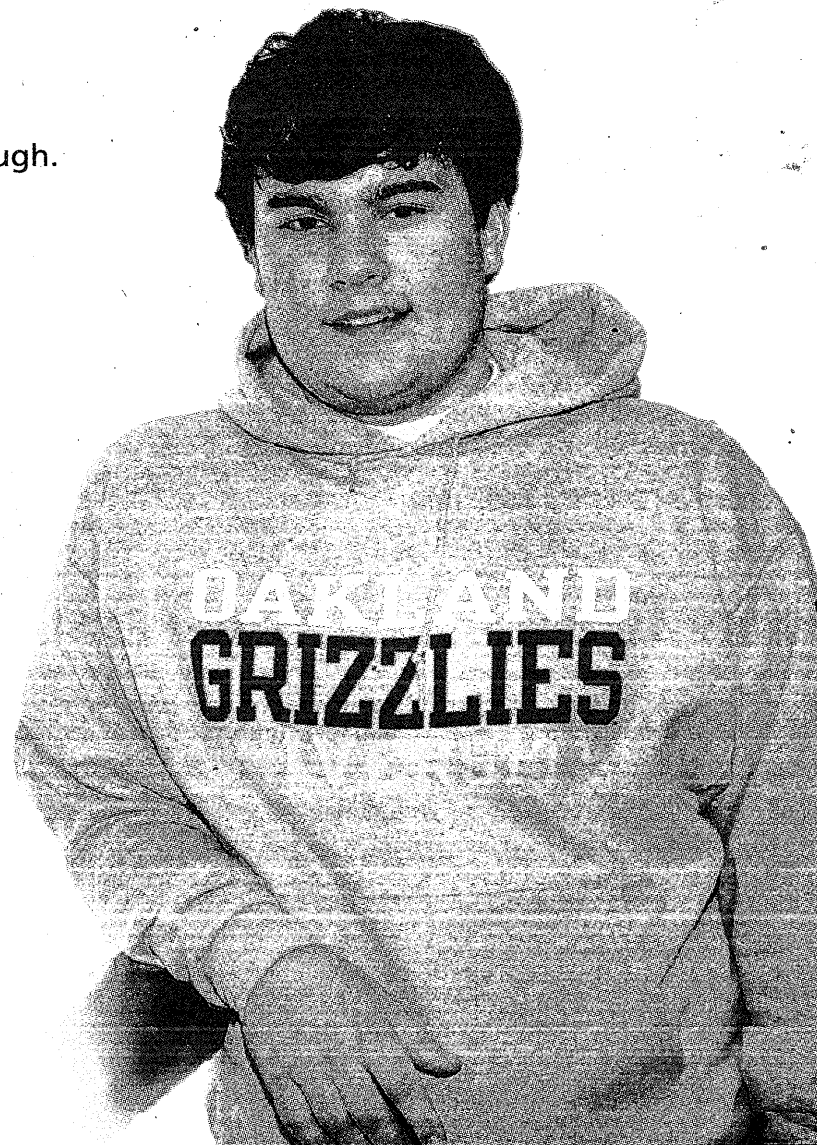
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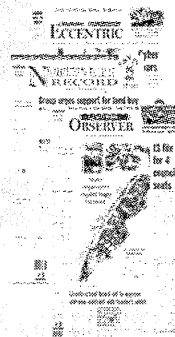
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Schoolcraft has created dozens of associate-to-bachelor's transfer partnerships with universities; is a leader in online education; and has the largest continuing education and professional development program among Michigan's community colleges. The Transitions Center (734-462-4443) has become the welcoming first stop for workers in transition and other individuals who are considering college but aren't sure where to begin.

Schoolcraft's locations – a main campus in Livonia and a center in Garden City – are convenient to tens of thousands of people whose daily travels take them through the I-275 corridor.

On the Livonia campus the VisTaTech Center has become a premier venue for training, conferences and community events. VisTaTech is also home to the college's acclaimed culinary arts program and its public restaurant, the American Harvest.

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Western Michigan University continues to put its focus on student success with the Western Edge, an initiative launched in fall 2007 that includes a four-year graduation compact.

The compact helps participants find the right career path and earn their degrees quickly. Less time in school automatically saves money, making college more affordable. Additionally, it allows students to head for graduate school or enter the job market sooner and join the ranks of successful WMU alumni working in Michigan and around the world.

To keep students moving successfully toward graduation, the University is continuing to freeze room and board rates for up to four years for new students and offering a financial reward for those who meet success in their first year by earning 30 credits with a 3.0 or better grade point average.

But the graduation compact is just part of the edge that comes with a WMU degree. The Carnegie Foundation has classified WMU as one of the nation's major public research universities. U.S. News & World Report places WMU among the best national universities and among the top 30 in the Midwest, while the Princeton Review includes the school on its list of the Best Midwestern Colleges.

