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Showroom of Elegance, a Canton jewelry store at 6108 Canton Center Road, wants to help the Canton Goodfellows as we head toward the holi-

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Nuclear reactor winds its way south

Plymouth, Canton included along train route to South Carolina

A retired nuclear reactor being shipped by rail to a disposal site in South Carolina passed through Northville, Plymouth and Canton

The reactor, shipped in a 25-footlong container that's 13 feet in diame-

ter, was the main power source of the Big Rock Point nuclear plant in Charlevoix for 35 years before it was shut down six years ago.

'The steel canister has the old reactor vessel stored inside and is filled with concrete," said Tim Petrosky, public affairs director for Big Rock Point, which is owned by Consumers Energy. "It's literally a giant concrete steel can-

Petrosky, who is traveling with the cargo, said the proper disposal site for any low-level radioactive waste from

Michigan is South Carolina. The train, which left Gaylord Tuesday, is expected to reach its destination by the end of the month. Petrosky said the train which consists of a locomotive, passenger car, two empty flat cars sandwiched around the container car, and a caboose - generally travels no more than 10 miles per hour. It does reach a

PLEASE SEE NUCLEAR, A6



A royal welcome

Nicole Genrich places the royal cape on the shoulders of 2003 Salem Homecoming Queen Marcia Williamson. She was crowned during halftime at the Salem vs Walled Lake Western football game Friday night. The event was fitting as it was also the Queen's birthday. Homecoming King is Brian Bradley, No. 10 on the football team.

Resident needs a marrow donor

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

The Lulko family of Canton needs help. Al Lulko, husband and father of three children, is in dire need of a bone marrow transplant to help with his battle against Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and most recently, leukemia.

To make matters tougher, Lulko, who was initially diagnosed in August, 2002, has a rare bone marrow type. So far, no appropriate bone marrow donor has been found. Meanwhile,

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Land buy talks put on hold

The Plymouth-Canton school board decided to hold off on a decision to purchase property for a new middle school in Canton Township.

The board met in executive session after Tuesday night's regular meeting to hear information from Superintendent Jim Ryan on the property, which is located west of Canton Center and north of Cherry

"The board came out of executive session and voted 7-0 to table the discussion," said Ryan. "They want to show respect to the bond steering committee, so they tabled the recommendation until they hear the report

from the committee on Nov. 18. "The timing of the property purchase becoming available is unfortunate," he said. "As superintendent, I never had any intention of insulting their work. I think it was a wise deci-

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Supers say learning is priority, money a problem

To all appearances it could have been a picture from the Yalta Conference of 1945. There they were, leaders of the big three school districts serving the Canton community, all seated at the same table, side by side, in a banquet room at Summit on the Park.

It was a summit of sorts, but the purpose wasn't to divide up conquered nations - it was to update members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce on developments in the school districts.

Superintendents Jim Ryan of Plymouth-Canton, Peter Lazaroff of Van Buren and Assistant Superintendent Charlotte Sherman of Wayne-Westland all agreed on two things - a quality learning environment is a priority and funding is a

"We're very proud of our physical facilities," Sherman said of the Wayne-Westland district which serves a small portion of Canton.

"In 1998 voters passed a \$108 million bond. We've renovated every building, every classroom, the athletic

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How do you spell h-i-a-t-u-s? Credit union team wins on it

JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Tracey Jakubowski, Ami Solanacea and Sue Bellaire were definitely not taking a h-i-a-t-u-s at the annual Community Literacy Council's annual Spelling Bee.

On the contrary, that just happened to be the last word the Community Federal Credit Union team spelled correctly to put it over the top and walk away as winner of the bee that drew 14 teams Wednesday night to the Yazaki Learning Center.

"We've been trying to win this for four years! We're excited!" Bellaire said. Her colleague, Jakibowski, added:

PLEASE SEE SPELLING BEE, A4



Leading the cheers for the Init2winit, the Canton Chamber of Commerce spelling bee team, is Dianne Cojei, executive director, (left), Thomas Paden, staff member (right), and board members Denise Staffeld and Bob Boyer. The cheer squad won the Spelling Bee's new Cheer Award.

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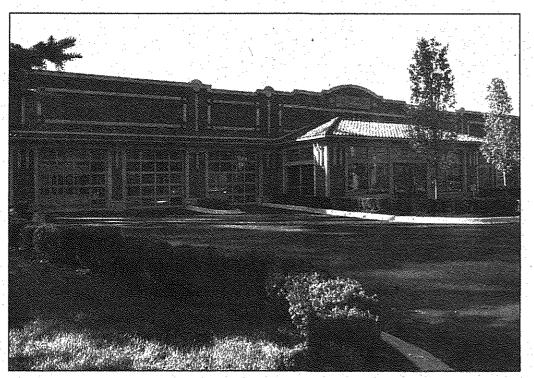
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Biggs Auto Renovation in Westland has 1920s style motif in the front of the shop and state-of-the-art technology in the back.

New auto shop reflects commitment to quality

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

It's no coincidence that Westland auto repairman Bob Biggs' new business has been meticulously designed with a 1920s motif.

Biggs and wife Jane, his business partner, wanted the building to reflect the painstaking attention to detail that goes into car repair work at Biggs Auto Renovation Ltd., on Warren west of Hix.

Amid antique-style woodwork, old-fashioned light fixtures, a baby grand piano and classic cars, the couple achieved a five-year dream Friday and Saturday by opening their doors for public tours by friends, city leaders and curious people who just wanted a peek inside.

"It's a gorgeous facility, topnotch," Westland Building Director Sue Dodson said.

"They have gone above and beyond. It really is an asset to the city of Westland. It's actually a showcase."

This week, as the Biggs family continued to move their operations from their old building across the street, some admirers remarked that the new building looked more like a classy restaurant than an auto repair shop.

Perhaps it should. Marking a \$1.7 million investment, Biggs Auto Renovation Ltd. took shape only after the Biggs family visited the Detroit Public Library and did extensive research on automotive history, foraging through photographs of old gas stations

and car dealerships. "We wanted everything to be very detailed," Bob Biggs said. "We're a quality-oriented shop. That's our claim to fame. We have our 1920s-style motif in the front of the shop and

state-of-the-art technology in the back."

A 1972 graduate of John Glenn High School, Biggs, 49, has been in business since 1983. He has been in Westland since 1989, and son Robert Biggs Jr., 25, also is involved in the family shop.

"Our main focus is latemodel collision repair, along with collision repair on classic automobiles," the elder Biggs

He has worked on cars as old as Model Ts, and he just finished repairs on a 1956 Cadillac.

Biggs also has an old-fashioned approach to customer service.

"The customer is my customer — not the insurance companies," he said. "The customer is the one I'm working

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McClain gets school board seat

STAFF WRITER

The varsity boys basketball team at Wayne Memorial High School is in need of an assistant coach, following the appointment of Terrance McClain to the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

The school board voted 4-1, with Trustee Ed Turner dissenting, to give the seat vacated by Richard Eisiminger to the Wayne resident. Trustee Martha Pitsenbarger was excused due to a family illness.

"I feel fantastic, but believe or not, I was nervous," McClain said. "I love kids and now that my children are grown, I have the opportunity to have an effect on a broader scale. It's an opportunity to stay involved on a different level."

This was the second time McClain had applied to serve on the board. He was disappointed in May, when the school board selected Teresa Robbins to replace the late Mathew McCusker, but credits his wife Mary with helping to put it in perspective.

"When it came open again, I decided to take a shot at it," McClain said. "I'll have to inform coach (Wayne) Woodard that he'll have to find another assistant coach."

"I'm so happy about this," Mary added. "He's devoted his life to children. I don't think there's been a day when we haven't had a houseful of kids. I think he'll do a great job."

McClain is the minister/evangelist at Annapolis Park Church

of Christ in Westland. He also has been an assistant basketball coach at Wayne High for four years and this year had enough college credits to work as a substitute teacher in the district. He is giving up those latter two positions because of his appointment to the board.

The board spent more than an hour of a special meeting, intervieiwing the five candidates -McClain, Chad Campbell, Lori Mireles-Smith, Michael Laurain and Victoria Porter-Smith during its special meeting Monday.

Members asked such questions as why the candidates wanted to serve on the board, what their agenda would be as a board member and what areas the district is doing well in and what areas are in need of improvement.

In answering the questions, McClain told the board he is impressed with the diversity of curriculum available for preschoolers to senior citizens, the fact that all schools are accredited by the North Central Association and that all schools, in addition to the district, have a mission statement.

He also told the board he would like to see what can be done with diversity in the dis-

"In this district, 23 percent of the students are minority, but the general perception in the community is much less," he said. "I'd like to see that perception about the schools and staff be heightened."

Describing himself as a perpetual student, he said he would take classes and pursue board certification through the Michigan Association of School Boards and that he has no political aspirations beyond serving on the school board.

Board Vice President Cindy Schofield nominated McClain for the position. Also nominated were Mireles-Smith by Treasurer Teresa Robbins and Campbell by Trustee Ed Turner. Those three nominations received support. Board President Skip Monit, though, saw his nomination of Laurain fail for lack of support.

At the end of the meeting Schofield praised the five candidates, saying that they "all talked well and passionately about the district."

"As part of my duties as a school board member, I need to talk to the people in the community. The people knew you and had glowing comments about you," she said. "I truly believe there is a place for all of us to work in the district and in our schools."

Eisiminger had resigned, effective Sept. 15, because he was moving to a new home he had built in neighboring Canton Township. McClain will serve the remainder of his term, which expires June 30, 2004.

McClain has indicated that he will run for a full term in the June school election.

"In May, I received a letter from a gentleman that said if I run in 2004 to contact him," McClain said, following the meeting. "I found that very uplifting."

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ROCKETTES CLINIC

The Salem Rockettes will once again be hosting their annual kids clinic. Both a dance and pom clinic will be offered, open to any student in grades K-5.

The pom clinic will consist of a pom routine, cheers, and ways to increase flexibility. The dance clinic will focus on a dance routine, turns, leaps, jumps and flexibility tricks. Each participant will receive a "Rockette" tee shirt, pair of poms, and will be invited to perform in the Rockette Variety Show on April 30 and May 1.

The pom clinic takes place from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 1, with the dance clinic set for 9 a.m.noon Saturday, Dec. 13. Participants should arrive for check-in at 8:45 a.m.

The cost is \$40 for the first clinic enrolled in, with a \$10 additional cost to anyone wishing to enroll in both clinics. One T-shirt will be given to each participant at the first clinic they attend. Register by mail to Salem Rockettes, Salem High

School, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187. For more information, e-mail

rockettecoach@cs.com or call Aileen Balatico, (734)

REZONING PLAN

Canton's Planning Commission will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20 in the Chestnut Room at Summit on the Park. Agenda items include: **Public Hearings**

Ibrahim Rezoning - a request to rezone 3.47 acres from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential. Property is located south of Saltz between Beck and Canton Center Road.

Hayes Day Care - a request for special land use approval for a day care for one acre located east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Saltz Road.

Canton Cinema 7 - a request for Special Land Use for a motion picture theater for 5.6 acres located south of Ford west of Morton Taylor Road.

Old Business-Site Plans

A.D. Transport Express Maintenance Building Modifications - a request for exterior modifications to site plan for 5.68 acres located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Canton Center Road.

Westchester Village Site Condos Landscape Revisions - a request for revised landscape plan for property located west of Ridge Road between Warren and Hanford Roads.





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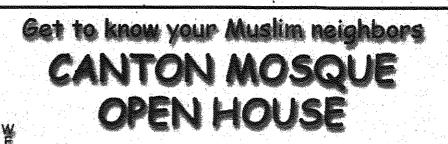
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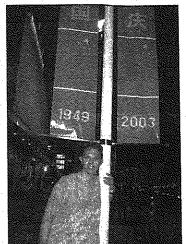
He was right, Shangai is a most modern, crowded city

BY BRIAN FRANZ

On Oct. 1, 2003, China celebrated the 54th anniversary of the formation of the Peoples Republic of China. During this time, much of the nation travels around China (the Chinese do not leave China as often as we leave America) and I used the week off to travel to southeast China. The foreign relations worker at the school where I teach told me, "Do not go to Shanghai. All you will see is people, I trusting in the vast experience seven full weeks in China had given me, assumed he was exaggerating.

He wasn't. Shanghai is perhaps the most modern city in China and is definitely the most crowded. It has the highest density of population in the world, and this is nearly doubled during National Week. In fact, I was beginning to believe that all of China had decided to visit Shanghai during the week off. Many people reading this article may believe that they have seen crowds in their lifetime. I tell you the truth. You have not seen crowds until you see over 30 million people stuffed into the relatively small living space of Shanghai.

Surprisingly to me, the holiday that celebrates the beginning of Communist rule in China is now celebrated pri-



Brian Franz traveled to Shanghai to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the formation of the Peoples Republic of China, also known as National Day. The banner under which he is standing is bright red and yellow.

marily by shopping. Nanjing Road in Shanghai is over 12 miles long and contains over 1,000 stores selling every kind of clothing from around the world. The sales were amazing during National Week, but the crowds made the shopping more of a chore than a pleas-

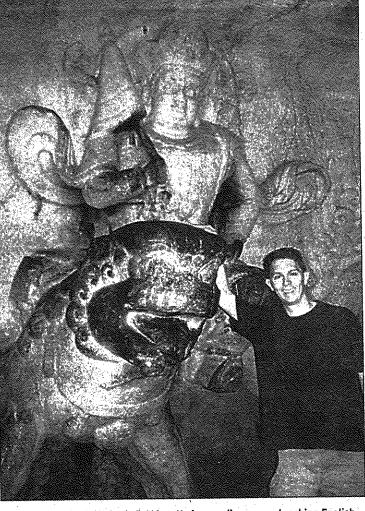
The Chinese do not always plan ahead for difficult situations and the stores in Shanghai were not ready for the crowd. The idea of organized lines that move forward

one person at a time is an idea that has not yet reached China. China also has no such things as checks or credit cards, so imagine millions of people waiting in crowds all trying to pay in cash for their stuff. There are almost no security systems in China, so people spend a lot of time showing their receipts to guards at the exits.

What truly is amazing about Shanghai and China itself is that none of the things I have described existed 15 years ago. Even Shanghai was a relatively abandoned shell of a city, forsaken by the Communist government after 1949. The city is now a sprawling metropolis on a level with Chicago or Toronto. Nearly all the skyscrapers that line the skyline have been constructed in an amazingly short period of time. There are now over 50 McDonalds in the city and the city has become the strongest economic force for all of China.

The Chinese amaze me with the speed at which they can change themselves.

Instead of allowing slow gradual construction of a new China, one that can compete on the world level, they choose to go very quickly and draw themselves from the mid-20th century and thrust themselves into the 21st century. What exists now is a country filled



Brian Franz poses in Shanghai, China. He is spending a year teaching English in China.

with sharp contrasts. In Shanghai, you can see both the most modern buildings in the world and some of the oldest monasteries and gardens in the world.

While it is exciting and amazing to see China grow, one cannot help but wonder if such rapid growth can be sus-

tained and handled for too long a period of time without some consequences to the people within.

Brian Franz is a Canton resident and Canton Public Library employee who is in China for one year teaching English. He is writing of his experience for The Observer.

OBITUARIES

Elsie Louise Beaune

Services for Elsie Beaune, 85. of Brighton (formerly of Livonia), were held Oct. 16 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Harry Cook officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in

Mrs. Beaune was born Feb. 4. 1918 in Detroit and died Oct. 14 in Southfield. She was a homemaker and also owned a beauty shop, "Pert 'N' Pretty," in Livonia. She came to the Livonia community in 1947 from Detroit. She moved to Florida in 1975. She was a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader in the 1940s and 1950s. She enjoyed traveling to Cedarville to go to the family cottage.

Survivors include children, Alfred (Karen) Beaune of Brighton, Gloria Beaune (and Char Genther) of Royal Oak, Darlene Culp of Wixom, Roger Beaune of Livonia, Raymond (Pat) Beaune of Walled Lake, and Delora Gawlik of Florida; 23 grandchildren; 31 greatgrandchildren; and one greatgreat-grandchild; brother, Arthur (Joan) Tarabusi of West Bloomfield; sister, Mary Jane Davy of New Jersey; and sisterin-law, Dorothy Tarabusi of Beverly Hills.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Albert Jack Henry

Services for Albert Henry, 82, of Canton Township, were held Oct. 18 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. Henry was born Sept. 10, 1921 in Gering, Neb. and died Oct. 15 at home. He worked as a carpenter in the construction

Survivors include wife, Beverly A.; son, Dennis (Deborah); daughter, Deborah (Gerald) Reynolds; grandchildren, Kristen, Jennifer, Kimberly, Steven, and Daniel; great-granddaughter, Katherine; two sisters; and one brother.

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■ The library has a new special multimedia collection "Talking about Sex with Your Kids" for help fielding questions such as "Where do bables come from?" Check it out online at www.cantonpl.org/specialc/seducate.html.

A ball of glass will bounce higher than a ball of rubber? Web Watch: Check out these new web sites:

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The team offered the first letter in hiatus and then took a couple of seconds to confer to ensure they were on the right road.

And by no means was "hiatus" the toughest of words they had spelled correctly that night.

The team, which was encouraged throughout the night by a rousing cheering squad of colleagues armed with kazoos, other noisemakers and ditties, was treated to a trophy in which the Community Federal Credit Union name would be engraved, as well as a large envelope of gift certificates for all to share.

Only two teams, Community Federal and Library Links (Friends of the Canton Library), made it into the third and final round. The rest lost either in the first or second rounds.

The evening's highlight, however, was a Salem High School student, Kavan Desai, whose teammates did not attend, leaving him to carry the evening alone. He made it

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Cheering on the Community Federal Credit Union Spell Binder team are Kathleen Hincheliff (from left), Diane Kenny and Helen Pianowski.

The evening's highlight, however, was a Salem High School student, Kavan Desai, whose teammates did not attend, leaving him to carry the evening alone.

though most of the second round, losing only because of a procedural rule.

Amazed with his perseverance and courage, Spelling Bee organizers have contacted Salem Principal Jerry Ostoin, who has been asked to put a letter of commendation in his academic file. He

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"We were so impressed with him," said Carol Saunders, chair of the Community Literacy Council and a Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member. "And he



The Plymouth Rotary's Sedulous Spellers, Elisabeth Galea, (from left), Don Morgan and Jennifer Vos spell a



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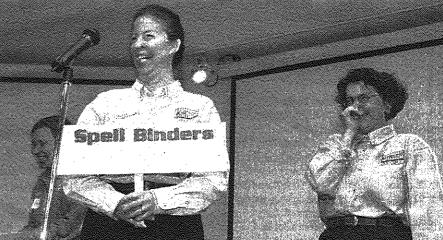
The Spell Check team, John Chapman (from left), Halle Burton and YaYa Tang, from Salem High School National Honor Society get ready to spell their word.

lost on a procedural rule."
Unlike past years, this
Spelling Bee introduced a
new award, one for showing
spirit. That award went to the
Canton Chamber of
Commerce for support of its
team, Init2winit. The cheering squad came prepared

with specially designed Tshirts, signs and, like the Community Federal supporters, cheers and hats for team members.

"Last year, the chamber had a few people who did some rah-rah cheering," Saunders said. The literacy council raises money from the event by charging teams an entrance fee and by accepting sponsorships. There was no admission for the public to attend.

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Move over CSI: Two teachers take on crime busting study

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teachers took part in a forensic science workshop this summer at a famed Connecticut criminal lab run by Dr. Henry Lee.

Canton resident Marcia Lizzio, a biology teacher at Salem, and Karen Ludema, a math teacher at Plymouth, were in Connecticut this past summer at the invitation of Pfizer, Inc. the giant pharmaceutical company with labs in Ann Arbor.

They took part in a twoweek workshop on criminal forensic science at the Connecticut Department of Public Safety Forensic Science Laboratory in Meriden.

Among the highlights were a meeting with Dr. Lee, the Taiwanese policeman who arrived in America nearly penniless and who ultimately became a world-renown forensics expert.

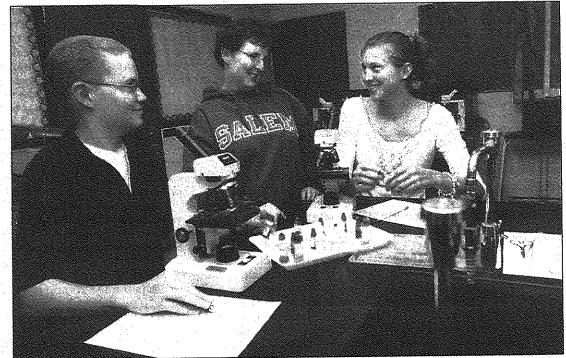
High school math and science teachers were encouraged by Pfizer to apply for the workshops.

Lizzio teaches three forensic science units in her biology classes, including DNA fingerprinting, ABO blood typing, and a real-life crime scene mystery.

"They don't usually let civilians in their crime lab," Lizzio said. "We had lectures about real cases, and labs in the afternoon. The fourth day each week we had a mock crime scene to work on."

Forensic science has moved to the forefront of the news because of such things as the O.J. Simpson case, the two CSI television shows, and the popularity of writers like Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs, a real-life forensic anthropologist who writes mysteries.

The mock crimes were a break-in and death one week,



Salem sophomore Kim Heaney (right) and Canton sophomore Greg Warnecke work with biology teacher Marcia Lizzio. Lizzio teaches some aspects of forensic science in her biology classes. Both students live in Canton.

and payroll theft at a gas station office the next.

