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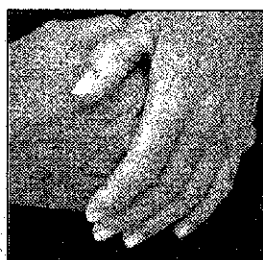


Shopping spree

Win a back-to-school shopping spree at Oakland Mall.

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HEALTH



Tough decisions

Hospice care offers an alternative for those with painful, terminal illness. PAGE C8

Memo

CHV Theater

Don't forget today (Sunday, Sept. 12) you can tour the new Cherry Hill Village Theater at 4 p.m. For \$10 you will see the theater, have light refreshments and a brief stage show.

Free tours will also be offered next weekend 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., every hour on the hour, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19.

Workers needed

The Canton Clerk's Department is now accepting applications for precinct inspectors to work the Nov. 2. general election.

An applicant must be qualified, a registered voter within Wayne County and a United States citizen.

Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble voting stations, read, write legibly and speak English.

They must be able to perform simple math calculations, follow instructions and possess interpersonal skills to work with the public.

The rate of pay is \$125 for the day, and the applicant must attend a mandatory training class at the rate of \$20 pay for the class.

Applications may be picked up at the clerk's office during regular business hours. For information, call (734) 394-5120.

Antique appraisal

The Canton Historical Society will host its annual Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Ernest DuMouchelle from the DuMouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit will appraise; he has appeared on the PBS presentation of Antique Road Show.

The clinic will be held at the Cherry Hill School, corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge in Cherry Hill Village. There is a \$10 fee for verbal appraisals and a \$15 fee for written appraisals. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

You can call (734) 453-5297 for a scheduled time; walk-ins will also be accommodated. Limit is three hand-carried items per person.

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Boundary dispute heads for hearing

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

A Canton resident leading a drive for his and a neighboring subdivision to secede from the Van Buren school district said he knows that he has little chance of success.

Mark Dixon, who lives in Huntington Place II subdivision off Beck north of Geddes,

is representing a group of residents in his subdivision and neighboring Huntington Place I who wish to switch from Van Buren to Plymouth-Canton.

"I know we're caught between a rock and a hard place," said Dixon, whose transfer case is up for review by the state schools superintendent Oct. 6. "It's really a Catch-22. We don't really feel we stand a chance in

Lansing. It opens up such a Pandora's Box."

Success for him could lead to a flood of other property transfer requests from other residents living near school district borders, Dixon said.

Property transfer requests must be addressed by the school districts' intermediate school district. In this case, Wayne Regional Educational Service

Agency chose not to act on Dixon's request, which led him to try appealing his case to the state's school superintendent.