With an enrollment of 25,000, the University is big enough to provide the resources of a large research institution and still small enough to allow students one-on-one interaction with some of the world's leading scholars. WMU offers 140 programs at the undergraduate level, including such internationally known programs as aviation, jazz studies, physics, creative writing and speech pathology. Home to one of America's oldest honors programs, WMU is one of only 100 public universities in the United States authorized to have its own chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious honor society.

Because it has a vibrant graduate component that includes 29 doctoral degree programs, WMU attracts faculty members who have been trained at the world's leading universities and who have well-established research and teaching careers. They're literally generating cutting-edge knowledge to share in the classroom. But despite the University's size and complexity, students who attend WMU expect and receive personal attention from senior-level faculty. A full two-thirds of undergraduate classes have 30 or fewer students.

Campus instructional facilities are state of the art and range from a facility for the Haworth College of Business that has the feel of a modern corporate headquarters to a new 400,000-square-foot engineering complex surrounded by private firms that are corporate partners in WMU's Business Technology and Research Park. The most recent additions to the campus include a high-tech home for the College of Health and Human Services, a new instructional building for chemistry and the Richmond Center for Visual Arts, which features exhibition space and is home to the University's Frostic School of Art.



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Lawrence Tech's distinctive Leadership Program aims to help students develop an entrepreneurial spirit and a global view while providing them a marketable advantage. Through leadership-focused courses and experiences integrated into all undergraduate curricula, students gain the critical thinking, teamwork and communication skills that employers seek.

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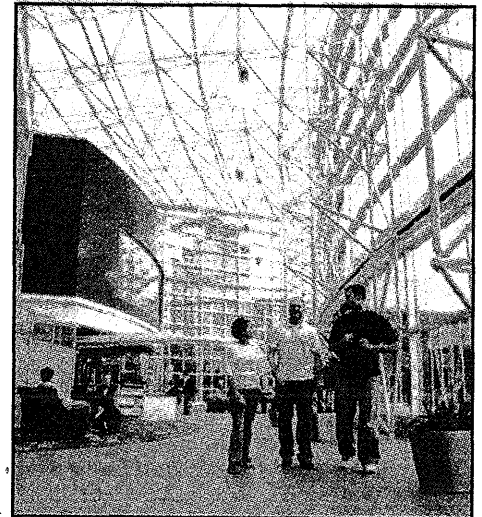
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The University is focused on providing students the tools they need to compete in today's global economy. Named one of America's top unwired campuses, Lawrence Tech provides powerful, custom-configured laptop or tablet computers to all undergraduates. The University's high-tech 102-acre campus features a full range of academic, housing and recreational amenities, as well as state-of-the-art learning facilities.

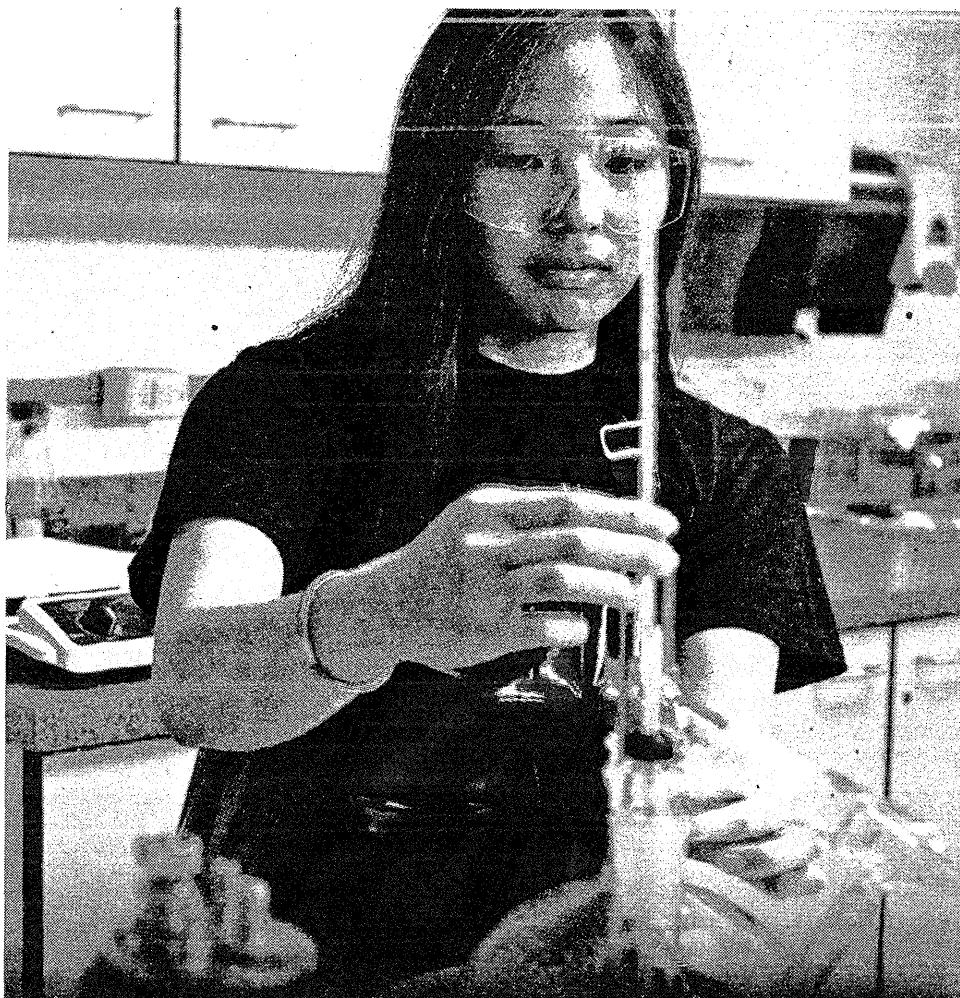
In addition to exceptional exposure in the classroom, students can participate in innovative and applied research partnerships with industry and government that offer them remarkable hands-on experience. Co-ops, part-time work, internships, student projects, competitions and participation in professional organizations provide additional opportunities to network with industry leaders.

