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Bay Village HOMECOMING



Above left: King Joey Glase and Queen Lauren Dent ride in the Homecoming Parade. Top: The Bay High Band performs before the game. Left: Bay players sing the alma mater after their 45-14 win over Fairview Friday. Above: Joey Glase, one of the Blue Brothers, entertains Bay fans. More photos on page 11. (Photos by Larry Bennet)

Council candidates debate city finances

By Kevin Kelley

WESTLAKE

(Editor's note: Last week, West Life reported on the exchanges between the candidates for the office of mayor of Westlake and law director of Westlake during the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum held the afternoon of Sept. 20 at Westlake City Hall. This week's article reports on the exchanges between the city council candidates.

The LWV forum was broadcast on WHBS-TV, Westlake High School's cable TV channel. The forum can also be viewed as a web cast on the Internet by going to www.cityofwestlake.org.)

Incumbent candidates pledged to stay the course while challengers called for lower taxes, a more open government and televised council meetings during the council race period of the League of Women Voters candidates forum Sept. 20.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACE

The liveliest of all exchanges, including those between the mayoral and law director candidates, was between Council President Michael Killeen and challenger Carol Corpus. Both candidates gave quick answers to LWV moderator Anne Engel's question and then went into their prepared

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Rocky River man arraigned on 25 counts of rape

By Michelle Payne

ROCKY RIVER

A Rocky River man suspected of molesting two boys was arraigned Monday morning on 25 counts of rape as well as numerous other sexually related charges.

Phillip J. Distasio, 33, pleaded not guilty to all the charges which include 25 counts of rape, five counts of corrupting another with drugs, once count of gross sexual imposition, disseminating

obscene matter harmful to a juvenile, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor and possessing a criminal tool.

According to prosecutors, Distasio abused the two Lakewood boys, ages 11 and 12-years-old, while homeschooling them at his apartment at 2768 Wooster Road.

Distasio was arrested on Aug. 23 after police received a tip from an employee at a Lakewood teen center. According to Rocky River Police, one of the victims

had been talking with a counselor at the center when he revealed the abuse. Police had been monitoring Distasio prior to the victim's confession, but had nothing concrete until the boy came forward.

In addition to his home schooling, Distasio also worked at Cleveland's Westpark YMCA, 15501 Lorain Ave. From 1993 to 1994 he worked at the center as an instructor with the county's

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