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Campaign stop

Canton is nearly becoming a second home to Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. The Republican gubernatorial nominee will speak at the Oct. 2 Canton Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at the Summit. The noon luncheon is sponsored by Friends of the Canton Public Library. Posthumus made his candidacy official in an address to Canton chamber members and guests last winter. More recently, he returned to the Summit to announce the Republican ticket on the November ballot, including Canton's Loren Bennett as the nominee for lieutenant governor. Tickets for the Oct. 2 luncheon are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The reservation deadline is Friday. Call the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or fax to (734) 453-4503.

Adopt a pet

The Michigan Humane Society will team up with the Detroit Zoo for its second Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo adoption event. The festivities are set for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Zoo in Royal Oak. They will be in a tent in



the front parking lot and there is no charge for admission or parking. Dozens of area shelters and adoption groups will participate, with each setting its own adoption fees and policies. Animals will be adopted only to qualified homes and the Humane Society asks that current family pets be left at home for health and safety reasons. For information, call the society at 1-866-648-6263.

Final sale day

Today's the final day for the Canton Rotary Rummage and Bake Sale. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mettetal Airport, Lilley Road south of Joy.

Check it

Your blood pressure, of course. High blood pressure can be silent killer - there are no symptoms and the best way to detect it is to have your pressure checked regularly. The Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute will offer free screenings 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Summit as part of a seminar on "Lowering Your Blood Pressure." Advance registration is required. Call (734) 394-5498.

Library

Registration is underway for Book Buddies, a new Canton Public Library program for third- and fourth-graders. The inaugural program - which offers friendship opportunities, snacks and group discussion of books on a regular basis - is set for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 10. Andrew Clements' "Friends" is the first book and copies are available at the library.

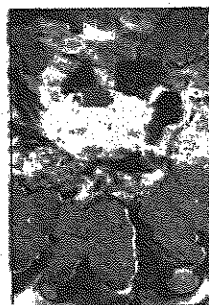
For information about library programs and events, call (734) 397-0999.

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Beyond basics

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A click away

Help is on the Web for Canton voters

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Not sure if you're registered to vote? Don't know where your polling place is? Confused about candidates and ballot issues?

Now, thanks to a new Web site launched earlier this month by the Michigan Secretary of State, you can get the answers to these and other questions - plus more general information about voting and elections - right from your home or office computer.

A link to the site has been added to the Canton Clerk's office Web site, which has lots of local voter and election information itself.

"We had it on our own Web site a week after they broke it out," Township Clerk Terry Bennett said. "We get so many calls asking where do I go to vote? What is my precinct?"

Since Canton added seven new voting precincts this year - bringing the total in the township to 37 - Bennett said her biggest concern was that people go to the right polling places in the November general election.

She said if people have moved within the township and not changed their address with the Secretary of State on their driver's license or voter registra-



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Clowning around at Isbister

David Winchip, from left, sits with clowns Michelle Flora and Michael Hoover as they watch the other First-Grade Circus performers at Isbister School. Seals Emily Patton, Ian Balnaves and clown Jake Vojcek are in the foreground. For a story and more photos from Wednesday's "performance," please turn to Page A4 in today's Observer.

Board will talk turf at Tuesday session

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For Canton High School Athletic Director Sue Heinzman, a day like Friday was the nightmare she and her fellow athletic directors have endured for several

years. It was raining in the afternoon, and Heinzman was busy scheduling and rescheduling junior varsity football games that needed to be played on the only varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

In the mix was a decision on whether

the high school football team would play its game Friday or Saturday because of the rain.

While football is generally played in all types of weather, the athletic directors at

PLEASE SEE **TURF, A6**

Township gets 'supporting' role in fall television commercials

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

TV viewers will notice some awfully familiar spots around town this fall.

But Toyota executives hope they're not too distracted to take in the automaker's 2003 model cars and trucks.

A 55-member crew, headed by line producer and Canton resident Kellee Cragin, was in town last

week to shoot commercials for a Nashville-based client. Area locations for the ads include Canton neighborhoods around Joy and Sheldon roads and Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

"Plymouth is a great asset for filmmakers because it has a lot to offer in a very close proximity. It's small-town America," said Cragin. "They were looking all over the country to shoot, but they wanted to know if Plymouth would let us.

It would have been cheaper to shoot in Nashville, but they wanted to come here."

The crew began its work day at 5:30 a.m. and continued well into Tuesday night filming commercials. While the finished product is only 30 seconds long, it can take hours getting everything to go right for a finished take.

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Line Producer Kellee Cragin of Canton, center, watches filming with Director Michael Merriman, from left, Executive Producer Chuck Strader and Creative Director Mike Schrader. The crew was in downtown Plymouth Tuesday filming television commercials for the 2003 Toyota line of passenger vehicles and light trucks.

Here's your chance to win a shopping spree

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and 12 area merchants are teaming up to send 12 lucky winners on home furnishings shopping sprees.

It's all part of Fabulous Furniture 2002 in our At Home section on Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10 and 17.

Twelve lucky winners will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate to shop at Avenue Gallery (Birmingham, Rochester, Ann Arbor and Novi locations), Classic Interiors (Livonia), Eclipse Window Tinting (Redford Township), Woven Treasures (Birmingham), William C. Franks Furniture (Wayne), Laurel Furniture (downtown Plymouth), N.A. Mans Building Center (Canton

Township), Newton Furniture (Bloomfield Hills, Livonia, Novi and Sterling Heights locations), Pine Tree Lighting (Lake Orion), Recherché (Waterford), Watch Hill Home Interiors (Birmingham) and Walker Buzenberg (Plymouth).

Winning is easy. Each participating merchant will have official Fabulous Furniture displays at their stores and entry forms available beginning Oct. 3. You may enter one time at each store. You'll want to visit each store (several merchants have multiple locations) and increase your chances of winning.

You must be at least 18 years old to enter. All entries have an equal chance of being

drawn. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

Look for the entry form in your Thursday and Sunday Observer and in participating stores beginning Thursday, Oct. 3.

Don't miss the Thursday, Oct. 3, edition on Dining Rooms and Kitchens followed by the Thursday, Oct. 10, edition which features Living Rooms and Great Rooms. The At Home section of Oct. 17 will highlight Bedrooms and Bathrooms.

Here's a chance to spruce up your home and read about the latest in furniture styles and decorating tips in At Home Fabulous Furniture 2002.



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Publisher: Hometown papers stay relevant to local readers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., founder, owner and chairman Phil Power said his group of 70 hometown newspapers is successful because they stick to the theory of community journalism.

"We want to make community newspapers the essential tool for people ... for the readers and their families to live the good life in their own hometowns," Power told members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club on Friday. "That means we have an obligation to make the Observer (and Eccentric) useful, relevant, and an essential tool of the conduct of daily lives of adults and kids. And, it also means our journalistic focus is different from The New York Times, the dailies (Detroit News and Detroit Free Press) and the Ann

Arbor News."

Power, who admitted he was a member of the Rotary Club years ago but had to quit because he couldn't make the meetings, said he likes the changes in downtown Plymouth.

"I would say that the downtown today is the fulfillment of the dream that people I knew in Plymouth 25 years ago were looking for. It's a fantastic accomplishment," he said, referring in part to the new Mayflower Center. "Kellogg Park has never looked better. Plymouth has become a destination for a lot of people."

Power went on to emphasize that community journalism digs into the issues of the community, and is accomplished by putting the reporter in the shoes of the reader.

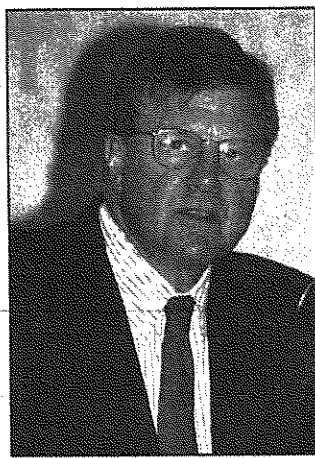
"There is a difference between reporting generalities without having thought

about what they mean to people in their daily lives," he said. "What does the news mean for the ordinary divinity of daily life for the people who live in their own hometown? What does the story mean to the reader? How does the reader take the information and use it in the ordinary conduct of their life?"

For Power, who began his bi-weekly chain of newspapers in 1965, that means his basic philosophy to community journalism can be achieved by following five fundamental propositions.

"We are in business to enhance the lives of our readers; to nurture the communities that we serve; to contribute to the business success of our advertisers; to provide fulfilling careers for our staffers; and to earn a fair profit."

"At the end of the day, that's what we are all about," he



LISA FEDOR

Phil Power, HomeTown Communications Network chairman, addresses the Plymouth Rotary Thursday.

said. "We think those words get to the heart of what we spend a great deal of time and passion doing."

Power began HomeTown Communications by publishing six newspapers in western Wayne County with a staff of about 20 employees. His network now includes 70 hometown newspapers throughout Michigan, near Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the upper mid-west, and employs about 1,000 people.

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Historical Museum's new doors will finally have that dated look

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Historical Museum will soon be getting a new look. Or, actually, an old look.

The Board of Trustees earlier this month authorized hiring Accent Remodeling Inc. of Canton to replace the front and back doors of the building, repair the transom window above front door and create a barrel ceiling in the foyer with new framing and drywall.

Cost of the project, for which Accent was the only bidder, is \$14,747. Mike Ager, Canton's resource development director, said the present front metal door was "just sort of thrown up there way back when. It's in bad shape. Things are starting to deteriorate in the main entryway."

"Things were sort of renovated in a haphazard way when it was done 20 to 30 years ago."

Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who is also a member of the Canton Historic District Commission and the Canton Historical Society, said replacing the door has been on the commission's "to do" list for a long time.

"There's always chores to do," she said. "We renovated the Cherry Hill School and the Bartlett Travis House. We just didn't have the money in the budget for this project until this year. We've been resisting makeshift repairs."

Ager said when the building was originally renovated the old doors were taken out and a new metal security door was put in. The side panels, where the original door stood, were replaced with plywood which has deteriorated and been painted over the years.

"Things were boarded up with plywood inside the foyer," he said. "It looks really bad in there."

The foyer will also be renovat-

ed in the process. Based on pictures of the original building, Ager said, Accent Remodeling agreed to replicate the old doors. "We're trying to get it back to its original look," he said.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett, who also serves on the Historic District Commission, said she was "delighted" about the project. She said the look of the building has been a pet peeve of hers for years.

"The front of the building looks pretty awful," she said. "When it was rehabbed a single security door was put in. It detracts from the aesthetics of the building and the historical accuracy."

The building, which stands in its original site on the southwest corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive (formerly Proctor), was built in 1884 as a one-room school house, Canton Center School. According to a plaque on the site, it was modeled after the 1882 Cherry Hill United Methodist Church.

According to McLaughlin, the original building was a log school.

"Somewhere along the line," she said, "they put up clapboard siding. Then one night it burned down and they rebuilt it as a brick building."

The school was used as a grammar school until 1954.

"It was the longest remaining one-room school house in Wayne County," McLaughlin said. In 1977 the Plymouth Canton School district donated the building to the historical society. McLaughlin said the renovation was a voluntary joint effort with the township, the Rotary Club and the historical society contributing money and hands-on work.

In 1982 the society opened the building as a museum.

Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday. Call (734) 397-0088.

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Salem video equipment, laptop reported stolen

Several items were reported stolen from rooms in Salem High School over the summer.

One employee reported a tape-timer valued at \$107 was taken sometime during the summer. The employee said the item was packaged and sent to Salem at the beginning of the school year, but the employee could not find it.

In another incident an employee reported that a laptop computer valued at \$1,200

COP CALLS

and a VCR valued at \$150 were stolen from the office of her classroom sometime over the summer.

She said various workers were in the room during the summer break.

In the room next door an employee reported a FlexCam video presentation camera missing. She said it was in a

storage room of her classroom.

TIRES SLASHED

Two residents of the 8100 block of Nectar reported tires were slashed on their vehicles sometime between midnight and 9:40 a.m. on Sept. 20.

Both residents said they parked their cars in the parking lot about midnight and the next morning noticed all four tires slashed on each vehicle.

Damage was estimated at \$400 in one case and \$500 in the other.

CABINETS STOLEN

A workman at a construction site in the 40000 block of Deer Creek told police someone took seven cabinets and trim from the site between 4 p.m. Sept. 17 and 6:45 a.m. Sept. 19.

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Fresh start for New Morning

School year under way after expansion project

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The annual ritual of getting excited about sending the kids back to school has been extended about a month for parents of students at New Morning School.

But the summer anxiety is about to end.

Builders were out last week putting the finishing touches on the million-dollar expansion project for the school, on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft. Students, who got out of school early last year and are starting late this year to accommodate the project, are scheduled to hit the books Monday.

About 25 percent of the school's students live in Canton Township.

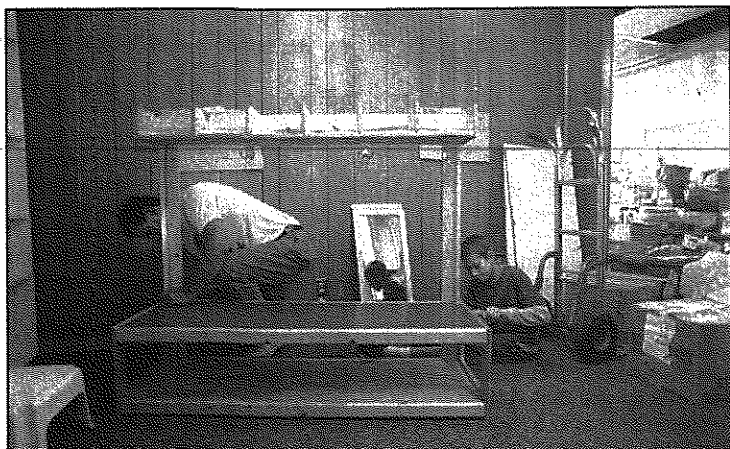
"We are just very, very excited," said Elaine Yagiela, the school's executive director. "I'm very excited that everyone will be under one roof."

The project added some 10,000 square feet of space to the existing school. The portable classroom in use in years past is history, with pre-school and kindergarteners now moving into the new building.

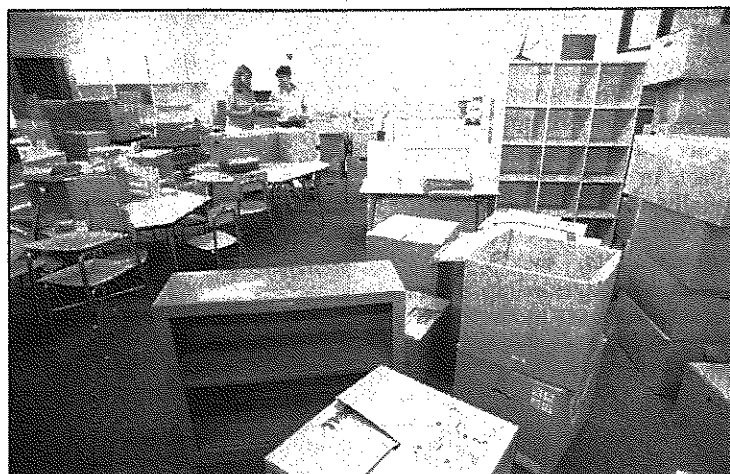
The addition also includes more classroom space, a multi-use art room, tutorial space and a gym. New Morning School raised some \$500,000 toward the project; the rest was financed.

To accommodate the rather aggressive building schedule, the school scrunched its calendar last year to get out early, then held up on starting school this year until Sept. 23. To meet state-mandated requirements for number of school days, New Morning students had their school day extended 15 minutes, had some vacations eliminated and will go longer into June.

Even so, according to Yagiela, it will all be worth it as New



Ken Smoltz of Livonia, left, and his son Steven, 9, work on a rack in the elementary area.



Elementary teachers Margo Kelly, left, and Cynthia Wilkinson unpack boxes and work to figure out where all of the supplies will go in the new classroom area.

Morning School hangs onto the family atmosphere it has cultivated for 30 years.

"We wanted to bring everyone under the same roof," she said. "It was only a few steps (to the portable), but it's still a separateness. What we're trying to do is give everyone more space, more breathing room. We've been able to do that. We added 10,000 square feet, but only eight kids."

The gym was a big feature school officials have always wanted in every renovation plan put into place since the school was built on its current site in 1981. In 1986, the school added some space downstairs, and a spanish/science/music space was added in 1997.

Even though the gym isn't finished even in this plan, the

shell is at least in place. Yagiela said finishing it would be easier now that the shell is up.

"In all of our plans, we always had a gym," Yagiela said. "We were able to do the whole project, we raised a considerable amount of money and New Liberty Bank has been great handling the financing for the rest of it."

Yagiela worked hard with the builders, J.J. Hopper, Inc., in Dearborn to make sure the project met all its deadlines. Final clean-up was to take place late this week, but teachers and parent volunteers had the responsibility of making sure furniture, books and other educational material got moved room-to-room.

Even so, the project was completed and met budget.



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Tammy Jenkins of Redford, a mom and science teacher, and daughter Erica, 6, clean some of the toys and learning equipment that was in storage over the summer.

The project added some 10,000 square feet of space to the existing school.

"Amazingly, the project is on time," Yagiela said. "It was a tight schedule to begin with."

New Morning School prides itself on its family atmosphere, and took up this renovation project with that in mind. Even though they added 10,000 square feet, the student-teacher ratio in its elementary program remains at 12-1 (48 students, 12 teachers). The school also has 24 preschoolers, 12 in half-day primary, 12 in full-day primary and 24 middle school students.

It's a student roll small enough to make sure everyone

knows everyone else, the way school officials and parents like it.

"We're maxed out size-wise," Yagiela said. "If we got much larger, it would be hard for everyone to know everyone. There aren't many places in people's lives where they can feel like part of a community. New Morning School is a community."

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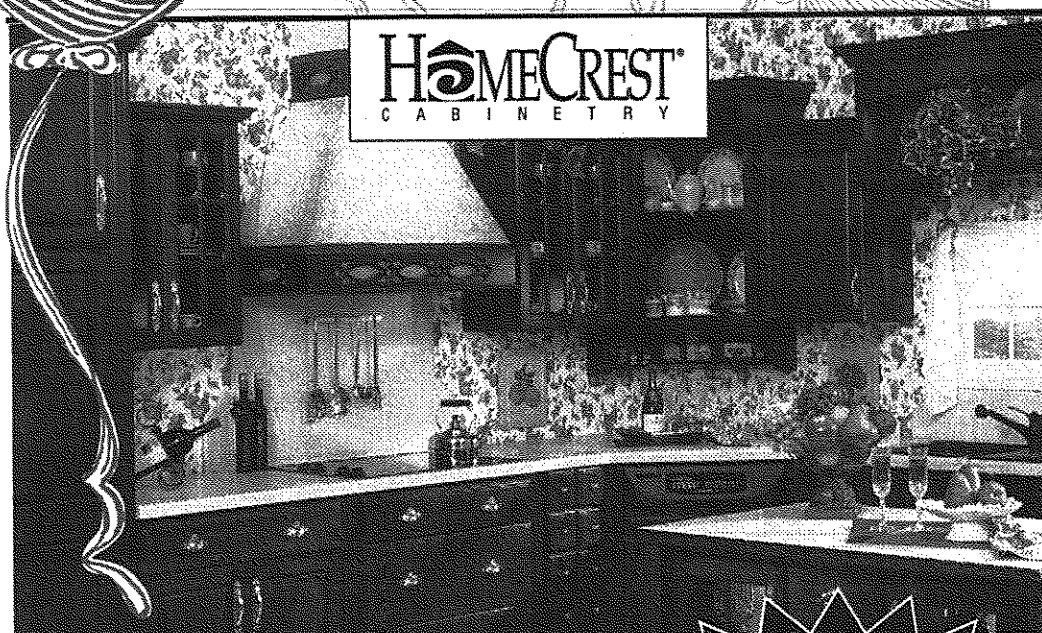
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Third-grader Emily Sneideman, 7, watches the parade of circus characters pass her in the hallway at Isbister Wednesday.

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Isbister 'Big Top' promotes learning, community in class

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Sarah Smith and Carol Green were teachers together at Smith Elementary, Smith was impressed with an idea Green used to capture the attention and imaginations of her students.

So Smith, who later moved to Isbister Elementary, decided that imitation really is the sincerest form of flattery, and flattered Green, who now teaches at Dodson Elementary, by stealing the idea.

Thus, the circus came to Isbister Wednesday.

Some 100 first-graders took part in the circus, playing the parts in all the acts you'd normally see at a circus — tight-rope walkers, juggling clowns, and seal acts.

The kids dressed up, either in costumes made by their parents or in costumes collected over the years by teachers.

"It's a real fun way to build your classroom community and get kids to follow directions," said Smith, a first-grade teacher at Isbister. "We had tight-rope walkers walk down a balance beam, bears who rode scooters, and elephants who climbed on a giant ball."

Smith's students — along with the kids in fellow first-grade classes taught by Joanne Kokoszka, Denise McClane and Aileen Wise — played all the parts. Staffers took pictures, and teachers and students will spend time putting a book together explaining all about the circus.

"The kids love it," Smith said. "They get real excited, we write poems about it. I take pictures and put them on the computer, and then they tell me about the different acts."

The day included juggling clowns, lion and tiger acts complete with trainers, and then the grand finale: a human cannonball. How'd they pull that off in an elementary school



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First-grader Julian Alverio, in costume as a lion, watches the First Grade Circus under the big top in the gymnasium at Isbister Elementary Wednesday. The entire first grade put on a show for parents at the end of the school day, offering animal acts, high wire performers, clowns and acrobats. For the story and more photos, please see Page A3.

gym?

"We decorate a desk to look like a cannon, and the student crouches under the desk," Smith explained. "We count down from 10, and then I pick him up and run him across the stage."

It's all designed to make the early part of the new school year easier on the first-graders, many of whom are going to all-

day school for the first time and have to overcome a bit of homesickness.

"First grade is kind of hard for kids, because they have to stay a whole day," Smith said. "Something like this gets them excited about the beginning of the school day. It takes their minds off of home and mom."

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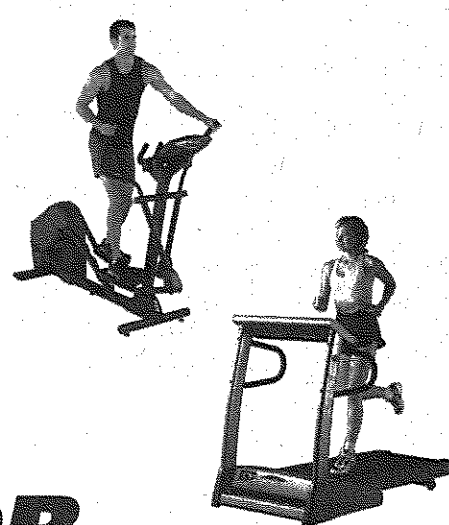
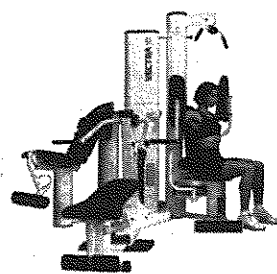
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tion card, they have to go to their old location to vote.

With the new Web site, officially known as the Michigan Secretary of State Publius Voter Information Center, residents can check online to see if they are registered to vote and can also get the address of their polling place and even a map showing the location.

According to the Secretary of State's office, the site is the first state-sponsored Web site in the nation to provide such comprehensive voter- and election-related information. A link to the site is provided on the township's Web site, www.canton-mi.org.

From the home page click on "Voting" on the left side of the screen. That takes you to the township clerk's Web site, which contains a link to Publius Voter Information Center, among other links.

At the Publius site you'll be

asked to enter your first and last name as it appears on your voter registration card. Bennett said it is extremely important to enter the information exactly as it appears on the card or driver's license.

"If your first name is Douglas but you go by Doug, you must enter the name that is on the driver's license," she said.

If you are properly registered, a screen will pop up showing the location of the polling place, the address and the type of voting equipment being used - Accu-Vote in the case of Canton.

Much more information is also available at the site. You can watch a video demonstration of how to use the voting equipment, print out a map to the polling place and even view and print a copy of the statewide ballot that you'll be using in the November election. Strictly local elections are not included on the ballot.

Other links from the clerk's Web site point to the Secretary

of State's Elections site, which contains a wealth of information for voters, from election dates to information about absentee voting, voting equipment, campaign finance information and other topics.

You can also download a voter registration application form in PDF format that can be filled in on the screen, printed out and delivered or mailed to the local clerk's office.

The clerk's site also contains election results that are posted in real time on election night as the votes are counted. Bennett said the online results were first posted for the August 2000 primary.

She said the new sites are extremely helpful to voters and contain answers to many of the questions received by her office. Has it cut down on the number of telephone calls directed to the clerk's office?

"Not yet," she said, "but it's new and I don't think too many people know about it yet."

COMMERCIALS

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set up, making sure the car is pristine, getting the actors dressed and made up, making sure they know their lines, the lighting is right, the audio is right ... there are so many details," said Cragin, when asked why it took so long to film a half-minute television spot. "And, if every department gets a chance for one thing to go wrong, it takes a long time. We want everything to be just right."

Cragin, who grew up around the industry before making it her profession, said it is in her blood.

"I've been doing this since the day I was born," she said. "My dad was a cameraman and director of photography. And, I have six brothers and sisters, five of whom are in the business."

"It takes a different kind of person to work 14 hours a day," added Cragin. "You never know what you're going to face. It's the unknown that's the challenge. Animals and kids are unpredictable, so you always have your ducks in a

'My dad was a cameraman and director of photography. And, I have six brothers and sisters, five of whom are in the business.'

Kellee Cragin

row so when it happens you can react."

Miguel Pask of Canton is a freelance production assistant and film loader. He was hired to help in filming the Toyota commercials and, like Cragin, his family was in the business a long time.

"I've been doing this since I was 16, and I love it," said Pask. "It's an art form and hard work. But, I like the flexibility of the business. If there's a week I have something to do, I don't have to work."

While most people appeared interested in viewing the production of a television commercial, there are others who are offended Toyota chose

Plymouth and Canton to film its advertisements.

"I can't believe we let the competition come in our backyard," said Mark Mueller of Canton, a General Motors marketing employee. "I would think that anyone who works for any of the Big Three (General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler) would be a little frustrated. I think they should have filmed the commercials in the south, where they have their own plants."

City Manager Paul Sincok said he gets a half-dozen requests a year to film in Plymouth.

"Our policy doesn't discriminate against anyone who wants to film here," he said. "In fact, we have had General Motors and Ford film commercials in Plymouth."

Sincok said the city policy dictates a higher fee schedule than for other types of events held in Plymouth. He estimated the city collected \$5,000 in fees from the Tuesday shoot.

The Toyota commercials will be part of the automaker's fall advertising campaign, and are expected to be shown on national television within a few weeks, according to Cragin.

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Plymouth-Canton need to be particularly aware of field conditions because just one game-turned-mud bowl could ruin the playing surface for the entire season.

"With so many teams that need to play on the field, we need to be careful," said Heinzman. "Not many schools have this much traffic on one field."

"That's one reason we need synthetic turf," she said.

That will be the discussion at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. at Plymouth High School.

"We need the synthetic turf because of the unique concept of our park," said Ken Jacobs, executive director of support services. "It's been an issue for several years. At some point, it may be determined we won't

be able to use the varsity track this year."

Jacobs said he and the athletic department will present information to trustees regarding synthetic turf for the varsity football stadium, which would be paid for with \$1.3 million from the 1997 bond issue passed by voters to construct Plymouth High School.