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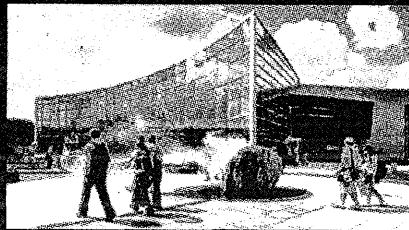


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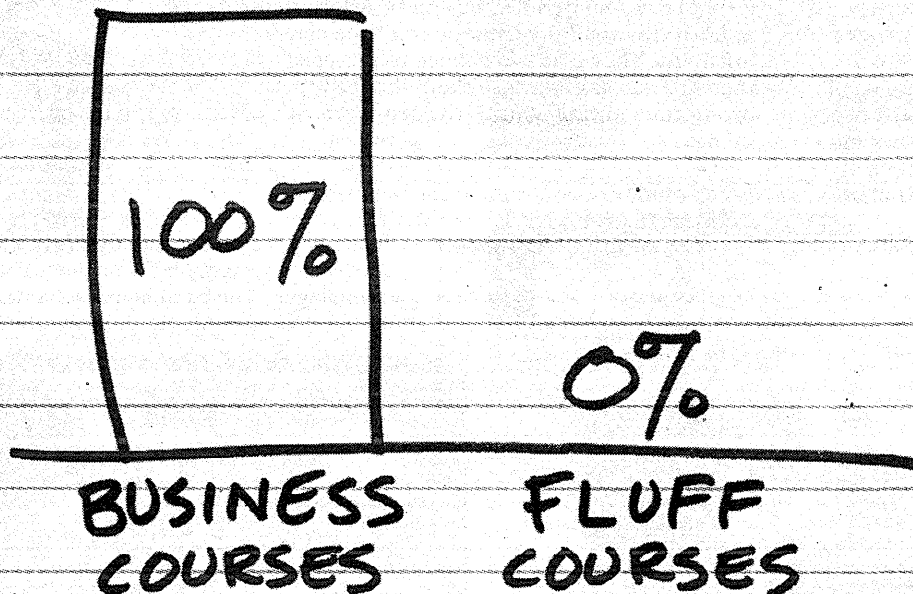
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It is a personal choice whether one seeks employment with or without a college degree. But, does a degree really matter?

Sheryl Decker, director of career services at Brown Mackie College - South Bend says, "A degree is the most important investment you can make in yourself. America is not a manufacturing society anymore, and education is key to obtaining employment in today's increasingly competitive marketplace."

Martha Schottelkotte, director of career services at Brown Mackie College - Cincinnati concurs. "At every orientation session, we challenge students to look at education as an investment in future earnings and income potential," she says. "Their success depends on how they decide to invest in themselves."

"The earning potential over a lifetime is vastly different with each level of education achieved," says Schottelkotte. "It translates to a potential of an extra \$300 to \$400 a week, which goes well beyond keeping a cell phone turned on. Students begin to think in terms of paying off loans, taking a vacation, or saving for a down payment on a house. It speaks to a difference in lifestyle that a degree offers."

A bigger paycheck is not the only reason

for getting a degree. Both Schottelkotte and Decker note additional benefits a degree offers. "A degree enriches their lives," Schottelkotte remarks, "and self-esteem grows from the sense of accomplishment."

The college experience opens doors to more than book learning. "Our students get hands-on laboratory experience in our many different programs," says Decker. "Challenges are built into the coursework. Students are exposed to experts in their field of study, and given excellent networking opportunities."

Student enrollment across the country reflects the diversity in the workplace itself. "We're seeing kids out of high school in class with some who have worked at a factory for 30 years," Decker notes. "With so many plants closing, people find themselves starting over with a new career path."