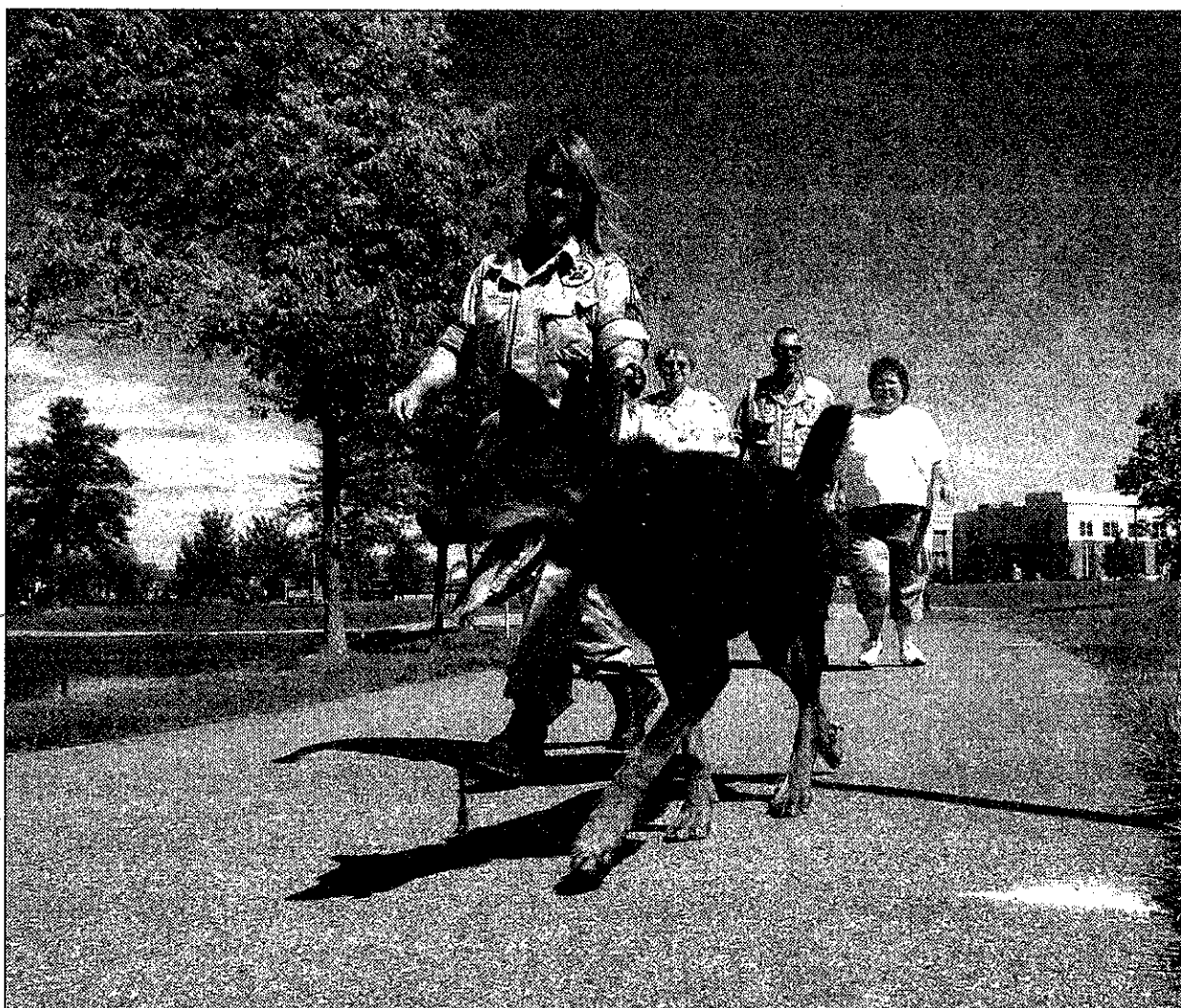
Dixon and others in his neighborhood have said that Plymouth-Canton is a more desirable school district for numerous reasons — but mainly because Plymouth-Canton schools are closer to home. Belleville High is eight miles

from Dixon's home, and the Plymouth-Canton high school complex is just four miles away.

"I have no reason to go to Belleville," Dixon said. His two children are both graduates of Belleville High.

Dixon said he also feels the Plymouth-Canton facilities are better. Van Buren is attempting

PLEASE SEE DISPUTE, A6



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lynette Brink of the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team walks Raven, 7 1/2-year-old French Beauceron. Behind her are husband Mike Brink, Carol Heminger (left) and Ginnie Hauck (of Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis) who will take part in the upcoming rescue dog demonstration and Tails and Trails dog walk Sept. 18 at Heritage Park.

Man's best friend

Group hopes fund-raiser helps 'rescue' new site

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Raven, an elite canine rescue dog, will be among the stars at the second annual Tails and Trails charity dog walk Saturday, Sept. 18.

The never-say-die dog is part of the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team and will be in Canton as part of a rescue dog demonstration before the dog walk.

The walk, demonstration and other events are being staged by the

Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. Money pledged during the walk will go to

MTROT to help with an expanded training operation. MTROT hopes to build a training course at a dog education facility on Hannan Road in Van Buren Township just south of the Canton border.

The club raised \$2,800 last year for the MTROT dogs.

"We need a place to train and test these dogs. A dog must be recertified

every year," Michael Brink, one of Raven's handlers, said.

Brink, a Madison Heights firefighter, and his wife Lynette brought Raven to Canton Monday for a little tour of her work site, Heritage Park just behind the library.

Raven is a French Beauceron and she responds to commands in French.

"We train dogs using French, German, Belgian and English. If you had a dozen dogs and you say 'sit' in English that can be

confusing," Michael Brink said.

Michael said the Canton event will make use of kids from the audience, perhaps having them hiding in cardboard boxes.

The fun is part of the serious work of MTROT, whose 85 members include firefighters, paramedics, veterinarians, engineers, medical doctors and, of course, rescue dogs.

The dogs go into

PLEASE SEE DOGS, A3



The homes have a 'Grosse Pointe' feel, according to a Pulte vice president, Sean Strickler.

Ford Road homes sell fast

Builder finds Canton great place to sell homes

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Ford Road at Ridge Road has become a hot corner for one Canton Township home builder.