Administrators cite the fact that soon there will be three high school football teams, three boys varsity soccer teams, three girls varsity soccer teams and the marching band using the same field.

Last year, a football game had to be canceled because of an unsafe playing surface, and a marching band competition had to be moved to South Lyon, which has a synthetic surface, because of a muddy field.

Jacobs said it's likely the varsity track team will need to use the newly constructed junior

varsity track because drains under the varsity track are collapsing, and the running surface can't be repaired.

"We had a physical education student, who was jogging, put a foot through the surface of the track and injure her ankle," said Jacobs. "The track is over 30 years old, and we can't find ways to repair it effectively anymore."

Jacobs is hopeful the information presented to trustees Tuesday night will be convincing enough to get permission to move forward with the project.

"If we get approval from the board, we want to develop specifications and put the project out for bid in December," he said. "We need to award the bid by Jan. 14 in order to meet scheduled play for mid-August (2003)."

"If it's not constructed by then, we'll have big problems," Jacobs said.

Day offers taste of history

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland historian Jim Franklin recalls the time he made raccoon soup for Pioneer Day, a program at Nankin Mills featuring 19th-century activities, music and skills such as blacksmithing, butter-making and quilting.

The soup's aroma caught the attention of an elderly woman — no, not Granny Clampett — who couldn't resist tasting what some consider a delicacy.

"She said she hadn't had any raccoon soup in years," Franklin said.

This year, he will stick to poultry and sourdough bread during the fifth annual Pioneer Day, scheduled for 1-5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28, at historic Nankin Mills, on Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington. The building — a former grist mill and Henry Ford-owned machine shop — now houses administration offices for Wayne County Parks, which is sponsoring Pioneer Day with Friends of Nankin Mills. The event will feature demonstrations such as blacksmithing, butter-making, wool-spinning and quilting, and it will include a Great Lakes history storyteller, a petting farm and musicians playing instruments such as the dulcimer, fiddle and banjo, said Carol Clements, department manager at Nankin Mills.

Most attractions will be free, although there will be a \$3

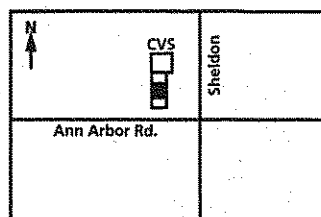
charge for a carriage ride along Hines Drive and for a children's craft tent featuring candle-making, tinsmithing and old-fashioned games, Clements said. Pioneer Day also will include participants making their own apple cider with what Clements described as a hand-cranked press, although cider-makers should bring their own plastic jug and only one grocery bag of apples. Local historians aren't surprised that Pioneer Day, an event for all ages, has grown in popularity.

"It teaches the upcoming generations what their grandparents and great-grandparents had to deal with in their lives," Franklin said. "It's a touch of the past — a touch of history."

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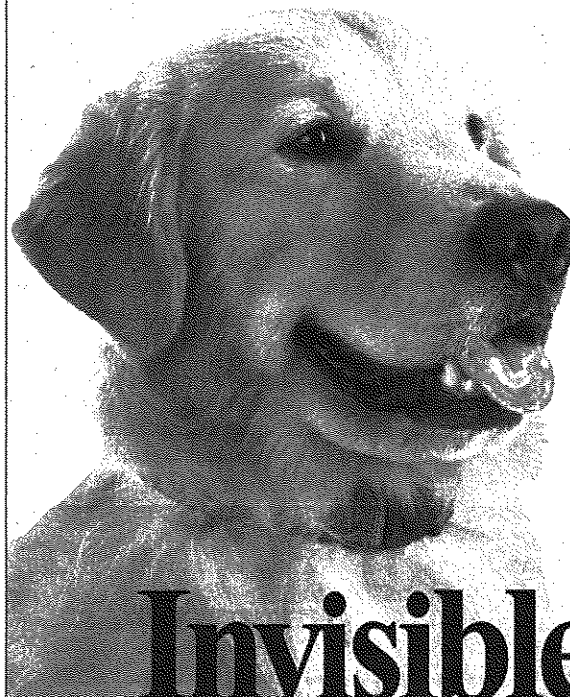
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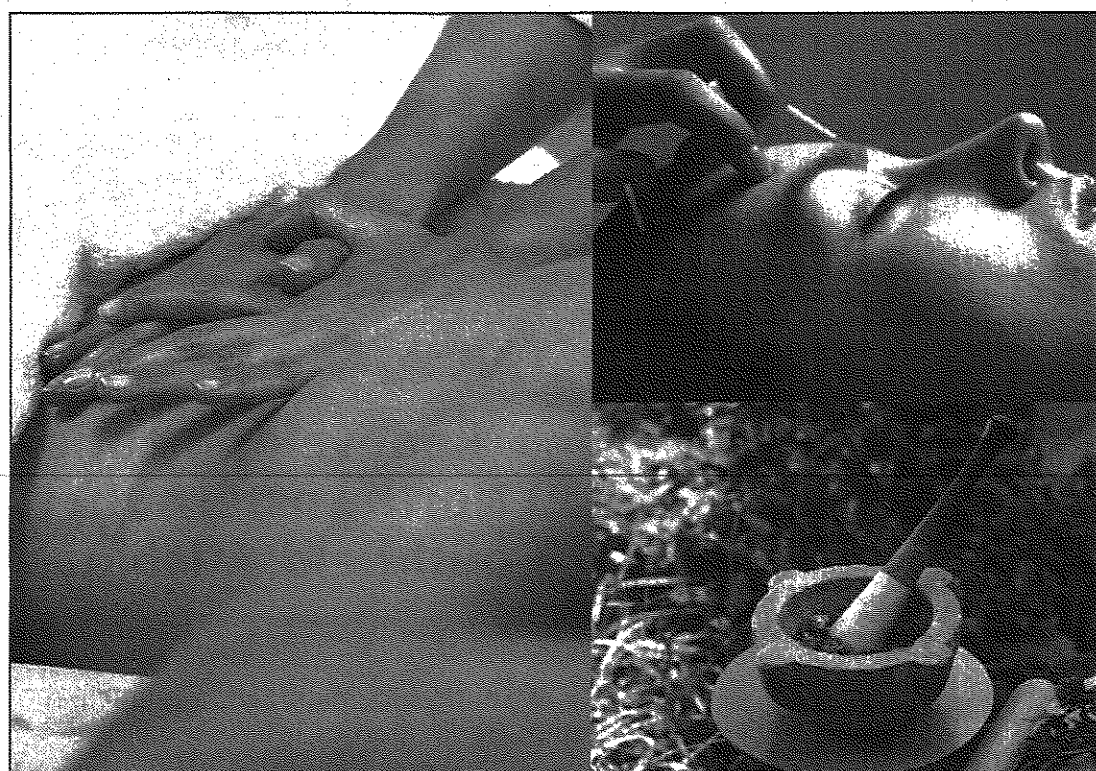
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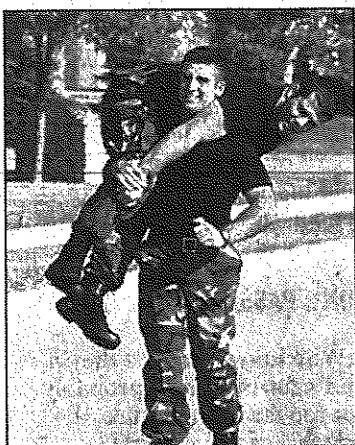
The three-week certification course started Sept. 9 with 17 officers, according to Canton Police Lt. John McDiarmid.

"This course instills big-time discipline," McDiarmid said. "It's by far the toughest school we run. It's very intense and physically demanding."

Officers from Royal Oak, Dearborn, Jackson, Canton, Northville, Plymouth and Van Buren Township are participating.

Instructors include Canton Police officers Mark Gajeski and Dan Traylor.

Course work includes tactical



Canton Police Officer Peter Alestra carries fellow officer Greg DeGrand as part of the physical pre-test at the Canton municipal complex.

rappelling, assault procedures, weapons training, dynamic building entries, and barricaded gunman situations. "It's a big commitment from the instructors and the participating departments," McDiarmid

said. "It's mentally and physically draining on them as well.

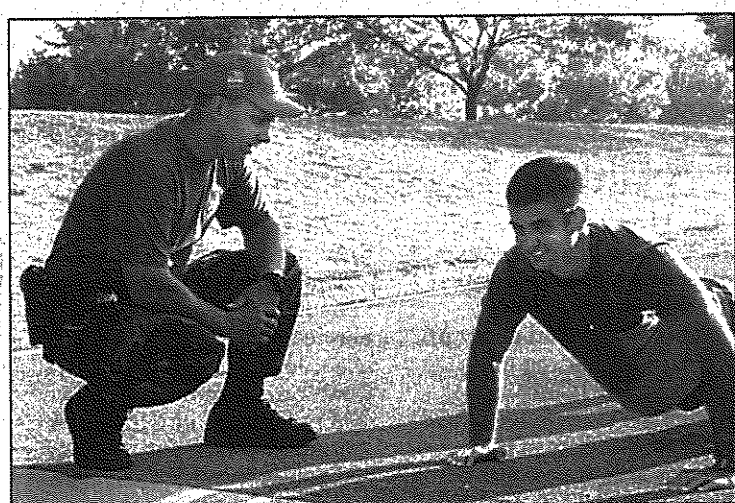
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Officers from across the state get instructions as they begin a S.W.A.T. certification course taught by the Canton Police Department.



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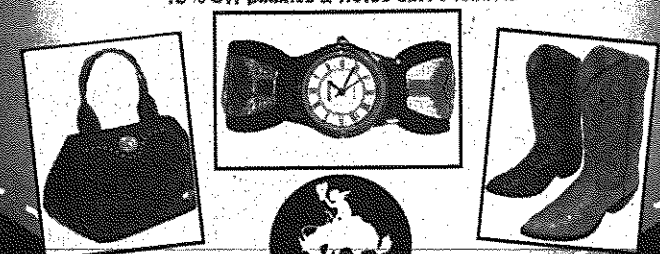
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Poll shows McCotter in lead; forum set

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

As a new poll showed Republican Thaddeus McCotter with a sizable lead in the 11th Congressional District race, he and rival Kevin Kelley both agreed to appear in a candidates forum next month.

The EPIC/MRA poll of 400 people showed McCotter, a state senator, with a lead of 15 percentage points over Kelley, the Redford Township supervisor.

Thirty-nine percent of respondents favored McCotter, while 24 percent went for Kelley, the poll said. Thirty-seven percent were undecided. The poll has a margin of error of 4.9 percent.

Kelley, McCotter and Green Party Candidate William Boyd, meanwhile, all said they will appear at a candidates forum on Wednesday, Oct. 9, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. The forum is scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m. at the cafeteria at Canton High School.

Taxpayers party candidate Daniel Malone could not be reached.

The League's format calls for opening statements from the candidates, followed by written questions from the audience, and then closing

statements. It will be videotaped for broadcast on local cable television.

Other candidates forums in the district, which includes Redford, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships, are a possibility.

The 11th District includes several communities in Oakland County, and Eva Packard, vice president for citizen education with the Oakland Area League of Women Voters, said that group is trying to organize a forum.

Paul Bukowski, McCotter's campaign manager, said he's pleased with the results of the recent poll but isn't taking anything for granted.

The results show that "our message and goals are working," Bukowski said.

Kelley said he is "not impressed" with the poll results. A Democratic Party-commissioned poll in August found Kelley just 4 percentage points behind McCotter, with political dynamics favoring Democrats.

"Considering that my opponent and his party have already spent over a quarter of a million dollars on this race, and I have spent less than one hundred thousand, I am not impressed with the numbers," he said in a prepared statement.

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WASTING AWAY

There were piles of hazardous waste, wherever you looked last weekend.

Fortunately, that's exactly what was planned.

Canton's third annual Hazardous Waste Round-up on Sept. 14 drew 1,647 residents, according to the township public works division. By the end of the day, the parking lot at the municipal complex was filled with 20,200 cans of latex paint, 2,695 gallons of flammable liquids/oils, 606 gallons of aerosols, 1,010 gallons of herbicides/pesticides, about 2,200 pounds of automotive batteries, 832 pounds of propane and other cylinders.

"We're really happy with this year's turnout," said Bob Belair, assistant township engineer with the public works division. "It's a really rewarding day to be a part of knowing that so many people now have the opportunity through this program to do the right thing and properly dispose of their household hazardous waste."

The event was sponsored by the township, Sauk Trail Hills Landfill and the Environmental Quality Company.

TURF MEETING

Plymouth-Canton school officials will present plans at Tuesday's school board meeting to install synthetic grass surface at the varsity football stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Interim Superintendent Jim Ryan said the district will

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present information regarding synthetic turf, which would cost approximately \$1.3 million, and take comments from those in attendance.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held in the Plymouth High School cafeteria, beginning at 7 p.m.

PUNT, PASS, KICK

Who knows, maybe they'll find a future Lion – probably not too far in the future, the way things are going for Detroit's pro football team.

Canton will host the NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick Program's local competition 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 28 at Griffin Park.

The program is designed for boys and girls 7-14. They compete in separate age divisions showcasing those football skills. Participants should wear athletic or tennis shoes (no cleats allowed). Registration begins at 9 a.m. with no fee. Contestants must present a birth certificate and fill out a waiver form.

For information call (734) 483-5600.

ART VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is looking for volunteers for its Art Volunteer Program.

Volunteers spend about an hour a month going into schools in the local area to expand the knowledge of elementary students in the world of visual arts and culture. Volunteers must be available for about an hour a month to

visit a classroom, and must have an interest in learning more about art.

Everything else will be included in the kit the PCAC gives you.

An orientation for arts volunteers takes place Sept. 30 at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon. For more information, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Here are some the goings-on in the area business community:

■ The Canton Cellular and More store isn't gone – it just has a new name.

It's now a franchise of the national @Wireless chain. Owner Rob Emery said the Canton Store, 44011 Ford, and nine others in Metro Detroit will get a new product line-up including Palm Pilots and Blackberry hand-held computers to go along with cell phones and related products. Store interiors will also get a makeover, he said.

■ Ari Weinzweig, CEO and founding partner of Zingerman's deli in Ann Arbor, will share his approach to "Treating Customers Like Royalty" in a Sept. 25 forum sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

The breakfast forum, titled "The Art of Giving Great Service," is set for 8-10:45 a.m. at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. Cost is \$35 per person or \$100 for 4 attendees.

Contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540 for reservations or information.

OBITUARIES

George Wilson Hafer

Services for George Hafer, 93, of Westland, were held Sept. 17 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom C. Hansen officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mr. Hafer was born Sept. 4, 1909 in Clauch, Ark., and died Sept. 13 in Westland. He was an automotive factory worker and was employed by McCord Corp. for 30 years. During World War II he worked on defense contracts. He loved sports, and had played semi-professional baseball. He also enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include dear wife of 70 years, Hattie Mae; daughter, Betty (John) Cole of Plymouth; sister, Dorothy Carpenter of Ark.; granddaughters, Linda (Dean) Choma of Livonia and Lisa (Kevin) Hille of Plymouth; grandson, John (Ruth) Cole of Ypsilanti; great-granddaughter, Rachael Hille; great-grandson, Joseph Choma; one nephew and one niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

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about community organizations, and lunch will be provided.

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AROUND TOWN

Kindermusik

The Creative Music Center is now registering for Fall 2002 Kindermusik classes for children from infant through age 7. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. Join us for music, movement, instrument play, stories, and adventures! For more info call (734) 207-8654.

In-Line Roller Hockey Leagues

Skatin' Station II in Canton for all ages. One game a week includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, ref fees and hockey stats, rosters, schedules, champion pictures will now be posted on the web. Fall registration is now available. Starts in late September. Call (734) 459-6401 or go to www.skatinstation2.com.

Pet Adoption

The Michigan Humane Society, along with the Detroit Zoo is presenting, "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" adoption event, taking place from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit the web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

Art Classes

The PCAC has a full line up of classes and workshops this fall available to aspiring artists of all ages and abilities. Preschool to pottery and beginning and figure drawing to oil painting, everyone can find a class to bring out their inner artist. For more information, visit the PCAC or web site, www.plymoutharts.com.

Music and Story Time

The Little Book Shoppe on the Park presents a free interactive program. Music and story time with Miss Amy at 10 a.m. Wednesday Sept. 25 at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Join us for 30-40 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for toddlers and preschoolers. Call (734) 207-8654 for info.

Watercolor Workshop

Discover how watercolor media reacts with different materials and the amazing effects that can be produced at this one day work shop at the PCAC on Saturday, Sept. 28. Participants should bring anything with texture such as bubble wrap, wax paper and old nylons to get great texture and depth in their painting. To register or for more info, call (734) 416-4278.

Pottery Classes

The Village Potters Guild in Plymouth has immediate openings for aspiring novice through experienced potters in class 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays. The cost is \$180 for 12-week session with additional open studio times available during the week. For more information, call (734) 207-8807.

Rummage/Bake Sale

The Canton Rotary will be holding its

annual rummage and bake sale Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21-22. The hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. We are welcoming any donations for this fund-raiser. To drop off or have any items picked up, please call Bill Brown at (734) 420-2733 or Mary Beardsley at (734) 981-2139.

Roller Skating Classes

Skatin' Station II for children and adults. Five-week sessions are \$30 each on Saturdays, 11:15 a.m. - Noon. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

Horsedrawn Hayrides

Maybury State Park offers hayrides each Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m., weather permitting in September and October. For a nominal fee you can enjoy the autumn countryside on a leisurely ride through the farm fields of Maybury. Tickets may be purchased at the farm, first come-first served.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30.00. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Entertainment Book Sale

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Arthritis Self-Help Course

Being held at the Summit on the Park, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 14, 21, and 28. The cost is \$20 (\$5 for a companion) and includes the Arthritis Helpbook. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, call (734) 394-5485.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Bicycle Rides

The location of the bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers & AABTS, will start at 6:00 p.m. every Monday, September and October, has been changed to the downtown Plymouth parking lot behind the Penn Theater and the Gathering Place. Come join us for a fairly slow, low mileage bike ride through our neighborhoods and to the focal points of our community, while minimizing sharing the road with fast moving motorists. For more information, call Alan Van Kerckhove at (734) 455-9144.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae-kwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

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Mothers and More

An open house featuring work-from-home opportunities from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the St. Kenneth Church Parish Hall. Our discussion will include tips on starting and running a business from home, juggling work and family, and maintaining your marketability while out of the paid work force. Admission free, adults only please. Call (866) 841-9140, ext. 4329.

Suburban Republican Women's Club

The monthly meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. There is a \$12 charge for the luncheon. Visitors and guests always welcome. For reservations, call (248) 471-5659 by Sept. 23.

DAR

Sandwich luncheon at noon on Sept. 23 at the Plymouth Historical Society Museum in Plymouth. Bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert provided. Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum executive director, will give a tour of the museum's new Lincoln Room and history of the Society. Call Sue Petres at (248) 344-4635 for information.

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

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La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

TOPS

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Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and

handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meeting at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

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nications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

Westside Singles

Westside Singles presents dances every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., dressy attire, budget bar, D.J., 25 and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

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The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Roman Forum Restaurant, 41601 Ford, Canton. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

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Experts say future is bright for Rouge River

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 300 people gathered Friday at the Cranbrook Institute of Science to celebrate a year's worth of progress in restoring the Rouge River to a healthy waterway.

Numerous public officials from Wayne and Oakland counties participated in the 10th-annual year in review, including Congressmen Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township) and John Dingell (D-Trenton), Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

According to Kelly Cave, director of the Wayne County's watershed management division, the most promising accomplishment of the last year is the fact water quality throughout the watershed has improved for the third consecutive year.

Dissolved oxygen level goals were met 95 percent of the time, and harmful E. coli bacteria levels have decreased dramatically, according to Cave. As a result, wildlife communities, including fish, and frogs and toads have become more numerous.

Cave said none of this would have been possible without the combined efforts of local, county, state and federal officials.

"All levels of government have stepped forward to do what needed to get done," she

said. "Ten years ago, the thought of people playing in and around the river was just unthinkable to all but a few people. That isn't the case anymore. We are definitely on the right track."

Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch also attended the conference, and was touting his controversial plan to create five drain districts in Oakland County. Currently, each municipality has its own drain district.

He said having five jurisdic-

tions, which would run along the lines of the county's five different watersheds including the Rouge, would help the county meet state and federal mandates concerning water quality. He said the recent progress with cleaning up the Rouge is an example of how partnerships between governmental agencies can help restore watersheds.

"I really do look to the Rouge to show how numerous communities can work together to improve water quality," he said.

Knollenberg and Dingell have been instrumental in securing millions of federal dollars to help pay for many of the projects, including the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, which has become a model for communities all over the country.

Knollenberg said the day when people can catch trout and swim in the Rouge is not too far in the future.

"The short-term improvements to the river are positive, and the long-term view is excit-

ing. We are seeing improvement at a pretty good pace," he said.

Despite the successes, Knollenberg said there are still people who don't think twice about polluting the river. As an example, he noted the major oil spill earlier this year that contaminated 27 miles of the lower portion of the river, and eventually made its way out to the Detroit River.

"We have to remain diligent if we are going to see this through," he said.

League hosts meeting on transportation

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a public transportation discussion starting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, in the Michigan Room of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Residents are invited to participate and ask questions.

Speakers include Karen Kendrick-Hands, co-chair of Transportation Riders United, and a representative of SEMCOG.

For more information, contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

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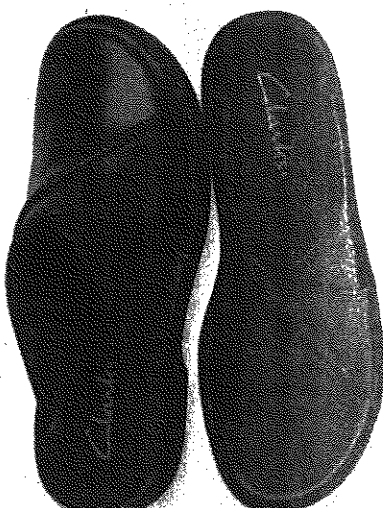
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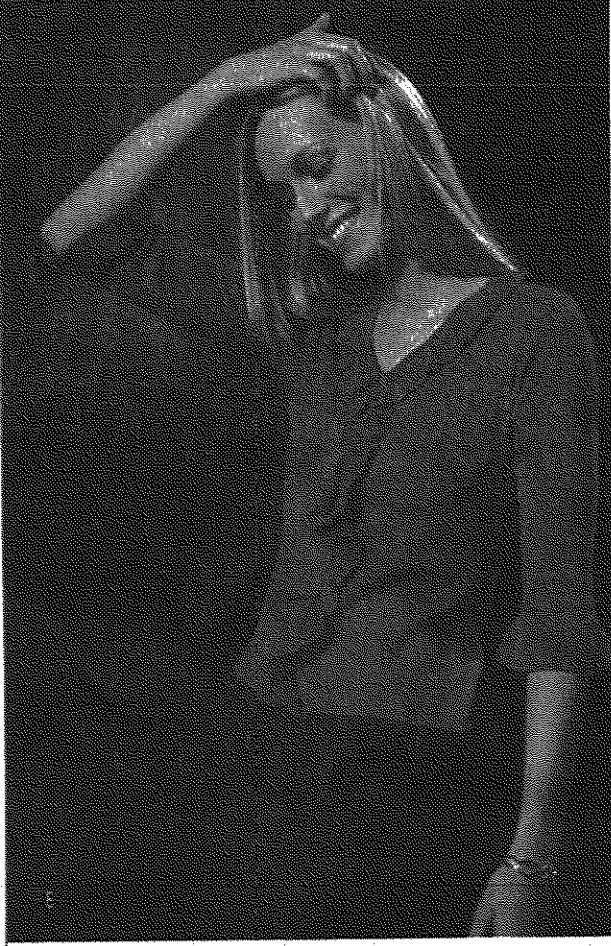
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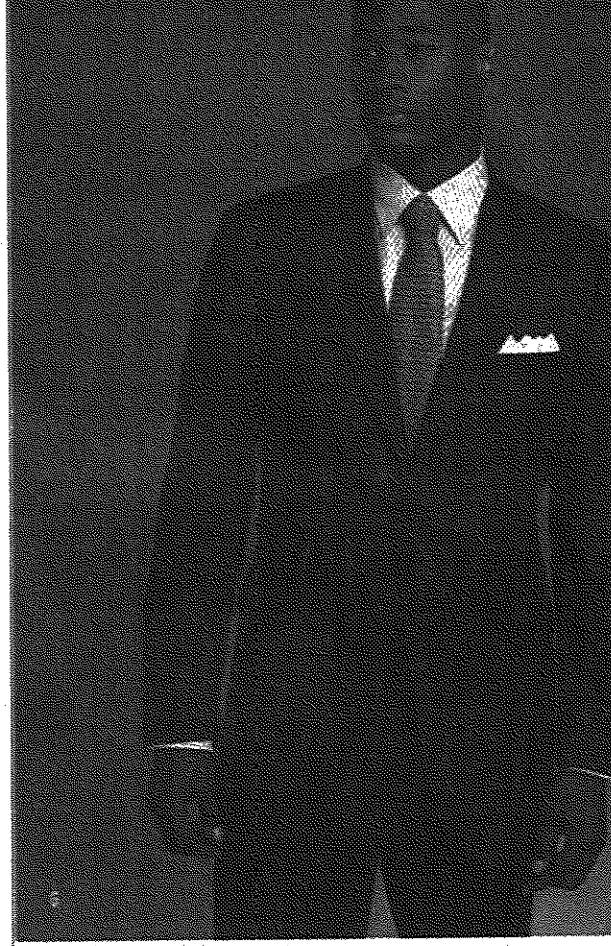
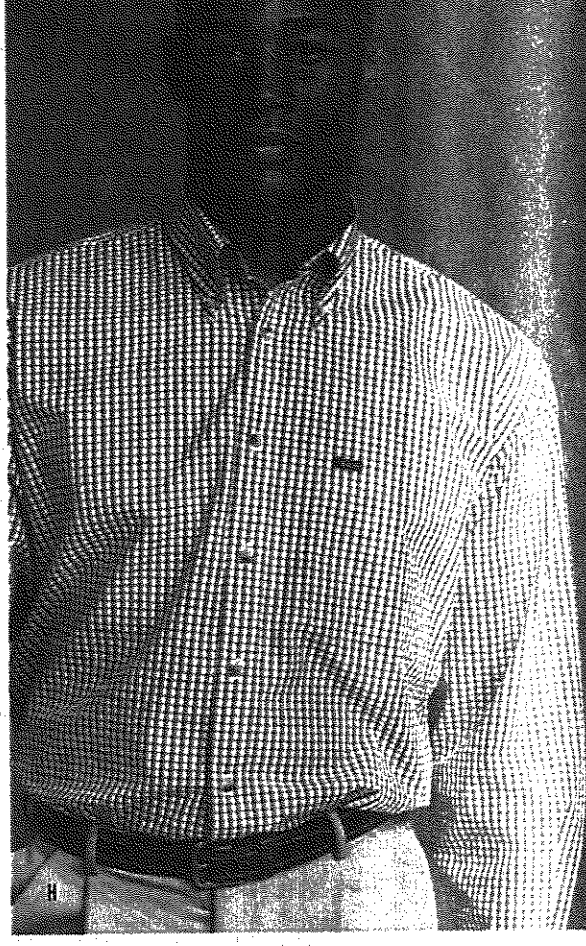
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The company also just introduced a Sharp Cheddar cheese spread.