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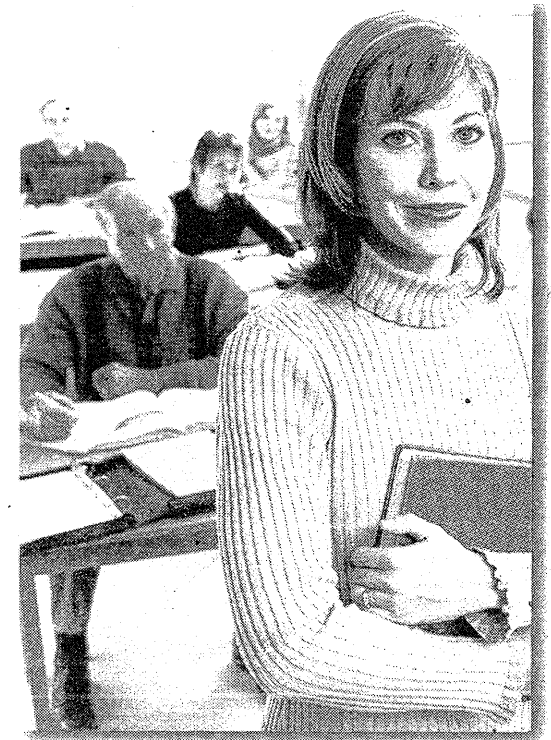
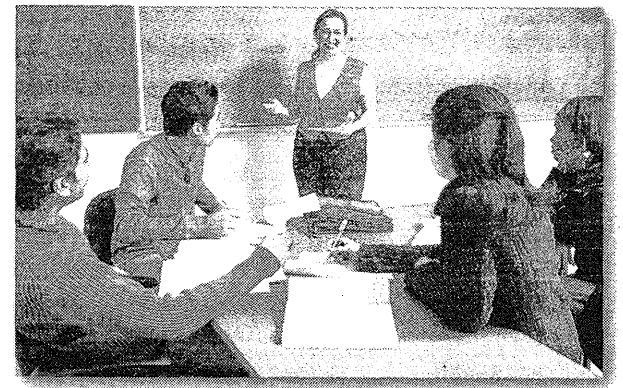
— **Martha Schottelkotte**

Director of Career Services at Brown Mackie College - Cincinnati

Schottelkotte adds, "Our students are real people with real-life commitments looking for the means to take their lives to the next level. An associate's degree can be affordable, in both financial investment and time commitment. They come to college to increase their marketability, raise their chance for promotion, and of course, to earn more money."

For more information on the benefits of a college degree, visit BrownMackie.edu.

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Davenport serves hundreds of students at new Livonia campus

About 1,000 students enrolled for classes last fall at the newly opened Davenport University campus in Livonia. Davenport was thrilled by how quickly the community embraced a new university. In this growing area, with a first-fall enrollment higher than expected, Davenport realized the great potential to serve people who are seeking a relevant curriculum that prepares them for in-demand careers or career advancement.

The 40,000-square-foot, three-story academic building, at 19499 Victor Parkway, includes 26 classrooms and computer labs, meeting rooms, a Library Information Commons and on-site free parking. Davenport's commitment to the area is demonstrated by its construction of a facility rather than rental of space in an existing building.

"Davenport University has been a great partner with the Farmington/Farmington Hills community since opening its Livonia campus in 2008," said Mary Engleman, president and

CEO of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. "Davenport's strong commitment to our community has been apparent from its involvement in our communities and the quality of education offered to our residents."

Flexibility, convenience and support are designed to serve students with quality. Tuition is among the very lowest of private colleges and universities in Michigan, which combines with quality and service to make Davenport the best value in private education. Davenport also assists students with financial aid and a generous scholarship programs.

The university considers higher education to be a major economic driver. Programs are relevant to the demands of today's knowledge-driven economy, in which an increasing number of jobs in our state's emerging industries require a college education. The ultimate measure of success is the number of students who graduate and fulfill career goals in our state and communities.

"Livonia is fortunate to have campuses and satellite locations of seven quality colleges and universities that serve a total of 25,000 area students and prepare graduates for careers at the many leading businesses in our community," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "Davenport University has been a great addition."

Davenport is a private, nonprofit university offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs and a practical curriculum designed to prepare students to excel in today's knowledge-driven economy. Davenport University offers the following advantages:

- Convenient campuses statewide where students live or work, plus online courses
- Personal attention through small class sizes (averaging 15 students)
- Relevant, career-focused curriculum and internship opportunities
- Flexible class scheduling: days, evenings, weekends or online 24/7

- 15-week semesters and 7-week sessions
- Faculty with experience in the fields they teach

Davenport's programs address the top careers in Michigan. Following is a sampling of degree programs offered in Livonia: Executive MBA, MBA, Master of Science Information Assurance, Accounting Fraud Investigation, Professional Accountancy BBA/MBA, Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management, International Business, Network Security, Computer Gaming and Simulation, Health Information Management and Health Services Administration. To view all programs, go to davenport.edu.