The workshop included crime scene investigation, evidence collection and courtroom testimony.

At one point Ludema had to become an expert witness.

"I had to give courtroom testimony and the attorney really badgered me. She was tough, and she was doing her best to discredit me," Ludema said.

Ludema played a sketch artist for the prosecution. "I wasn't there to prove anything, just give facts."

The sessions also included lab processing of biological evidence such as DNA, body fluids and blood spatter patterns, as well as chemical/trace analysis of hairs, fibers, paint and glass and drug and toxicological screening. The fifth day of each of the two weeks involved job shadowing at Pfizer's Groton, Connecticut research and development lab.

A third workshop that covers such things as finger-printing and arson will be held next summer and both teachers expect to go. A second week would involve a visit to the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine, a training ground for forensic scientists.

The Institute was founded in 1999 in part using a grant from author Cornwell.

Lizzio would like to expand her three biology units into a full semester high school class. She has been discussing the idea with the district administration and hopes they might approve such a class for the 2005-2006 school year. Students taking such a course would probably have to take biology and chemistry first, so it would be limited to seniors, or to juniors who started their high school science sequence

"These (workshops) was

way beyond my expectations and we met incredibly nice people," Lizzio said. "I had experiences I never would have had, and I would like to do more of it."

Ludema called forensic science a "fascinating way for teenagers to learn. It is an amazing way to teach science and statistics," Ludema said. She teaches AP calculus and an algebra-geometry-statistics class.

She notes that forensic science often involves math, especially the statistics such as those validating DNA methodology and analysis.

"The message is that science is way cool," Ludema said.

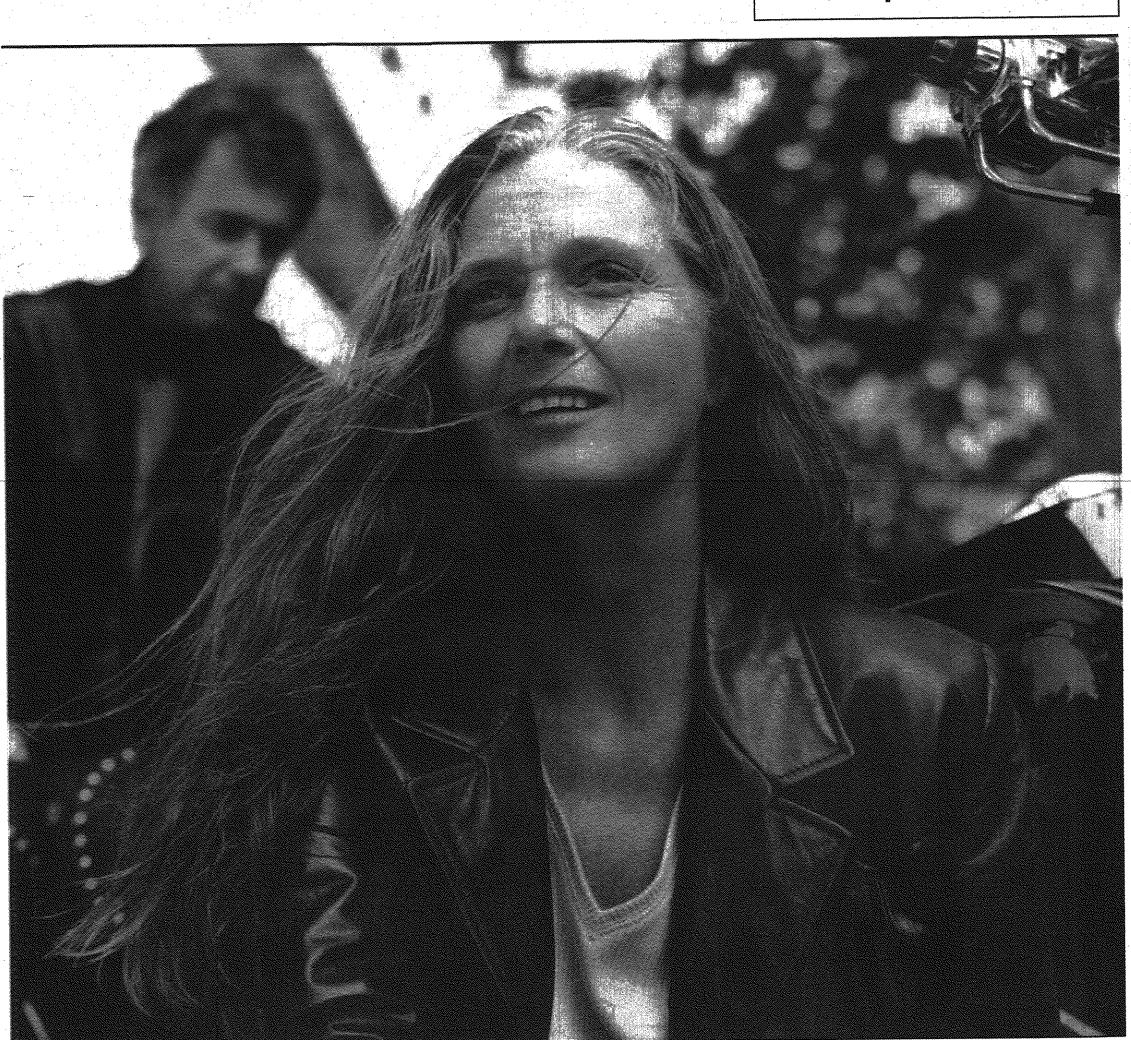
The sponsorship of the trip to the workshops for Lizzio and Ludema is part of an outreach by Pfizer to mentor high school teachers, to attract students to science careers, and to raise the level of scientific literacy for all students.



Marcia Lizzio of Canton (left) and Karen Ludema are veteran teachers at the Park. That's a mock crime scene behind them.



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"There are very strict federal Department of Transportation regulations on how you can ship radioactive low level waste," he said. "The general population should see no radiation doses at all from this shipment.

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Consumers Energy isn't legally obligated to inform local law enforcement agencies about the shipment, and Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said he inquired about the train and its cargo after hearing about it.

"We contacted them, and they told us it wasn't hazardous," said Sincock. "We always have a concern about the safety of the general public, but we were confident there weren't any immediate threats."

Sincock said there weren't any special precautions taken when the train passed through town, but there were emergency plans in place in case an accident were to hap-

Canton Township police aid they were unaware of the train and its shipment passing through town.

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sion by the board, and I don't believe it's going to affect their chance at considering the purchase in the future."

Ryan, and school board members, are not releasing the exact location and size of the property, nor are they divulging the purchase price being considered.

Next month, the steering committee is expected to give its recommendations to the school board on spending priorities for the district in the next 5-10 years. The results could help determine what the district will ask voters in a bond issue that's being considered for next year. Ryan has said he would like to see the proposal include new elementary and middle schools to be constructed in growing areas of southwest Canton.

Debra Madonna, who is part of the 23-

member steering committee, said it's "veryfrustrating" for the group to spend a year. developing a plan for future needs, when the district is considering moving ahead to build a new middle school.

"We've tried to take time to define the needs of the district, and then the board can make an informed decision," said Madonna. "It doesn't look like we're working together, and that what we're presenting doesn't have any value. It's not the best message."

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facilities and the playgrounds. Of that bond \$25 million was spent on technology. Our libraries are automated and every classroom has computers with Internet access."

She noted that the technological improvements enhanced both learning and

communication. "It's had a tremendous effect on the curriculum," she said. "All the things you can do with technology. And it's had a big effect on the com-

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munication with parents using e-mail."

Two challenges she noted were federal and state guidelines and the state's financial difficulties.

"We have federal and state guidelines for 'no child left behind," Sherman said. "That's a wonderful phrase, but in truth it's 1,100 pages of rules and regulations that we sometimes call 'unfunded mandates' that we have to follow and that's a challenge."

As for state funding she said her district, like the others, had a reduction in funding this year and is anticipating another cut next year.

"It's a challenge to continue the good things in our schools while the cost of living goes up and finances are frozen or reduced.

Citing Wayne-Westland's good relationship with Plymouth-Canton and other districts, she said the districts need to work together.

"Our goal is to unite and put some emphasis on the state that schools need to continue to do good things but they (the state) need to continue with funding in order to do them."

Lazaroff, who's in his first year as superintendent of Van Buren schools, echoed Sherman's concerns over dol-

"We are all facing the same issues in terms of funding," he said. "If we know a budget even six months ahead of time we can work to prepare that, but when we face potential budget cuts in the middle of the year it's very difficult to look at ways to trim back."

He said his district is in the process of looking at the structural needs of their buildings, working to enhance reading literacy and developing ways to weave the community into the school district.

Van Buren serves a small portion of Canton.

Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton, said he's anticipating an executive order cut in funding.

"Last year it was 3.8 percent and it cost Plymouth-Canton schools \$1 million," her

said. "There's no way around" this. There's a \$900 million deficit and schools are funded upon the sales tax. The sales tax is based on the economy. and the economy is not good," Citing increased enrollment

in the Plymouth-Canton district (350 new students this year), Ryan compared the growth to a good news, bad news situation.

"Fortunately or unfortunately the growth is helping us to look at another building program," he said.

"We get most of our money from the state and kids are money now. That's a very crass statement but every student is worth a foundation grant to each of our school districts."

Plymouth-Canton, with an enrollment of 17,600 students, is the seventh largest district in the state. Wayne-Westland has an enrollment of 14,150 and serves six communities. Van Buren's enrollment is 6,200 and serves Van Buren Township, the city of Belleville and a portion of Canton.

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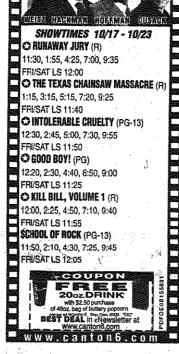
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physicians plan to try someone who is a close match. "Because he is so rare, time is running out," said Debbie Barber, family friend and neighbor. "We're just buying time right now."

Because of the medical costs and caps on insurance, the family is in need of help to pay mounting bills. The Canton Chiefettes, as well as the Canton Soccer League has had and is having fund-raisers.

Individual contributions will be accepted, as well, "Whatever anyone can do can be used across the board," Barber said. To help the family a trust account has been opened in his name. Donations may be given in care of an organization called My Friends Care, which provides support and fundraising help.

Donations may be mailed to My Friends Care, P.O. Box 87652, Canton, MI 48187. All

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donations are tax deductible.

"My Friends Care has been great," Barber said. "They can't make donations, but they give support and his bills go to them and they pay them (with donations). They have been guiding us in how do it proper-

Friends and family have considered having a search for bone marrow donors among American-Polish residents because the chance of finding a matching donor may be more successful. But, Barber said, that takes time to organize. and time is of the essence.

Lulko received chemotherapy treatment for five months for the Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. He responded well to the treatments. In January, 2003, cancer was no long detected and Lulko returned to work. In June, he was diagnosed with leumkema, an aggressive form which is destroying his bone marrow function.

While Lulko's insurance will cover the cost of a bone mar-

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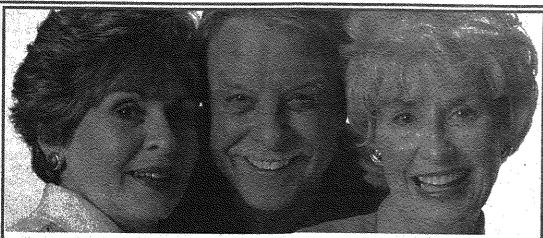
3 vs 3 Indoor Halloween Soccer Tournament, Sunday, Oct. 19 at High Velocity Sports in Victory Park on Michigan Avenue, between Canton Center and Denton Roads. The event is sponsored by High Velocity Sports and the Canton Soccer Club. For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

Haircut A Thon, noon-5, Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Hair Studio, 33487 Seven Mile,

Hayride, Saturday, Nov. 1 at Sugar Bush Farms.

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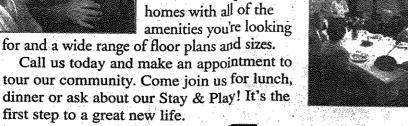


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Old-fashioned primary still Gov. Granholm charms best option for both parties

wew people are thinking much about next year's presidential election — yet. But the startling truth is that in less than five months, we'll almost certainly know who the nominees of both parties will be.

Michigan voters will get their chance to weigh in even sooner, Feb. 7. Except most of them won't. The scandal is that in this state both major parties - especially the Democrats have worked hard to limit the voters' ability to have a say.

This wasn't always so. Time-travel back to 1992, when there were hot races for both nomi-

> nations. Then-President camp.

Jack Lessenberry George Bush was being embarrassingly challenged from the right by Pat Buchanan, who chose Michigan to test his theory that white, blue-collar union workers were secretly in his

Bill Clinton was being dogged by Paul Tsongas, Jerry Brown and lingering doubts. But on St. Patrick's Day, Michigan voters effectively settled both races. Clinton won a solid majority. President Bush crushed

Buchanan by almost three to one. That's how the process is supposed to work. But it doesn't anymore. Democrats decided to abandon the open primary system after 1992 and replace it with a semi-secretive caucus system, in which only voters who were willing to swear they were Democrats could "vote." That is, vote for only candidates the party allowed.

They also had to find out where their caucus site was (almost never at their usual voting place), learn during what few hours voting was allowed, and go and wait through a tedious process. Few voters bothered, which is just what the party hacks wanted.

Republicans stayed truer to their principles, but they began to mutter after George W. Bush, the establishment's choice, was roundly defeated by U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona in the Michigan Republican Primary in 2000. Bush supporters alleged that without a primary of their own, Democrats crossed over to vote for McCain.

This year, neither party will hold a primary. Legislative Republicans chose to "temporarily" abolish it, on the grounds that this would save the state a little money and wasn't really needed this year, since they are not expected to have a contest and Democrats refuse to use the primary.

That makes some sense on paper ... though not in reality. The fact is that a vast number of voters want the freedom to oscillate between the parties. Gov. John Engler, a hard conservative. got 62 percent of the vote in 1998. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, a liberal, got 61 percent four years later.

Democrats argue that their rules don't allow them to participate in primaries in states like Michigan, which doesn't have voter registration by party. However, that is exactly what happens in Wisconsin, which asked for an exemption -

Both parties have also worried that if one side doesn't have a contested race, voters may come and make mischief in the other party's primary. But political scientists have found essentially no evidence this happens. Surveys showed that while some McCain voters thought of themselves as Democrats and independents, they voted for the Arizona senator because they liked him.

Indeed, in Michigan, Republicans might have been much better off with John McCain as the candidate. President Bush lost the state by 217,000 votes.

This year the Democrats will once again have a caucus system. Stung by criticism in the past, they say they've tried to make it more inclusive. Anyone willing to swear that they are a Democrat can vote between 10 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

If you can't make it there, you can request a mail ballot from the state party. Matter of fact, you can get one in Spanish if you want, or Arabic. That is, if you can figure out how to get one. Finding out where to vote isn't that easy, either, though you may be able to figure it out if you get on the Internet and go to www.midemocrats.com.

That's how you get an absentee ballot, too. Poor and/or don't have access to the Internet or knowledge of how to use it? Well, you can send the Michigan Democratic Party in Lansing a letter, or a fax, or an e-mail if you can borrow a friend's log-on.

Or, you can vote via the Internet. That worries all of the Democratic presidential candidates except Howard Dean and Wesley Clark. The gang of seven has sent the national party a letter opposing Internet voting in Michigan's Democratic caucuses.

Some say they are more worried because the "Internet community" essentially created Dean's candidacy and is believed to be potentially friendly to Clark's. And that may be so. Nevertheless, this summer a virus seized this columnist's computer, and sent out hundreds of treacherous e-mails under my name. Why couldn't a Lyndon LaRouche virus, say, be designed to hijack a party's primary?

I doubt that we are ready for Internet voting. However, there is another system available. It is a bit old-fashioned, but it worked tolerably well for Bill Clinton, and John and Robert Kennedy, and for other candidates for many, many years. They call it a primary election. For democracy's sake, they might once again give it a try.

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the Grumpies in Lansing

was privileged to document the Grumpies' recent journey to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office, in the visit otherwise known as "The Grumpies Hit Lansing."

I hope you remember the Grumpies - the group of generally conservative, mostly older and mainly male folks - who are regular writers of letters to the editor to the Observer & Eccentric and other newspapers.

Once a month they get together to discuss hot topics and, often, host a speaker. Among

them is Paul Seibold. a Birmingham resident, whose wife, Pat, accompanied him to Lansing.

Over the years they have convened in Southfield and Bloomfield Township. Now they meet "high atop the third floor of the Livonia Public Library," according to Ray Dubin of Farmington

Hills, who organized the trip. Last name Back when she was attorney general, Granholm was

one of those speakers. And that's when this unlikely love affair between a centrist Democrat and the Grumpies began.

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She charmed them then, as she charmed them this day, because even political conservatives recognize a caring, charismatic, compelling politician when they meet one.

And Granholm responded, answering their e-mails and attending the funerals of three who have died.

"She's the boss," murmured Zelda Rose of Farmington Hills, as Granholm greeted each one warmly, escorting them into her spacious office overlooking the Capitol. Rose's late husband, Milton, was a Grumpy regular.

After a group photo, it was off to her conference room where Granholm pointed out, "There are cookies on the table and the coffee's over here.

Granholm had just been vilified at the Republican State Convention. She was in the midst of the tangles of the charter school bill. She was looking at the dire projections for next year's state budget deficit. The latest abortion bill, which she has since vetoed, was

It's a good time to be governor," she countered. "It's a challenge. They need me. I need them," she said, of the Republicans. Those who attack her personally, she says, "put politics" before public policy.

The Grumpies, including Livonia resident Neil Goodbred, the group's most prolific letter writer, had their usual challenging questions. To one on homeland security, Granholm

said the recent power outage tested the state's emergency preparations and they proved

"nimble and responsive. You can never predict what form terrorism will take, but we feel very good" about what we have in place.

"Peace happens through partnerships," she responded to questions on possible outcomes of the recent Arab-American conference she keynoted in Detroit. "I was approached about a trade mission," she acknowledged. But, "I'm so impatient. Someone has to show me that it will translate into immediate jobs. I've only got 7 1/2 years."

We have a highly educated, highly skilled workforce," Granholm answered to a query about the difficulties a union stronghold like Michigan has in luring manufacturing jobs. Partnerships, tax incentives, cooperation from local communities and lower health care costs are key. "We are the third fattest state and we have high rates of smoking," she worried. (Maybe she should serve fruit instead of cookies for visiting groups.)

"You did ally yourself with other attorney generals over Microsoft," Goodbred pointed out. Granholm displayed her considerable political skills. "I am an avid reader of your letters," she said, disarmingly. Then, "If you're a

good conservative, you like competition." Afterward, I heard Goodbred say: "She's not nearly as far to the left as I thought."

And Barry Wolk, a Farmington Hills resident whose wife Glynette is a Grumpy, said admiringly: "That woman has fire in her eyes."

Dubin's 15-year-old daughter, Carrie, a Walled Lake Western sophomore, made the trip with us. She was impressed that Granholm read letters to the editor. "I was 9 years old when my first letter was published...," Carrie e-mailed me. "The opportunity to meet and speak with Gov. Granholm has enhanced my appreciation for how important and influential published letters truly are."

For my part, I liked the easiness and obvious dedication of her staff. One of her security men told us that on occasion, "I carry her purse with pride." Her personal assistant confided that, "She never sneaks out early. We wish she would sometimes." And her appointments' secretary said that she and Granholm often joke with one another about not wanting each other's jobs. Granholm receives about 150 invitations a day that must be whittled down to two or three appearances per week.

Three days after visiting Lansing, I was in Los Angeles as California prepared to recall its governor and elect a film star. It made me even happier to live in Michigan and have Jennifer Granholm as my governor.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. Your comments are welcome by e-mailing iberne@att.net.





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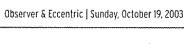
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Rushing attack carries Canton to a triumph

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Pass attack? Who needs it? Canton sure didn't Friday night, running right through Northville to a 40-6 victory over Northville at Northville.

The win kept the Chiefs unbeaten through eight weeks; they are 7-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northville is 2-6 overall, 1-6 in the

This time it was Travis McKinney who did much of the scoring damage, rumbling for four first-half touchdowns as Canton built a 33-0 lead by the intermission.

FOOTBALL But despite his scoring onslaught, this victory had all the Chiefs' imprint on it. Five players rushed for at least 48 yards as Canton riddled the Mustangs for 417

yards on the ground. Indeed, quarterback Shawn Little attempted just two passes. His one completion went to - who else? - McKinney, a screen pass that resulted in the senior running back breaking three tackles and

traveling 39 yards for a touchdown.

caught one pass for 39 yards and anoth-The game's first touchdown was scored in the first quarter by Devin Thomas on a 1-yard run. The TD was the result of a 13-play, 72-yard drive on

McKinney finished with 56 rushing

yards on 11 attempts with three TDs, and

Canton's first possession. Dutch Morrell kicked the extra point and the Chiefs were up 7-0. McKinney's 26-yard run for a touchdown late in the first quarter, and

Morrell's placement, increased the

Chiefs' lead to 14-0. That drive was for 68 yards in six plays.

McKinney scored three more times in the second quarter, the first on a 5-yard run to cap a 37-yard drive, set up by his own long punt return to the Mustangs' 37. The point-after try missed, leaving Canton ahead 20-0.

His 1-yard plunge and Morrell's kick made it a 27-0 game midway through the second quarter, and his TD catch (the two-point try failed) pushed that

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CC golfers 1st

Heading into Saturday's final round, Catholic Central's boys golf team had a seven-stroke lead over its nearest competitor at the Division I finals at the Meadows at Grand Valley State.