More is better

Five servings of fruits and veggies a day to ensure short-term nutritional needs isn't enough to guard against health problems that develop over time, the American Institute for Cancer Research.

"When it comes to preventing cancer, eating more vegetables is second only to quitting smoking in its importance as a protective measure," says Melanie Polk, AICR's director of nutrition education.

Fruits and vegetables help reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease and other chronic diseases like diabetes. They've increased the recommendations from five servings to nine.

"Some people might think eating five daily servings of fruits and veggies is a big challenge," says Polk. "But it's fairly easy to accomplish once you get a goal and realize a standard serving is just one-half cup for most types of fruits and vegetables."

A study by the USDA found that the potato is America's most widely consumed vegetable — iceberg lettuce followed second. Those veggies just aren't good enough, the AICR says. One serving of raspberries is better, for example. Other specifically good foods are sweet potatoes, watermelon and tomatoes.

Begin dinner with a vegetable or fruit course. Take advantage of the rule "if you see it, you'll eat it." Keep fruits that are easily eaten near the television or computer.

New in Detroit

A new restaurant that is labeled as upscale yet casual is opening soon in the theatre/stadium district of downtown Detroit.

Small Plates is the name of the eatery located in the Eureka Building at 1521 Broadway — The Opera House is directly across the Street. Comerica Park, Fox Town and Ford Field are two blocks away. Valet service is offered and parking is available in three lots nearby. Shuttles will be available during Red Wing games.

Small Plates is an appetizer restaurant. The open kitchen design has brick oven for guests to view. The menu has items like garlic shrimp and crunchy bread; portabella mushrooms with zip sauce; Barbecue ribs with French fries and gourmet-style pizza.

Small Plates will feature fresh desserts and full bar.

BEYOND BASICS



Recipe ideas for squash are more than butter and sugar

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

There's more to squash than butter and brown sugar. Not that there's anything wrong that.

Most squash is typically cooked the same. However, the varieties available are vast and so are the recipes offered locally.

At the eclectic Traffic Jam & Snug restaurant in Detroit (511 W. Canfield at Second Street), acorn squash is wonderfully stuffed with dried berries and wild rice. At local farms, like Wasem Fruit Farms in Milan, different squashes are starting to come and the Wasem family staff has ideas for many.

Leola Wasem likes to experiment with squash. However when she's at work, she likes to put water on the bottom of a glass dish, cut a butternut or acorn in half and face it down in the dish. Then she'll microwave it for anywhere between 10 and 20 minutes for an easy, Vitamin A-enriched lunch.

Peak season at most local markets for squash is in just a few weeks, Wasem said.

"Often I'll just put spaghetti sauce on baked spaghetti squash," Wasem said. "And add a little butter and cheese."

Or to give the stringy spaghetti squash some variety, she'll add shrimp and lemon or sour cream, parmesan and ginger.

This year acorn is abundant locally, butternut is a little slower to ripen.

Sweet Dumplings are nicely abundant too

WHAT'S YOUR RECIPE?

Do you have a favorite or unusual squash recipe?

It can be simple or intricate.

How about a squash cooking tip?

If so, please share it with us. We'll print your information in an upcoming issue.

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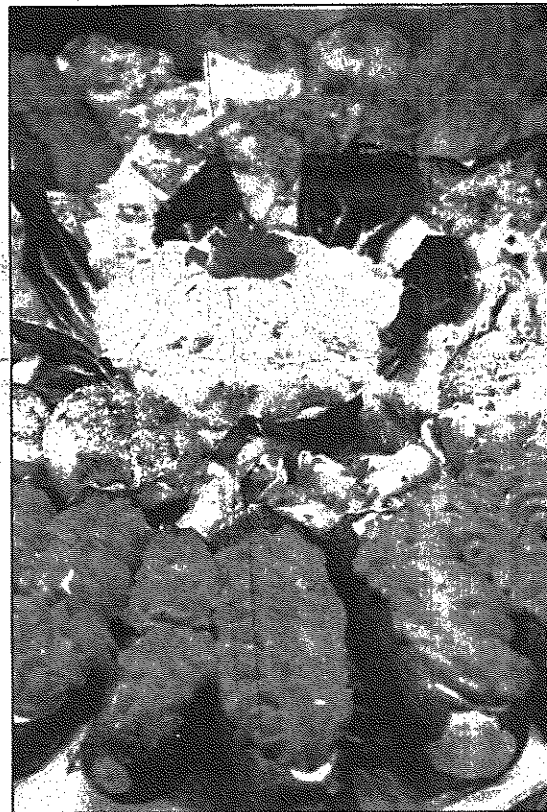
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— they're the size of an acorn with cream skin with green stripes, she said.

PREP WORK

It's not easy to cut common squash. Use a strong knife to cut the skin, which is easier than peeling. If the squash is too hard to get the knife through, try tapping the blade with a small mallet. Or slice the squash partially while it's raw and then place it in the microwave for several minutes just to soften

PLEASE SEE SQUASH, A3



PHOTOS BY TOMMY HOFFMEYER

Above, Sous Chef Sal Rizzo, left, and Executive Chef William Hall of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market hold a platter of their latest squash creations including zucchini stuffed with carrot mousse. Left, Hall said currently he's selling more than 20 different types of squash — from sweet to savory.

HOW TO CHOOSE A SQUASH

It can be tough picking out a ripe squash at the grocery store or market because of thick and tough skins.

Executive Chef William Hall of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham says to examine the stem of the squash and make sure that it's dry. If it is, chances are the squash will be just ripe enough.

On harder skins like acorn squash, Hall says make certain the skin isn't rock hard to the touch.

New in North Coast wine country

Each time we return from a trip to California's Napa Valley and Sonoma County, people ask "what's new?" There's always something new. The following are highlights to help you plan a trip.

RED CARPET TASTINGS

To learn more about wine or taste top-of-the-line wines, we recommend the "Taste Exploration Series," interactive tastings (\$10-\$20 depending on the topic) in private small-group settings at Franciscan Oakville Estate in St. Helena. Advance reservations are required. Phone (800)529-WINE.

The Cardinale Estate boasts a picturesque stone winery in the heart of the Oakville District in Napa Valley. The spectacular hilltop visitor's center offers 360-degree views of Napa Valley. Advance reservations are needed for a



Focus on Wine

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Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot; Atalon Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot; Cardinale Red Wine and limited production wines, including Lokoya, upon release. Reserve at (800)588-0279.

For \$20 per person, you can taste four wines with four appropriate food pairings in the new private tasting room at St. Francis Winery, 500 Pythian Road (at Highway 12), Santa Rosa (800)543-7713. Tastings don't get much better than St. Francis Reserve Behler Vineyard Chardonnay with smoked

salmon souffle or Reserve Nuns Canyon Vineyard Merlot with chicken, sausage and shrimp gumbo with rice. There are two more wines and two more great pairings from winery Chef Todd Muir but we'll let you discover them.

NEW RESTAURANTS

After a day of wine tasting, your palate is up for some great eats.

Opened late last year, the California craftsman bungalow-style Martini House, 1245 Spring Street, St. Helena (707) 963-2233, teamed restaurateur Pat Kuleto (Boulevard, Farallon and Jardiniere in San Francisco) with talented Executive Chef Todd Humphries, late of San Francisco's Campton Place and the Wine Spectator's Greystone at the Napa Valley Culinary Institute of America.

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WINE PICKS

There's a broad range of prices for Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Blends. In this category, touted Napa Valley bottlings are often the priciest.

■ Awesome: 1999 Justin Isocoles, Paso Robles \$48.

■ Delicious: 1999 Geyser Peak Cabernet Sauvignon Block Collection Kuimelis Vineyard \$26 and 1999 St. Supery Dollarhide Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$70.

■ Best Buys: 1999 Rothbury Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia \$7; 2000 Buena Vista Cabernet Sauvignon \$9; Rosemount Estate Cabernet Merlot \$9; and 2001 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Cabernet Merlot \$11.

■ Got steak? Buy 1997 Michele Chiarlo Barolo \$45 and treat yourself.

Are there cobwebs on your cultural calendar?

Turn to today's ARTS section. Get inspired with ideas for some worthwhile things to do.

Pasta and butternut is an unusual autumn dish

Butter and brown sugar on butternut and acorn squash is classic, but sometimes I don't want a sweet dish at supper.

Mark Bittman, the author of "The Minimalist Cooks at Home," whom was interviewed in last week's Taste section suggested adding pasta to the butternut squash for a Northern Italy style plate. Typically, the dish is tortelli stuffed with zucca which is a pumpkin-type squash with the



Lana Mini

The dish didn't necessarily

taste of butternut.

The traditional recipe seemed too tedious for a weekday, so I tried the easier version published in "The Minimalist Cooks at Home."

look spectacular, but it was pleasant enough. Rather than stuff shells or penne, the recipe calls for pureed squash on top of the pasta. I was out of penne so instead used linguine — making a trip to the store wouldn't have followed the minimalist philosophy.

Here's the recipe. I recommend it if you want to experiment with squash.

PENNE WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH

1 pound peeled and seeded butternut squash, start with a whole squash weighing about 1 1/2 pounds
2 tablespoons butter or olive oil salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 pound pasta or other cut pasta
1/8 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg or to taste
1 teaspoon sugar, optional (I didn't use any)
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Cut the squash into chunks and place it in a food processor. Pulse the machine on and off

until the squash appears grated. Alternatively, grate or chop the squash by hand. Set a large pot of salted water to boil for the pasta.

Place a large skillet over medium heat and add butter or oil. A minute later add the squash, salt and pepper to taste and about 1/2 cup water. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Add water, about 1/4 cup at a time, as the mixture dries out, but be careful not to make it soupy. When squash begins to disintegrate, after about 10 to 15 minutes, begin cooking pasta. While it cooks, season squash with nutmeg and optional sugar and add salt and pepper.

When pasta is tender, scoop out about 1/2 cup of the cooking water and reserve it, then drain the pasta. Toss the in the skillet with the squash, adding the reserved pasta-cooking water if the mix seems dry. Taste and add more of any seasonings if you like and toss with Parmesan and serve.

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Humphries calls his menu Napa Cuisine. We dubbed it downright delicious! Reservations in advance are a must.

The restaurant at Applewood Inn, 13555 Highway 116, Guerneville (800)555-8509 opened in summer 1999 but this was our first chance to visit.

A moderately-priced California-Provencal a la carte menu is served in a casually elegant French Barn-style restaurant with two river rock fireplaces.

After reviewing the menu, we wanted to say, "Could you bring us a few bites of everything?" We were more than pleased with the salmon and duck specials which complemented a great bottle of Hartford Court Pinot Noir.

Aureole (New York and Las Vegas) restaurateur Charlie Palmer opened Dry Creek Kitchen in the new Hotel Healdsburg, facing the famed Healdsburg Plaza at 317 Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg (707)431-0330. Palmer focuses on Sonoma County's bounty of poultry, game, meats and fish together with fresh ingredients in an ever-changing seasonal menu. Sonoma County wineries are the exclusive feature of the wine list. If you don't make an advance reservation, you could have a long wait at the comfortable bar.

NEW PLACES TO STAY

The full-service luxury Hotel Healdsburg, 25 Matheson Street, Healdsburg (800)889-7188 ushers in a new era to the historical city. It's a perfect spot to conclude a day of visiting wineries in Alexander, Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys. A spa is open daily

from 10a.m. to 7p.m. Rates begin at \$305 for a Deluxe King. Special value season rates are available November 1 to March 15.

Rates for 16 stylish queen bed guest rooms in two Mediterranean-style villas at Applewood Inn, 13555 Highway 116, Guerneville (800)555-8509 begin at \$155. Suites with Jacuzzi baths for two start at \$225.

The Hilton Garden Inn at 3585 Solano Avenue, Napa (707) 252-0444 opened at the end of August this year. King doubles are \$259. AAA discount of 10 percent honored.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS

Less than two weeks ago, two historic California wine families made history with the announcement that the Gallo family had purchased the renowned Louis M. Martini Winery. In 1933, Italian immigrant Louis M. Martini built the winery in the heart of Napa Valley. Current family wine-maker Michael Martini runs the winery with his sister Carolyn. A Gallo spokesperson indicated that they will stay on in their present capacities.

"Gallo understands," Carolyn Martini said, "the value of our family's contribution and has been very willing to work through all the concerns of the Martini family members and design a structure that works for everyone. Culturally for our company, this is a great fit."

Real estate has as much to do with the wine business as it does with any other. Given that, this is a Gallo acquisition to watch.

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

Clarkston company launches new granola

Clarkston-based Michaelene's Gourmet Granola created another low-fat granola — this one containing ginger.

The Ginger-Peach-Honey Crunch, is being promoted as healthy product that contains ingredients that may reduce risks of cancer, heart disease and high blood pressure. Ingredients include green tea, crystallized ginger and natural peach flavor.

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Crunch is the 22nd flavor in the Michaelene's line. Lamaze instructor Michaelene Hearn founded the company in 1984 for pregnant women looking at alternatives to junk food. Today the granola can be found at bakeries, produce markets, airline catering services and gourmet shops.

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1 medium spaghetti squash
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1/2 cup mushrooms, diced
1/3 cup rice, cooked
1/2 cup canned tomatoes
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
1 teaspoon oregano
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Cut the squash in half, lengthwise, and remove the seeds. Place the halves cut side down in a baking pan with half an inch of water. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. In a large skillet, heat the vegetable oil and sauté the onion, celery, and garlic until soft. Add the ground beef and brown, then drain off the fat. Stir in the remaining ingredients except for the cheese and simmer for five minutes. Then turn the squash over and stuff with the filling. Sprinkle the halves with the cheese and bake for an additional thirty minutes.

CRANBERRY-FILLED ACORN SQUASH

SERVES FOUR
2 acorn squash
3 cups cranberries
3/4 cup apple juice, divided
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons walnuts, chopped

Pierce the rind of the squash and bake or microwave them, whole, until they're soft to the touch. Set aside. Combine the cranberries, 1/2 cup of the apple juice, the sugar, cloves, and nutmeg. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the cranberry skins "pop." Combine the remaining apple juice with the cornstarch, mixing well. Gradually stir this into the cranberry mixture and heat just until thickened.

Cut the squash in half, remove the seeds, and spoon the cranberry mixture into the squash shells. Sprinkle with the walnuts and place in the oven or microwave to heat thoroughly.

Above recipes from *Celebrate the Harvests! Michigan Farm Markets and Farm Strands* (by Don and N Nelle Frisch, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company)

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND GARLIC SOUP

1 butternut squash (approximately 2 pounds)
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 head garlic, cloves unpeeled
1 cup hot water

SQUASH RECIPES

2-1/2 cups Chicken Stock
1 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
1 teaspoon salt

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Slice the squash in half lengthwise, and remove the seeds and stringy pulp with a spoon. Rub the flat side with olive oil and place the squash, cut side down, in a glass baking dish; sprinkle the garlic cloves around the squash. Add the water and the rest of the oil. Bake for 1 to 1-1/2 hours, or until the squash is very soft. Remove from the oven and cool slightly.

2. Scoop the squash pulp into the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Squeeze the pointed end of each garlic clove, letting its pulp drop into the food processor.

3. Process for 30 seconds, until the mixture is very smooth. Add the chicken stock 1/2 cup at a time, pulsing the processor after each addition. Add the pepper and salt. Pour the mixture into a 2-quart saucepan and place over medium heat. Bring to a simmer and adjust the seasonings.

Variation: Add 1/4 cup orange juice with the chicken stock and 1 tablespoon curry powder with the seasonings.

Advanced Preparation: Can be prepared 2 days in advance. Cover and refrigerate.

GRATIN OF SQUASH, LEEKS, AND RICE

2-1/2 pounds yellow squash and green zucchini, grated
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup Arborio rice
1/4 cup olive oil
3 medium leeks, well-cleaned white and light green parts only, finely chopped (about 3 cups)
2 medium garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh Italian parsley
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups half-and-half
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1. Place the grated squash in a colander set over a bowl and add 1 teaspoon salt, tossing to distribute evenly. Allow the juices to drain for 15 to 30 minutes.

2. Squeeze the squash in handfuls or wring out in a clean dish towel over the bowl to collect the juices. Reserve the juices and dry the squash carefully on paper towels.

3. In a medium saucepan, bring 1-1/2 cups of water to boil and add the rice. Simmer for 10 minutes. Drain and reserve.

4. In a 10-inch ovenproof skillet, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the leeks until slightly soft, about 5 minutes.

5. Add the remaining olive oil

and sauté the shredded squash over medium-high heat until almost tender and all liquid is evaporated, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and parsley. Sauté for 1 minute.

6. Sprinkle with the flour and stir over medium heat, using pasta fork, for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat, add the partially cooked rice, 1/2 cup half-and-half, and 1/4 cup vegetable liquid, and stir to combine. Continue cooking, stirring constantly until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes.

7. Continue adding the cream, 1/2 cup at a time, cooking until thickening begins to occur. After the last of the half-and-half has been added, stir in all but 2 tablespoons of the Parmesan. Add the remaining salt and the pepper.

8. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top of the dish. Bake until browned and bubbling, about 25 minutes.

Advance Preparation: Can be prepared 1 day ahead through step 7. Cover and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before baking in 425-degree oven.

Above two recipes from the book, *Thanksgiving Dinner, Recipes, Techniques, And Tips for America's Favorite Celebration* by Anthony Sias Blue and Kathryn K. Blue

VEGETABLE MEDLEY WITH TAHINI-POPPYSEED SAUCE

Vegetables:
1 small head cauliflower, cut into florets
2 large yellow squash, cut into spears
1 small head broccoli, stems peeled and diagonally sliced, florets separated
2 large carrots, cut into spears
Sauce:
4 tablespoons tahini
1 tablespoon sweet white miso
1 garlic clove
1/4 teaspoon ginger juice
2 tablespoons poppy seeds, toasted

1. Fill a large stock pot with 3 quarts of water. Bring to a boil.

2. Cook each vegetable until tender and bright in color. As each vegetable is cooked, place it in a colander. Cover with a bamboo mat or non-terry cloth towel to keep warm.

3. Meanwhile, add sauce ingredients to a blender. Blend until uniform in color. Add vegetable cooking water as needed to reach desired consistency.

4. Arrange vegetables on a large platter. Serve with sauce.

Variation:
■ Add one red pepper, cut into strips.

Above recipe from *Lenore's Natural Cuisine*, by Lenore Baum (by Culinary Publications)

SQUASH

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the skin — and then continue to cut.

MORE THAN ACORN AND BUTTERNUT

There's at least 20 different squash varieties markets like Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham and Rochester and enough recipe suggestions to try them all.

"And in three or four weeks there'll be more," said Chef William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's on Woodward in Birmingham.

While Hall admits he enjoys the basic baked and buttered squash, it's exciting to showcase its versatility.

For example, he flours zucchini and sautés it. Then he adds white cheese, butter, sage and roasted red peppers for a hot or cold dish that's sold at the deli. With yellow zucchini he adds a carrot mousse to the middle. Tiny patty pans are stuffed with crab meat.

"Some of the dishes are sweet, but I like to make them savory too for a different variety," Hall said.

He seasons acorn squash with rosemary and stuffs with pine nuts and golden raisins. He suggests cutting Hubbard squash into strips, which is similar to pumpkin, and sautéing it in butter and adding Parmesan and white truffle oil.

While squash represents American fall harvest, many of them like Turks Cap, originated in France. Still, it's the basic butternut, spaghetti squash and acorn that remains popular locally. Other varieties that can be baked in the traditional matter include:

Delicate — a sweet heirloom squash

Buttercup squash — it's consistency and flavor is somewhat peanut butter like

Cusaw White or Jonathan Pumpkin — sweet and pale orange

Sweet Meat — an Oregon-based heirloom with deep blue green skin and very orange,

sweet flesh

Turks Cap — red, orange, green and white stripes. A French squash with very thick flesh

Rouge Vif D'Etampes — flat and ribbed that dates back to Paris in the 1800s. Good for pies or baked with butter.

Golden Delicious — not the apple, the squash! Teardrop shape and weighs 7-9 pounds. Dickinson — round or elongated and can weigh 40 pounds. Tan skin and sweet flesh.

Tennessee Sweet Potato — flesh is pale yellow and slightly sweet for pies or baking.

Chinese Miniature White — Small four inch white pumpkins that can be baked and scooped out.

One of Wasem's favorites is Sweet Dumplings.

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New ESPN reality game show has Michigan roots

Eight strangers in two teams. Ten wacky sports tasks. And a 30-day cross-country race.

If you're thinking TV reality game show, you're right. But don't assume the contestants all are jocks or diehard sports fans, says former Birmingham resident Neil Mandt, creator and co-producer of *Beg, Borrow & Deal*, a new hour-long reality game show that premiered Tuesday on ESPN.

"They all did it for the adventure. Only one is a big sports fan," Mandt described the game's eight players. "We did a variety of auditions in LA and Chicago and Philly, an open casting call. You have to be friendly, out-going and a genuinely warm person."

"You need to rely on strangers ... you'll never make it in this game if you rely on friends and family."

Mandt knows a bit about adventure and the kindness of strangers.

The film director (*Hijacking Hollywood*) and television producer has backpacked extensively in Africa and Europe and once while in Spain, was a passenger on a train that "broke down in the middle of nowhere."

"There was a local guy who gave me and a few others a ride where we needed to go — six hours away," Mandt said. "We had no money to give him."

MANDT'S ADVENTURE

Beg, Borrow & Deal is a bit like Mandt's adventure. The players — four on each team — started the game in New York City last April 29.

With nothing more than the clothing on their backs, they had to complete 10 of 40 required sports tasks and make their way to Alcatraz Island off the California coast within 30 days.

Michael Mandt (left) and Neil Mandt (right) pose with Rich Eisen, the host of their ESPN show, *Beg, Borrow & Deal*. The Mandt brothers grew up in Birmingham.



The game rules prohibited players from handling money or credit cards, but allowed them to ask strangers, family and friends for temporary help. They also had to convince major sports teams, venues and media to help them complete their sports tasks.

"The game is hard because it's so deceptive," said Cobi team member, Josh Gates, during the first show. "Sure, it's hard to get these tasks accomplished. It's really difficult to find sports celebrities who are willing to do these crazy things with us. But it's just as hard to get a sandwich."

During the first episode, team members convinced strangers to lend cell phones, give them subway tokens, car rides, a hotel room and pay for food. Gate's team also talked their way into Giants Stadium to catch 35-yard passes from player Jesse Palmer and convinced an Olympic medalist to pose for photos — two of the required sports challenges.

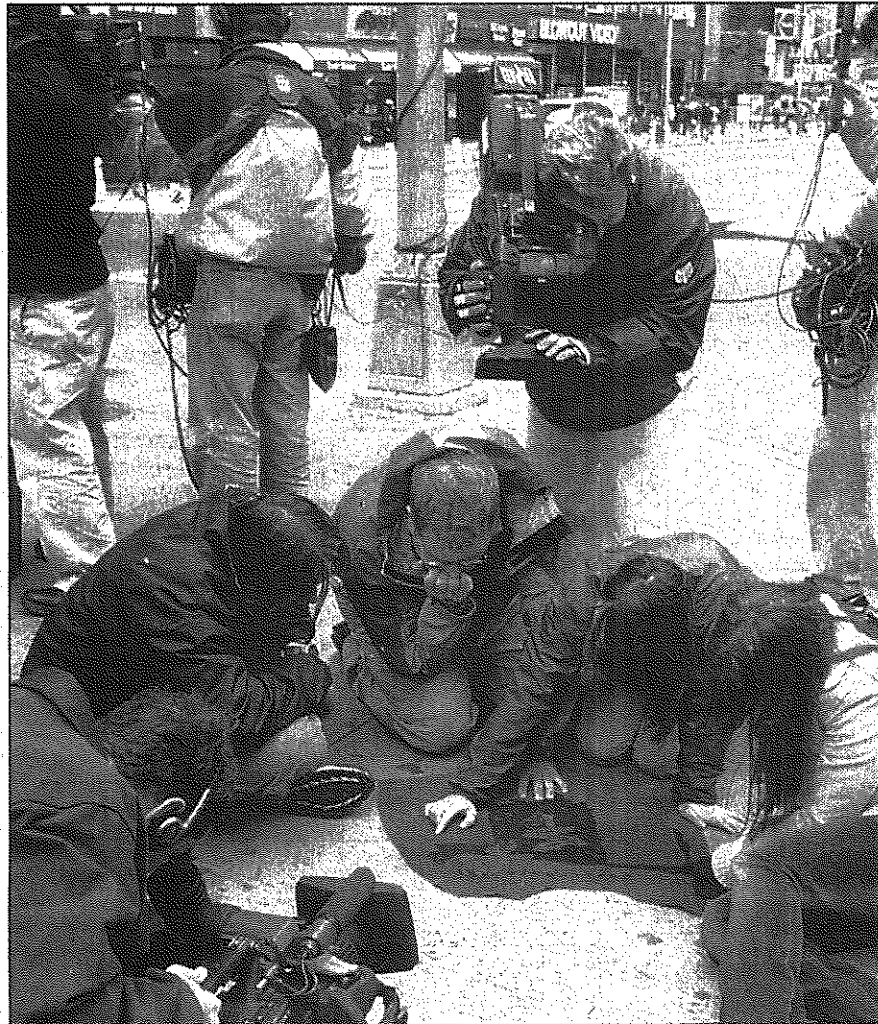
A camera crew captured every move. Although the cameras might have influenced a few passersby to help team members — especially if they wanted a few seconds of fame on a television game show — they were "more of a negative than a positive," Mandt noted.

"Consider this, it's post 9-11 (tragedy) and you're a security guard and someone tries to talk their way in. And you're being videotaped. You're not going to let them in."

During the premiere episode, a guard ejected one team from a major sports arena and several hotel managers turned the penniless players away.

STAY TUNED

By the end of the first episode — which covered two game days — one



Camera crews catch one of two teams on the new ESPN reality game show, *Beg, Borrow and Deal*, in deep thought as they figure out their next move.

team had finished two sports tasks and the other was still trying.

Mandt suspects *Beg, Borrow & Deal* will appeal to both sports fans — who will watch for the athletic challenges — and non-fans who are interested in the players, their personalities and ability to work as a team.

"There is no question the show not only appeals to the sports fan, but more important than ever, he can say to his girlfriend or wife, hey let's watch this together," Mandt said.

Both Mandt and his brother enjoy watching sports and have worked for ESPN.

Michael Mandt was a production assistant on ESPN's SportsCenter before becoming a free-lance sports television producer for NBC Sports, ABC Sports, TNT, USA network, NBA Entertainment and Major League

Baseball. He has been a part of three Olympics and has earned two Emmy Awards and a Cable Ace Award for his work.

Neil Mandt moved to Los Angeles after a stint as an entertainment reporter for WDIV in Detroit. He worked as a free-lance producer and reporter for a variety of projects, including CBS News investigative reports, the O.J. Simpson trial and the British show, *The Big Breakfast*. He left television to write and produce *Hollywood Hijacking*, a feature film, in 1995 and produced and directed a 14-episode DVD series, *Frontier Martial Arts Wrestling* in 2000. He pitched the idea for *Beg, Borrow & Deal* to ESPN in the spring of 2001.