Davenport is the only university in Michigan specializing in business, technology and health – all vital to our emerging economy. Davenport has a 140-year tradition of preparing students for successful careers that continues today. In fact, the curriculum addresses 17 of the top careers on the Michigan Top 50 Hot Jobs list.

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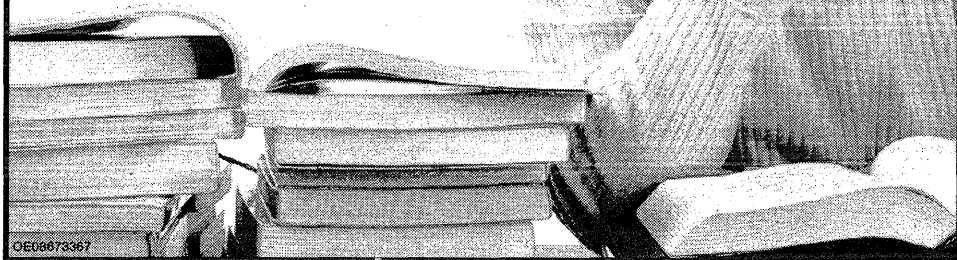
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More Americans going back to school to reinvent themselves

Many Americans are considering heading back to school and taking other steps to reinvent their professional lives given the state of the economy, according to a recent survey by Harris Interactive.

The survey, commissioned by the Career Colleges Association, reports that as a result of the recession, more than two of every three Americans are either currently taking steps, or thinking of taking steps to revamp their professional lives. Many view unemployment as an opportunity to make themselves more competitive or to pursue a long-standing passion by going back to school.

The survey reports that many Americans are "reinventing" themselves within their work lives. In fact, 38 percent of the survey participants expressed an interest in higher education. Many were interested in improving their credentials.

Patrick Wehner, director of MBA and bachelor's in business and accounting programs at Everest University in Tampa, Fla. — a career-training college offering programs in business, allied health and criminal justice — explains that for many students, going back to school is crucial to career advancement. Wehner adds that for many, the economic recession presents a perfect opportunity to go back to school.

"Many students come to us saying that they found that in tough job markets, their current credentials aren't passing the test. They come to us to get the education they need for careers with real potential for advancement," says Wehner. Everest University offers a full range of degree options — from associates to bachelor's and MBAs. "They understand that while it may require a commitment of time and money, their decision to go back to school pays off in the end," he adds.

The CCA survey also reports that 32 percent of those interested in higher education said that they were not trying to make themselves more competitive, but were doing so in order to pursue a long-standing passion or an intellectual interest. Forty-three percent of 25 to 34 year olds are considering higher education for this reason, and three out of 10 adults age 55 to 64 are also interested in changing careers or pursuing a long-held passion through higher education.

Everest College, one of the premier career-oriented educational institutions in the country, reports a rise in applications during the economic downturn. "I always tell prospective students that if you aren't happy with your professional life, you are not stuck, you can do something about it. In fact, if you have been laid off or are worried about job security, this economic recession might be the perfect time to make the decision to get the career you really want," says Jae Lee, regional vice president of admissions for 10 Everest College campus locations throughout Washington and Oregon.

At the same time, a career change is nothing to rush into, warns Catherine Mallozzi, career services director at Everest University - Melbourne. "My first advice to those looking for a career change is to do their research and make sure they know what their transition will entail," says Mallozzi. She advises that when choosing a job, there are a lot of factors you should take into consideration, including the compensation package, work schedule, what type of training you will need to get, job stability, potential for advancement, and how interesting you find the work. "This is a great time to go back to school to pursue that interest, but make sure you are getting the credentials you need for future job stability and advancement as well," she adds.

Ryan Centeno, a medical assisting instructor at Everest University in Orange Park, Fla., and the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges' 2008 Florida Faculty Member of the Year, explains that Everest designs its programs to meet students' diverse needs. "We are finding that both our students and employers want focused career-oriented programs that prepare graduates for the workforce. Especially in these hard economic times, our students don't have the time or the money to waste, and we know that employers simply don't have the resources to invest in employees that aren't well trained," Centeno adds. "That's why our programs are tailored to fast-track students into jobs that are in high demand, particularly those in health care."

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When it comes to added value, Madonna University boasts a first-year experience to ease the transition to college, a study abroad program, a variety of clubs, the Ford Technology Center, and 11 men's and women's athletic teams. For convenience, classes meet days, evenings, weekends and online at the main campus in Livonia, or at the Orchard Lake Center.

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Need money for college? Try these tips

Even though the economy has slowed down, college applications are up. Many people are enrolling in undergraduate programs, or going back for an advanced degree.

But, unfortunately, some people don't consider pursuing a degree because they lack the finances. The costs can be steep. During the 2008-2009 academic year, the average annual cost of a public four-year degree was \$6,585 and for a private four-year degree, \$25,143, according to The College Board.