CC carded a 300 on the round, while Saline had 307 and Muskegon Mona Shores had 314. (Results of Saturday's round were not available at press time.)

Chris Eliason had a 72, which led CC and was good enough for a third-place tie overall, while Jimmy Burns had 75, Mike King had 76, Adam Hogue had 77 and Dave Denyer had 80 at the par-72 course. University of Detroit-Jesuit's Jake Repokis and Brandon Haveman led the way on Friday by shoot-

As for Salem's Pat Shaw, who qualified for the tournament as an individual, the trip was not a memorable one. Shaw did not make the cut after the first day, shooting a 97.

Coaches needed

The Plymouth HS athletic department is in need of coaches for the following sports.

For the winter sports season, assistant coaches in wrestling and gymnastics are needed. For the spring sports season, a freshmen girls soccer coach is wanted.

Those interested in applying for these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02; email him at Sawchut@pccs.k12.mi.us, FAX him at (734) 582-5650, or send resume to him at 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187.

CCJBSA elections

Elections for several board members of the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association are scheduled for the Dec. 17 meeting.

The offices open for election are president, secretary. vice president-upper baseball, vice president-fields, and vice president-equipment.

Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the elections meeting (Nov. 17). Send resumes to: CCJBSA Registrar, 6206 Runnymeade, Canton, MI, 48187. The elections committee consists of the registrar, VP-lower baseball and VP-softball.

Skating lessons

A winter basic skills class will be offered by the Plymouth Recreation Department, offering those who are interested the opportunity to learn to skate at every level, from beginners to advanced freestyle.

Each class is 25 minutes in length, with an additional 25 minutes of practice time, either before or after the lesson, depending on that day's schedule. All classes will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

General registration will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registrations will also be accepted at the Recreation office during business hours.

Cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents. There will be a \$5 deduction for each sibling also enrolled.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, ext. 304.



Spartans still best in WLAA

Livonia Stevenson repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association girls cross country champion, but the margin of victory was closer than expected Friday at Willow Metropark.

Thanks to junior Heather Sirko's first-place finish, along with two freshmen placing in the top 10, the Spartans scored 54 points and were able to fend off serious challenges from runner-up Northville and Livonia Churchill, each finishing with 65. Salem took fourth with 78, while Canton was a distant fifth with 166 in the 12school field. See statistical sum-

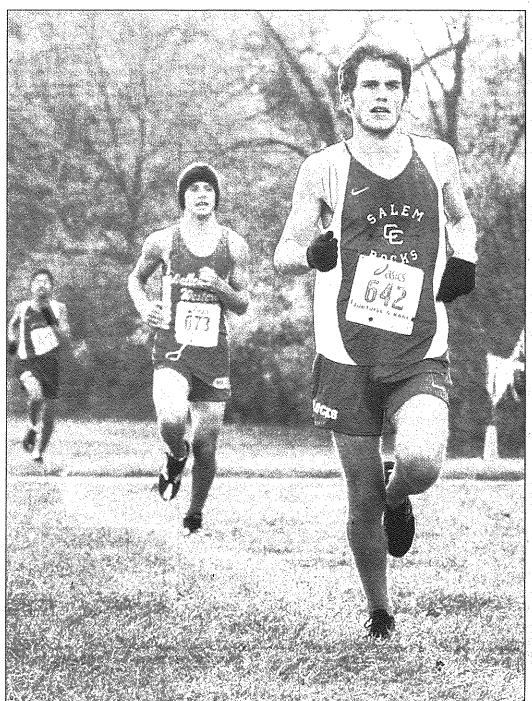
Sirko's time was 19:13.7 for the 5,000-meter race. She finished six seconds ahead of Churchill sophomore Kylen Cieslak to repeat as individual champion.

Stevenson's Kristen Frey, who missed three meets this season with a broken arm, added a sixth in 19:49, while fellow freshman Amber Cicala placed seventh in The Spartans' other two scorers

were seniors Kelly Gibbons and Sarah Kulczycki, who finished 17th and 23rd, respectively. "What our two freshmen did

today was not surprising," said Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg, who won his eighth WLAA title

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Adam Warner (right) led Salem to a WLAA championship by finishing fourth overall in a team-best time of 16:46.

Rocks a title

BY JOSE CARRILLO STAFF WRITER

One point was all that separated Salem from the rest of the field and the Rocks distinguished themselves as the Western Lakes Activities Association cross boys country champions Friday at Willow Metropark.

The Rocks tallied 54 points to skim past runner-up Walled Lake Western (55), which placed four runners in the top 11, including first-place finisher senior Neal Naughton, who covered the 5,000meter course in 15 minutes and 52

Rounding out the 12-school field was Northville (68), Livonia Churchill (86), Livonia Stevenson (128), Canton (130), Walled Lake Central (149), Westland John Glenn (248), Walled Lake Northern (255), Plymouth (293), Wayne Memorial (302) and Livonia Franklin (304).

"It's awesome," Salem coach 🤊 Geoff Baker said. "I think everyone improved their personal best times. All it takes is one person to pass or not pass, and it goes the other way.

"At the beginning (of the season) I though we'd be OK. September came and we got better and better,

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Warriors run to win over Rocks

Some offense, a bit of defense, but not enough of either to provide Salem with a win on Homecoming Friday as the Rocks lost their seventh-straight football game, 28-14 to Walled Lake Western.

Salem fell to 1-7 overall, 0-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Warriors, meanwhile, kept their state playoff hopes alive; they are 5-3 overall, 4-3 in the

The game was tied at 7-7 after one quarter, but Western's offense, which produced 265 yards rushing, simply wore down the Rocks.

The Warriors got on the board first on a 4-yard run by Greg Hay. Todd Monsette booted the first of his four extra points and Western was ahead 7-0 with 5:35 to play in the first period.

Salem tied it on a 7-yard run by Jeff Lake with :47 left in the first. Alex Enright kicked the extra point to make it 7-7.

The next three touchdowns, however, belonged to Western. Jason Tominna scored the first, racing 24 yards with 6:54 left in the half for the TD. With Monsette's placement, the Warriors were up 14-7 at the

Salem was still within striking distance, but the Rocks couldn't take advantage. With 5:55 to go in the third quarter, Hay plowed in from 2yards out for his second touchdown of the game, increasing the Warriors' lead to 21-7.

Mike Bagnasco then clinched it for Western with a 6-yard run with 3:54 remaining in the game. Again Monsette got the extra point to make it 28-7.

Salem did get on the board with 3:00 to play on a 38-yard Chris Drabicki-to-Brian Bradley pass. Enright's kick cut the deficit to 28-14.

But the Rocks could get no closer.



Jeff Lake, here eluding Western's Sean Reber, scored on a 7-yard run in the first quarter to pull Salem even at 7-all.

Tominna led the Warriors' ground attack, gaining 114 yards on 10 carries and one TD. Quarterback Peter Mooney completed 7-of-13 passes for 54 yards.

Western totaled 319 yards in offense.

Salem was led again on offense by Drabicki. The senior quarterback, who set school records for completions and yards gained in a loss to Wayne Memorial a week earlier, completed 12-of-25 passes for 175 yards, with one touchdown and one interception.

Drabicki also gained a team-high 71 yards rushing on 13 attempts.

CC 17, DeLaSalle 3: Redford Catholic Central wore down Warren DeLaSalle in a defensive battle on Friday night and wound up with a two-touchdown victory over the

The win allowed the Shamrocks to finish their Central Division slate at 4-0 and improve to 7-1 overall, heading into Saturday's Prep Bowl at Ford Field against Dearborn Divine Child, beginning at 7 p.m.

CC managed 266 yards rushing and 10 passing - with Dave Thomas' lone completion in six tries going to Darnell Tyson for a third-quarter touchdown. The Pilots had just 29 yards rushing - 24 by Sean Tempest and 117 passing, all by Mike Poley.

CC got on the board first with a 37-yard first-quarter field goal by Jason Gingell. That held up until Tyson's touchdown with 8:01 remaining in the quarter.

DeLaSalle (5-3, 1-3 Central) came back with a 42-yard field goal from Troy Doane to cut the lead to 10-3, but Derek Brooks iced the game with 3:44 left with a 70-yard touchdown run.

Salem, Canton get set for showdown

Nine more days.

That's when something will have to give. After Oct. 28, there will only be one unbeaten girls basketball team in Western Lakes Activities Association play.

That's when Salem and Canton will tangle. Granted, something could happen that would alter that scenario. Canton must play at Livonia Stevenson Tuesday, and Salem faces the Spartans at home Thursday. On Tuesday, the Rocks host Livonia Franklin.

But if everything follows the course that's been laid

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out thus far in the WLAA season, Canton and Salem will enter that Oct. 28 meeting unbeaten in conference

Certainly nothing happened in their league games last Thursday that would indicate otherwise. The Rocks, playing at Wayne Memorial, came close to pitching a shutout against the Zebras, allowing four first-half points and four in the second in rolling to a

Canton had a tougher road but held off Northville to post a 42-34 triumph.

"We really had a great first half," said Salem coach Fred Thomann of his team's performance against Wayne. "We took them out of any offensive rhythm they had.

"Our defense was very good and we shot really well." Ellen Canale led Salem with 13 points. Alyssa Guerin had 10, Theresa Coppiellie scored six and Kathy Hammerschmidt netted five.

The win gave the Rocks a 9-4 overall mark, 7-0 in the WLAA. Wayne is 3-10 overall.

Salem led 14-0 after one quarter and 31-4 by halftime. The score was 44-6 entering the final quarter.

Canton 42, Northville 34: It wasn't like Northville did anything differently, it was just that the Mustangs did it better.

Northville used a box-and-one defense to try and keep Canton's Katie Cezat from destroying them, as she had so many other teams with her strong inside game. And it worked: The Mustangs held Cezat to six points.

But other Chiefs helped pick up the scoring slack, PLEASE SEE SHOWDOWN, B4

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200 freestyle: Amy Mertens (S), 2:12.46. 200 individual medley: Heather Michalsen

50 freestyle: Kelsey Lincoln (S), 26.82. Diving: Aguinto (S), 183.06 points. 100 butterfly: Maggie Fisher (S), 1:12.62. 100 freestyle: Amanda Newman (S), 1:00.39. 500 freestyle: Emily Brockschmidt (S),

200 freestyle relay: Salem (Allison Roy, Michelle Jurcak, Clarke, Katy Truesdall),

SWIM RESULTS

100 backstroke: Mertens (S), 1:05,31. 100 breaststroke: Lincoln (S), 1:14.0. 400 freestyle relay: Salem (Gullikson, Newman, Michalsen, Danielle Powers), 4:00.17. Salem's dual-meet record: 7-1 overall.

CANTON 103 **WALLED LAKE WESTERN 79** Oct 16. at Canton

200-yard medley relay: Canton (Allison McDuff, Ali Lindow, Allison Goldsmith, Izabela Paszkowska), 2:04.62.

200 freestyle: 1. Lucy Lui (C), 2:08.82; . Susan Patrick (C), 2:09.71. 200 individual medley: 1. Molly Dowd (C), 2:40.00; 2. Kirsten Schmitt (C),

50 freestyle: Goldsmith (C), 26.06.

Diving: 1. Martin (WLW), 235.05 points; 2. Belron (WLW), 194.25. 100 butterfly: 1. Mitchell (WLW), 1:02.35;

Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:09.17. 100 freestyle: 1. Paszkowska (C), 1:01.10,

2. Laura Landis (C), 1:01.43. 500 freestyle: 1. Patrick (C), 5:56.88, 2. Colleen Shute (C), 6.22.51. 200 freestyle relay: Western (Crandall,

Vaclavch, Troto, Mitchell), 1:49.59. 100 backstroke: 1. Goldsmith (C), 1:07.96; 2. McDuff, 1:10.76. 100 breaststroke: Johnson (C), 1:19.86. 400 freestyle relay: Western (Crandall,

Kraft, Vaclavch, Troto), 4:13.02. Canton's meet record: 4-3 overall, 2-3

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 24 Salem vs. Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Lakeland at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Harper Wds. at Luth, Westland, 1 p.m. (Catholic League Prep Bowl)

Redford CC vs. Dbn. Divine Child at Detroit's Ford Field, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Oct. 21

Huron Valley at Zoe Christian, 6 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Luth, East at Luth, Westland, 6:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Oak, Christian, 7 p.m. Marian at Ladywood, 7 p.m. Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m. Franklin at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 Luth. Westiand at G.P. Liggett, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at New Haven, 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 Northville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24 Ladywood at Mercy, 7 p.m. Ply, Christian at S'field, Christian, 7:30 p.m. DISTRICT SOCCER PAIRINGS DIVISION I

SOUTH LYON HS (Host) Monday, Oct. 20: (A) Salem at (B) South Lyon. 7 p.m.; (C) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (D) Pinckney, 7 p.m.; (E) Canton at (F) Ann Arbor Huron, TBA. Wednesday, Oct. 22: Saline vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m. at South Lyon; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. at South Lyon.

Friday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals against Temperance Bedford winner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Southgate Anderson).

NOVI MEADOWS STADIUM (Host) Monday, Oct. 20: (A) Livonia Stevenson at (B) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; (C) Northville at (D) North Farmington, 7 p.m.; (E) Livonia Franklin at

Novi (F), 7 p.m. Central vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Championship final, 6:30 against Dearborn district winner.)

Tuesday, Oct. 21: (A) Garden City at (B) Dearborn Heights Fordson, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. A-

Saturday, Oct. 25: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals, 5 p.m. against Novi district winner.)

ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST (Host) Monday, Oct. 20: (A) Allen Park Cabrini vs. (B)

Christian vs. (D) Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 4

B winner, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23: Ann Arbor Greenhills vs. C-

D winner, 4 p.m.

Heights Bethesda Christian district winner.) GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Oct. 21

> Ladywood vs. Franklin at Livonia Community Rec, Ctr., 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Redford-Detroit Catholic

p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Southgate Anderson **DEARBORN (Host)**

Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.; (C) Wayne Memorial vs. (D) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.; (E) Dearborn vs. (F)

B winner, 5:30 p.m.: C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Southgate Anderson **DIVISION IV**

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21: (C) Taylor Baptist Park

Wednesday, Oct. 22: Lutheran Westland vs. A-

Saturday Oct. 25: Championship final, 3:30

p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 against Sterling

> Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Ladywood vs. Marian at Livonia Community Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Oct. 25 Division I Regional at Willow Metropark, 12:05 p.m. Div. IV Regional at A.A. Gabriel Richard, TBA. **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** Saturday, Oct. 25 Division I Regional at Willow Metropark, 11:30 a.m. Division II Regional at Royal Oak Kimball, TBA. Div. IV Regional at A.A. Gabriel Richard, TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 21 Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25 Madonna at St. Francis (III.) Big Guns Classic, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

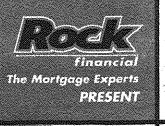
Tuesday, Oct. 21 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 3 p.m. Macomb at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 3 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER** Wednesday, Oct. 22 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, TBA.

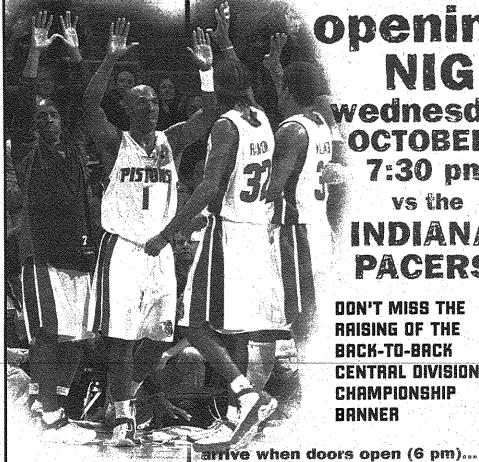
Friday, Oct. 24 Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (ind.) Club, 2

Madonna vs. Robert Morris (III.) at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 5 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Oct. 24 Whaters vs. Belleville Buils at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Whalers vs. Barrie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEETS Oct, 17 at Willow Metropark

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1, Salem, 54; 2, Walled Lake Western, 55; 3, Northville, 68; 4. Livonia Churchill, 86; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 128; 6. Canton, 130; 7. Walled Lake Central, 149; 8. Westland John Glenn, 248; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 255; 10. Plymouth, 293; 11. Wayne Memorial, 302; 12. Livonia

Individual winner: Neal Naughton (WLW), 15:52.0 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 4. Adam Warner, 16:46; 6. Dan Kapadia, 16:50; 13. Jimmy Walsh, 17:12; 14. Scott Fysh, 17:15; 17. Adam Kosteva, 17:20; 37; 37. Brian Barnes, 18:06; 39. Brian Kutnick, 18:10,

W.L. Western finishers: 1. Naughton, 15:52; 5. Todd Bowmar, 16:47; 7. Jeffrey Aspinall, 16:55; 11. Jesse Brodak, 17:10; 31. Chad Mahakian, 17:57; 55. Michael Hutchens, 19:07; 70. Fedor Dokshin, 20:21.

Northville finishers: 2, Tim Dalton, 16:36; 8, Jasen Turnbull, 17:01; 9. Robert Steiner, 17:03; 21. Colin Keiffer, 17:36; 28. Andrew Moore, 17:53; 43. Fred Oehmke, 18:18; 52. Josh Ematinger, 18:52.

Churchill finishers: 3, Connor Schultz, 16:40; 15. Timothy Howse, 17:16; 18. Marc Sanders, 17:27; 24. Michael Duffield, 17:49; 26. Stephan Maxe, 17:50; 42. Adam Lumley, 18:11; 48. Evan Champman, 18:38.

Stevenson finishers: 12. Matthew Hays, 17:11; 16. Collin Hall, 17:19; 27. Jim Marcicki, 17:51; 35. Thomas Gillespie, 18:01; 38. Jeffrey Holycross, 18:07; 41. Justin Black, 18:11, 45. John Muldowney, 18:34. Canton finishers: 19. Stephen Cheek, 17:28; 20.

Eric Zech, 17:49; 44. Raj Shah, 18:21; 47. Dave Galea, 18:37; 49. Charles Wolfe, 18:39 W.L. Central finishers: 10. Sean Maxwell, 17:05; 32. Scott Stevens, 17:57; 33. Jacob Hill, 17:58; 34.

Nathan Phillips, 17:35; 22. Scott George, 17:46; 25.

Kevin Whittaker, 17:58; 40. Brian McArthur, 18:11; 67. Matthew Bombard, 20:03.

John Glenn finishers: 23. Cordarro Harper, 17:48; 36. Brad Gray, 18:02; 61. Chad Barrett, 19:23; 63. Corey Snyder, 19:34; 65. Justin Miller, 19:40; 72. Josh Marshbanks, 20:45; 74. Mike Jacobs, 21:06.

W.L. Northern finishers: 29. Minkey Maves, 17:54; 50. Joshua Robinson, 18:49. 51. Bob Lewan, 18:49; 54. Ryan Jara, 18:59; 71. Dominic Ancona, 20:36; 75. Matt Maier, 21:23; 77. Andy Sanders, Plymouth finishers: 46. Chris Marsh, 18:35; 57.

Jeff Movsesian, 19:10; 60. Nathan Kostegian, 19:19; 64. Patrick Slavens, 19:35; 66. Christian Chagas, 20:00; 79. John Zaccone, 22:02; 80. David Maycock,

Wayne Memorial finishers: 30, Justin Schofield, 17:54; 53. Steve Mills, 18:57; 68. Jordan Janowitz, 20:08; 73. Josh Bauder, 20:58; 78, Sean Mills, 21:56; 82. Ryan Galvin, 22:44; 83. Christian Smith, 22:52.

Franklin finishers: 56. Andrew Kent, 19:08; 58. Joseph Mielke, 19:12; 59. Michael Miazgowicz, 19:14; 62. Jason Lobdell, 19:26; 69. David Brown, 20:16; 76. Brian Linn, 21:26; 81. Adam Lark, 22:29.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: I. Livonia Stevenson. 54 points; 2. Northville, 65 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Churchill, 65; 4. Salem, 78 5. Canton, 166; 6. Walled Lake Western, 171; 7. Livonia Franklin, 189; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 219; 9. Walled Lake Central, 245; 10. Westland John Glenn, 253; 11. Plymouth, 293; 12. Wayne Memorial, no learn score

Individual winner: Heather Sirko (LS), 19:13.7 (5.000 meters),

Stevenson finishers: 1. Sirko, 19:13; 6. Kristen Frey, 19:49; 7. Amber Cicala, 19:50; 17. Kelly Glbbons, 20:28: 23. Sarah Kulczycki, 20:48: 30. Lisa Montgomery, 21:12; 31. Linda Montgomery, 21:14.

Northville finishers: 3, Liz Hrvinak, 19:38; 5, Andrea Moehle, 19:44; 15, Mary Sprader, 20:33: 22, Megan Sheremet, 20:41; 27. Kate McClymont, 20:59; 32. Molly Gavin, 21:15.

Churchill finishers: 2. Kylen Cieslak, 19:19; 8. Gabriela Gutierrez, 19:55; 13. Erica Hope, 20:04; 16. Nicole Renaud, 20:24; 26, Amanda Thayer, 20:56; 36. Anna Gatt, 21:22.