"I had this idea for a show. I set up a meeting (with ESPN) and they jumped on board. This was going to be a big

BEG, BORROW & DEAL

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The Teams: Two teams. Each team consists of two men and two women in their 20s. Five players live in California.

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Local Player: Kelli Zink grew up in Plymouth and holds a degree in broadcast journalism from Michigan State University. She lives in East Lansing.

The Game: Teams were dropped off in Times Square in New York City without any money, credit cards or other resources just their driver's licenses and the clothes on their backs. They must complete 10 sports challenges and get to Al Capone's cell on Alcatraz Island in 30 days.

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move for them, an expensive move and a creative move that they hadn't done before," Mandt said. He suggested bringing his brother on board and "they loved the idea."

Mandt produces the show from Los Angeles. His brother has accompanied a crew on the road and is in post production.

"We're still editing. There's six months of 350 hours of tape. We're cutting it down to eight episodes."

They're also casting for new players for the next game, tentatively set for summer 2003.

"It's definitely going to be more difficult. We'll have even more restrictions on the assistance they can get. It's going to be hard."

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For example, a 100mm lens produces an image exactly twice that of a normal lens. A 400mm lens gives you an image size eight times your normal lens.

As the lens lengthens, some interesting things happen. The

lens' angle of view becomes narrower and the depth-of-field becomes shallower. A narrow

angle of view enables you to isolate a detail in a distant building or eliminate a cluttered foreground. A shallow depth-of-field is great for blurring distracting backgrounds so that attention is directed towards your subject such as an outdoor portrait.

By far, the most useful telephoto lenses are those with medium focal lengths...between 85mm and 200mm. Because they minimize facial distortion and allow a comfortable distance between photographer and subject, medium telephotos are ideally suited for portraits. In addition, they are perfect for many other situations in which you have to keep a moderate distance from your subject such as candid street shots or animals at the zoo.

Telephoto lenses of 300mm or longer are usually for specialized demands and would be too powerful for ordinary usage. However, if you have a keen interest in wildlife photography

or prefer huge suns in your sunset shots, then these and longer lenses may be for you. For the occasional "long reach", a tele-extender combined with your telephoto will work just fine.

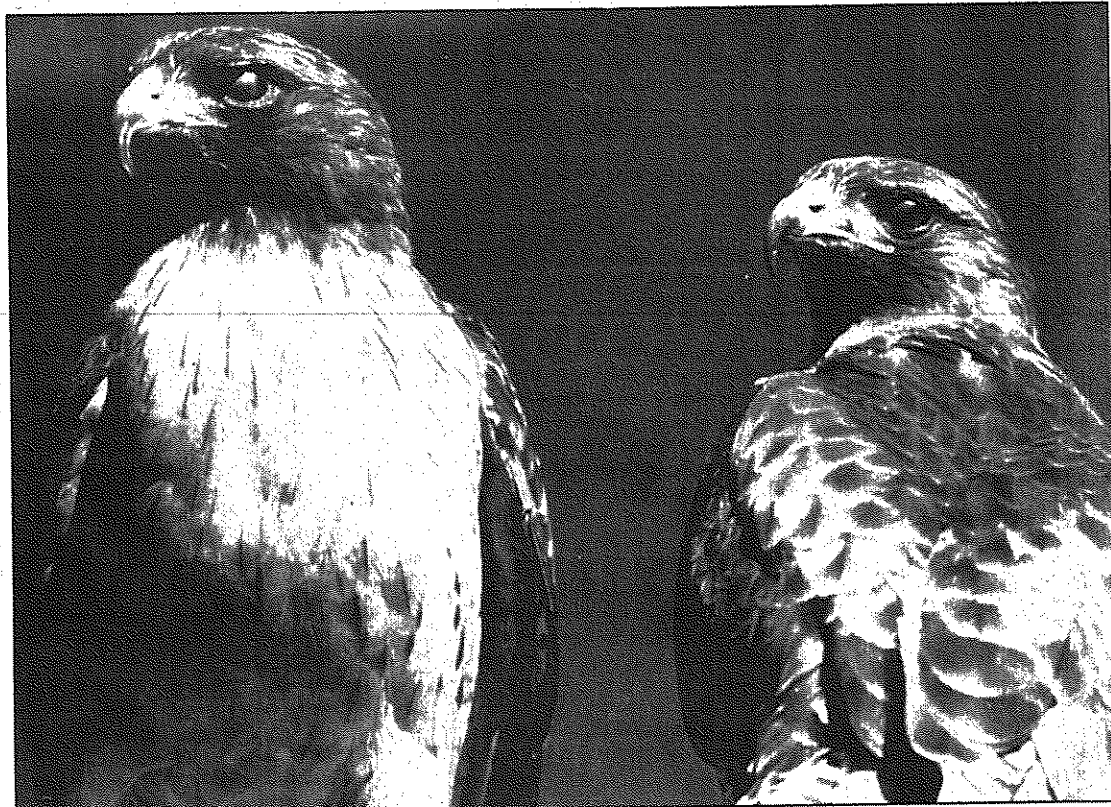
Remember, because the magnification of telephoto lenses accentuates the effect of camera movement, faster shutter speeds are required.

To obtain a sharp picture, the rule of thumb is to use a shutter speed closest to the focal length of the lens.

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St. Aldan Parish Fall show: The Livonia parish is looking for crafters for its 19th annual craft show, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19th. For more information, or an application, call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

Delta Kappa Gamma Show: Crafters need for 16th annual juried show at West Middle School in Plymouth 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Call Terri (734) 416-6165.

Fall festival: St. Damian Parish in Westland looking for crafters for its fall show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. For more information, or an application, call (734) 421-6130.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church: Crafters wanted for annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford, Oct. 26, table rental \$25, call Nancy call (313) 937-1741 and (313) 533-5255.

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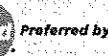
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Find golden sand, mountainous terrain in Portuguese islands

BY JUDY BERNE
CORRESPONDENT

On a recent cruise, we visited Portugal's two inhabited Madeira islands situated off the coast of Morocco. Madeira and Porto Santo, separated by about 30 miles, are a contrast in topography, size and ambiance.

Porto Santo, flanked by small volcanic peaks, is primarily the color of ochre — receiving very little rain. The orange-tiled roofs that I remembered from a previous visit to Portugal add to the island's golden glow. Porto Santo means Holy Port. It's much smaller than the main island of Madeira.

It's also much more low-key, receiving a lot fewer tourists although its wide, soft golden sand beaches extend for about five miles.

Our cruise material included this description: "Remote Porto Santo still offers visitors an air of tranquillity and a look at an unhurried way of life, where stress has not yet had its effect...On the other hand, one must keep in mind that tourist facilities are not of the same high standard as on the sister island, Madeira."

The word, I think, is unspoiled.

Yes, there are a few souvenir shops, but they are small and also sell items for the general population.

You can see the sights of Porto Santo in a couple of hours. Its main town and capital of Vila Baleira boasts a few interesting churches, Christopher Columbus' home that he shared with his wife until she died and he went on

MADEIRA FACTS

Where: The Madeira Islands, Portugal

When to go: Year-round.

Population: Madeira Island, 280,000; Porto Santo, 5,000.

to discover the New World, and the island's fort Pico de Castelo, built in the 16th century to deter attacks by pirates.

Columbus' home appears in keeping with his job selling sugar and sugar cane between the Madeira Archipelago and Lisbon. A museum that has been added shows some later portraits of him as well as the routes of his four journeys and small replicas of the ship on which he sailed.

Columbus' home appears in keeping with his job selling sugar and sugar cane between the Madeira.

I loved the small church across the street with its latticework of fresh flowers behind the main altar. On the day we visited, workers were twisting strands of sweet smelling evergreen around its encircling fence posts in preparation for a festival.

Porto Santo souvenirs are mainly of straw, shells and, of course, tiles. Shopkeepers are

unhurried so be prepared to have them get to you at their convenience.

The larger island of Madeira is verdantly green, mountainous and relatively beach-less by comparison. Ilha da Madeira means the island of wood.

I had been to Funchal, its capital, on a previous trip to Portugal. I did not mind returning.

This time, approaching from the sea and anchoring at the port of Funchal, we missed seeing the terraces of fertile fields that generations of farmers have etched from the island's steep, irregular terrain.

On my last trip I had engaged in the two activities for which the island is duly famous.

One is staying at the famous, slightly stuffy, Reid's Hotel, which has a memorable swimming pool built into the rocky coast on which it sits. The other is riding in a wicker sofa-style toboggan, pulled by two young men in white flannels and boaters from the hillside city of Monte back down into Funchal.

This time we spent our day in port wandering Funchal's steep cobbled streets. We visited its 15th Century Manueline-style cathedral, enjoyed the pattern of black and white stones that quilts its main square, and had lunch at an outdoor cafe, near the prominent statue of Joao Goncalves Zarco, who co-discovered and named the islands.

We also made our way to a highlight of our previous visit — the "Workers Market."

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Low-key Porto Santo dresses up for a religious festival.

ine filled with produce and flowers, then a second large room devoted to scaling and filleting fish, and a balcony featuring still more offerings. On the edges of the market proper, handicrafts are just a bargain away.

The line from the song, introduced years back by Flanders and Swann, goes "Have some madeira my dear, it's really much nicer than beer." That may or may not be true, depending on your taste. An expert on Portuguese wines told us, port has it all over madeira wine. Unfortunately,

that was after we had already purchased two bottles of madeira in tidy wicker holders as gifts.

Madeira also is renown for its embroidery. It is magnificent but pricey. Although smaller, more reasonable samples were available at the market and at a nearby embroidery factory, the dining room tablecloth that caught my eye at a private shop was marked more than \$4,000. I was happy, and my husband even happier, when it turned out the store was closing for siesta and there wasn't time for further consid-

eration.

The island of Madeira is enjoyable, but the British influence sometimes threatens to overtake the Portuguese. Reid's Hotel, the toboggan run, and the cottage industries of embroidery and wicker, were all introduced by the English. Santo Porto is more representative of the mainland.

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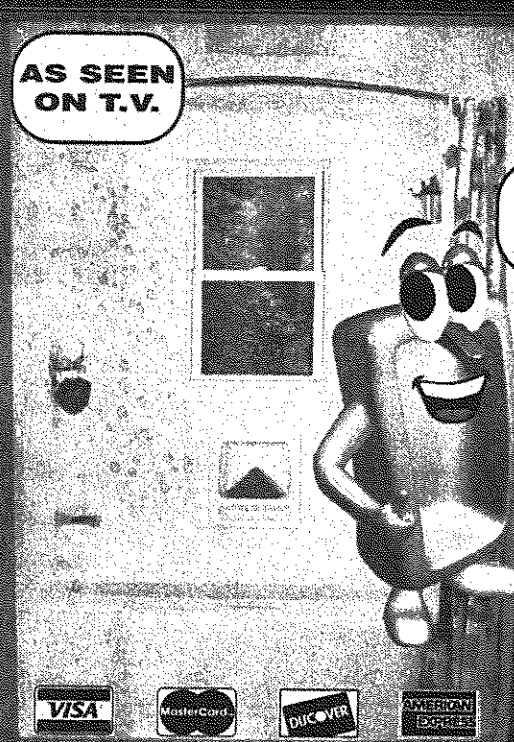
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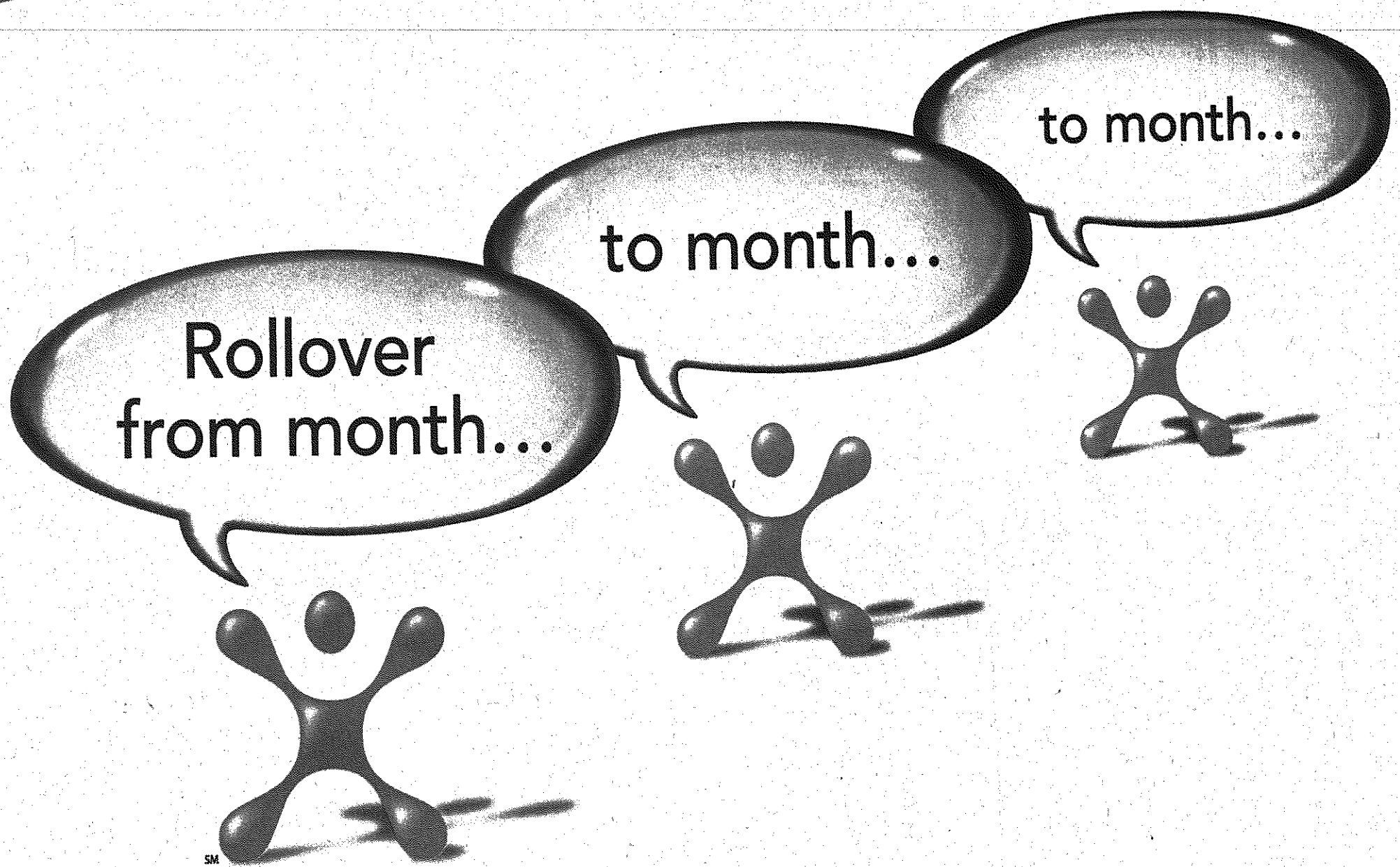
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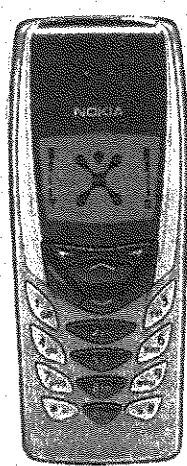
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Sidelines

■ Player of Week

Allison Mills, a sophomore midfielder for Albion College and a Canton HS graduate, was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's offensive soccer player of the week after scoring three goals and assisting on another in the Britons' 5-0 win over Heidelberg.

The win gave Albion a 4-1 overall record. For the season, Mills leads the Brits with five goals and an assist (11 points).

Also, Ashley Rosaen, a freshman midfielder for Albion from Canton, scored her first career goal in the victory. The Albion men's team won its second-straight match, giving it a 2-3 record, beating Manchester College 3-1 Sept. 11. Marcus Boynton scored twice in the victory, with Erik Durance — a freshman defender from Canton — assisting on Boynton's second goal.

■ Soccer champs

Two out of three ain't bad. Which is what the Our Lady of Good Counsel soccer teams accomplished at the St. Alfred's Kick Off Classic in Taylor Aug. 24-26. The girls varsity and the boys junior varsity each won titles.

The girls varsity beat St. Francis Cabrini 1-0 in an overtime shootout to win the championship. Laura Guina and Christina McAuliffe scored for Good Counsel in the shootout, and keeper Katie Childs turned back one of two penalty kicks from St. Francis to clinch the win.

The OLCG girls reached the final by beating St. Alfred 5-0 and St. Pius 2-0. Childs was named the girls varsity tournament's most valuable player for her performance in goal and Natalie Maurer was named team all-star by opposing coaches and referees, while eight other team members received all-star votes. Other team members are Annie Clemente, Shannon Corby, Amy Doenitz, Ellen Gwozdek, Kelly Hodges, Rachel Killian, Elizabeth Kirchmer, Amanda Leon, Kathryn Lorenz, Sarah McKay, Katie Rosinski, Megan Shmyr, Erica Straub and Alina Villarreal. The head coach is Mike Clemente; assistant coaches are Patty Corby and Mark Kirchmer.

The OLCG junior varsity boys defeated Our Lady of Sorrows 2-0 in their championship match, with Sam Waxer and Zorian Sasyk scoring the goals. Waxer was selected as the boys junior varsity MVP, while Zorian was voted as the team's all-star.

The OLCG team advanced with victories over St. Francis Cabrini, 6-0, and St. Alfred, 4-0.

Other team members are Paul Aninos, Guy Bellemare, Chris Cieniuch, Michael Falvey, Brad Hartland, Matt Keast, Andrew Killian, Patrick Killian, Patrick Reidy, Ryan Sartorius, Alex Sasyk, Nick Scopone, Jon Seifert, John Stallings, Zac Tripp, Sam Villarreal, Greg Wainwright, and Stephen Werner. The head coach is Mark Seifert. Steve Reidy is the assistant coach.

The varsity boys lost to Our Lady of Sorrows, 2-1 in their first game. The team bounced back the next day to beat St. Anslem, 3-1. Philip McKay was voted the team's All Star.

Late free throw ruins PCA's comeback

It was there for the taking. All Plymouth Christian Academy had to do was keep host Southfield Christian from inbounding the ball and scoring for a 1.6-second span.

But fate, nor the officiating, was kind to PCA.

Anna Jones, a 6-foot sophomore center, was fouled on the inbound pass and, with no time on the clock, sank the second of two free throws to tie the game at 38-all. With three starters having fouled out and a fourth out with an injury, PCA was no match for Southfield Christian in overtime, eventually losing 46-38 Friday.

The defeat left PCA at 1-4 overall,

BASKETBALL

0-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Southfield Christian is 3-4 overall, 1-0 in the conference.

"We overcame a lot of odds," said PCA coach Annie Malcolm. "I'm really proud of their effort."

Indeed, PCA was trailing 31-21 after three quarters and, with 2:30 left to play, were still down by seven. But three-pointers by Amanda Saagman and Melanie Brady, followed by a two-pointer by Brady that gave PCA a 38-37 lead

with just three seconds left.

After two timeouts, Jones was at the line for her tying free throw. For the game, Southfield Christian was 9-of-23 from the line; PCA was 1-of-6.

Brady had a strong game nonetheless, scoring 13 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Saagman finished with 10 points, and Laura Guilfoyle had 11 boards.

Southfield Christian got 15 points from Kimani Williams and 11 points from Amy McDowell.

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PLEASE SEE PCA, C2

Grid games cancelled

Poor weather conditions, including heavy rains, lightning and a tornado watch, led to the postponement of the Livonia Stevenson-at-Salem and Canton-at-Walled Lake Western football games Friday night.

Both games were rescheduled for yesterday, the Stevenson-Salem game scheduled for 4 p.m. at Salem and the Canton-Walled Lake Western game for 7:30 p.m. at Western. Many games in the Wayne and Oakland County areas were cancelled, including the Livonia Churchill-Westland John Glenn, Redford Union-Robichaud and Garden City-Dearborn Fordson.

"It was very, very weird," was how Salem coach Bob Cummings described his being home on a Friday night in September.

Results of Saturday's games will appear in Thursday's Observer.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Chad LaRose attended the Red Wings camp, but he'll be back in action for the Whalers this season. LaRose was their leading goal-scorer last year with 32.

Whalers seek to return to the elite

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The pressure is off. And that's good. At least that's how Mike Vellucci, in his second season as the Plymouth Whalers' coach/general manager, sees it. Last year, the Whalers were everyone's pick to make another run at the Ontario Hockey League title and the accompanying berth in the Memorial Cup Tournament.

And why not? They had guys like Stephen Weiss, Damian Surma, Kris Vernarsky, Brad Yeo and Greg Campbell. Each of them scored at least 46 points. And they had Jason Bacashihua, considered the league's best goalie; he posted a 2.34 goals-against average with five shutouts.

But expectations were so monumental that anything less than an OHL title would be considered a dis-

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C5

Wisniewski plans to return early to Whaler lineup

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

There was a three-month stretch of James Wisniewski's young life that was, to say the least, challenging.

April, May, June, 2002. In that span, Wisniewski saw his Plymouth Whalers' hockey team go from a favorite for the Ontario Hockey League Championship to a first-round casualty, easily the biggest upset of the OHL Playoffs.

Following that he joined the U.S. under-18 team that traveled to Slovakia for the World Junior Tournament, a team that ultimately won the gold medal. But he didn't make it through the entire tournament; Wisniewski suffered a knee injury that required surgery.

The ramifications were serious. His NHL draft status — he had been rated as a possible first-round pick — was damaged; he was eventually taken by the Chicago Blackhawks in the fifth round.

He also missed his senior season

of baseball at Canton HS. And he hobbled through his graduation on crutches.

Wisniewski's status with the Whalers was also uncertain. According to early projections, it would require six months of rehabilitation, which meant he wouldn't return until November.

Last Wednesday, as the Whalers were preparing for their season-opener against Erie, Wisniewski was preparing for something that was just as inspiring.

"Today's my first real practice," he said. "I am so excited."

His rehab has gone extremely well, so well that he was on the ice for his first team practice session of the season already, so well that he could be playing by mid-October. And that's something he wants, badly.

The first-round elimination last spring left a bitter taste with the Whalers. But with so many players having graduated to other levels of hockey, the responsibility to make sure the memory is maintained falls

to those who remain.

Including Wisniewski. He's no longer the young phenom, whose rookie season as a Whaler was so promising and his improvement continued last season, when he collected 11 goals and 25 assists (36 points).

Now he's counted on to be a team leader. And he's looking forward to it.

"This is what I've been waiting for," he said. "I want to be a go-to guy."

He certainly approached his rehab stint with determination, and it's paid dividends — not just because he'll hit the ice early, but he'll be bigger and stronger, too.

Wisniewski entered the OHL at 187 pounds. He played last year at 197; now he's 207, most of the weight gain due to upper-body workouts.

"Actually, when I've been shooting my hands felt better than they have in five years," he said. "It's probably

PLEASE SEE WISNIEWSKI, C5



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James Wisniewski, a Canton HS graduate, is one of the Whalers' best defensemen. He netted 11 goals last season.

2nd-half goal surge boosts Northville past Canton

Canton got on the board first, but it only took Northville a six-minute stretch of the second half to take command and, ultimately, get a 2-1 win.

Wednesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association soccer match at Canton.

The loss left the Chiefs at 4-4-2 overall, but more importantly,

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it came in their first WLAA Western Division game. It gives Northville a major advantage in obtaining the division title and a berth in the WLAA championship match.

"We came out a little flat (in

the second half) and they jumped all over us," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We played well, we just came up a little flat for a two-minute span."

The Chiefs scored in the first half when David Mintz knocked in a rebound of a Dutch Morrell shot. The Mustangs got after Canton quickly in the first half,

allowing them to score twice in the first six minutes.

James Hannah scored both, the first on a rebound and the second after dribbling through most of the Canton defense.

Alfonzo Ah Auvaydough assisted on the first; Ben Sherman got the assist on the second.

Canton was further hampered

by the loss of keeper Kris Holowicki just after the first goal. Holowicki took a shot to the throat and had to leave the game; he was replaced in goal by Steve Mischung.

The Chiefs play at Walled Lake Western Monday and at Westland John Glenn on Wednesday.

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S'craft recruit signs with NC-Charlotte

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Marcus Bennett has yet to play a minute of basketball for Schoolcraft College, but the 6-foot-3 guard from Detroit Renaissance High is high on the University of North Carolina-Charlotte's priority list. Bennett, who spent a semester at Michigan before transferring to Schoolcraft in January, committed last week to play for the '49ers, a member of Conference USA. He'll sign an NCAA letter of intent in November. UNC-Charlotte coach Bobby Lutz scouted Bennett earlier this summer at the Jerry Mullins' JUCO Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. "As soon as I got back (from Tulsa) they (UNC-Charlotte) they came up here and were in the gym, it's the best fit for me," said Bennett, who averaged 26 points per game as a senior at Renaissance. "Coach Lutz was honest and upfront. It's a good program. It's on the rise. They've been to the NCAA (tournament). I also like their style, it's up-tempo. You'll get to shoot a lot of shots because they get up and down the floor. But their number one thing is defense."

Bennett, who along with teammate Ricky Paulding (Missouri) helped Renaissance to the Detroit Public School League title (2000) as a junior,

was a late signee at Michigan. He appeared in one exhibition game for the Wolverines before the NCAA ruled he would have to sit out his first season as a partial academic qualifier.

"Being at Michigan was a good learning experience for me as far as time management, both on and off the court, and staying on top of the books," Bennett said. Bennett, who can play both guard spots, decided in January to move to Schoolcraft and play for the Ocelots, who are coming off 32-4 and 35-1 seasons and two straight trips to the NJCAA Division I Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. He practiced with the team for six weeks.

"I watched Marcus all through high school and he played AAU ball for me," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "For Marcus and Charlotte, it's a win-win situation for both sides. Bobby (Lutz) is a proven coach, and Marcus won at Renaissance and hopefully he'll do the same here." Bennett will play this season for the Ocelots and have three years of eligibility remaining at UNC-Charlotte.

"He's a good system player who should be starting by his junior year if he doesn't start his first year," Briggs said.

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battle of once-beaten teams, Canton Agape Christian took control quickly and never relented in bouncing Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Friday at Discovery Middle School.

Agape is now 7-1 overall. Inter-City is 5-2.

A.J. Creps provided the difference for the Wolverines, scoring 10 points, making 10 steals and collecting nine rebounds.

"Her development as a post player, combined with my daughter, will make a difference," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. Amy Henry led the Wolverines with 15 points; she also had seven steals. Emily Tong added seven points.

Diana Brinkman scored 10 points for Inter-City.

Agape led 15-8 after one quarter and 23-11 by halftime. By the end of three quarters, the Wolverines' lead had grown to 32-17.

"We played great defense tonight," said Henry.

Salem 32, Wayne Memorial 23: It was, as Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann described it, "A good, workmanlike effort. Now we have to concentrate on getting ready for Livonia Stevenson (Tuesday) and Walled Lake Western (Thursday) next week."

The Rocks will play both games at home. Western is expected to be among those challenging for the Western Lakes Activities Association title.

On Thursday at Wayne Memorial, Salem rode a first-quarter 16-3 start to a 32-23 triumph at Wayne Memorial. Stephanie Philips keyed the fast start, nailing 6-of-6 free throws in the opening quarter. She finished with a game-high eight points. Ellen Canale was next best with seven.

The win gave the Rocks a 3-3 overall record. They are 1-0 in the WLAA. Wayne fell to 1-5 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

Salem led 18-6 at the half and 28-14 after three quarters. Shannah Jones and Renita Price each scored six points for the Zebras.