The good news is there is money out there to help you pay for tuition or room and board, you just have to find it. Here are some tips:

Apply for every scholarship or grant you can find.

It may seem like a full-time job searching for and applying for scholarships, but the dollars do add up. And they're free. Start your search early — many scholarships have deadlines. If you're a high school student, begin with your high school guidance counselor for a list of local resources, and then move on to the college you plan to attend. Don't expect large amounts — the competition will be fierce for these scholarships. But smaller awards of \$1,000 or less typically have fewer applicants and are easier to obtain.

Educational Web sites are also good sources for scholarship information — but remember, the information should always be free. For example, U.S. Bank has a powerful scholarship search engine, as well as an Internet scholarship program that will begin this autumn. Over the past 13 years, U.S. Bank has awarded more than \$320,000 in scholarship funding from the U.S. Bank Internet scholarship program.



Plan to earn some extra cash.

Working and going to school at the same time is very common for today's students. Some are earning money for tuition, while others for

living expenses. You can apply for the Federal Work Study program, find a job on campus, or look for something off campus.

Graduate students can look for a teaching assistant or research positions, which sometimes offer tuition discounts in addition to a salary.

Apply for federal aid

Student loans are some of the most commonly used financial tools. Use the following steps to apply for financial aid:

1. If you filed an extension for your 2008 taxes, get them finished immediately.
2. Fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA form) and submit it as soon as possible.
3. When you receive the Student Aid Report, double check the information, and make corrections if needed. Return the report.
4. You will receive an award letter containing all the financial aid details regarding what you can receive. Consider your options carefully — look into your anticipated tuition costs, living expenses, cost of books and supplies, etc. Reply with your acceptance by the deadline. If you have questions, contact your school's financial aid office.

Get a supplemental loan for the rest of your expenses.

Supplemental loans are often used in addition to federal student loans when you find you still need more financing to cover the cost of your education. U.S. Bank offers a No Fee Education Loan for full-time, part-time or less than part-time students making satisfactory academic progress in an eligible four-year institution or graduate school. Students receive the full approved loan amount. This may help in handling those additional expenses such as books, laundry and food.

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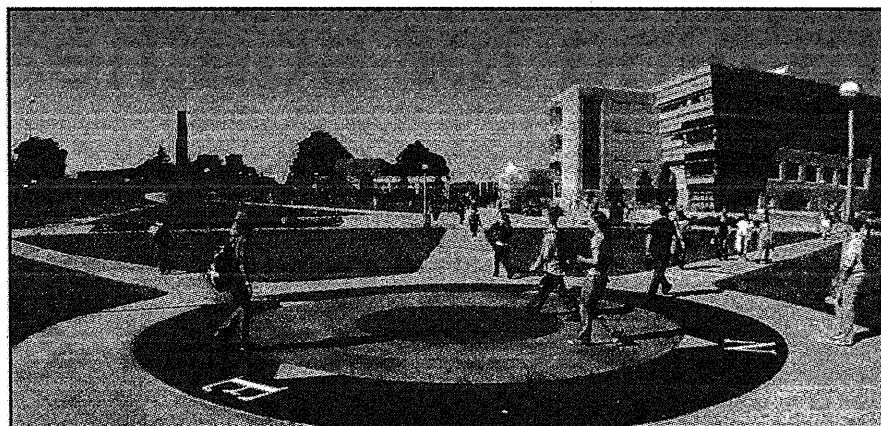
Financial Aid

Approximately 83 percent of Ferris students receive some type of financial aid through federal, state and University programs. Financial aid includes scholarships, grants, loans, work-study, or a combination of these.

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You can join any of 200-plus student organizations, club or intramural sports or cheer on the Ferris Bulldogs who compete in Division I CCHA hockey and 14 NCAA Division II sports. All destinations are an easy walk, but even freshmen may have cars on campus.