Salem finishers: 10. Laura Friedman, 10:56; 12. Lauren Kane, 20:01; 14. Hannah Cavicchio, 20:07; 18. Monica Przebienda, 20:29; 24. Amanda Kassem, 20:51; 33. Danielle Malone, 21:15; 35. Lianne Griffiths, 21:20,

Canton finishers: 21. Rebecca McCormack, 20:38: 25. Sarah Stobbe, 20:53: 38. Lisa Clinton. 21:34; 41. Carrie Oleszkowicz, 21:39; 43. Allison Schmitz, 21:47; 45, Anne Murphy, 21:55; 47. Kristin Ward, 22:06.

W.L. Western finishers: 11. Rebecca Rudey, 19:56; 29. Brittney Forbes, 21:12; 34. Kristen Turner, 21:17: 49. Jody Schwartz, 22:19: 50. Whitney Tobel. 22:26; 52. Rachel Naemi, 22:47; 59. Kelly Franckowiak, 23:48,

Franklin finishers: 4, Meghan Horgan, 19:42; 19. Kirstian Tyler, 20:31, 42. Kristine Ostrosky, 21:43; 63. Melissa Anderson, 24:11; 64. Natja Henkenjohann, 24:13; 66. Jenny Kirk, 24:19.

W.L. Northern finishers: 9. Cassandra Adamson, 19:55; 28. Lauren Quaintance, 21:04; 56. Melissa Hoffman, 23:28; 60. Ashley Shaffer, 23:55; 72. Sarah Hug. 30:47: 73. Melissa Lesner, no time avail-

W.L. Central finishers: 39. Chelsea Hosev. 21:37: 48. Katie Woods, 22:13; 53. Elise Wiersma, 22:54; 54. Julia Garrison, 22:57; 55. Debórah Borquin, 23:13.

John Glenn finishers: 37. Julia DeGroot, 21:30: 44. Julia Stulock, 21:48; 57. Melanie Stawkey, 23:38; 58. Lisa James. 23:38: 61. Courtney Fulton, 24:04: 62. Sheryi Jacobs, 24:06; 65. Joslyn DeGroot, 24:15. Plymouth finishers: 46. Jackle Beeler, 21:56: 51.

Sarah Sherwood, 22:32: 67. Laura Jones, 24:32: 68. Kat Harrison, 24:46: 71. Kaylie McLeav, 27:09.

Wayne finishers: 40, Kristen Tedders, 21:38: 69. Heather Daniels, 24:57; 70. Kathryn Trudeau, 25:35.

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since 1994. "They were not the best on their teams last year (at Holmes Middle School). They ran cross country and just kept at it. They have evolved. Before the season I had no idea they'd be as good as they are.

"We also got a good race from Kelly Gibbons. It was her first semi-healthy race of the year."

Northville, getting a third place from Liz Hrvinak and a sixth from Andrea Moehle, beat out Churchill on the sixth runner tiebreaker.

Cieslak, who clocked a 19:19, led the Chargers followed by senior Gaby Gutierrez (eighth), freshman Erica Hope (13th), senior Nicole Renaud (16th) and senior Amanda Thayer

"I'm very pleased with the way we ran, especially without our top runner (Nicole Schmidt)," Churchill coach Sue Tatigian said. "Adding Schmidt to the equation makes our team a stronger force. Hopefully she'll be back for the regional.

"Overall we did very well, and Kylen (Cieslak) ran her best race of her career. I'm very proud of the way she prepared for the race. And I'm proud of Gaby (Gutierrez), who broke her goal of 20 minutes (19:55). Erica Hope continues to improve and become a stronger runner. And Amanda Thayer really stepped up today, adding depth to the team."

Salem, meanwhile, had high expectations, perhaps finishing as high as second. But the Rocks had only one runner, junior Laura Friedman, in the top 10. She placed 10th.

Other Salem finishers included junior Lauren Kane (12th), freshman Hannah Cavicchio (14th), junior Monica Przebienda (18th) and sophomore Amanda Kassem (24th).

'We ran pretty flat," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "At the mile mark we were in it, but we didn't run well the last part. Our strength is that we run as a team and run as a unit.

"We were not tired and we had no varsity injuries. We prepared for today and I don't know what went wrong. We

needed two in the top 10. Instead, some of the other teams' top two or three runners were ahead of us."

The top seven individual finishers earn first-team All-Conference accolades led by Sirko, Cieslak, Hrvinak, Moehle, Frey, Cicala and Livonia Franklin freshman Meghan Horgan, who took fourth in 19:42. The next 14 finishers earned second- and third-team All-Conference honors, respectively.

Next week's regional will be held at Willow Metropark (Oct. 25) with Stevenson, Churchill and Salem heavy favorites to move on to the Division I state meet, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"We did not taper for this (WLAA) meet and it showed, Holmberg said. "I think we'll be a different team next week. It better be a different story next

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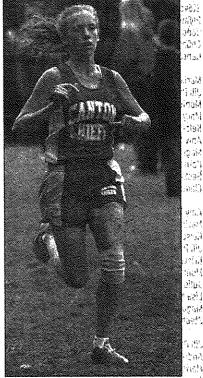
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Rebecca McCormack leads Canton,

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Salem's top five finishers placed fourth, sixth, 13th, 14th, and 17th. Leading the pack was senior Adam Warner with a time of 16:46.

"I feel really good," Warner said. "Around the league we knew it was going to be close. Our guys ran amazing today, they ran so gutsy."

Warner ran his best race, trimming 10 seconds off his previous fastest time.

"He's worked hard in the offseason," Baker said. "He's been a great senior captain and a great leader. I can't say enough about how he has helped this team."

Finishing out Salem's scoring were sophomore Dan Kapadia (16:50.5), sophomore Jimmv Walsh (17:12.1), junior Scott Fysh (17:15.7) and junior Adam Kosteva (17:20.7).

Churchill's junior Connor Schultz took third place with his best result of 16:40.6, but was a bit frustrated.

"I wish I could have beat the kid from Northville," Schultz said of senior Tim Dalton, who finished 4.5 second faster. "But I got third, which is awesome, and I shaved 13 seconds off (my per-

Schultz was trailing behind more than just the first and second place runners during the race, but worked his way into third.

"I was in fourth and fifth place, but I gave a little surge and I was able to clear the Salem kid (Warner)," he said.

Churchill coach John McGreevy said he was happy with Schultz's performance as he continues to get faster and was satisfied with the final result, with his runners adding 15th, 18th, 24th and 26th.

"One of our goals was to be the top three or four, so I'm pleased," McGreevy said. "All our runners are getting better at the right time."

Also scoring for the Chargers were sophomore Tim Howse (17:16), senior Marc Sanders

(17:27), junior Michael Duffield (17:49) and junior Stephan Maxe (17:50).

Scoring for the Spartans was senior Matthew Hays (17:11), senior Collin Hall (17:19), senior Jim Marcicki (17:51), junior Tom Gillespie (18:01) and sophomore Jeff Holycross (18:07).

Stevenson's squad placed with the 12th, 16th, 27th, 35th and 38th finishers, but it was not

quite what they were looking for. "We ran well, but we did not place as high as we wanted to," Spartans coach Leigh Bateman said.

Canton, the defending conference champions, was led by junior Stephen Cheek (17:48) who finished 19th. Freshman Chris Marsh (18:35) finished first for Plymouth High and 46th over-

Wayne Memorial's junior Justin Schofield (18:35) placed first for his team and 30th overall. John Glenn's top finisher in 23rd was sophomore Cordarro Harper (17:48).

Franklin was led by junior Andrew Kent (19:08), who finished the meet 56th.

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FINAL WLAA STANDINGS

Lakes Division: 1, Salem, 4-0; 2. Stevenson, 3-1; 3. W.L. Central, 1-2-1; 4. John Glenn, 1-3; 5. Wayne, 0-3-1. Western Division; 1. Canton, 4-0; 2. Northville, 2-1-1; 3. W.L. Western, 1-1-2; 4. Churchill, 1-2-1; 5. Franklin, 0-4.

WESTERN LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP Salem 2, Canton 1

Shrine upsets Warriors; Wayne boots Kennedy

Royal Oak Shrine came in with something to prove in Thursday's regular season boys soccer finale against host Lutheran High Westland.

Ben Queen scored all four of the Knights' goals in a 4-2 victory over the Warriors, who were ranked No. 7 in Division IV.

"They (Shrine) were honorable mention and they came in fired up, and we played like we weren't fired up," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team fell to 11-3-4 overall. "We played like we were looking past them to the districts." It was 1-1 at halftime, but Queen scored three secondhalf goals. Brandon Noble and Eric Kehoe tallied goals for the Warriors.

WAYNE 4, KENNEDY 2: Greg Ekmelan's hat trick carried Wayne Memorial (6-9-2) to a non-league victory Wednesday at Taylor Kennedy.

Kurtis Gregory had the other goal for the Zebras, who led 3-1 at halftime. Assists went to Jacob Rizkallah, Gregory and Ekmeian. Meanwhile, Chad Phipps moved over to center midfield from the left side.

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lead to 33-0 by halftime. Jeff Hudson's 56-yard scoring jaunt in the fourth quarter closed out Canton's scoring. Morrell got the point after.

Northville's only score came after a Canton fumble late in the game. Charlie Thomas tossed a 25-yard touchdown pass to Bill Brown with 1:51 remaining.

The leading ground-gainer for Canton was Chuck Schumacher, who finished with 149 rushing yards on 18 attempts. Hudson had 68 yards on four tries with one TD, Dave Rossow gained 55 yards on seven carries, Little had 48 vards on six attempts, and Thomas totaled 32 yards on eight carries with one TD.

Canton had 456 yards in

offense, but did suffer three fumbles lost. Northville gained 226 yards - 148 rushing, 78 passing — and lost one fumble.

Thomas divided time at quarterback with Mark Sorenson, Thomas completing 4-of-6 passes for 50 yards and Sorenson connecting on 5-of-14 for 28 yards. The Mustang quarterbacks were sacked three times.

Mac Stilec was their leading rusher with 45 yards on 13 attempts.

The Chiefs' defense was led by senior defensive lineman Franz Gatske with six solo tack-

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NOVEMBER 6, 2003, SPECIAL ELECTION PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public test of the Patriot Electronic Voting System will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2003, in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the Special Election scheduled for November 6, 2003. Phone #354-3224. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BUDGET

The Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2004 at the Charter Township of Plymouth's offices located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the public hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003**

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mr. Griffith, who was excused.

Mr. Mann presented a Proclamation to Connie Fitzner, President, and officers of the Business and Professional Women's Club, proclaiming the week of October 19-25 as Business Women's Week. Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by deleting, under New

Business, Item J.1, Request a wage adjustment for the modified position of Emergency Manager/Training Officer. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, October 14, 2003, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board

of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 14, 2003, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all. Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. regarding the

request to extend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #96-786 for an additional seven (7) years for Coffee Express Company. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:51 p.m. Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the request to extend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #96-786 for an additional seven (7)

years for Coffee Express Company, located at 47722 Clipper Street, Metro West-Beck Road Industrial Park, Resolution No. 03-10-14-33. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal. Ms. Arnold moved to approve Text Amendment 102 to amend the

Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 83, by adding a new item "b" to Section 23.35.1 to provide for temporary parking of recreation vehicles as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Mann. Nays: Edwards, Massengill, Munfakh. Motion failed by a 3-3 vote. Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the firm of Orchard, Hiltz &

McCliment, Inc., to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of cost for the paving of Plymouth Hills Subdivision as submitted and described on the received petitions, for a cost not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). The scope of work for the above shall include:

- The review and substantiation of soil borings previously obtained.
- 2. Review of preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
- Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross-sections and other information.

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hearing of necessity.

Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to adopt the PA 222 Policy and direct the Department of Public Works to apply its provisions in the operation of the Township's sewer system. Supported by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Edwards, Arnold, Curmi, Massengill, Mann. Nays: Munfakh. Motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-10-14-34, authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-41170 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with Standard Federal Bank N.A., and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vots. A copy of

the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal. Ms. Arnold moved to allow American Golf, at their own expense, to complete the Hilltop Golf Course Drainage Project by December 2003. The low quote was from Johnson Construction in the amount of \$10,615.55. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

The Board discussed the lateness of the season for the requested Hilltop Golf Course Parking Lot Paving and the lack of specifications and sealed bids. Mr. Edwards felt American Golf should shoulder the cost of maintaining the parking lot. No action was taken on this

Mrs. Massengill moved to set October 28, 2003, as the date to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2004 Township Budget. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved that October 28, be established for public hearing on the request from Absopure Water Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for building improvements and cost of machinery and equipment for a leased facility located at 41580 Joy Road, Gould Industrial Park. Ayes all. Mrs. Massengill moved that October 28 be established for public

hearing on the request from Metaldyne Corporation for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for building improvements and cost of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures for a leased facility located at 14328 Genoa Court, Lots 2 and 3, Metro West Technology Park. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all. Mr. Mann stated that a Study Session would be held on Tuesday,

October 21, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of continuing review of the 2004 Mr. Lewis updated the Board on the remodeling at the Friendship

Mr. Munfakh asked for an update on the house under construction on

Ann Arbor Road east of McClumpha Road. Property owners Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, 46120 Ann Arbor Road, addressed the Board and answered questions. It was agreed that they would meet with Building Official Lewis to get the project back on track.

In answer to Mr. Munfakh's question regarding the completion of Huntington Park Subdivision, Mr. Lewis replied that to the best of his knowledge the residents have settled their dispute with the

Mr. Edwards thanked the Fire Department for their National Safety Day last Saturday. Firefighter Pat Connolly did a great job of putting it together. He also thanked the Police Department for their participation.

Mr. Roy Banks stated that the "No Outlet" signs have not yet been replaced at the entrances to the streets along the west side of Lilley Road near Joy Road. He stated that his neighbor had a garage sale recently and questioned why several garage sale signs were removed from properties where permission had been granted to display them. Mr. Curmi suggested that next spring garage sale regulations should be printed in the Township Newsletter to alert residents of the rules concerning garage sales and the posting of said signs.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor Charter Township of

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on October 14, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held

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les, one sack and a fumble recovery.

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down 12 rebounds Friday as

SHOWDOWN

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and Cezat did some damage in other places as Canton held on for the victory Thursday at Canton.

The Chiefs improved to 12-2 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville is 5-8 overall, 2-3 in the division.

"They made us work for the win," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "Northville did a great job on defense. They took away Cezat inside with that box-andone (defense). They were real effective with that.

"We made some key shots." Making most of them was Rachele Guastella, who led Canton with 16 points. Sarah Samulski contributed eight. Cezat, held to her lowest point production of the season, still grabbed 19 rebounds and had five blocks.

Evonna Karchon was best for Northville with 10 points.

The Chiefs led 9-8 after one quarter and 22-17 by halftime. It was still a five-point game (30-25) going into the last quarter.

Canton Agape 48, Plymouth Christian 41: The host Eagles got the early jump on Agape Thursday, leading 16-8 after one quarter. But the Wolverines answered in the next two, outscoring Plymouth Christian Academy 14-8 in the second and 20-11 in the third to take a 42-35 lead into the fourth.

Agape's win, its second this season over PCA, evened the Wolverines' record at 8-8 over-

"I'm proud of the girls," said Agape coach Clark Sexton. "They never quit. They were down by 11 and they kept fighting. They were poised and they came through with the victory."

Tarah Armbrester, a senior points. Emily Tong added 11.

Livonia Ladywood (6-8 overall. 2-4 Central Division) stayed in the hunt for a Catholic League playoff berth with a Central Division win at Harper Woods Regina (8-6, 2-5). The Blazers trailed 15-13 after

one quarter, but led 29-19 at halftime and 38-36 after three periods. Megan Szczypka added 10

points and six assists, while Nicole Koterba, back in the lineup after suffering a broken foot, added seven points. "The difference now is that we're getting healthy," Ladywood

coach Andrea Gorski said. "We had eight people score. Our bench contributed. It was a good team effort. We scored consistently through all four quarters. We didn't have any drought." Senior center Bridget Pullis

scored 14 for Regina. Senior forward Sarah Jimines added 10. Ladywood, avenging a two-

point loss to the Saddlelites earlier this season, was 13-of-20 from the foul line. Regina made 18-for-26.

Plymouth 41, A.A. Gabriel Richard 18 (JV): Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard managed to keep the score close for a half in a Catholic League C-D Division junior varsity game Thursday at Redford Bishop Borgess.

Plymouth pulled away after that, outscoring the Fighting Irish 25-6 in the second half. Plymouth improved to 11-3

overall. Gabriel Richard fell to Jeanine Moise led the Wildcats with 15 points and 15

rebounds. Janet Hanchett contributed 11 points. Maureen Kogeoschetz was best for Gabriel Richard with six

points. On Wednesday against Dearborn Henry Ford Academy at Plymouth, the Wildcats built a 16-0 lead after one quarter and cruised to a 37-15 triumph.

Moise again provided the offense for Plymouth, scoring 25 points and grabbing 16 boards. Colleen Flaherty was next best with six points and seven boards.

Carolyn McCloud's six points was best for Henry Ford.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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RLS HOCKEY

The Plymouth/Canton girls hockey team is having conditioning skates, from 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 20, Oct. 22 and Oct. 24. All sessions will be at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton; full gear is required and the cost is \$10 per player, per session

Team tryouts will be from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 27-29 at the Arctic Edge. Full equipment is required and a current sports physical must be turned in to the school athletic department prior to the tryout dates.

Tryouts are open to any girl who attends Plymouth, Canton or Salem HS.

For more information email head coach Sue McDowell at gocoach@umich.edu or booster club president Beth Rowley at rowleysb@comcast.net.

CONDITIONING SKATES

The Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will host conditioning skates for all those interested in playing hockey at Salem, Canton or Plymouth

Salem's conditioning will be from 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Oct. 23 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Canton will have conditioning skates from 3-4 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 22 at the Arctic

The cost of the Salem and Canton conditioning skates is \$15 each.

Plymouth, which will have a junior varsity program this season, will have conditioning skates from 4:30-6 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 23 at Compuware Arena. The cost is \$25 per skate

A parent's or guardian's signature is mandatory prior to skating; permission forms and schedules are available at all three high schools' athletic offices. Registration is on-site or call Deborah Tollison (Canton) at (734) 981-2802; Mary Maurer (Salem) at (734) 254-9234; or Noreen Desilets (Plymouth) at (734) 397-5691.

HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Canton, Salem and Plymouth (JV) hockey teams will be Oct. 27-

The Canton tryouts will be from 3-4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge. Cost of the tryout is \$45, with three guaranteed skates.

The Salem tryouts will be from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27; 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28; and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, all at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost for the tryouts is \$45 with three guaranteed skates.

Plymouth JV tryouts will be from 4:30-6 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Cost is \$75 for three guaranteed skates.

A sports physical must be on file with the school's athletic department before the tryout dates. Teams will be chosen Oct. 29 for the 2003-04 season, and there will be a mandatory Parent's Meeting for all team members' parents on Oct. 30.

FOUR SEASONS FISHING CLUB

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. (Boats not needed).

For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishing-club@yahoo.com.

COACHES WANTED

Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: freshman girls track, boys varsity tennis and assistant boys track coach.

Letters of application should be sent to: Stephen Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Mi. 48154-5474.

Catholic Central is seeking an assistant varsity swim coach.

For more information, please call athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798

Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls equestrian coach for the fall sports season.

Those interested should fax

at resume to Ladywood High School athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

First: The Wildcats need a hockey coach for the 2003-04 school season. The head coach is responsible for the entire organization of the sport, including supervision of all varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Also needed: a varsity baseball coach for the 2004 season, who will be responsible for the organization of the sport, varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Other coaching positions that are open are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Anyone interested in any of these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL CAMPS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom road, and will be running its annual line-drive hitting camp for baseball players, 9-11 p.m. Oct. 19 (ages 7-12) and from noon-2 p.m. (ages 13-19).

The camp will feature techniques on the proper baseball swing, improving bat speed and batting averages.

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The cost is \$75 per player (\$10 discount for each additional child). Spaces will be limited, so sign up early.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-baseball.com.

HITTING LEAGUES

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer boys baseball hitting leagues 9-11 a.m. Saturdays (13-and-under) and 6-9 p.m. Sundays (high school ages for games), Nov. 8-Dec. 19.

The cost is \$45 per individual, \$150 per team (four play-

Players will hit off batting machines in a point-awarded, one-hour game. Awards will go to the champion and best hit-ter.

To register, call (248) 668-0166, or visit www.total-baseball.com.

VELOCITY IMPROVEMENT

A velocity improvement seven-week training program for baseball pitchers (ages 13 and older), will be offered 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 18, at Total Baseball, located on 30990 Wixom Road.

The cost is \$325 per player. Space is limited.

Players will learn proper techniques of arm strengthening, pitching mechanics and pitching philosophy. Weights and arm bands provided.

To register or for more information, call Total Baseball (248) 668-0166.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only.

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons. Call 248-668-0166 or email at: totalbballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information.

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UPDATE MHSAA RECORDS

The Michigan High School
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Ocelots stay unbeaten in state

Can't fault the artistic effort. Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Dominic Scicluna certainly doesn't.

Scicluna appreciates his team's work in generating offensive opportunities. And the defense has been solid, too.

'We're creatively smooth in the midfield," Scicluna said after the Ocelots had blanked Delta CC 2-0 Wednesday, a result that clinched the state title for SC.

"In the bottom third of the field," he added, "we're as sharp as a butter knife."

So, while the Ocelots did well in possessing the ball and setting up scoring chances against the Pioneers, they didn't finish them. And although it didn't hurt them against Delta, it will down the line.