Canton 50, Northville 39: This time Canton took control quickly and kept it.

The Chiefs opened Thursday's WLAA season with a 13-4 opening quarter at Northville and never let up in improving to 5-2 overall, 1-0 in the conference. The Mustangs are 0-7 overall, 0-1 in the WLAA.

"We led the entire game," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They hung in there but the story of the game was we defended real well and we did a good job on the boards."

Jessica Johnson led the Chiefs in scoring with 16 points. Katie Cezat added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Agape is now 7-1 overall. Inter-City is 5-2.

Northville got 13 points from Nicole Cauzillo. Canton pushed its lead after the first quarter to 29-17 by halftime. After three quarters, it was 36-21.

Ladywood 58, Notre Dame Prep 29: Four consistent offensive quarters carried Livonia Ladywood (4-2) to the Catholic League crossover victory Thursday over visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (3-3).

"We had no scoring droughts tonight," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, whose team led 17-8 after one quarter, 28-15 at halftime and 43-19 after three periods.

Seniors Lauren Hesano and Ruthie Sveticas each scored 12 points for the victorious Blazers. Megan Szczypka chipped in with nine points and five steals. Senior forward Chelsea Grozenski had 10 for the Fighting Irish.

Clarenceville 45, Ecorse 23: Sophomore forward Marissa Martin tallied 20 points and pulled down 11 rebounds Thursday as Livonia Clarenceville earned its first win of the season with a victory over Ecorse.

Clarenceville is now 1-5 overall, while Ecorse is 0-7.

Junior guards Whitney Kubera and Emily Collins added nine and eight points, respectively, for the victorious Trojans, who led 23-9 at halftime before pulling away with a 16-5 third-quarter run.

Clarenceville won despite making only five of 24 free throws. Ecorse got a team-high nine points from Zamora Davis.

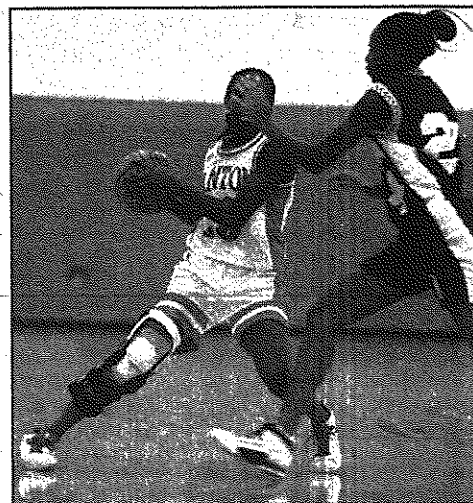
Stevenson 41, John Glenn 21: Senior Tracy Taylor led a balanced scoring attack Thursday as Livonia Stevenson (1-5, 1-0) earned its first victory of the season with a Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division triumph against visiting Westland John Glenn (4-3, 0-1).

Taylor finished with 11 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Lauren Trosell added nine points and three steals, while senior Nanette Garrison contributed seven points.

"We got some offensive rebounds and scored on some putbacks," said Stevenson coach Amy Rozman, whose team led 25-9 at halftime. "We also got scoring from different people, which is nice. We used a full-court and half-court press and capitalized on some turnovers."

Jennifer Thauvette, who hit six of six free throws, finished with 10 points. The Rockets made only nine of 25 as a team, while Stevenson was one of seven.

W.L. Western 48, Churchill 39: On



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Jessica Johnson led Canton with 16 points in a win over Wayne Memorial.

Thursday, host Walled Lake Western (4-3, 1-0) rallied in the final quarter to subdue Livonia Churchill (2-4, 0-1) in a WLAA-Western Division opener for both teams.

Churchill held a 32-30 lead going into the final period before the Warriors stormed back with an 18-7 run.

Lauren Talbot led Western with 15 points, including five of six free throws.

Robyn Johnson and Kelly Verellen scored 14 and 12, respectively, for the Chargers.

"They (Western) made a run in the fourth (quarter) that we couldn't recover from," Churchill coach Rod Windle said. "We started off strong and I thought we were going to make a run. They responded with some steals and some fastbreak points."

Churchill was 10 of 12 from the free throw line, while Western was 16 of 22.

Huron Valley 52, Franklin Road 38: Senior forward Lauren Merian pumped in 30 points Thursday as visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-2, 2-0) bounced back from a 21-20 halftime deficit to beat Michigan Independent Athletic Conference foe Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-2, 0-2).

Merian, who had 31 in Tuesday's 60-29 MIAC win over Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian, made all eight free throws and helped spark a 20-5 third-quarter Huron Valley run.

Sophomore guard Becky Schultz added 10 points for the Hawks, while freshman forward Brittany Hickman added six points and 10 rebounds.

Freshman guard Erica Yost led Franklin Road with 20 points.

"Team defense was the big thing tonight," Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth said. "In the third quarter we tightened up our defense with a box-and-one. Lisa Noel (senior guard) did a great job guarding Yost."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 27
 W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
 Canton at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Clarenceville at Holy Trinity, 1 p.m.
 Redford CC at Country Day, 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Huron Valley at Warren Zee, 6 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Oakland Christian vs. Agape, 7 p.m. at Discovery MS
 A.P. Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
 Luth. North at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Marlan, 7 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Agape at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at St. Clement, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 Ply. Christian at Roper, 7:30 p.m.
 Divine Child at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 23
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Clawson at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
 Stevenson at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Roper at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Warren Zee at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. North at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Redford CC at Troy, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Canton at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
 Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 Greenhills at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 Agape at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
 Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Churchill at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
 Thurston at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Troy at Canton, 12:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Monday, Sept. 23
 Redford CC vs. H.W. Noble Dame at Cass Benton Park, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 W.L.A. city meets at Cass Benton, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Grosse Ile Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Sterling Heights Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Haslett Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Centerline Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Alpena Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Ladywood, Regina, Divine Child at Stoney Creek Metropark, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 W.L.A. city meets at Cass Benton, 4:20 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Grosse Ile Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Sterling Heights Stevenson Invitational, TBA
 Falcon Inv. at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.
 Centerline Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Alpena Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP GIRLS SWIMMING
Monday, Sept. 23
 Ladywood vs. N.D. Prep (EMU), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 Western Wayne Inv. at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Salem Rock Invitational, noon.
 Western Wayne Inv. at Wayne, 1 p.m.

PREP BOYS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 23
 Stevenson vs. Wayne (Fellows Creek), 2:45 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Salem (N'ville Hills), 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Gowan Golf Course, 4 p.m.
 Ply. Christian vs. Greenhills 3:45 p.m. at Hickory Creek

Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Ply. Christian vs. Franklin Road Christian at Glen Oaks, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Churchill vs. Northville at Whispering Willows, 2:45 p.m.
 Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Idyl Wyld, 2:45 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Fox Creek, 2:45 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Canton at Fellows Creek, 2:45 p.m.
 Wayne vs. Salem (N'ville Hills), 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 Salem vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood, 3 p.m.
 W. Wayne Inv. at Huron Meadows, 9 a.m.

Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Dearborn Country Club, 4 p.m.
 Ply. Christian vs. Greenhills at Leslie Park, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 John Glenn vs. Wayne (Fellows Cr.), 2:45 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Canton (Hilltop), 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.

PREP GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 23
 Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Salem, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Divine Child at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 Ladywood at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Wayne, 4 p.m.

PREP GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Sept. 23
 Liggett at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Madonna at Ill.-Springfield, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 Madonna at Bethel (Ind.), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Triton (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, noon.
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Sept. 22
 MSU Club at Schoolcraft, noon.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27
 Madonna at Saginaw Valley, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, noon.
 Schoolcraft at Genesee (N.Y.), TBA.

Sunday, Sept. 29
 Schoolcraft vs. Erie (Pa.) at Genesee (N.Y.), TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 24
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
 Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
 Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, noon.

Steelers' varsity team tames Wildcats, 27-0

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team kept its record perfect with a 27-0 rout of the Ann Arbor Wildcats last Sunday in a Western Suburban Junior Football League game played in Ann Arbor.

Mo Saiddi, Spencer Tobin and Cameron Falsetti scored offensive touchdowns for the Steelers, who improved to 2-0. The defense did its part on the scoreboard, too, with Deshon

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

McClendon returning an interception for a TD and Paul Kanaan blocking a punt that resulted in a safety.

The Steelers junior varsity team evened its record at 1-1 with a 26-0 blanking of the Wildcats last Sunday. Dalton Walser led the Steelers with nearly 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Malik Rich

and Chris Mann also rushed for touchdowns.

Michael Bashawaty paced a strong defense with seven tackles, together with Nick LaPorte, Kyle Good and Walser.

The Steelers freshmen were not as fortunate, suffering a 20-0 loss to the Wildcat freshmen. Tyler Rusin and Zach Guy were the Steelers' offensive leaders; on defense, Rusin, Justin Gohl, Tony Rhodes, Tyler Goble and Anthony Calles led the way.

SWIM RESULTS

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 78
PLYMOUTH 102
Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: Plymouth (Elaine Lafayette, Meghan Hagood, Katie Hughes, Jill Spangler), 2:14.89.

200 freestyle: Heather Dine (WLN), 2:31.79; 2. Catilina Oprican (P), 2:35.14.

200 individual medley: 1. Lafayette (P), 2:35.5; 2. Spangler (P), 2:54.66.

50 freestyle: 1. Katie Hughes (P), 28.97. Diving: 1. Laura Rowe (P), 1:31.35; 2. Andrea Fleming (P), 1:08.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Hughes (P), 1:12.58; 2. Caitlin Kolesar (P), 1:32.16.

100 freestyle: 1. Oprican (P), 1:09.63; 2. Hagood (P), 1:12.87.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Sarah Wilson, Diane Riemer, Lacy Gulish, Heather Dine), 2:11.51.

100 backstroke: 1. Lafayette (P), 1:09.70. 100 breaststroke: 1. Gulish (WLN), 1:34.21; 2. Hagood (P), 1:34.29.

400 freestyle relay: Plymouth (Hughes, Oprican, Lafayette, Spangler), 4:26.32.

Lincoln, Michalsen, Newman), 3:56.82. Dual-meet record: Salem 2-1 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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WALLED LAKE WESTERN 55
Thursday at Salem

200-Yard medley relay: Salem (Lisa Gullikson, Kelsey Lincoln, Ashley Aquino, Danielle Powers), 2:00.58.

200 freestyle: Jennifer Crabill (S), 2:10.86. 200 individual medley: Heather Michalsen (S), 2:22.58.

50 freestyle: Powers (S), 27.21. Diving: Marsh (WLW), 2:23.80 points.

100 butterfly: Kristen Nevi (S), 1:09.28. 100 freestyle: Lincoln (S), 58.30.

500 freestyle: Hadley (WLW), 5:36.97. 200 freestyle relay: Salem (Lincoln, Michalsen, Amanda Newman, Powers), 1:48.57.

100 backstroke: Hadley (WLW), 1:06.29. 100 breaststroke: Kim Heaney (S), 1:19.11.

400 freestyle relay: Salem (Powers,

WOODHAVEN 120

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PLYMOUTH 70
Monday at Woodhaven

200-yard medley relay: Woodhaven (Dee Connochie, Webb, Koehlinger), 2:06.62.

200 freestyle: Sanders (W), 2:21.37. 200 individual medley: Connochie (W), 2:32.56.

50 freestyle: Koehlinger (W), 28.60. Diving: 1. Strawsine (W), 2. Laura Rowe (P), 104.20; 3. Andrea Fleming (P), 89.0.

100 butterfly: 1. Connochie (W), 1:02.54 (state cut, school record); 2. Elaine Lafayette (P), 1:11.12.

100 freestyle: Katie Hughes (P), 1:03.42. 100 backstroke: Elaine Lafayette (P), 1:09.10. 100 breaststroke: Webb (W), 1:21.75.

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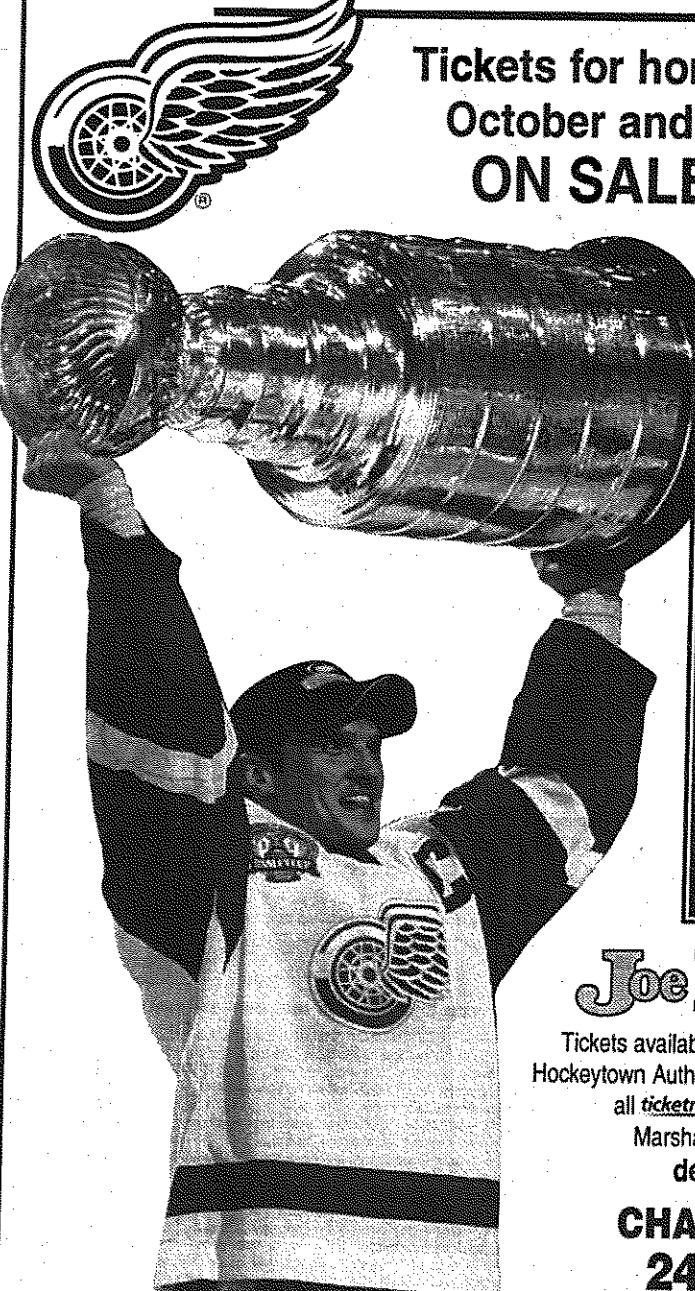
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

CENTRAL TOPS CANTON

It hasn't quite reached the status of a jinx yet, but it's getting there.

In his tenure as Canton's golf coach, Tom Alles' teams have never beaten Walled Lake Central at the Vikings' home course, Edgewood Golf Club. That streak continued last Wednesday when Central bounced the Chiefs, 149-156, in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"I've never won at Edgewood," said Alles. "They played very well, we played mediocre. They were hot today."

Indeed the Vikings were, with all four of their golfers shooting under 40. Tony Rishell tied for medalist honors with a 36; Rob Ulrich and Steve Percha each shot 37s, and Sean McMarion had a 39.

Canton was paced by Bryan Wioncek with a 36, which tied him for medalist honors. Ryan McKendry had a 39, Scott Oliver shot a 40 and Dominic

Gallo had a 41. Ryan Van Loozen had a 44 and Steve Paul shot 45. The loss left Canton at 2-1. Central is 1-1.

PCA RUNNERS GET WIN

For the second year in a row, Division 4 Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team got a dual-meet victory over a Division 1 school — in this case, Taylor Kennedy, which the Eagles defeated 20-41 last Monday at Cass Benton.

Seven of the top nine places went to PCA runners, led by Mark Varney, who was first in 18:40. Ben Welton placed third (20:36), Jon Wendt was fourth (20:56), Matt Stephens was sixth (21:30), Brian Holchuk placed seventh (22:36), Caleb James took eighth (22:53) and Scott Brandt was ninth (23:45).

David Cox was best for Taylor Kennedy, finishing second (20:01).

There's plenty of openings for bowlers

Wanted: More bowlers. Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland is hoping to build back up the Thursday Night



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Men's Trio League, which has lost a few good men lately for some reason or another.

According to manager Joe Jaskolski, "This has always been one of our strongest and best leagues and one of the most competitive in town."

There is a need for a few more good bowlers to add new strength to this league.

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■ The Sunday Youth Classic Traveling League, which has produced many good

bowlers over the years, began its season last Sunday at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

It was a little tougher go than they are used to as the scores were fairly good for the most part last week.

They'll return Sunday to Country Lanes for the second consecutive week a quirk in the scheduling, and maybe they will have a chance to figure out the best shot second time around.

Still a few more team openings, so mom and dad, if your kids are good bowlers, give Ed Wright a call at (248) 477-5047 or Bob Black at (313) 386-2381.

■ Bye-bye Claudia, we hate to see you go.

After 28 years with Mayflower Lanes in Redford, Claudia Anger is leaving the bowling business altogether after being operations manager for both Mayflower and Beech lanes.

She made a lot of friends during her stay, from the various leagues during the day, especially the Monday, Wednesday and Friday seniors.

Claudia had been a great help to the Senior/Youth Challenge for the past eight years particularly in raising funds for the

scholarship program.

"I enjoyed working with all the bowlers during the day, they are like family to me," she said.

Anger will be taking a position with the 28th District Court in Southgate.

Good luck, Claudia on your new career.

■ Jim Jimmerson has retired from his job as production manager of the Observer Newspapers, and has now the extra time to enter the Senior Men's Classic on Wednesday mornings at Mayflower Lanes.

I made sure that he would join my team because he is an excellent bowler.

After the second week on our team, we haven't lost a game, winning all six after losing three games the first week when Jim could not be there.

On Wednesday, Jim recorded nine strikes to start the third game, left a solid 10-pin and finished with 279, just beating out a 278 game for high game jackpot money.

Welcome to the league, Jim, and keep up those booming strikes.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City and director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

EMU BASEBALL GOLF TOURNEY

The Eastern Michigan University eighth-annual Varsity Baseball Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament will be Monday at The Majestic at Lake Walden Golf Course in Hartland, with former EMU standout John "Mud" Clay honored with the Ron Oestrike Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

Clay is the seventh award-winner, having become EMU's first modern All-American in baseball. In 1968, a rare pitching performance resulted in a no-hitter against Western Illinois, propelling EMU into the NAIA National Tournament. Clay signed with the Detroit Tigers in 1969, but served in Vietnam from 1969-71, earning a bronze star in 1970. Today, he is an elementary principal in the Howell public school system.

The golf tournament is \$125 per person, with hole sponsorships available at \$100 each. Included in the golf package are 18 holes of golf with cart, breakfast, dinner, gifts and raf-

fle prizes. Proceeds benefit the EMU baseball team. For more information, call EMU head coach Roger Coryell at (734) 487-0315.

MBA EXPANDING

The Metro Basketball Association, now in its 13th year, is expanding for the 2002-03 season.

Teams will be made up of boys and girls in grades 3-8 with games scheduled in Garden City, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

Divisions of play include grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Grades 3-6 league play begins Nov. 2 and runs through the end of March. Grades 7-8 league play starts the third week of January and runs through the end of March.

Registration deadline for grades 3-6 is Saturday, Sept. 28; the deadline for grades 7-8 is Saturday, Dec. 7.

Included in the \$150 registration fee: 12 league games, playoffs, uniforms to keep, bi-monthly newsletter, fun night competition, league insurance, practice time, Saturday games, awards banquet (following sea-

son) and recognition awards (for all players). For more information, call (734) 522-8872.

PARENT-CHILD GOLF

A Parent-Child Best Ball Golf Outing, sponsored by the Milford Police Department, is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet lunch and trophies.

Teams will be flighted by child's age: eight-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under, 18-and-under and 19-and-over.

Registration deadline is Oct. 10. For more information, call Officer Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

SWIMMERS WANTED

The Marlin Swim Team is accepting applications for new members ages 6-18. Practice times are 6-8 p.m. weekly.

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YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Canton Cubs, an under-12 travel baseball team associated with the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, wants to add a few players to the 2003 team. A tryout is scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon at Griffin Park's Field No. 2, located at Sheldon and Cherry Hill in Canton. Potential players must be residents of Plymouth or Canton. For more information, call Steve Estes at (734) 844-1233 or Larry Ott at (734) 981-4280.

■ Tryouts for Westland Federation's 15-16 year-old travel team will be at 1 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday throughout the month of September at Rotary Park in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-5626 or (734) 595-3496.

■ Tryouts for the Michigan Dragons 13-and-under tournament travel team will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28; and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 — all at the Dearborn Heights Recreation Center.

For more information, call Jeff Kearney at (313) 792-9220 or Jim Cox at (313) 928-9528.

■ A Livonia-based Little Caesars baseball will be staging tryouts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Bicentennial Park (field No. 7), located at Wayne and Seven Mile roads.

All boys should be 13 years of age from Aug. 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003. The team will play a 30-35 game schedule and three tournaments.

For more information, call manager Frank Pencola at

(734) 425-7384; and coaches Jim Favaro at (734) 425-0070 or Eric Mitchell at (734) 425-7524.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

■ Tryouts the Livonia Storm, a girls fastpitch travel organization, will be Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 28-29, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

Age brackets include 10-, 12-, 13-, 14- and 16-and-under.

For tryout times for each age group and to register, visit www.stormfisp.com.

For more information, call Rick Long at (734) 261-1428.

■ Thunderbird Softball Inc. (TSI) will have tryouts for its 2003 girls fastpitch softball teams Saturday, Oct. 5, at Fields No. 5 and No. 8 of Victory Park at Canton Softball Center. In case of rain, tryouts will be the following Sunday, Oct. 6.

Tryouts for 10 and 12 year-olds will be from 9-11 a.m. on those dates; tryouts for 14, 16 and 18 year-olds will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Victory Park is located at 46555 Michigan in Canton, behind the High Velocity and Artic Edge facilities. For more information, call Tom Ciotti at (734) 844-2656; Brian Starling at (734) 718-3360; Dave Seagren at (734) 737-9968; or Bruce Horste at (734) 981-1796.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a hunter safety class from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Senior Citizen Center, located at 10800 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road.

Space is limited. The cost is \$10. Any born in 1961 or later

needs this class certification in order to acquire a hunting license. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Advance registration began Aug. 13 at the Parks and Recreation office, located inside City Hall.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410. To obtain an activity registration form, visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUES

Registration is on for adult recreational hockey leagues for over-21, -30, -40, -50 and a new novice league on Sunday evenings, September through March at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth Township and Arctic Edge in Canton.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658; the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663; or visit www.rsipi.net. You can also email john@rsipi.net.

GIRLS SOCCER OPENINGS

■ The Plymouth Lightning U-11 girls select soccer team still has additional openings for players.

For more information, call Kerry Truxell at (734) 261-0170.

YOUTH WATER FIT PROGRAM

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is starting a youth land/water fit program.

Session I (ages 7-10) will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 10. Session II (ages 11-14) will be Tuesdays and Thursday, Oct. 15 through Nov. 7.

For more information, call (734) 728-2900.



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WHALERS

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appointment.

What happened was a major disappointment. The Whalers, the league's top team during the regular season, were ambushed by the London Knights in the OHL's opening round of the playoffs.

It was their earliest exit from the playoffs since 1996-97 and only the third time in the last 11 seasons they lost in the opening round.

"Everybody asks what happened last year," Vellucci said. "I've been answering that question a lot. We went to the OHL Finals the two years before that, plus we had a lot of guys playing in the World Junior Tournament. 'I think they were burned out.'"

Most of the guys from that team are gone — including all of the aforementioned. Weiss is with the Florida Panthers, Bacashihua is with the Dallas Stars, and the rest are with assorted minor league teams

except for Campbell, who was traded to Kitchener for Ryan Ramsay.

Of the Whalers' top 10 scorers from a year ago, only Chad LaRose, Karl Stewart, Cole Jarrett and James Wisniewski are back — and the return of LaRose and Stewart was uncertain until last week, when they were released by the Red Wings.

LaRose was second on the Whalers in scoring a year ago with a team-high 32 goals and 27 assists (59 points). Stewart had 20 goals and 23 assists (43 points), while Jarrett (14 goals, 24 assists, 38 points) and Canton native Wisniewski (11 goals, 25 assists, 36 points) were major offensive threats at the blue line. Jarrett was a fifth-round selection of the Carolina Hurricane in 2001; Wisniewski, who suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament at the World Junior Tournament and has been undergoing therapy since his knee surgery, was chosen by the Chicago Blackhawks in the fifth round last June.

If there's a comparison to be made between the current Whalers' squad and its predecessors, it would have to be with the 1999-2000 team. That team had to replace David Legwand, who was with Nashville; Harold Druken, who was with Vancouver; and goalie Robert Esche, who was in the Phoenix organization. It was expected to be a rebuilding year.

Instead, the Whalers reached the OHL Finals, losing to Barrie in seven games.

Can the current team match that success? Vellucci isn't saying so, but he won't deny it, either.

"Actually, I like (not being the favorite)," he said. "I'd rather be the pursuer than the pursuee."

"We are younger. We're rebuilding, but we're talented."

There are question marks, to be sure. Lose that much firepower — Weiss was the fourth player taken in the 2001 draft — and uncertainty is a certainty. Vellucci did not sit idly by during the summer. He traded

Campbell, a speedy and fairly productive left wing, for Ramsay, a center who had 24 goals and 24 assists for Kitchener and is described as more of a "grinder."

"I think he'll be a fan favorite, that's for sure," said Vellucci. "He's strong and has an incredible shot. He'll be one of our top players."

The acquisition of Ramsay is a move toward getting bigger and stronger up front, which was a goal of Vellucci's.

"We have no real superstars," the Plymouth coach said.

"Everyone can contribute in his own way. Everyone can score goals. Up front we have a lot of depth."

LaRose and Stewart, together with Ramsay, will provide experience at the forward spot. Others to watch are second-year players John Mitchell (nine goals, nine assists, 18 points), Tim Sestito (10 goals, 11 assists, 21 points) and Jonas Fiedler (eight goals, 12 assists, 20 points).

Vellucci also obtained wingers Matt Armstrong and

Jimmy Gagnon from Peterborough for draft choices. Armstrong had 17 goals and 21 assists (38 points), while Gagnon collected five goals and 16 assists (21 points). Both should make the Whalers tougher up front.

The Whalers' strength, at least initially, should be at the blue line, with the return of Jarrett, Wisniewski and Nate Kiser (three goals, six assists, nine points) — once Wisniewski is healthy and if Jarrett, plagued by injuries during his OHL career, can stay that way. Also back is David Liffiton (three goals, nine assists, 12 points).

First-round draft pick Martin Cizek, a native of the Czech Republic, could provide immediate help on defense as well. So should Taylor Raszka, a winger and also a first-round selection.

With Bacashihua leaving, a question lingers in goal. Paul Drew, who has backed up Rob Zepp and Bacashihua the last two years, finally gets his chance at being a full-time

starter. He was 13-5-5 for the Whalers last season with a 2.51 goals-against average, but he's never played more than six consecutive OHL games. He will this season.

"He's put in his time," said Vellucci. "He deserves his chance, he's waited his turn."

The same can be said for several Whalers. Now it's time to stand and deliver.

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WISNIEWSKI

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from all the weightlifting."