Just 18 months ago Pulte Homes, a national company based in Bloomfield Hills, opened its model homes in Vintage Valley right at the southeast corner of Ridge and Ford. Since then all but one of 65 homes has been sold. There are three other builders there building and selling the balance of the 161 sites.

Next door (east along Ford), Pulte is expected to build 163 homes in three phases in Antique Forest. It has sold 55 homes since Valentine's Day of this year. The homes are in the mid-\$400,000 to the mid-\$500,000 range on one-third of an acre.

What makes Canton such a hot home market for a big company like Pulte?

Several things, according to Sean Strickler, vice president for sales for the Michigan division of the firm.

"We absolutely love Canton," he said. "They are a good township to work with. A majority of our buyers come from other areas of Canton who like Pulte, who like Plymouth-Canton schools and want something bigger."

Strickler, who lives nearby in Northville, said about one in three people Pulte is selling to are repeat customers.

"We get people from Plymouth, from Livonia," he said. "Also, they come from all over if they are transferred by an auto manufacturer or an auto supplier."

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said almost everything in Canton sells quickly, but some faster than others.

"Pulte definitely has a following in Canton. In these subs we were able to be flexible on lot sizes to preserve open space. No question Pulte builds faster,"

PLEASE SEE HOMES, A4

Canton woman could face rabies shots

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman, who spent a weekend at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after complaining of chest pains, is now undergoing a series of rabies injections after a bat flew out of her hospital room.

Jan Losi, 54, was released last Tuesday after doctors told her she shouldn't be concerned about the pains.

But about 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 7, hospital staffers saw a bat fly out of her room, which she shared

with another patient.

"They caught the bat, and it was released," said Krista Hobson, a U-M Hospital spokeswoman. "Both patients were asleep at the time. As far as we know the bat made no physical contact with those patients."

But, Hobson said, according to guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the hospital had to offer the patients rabies vaccine.

Losi said she was not told about the bat until the hospital was ready to release her late Tuesday afternoon.

While she didn't think she had been bitten, she said that after looking over the literature she felt she had no choice but to get the shots.

"I had three shots that Tuesday," she said. "I had another one Friday morning. I still have three more to go."

She said she had no complaints about the hospital.

"It's a fantastic hospital," she said. "What upset me most was that had the person not released it, I and others at the hospital

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2004 Oktoberfest season boasts new mega celebrations.



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PARENT FORUMS START

The first P-CEP Parent Forum is at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Salem. Parent Forums are for all P-CEP (Canton, Salem, and Plymouth) parents. Parents will have the opportunity to meet hear what is happening at P-CEP and their student's home school from administrators and staff.

Principals Jerry Ostoin, Cassandra Smith, and Michael Bee are always present at these meetings and available to

answer questions or hear concerns. Meetings are open to all interested persons.

OPEN HOUSE

Excellerate Associates will hold an open house at their new offices in Willow Creek Plaza, 42180 Ford Road, Suite 201A on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 7:30-10 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served and a ribbon cutting will be held by a group from the Canton Chamber at 10 a.m. The firm specializes in coaching busi-

ness, government and non-profit executives in how to increase the productivity of individual staff, themselves and their own organizations.

SALEM BOOSTERS MEET

The booster club for Salem Rocks football. The Salem Linebackers Club, will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Room No. 2703 at Salem High. Parents of current and future players are invited to attend. For more information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Canton Leisure Services is looking for cover photos for their upcoming Discover program brochures that celebrate recreation throughout the different seasons.

The contest is open to all amateur photographers in the Canton area.

Participants must use their own equipment and cover all film development costs. Entrants are permitted to submit one color or one black and white photograph, (as they will be judged together) per season.

One entry per person, per season will be accepted (four total). Please submit 5 by 7 inch or 8 by 10 inch prints only; (no matted or framed entries, and no slides please).

Digitally enhanced photos will not be accepted.

Photos entries will be accepted starting Monday Sept. 13 and ending at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Please submit your photos in an envelope to the Summit on the Park Front Desk, attention: Jen Eubanks.

On the back of each entry, please include a photo "title" along with the photographers name, address, e-mail and phone contact information. All submitted photographs will become the property of Canton Leisure Services and will not be returned.

All entries will be displayed during the Canton Harvest Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 25. Winners will be selected that afternoon, and contacted within the next following week.

The contest is free to enter. A complete list of rules will be available for download and in the lobby of the Summit, beginning Sept. 7.

For more information, please contact Jen Eubanks, or call (734) 394-5460.

ASK THE LAWYER

Condo and single-family homeowners will have a chance to Ask The Lawyer at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the Homeowners Advisory Council meeting.