Especially when the NJCAA Tournament gets underway. "We have one of the most creative teams in the nation," Scicluna said. "But we can't

finish. 'Our defensive efforts are real strong. We've just got to

finish." The first half of Wednesday's match was indicative of that, ending scoreless. The Ocelots did get it going early in the second half, thanks to a superb effort by Rod Asllani.

Taking control of the ball 25 yards out on the left wing, Asllani proceeded to outmanuever a couple of Pioneers and carry it toward the corner. But rather than cross it in front, he angled a shot that got past the keeper and curved into the net, giving SC a 1-0 lead 4:06 into the second half.

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That's the way it stayed, the Ocelots clinging to a one-goal lead - walking a tightrope of sorts and hoping for the best. Delta had a few chances, but SC keeper Liam Curran was equal to any challenge.

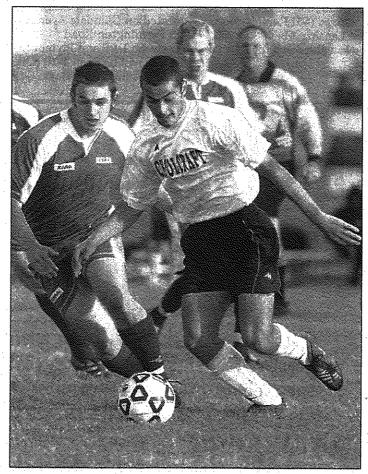
With 14:07 to go, the Ocelots finally did penetrate the depleted Delta defense, Terrance Boyle knocking in a deflection to give SC a twogoal cushion.

They had a chance to get another goal when David Comito was taken down in front of the Pioneers' net with 3:18 remaining, but his penalty kick was stopped.

SC improved to 9-2-1 overall, 5-0 in the region with the win. Delta is 2-3 in the region, 4-7 overall, and still has hopes of making the regional playoffs. A win today over Macomb CC would give the Pioneers a

"With a bit of luck we'll beat them," said Delta coach Harry Whelan. "We only have 13 players available right now . . . four are out with injuries. Hopefully we'll get two or three of them back.

"We've already beaten (Macomb) once, 4-1. Hopefully



Schoolcraft's Rod Asllani (white jersey) slides past Delta defender Paul Byrne. Asllani scored the Ocelots' first goal in their 2-0 victory.

we'll do it again and go to the

For SC, the goal isn't just to make the regional playoffs it's to win them. But if the Ocelots' offense continues to

sputter, a single defensive error could put them on the sidelines earlier than hoped.

SC hosts Macomb CC in a conference match at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Crusaders gain strength with WHAC victories

The loss suffered by Madonna University's volleyball team at the Houston Baptist Invitational Oct. 10 has not affected the Crusaders' run in the Wolverine-Hoosiers Athletic Conference.

Or anywhere else, for that matter. That one blip, a loss suffered against Lubbock (Tex.) Christian - Madonna's only loss of the season thus far - didn't derail the Crusaders for long. They've won five-straight since, beating WHAC foe Spring Arbor 30-14, 30-17, 30-21 Thursday in Spring Arbor.

Madonna improved to 28-1 overall, 6-0 in the WHAC. The Cougars fell to 6-18 overall, 2-5 in the conference. Again, the Crusaders' dominance was evident in the two team's overall hitting percentages. Madonna hit .416, with 58 kills and just 11 errors in 113 attacks; Spring Arbor hit minus-.078, with 24 kills and 33 errors in 116 attacks.

Laura Lesko paced the Crusaders with 16 kills (and a .519 percentage); she also had 12 digs and five blocks. Sharyse Bush contributed 15 kills (.481) and seven blocks and Caryn Inman had 12 kills (.476) and eight blocks. Others with notable numbers were setter

VOLLEYBALL

Ashley Frost with 30 set assists. 12 digs and five blocks; Natalja Tinina, with seven kills (.462), two aces and eight digs; Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin), with six kills (.400), 12 digs and three blocks; Becci Crane, with three aces; and Amanda Suder (Salem HS),

with a team-high 18 digs. On Tuesday, the Crusaders traveled to Concordia University and came away with a 30-17, 30-16, 30-17 WHAC win.

Tinina was nearly unstoppable on the attack in this match, collecting 21 kills iwth a .562 percentage. She also had six digs and two blocks.

Bush added 12 kills and five digs, Morrill finished with nine kills (.500), a team-high 15 digs and two blocks, Inman had nine kills and three blocks, Heather Spooner had five kills and three blocks, and Frost totaled 40 set assists, eight digs and three blocks. Madonna plays at WHAC-rival Siena Heights Tuesday, then travels to the Big Gun Classic in Joliet, Ill., Friday and Saturday.

Win keeps Madonna in race for 1st place

In a match dominated by defense, Madonna University managed to edge Aquinas College 1-0 in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer game played Wednesday at Aquinas.

The Crusaders improved to 7-2 in the WHAC, 9-3-1 overall with the victory. Aquinas is 4-10-1 overall, 3-5 in the confer-

The win kept Madonna one loss behind Cornerstone and Siena Heights, both of them 6-1. in the WHAC standings.

The only goal scored in the match came at the 18:12 mark of the first half, and Sarah Pack

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(from Westland John Glenn) the team's all-time leading scorer - accounted for it. Pack's goal was assisted by Becky Guibord.

That proved to be enough as Madonna keeper Diana Kaip outdueled her Aquinas counterpart, Erica Delongpre, Both keepers made five saves, with the Crusaders putting six shots on goal to five for the Saints.

Madonna hosts Indiana Tech in a WHAC match 4 p.m. Wednesday at Greenmeade Park in Livonia.

Plymouth Whalers tie up Guelp Storm, 3-3

Two third-period goals allowed the Plymouth Whalers to battle back for a 3-3 draw against the Guelph Storm in an Ontario Hockey League game Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The tie left both teams with 5-3-2 overall records. The Whalers remained in second place in the OHL's West Division, behind Sault Ste. Marie; the Storm are in fourth place in the Midwest Division. Dan Collins got the tying goal

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for the Whalers with 3:28 remaining in the third period, with Ryan Ramsay and Vaclav Meidl assisting.

Guelph led nearly the entire game until Collins' game-tying goal, getting a first-period score from Ryan Garlock at the 11:36 mark. Brett Trudell and Martin St. Pierre assisted.

Plymouth tied it at 1-all briefly

when James Wisniewski (from Canton) scored a short-handed goal one minute into the second period. Ramsay and Nick Vernelli got the assists; for Wisniewski, a defenseman, the goal was his sixth of the season.

The Storm recaptured the lead at the 5:17 mark when Trudell scored, with St. Pierre and Garlock assisting. The same line struck again for Guelph at the 8:59 point of the second period, this time St. Pierre scoring the goal with Garlock and

Trudell assisting to make it 3-1. All three Storm players finished with a goal and two assists each.

Ramsay got the Whalers' comeback started with a goal 1:52 into the third period. Meidl got the assist.

Jeff Weber was in goal for Plymouth; he made 28 saves. including six in the five-minute overtime. Danny Taylor was in the net for Guelph; he had 32 stops, two in OT.

Plymouth plays at Brampton at 2 p.m. today.



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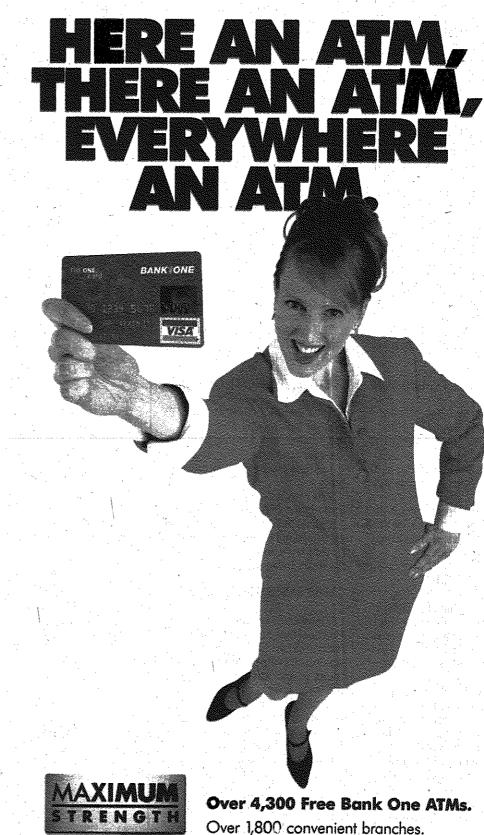




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Cutting is signal of hurting

eremy, a likable teenager, shared with his school counselor that he had been doing something for the last two years that he was not proud of. He went on to describe how he often cuts himself with the blade from a kitchen knife.

As the counselor heard about Jeremy's self-abuse, he thought about the research he had seen on this topic. Adolescents who cut often have histories of relationalbased trauma including sexual or physical abuse, family violence, out-of-home placements, abandonment, or family alcoholism. One theory that's emerged about selfmutilation is that "cutting" can be similar to taking a drug. In fact, the addiction hypothesis suggests that the cutting may increase the levels of endogenous opiates in the body, which results in a person needing to continue the act to get the high or the relief that comes with it.

Jeremy said that he noticed in his family that people didn't really listen to him, but that they took his cutting seriously. That, he was glad about. But he also knew his dad thought he was trying to get attention, when in actuality, "I'm just trying to make the pain go

"What pain is that?" asked his counselor.

He went on to describe it as the emotional pain of not being understood - not fitting in. His demeanor became more animated as he put into words what he was thinking.

"We don't do it for attention. It's just a way of dealing with things in our life. Those of you 'normal' people shouldn't judge us. We don't judge you, nor do we criticize or condemn you or look at you with hate or scorn in our eyes. But you need to accept me, too. I AM doing the best I can with it and I have my parent's best interests in my heart.

"It's the one way I can get them to realize that I am hurting ... I have very few friends; I walk to school alone and then come home to an empty house. So I don't always cut to make a point, I cut because I need to. People say I have choice but I don't. They don't realize that. If I could just stop it, I would. When I cut and see the blood, and feel it rushing, it's such a relief. I can feel it; it's like everything that is bad is just going out."

David Rosen, a University of Michigan adolescent medical specialist speculates that cutters often feel numb and that "cutting is a way of shocking their system. 'It wakes me up to do this." He goes on to say, "People who cut themselves do get better. If we provide people with great support and treatment and sometimes anti-depressants, we see people improve."

Jeremy has advice for parents and adults in his life. First, he would like adults to listen. Be compassionate and empathetic. Try to relate on a more personal level instead as a parent to a

Don't give out advice until you really know what's going on. And then help him figure out exactly why he cuts.

Jacque Martin-Downs is an adult and adolescent therapist in private practice in Livonia. She can be reached at (800) 940-3808.

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A new twist on fitness

Yoga helps battle the bulge created by time, super-sized meals

BY JULIE BROWN

Keeping fit's tough - what with busy schedules and super-sized meals - but yoga can help with staying in shape.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women can attest to that. They met Thursday evening in Canton for a yoga demonstration with instructor John Andrews.

Andrews shared stretching techniques to help relax. Participants did yoga exercises from their chairs and stand-

The program was held "because people are stressed and busy, finding an outlet to ameliorate that," said Mickey Edell of Canton, communications chair for the state board of AAUW.

Becky Copenhaver of Canton, co-chair of programs with Jan Blumberg, helped to bring Andrews in.

"I was talking about how stressed I was with life," said Copenhaver, a third-grade teacher at Livonia's Hoover Elementary. "We thought it would be a nice change of pace to do that for the pro-

Yoga's been around a long time, and has many advocates among fitness experts.

"I think yoga's great," said Kirk Vickers, owner of Triad Health & Fitness in Farmington Hills. He spoke Tuesday to members of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary during their meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Vickers favors yoga as part of a fitness regimen.

Vickers, who has a bachelor of science degree in athletic training/sports medicine from Central Michigan University, worked two years as the Detroit Red Wings' head athletic therapist. At Rotary, he shared advice on

posture, stance and gait. One of Vickers' exercises had participants put a palm in front of the face, almost touching the nose. By focusing the eyes on palm lines, he said, correct placement of the head is found.

Many people carry the head too far forward, he said, and also tend to hunch.

At AAUW Thursday, members and guests were also learning how to be healthy.



Mickey Edell stretches.

The session was held at the Waltonwood retirement complex. Farmington resident Andrews, who has a martial arts background, led participants through a series of exercises.

He retired about five years ago from investment management, when a buyout was offered. "I almost hurt myself getting to the elevator," Andrews, 59, said with a smile.

He was asked by a friend who owned a fitness company to teach.

Andrews is an American Council of Exercise-certified personal trainer.

Andrews said only about 9 percent of the population gets sufficient exercise. Americans worry about food and exercise, but tend to be out of shape.

"There seems to be a trend there," said Andrews, whose wife, Cheryl, is the retired curriculum director for Garden City schools.

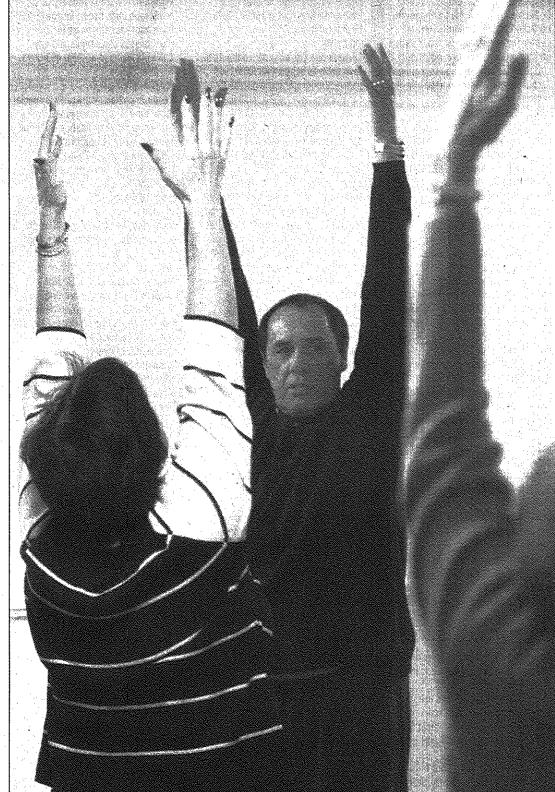
Edell, a speech pathologist for the Plymouth-Canton schools, noted the AAUW program appealed to those of all ages and occupations. She's been working out many years three times a week at Bally's "faithfully. I ride the bike and lift weights and

Copenhaver tries to walk for health daily and joined Curves, a women's fitness facility. She said that changing grades as a teacher this year added stress.

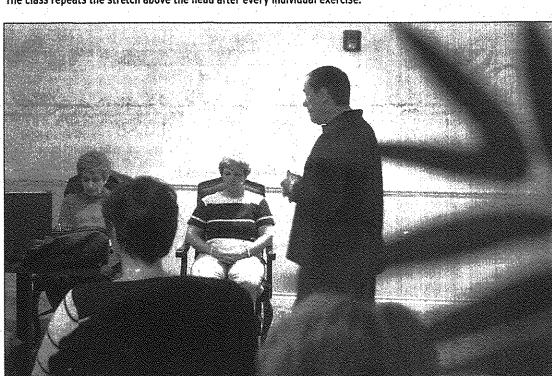
Andrews told the approximately 20 women Thursday that yoga comes in many forms.

He encouraged those interested to spend some \$13 on a "sticky mat" at a sporting goods or discount store. A soft mat won't do. "You don't have to, but you get ridiculed if you don't."

Andrews emphasized making exercise functional and urged participants to be aware



The class repeats the stretch above the head after every individual exercise.



John Edwards begins by asking the class to close their eyes and breathe.

of their bodies. "It is never about how it looks. It's always about body awareness."

Those who experience the body tend to become more

physically fit, he said. "You miss most of your life if you don't experience sensation."

Andrews wrapped up by having the women close their eyes and silently say the words

"relax," "release" and "quiet" in succession while exhaling. "Very few people can do that without being asleep," he said.

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Canton rock band Avenue members include (front to back) Jay McGlone, Todd Schoeneman, and Mark Pilotto.

Electric-driven Avenue hits the road as Michigan's 'freshest and most original'

They call themselves Avenue and they're billed as "the freshest and most original band in Michigan."

Their latest gig came Friday on the Mitch Albom Show. They've appeared on Fox-2 and various clubs around the area. But when they started out about three years ago they were basically a garage band in Canton.

And they're definitely homegrown.

It all started when Todd Schoeneman, now 21, asked a friend, Mark Pilotto, now 18, to help him with his guitar playing.

"In the very beginning Todd wanted me to show him stuff on the guitar," Mark said. "Then we ended up making a band, we practiced a lot and got pretty good."

Mark's the only one who actually took lessons. His dad plays also plays guitar. "My dad plays rock and blues

like Pink Floyd and Eric Clapton," he said.

They were soon joined by Jay McGlone, now 17 and a senior at Salem High School. All three are Canton residents. Marks attends Schoolcraft College and Todd goes to Eastern Michigan University.

The band has added two new members, Tom Stanley, 21, of Wixom and Rachele Guastella, 17, of Plymouth.

Rachele is the singer and Todd is the songwriter. And, yes, they write and play their own songs and some covers from other

Todd is on vocals and lead guitar, Mark on vocals and rhythm guitar, Tom on bass guitar and Jay on drums and Latin percussion.

They were originally billed as an "acoustic driven rock band," but Todd and Mark said the acoustics

PLEASE SEE BAND, C2

To submit an item for the Plymouth-Canton community calendar, mail it to 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170; email it to burick@oe.homecomm.net or fax it to (734) 459-4224.

AROUND TOWN

Free Seminar

Dr. Nicole Anderson will be appearing on Oct. 21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free seminar that focuses on how proper structure, nutrition and exercise can help you to manage Carpal Tunnel Syndrome naturally. To register, call (248) 426-0201.

October-Spooky Tunes

Musical story times presented by Kindermusik at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean on Penniman in Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0178 for further information.

Job Seekers Panel A panel of specialists in the field of human resources will address the OLGC Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20 at the social hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Guests are invited and admission is free. For information, call Ed Walton at (734) 634-2245 or the church office (734) 453-

Holiday Home Tour

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Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour being held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 14-15. Tickets are \$18. Five outstanding homes have been selected ranging in years from 2 years to 30 years old. For ticket information, call (248) 374-0200.

Crafters Wanted Annual craft show at Hawthorne Valley in Westland is looking for crafters for the Holiday show being held Sunday, Nov. 30. For information,

call Suzanne at (734) 844-3128. Learn to Skate Roller skating or roller blading classes for November now forming for

ages 4-12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter Inline Hockey is Dec. 7.

Blood Drive The Plymouth Post Office and Comcast hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 28 for the American Red Cross at the main Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road. Hours are 11

a.m.-5 p.m. Please call to schedule an appointment to Barb Mitchell at (734) 453-6111. Walk-ins are also welcomed. Home Buyers' Seminar Find out how to choose your home,

work with a realtor, apply for different kinds of mortgages, write a contract, negotiate an acceptable price and the seller's responsibilities to you, the buyer. On Wednesday, October 22 at 6 p.m. at Northville District Library. contact Michelle Trevino for more info at (248) 735-1370.

Extravaganza/Home Party The proceeds from this event help support the traveling dance competition team at Dance Extreme Studio located on Joy Road in the Pine Tree Shopping Plaza from noon-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003.

Hayrides with Storytelling The evening begins with a hayride to a moonlit stage set in the woods with a fire burning nearby where storyteller Debra Christian will be spinning family oriented stories. The evening concludes with a havride back to the

barn where fresh cider and doughnuts away. Plymouth Orchards every Friday and Saturday nights in October at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 451-1128 for info. Magic Craft Show

Applications are being accepted for the 17th-annual Holiday Magic Craft show at Leonard Elementary in Troy. Show is Noy. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For info and applications, e-mail craftshow@prodigy.net. Teens Using Drugs

A free, two-night series on identifying

and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1 "What to Know" is presented 7:30-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month from October through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Part 2 "What To Do" is presented the second Tuesday of each month Oct. through June at same time and place. Call (734) 973-7893 for information.

Food Drive Cornerstone Chiropractic conducts a food drive to support its local food pantry. Donors who bring in 10-20 cans of food will receive an initial

exam and X-rays for \$27. The drive is being conducted Oct. 27-30 at Cornerstone Chiropractic at Ford and Canton Center, Call (734) 207-7770 for an appointment.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how . you can help.

Crafters Wanted

Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Dearborn Heights is looking for crafters for the 15th annual Arts and Crafts Show. The show is being held Saturday, Nov. 22. For information, call (734) 522-9653 or (248) 474-2297

Fashion Show Boutique The Redford Suburban League is tooking for crafters for its 30th annual fashion show boutique scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Crafters can reserve space

by calling (734) 591-9167. Learn to Skate

Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a fall Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction, Call (734) 487-7777 for more information. **Senior Golf Special**

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is offering a Senior Special of 18 holes of golf any weekday, Monday through Friday, before noon. The cost is \$25 with cart. Offer good through Nov. 30. **Entertainment books**

Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Preschool Programs Head Start programs are available for 3- and 4-year-olds, offered by Starfish Family Services, a learning environment preparing children for kindergarten. Michigan School Readiness Program for 4-year-olds is also available. For either, call (313) 541-4340 or (734) 326-6271.