Wisniewski's work on the power play is well documented. Indeed, he was one of the OHL's leaders in plus/minus last season at plus-39.

More strength and revenge for a season terminated prematurely could carry Wisniewski — and the Whalers — a long way. Such incentives certainly don't bode well for the rest of the OHL.

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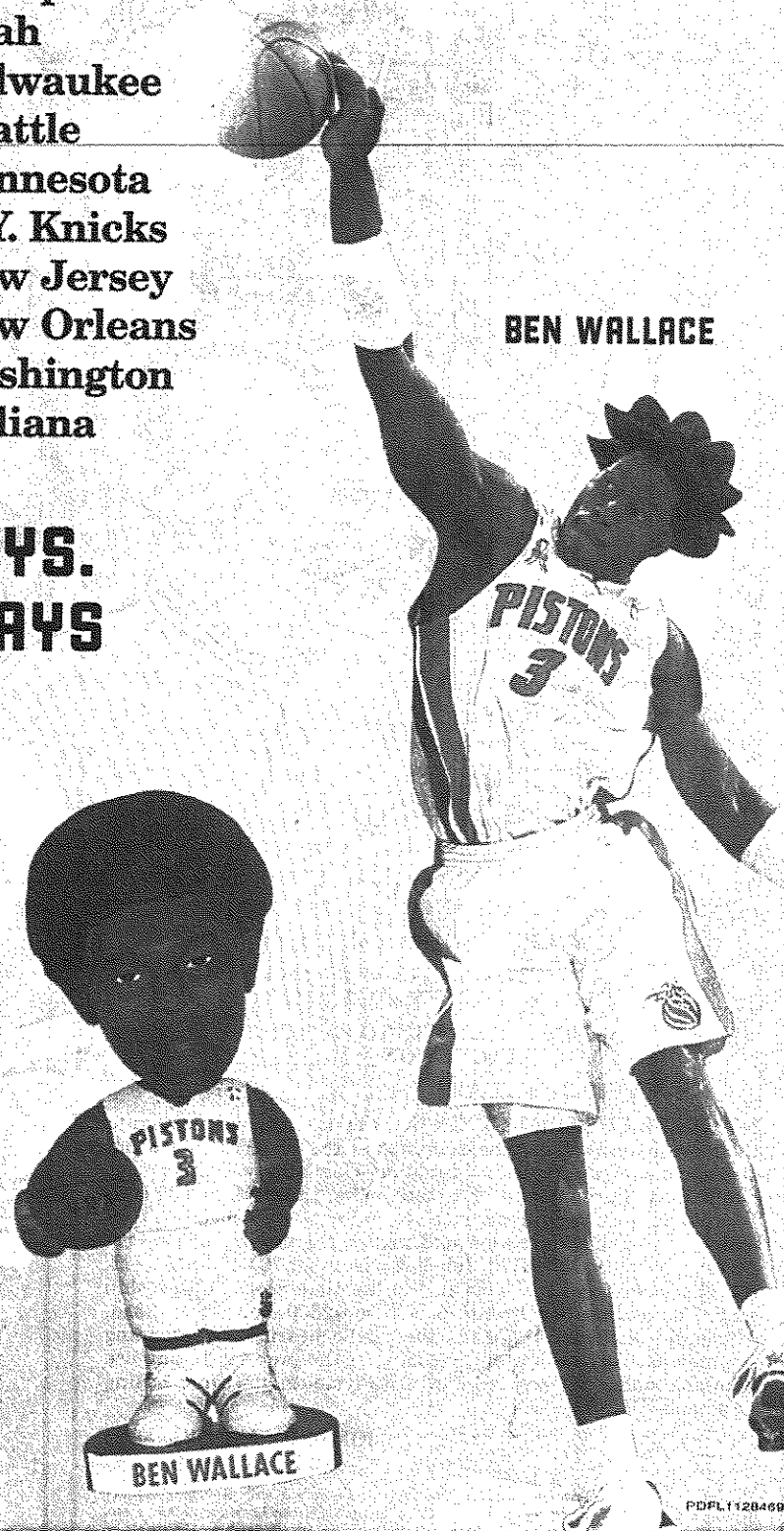
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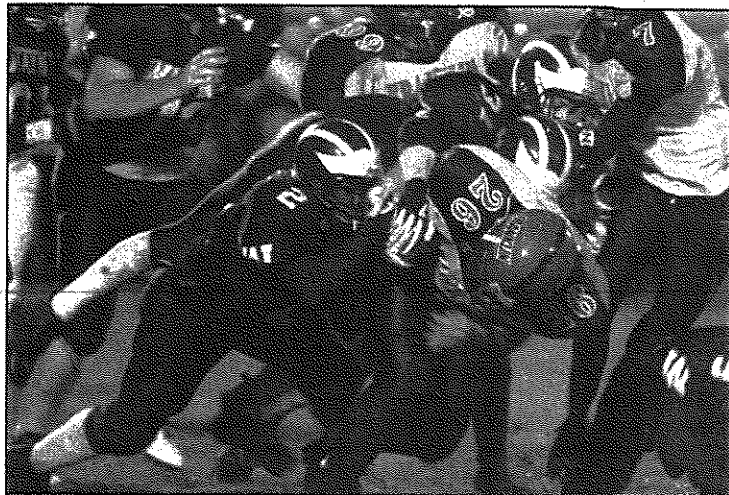
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Wayne's De'Lano Boles (No. 2) helps out John Dobbins (No. 31) haul down Franklin fullback Matt Parker (No. 26).

Franklin shaves Wayne in defensive struggle

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin and Wayne Memorial got reacquainted on the football field Friday night for the first time in over 36 years.

With the series tied at 2-2 and both teams 0-3 this season, it was only fitting this Western Lakes Activities Association game wasn't decided until the final quarter when quarterback Mike Johnson scored from 7 yards out with only 2:53 remaining to give the visiting Patriots a 7-0 victory.

After playing to a scoreless stalemate for three quarters, Franklin spoiled Wayne's homecoming festivities by marching 87 yards in 13 plays for the game-winning TD.

Up until that point, the Patriots had failed to cross the Wayne 30-yard line and managed just 73 yards in total offense.

The game was stopped with just 3:38 gone in the first quarter due to lightning. The two teams then spent 30 minutes in the lockerroom before returning to the field to resume play.

"The wet field and the wet ball gave us a sense that our passing

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game was ineffective and we had to run the ball," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, who called junior fullback Matt Parker's number eight times for 55 yards. "We work our guys like work-horses and I think it was conditioning at the end. We felt like we were in better shape."

Johnson, who stands only 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs 165 pounds, proved to be resourceful in directing Franklin's final scoring drive. He rushed for three of Franklin's five first downs, all on keepers up the middle.

"I'm real impressed with number 18 (Johnson)," Wayne coach Floyd Carter said. "He's not a big kid, but he's a real scrapper."

"And their fullback (Parker) at the end ran hard. The last drive they executed well and scored it. It hurts."

Parker's 84 yards in 16 carries helped offset Wayne's main offensive threat, junior tailback T.J. Dillard, who finished the soggy night with 74 yards on 20 carries. Neither team could muster much total offense as Franklin outgained the Zebras, 150-130. The Patriots also had

10 first downs to Wayne's six.

The speedy 5-11, 184-pound Dillard, who had 67 first-half yards, was held to 7 total yards in eight second-half carries.

"They were keying on T.J. and give them credit," Carter said of Franklin's defense. "I thought we could move the ball, but they were prepared to play and they hit. 'Against some of our Power-I stuff they did a nice job of adjusting and they played hard.'"

Kelbert credited his two defensive coaches, Paul Peters and Steve Freier, with putting his players in the proper schemes.

"They're two great defensive coaches," Kelbert said. "They get our kids into the right spots. The past three weeks we've been in the right spots, but haven't made the plays. But today we did make those plays. The focus all week was No. 8 (Dillard). We knew offensively that they (Wayne) thrive on the big play. We didn't want that to happen."

Wayne's defense also played well, picking off a pair of Franklin passes, one by Tyrell Ford in the second period and the other coming in the third quarter by Ramon Kinloch.

But Kinloch's 40-yard return

was nullified by holding call, putting the ball back at the Franklin 47.

"We made too many mistakes to win," said Carter, whose team is 0-4 overall and 0-3 in its first season in the Western Lakes.

"We had one key situation on one drive where we had a first down, but because of holding its third (down) and 20-some-thing."

Wayne played without starting quarterback Zach Lappan, who suffered an ankle injury in a Monday practice. Back-up Brad Wilson showed flashes of promise, rushing three times for 23 yards. But the junior was only three of 17 passing for 21 yards.

"I thought Wilson did a nice job for the first start," Carter said.

Meanwhile, Kelbert was elated to get that first victory. Even the weather delay failed to deter the Patriots.

"We got ready to play and we didn't want it to go another day," said the Franklin coach.

After 36 years between games with Wayne, another day couldn't wait as far as the Patriots, now 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the WLAA, were concerned.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: OS, Office Service District, Areas 1-9
R-1, Single Family Residential District, Area 10

TO REZONE TO: OS-ARC, Office Service-Ann Arbor Road Corridor District

DATE OF HEARING: October 16, 2002

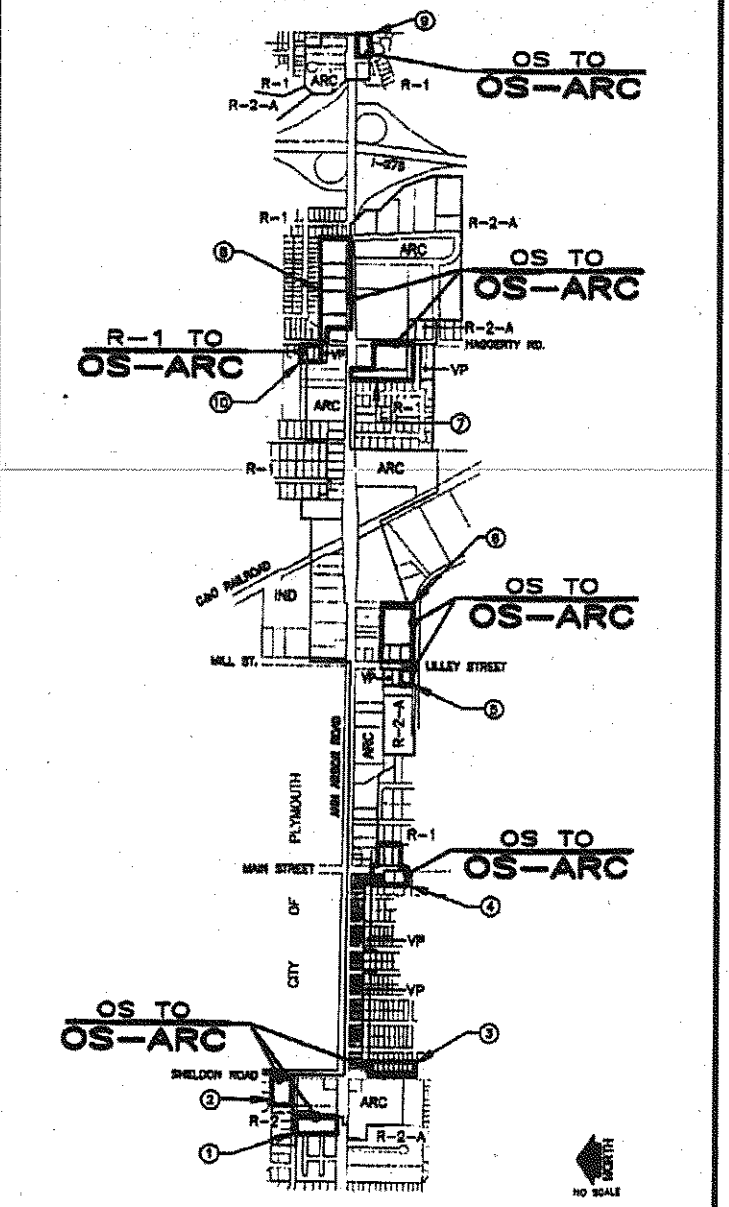
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TIME OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall
42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property From OS, "Office Service" and R-1, "single Family Residential" Districts, to OS-ARC, "Office Service-Ann Arbor Road Corridor District". Application #1740

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Area 1	Tax ID Numbers,	R78-057-99-006-703 R78-057-99-006-703
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is: 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

**JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission**

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BY CHAD MACK
SPECIAL WRITER

After losing in overtime last week, Lutheran Westland made good on homecoming and gave the home crowd a performance that won't soon be forgotten.

The Warriors' Joel Wolfram showed the heart of a lion as he carried his team to victory Friday against Cranbrook, 20-14.

Both teams are 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Metro Conference.

"Our kids really sucked it up in the second half," first-year Lutheran Westland head coach Paul Guse said. "You have to give our offensive line a lot of credit. We were able to run just our base plays. We just knew that this was a chance for us to redeem ourselves."

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound senior captain got familiar with the end zone, scoring all 20 of the Warriors points, three touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

"This has to be the best game I've ever played in," Wolfram said. "I got to give credit to the

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left side of the line. They opened some big holes."

The game really was the Wolfram show.

He rushed the ball 37 times for 226 yards. The entire offense for Cranbrook could only muster up 179 total yards for the game.

The Cranbrook attack was severely hamstrung in the first half, only gaining 68 yards through the driving rain.

"It seemed like that should have affected us more," Cranbrook head coach Gary Gerson said. "I think that we just missed some reads. Our spread (offense) is still good. I'll stick with it."

In the first half it appeared like the game was going all the Warriors way.

The score was 6-0 after Lutheran Westland took the opening drive and marched right down the field as Wolfram punched it in from 8 yards out.

On the drive, the Warriors converted three third downs and one fourth down. The two-point

conversion was no good when Lutheran Westland quarterback Doug Haller was sacked by the Cranes' Kyle Miller.

Cranbrook took the lead 7-6 after blocking a punt and setting up shop on the Warrior 18-yard line. Two plays was all that it took Cranbrook to get back in the game. On second down, tailback Hassan Hanbleh took the hand-off and scampered 18 yards off left tackle to tie the score at 6-6. Cranbrook converted the PAT for the first time, 7-6.

The lead, however, was short-lived. The next drive for the Warriors was another lesson in smash-mouth football.

After a personal foul on the extra point attempt left the Warriors starting on their own 21, it looked like old momentum was starting to waiver on the side of Cranbrook.

But Lutheran Westland responded with a six-play, 79-yard drive capped by a spectacular 56-yard TD run on fourth and inches by Wolfram.

He also added the two-point conversion giving the Warriors a 14-7 advantage.

"We were a little unprepared for this strong of a running attack," said coach Gerson. "I think that is where we lost it."

Cranbrook came back and tied it with 11:46 left in regulation.

The Cranes' quarterback, Ryan Karolak, hit split end Andrew Sherman on a slant that Sherman hauled in and sprinted into the end zone for the tying score. On the last drive of regulation, Lutheran Westland drove all the way down to the Cranes' 20.

But without a kicking game, the Warriors were forced to try a risky pass into the end zone that was picked off by John O'Connell for the Cranes.

The next play Cranbrook took a knee and sent the game into overtime.

The Cranes took the ball at the 10-yard line to start the extra session.

On three plays they lost a total of 8 yards and were intercepted on third down by Ian McLaughlin.

Contrastly, it only took Lutheran Westland three plays to win.

Stevenson is impressive in swim win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The supposed showdown between the top two girls swim teams in the Western Lakes

SWIMMING

Activities Association never materialized Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson rolled to a

119-67 triumph over Northville.

Only 11 points separated the two teams Sept. 7 at the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays, but on this night the Spartans were hitting just about on all cylinders. The outcome ended some pre-meet internet chatroom banter.

"I've never seen us put together a better dual meet other than a few years back when we beat (Ann Arbor) Pioneer," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "Northville is a really good team, but they lost one of their good freshman. I kind of thought it could have been closer, but our kids really stepped up."

Stevenson, which has captured 11 straight WLAA titles and 12 straight WLAA Relays crowns, won seven of 12 events to improve its dual meet record to 2-0. "Nobody on my team wants to be the first to lose the league meet," Phill said. "I approached this meet with conservative emotion, but I think

deep down they really wanted it. They were on last night."

Stevenson was led by senior Andrea Hurn, who took firsts in the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.95) and 500 freestyle (5:16.21).

Hurn also teamed up with Julie Ward, Laura Geverink and Erin Cook to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:43.98).

The foursome of Hurn, Marisa Gordon, Andrea Giczewski and Cook also captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:42.23), which nearly topped last year's performance of 3:41.42 at the state meet. Freshman Marisa Gordon led a sweep of the 200 individual medley (2:15.73) as teammate Erin Cook took second (2:17.7) and Katy Sondergaard finished third. Other Stevenson firsts were recorded by diver Katie Edwards (230.30 points) and Cook in 100 breaststroke (1:13.66).

Jennie Carr and Shannon Hogan paced Northville.

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Rx Briefs

■ Arterial screening

As part of Legs For Life 2002, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will offer free peripheral arterial disease (PAD) screenings 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Screenings include four-point pressure check, arterial doppler study and an optional cholesterol test (non-fasting) available for \$5. Appointments can be made by calling (800) 231-2211.

PAD is caused by blocked blood flow in the arteries of the legs. Symptoms include leg pain while walking, cramping, fatigue or numbness, and skin discoloration. Yet it is highly treatable with therapy including exercise and diet changes, medications, and minimally invasive procedures such as angioplasty or surgery, depending of the severity of the disease.

In addition to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, other area hospitals offering the screening are Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and Providence Hospital in Southfield. For a recording with information on these other hospitals, call (800) 659-1959.

■ Nutrition/heart

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia is offering classes on nutrition and your heart.

■ Fiber Bound and Sodium Sense, 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25 - Learn how much fiber you need and what types of fiber lower cholesterol. Also learn what foods are surprisingly high in sodium and lower sodium substitutions. You will also receive a collection of heart healthy recipes.

■ Dining Out Detective, 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 - Learn how to eat healthfully at any restaurant. You will receive a guide on nutrition facts for many different chain restaurants.

Both classes are held in the Community Outreach classroom 10. Cost is \$15 per class. Pre-registration is requested. Call (734) 655-8940 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

■ Cholesterol check

High blood cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. The higher your blood cholesterol level, the greater your risk for developing heart disease or having a heart attack. During National Cholesterol Education Month, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is offering a Cholesterol Screening Clinic 6:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Community Outreach Department.

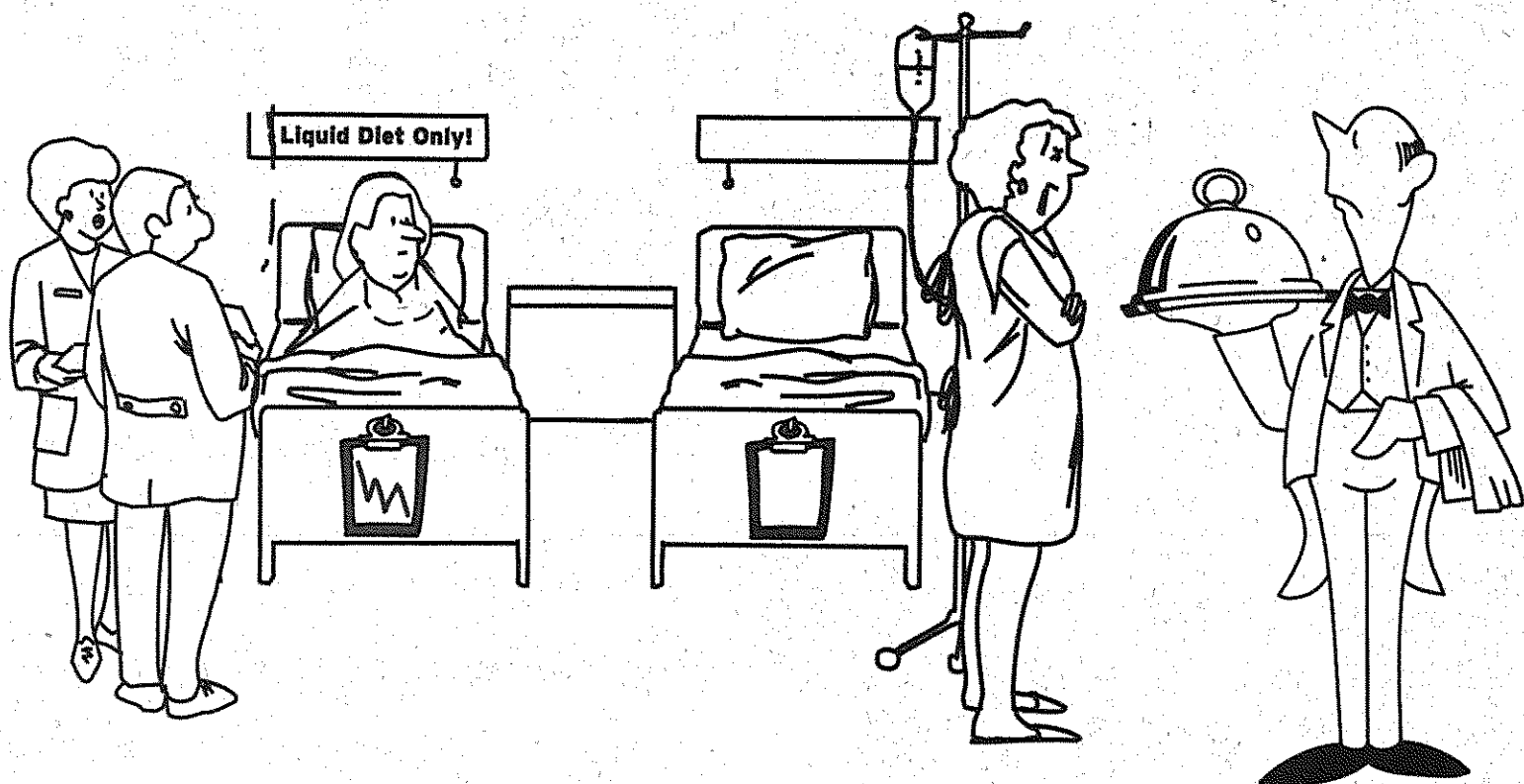
The charge is \$25 per person and pre-registration is required. Please contact the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940. Use the Five Mile Entrance and proceed to the lower level. For directions or additional information, please visit www.stmarymercy.org.

■ Grief series

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice will present a grief recovery series on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning Oct. 1. Each session will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

The goals of the group are to understand how grief affects you emotionally, spiritually and physically; learn to deal with difficult emotions such as anger, guilt and loneliness; and take steps to recover from grief and grow because of it.

Registration required. Call (734) 327-3409.



Steak sauce, did you remember the steak sauce?

Oakwood a la carte!

BY PAM FLEMING
CORRESPONDENT

Imagine being able to order pizza while you're in the hospital. Or perhaps a chicken caesar salad or a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich suits your fancy. Well, depending on your medical condition, these are just a few of the choices that patients at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn now have at mealtime.

The new patient menu program, appropriately called Room Service, is just that. You get to order off a menu and phone in your food order when you're hungry - just like at a hotel. Dara Bross, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Oakwood said the new program was implemented in July 2001 and has been very successful.

The program was also recently adopted at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Oakwood Southshore Medical Center in Trenton.

"We were actually looking at ways we could provide exceptional service for our patients. That's one of our goals. And hospital food is kind of a challenge. We found out about this new service that started being offered at hospitals on the West Coast," Bross said.

"Patients lose control over their routine when they're in the hospital. We felt this was a way to give them back some control. And we thought that the ability to order what they want when they want it will even help patients get better sooner. In fact, patients do eat better and get better faster," she noted. The pilot program is also being tested at Covenant Health Care Center in Saginaw, she added.

Another benefit of Room Service is speed. Once an order is called in, it takes just 19 minutes to process. Not quite fast-food fast, but speedy enough to quiet hunger pangs in a hurry.

A MENU FOR ALL DIETS

"We have one menu for all diet types. It's a tri-fold in a plastic cover. We offer quite a few selections - sandwiches, salad, pizza, chicken tenders as well as meatloaf, turkey and dressing, and some newer things like a chicken caesar salad. Everything is made to order, and it's very restaurant-like," Bross said.

Members of the nursing staff explain the new meal program to patients.

"When they feel hungry, and they're ready to order, it's brought up. It's been a challenge because it's different, but our Food Service staff has really embraced it. They have a lot more interaction with the patient now, which they enjoy. They've done a great job," Bross said.

She noted that the 615-bed hospital has a Food Service staff of about 100 people.



PHOTOS BY JIM JAGOFFELD | OBSERVER

Operations supervisor Debbie Watt, left, confers with Rebecca Wilkinson on a breakfast order.

RESPONSE IS POSITIVE

The response from patients has been understandably positive.

"The patients really love it. They are surprised when they learn that they can order their own food. I remember visiting a patient, and his wife was holding the menu when I came in. She said it was just amazing," Bross added.

Sharon Truskowski, 38, of Brownstown was a patient at Oakwood for the delivery of her and husband Mark's son, Luke, on Nov. 17, 2001. Since she had no dietary restrictions, she got to order whatever she wanted off the new Room Service menu.

"The menu looks just like a restaurant menu, and breakfast was the best," she said. "I had French toast one morning and pancakes the next. In the afternoon, I ordered a club sandwich, which was good, too."

Truskowski said she liked the new service. "We got to our room late, so I didn't eat breakfast until later. To be able to eat when you wanted was convenient. And, it's nice to

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The menu patients order from at Annapolis Oakwood hospital.

U-M experts: Sex really does matter for women

When the birth control pill became available to women in the early 1960s, a new revolution was set to give women more control of their sexuality. And since then, women have continued to make great advances in education and in their professions, but when it comes to their sexuality, most women are still behind the times.

Now, 40 years after that revolution started, sex experts at the University of Michigan Health System want to help women discover what they need to make comparable advances in their sexuality to have a healthy, satisfying sex life. With the publication of a new book, *Sex Matters for Women: A Complete Guide to Taking Care of Your Sexual Self*, three U-M sex experts - Sallie Foley, MSW, Sally Kope, MSW, and Dennis Sugrue, Ph.D. - hope to empower women to make "sex matter" for them in spite of busy schedules and even illness.

"Sex matters, and sex matters for women," says co-author Sallie Foley, a certified sex therapist in the department of social work at the U-M. "From the moment people are born until they die, they actually have sexual responses and a sexual identity."

FINDING SEXUAL IDENTITY

Uncovering that sexual identity is the first step to building sexual knowledge and self-confidence. A woman's sexual identity is greatly based upon the events throughout her life: how she was raised, how sexual information was presented to her and what messages she has received from the culture and the media.

Often, these messages create some common sexual roadblocks for women, which may get in the way of mental and physical pleasure, and a relationship.

"Early on, women are taught not to

enjoy sex or to be cautious about the problems it can cause like unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases," says Foley. "Because of these messages, it isn't until much later in life, if at all, that women discover the positive and fun side to sexuality."

While messages of caution are necessary, Foley says it's equally important to follow them up with information about the positive aspects of sex.

A lack of sexual education may also create other obstacles as a woman's body ages or she is faced with illness. But these obstacles can be overcome.