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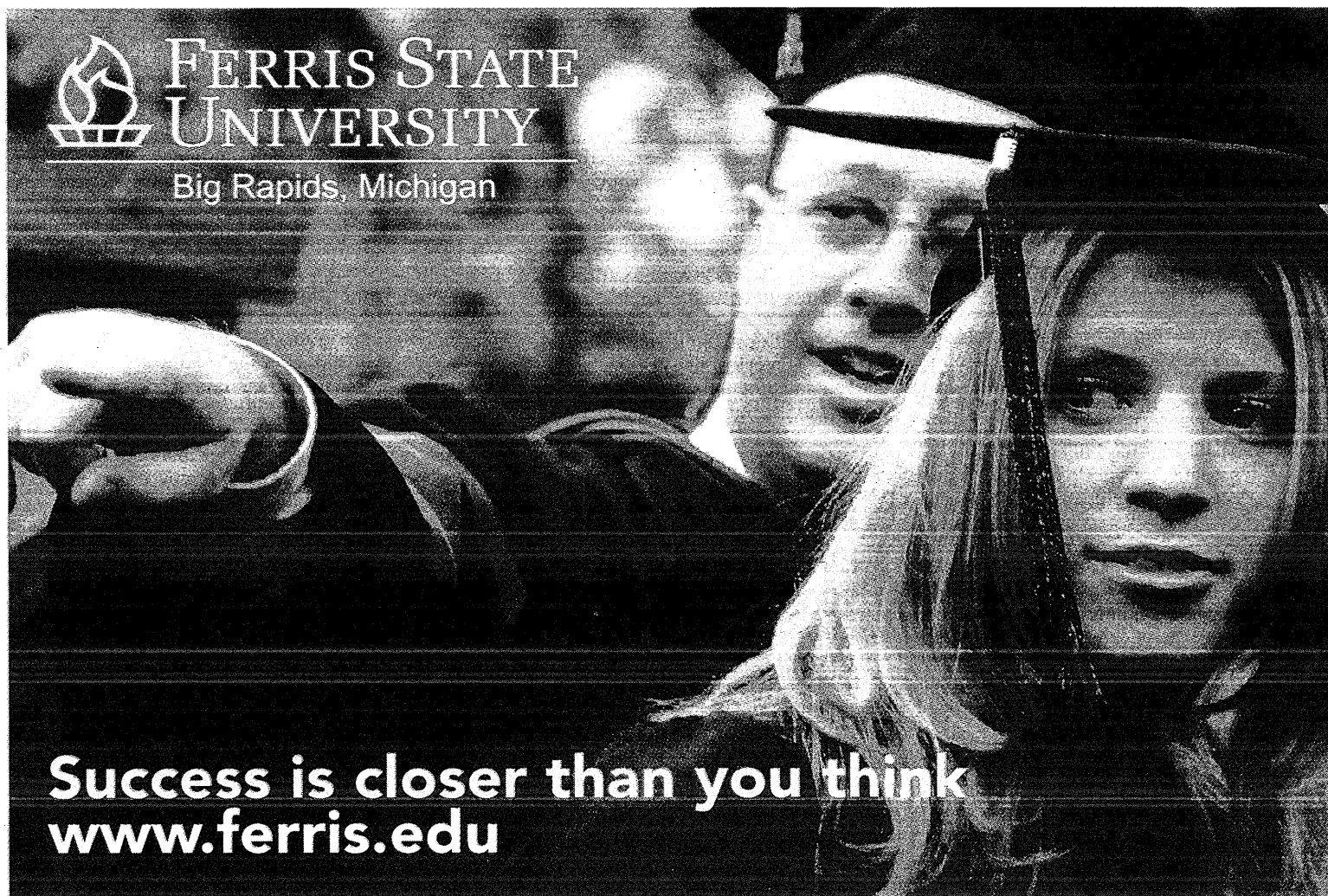
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HFCC's M-TEC provides workforce training for southeast Michigan

Henry Ford Community College's Michigan Technical Education Center in Dearborn is in the forefront of providing ready access to educational and training opportunities for business and industry and the general public to support southeast Michigan's economic core.

According to Linda West, HFCC's director of workforce development, M-TEC supports the region's economic development by providing customized programs and services to upgrade skills of the current workforce or skill building and occupational training and certification for job seekers.

HFCC's M-TEC partners in customized training initiatives include Michigan's Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, Detroit Workforce Development Department, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services and Michigan's Department of Human Services.

One successful workforce initiative contributed to keeping an important employer in Detroit. In 2007, state and local officials asked HFCC to develop a training program for Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories' pharmaceutical operators. Caraco wanted to stay in Detroit and expand, but needed more highly skilled employees. Since then, HFCC has trained 102 new, entry-level pharmaceutical operators and is on track to train 500 new employees for Caraco's expansion.

HFCC also has a partnership with the Oakwood and Henry Ford Health systems to train 200 unemployed people in customer service, computer and other skills for entry-level healthcare jobs, in conjunction with SEMCA, ACCESS and the Department of Human Services.



Students learn how to work in the film industry at Henry Ford Community College.

Training for Michigan's growing film industry

To meet the workforce needs of Michigan's growing film industry, Henry Ford Community College's Michigan Technical Education Center (MTEC) in Dearborn offers courses preparing people for entry-level employment in the film industry in the Detroit area.

Some students' tuition is paid by Michigan's No Worker Left Behind program. The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance assists HFCC in filling the classes with students interested in film industry careers.

Goals of the program are to put Michigan's unemployed back to work and provide a trained local workforce to complement the incentives offered by the state to draw feature film production to Michigan, said HFCC President Gail Mee.

Partners in HFCC's workforce development project are the Office of the Wayne County Executive, Michigan's Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance and TicTock Studios.