School Registration Music matters at the School for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor, and registration for classes and lessons has officially benun. For further in mation call (734) 995-4625 or log on to the school's Web site at www.spaaa.org for a complete listing of class-

es and camps. **Preschool Registration**

Willow Creek Co-op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003-04 classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. Morning and afternoon sessions available. Call Mary Anne Bourgeois at (734) 844-7515 for more information.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401 for more informa-

tion. Preschool Registration

The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003. The 3-year-old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734)

Fibromyalgia?

pain. Fibromyalgia misdiagnosis and mistreatment is rampant and leads to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report revels a natural procedure that is giving fibromyalgia sufferers their "lives back"-with "miraculous" results for many. If you suffer from fibromyalgia you need this no B.S., no "gimmicks" free report that

Redford, MI - A new, free report has recently been released that reveals the "untold story" behind fibromyalgia

459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25. Fish Fry

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an "All You Can Eat" Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Nursery Co-op Registration Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3-4-yearolds, various class times and days. Call Noia Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information. Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is

launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale, The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. Free Blood Pressure Screening

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

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

CLUBS

WWCGS

Meeting on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building at Farmington Rd. and Five Mile. Geoff Hoerauf will speak on "Shanty Boys and Big Wheels." Call Pat at (734) 425-3079 for more information.

MMM Society

The annual fall Armor/Figure Model Show and Contest on Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge in Plymouth. Anyone wishing to see the show or enter a model in the contest, should contact Rich Forys at rfcs@comcast.net or (734) 254-9063.

Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-

462-2277 for further information. Suburban Republican Women's Club The monthly meeting will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant on Six Mile in Livonia. Speaker will be Livonia City Councilwoman and incoming Livonia City Clerk, Val Vandersloot. For reser-

vations, call (248) 324-1660. Milirace Weavers Guild Shaker textiles lecture by Mary Elva Congleton Erf at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Millrace Historic Village in Northville, Call (734) 427-6268 for

further information. Exchange Club of Canton Meetings are held at 6 p.m., the sec-

ond and fourth Wednesdays at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton.

Plymouth Optimists Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill

at (734) 453-8253. Kiwanis Evening Club

Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in

Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com. **Exchange Club of Canton** Meetings are held the second and

fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton. P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the American Legion Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m.. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site

www.geocities.com/tedenright/Plymo uthCantonVVA528.html.

BNI Plymouth II The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at

Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski, (734) 844-1714.

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, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis of Piymouth The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's. 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

Guests are welcome. For information man. (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

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, 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 in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information, e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion

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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 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 more. Fore more information, contact Wendi at (734) 394-2542.

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 at (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

Develop your public speaking, communications 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.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (888) 209-6424.

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth I 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. **Mothers of Multiples**

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month Call Ann Davis at (248) 449-9337, or e-mail to pcmoms@hotmail.com.

Human Rights Group

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. ANN AFDOF IFAIL, Plymouth, Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of interest groups such as book discussions, children's playgroups, adult social outings, euchre, and a baby-sitting co-op. Call Colleen Abb at (734) 455-1647.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Training

First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, is looking for volunteers. Call (734) 416-111, Ext. 202, for more information

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Heartland Hospice of Southfield, are looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals that would like to be trained as hospice volunteers. Call Mary at (800) 770-9859 for further information. Home Care & Hospice of Michigan

Anyone willing to help assist the needs of the dying and their families with a few hours of conversation, reading,

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hold a hand or just being there with a person while the family is out, is needed. Call Sherry Wagenknecht (734) 769-4212 for information.

Volunteers Needed

First Step Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteers in the following areas: emergency shelter services, 24-hour-help line, court advocacy, crisis response team, general office tasks and special projects. Training is provided and opportunities are available throughout western Wayne County. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Call (734) 416-111, Ext. 216.

American Cancer Society

Recruiting volunteers for its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers help to drive cancer patients to and from their treatment at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. To learn more, call (248) 557-5353.

Habitat For Humanity

Looking for volunteers to help with building homes, office duties, and fund raising. No experience needed, training will be provided. For more details, call (734) 459-7744 and ask for Alice.

Discovery Shops

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information. call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll-free at (800) 925-2271.

Cancer Center

The Patient Education Resource Center at the University of Michigan Cancer Center is looking for volunteers to help patients and families obtain information about cancer. Basic computer skills and knowledge of the Internet required. One fourhour shift per week during business hours. For more details, call Ruti Volk at 936-9947.

SUPPORT

Cancer Support

Ovarian and OB/Gyn Cancer Support Group meeting at the Weisberg Cancer Center in Farmington Hills, 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call to RSVP (248) 538-6507.

Grief Support

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers grief support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night 🕒 of each month. The groups for widows and widowers of all ages are offered in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Macomb counties. Groups will be provided for parents who have lost a child, parental loss, widows and widowers, suicide loss, and other losses due to death. Call (248) 348-0115.

Cancer Networking Group For persons with leukemia, lymphoma or multiple myeloma. Meeting the first and third Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Hwy. in

Farmington Hills: Divorce Recovery & Support

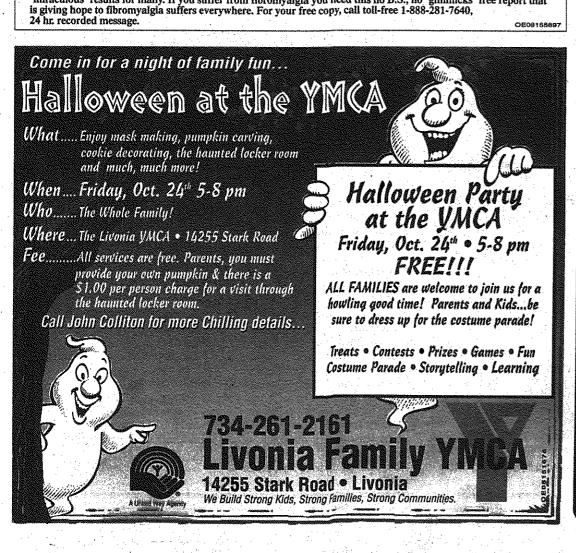
Series for men and women of all ages, offers healing and support in dealing with the painful issues of divorce. while promoting recovery and healing. For more details, contact Gloria at (248) 651-8014 or Jeff at (248) 620-3037.

First Step

First Step, the Western Wayne County and Downriver Project to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, offers free counseling for survivors of sexual assault. To schedule an appointment or to learn more about our services, call the toll-free helpline at (888) 453-5900.

Grief Support For Klds

How do kids deal with grief after a loved one has died? Northern Xpress Ways is a grief support group provided by Pathfinders of Arbor Hospice & Home Care for elementary and middle-school age kids who have experienced death of a loved one. Call (734) 662-3742 for further information.





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Single Adult Ministries of Ward

Evangelical Presbyterian Church,

In Knox Hall, for fellowship and

invites singles to join more than 500

single adults 11:30 a.m. every Sunday

encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough

delivers messages to help equip you

to maximize your singleness and rela-

tionship with God. Coffee, doughnuts

and conversation. SPM has a program

and activity for every age group and

to have a newsletter sent, call the

Bible Study at 10 a.m. Thursdays in

Wednesday evening program 7-8:15

p.m. in the Single Point Office.

Single Point Ministries of Ward

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

offers a walking club. It meets in the

hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6

p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and

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er's Bible study class 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in room A101.

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Join us every Thursday. Our goal is

to provide our members and friends with a sampling of some of the best

and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Dinner on

Oct.23 at P.F. Chang's, located at 2801

W. Big Beaver in Troy. Call (248) 816-

Meet new friends, dance and social-

ize, anytime from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top

40 D.J., Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Halloween Party/Dance on Oct. 24 at Double Tree Guest Suites in Novi. Admission is \$15 and attire is

semi-scary, costumes are optional or

attire is dressy casual. For directions

From 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday

now thru April, at the newly remod-

Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just

cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for non-

members. Everyone is welcome.

Co-Ed Volleyball Lessons

meeting. **West Side Singles**

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open to the public. Doors open from

8 p.m. to 1 a.m., 25 years of age and

older. Dressy attire required, held in

nonsmoking ballrooms with a disc

jockey and budget bar. Admission

price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6

after 8:30 p.m. For information, call

Anita at (734) 981-0909.

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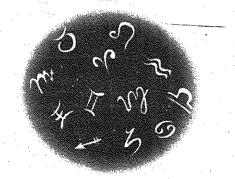
life situation. For more information or

Single Adult Ministries

Horoscope



Star Struck By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're cramming so much into your life right now that you're in danger of losing sight of a personal goal. However finely tuned your sense of responsibility may be, your first duty is to yourself. You've much to gain by playing ball with those who know you better than most.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Be more sure of yourself this week, Bull! Astro-aspects kick up your confidence now but it's up to you to keep it moving forward. Aim high—you deserve the best! You're in a strong position to win at the moment...once you discern a certain someone's hidden agenda.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Relationships are under the microscope now, and any weaknesses will be magnified and quickly spotted. A parting of the ways may seem to be the best solution, but don't be too hasty about it. You'll feel differently next week, which could be too late. Act now, worry later.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You'll find it difficult to get along with close 'others' this week. You may get your own way for a while, but sooner or later they'll use their power to rein you in. Don't be rebellious or paranoid. The more you give, the more justified you'll be in taking for yourself.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Lots of what you want to stay the same is changing, while other stuff is staying the same. This may not sound good, but it's the best possible outcome, because Lions are getting things backward lately. Growl and prowl forward, Choose your support system with care.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You've never been in a better place to achieve success or recognition. Current cosmic influences say that whatever you want badly enough can now be yours. If others show disapproval, that's their problem! You've demonstrated patience; now prove that the wait is worthy!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Now marks both a beginning and an end, though you'll be more concerned with what you've lost than what you'll gain. That's only natural, but don't let emotions get the best of you- it will only prolong the agony. The more you learn about yourself, the better.

t's time to seriously think about the path that you're taking and to make changes you know are inevitable. For a while now, you've been moving in the wrong direction. If it sounds unbelievable, just keep your eyes and ears open! Do. And, then, do more!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The time for hesitation has long since passed. What has been bothering you for the past few weeks is over, so put it out of your mind and, with luck, you'll forget about it for good. Learn what you can and move on. Do a breakthrough now; don't break down!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Someone is churning up your emotions and making you wonder if sudden fascination brings sudden regret. But it is not just as stellarly simple as accepting the fact that your trust has been misplaced. A personal or professional problem is finally coming to a head – let it be.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

ssue some kind of ultimatum, do everything in your power to find out why partners have been acting in such a strange and secretive manner. Chances are, they're every bit as bewildered as you are, and, therefore cannot be held responsible for their actions.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Stick to your principles and don't allow others' petty ploys or greed to tie you to the past or make you feel unhappy, undervalued and unfulfilled. Discard what is of no further use or value. Remain true to your principles and belief; bunk 'em if they can't take a joke.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555

BAND

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Tuesday's Coffee & Conversation at 7 p.m. at Archie's on Plymouth Road, Livonia, between Merriman and Middlebelt.

Monthly meetings are 7 p.m. the third Saturdays at St. Kenneth Church Hall, 14951 Haggerty, between Five Mile and Schoolcraft.

Dances are on the first Saturday of every month at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, corner of Inkster and West Chicago in Redford. Doors open at 7 p.m., dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9 and Dick Gerathy is the disc jockey. Refreshments. FastDater

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Oct. 23. Mass followed by social with refreshments will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 at St. Columban Church located at 1775 Melton in Birmingham, Call Marge at (248) 666-4826 for further information. Widowed of all ages are welcome to attend dinner and social support at the Edison Inn in Port Huron at noon on Sunday, Sept. 28. For more information, call Pat at (248) 693-8636.

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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

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1. "Bleachers," John Grisham

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- 3. "The Wedding," Nicholas Sparks
- 4. "The Teeth of the Tiger," Tom Clancy

5. "Remember When," Nora Roberts and J.D. Robb

Nonfiction

- 1. "Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them)," Al
- 3. "Benjamin Franklin," Walter Isaacson
- 2. "The Great Unraveling," Paul Krugman
- 4. "Shut Up and Sing," Laura Ingraham

5. "Under the Banner of Heaven," Jon Krakauer

- Parent's Choice New Children's Picture Books 1. "Katie Catz Makes a Splash," Anne Rockwell
- 2. "Players in Pigtails," Shana Corey
- 3. "Grumblebunny," Bob Hartman
- 4. "Hector the Hermit Crab," Katie Boyce

5. "Busy, Busy Mouse," Virginia Kroll

CAMPUS NEWS

Texas Tech University

The following local students have graduated from the university, Summer 2003:

Charles Allen Paulson of Canton with his degree in Engineering; and Heather Michelle Paulson of Canton with her degree in Educational

Psychology. Commencement ceremonies took place Aug. 9 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Kettering University

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, October 19, 2003

The following local students have graduated from Kettering University in June, 2003: Jonathan Cook of Canton, BME; Michael Dugan of Canton, BME; Ryan McAfee of Canton, BME; Thong Thai of Canton, BME: and Paul Nicastri of Plymouth, BME.

These students all were awarded their Bachelor of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering.

Enjoy the adventures of frog prince

September Productions brings The Adventures of the Frog Prince to life Oct. 23-25, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The show hops in 10:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 23-24, and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

Tickets are \$7 or \$5 each for groups. For more information or to reserve seats, call (248) 615-0414 or visit www.septemberproduc-

Originally produced in collabora-

tion with The Henry Ford Museum, this musical comedy follows a prince turned into a frog by an evil witch who casts a spell. When the prince finally finds the princess who can break it, he thinks his troubles are over. But the princess doesn't like frogs (especially kissing them) or princes.

She's had her fill of bragging and boasting princes and some who aren't really royalty at all.

They're simply trying to win her hand to get their hands on her father's kingdom.

So do you sing?

The Wayne Renaissance Chorus is hosting a Guest Night 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia.

If you are a gentleman who loves to sing and is looking for a quartet or chorus singing opportunity, come to the Guest Night.

Founded in the city of Wayne in 1944, the Wayne Renaissance Chorus consists of 32 members from Livonia, Westland, Canton, Northville, Detroit, and Farmington

For more information, call (734) 981-6342.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Garrett-Boon

Robert and Linda Garrett of Canton are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kelly Christine Garrett, to Delanie Boon, son of Mrs. Sharon Boon of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mr. Robert Boon of Cheboygan.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a human resources representative at ZF Group.

The groom is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and is currently employed in financial services at Advantage One.

The couple was married July 5, 2003 at Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The newlyweds will make their home in Chicago.



Veltri-Wallace

Joe and Linda Veltri of Gregory announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Veltri, to T.J. Wallace, son of Ken and Lucie Wallace of Dallas, Georgia.

Laura is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed at Sara Lee Foods as a project engineer.

T.J. is a 1996 graduate of Sprayberry and Georgia State University.

He is currently pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice

A May 29, 2004 wedding is planned in Dexter, Mich.

Caroline Cygan

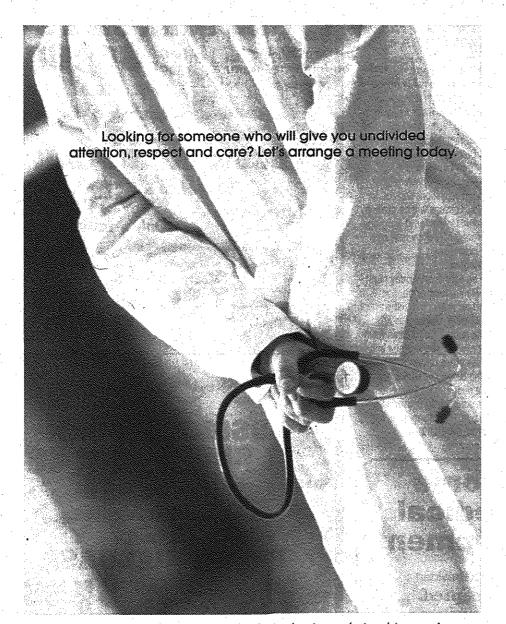
Michael and Kimberly Cygan of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace Cygan on Sept. 1, 2003, at University of Michigan Woman's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Caroline joins her 2-year-old brother, Christian Michael, at

Proud grandpartents are Ray and Terri Deahl of Syracuse, Ind. (formerly of Plymouth), Linda and Martin Cygan of Plymouth, and Russ and Victoria Babus of Ypsilanti.

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Locals help with Charity Preview kickoff

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

A family from Canton and another one from Southfield, representing two area children's charities, said thanks last week at Cobo Hall to one of their biggest benefactors the annual Auto Show Charity Preview.

It was part of a kickoff event for the Jan. 9, 2004, Charity Preview which brings 17,500 people to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo the night before it opens to the public.

The black-tie and champagne event costs \$400 a person, is always a sellout, and last year raised \$6.125 million for 11 area children's charities. This year the organizers expect to make \$7 million: the event has made \$44 million since 1989.

Representing the March of Dimes were David and Jave Haugh and their 2-year-old son, Scott from Canton. Representing Easter Seals was Arthur Taylor and his step son Justin Spigner from Southfield.

Jaye Haugh told the gathered media, volunteers and beneficiaries of the fund-rais-

'The economic downturn has been particularly difficult for local charities that depend on contributions from businesses and individuals to continue doing great things for our community."

Bill Cook NAIAS 2004 co-chairman

er that one ticket to the show could support 16 medical trips in the March of Dimes vans. for new or expectant moms.

Taylor told the group that one Charity Preview ticket supported "40 sessions of horseback riding for children with disabilities.

Bill Cook, owner of Bill Cook Imports in Farmington Hills, and a resident of Birmingham, is NAIAS 2004 co-chairman.

"There is nothing like our charity preview. I have been to auto shows in Frankfort, Geneva, Paris ... all the major shows, and there is nothing

like this. I am gratified that we can raise \$6 million in one evening," Cook said.

"The economic downturn has been particularly difficult for local charities that depend on contributions from businesses and individuals to continue doing great things for our community. We want to provide an even bigger boost to these worthwhile organizations and help them make life better for local children and area families."

All 11 local charities assembled Tuesday paid tribute to the Auto Show (NAIAS) and **Detroit Auto Dealers** Association for their continued support through the annual fund-raiser.

One of the 11 charities is an endowed fund run by the auto dealers association.

According to Cook the DADA fund gave out \$382,000 last year to worthy causes, including \$40,000 to Western Wayne County YMCA.

Jaye Haugh, a native of England, said her son arrived 10 weeks early back in 2001.

"We know that all the research and all the education from the March of Dimes really helped Scott. We didn't

know about it at first but once we learned about MOD we wanted to help. Anything we can do means the world to us," she said. Now, young Scott is "Mr. Average" in the middle percentile on all measures of growth and childhood health. The Haughs have lived in Canton for two years; David works in Plymouth for Dürr Industries as a project engi-

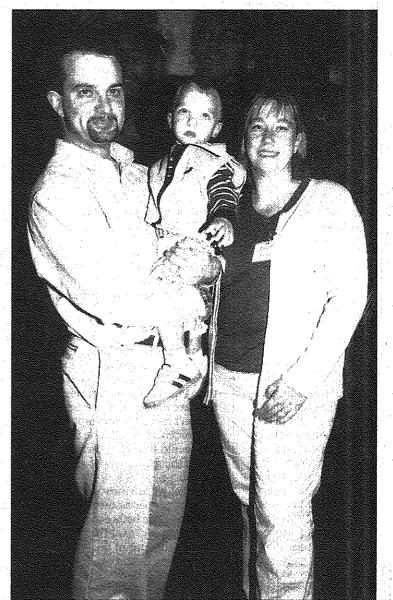
Taylor said his stepson Justin has been aided by Easter Seals and a speech therapy program they support.

"His confidence has improved. He is getting good grades. He has many challenges to deal with but he knows he has to work harder than most. Easter Seals has helped him deal with these challenges.

"They are very good at what they do. I feel very comfortable with what they are doing for him."

Justin is a fourth-grader at St. Bede's Catholic school in Southfield.

Easter Seals also funds toddler recreational therapy, occupational therapy, therapeutic horseback riding and adult mental health services.



A Canton family, Jaye and David Haugh and their son Scott, represented the March of Dimes at the Charity Preview kickoff.



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A heads-up on sports-related concussions

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Football, ice hockey, soccer, wrestling, field hockey, basketball - all of these sports, and more, put kids at risk for a concussion.

While athletes don't want to play timid just to avoid risk of injury, they should become aware of the importance of recognizing the symptoms and long term effects of head injuries. If they are not properly assessed, or don't reveal their symptoms to their coach or athletic trainer, they could be taking themselves out of the game, as well as school.

"What we are most concerned about is proper assessment and recovery time before athletes return to play," said Dr. Steven Knazik, director of the Emergency Center at Children's Hospital in Detroit. "Kids are more susceptible for increased risk and tend to have problems with memory and attention if they have not had proper recovery."

Dr. Steven Ham, chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital agrees.

"Head injury is additive. The brain needs to rest. If the brain cannot completely recover, the memory reserve is used up," said Dr. Ham.

If proper recovery is not allowed or if a second impact occurs before the brain has fully recovered, the level of cognition drops. In the long term, kids can lose their cognitive ability; they experience problems at school such as not being able to maintain their grades or their decision-making, reasoning and problem-solving ability become impaired.

A concussion is an injury to the brain caused by a blow to the head. Head injuries can range from a mild concussion to a spinal cord injury, but the most common head trauma

seen in sports is a concussion, especially in contact sports like football and ice hockey, said Dr.

CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

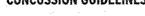
According to Dr. Knazik, most sports medicine programs and doctors follow the Colorado Medical Society's guidelines for return to sports following a concussion, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Although individual cases may vary, these are basic guidelines for injury assessment and recovery.