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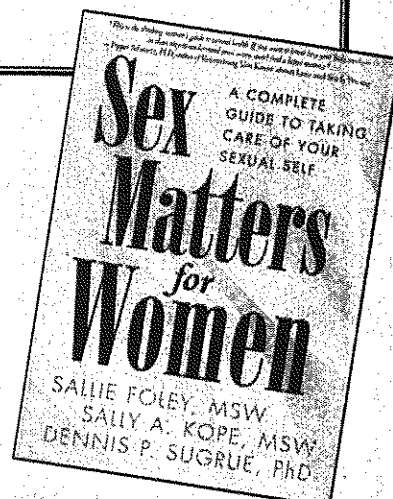
First, Foley recommends that women invest in books and take the time to look at educational Web sites to build their sexual understanding.

Facts about women and their sexuality

■ While women have made great advances in their careers and education, very few have made comparable advances in their sexuality.

■ It's important that women know the risks involved with sex - STDs, unwanted pregnancy - but they should be informed about the positive aspects of sex, too.

■ Some common obstacles to achieving a sexually satisfying life include a lack of sexual education, an aging body, illness or surgery.



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JIM JAGDFELD | OBSERVER

Food and Nutrition Services Director Patrick O'Keefe chats with diet menu processors Peggy Mason, left, and Dianne Prowell. They handle the room service calls and pass them on to the prep area.

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be able to order what you like, not what they serve to you. It makes your hospital experience more pleasurable," she added.

Bross said that all of the hospital staffs that have tested the program have received rave reviews from patients on Room Service.

"In June, I presented Room Service at a seminar for the American Society of Healthcare Food Service Administrators in Orlando, Fla. The room was just jammed. It's been slow to come to this area, but it's coming. We really need to give the customers what they want," she said.

Not only has the new program been a learning experience for the dining staff but also for the nursing staff at Oakwood.

"Now they need to communicate with them even more effectively on what tests and procedures they may be having so

their eating doesn't interfere with that. You don't want patient's food to arrive as they are leaving to have a test done," Bross said.

But what about patients with heart disease, diabetes or other diet-restricting conditions?

"There's a page on the menu for special diets. Each menu item is identified as to whether it's heart healthy and the number of carbohydrates in it. We also have a halal diet for Muslim populations," she said. "If a patient calls Food Service, and they're on a special diet, the clerk who answers the phone assists them in their selections. It's a nice educational opportunity for the patient as well."

Bross said that the doctors at Oakwood have also been very supportive of the new Room Service menu.

"They want their patients to eat and get well," she added. The menu is even available to patients in the emergency department and the intensive care unit.

Livonia Urgent Care offers early flu shots

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala, of Livonia Urgent Care, urges people to get their flu and pneumonia vaccination early this year so they can head into the holiday season with one less worry.

"Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza," he said. "Most people are ill with influenza for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized."

Flu shots will be offered at Livonia Urgent Care, Mission Health Medical Center, corner of Seven Mile Road and Newburg, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Sept. 24. Flu shots cost \$18; pneumonia shots, which are recommended every three years for people over 50 or for those with respiratory problems, cost \$35.

The Centers for Disease

Control warns that influenza is far more dangerous than a bad cold. It's a disease of the lungs, and it can lead to pneumonia. Each year about 114,000 people in the United States are hospitalized and about 20,000 people die because of the flu.

At highest risk of severe illness are people 65 years old and older, children six to 23 months, adults and children with a chronic health conditions - heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, asthma, cancer and HIV/AIDS - and women more than three months pregnant during the flu season.

The CDC said myths still exist about the flu vaccine. The following statements are fact, not fiction:

■ The shot cannot give you the flu. Flu vaccines are made from killed influenza viruses, which cannot activate the flu.

■ Although some people can still get the flu after being vaccinated, this is not likely. If you

do get the flu, you are likely to be far less sick than you would have been without the protection. However, the flu shot will not protect you from other viruses that can cause illnesses that sometimes feel like the flu.

■ The worst side effect from a flu vaccination is a sore arm. The risk of a rare allergic reaction is far less than the risk of severe complications from influenza.

■ Not everyone can get the flu shot. If you are allergic to eggs (used in making the vaccine), are ill with a high fever, or have had a severe reaction to a past flu vaccination, you may not be able to get this protection.

■ The flu vaccine is not only for the old and sick. Both adults and children who are in good health need a flu shot to stay healthy.

Even if you are not at risk of complications, you should get a flu shot to protect everyone you

live with and contact.

■ The flu shot can be given before or during the flu season. While the best time to get a flu shot is in October or November, a flu shot in December or later will still protect you.

Last year Livonia Urgent Care was inundated with people seeking flu shots. It's best to act early, said Arsiwala. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, except there is no instant cure if you get the flu.

"Influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly," he said.

Seniors seeking the flu shot should bring their Medicare and secondary insurance cards, as well as their driver's license. Flu shots will be given through December. For more information, call Livonia Urgent Care at (734) 542-6100.

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These tools can provide insight into what happens to the body during menopause or after having a baby, when either low desire or low arousal can affect sexuality.

Many women also experience changes in their bodies due to a disease or after surgery.

"Sex during a disease or after surgery is an area that only now we're beginning to talk about," says Foley. "The idea is that it's not enough to just survive a disease. Survival is about wanting to lead a nor-

mal life, and that life should include sexuality."

But one thing to keep in mind in any of life's situations is that creating a sexually healthy life takes work. Foley encourages women to put the same effort into their sexual selves as they would any good friendship or an exercise program.

Women also need to accept themselves for who they are - both physically and mentally. Being comfortable with your body is an important step in gaining sexual self-confidence. In addition, women should try to avoid measuring themselves against images in magazines.

"Ultimately, it's not what the media does to a woman, it's

not what magazines do to a woman, it's what we do to ourselves," Foley says. "If we start changing our viewpoint about how we see other people in their aging or their body, we'll change our own self-perceptions."

And if women need advice or are experiencing any type of sexual difficulty, Foley strongly

recommends that they make an appointment with their health care provider or ask questions during a routine examine.

For more information about the book, "Sex Matters For Women: A Complete Guide to Taking Care of Your Sexual Self," visit <http://www.guilford.com>

Balancing work and family workshop offered

Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center in Westland will offer a workshop called "Work-Family Balance" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2.

This class will provide you with creative strategies for successfully managing work and family obligations. Call (800) 543-WELL. The cost is \$20.

CORRECTION NOTICE

Our September 22 insert showed the DVD title, *The History Of Beavis And Butthead*. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this title will not be available. Currently, we do not have an anticipated new availability date.

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It is difficult to know if the pain that results will resolve with time, or will develop into arthritis. Your problem compounds if the injured area is at the base of the thumb. Your first response to injury is to rest the part injured, but it is hard to rest the thumb. You need it all the time.

Splinting the wrist is possible at night, though turning and moving the splint is awkward. During the day, it is impossible to use the splint as you cannot drive, type, or even use the splinted hand for eating. Advice to rest the wrist is not practical. You may need to accept that healing will take a long time.

You should see your doctor or a physician hand specialist if pain persists or worsens at the base of the thumb as this is particularly prone to develop osteoarthritis. To evaluate for this possibility, your doctor will order x-rays. This procedure is the best way to reveal the presence of arthritis and its extent.

Treatment for persistent wrist pain starts with splinting, may include medication for pain or inflammation, and often makes use of joint injection. If these measures fail, a number of operations exist to replace worn bones of the wrist. The option you should not take is to live with the pain.

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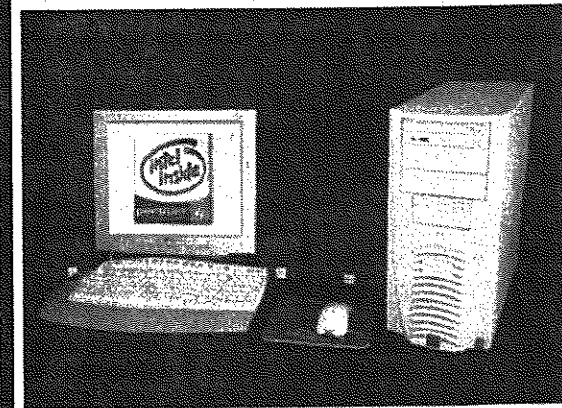
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Menopause

Dr. Pam Smith of the Center for Health Living & Longevity will discuss "Nutrition, Weight, Memory & Menopause" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Health Dimensions, 32985 Hamilton Court (south off 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. Cost is \$15. Call (248) 489-1573.

Grief support

Angela Hospice in Livonia offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. Call Bereavement Coordinator Ruth Favor at (734) 464-7810.

College

"Saving for College," a one-session class sponsored by Beaumont Hospital's award-winning Parenting Program and taught by a certified financial planner is offered 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25. Class meets in the hospital's Administration Building, Classroom 1, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile, Royal Oak. \$10. Call (800) 633-7377.

Low back pain

Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C. will present "The Latest Advances in Exercise for Low Back Pain" 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi. RSVP by (248) 380-3550.

Midwifery Institute Fund-raiser

Family Fun Day noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, West Park Band Shell, Ann Arbor; live music, games, face painting, karate demonstration, complimentary refreshments, scavenger hunt. Tour the nearby Midwifery Arts Center 722 Brooks St. Call (734) 663-1523 or visit www.holisticmidwifery.org for details.

Alcohol and addiction

✦ Horizon Treatment Center, 29444 Joy Road, Livonia, will offer a free workshop for family members having difficulty coping with a loved one who suffers from an alcohol or drug addiction

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 421-8272.

OCTOBER

Grief support

Space for Changing Families, a community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group for adults grieving the death of a spouse or partner. The group will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 1 to Nov. 19, at the Space for Changing Families/NCJW office, Homestead USA Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 100, Southfield. Call (248) 355-9936.

Lose weight/stop smoking

Providence Medical Center - Livonia will host a Wellness Seminar for weight reduction 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia. The center also will host a Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Hypnosis, behavior modification, audio cassette. \$59. Call (877) 345-5500.

Healthy heart

Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program will offer "Keeping a Healthy Heart 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 in the hospital's 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-8588.

Senior fest

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Henry Ford Community College will hold an Autumn Senior Fest 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at 22586 Ann Arbor Trail in Dearborn Heights. Sarah Talley from the Social Security Administration will discuss the Social Security Trust Fund extension, employment income after retirement, what every woman needs to know about Social Security, and related issues. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a buffet lunch, Big Band entertainment, exhibits, and door prizes.

Women's wellness

Burton Manor Banquet Facility in Livonia will host the "Women's Enrichment Forum: Mind, body & Soul" 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. Health information and prizes. Cost is \$35 per person. Pre-registration required by Sept. 29. Call (248) 544-1380.

Family relationships

Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center in Westland will offer

a workshop called "Ten Ways to Strengthen Your Family" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 5. Parents with children of all ages will learn how to live happier, healthier, and more productive lives. Cost is \$20. Call (800) 543-WELL.

Fibromyalgia

The CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The next meeting is Oct. 10. Call (248) 346-3164.

Thyroid cancer conference

The 5th Annual Thyroid Cancer Survivor Association, Inc. Conference will take place Oct. 11-13 at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Los Angeles, Calif. More than 50 speakers, including endocrinologists, surgeons, nuclear medicine specialists, nutritionists, attorneys and survivors. Register by visiting ThyCa's Web site, www.thyca.org.

Cancer walk

The American Cancer Society will hold its Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks in both Detroit and Ann Arbor. The 5-mile walk in Detroit is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12, At Belle Isle Park with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. The 3.5-mile walk in Ann Arbor is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, at Michigan Stadium with registration at 8 a.m. and the walk at 9 a.m. Call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Healing arts

The Tree House, 22906 Mooney Street, Farmington, presents "Music and Sound in the Healing Arts" 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Learn about high-energy and low-energy music, vibrational sounds and color therapy, and the therapeutic benefits of music. Organic dinner included. Cost: \$55 singles and \$100 couples. Limited seating. Call (248) 473-0624.

Parkinson's Disease

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County will meet 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Bldg. 5305, Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Topic: First-aid in the home. Call (734) 741-9209.

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Join the American Cancer Society to celebrate survivorship and raise funds for breast cancer research at the ACS's annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walks: The 5-mile walk in Detroit will take place 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Belle Isle Park. The 3.5-mile walk in Ann Arbor will be held

8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Michigan Stadium. Call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Breast cancer/HRT

Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program will offer "Understanding Studies on HRT and Breast Cancer" 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the hospital's 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-8588.

Teen parents

Partners for Parenting Teens presents its 4th annual teen parent conference "Consider the Possibilities" 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in the Wayne RESA Annex Building, 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. Learn about alcohol use, legal and paternity issues, employment resources and more. Register by Oct. 18. Call Deborah or Tara at (734) 721-7012.

NOVEMBER

Family relationships

Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center in Westland will offer a workshop called "Work-Family Balance" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2. This class will provide you with creative strategies for successfully managing work and family obligations. Call (800) 543-WELL. The cost is \$20.

ONGOING

Self-Help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may call the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at (877) 777-5556.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Fibromyalgia

"Fibro-Friends & More," a support group for sufferers of fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, meets 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. Call Tina at (734) 495-0226 or Lucy at (734) 953-8576.

Bereavement

"Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Call (800) 770-9859.

Surgical flight syndrome: How to reduce the risks

Doctors and their patients should exercise caution and, in some instances, take special measures to prevent serious medical problems that could result from airline travel in the period preceding or following a surgical procedure, says an editorial in the current issue of *Aesthetic Surgery Journal*, the peer-reviewed publication of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS).

Deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolism (DVT/PE) is commonly referred to as "economy class syndrome" because the condition has been associated with cramped airline seating.

(DVT occurs when blood clots develop within veins; PE occurs when blood clots within veins break off and are trapped in the lungs.) The precise cause of the condition is unknown, because there are numerous risk factors.

The most common risk factors include: prolonged immobilization or bed rest, obesity, oral contraceptives, varicose veins, an underlying malignancy and surgery.

Airline travel also increases the risk of DVT/PE due to factors such as limited leg room and long periods of inactivity, dehydration from low humidity in the cabin, and the effects of high altitude which can decrease oxygen absorption into the blood.

Women are generally more vulnerable to DVT/PE than men. The more risk factors, the more susceptible one is to an occurrence of DVT/PE.

"Airline travel and surgery can potentially act synergistically to increase the risk of DVT/PE," says Dr. Alan Matarasso, senior scientific editor of *Aesthetic Surgery Journal* and author of the editorial.

Nevertheless, patients often may travel in conjunction with undergoing surgical procedures.

Basic guidelines that can help prevent problems associated with airplane travel include:

■ **Drink plenty of water.** It is recommended that 8 ounces of water be consumed for each hour of airplane travel.

■ **Avoid dehydrating agents** such as caffeine and alcohol.

■ **Perform in-seat exercises.** Get up and walk around the cabin as frequently as possible.

■ **Wear loose-fitting clothes** and avoid surgical compression binders.

■ **Inform your physician** and surgeon of any planned extended airline travel. In some cases, physicians may recommend additional measures to further reduce risks.

Taking proper precautions with airline travel before and after surgery can help to ensure patient safety.

The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS) is the leading organization of plastic surgeons certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) who specialize in cosmetic surgery of the face and the entire body. Toll-free referral line: 1-888-272-7711. Web site: www.surgery.org

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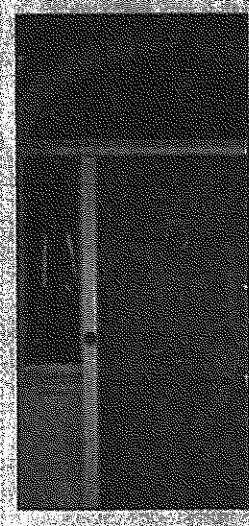
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Large condo community to overlook Walled Lake

Even though construction just started on East Bay Village, attached townhouse condominiums across the street from Walled Lake in that city, more than three dozen of the 284 residences already have sold.

That's not too surprising considering access to the water, beginning price point just under \$168,000 and planned on-site amenities including swimming pool and clubhouse.

The community is off East Lake Drive between 14 Mile and Pontiac Lake Road.

"You come here and you escape quickly," said Mark Fenton, the developer/builder. "You can walk to downtown Walled Lake. You look at how quick you can get to anywhere with Maple (Road) and M-5."

"You get an up North feeling without the drive," said Wendy Bratt, sales manager. "Where else can you go for under \$200,000 and get a resort-like feel?"

"People can walk downtown for restaurants, a beach," she added. "They can sit right on the water at the end of the day. There's great fishing on this lake."

East Bay Village has a private dock to which all residents will have access, but no boat slips.

"It's really about lifestyle here," Fenton said. "I think they're a great value for the money."

"We're getting quite a lot of young professionals, single or married, looking at getting out of rent," Bratt said. "They like the convenience of not having to get into a car to get to restaurants."

"This is an up-and-coming community with lots of development and growth on the horizon," she said. "People look at it not only as a place to enjoy, but an investment."

Three floor plans are available. The Cove, a raised ranch of sorts with 1,150 square feet, two bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths, carries a base price of \$167,900.

The Bay, a multi-level of 1,600 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths set over the Cove, starts at \$192,900.

The Atlantic, a multi-level end unit of 1,640 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, begins at \$239,900.

All include at base price air conditioning, range and dishwasher, landscaping and carpeting throughout.

The Cove and Bay plans have a single-car attached garage, the Atlantic, two-car. The Bay and Atlantic plans include decks. The Bay has lots of stairs.



A large attached condominium community under construction across the street from Walled Lake will feature nearly 300 residences.

Gas fireplaces (starting at \$2,400) and finished lower levels (starting at \$7,500)



are extra.

The Cove situates the laundry and half-bath at garage level. An unfinished lower level which could become a rec room is a few steps down, the living room a few steps up.

An open kitchen/dining area, two bedrooms and a full bath are one level up from the living room.

The Bay places the living room/dining area, kitchen/nook master suite and laundry on the second floor. A series of steps leads from the garage entrance and front door.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are up an additional level.

This home features a modified jack-and-jill bath with combination tub/shower servicing the entire main living area including the master.

The Atlantic places the laundry on the uppermost level with the master, two secondary bedrooms and a second full bath.

The living room, dining area, kitchen/nook and a half bath are on the

main living area one floor below the bedrooms.

Brick, vinyl siding and dimensional shingles are primary exterior materials. East Bay Village, serviced by city water and sewers, is within the Walled Lake public school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$42.44 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$192,900 home there would pay about \$4,100 the first year.

The monthly association fee, which includes water, initially has been set at \$125. Phyllis Davidovich was the first to buy, ordering a ranch.

"I love the location, love being on the water," she said. "The floor plan was very attractive, the size of it. The people you deal with are very accommodating. Questions and concerns are addressed immediately."

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The great room has a fireplace centered in the left sidewall and two sets of French doors leading to a deck. The railed deck acts as a cover for a walk-out patio below.

The dining area is next to the great room and kitchen. An eating bar further delin-

eates the kitchen from the dining area.

A large amount of counter space shaped in a C makes this open area easily accessible for the cook of the family and helpers, too.

The laundry and a full bath are opposite each other beyond the kitchen and just a few steps from two secondary bedrooms.

Upstairs is the master suite and a loft, which could act either as another bedroom or the sitting room or den for the master. A door from here opens onto a covered side deck.

The master contains two large storage areas and a pair of walk-in closets. The bath component features a separate tub and shower plus his-and-her sinks.

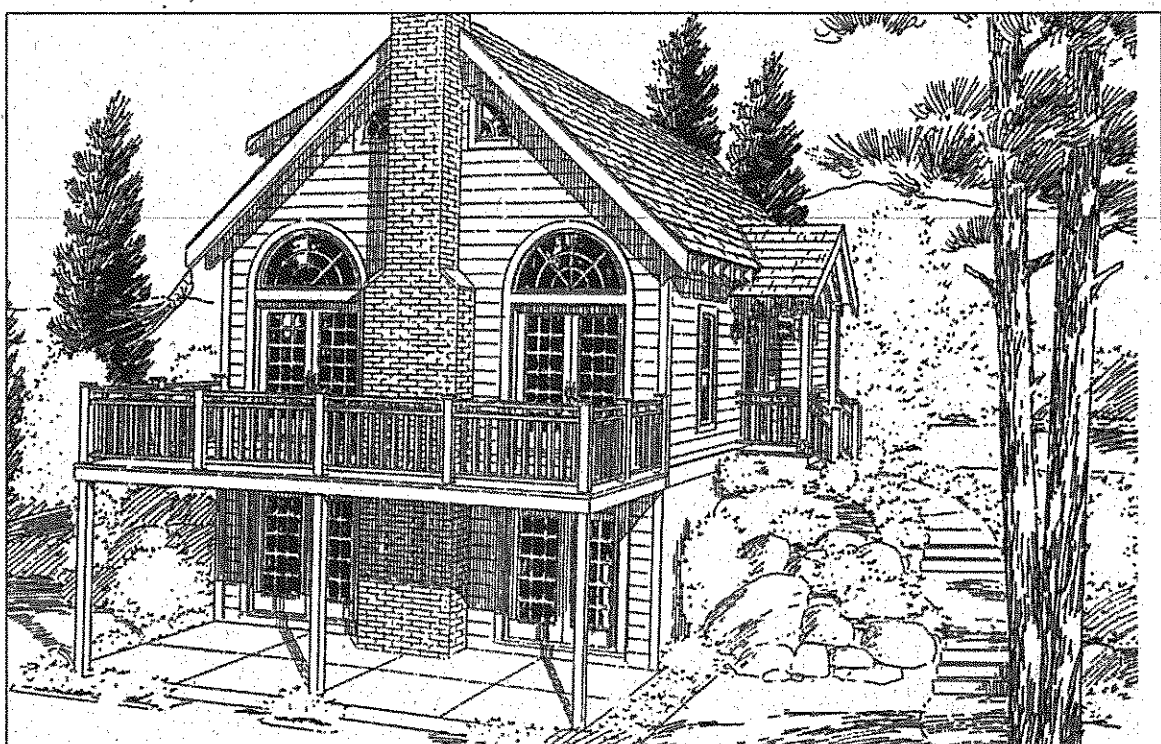
The basement area has an

optional recreation room with the same kind of fireplace/ French door configuration to a patio as the main floor has to the deck. It also has a wet bar.

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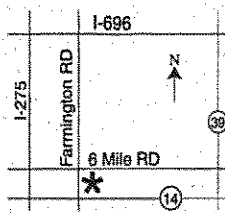
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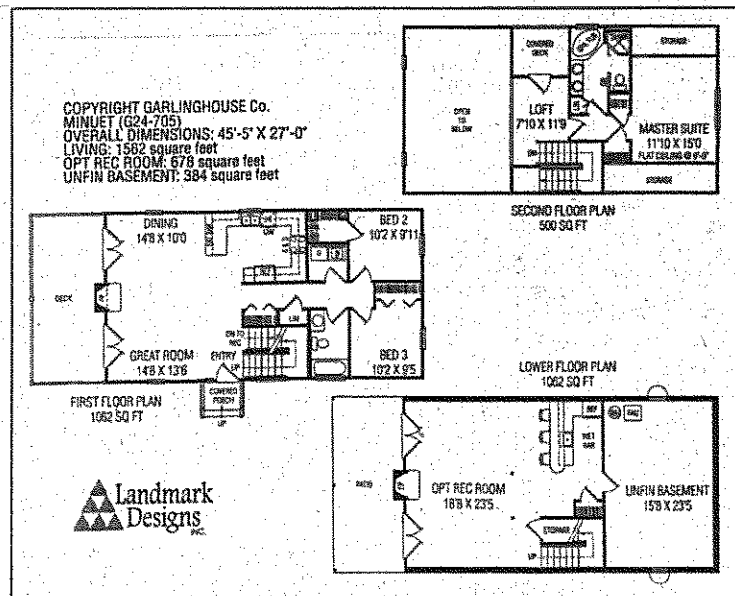
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spaces, while creating a natural sound barrier from other rooms in the home.

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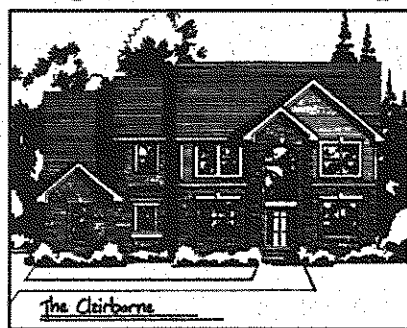
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Here's how to reduce energy expenses in your home - Part I

The hot, humid weather we had this summer typically compels us to keep our air conditioners running nonstop.

If you're like me, it isn't until you get your first big summer electric bill that you seriously consider ways to save money and stay cool.

As a builder, I've discovered some relatively easy ways to help my customers cut the costs of energy bills.

First, it's important for customers to understand where their energy dollars are going. In the U.S., the typical house-



Stephen Taglione

hold spends \$1,000 to \$1,500 each year on utility bills. Heating and cooling costs account for up to one-half of that expense, followed closely by the cost of using appliances and lighting, which consume one-third of that amount. The cost of heating water consumes an addi-

tional one-eighth of that amount.

With that in mind, we can focus on the two primary ways to reduce home energy usage.

The first is to purchase and use energy efficient products such as high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment and energy-efficient appliances.

The second way is to conserve as much energy as possible by adopting habits that decrease the amount of energy used to operate homes.

Conservation and efficiency

improve that I recommend include the following:

■ Set your thermostat at a higher temperature in the summer and a lower temperature in the winter.

Even better, install a programmable thermostat. You can then match the heating and cooling of your home to your family's schedule.

Programmable thermostats cost about \$40-\$100, but can save 10-15 percent on your costs without compromising comfort.

■ Check and change air fil-

ters regularly. Dirty filters can reduce the efficiency of your air conditioning, heating and ventilation systems.

■ Examine the ratings on any new air conditioning equipment you purchase.

Homes I build include central air conditioning units with at least a Seasonal Energy Efficient Ratio (SEER) rating of 12. For room air conditioners, look for units that have a high Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER).

For both types of air conditioners, the higher the SEER or

EER rating, the more energy efficient the unit.

■ Consider alternative to cooling your home. Fans and dehumidifiers use less energy than air conditioners.

I will discuss other ways to curtail energy expenses in an upcoming column.

Stephen J. Taglione is the immediate past president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. He's also a master builder with nearly 15 years experience in the industry and president of Westminster Abbey Homes LLC in Bingham Farms.

Home follows new healthy indoor air guidelines

(AP) - Chuck Knight was turned on to the "healthy design" concept when he worked on the new corporate headquarters for the American Lung Association of Minnesota.

The project inspired Knight, an architect, to build his family's home under new health-oriented guidelines developed by that organization.

The Woodbury home, featured in the Parade of Homes Fall Showcase in the Twin Cities, is billed as the first home in the nation to follow the American Lung Association's newly revised builder guidelines.

The guidelines, which focus on indoor air quality, durability and energy efficiency, are an updated version of building practices introduced by the American Lung Association's Health House program in 1993.

The practices cover everything from the foundation, framing and flooring to heating and air conditioning, insulation and the roof.

"I learned a lot from what Health House was doing - what's behind the walls, filters, where mold potential could be - that I was never aware of," Knight said.

He was especially motivated to build a "healthy home" because one of his four children

suffers from mild asthma.

According to Knight, indoor air quality can be improved by implementing some relatively simple construction and maintenance practices.

The Woodbury house, for example, uses granular fill under the slab to prevent moisture and mold growth in the home and features large overhangs over the windows and walls to direct rainwater away from the house.

It also has soft foam Icynene insulation in the walls, floors and ceilings. The insulation controls noise and increases energy efficiency, while discouraging harmful allergens and mildew from getting into the home.

Additional features include a state-of-the-art ventilation system, radiant floor heating, a central vacuum system for easy cleaning in each room and tile instead of carpet on the main level.