Attorney Doug Alexander



Hot times with chili

Annette Horn, owner of Native West and the president and chairperson of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off poses with Mary, Margaret and Drew Terhune, and Blake & Mitchel Kiefer and 'Gypsy' Jimmy Herber on his full custom 1997 Harley-Davidson Sportster. All will be on hand when the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off hits town Sunday, Oct. 10. The day will include a ride-in Motorcycle Bike Show, where anyone can enter. There are 15 different classes to compete from and even the ugliest bike will win a prize. The main event is the chili and salsa cook-off featuring red chili, green chili and salsa. The chili competition will bring in 50-60 cooks from all over the country vying for the top spot. Proceeds from the event support local children's charities. All events take place in downtown Plymouth from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

from Alexander, Zelmanski and Lee will answer legal questions for free.

The Council will meet at Canton Fire Station No. 1 just north of Canton Township Hall.

BIBLE TALKS

A Bible prophecy lecture series continues today (Sunday, Sept. 11) at Summit on the Park in the PDC room. "Signs

of the End of Time You Can't Ignore" is tonight's topic. These are presentations on what the future holds. Presenters include the Rev. Mike Doucoumes; a Detroit-area singer/evangelist, Greg Hardy; and Raymond Waller of the Detroit Rescue Mission. Meetings are also set for Monday, Sept. 13, and Saturday, Sept. 18, Sunday, Sept. 19 and Monday, Sept. 20.

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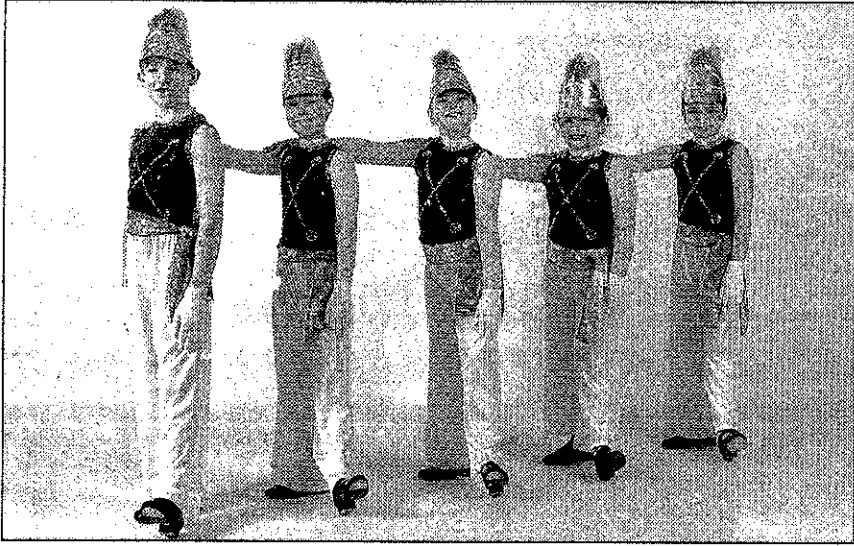
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Michael Neal of Westland, Jessica Bihn of Canton, Esther Kaufmann of Plymouth, Frankie Topalian of Canton and Sara Brudzinski of Canton as they appeared in a previous Central City Dance Christmas event.

Holiday cheer

CC Dance holding auditions for Christmas show

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Central City Dance studio will hold a second round of auditions next Saturday, Sept. 18 for their first Christmas spectacular.

"We wanted to create something nice for the first season of the Cherry Hill Village Theater, and we wanted a creative alternative to the *Nutcracker*. We want to use dancers who like jazz, tap, hip-hop and gymnastics," owner Tim Smola said.

Last week the studio's third season began with a full set of classes.

But Tim and his wife, Tamara Nastev-Smola, are also directing their attention to the new Christmas show.

"We want this to become a Plymouth and Canton family tradition. There will be singing and gymnastics but primarily it will be a dance show."

The first auditions in August produced about 50 of the expected cast members Tim said.

"We still need more dancers. And a Santa."

The Smolas' show will make full use of the capability of the new theater. They hope a giant jack-in-the-box can be rigged in one of the stage trapped doors. "The new theater is stunning."

Tamara said the August auditions brought out dancers from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Brighton and Ann Arbor.

Auditions hours on Sept. 18 for



Nastev-Smola



Smola

in December.

Kaiti Aprill, Canton resident and a Salem ninth grader who has made the cut for the show, is excited about the prospect of the show at the CHV theater. "I am looking forward to it a lot."