Grade I involves a player who may be dazed, confused, dizzy, have a headache, or impaired orientation (not knowing time or place). Grade II concussion involves confusion and brief amnesia (child does not remember what happened), and possible loss of consciousness. Grade III concussion involves a com-

Dr. Ham advises for a Grade I concussion, kids not return to play for one to two weeks. For a Grade II concussion, he suggests not returning back for one month and for a Grade III, he said kids should terminate activity in that sport for the remainder of the season, as well as being re-evaluated prior to the next season.

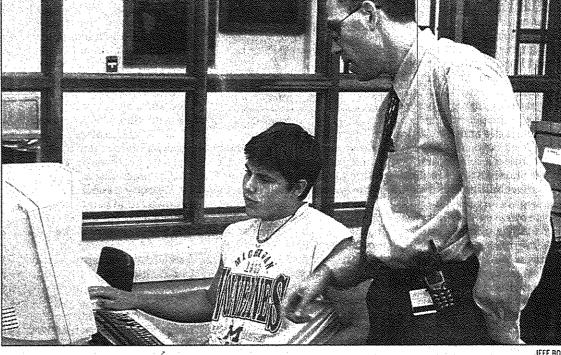
Ham.

The more times a child sustains a head injury, the higher chance the injury will be more severe. Therefore, it is important for athletes, sports staff and parents to recognize the symptoms of a head trauma in order to treat it properly and help minimize the chance of a more serious injury.



plete loss of consciousness.

To assist in assessment of a child who sustains a head injury during the season, Dr. Knazik suggests that sports programs develop a "test card" for each athlete prior to the start of the season. On this card is basic information such as the child's



Neuropsychologist Kenneth Podell, director of Henry Ford's Sports Concussion Program, administers the ImPact Test to Detroit Country Day student and football player Adam Southwick, 18.

name, address, name of favorite pet, or TV show, or mom's maiden name.

He also suggests administering balance and coordination tests such as having the child balance on one foot, recording how well and how long he can stand in that position, or have him close his eyes and touch his nose with one hand at a time, and record results. Having information like this recorded will allow for a comparison of ability if the child sustains a concussion during the season.

Kenneth Podell, director, division of neuropsychology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, believes a more individualized approach should be taken, rather than the "one-size fits all" guidelines. According to Dr. Podell, it has been estimated that 10 percent of high school athletes playing sports, especially contact sports, sustain concus-

sions each year, and nearly 63,000 occur nationally each vear.

Professional sports organizations, namely the National Hockey League, now have mandatory neurological testing prior to the season's start, and collegiate sports programs also use testing and assessment techniques to monitor head injuries.

Treatment has been focused on professional and collegiate athletes, however, high school students are the most at risk and commonly in need of treatment. Kids take longer to recover from head injuries because of maturation - the brain does not fully mature until we are in our early 20s," said Dr. Podell, who is also co-founder and director of the Sports Concussion Safety Program at Henry Ford Hospital, as well as neuropsychological consultant for the Detroit Red Wings as part of the NHL's con-

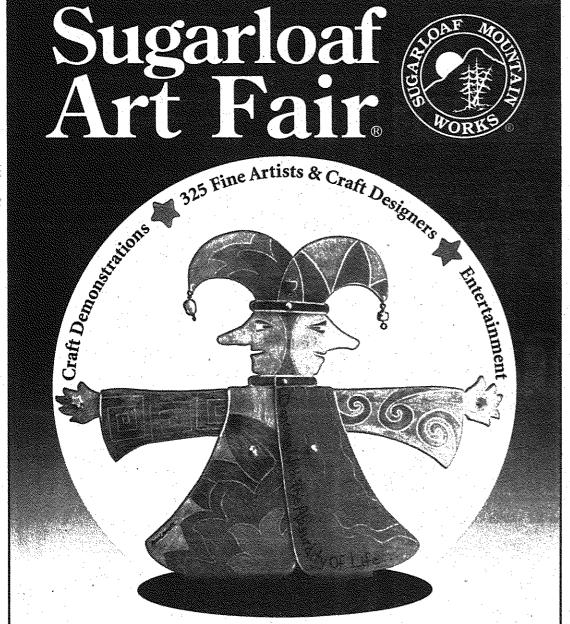
cussion program.

IMPACT TESTING

Clinicians at Henry Ford Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, have developed a state-of-the-art computerized, Windows-based program called Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Test (ImPACT), which is designed to determine when an athlete is fully healed from a concussion and may return safely

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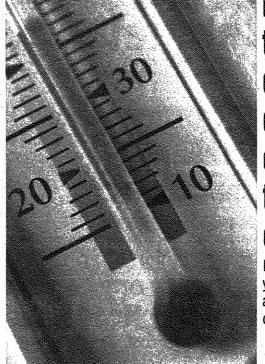
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635 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, free supper lecture with presentations by Dr. Dabuwala, MD and Sallie Foley, MSW, at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. For reservations, call (248) 538-6514.

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which attacks every major organ in the body, and Oct. 25 skin care and makeup workshop, at 31209 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information,

call (734) 762-9324. Surgical weight loss seminar Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield will offer a free seminar on surgical weight loss 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at 6777 W. Maple, west of Drake Road.

Jeffery Genaw, M.D., director of the Bariatric Surgery Center at Henry Ford Hospital, will facilitate the seminar on the three surgical options including Gastric Bypass and LAP-BAND. To register, call (800) HenryFord.

Colorectal cancer lecture

When it comes to this topic, the worst thing you can do is avoid it. Get the facts from a panel of University of Michigan cancer experts 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia West Holiday Inn on Six Mile, east of I-275. The free community program is presented by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Reservations are encouraged. Call (800) 742-2300, enter category 7870.

Carpal Tunnel seminar Dr. Nicole Andersen focuses on how proper structure, nutrition and exercise can help manage Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-

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Furthermore, only a fraction of those using the Internet tried multiple sources to confirm

Other findings from the survey were that men were less likely than women to search for health information on the Web, and as you might expect, people younger than age 35 were

more likely than those over age 35 to turn to the Web for assistance.

Of those who used the Net, 67% said they found the information helpful, while 48% of patients with a chronic condition, like rheumatoid arthritis, felt they learned from their internet search. Fewer than 10% of those who, used the Web, found the encounters caused

them to call their doctors any more or less, or changed the number of appointments

If you want to know more about arthritis through the Internet, I would encourage you to use my Web site. On the home page are links with reliable sources of information on arthritis including: The Mayo Clinic, John Hopkins University, Medline, and the Arthritis

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not alone. Here is an opportunity to share in a therapeutic setting with other women who feel the same way. The Madonna University Psychological Services Clinic is offering this unique experience beginning 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, to Jan. 11. Cost is \$15 per session. Call (734) 432-5771.

Nutritional seminar

Ron Kosloff, BS/NC (Nutritional Consultant), talks about topics ranging from nutrition for athletes and body builders to weight loss, overcoming lack of energy, food allergies, colon cleansing, digestive problems and hyperactivity in children 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Better Health, 44427 W. Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon, Plymouth. To register or for more information, call (734) 455-1440.

Fibromyalgia workshop Dr. Kramer will give a free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Carl Sandburg Library, Livonia. Learn about the shocking truth behind the causes of Fibromyalgia, which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To

register, call (248) 426-0201, Seating is

limited. Cancer survivor art exhibit

Gay Walker, an art therapist and cancer survivor, exhibits "The Art of Healing: Journey Through Breast Cancer through Oct. 31, in the gallery at the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi.

All of the artwork in the show was created since the time Walker was diagnosed with breast cancer. Although the art was the primary means for her to process her emotions, it was never intended to beshown. Walker hopes the exhibit will inspire others to do art as a way of coping with whatever comes into

For more information, call (248) 465-5444.

Red Cross blood drive

Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the West Lounge on the campus of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, Walk-in

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Diagnosis and Treatment of Leukemia Free supper and lecture 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. To RSVP, call (248) 538-6507.

Diabetes Prevention

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a diabetes presentation, "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The presentation will enable you to make appropriate lifestyle changes to help reduce your risk for developing diabetes. To register, call (734) 655-8950. For more information or directions, call (734) 655-8961 or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org

Sharing & Caring All are welcome at a series of lectures presented by Sharing & Caring in the first floor conference room at Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Upcoming topics include Clinical Trials and Cutting Edge Treatments Oct. 30, Pros & Cons of Minimally Invasive Surgical Techniques Nov. 13, and Tamoxifen Dec. 4. The series runs weekly through Dec. 18. To have a schedule mailed to your home, call (248) 551-8585. Prior to meeting, call (248) 551-8588 for schedule change information.

UPCOMING

Wellness Seminar

Weight reduction program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., main entrance, Kalman Auditorium, Dearborn. The 2hour session combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. No reservations required, Call (800)

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calling Peck.

Circle of Hope Gala A benefit for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's cancer services 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 14. at Laurel Manor Special Event Center, Livonia. Evening includes dinner, dancing and a variety of music by Intrigue. WXYZ-Channel 7 health reporter JoAnne Purtan serves as honorary chairperson. Tickets are

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Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Mary Jane Peck at (734) 655-1100.

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Women: Be Fit and Fabulous offers a

variety of exercises - aerobics for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscle tone, easy yoga for flexibility and relaxation. Four week series begins Nov. 25, All sessions begin at -9:30 a.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

ONGOING

Alliance for the Mentally III

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., between Henry Ruff and Merriman, Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-8498 or (734) 326-4866. All are welcome.

CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group Meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For information about the group, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at

www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS. Self-help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may visit the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site, www.mpas.org. If you have a disability rights issue, contact the MPAS at (800) 288-5923.

Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance, and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call toll-free Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment. Bipolar

The MDDA-Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

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 at Dorvin Nursing Center on

Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield, Call (800) 770-

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. HelpLine: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: Noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital. 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911. Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277, Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

Cancer support group

Join "Focus on Living," a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary. Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor, a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at (248) 683-4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net, or visit www.tremorsupport.com. To learn

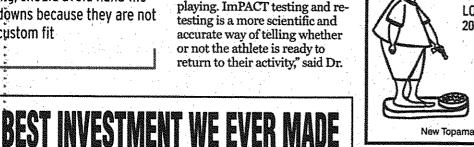
more about the International Tremor Foundation, visit www.essentialtremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

Parents Supporting Parents Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001

W. Nine Mile Road, Call (248) 849-5342. Stroke The St. John Health System-Providence offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Providence Park-Novi, 47601

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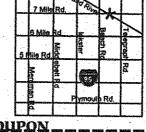
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Harmony Club revives vaudeville

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, October 19, 2003

Bob Pepper thought Redford could use a good vaudeville show. Apparently audiences

Since 1980, the Redford Harmony Club has been drawing full houses with a variety of

This year's show features everything from musical comedy to juggling at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Redford Theater, 17360

Lahser, north of Grand River. Tickets are \$8 and available by calling (248) 887-5526.

"It's a quality family show," said Pepper, a retired Detroit fireman who directs the production that includes the Detroit Fire Department Band.

"Kids love it. Teenagers love it. Vaudeville's something not seen live on stage anymore."

The Redford Harmony Club has a lot to do with the success of the annual production. The second Friday night of the month they gather to sing the barbershop songs they love.

As a kid, Pepper couldn't get enough of the music and built an extensive record collection.

"We just enjoy singing," said Pepper, whose daughter, Bonnie, followed in his footsteps. The soprano travels around the country performing showtunes including songs



Four of a Kind members Bob Pepper (left), Bob Collins, Larry Glueck, and Todd Bredin are working to put on a vaudeville show Nov. 1, at the Redford Theatre.

from The Phantom of the Opera. Pepper always strives to keep the show fresh by adding new performers and never scheduling the same act two years in a row. This year, ragtime pianist Bob Milne, the Westside Boys, Quantum Leap Barbershop Quartet, The Korozan Sisters and comedic juggler Jonathon Park perform.

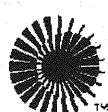
When the doors open at 7:30 p.m., Don Haller will have the audience singing along with him as he plays old favorites on the 1928 Barton Theatre Organ. Later, Zeemo the Magnificent will amaze all ages with his ability to keep multiple yo-yo's going.

"I'm looking forward to comedian Bob Bloenk," said Larry Glueck, a member of Four of a Kind, the quartet that puts on the show. "A lot of people have asked him to return."

Glueck is especially proud of the fact that in the 24th year the show has always managed to fill the theater. Seniors especially love it.

Vaudeville is a canned show," said Glueck of Redford. "The acts show up already prepared because they do it for a living. The show is an easy way to put on this type of entertainment. And there's such a variety. If there's something people don't care for, they just have to wait for the next act. That's why people went to vaudeville, to be entertained."





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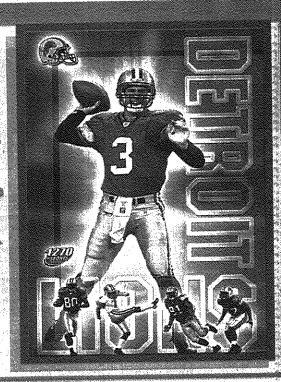
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The Ravines in Canton appeals to empty-nesters

BY BARRY JENSEN CORRESPONDENT

Green and rolling nicely describe the land around The Ravines in Canton. Sixty condominiums are planned for 65 acres. The condos occupy less than half the land. More than half will be left in its natural forested condition, said Carrie Murphy, sales counselor at The Ravines.

Condos are wrapped around three small wetland areas, in addition to a storm water retention basin tucked away in one corner of the development. Just to the west are woods that are guaranteed to stay there.

As you turn into the development, the models are 100 feet down on your left. The rest of the condominiums are further down the paved road, which connects with Joy Road through the main entrance.

We want the homeowners to feel like the entrance road is the driveway of an estate," said James V. Clarke, Robertson Brothers executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The main road continues on its oval path up and down the hills of the development. The road will be lined with trees. Because of the hills, 60 percent of the homeowners will be able to have walkout basements, if they desire, Clarke said. Sidewalks will be built, and post lights are being installed. Individual yards are completely landscaped, and equipped with sprinkling systems.

Association dues include lawn mowing. "We are building homes to attract



The one-story Berkshire II has a two-car garage and a first-floor master suite with two walk-in closets at the Ravines in Canton

prospective empty-nesters," Clarke said. Condominiums attract many people whose children have left home.

Empty-nesters Elaine and Joe Huley bought a condominium in The Ravines.

"We came here on a job transfer from St. Louis. But with our child now in college, we realized we had become emptynesters," said Elaine.

"We didn't want all the work of keeping up a yard, so when we started looking around, we looked for a condo. But we wanted a detached condo. We didn't want to be attached to another home.

"The setting here is spacious. Our place looks like a house," she said.

FLOOR PLANS

Four floor plans are currently offered. Berkshire II with 2,300 square feet is the smallest. Amherst II has 2,600 square feet; Fairhaven II 2,800 square feet. Sienna II, the largest, is 3,100 square feet.

A fifth floor plan is coming, Clarke said. That one will have about 1,900 square feet.

Prices range from \$360,000 to \$400,000. The largest lot premium is \$60,000. Most are smaller.

The one-story Berkshire II has a two-

car garage, first-floor master suite with two walk-in closets, and an optional pan ceiling. There's a full bath by the other first-floor bedroom. This floor plan can be modified to include a bay window in the kitchen nook and tile in the "mud room."

Amherst II has a two-car garage, master suite with two walk-in closets and double-sink vanity. There's a fireplace in the great room. A bathroom and two additional bedrooms are on the second floor. A bridge connects the two bedrooms at opposite ends of the

Fairhaven II has a three-car garage. The first-floor master suite has its own bath and great room with fireplace. Options allow a larger walk-in closet, but at the expense of converting the three-car garage into a two-and-onehalf or two-car garage. There's a centrally located bathroom and bridge connecting two bedrooms on the second

Siena has a three-car garage, master suite with two-sink vanity and two walkin closets. There are two more bedrooms are on the second floor. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. A bridge connects the two second-floor bedrooms.

LOOKING AROUND

Condominium exteriors have HardiPlank cement siding. Utilities are underground.

Kitchen, nook, powder room, foyer and rear entry hall flooring are prefinished oak. All plans have first floor laundry rooms. Kitchens have GE appliances including dishwasher, double oven, and cook top.

Association dues are expected to be \$170 per month, which includes exterior maintenance, such as lawn mowing, edging, fertilizing and snow removal.

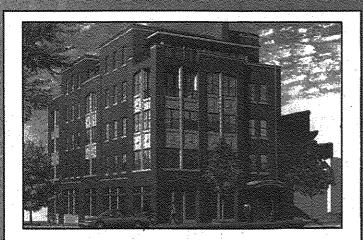
Property taxes on a \$400,000 condominium will run \$6,400 the first year.

NOT REALLY ISOLATED

The Ravines is seemingly isolated, but it really isn't. I-275 is five miles east. I-94 is nine miles south. M-14/I-96 is four miles north. Downtown Plymouth is three miles northeast. Oakwood Hospital has a facility less than three miles southeast. The Canton Township municipal complex, with its golf course and park, is four miles south.

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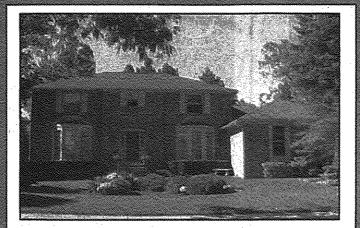






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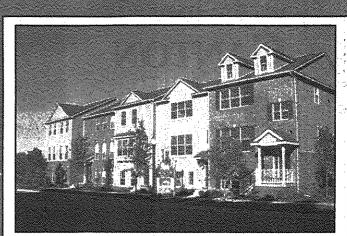
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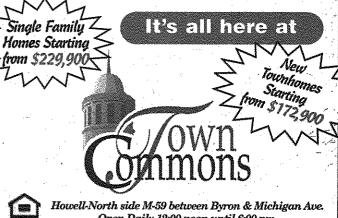




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The vaulted family room, kept bright by multiple skylights and warmed by a built-in wood stove, is open to the breakfast nook and kitchen. Only a handy eating bar and cook top separate these areas. The nook has an entrance to the deck, and the kitchen features double ovens and a walk-in pantry in addition to all the build-in appliances.

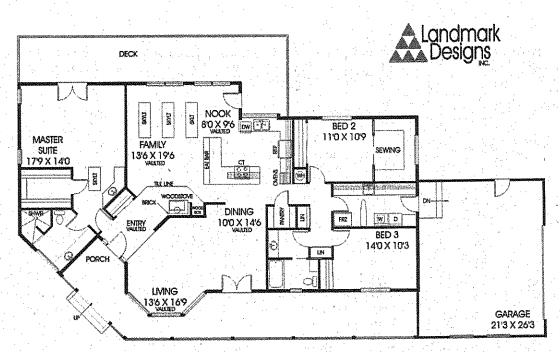
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You can save money by switching to fluorescent lights

BY DAVID BRADLEY
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Energy conservation doesn't seem like such a big deal until the lights go

Ask residents in the Northeast what they would have given for a few watts of electricity when the regional power grid went on the fritz.

The blackout touched off another skirmish in the battle against conspicuous consumption, but homeowners are waging their own war on watts at the household level.

And their surprising ally: the lowly light bulb.

"People tend to overlook light bulbs, yet bulbs consume up to 10 percent of household power," said Scott Plemmons, vice president of home lighting for Lowe's. "If you change out even a few bulbs to energy-efficient versions, that's a huge difference."

The hands-down champion of residential energy misers is the compact fluorescent light. The U.S.

Department of Energy estimates CFL bulbs use one-third the energy of incandescent lights. However, fewer than 20 percent of U.S. households use CFL bulbs in their most heavily used light fixtures.

COMPARE BULBS

Homeowners can see the disparity in energy use when they compare bulbs. The CFL equivalent to a 75watt incandescent bulb is a 25-watt fluorescent.

Consumers may see the Energy Star symbol on bulb packages. The designation denotes products that are particularly energy efficient.

Incandescent bulbs are little changed since the days of Thomas Edison. The bulbs produce more heat than light with a relatively short service life. A typical incandescent might last 750 hours, where a comparable

fluorescent bulb could last eight to 12 times longer, up to 10,000 hours.

The knock against fluorescent bulbs was cold, greenish tint light. Plemmons says new generation CFL bulbs deliver the warm glow homeowners favored in incandescent lights. The familiar hum associated with fluorescent tubes is gone, too.

Although fluorescent bulbs cost more than incandescent ones, consumers can expect payback within a few years. Homeowners should expect to save \$10 to \$15 over the life of each fluorescent bulb. These cost savings are driving the growth of CFL sales in retail markets.

Plemmons said fluorescent lights make the most economic sense in fixtures used most frequently. Rooms where lights are left on for more than three hours a day, such as kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms – as well as reading lamps – are the best candidates for CFLs. Hard-to-reach locations, notably hallways and vaulted ceilings, are ideal for fluorescent bulbs.

OTHER USES

Plemmons says fluorescent bulbs are making the leap to specialty uses as flood lamps and accent lights. Low-energy-use halogen lamps are also emerging on the decor lighting scene.

Homeowners should safely dispose of spent or damaged fluorescent

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bulbs. CFLs contain low amounts of mercury. Call local environmental officials for advice on drop-off or collection points for these lights.

"We see the highest rates of energy awareness in the West and Northeast," said Plemmons. "Those regions may be hardest hit energywise, but there seems to be a generalized awareness by homeowners in the U.S. that they have a role in energy saving, too. Low-power-usage bulbs is one way to help."