Tile and wood floors are considered preferable to carpet because they harbor fewer pollutants and are easier to clean.

"When you spill - and you will have spills in the house - all of the moisture will evaporate in the radiant floor system," Knight said. "Just the little things make a world of difference."

Angie Lien, director of the American Lung Association's Health House program, said the program has built more than 120 homes in 35 states. It was developed in response to increased rates of asthma and allergies that coincided with the construction of tighter homes in the 1980s.

The organization estimates that 36 million Americans suffer from allergies or asthma, and many triggers for those maladies - including volatile organic compounds, dust and biological contaminants - can be found in the home.

"In the 1980s, we wanted to save on energy much as we do now," Lien said. "So the construction techniques began to change in tightening up our homes. We didn't bring in enough fresh air and exhaust out the stale air."

"With tightening up the homes, what we did is trap pollutants inside, which can be a health concern, especially if you have asthma and allergies," she said.

Steve Klossner, a Health House technical consultant, said moisture is one of the biggest culprits when it comes to mold growth and poor indoor air quality. In the past, homes were built more tightly without adequate regard to

preventing moisture intrusion, he noted.

"And that lent itself to developing biological contaminants, because we got water where we didn't want it," he said. "And it also lent itself to allowing water into our wall and ceiling assem-

blies, and it would start to grow mold."

The Woodbury house will be tested for at least a year to monitor how effective the new Healthy Home guidelines are.

"We need good data to show the difference between where

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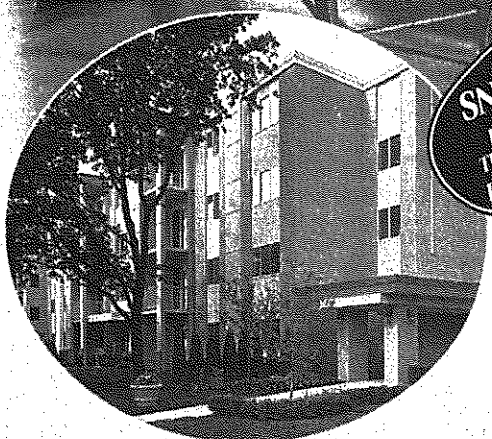
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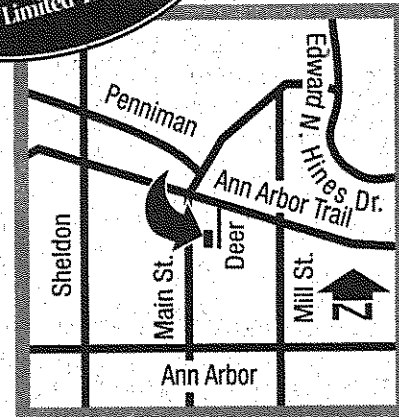
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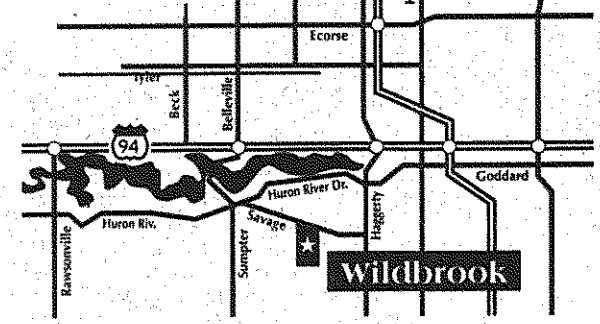
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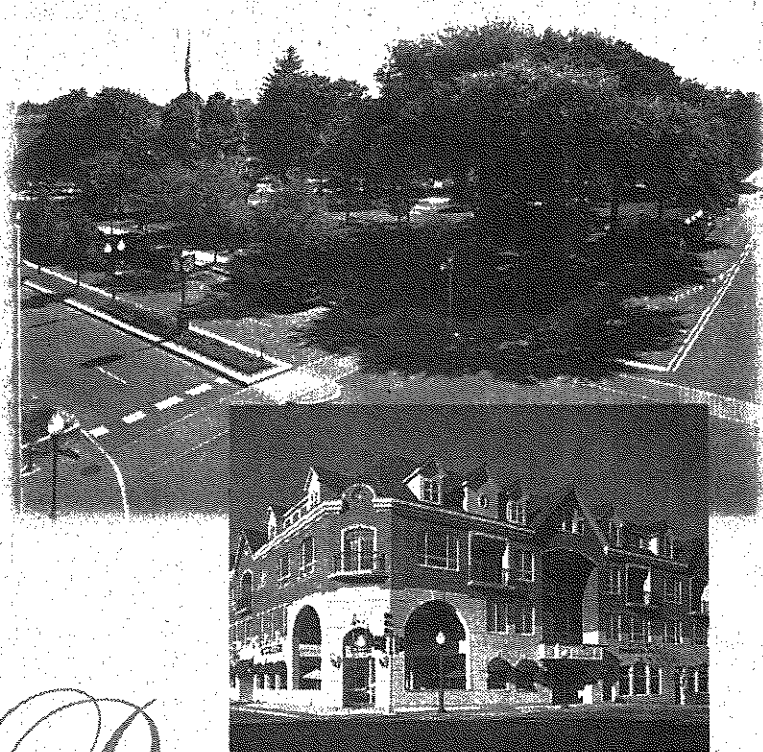
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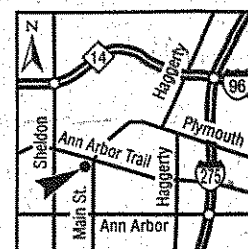
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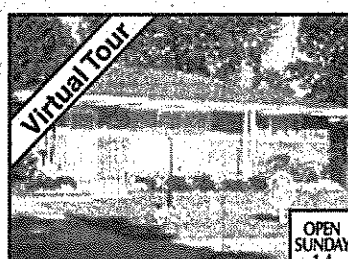
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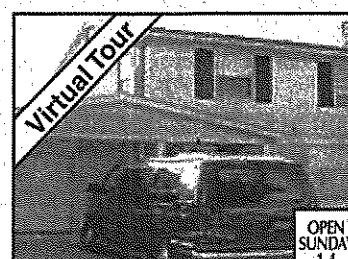
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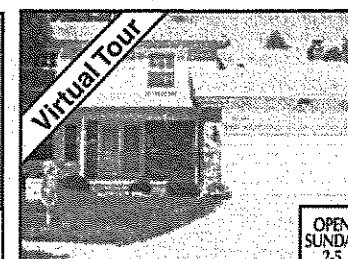
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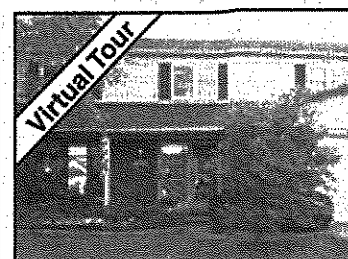
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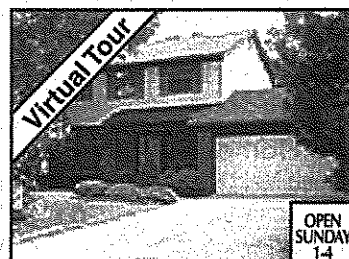
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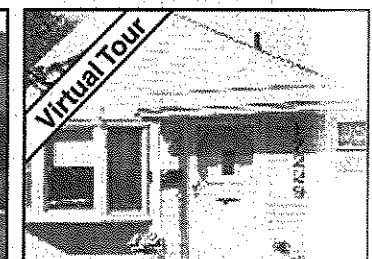
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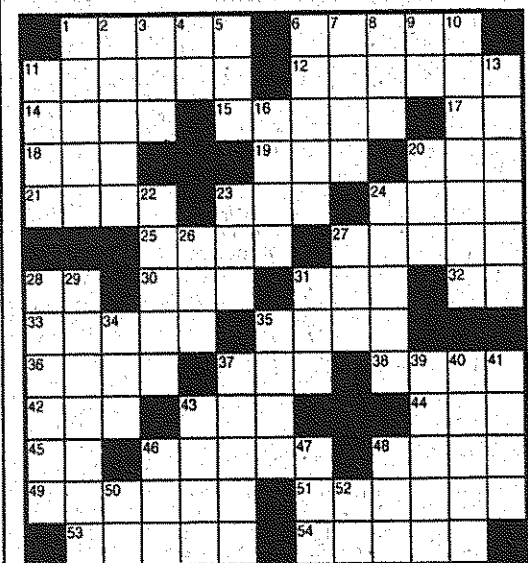
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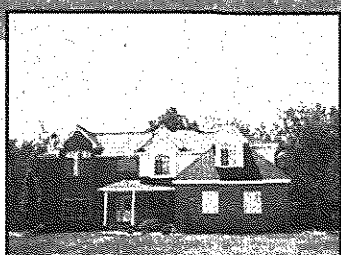
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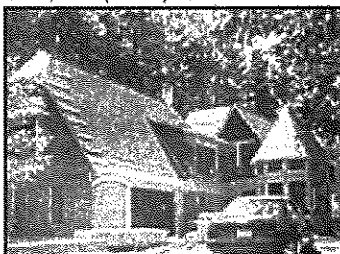
FARMINGTON HILLS – Desirable 5 BR ranch in cul-de-sac, privacy, backs to woods. Brick pavers, deck, landscaping, 3.5 BA, DR w/skylights, ceramic floor in kit & foyer, LL W/O as separate living quarters. Florida room, full room under garage w/workshop. \$419,900 (98APP) 248-642-8100



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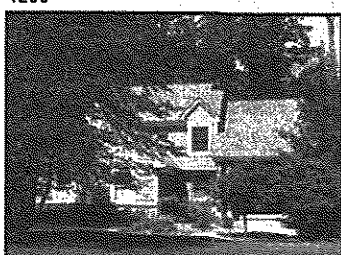
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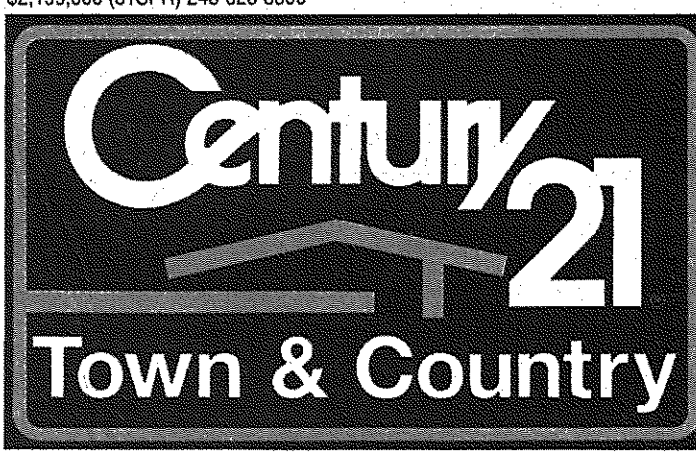
BEVERLY HILLS – Super sharp 4 BR, 2 BA ranch. LR w/plc, FR, DR, newer white mode kit, rec rm w/full bath and Jacuzzi. Hwd floors, fabulous private lot w/45x15 custom pool. Newer furnace, A/C and windows. A great house, great area! \$314,900 (10BEV) 248-642-8100



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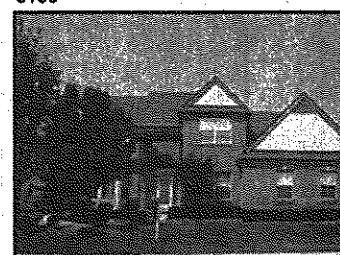


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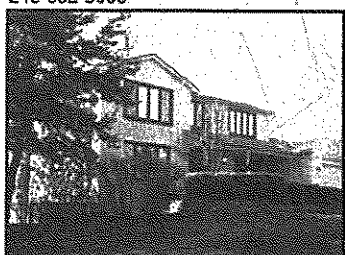
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS – Fabulous and the largest residence on approx. 8 acres. 12 BR's, 9 BA, 12 tpics, huge LR, FR, GR w/all imported flc. Newer kit, unbelievable MBR suite & 3rd floor ballroom for 100 guests. Pool, tennis cts, coach house and 4 car gar w/ap. \$7,999,900 (30SUR) 248-642-8100



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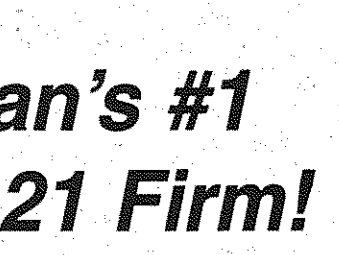
ROCHESTER HILLS – Brookwood Golf Club. Fresh paint and new carpet set a neutral tone in this updated Colonial on the 1st green. Features include: island kitchen w/Jennair, library, finished walkout basement. Community tennis, pool and clubhouse. \$349,900 (63BRO) 248-652-8000



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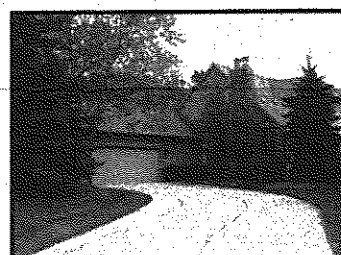
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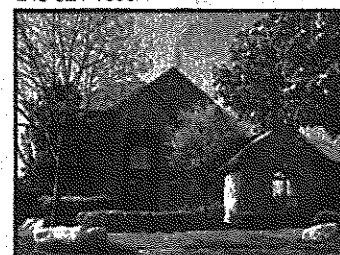
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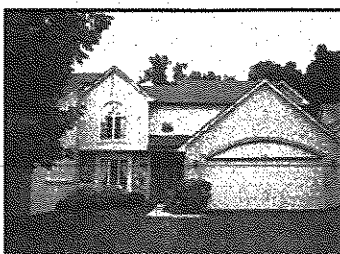
SHELBY TWP. – Great family neighborhood. Lovely 4 bedroom brick colonial w/2full baths plus 2 powder rooms on main floor. MBR bath w/whirlpool, library w/French doors, extensive use of crown moldings. Marble FP, island kitchen, brick paver patio, 3 car garage. \$369,900 (36PHE) 248-524-1600



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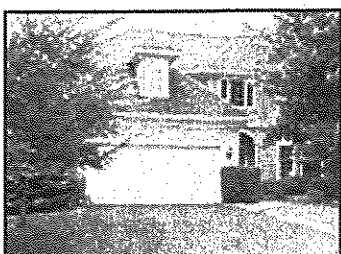
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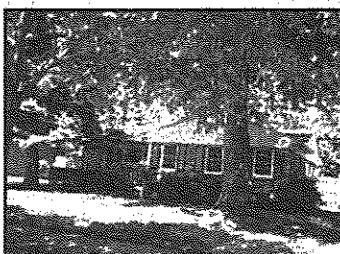
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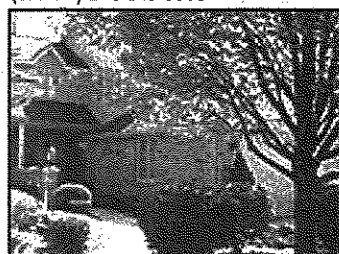
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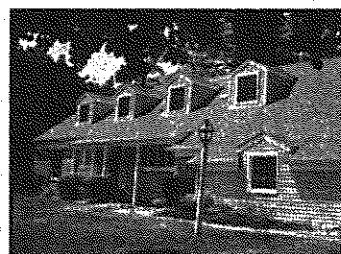
ABSOLUTE PERFECTION! – Very custom 4 bedroom French architecture. 4 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, extensive moldings and tray ceiling detail. Granite kitchen island, Jennaire appliances. Huge breakfast room, finished basement. Large treed park-like lot. \$479,900 (26ELI) 248-626-8800



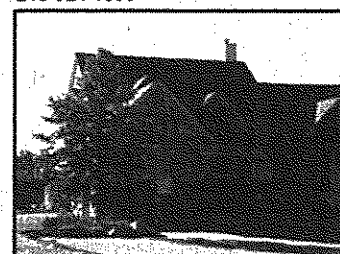
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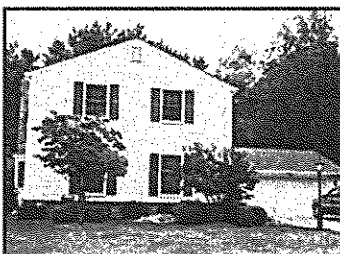
ADDISON TWP. – Golfer's dream house. Three bedroom, 2.5 Cape Cod on the fourth green of Copper Hills Golf Club w/membership included. Hardwood floors, library, three car side entry garage, first floor master bedroom. Tastefully decorated. Home warranty. \$394,500 (71HEM) 248-524-1600



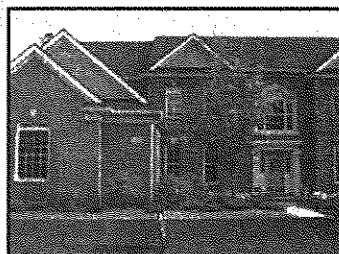
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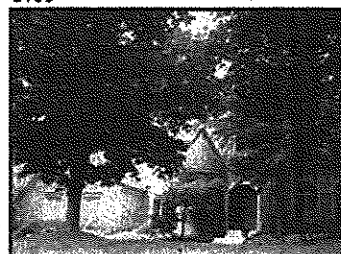
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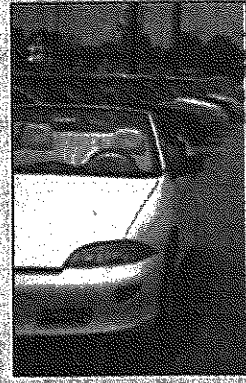


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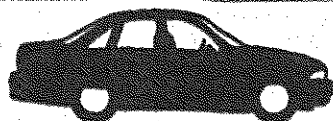
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2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac is as tough as they come

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By Anne Fracassa
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The last time I drove the Ford Explorer Sport Trac was in sunny California several years ago. Ford took us from the airport directly to a beautiful park in San Francisco where you could see the Golden Gate Bridge.

All of a sudden, up pulls a backhoe filled to the top with boulders. The backhoe operator dumps the entire load into the back of the Sport Trac. Then someone starts picking them out of the flatbed, revealing to us that the Sheet Molded Composite cargo box can take anything you can throw at it without harming the interior of the truck's bed.

I was impressed. Especially since everyone wants to put a bedliner or some other protector in their truck's bed.

By the way -- did you know that those new after-market spray-on coatings you can get from various vendors immediately voids your truck's paint warranty? That's because the truck bed's factor finish must be destroyed. GM actually considers the installation of a spray-on liner "excessive damage" that impacts the warranty coverage.

Get an Explorer Sport Trac and you won't have to worry about any of this stuff. The only thing I didn't like was the available lockable hard tonneau cover. It was hard to open and harder to put stuff in the rear bed.

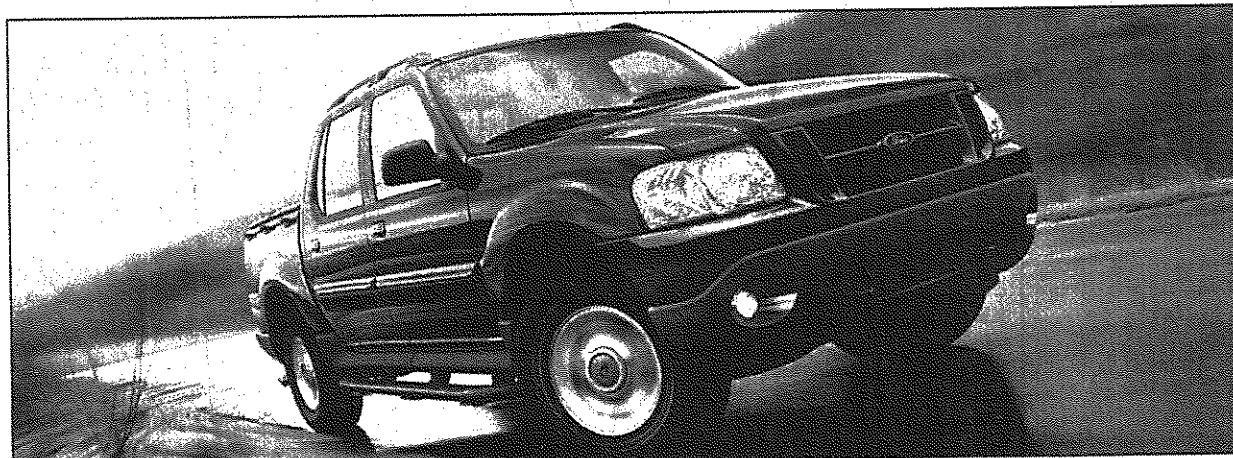
Back there, you'll find a 51-inch (or 29.6 cubic feet of cargo space) pickup box that you can outfit with a swing-over tubular bed extender that considerably extends the bed even farther. The tubular frame locks in place and is very lightweight. Even from outside the truck, it's easy to put in place.

OK. Enough about the pickup box. Let's get into some of the meat and potatoes of what makes the Explorer Sport Trac a very special truck. Inside, it's really not very different from the Explorer, which is still the best-selling SUV.

Interior appointments are very, very nice. Seating is comfortable. The Sport Trac I drove had leather



Anne Fracassa



2002 FORD EXPLORER SPORT TRAC: Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle. Power: 4.0 liter single overhead cam V6 engine. Mileage: 15 city/19 highway. Where built: Louisville. Price as tested: \$31,400.

seats that were very soft and comfy. There are two buckets up front and room for three with a rear 60/40 split bench seat. In the back seat are head restraints on the outboard seating positions.

The leather seats up front also feature manual lumbar adjustments and 4-way head restraints for both positions. You can also choose from cloth bucket seats that have a 6-way adjustable recline feature for the driver.

The interior is very nicely laid out for the driver. The only disturbing feature was the center stack that houses the heating/venting/cooling and AM/FM/CD/cassette stereo. You actually have to take your eyes fully off the road to operate the controls. I didn't like that at all. I guess after some time, you'll probably get used to it -- just like typing or something. But I didn't like the placement of both those components.

Everything else is smartly placed and geared totally to the driver's experience. Stalks are within fingertip reach and instrumentation is easy to understand.

The optional overhead console features map lights, a compass, outside temperature and a garage door storage bin. The center storage console is geared toward the rear passengers by allowing them rear heater/air conditioning controls, headphone jacks and audio controls.

The Sport Trac features four full-size doors that allow passengers in and out very effectively. The interior is very roomy. Large people can fit back there comfortably.

Powered by a 4.0 liter single overhead cam V6, the standard Sport Trac comes with a 5-speed manual transmission that outputs 210 horses. Opt for the 5-speed automatic overdrive transmission for ease of operation. You'll be able to tow a maximum of 5,300 pounds with Sport Trac.

Driving around town and traveling to the upper reaches of Michigan's lower peninsula was a joy. Handling was superb. Ride quality is really wonderful. Sport Trac also features shift-on-the-fly 4-wheel drive system that would be a joy to have off-roading or having fun in the snow. The 4-wheel drive system is available in both configurations of the Sport Trac, either with the 5-speed manual or 5-speed automatic.

Fuel capacity has been changed to add a little more than 2 more gallons this year, increasing it to 22.4 gallons. That gets you nearly to the top of the mitten from Detroit. Fuel economy ranges from 15 to 21 mpg, depending on transmission and whether you outfit it with 4-wheel-drive or not.

As for the looks of the Explorer Sport Trac, it's beautifully executed in every way. The Explorer series has always had handsome looks -- that's why it sells so well.

I would seriously take a look at Sport Trac as an alternative vehicle that's perfect for a family who needs the versatility of a pick-up truck.

Write Ann Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com. If you'd like to be contacted when her new book, AUTO TRIVIA, comes out, write us and we'll let you know.

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Fort Knox Gold CC Metallic medium parchment cloth, power side windows, dual power mirrors, air, AM/FM stereo radio w/CD player, 15" alloy wheels, power locks, 2.0L SPI engine, auto, P195/60R15 BSW tires. Stock #26181 WAS \$15,875

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A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	104 (2002)
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Toreador Red CC, graphite cloth capt chairs, P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires, air, cassette, full face steel wheels, privacy glass, 5-speed auto O/D trans, 3.55 ratio reg axle, step bar, prem cste/CD radio, cast alum. wheels. Stock #26820 WAS \$27,585

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\$19,452^{57*}

A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	90 (2002)
36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$279 ^{15**} mo.	\$236 ^{88**} mo.	EXPLORER AVAILABLE

0% 36 Mos.
2.9%-48 Mos.
3.9%-60 Mos.

2003
WINDSTAR
LX 4 DR

Light parchment gold, med parchment cloth, elec AM/FM stereo/disc/cass/clk, remote keyless entry, luggage rack, enhanced seating grp, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, aux climate control system, 3.8L 4-cyl EFI engine, 4 spd auto O/D trans, P215/70R-15 BSW. Stock #30110 WAS \$27,150

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SUPERCAB

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Arizona Beige CC, parchment 40/60 split bench, pref equip pkg, 5.0TA, XLT series, power chrome mirrors, air, 4.6L EFI V8 engine, elec 4-sp auto O/D, P255/70R-16 OWL all-season, overhead console, sliding rear window, cast alum wheels (4). Stock #25751 WAS \$20,680

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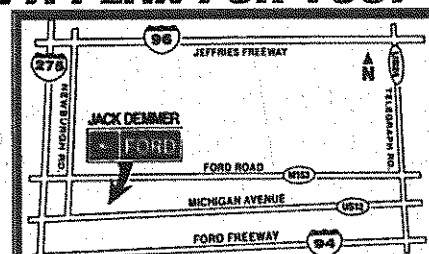
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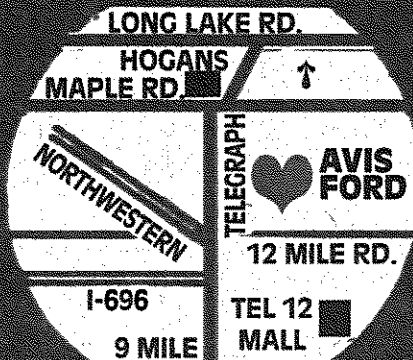
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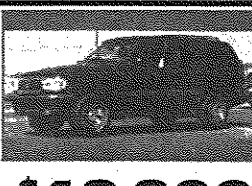
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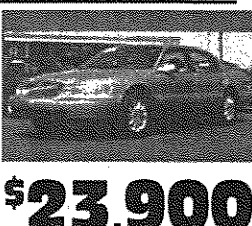
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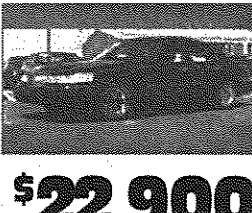
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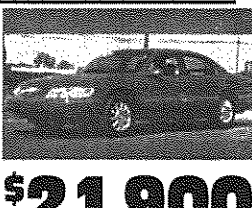
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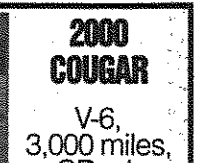
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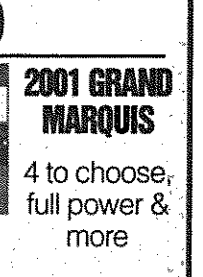
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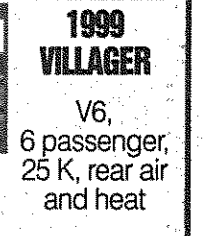
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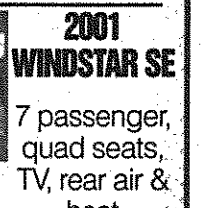
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