Expansion plans to accommodate more students, programs

Henry Ford Community College is expanding to accommodate enrollment growth and new programs with the purchase of a 10-acre parcel of property from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. The property, just north of HFCC's main campus at Evergreen and Ford roads, is the first new space added in 10 years.

HFCC also has a \$15 million capital outlay plan to renovate and expand the Science building. The end result will be a state-of-the-art facility to support increased demand for science classes, the growth of healthcare programs and new initiatives in biotechnology and sustainability.

This project comes at a time when HFCC enrollment has reached record levels. "Approval of this project will

allow us to accommodate our enrollment growth and educate more people for 21st century careers," said HFCC President Gail Mee. "HFCC plays a vital role as a catalyst for economic and workforce development in southeast Michigan by preparing students for jobs in the new Michigan economy."

HFCC has a new program in biotechnology and plans to expand its high-demand healthcare programs.

HFCC's Energy Technology Program is expanding, too, with a curriculum focused on the renewable energy, including geothermal, wind source, fuel and smart-home technology, and co-generation and power backup systems.

New DNA sequencer is cornerstone of new Biotechnology Training Program

Henry Ford Community College's Science Division has acquired a state-of-the-art automated DNA sequencer that will serve as the centerpiece of its new Biotechnology Technician Training Program.

The new program, developed by the HFCC Science Division with help of local biotechnology companies, will prepare students for work in the biotechnology industry. After earning an associate's degree or a certificate, students will be able to acquire an entry-level job in the field or continue their studies at a four-year university.

The Biotechnology Technician Training program will teach students how to use the DNA sequencer, which will give students an understanding of DNA and genetic processes.

Increase in Enrollment for Fall 2009

Henry Ford Community College's fall semester enrollment is up 16 percent from last year, the largest enrollment spike since 1994.

According to HFCC's Office of Research, Planning and Effectiveness, more than 17,000 full- and part-time



HFCC offers a new Biotechnology Program to train students for a career in a new and emerging technical field.

students registered for credit classes this fall.

"Students are becoming increasingly savvy consumers," says Becky Chadwick, HFCC's director of research, planning and effectiveness. "Henry Ford Community College offers lower costs, has excellent transfer opportunities and has small class sizes with faculty dedicated to teaching. In addition, HFCC uses the latest technology, provides practical training and has hundreds of programs with direct pathways to employment."

For many HFCC students, the lower tuition cost and HFCC's offered programs are the main reasons they chose to attend the college this fall.

"I work in Dearborn," says HFCC student Colleen Lazar of Garden City. "I really like HFCC's nursing program, but I also save money on gas going from work to school. Also, the tuition at HFCC is less expensive than any nearby college."

HFCC offers a tuition freeze guarantee, which guarantees that if tuition rates increase, students can apply for a rebate for the amount of the increase upon graduation.

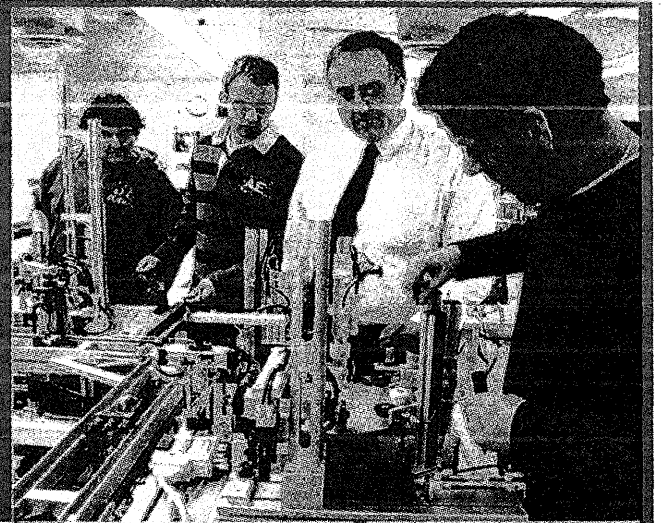
"We often look for a single variable answer as to why our enrollment has increased when really it is a result of many factors," notes Chadwick. "In addition to our students being more savvy consumers, we have improved our efficiencies internally so we are better able to anticipate demand and respond accordingly. Also, given the Michigan economy, many people have returned to school to train or be retrained for high-wage, high-demand jobs."

For students like Aleah Spratling of Westland, coming to HFCC was simply a matter of re-educating herself after a long hiatus from school.

"I've been out of school for 10 years," says Spratling. "I just want to re-educate myself and continue my education here at HFCC."

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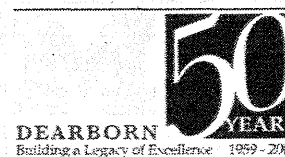
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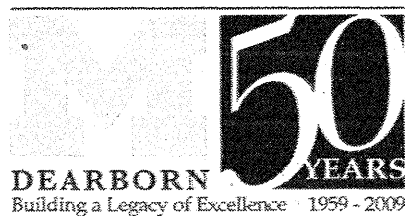
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