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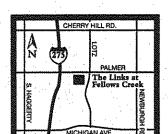
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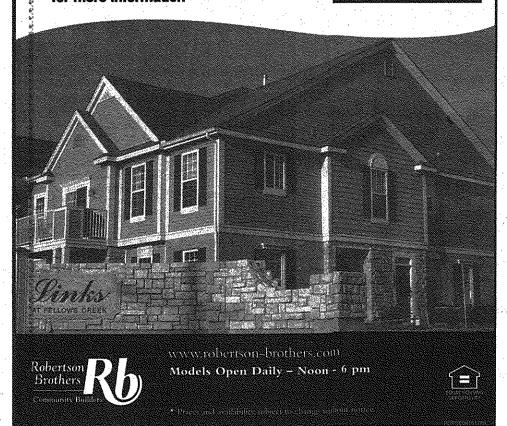




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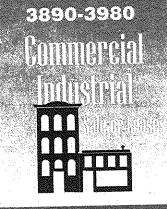




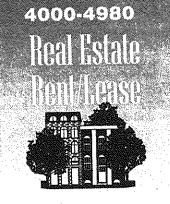


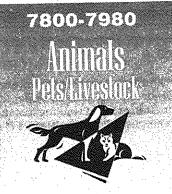




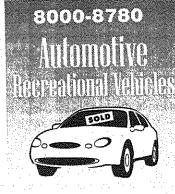












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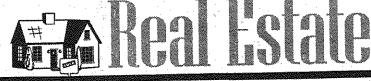
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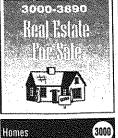




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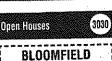
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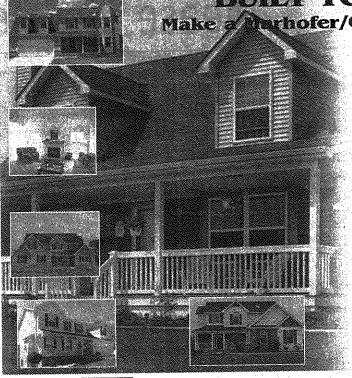




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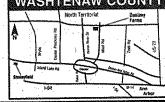
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Parents buy homes for their children away at college

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When Kate Teske began looking into buying a home for her 19-yearold daughter Megan, she wanted to find something less crowded and in a safer environment than the dorms at Arizona State University in

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Tempe. She also wanted a home that would not only take the place of her daughter's living expenses at ASU, but also increase in value during her college stay.

The investment part was the biggest factor, with rates as low as they are," said Kate Teske, who ended up buying a two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium. While her daughter lives there, Teske rents the other room out to a roommate.

Teske is one of many Phoenix area parents taking advantage of a favorable homebuying market by purchasing homes for their college-aged kids. While this isn't necessarily new, or a booming trend, many in the real able to buyers from multiple realms. estate industry agree that a weak stock market and record low interest rates have created a favorable environment for those wanting an alternative to renting or perhaps capitalize on an investment opportunity.

"The big question for potential buyers is 'Where do I want to put my money?'" said Al Koehler, vice presi-dent and designated broker of Developers Marketing Services. "It's a unique time to buy homes, because in many cases people can own for less than the cost to rent."

Koehler has been involved in loan closings at the Regatta Pointe Condominiums at Tempe Town Lake. He said 30 percent of its units have sold to parents of ASU stu-

Offering a gated community and one- or two-car garages while remaining within walking distance of campus have made Regatta desir-

A LOT TO GAIN

"The opportunity to purchase a new property near the school is a unique one in this market," Koehler said. "For those interested in the investment part as well, there's potentially a lot to gain down the road."

Dorm fees can vary at ASU, but a parent of a student living in Hayden or Best Halls, two of the least expensive dorms on campus, would pay an average of \$335 a month over a nine-month period.

Ken Lewandowski purchased a single-family home in July south of Broadway and Rural roads in Tempe for his son, a junior at ASU, and two roommates. "Why pay rent when I can put my money in this instead?" he said. "There were plenty of students looking to rent after their freshman year, so we had no problem renting the house."

He said he might hang onto the property for investment purposes down the road, but wants to keep the house until his four kids get through college.

"I have three younger children after him that might want to live in the house, and my son might decide to stay there after school," he said, adding that he likes being able to go to the house anytime to make sure

KIDDIE CONDO CONCEPT

things are OK.

Bob Bullock, an agent at Realty Executives' Scottsdale Gainey office, has been selling condos to parents for 18 years and currently owns 70 rental properties. He said the "kiddie condo" concept has been good the past 12 years and remained that way because of the market and current mortgage rates.

"What investors are doing, for

example, is buying a two-bedroom condo for \$100,000 and renting out rooms for \$350 each," Bullock said. "Four to five years later, at a 5 percent-a-year appreciation, they're making a profit."

The opportunity to buy a previously owned home at an affordable price has equally attracted out-ofstate parents facing smaller markets and higher tax costs in other

regions. Terri Helmick, a sales manager and associate broker with Coldwell Banker Success Realty's Tempe office, closed on a home in late August for an Oregon couple whose oldest son is a sophomore at ASU.

"This family, like many from other states, wanted to have a home for their child during school, but also have the option of using it for other purposes," Helmick said.

Meanwhile, it's appreciating in value here in the Valley. This is a smart way to get an investment."



Horses give way to suburban sprawl Dravitszki. (AP) - As the Chicago suburbs have The Trail's End stable in Homer Glen

pushed out into farm country, horse stables have vanished along with the fields of corn and soybeans.

While no one keeps track of how many horses or stables there are, development clearly has pushed many of the stables farther out and forced others to close. Preservationists, academics and horse owners are concerned.

"They're something that's different from your suburb and your place of work and your shopping mall," said Michael H. Ebner, a history professor at Lake Forest College. He said stables and riding trails should be treasured.

But as people move into new developments in horse country, they often complain about the smell. Development also causes property taxes to rise, forcing out

stable owners. "At some point you just say enough is enough," said Mary Chris Hartman, whose family used to own a stable in Hickory

was sold last year to developers who plan to put a hardware store and building supply store on the property.

Hills. Now they operate a horse farm in Missouri.

The Trail's End stable in Homer Glen was sold last year to developers who plan to put a hardware store and building supply store on the property.

"I had many reasons for selling. I lost my husband five years ago, and running it by myself was just too hard," said Sue

"Between the liability insurance, the real estate taxes and the cost of health insurance, it's very tough. You don't make any money," she said.

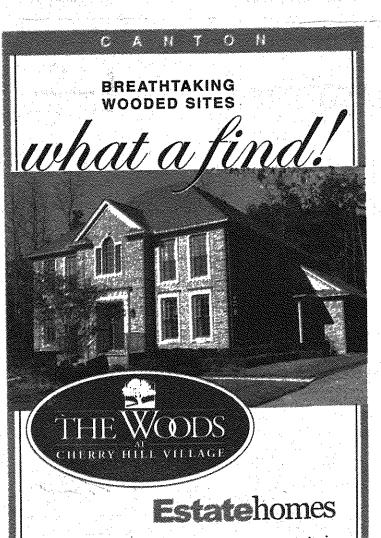
She also said mountain bikes make forest preserve trails dangerous for horses.

"A mountain bike comes around the corner from behind and the horse bolts," she

Ron Olson said there used to be a dozen stables in an area of Streamwood known as "the triangle." Now, he said, there are

Brooke McDonald, president of the Conservation Foundation, said it's simple economics:

"The value of the land is very high, homes are being built all around, and the new residents complain about the smells. So a stable owner says, 'I'm sitting on land worth \$100,000 an acre. I'll sell and I'll make enough to buy three times as much land out in the boonies."

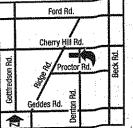


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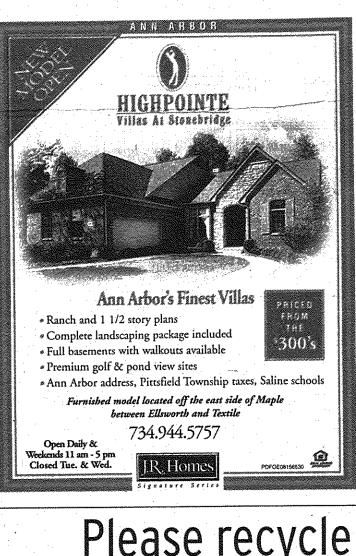
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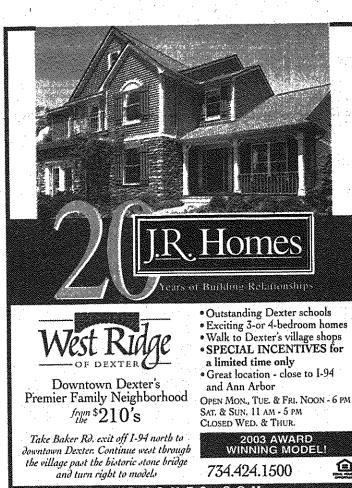
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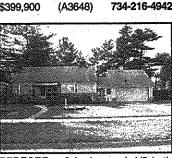


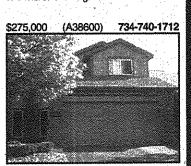
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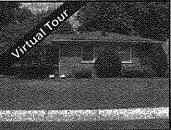


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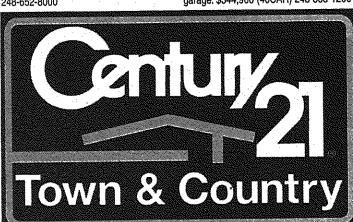


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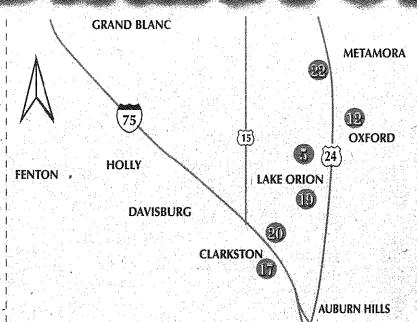


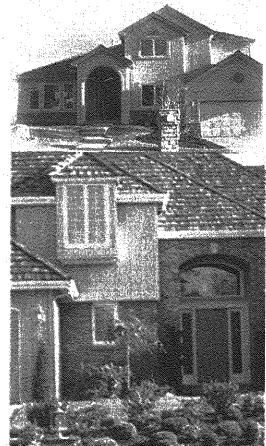
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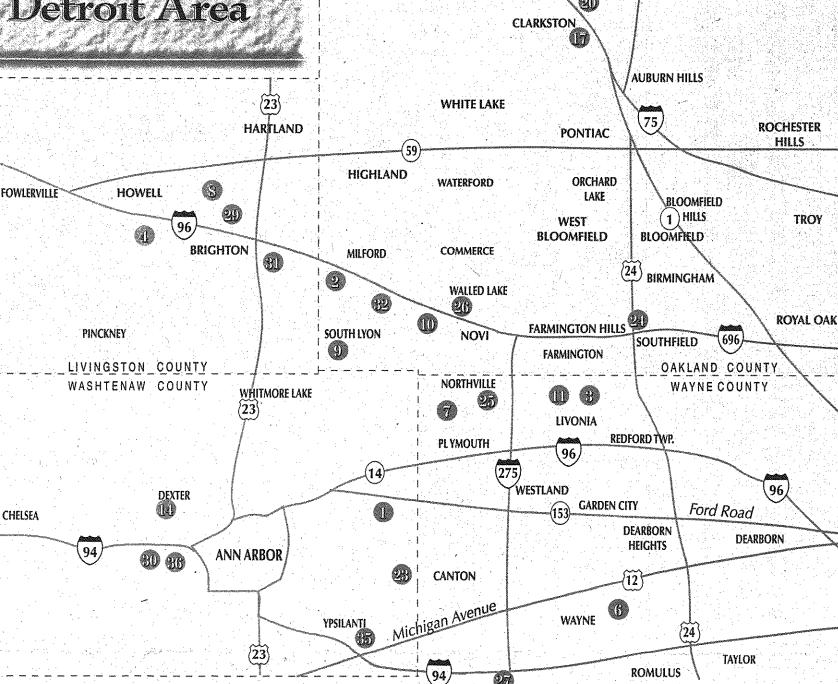
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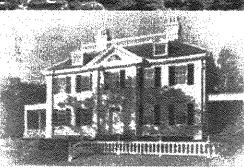
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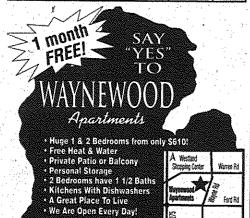
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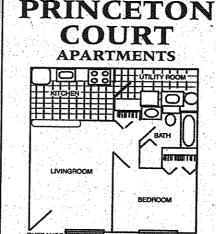
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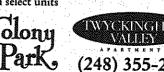
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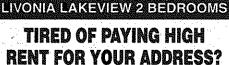
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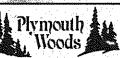
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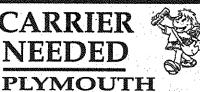
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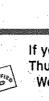
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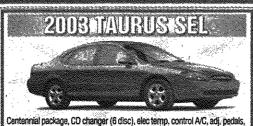
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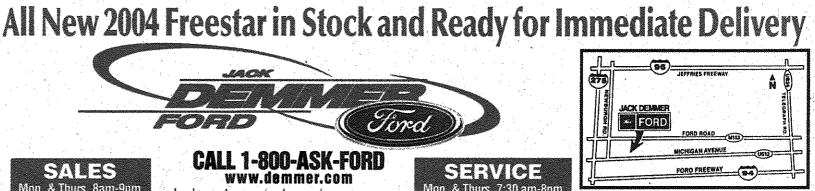
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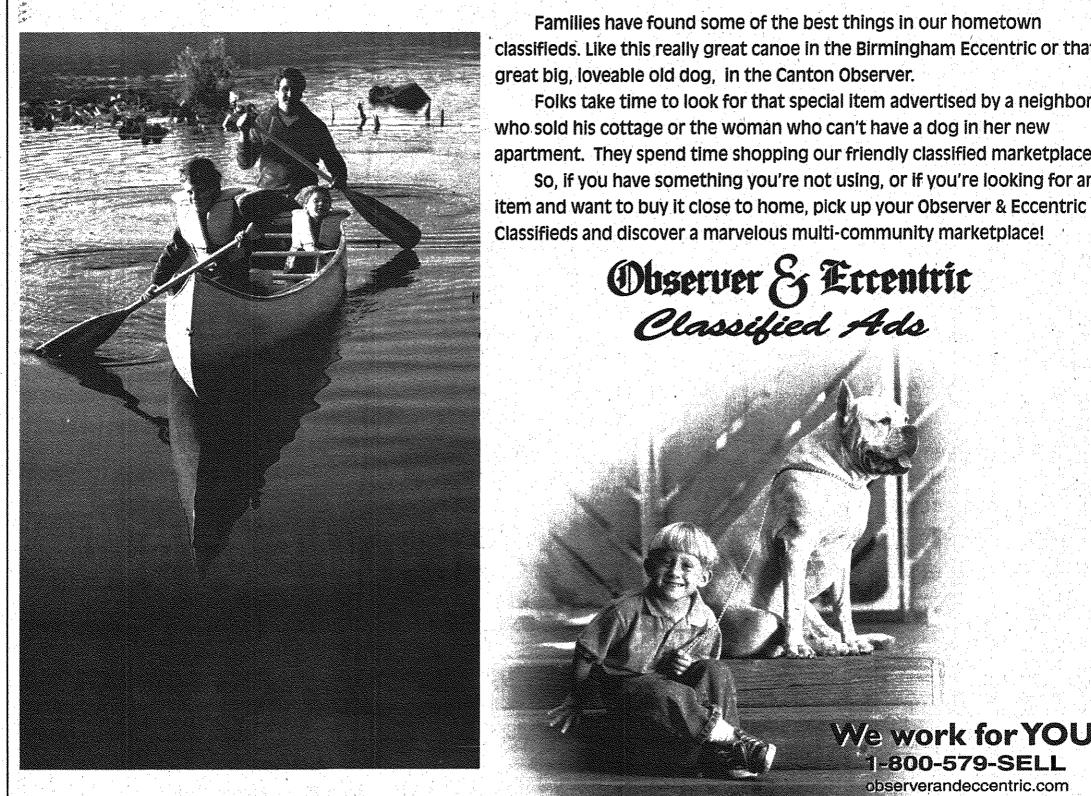
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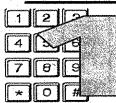
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DWF, 52, young-looking Jewish lady, medium to large build, humorous. Enjoys art fairs, crafting. Seeking supportive, financially stable SWM, 40-65. Give me a try.

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU I'm a SBF, 52, 5'5", with black hair & brown eyes, who enjoys bowling & jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SBM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor, Ad#:528909 **MULTI- INTERESTED AAF**

SBF, 50, homeowner, has teenage son, enjoys gardening and meeting new people. Seeking SM, 40-60, race unimportant. Ad#:528623 CALL ME SNA Mom. 26, 5'4", 160 lbs., seeks

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MARRIAGE-MINDED Professional, SWF, 50, long blonde hair, full-figured, 5' tall, who enjoys gardening, movies, socializ-ing, the outdoors, cooking and more. Seeking a compassionate, caring SWM, 43-52. Ad#:482898

SWF, 34, tall, dark, beautiful, 5'11" great sense of humor, loves her children, hunting and Harley's. Seeking a funny, tall, well-built SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Kids welcome. Ad#:504545

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I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic

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Fun to be around SB Dad, 36, 510, 190 lbs., clean cut, smoker. ing, and time with his kid Looking for hardworking, attracti

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HIGH ON LIFE 40 year old, SWM, 43, strong-willed, positive, with a great attitude, happy-go-lucky guy, and var-ied interests. I am seeking a kind,

DOWN-TO-EARTH SWM, 42, 5'9', 185 lbs., green eyes, gray hair, funny, shy at first and kind. Enjoys golf, bowling, the outdoors, motorcycles and more. Seeking a SF, 35-45, who is fun.

YOU CAN TRUST ME I'm 5'9', with brown hair, green eyes, fun, humorous, SWM, 43, financially secure, I enjoy camping, NASCAR, watching TV. Seeking NASCAH, Watching IV. Seekin fun-loving, SWF, 25-48, to hav fun, do things togethe

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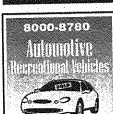
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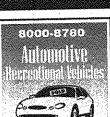
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BY ANNE FRACASSA **AVANTI NEWS FEATURES**

It's boxy. It's radical. It's really, really different.

Even though it's graced our roads for almost a year at this point, the 2004 Honda Element still turns heads. People stop. People stare.

Like I said, it's really, really different.

The Element is so many different vehicles rolled into one. The floor is hard and flat, like a pickup truck. The rear cargo area is modeled after a sport utility vehicle. It rides and drives like a passenger car. And you get a lot of versatility out of this valuedriven vehicle.

Let's start with the price. Bottom line is around \$16,000, but if you want a few extras, count on spending around \$20,000 for this honey. The standard equipment list is as long as a felon's rap sheet, though. It seems like everything is included that you would ever hope for.

The Element, as you would expect, appeals to the younger set, but I can see more than one mom or dad opting to purchase one. Its utility and versatility could appeal to the masses, especially when you're talking about hauling around stuff like kids' bikes, sports equipment and the like.

The side cargo doors open without a B-pillar, so loading items is a snap. The rear seats can be removed and the front seats fold down to form a bed. Live in the Element? Sure you can.

We did find one thing totally annoying about the Element, and I'll get that off my chest right now. Because there is no B-pillar and both doors open wide, your passengers in the rear seat will have to close both doors before seating themselves. With kids, it was annoying. I can't imagine how much more annoying it would be with a couple of adults in the rear seats.

But roomy back there? My kids loved all the room the rear seats provided. They could almost have a party back there and not even disturb the driver. And like I said, the rear cargo area is large enough for even the major hauler to be happy. With its easy-to-load rear deck, even a little person can put stuff they need in there without a headache.

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Every surface on the inside of the Element is waterproof, including the seating surfaces. That's reminiscent of the pickup trucks of yesteryear, where you could literally take a hose to the

inside without much ado.

The floor of the Element is coated with urethane, so clean-up is a breeze. From mud to just everyday muck, it can be wiped out with ease.

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Something that was much easier to get used to than I imagined was the placement of the gear shift lever. It's not mounted on the floor or on the steering column. It's actually placed in the middle of the instrument cluster. I thought it would be really awkward, but it wasn't. I was able to get used to it really

Many of the outside body panels are made of composite material, so dings and scratches are going to be minimal for you. That only adds to the ruggedness of the Element. Take it where you want, it'll go and attack whatever you throw at it.

Underneath the hood, you'll find a 2.4-liter i-VTEC 4-cylinder engine that promises 160 horsepower and delivers a 161 lb.-ft of torque. This engine is more than adequate for a vehicle of this size. Power is not a factor on city roads and in highway

driving, that's for sure. Be confident it can handle whatever you have in store for the Element.

2004 Honda Element: Vehicle type: Special purpose vehicle. Power: 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 21 mpg city/24 mpg highway. Where

By the way, driven was the 4-speed automatic transmission model. It's available in a 5-speed manual, by the way, but the automatic was just a joy to drive and didn't impact fuel economy adversely.

The Element is outfitted with a four-wheel-drive system and also comes with 16-inch wheels as standard equipment.

Safety issues are not a concern with Element. Driver's and front passenger's air bags are standard, as is an anti-lock braking system, three-point rear seat belts, LATCH for kids, side impact door beams and an immobilizer anti-theft system.

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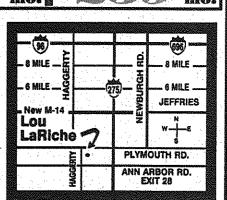
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