Keliisa Nordstrom of Plymouth, 10, a St. Peters Lutheran School student, found the audition experience "pretty fun. This is my seventh year dancing."

Tim said the show would open in the town of Central City, then move to Santa's workshop, then a Santa fantasy of an Hawaiian vacation, then a winter wonderland/magic kingdom and end back at Central City.

"We are getting boys to dance. We have about 40 enrolled. Having a male teacher helps, and our hip hop program is a draw," Tim said.

dancers are 2-3 p.m. for ages 6-8; 3:30-4:30 p.m. for ages 9-12; 5-6 p.m. for teens and adults. Singers will be auditioned at 6:30-7:30 p.m. for all ages. Gymnasts will be auditioned from 8-9 p.m. for all ages. Central City dance will provide all of the costumes, props and accessories.

Rehearsals - about 45 hours worth - will start in October at the studio and will move into the theater



Raven, a French Beauceron, responds to handler Lynette Brink of the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team after tracking down Ginnie Hauck (right). Looking on are Carol Heminger (left) and Sandy Sullivan (center).

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DOGS

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collapsed buildings or tunnels to find victims, as well as conduct wilderness searches. Recent calls have been to Hartland after a tornado, and to a site up north for a lost person search. They also volunteered to work the World Trade Center attacks but ended up standing in reserve.

"We currently have seven certified rescue dogs," Lynette said, "plus five more in training."

The group will bring three adult dogs and two German Shepherd puppies, in training to be rescue dogs.

"We take these dogs everywhere, to schools to teach kids how not to get lost.

Unlike police dogs, these dogs are very friendly. "The worst you'd get from them is a wet kiss," Michael says. "We want kids to trust these dogs when they see them coming with a rescue vest on."

Tails and Trails is being aided by Pet Supplies Plus on Ford Road, and by Alsagar Animal Care Clinic, Warren and Sheldon roads.

Dog event will aid rescue dog effort

Patrick Currey owns Currey Family Pet Care for training family dogs, and Canine Operations, for training police and rescue dogs. Both are at 6261 Hannan Road, phone (734) 532-2013.

He hopes to build an agility course and a rubble pile or mock collapsed building to train rescue dogs. Some of the funds raised at next Saturday's dog walk will go to

that purpose.

"Dog do and see so much that we don't understand. They need this special training to perform at the max," Currey said.

An Army vet and former Detroit area customs official, Currey now devotes all his work time to training dogs.

"It is hard to train these rescue dogs without the proper place."

"Pet Supplies Plus has made a large contribution for the event," Ginnie Hauck, Kiwanis Club member said.

The event, which will be a "go" rain or shine, begins with registration at 10 a.m., rescue dog demonstrations about 10:30 a.m. and the walk at 11:30 a.m. Cost to participate is \$20 for each family. Handicapped persons can come with their dogs and just sit and watch.

Prizes will be given for most patriotic dog, best dressed dog, best look-alike dog, longest tail dog and best trick by a dog.

The walk will take place in the park area immediately behind the

Canton Library; the demonstrations at or near the amphitheater. Call (734) 451-3500 for more information.

Registration forms are available at Pet Supplies Plus on Ford Road, Arbor Pointe Veterinary Clinic on Ford Road, Parkway Veterinary Clinic on Lilley Road in Canton, the Plymouth Township clerk's office, Canton library, Plymouth library and at both the Plymouth and Canton Big Boy restaurants. The forms allow for pledges to be gathered for the event; all pledge money will go to the rescue dogs. All dog owners must show proof of rabies vaccination at the time of check-in.

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Date: Sunday, September 26, 2004
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Registration/Information: Please visit runwilddetroitzoo.com.



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FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

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Leonard H. Allen, of Westland, died Sept. 5.

B
Leroy D. Bierschbach, 48, formerly of Livonia, died Sept. 2.

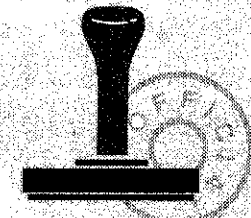
C
Dawn K. Clark, of Garden City, died Sept. 7.
Shirley M. Clifford, of Livonia, died Sept. 2.
James R. Coates, 64, of Auburn Hills, died Aug. 23.
Celia G. Cram, formerly of Birmingham, died Sept. 6.

D
Anthony DeFelicis, of Westland, died Sept. 2.

F
Helen M. Faris, 61, of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 26.
Grant H. Furgerson, 87, of Birmingham, died Aug. 21.

G
Freida A. Geisler, 65, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 2.
Christine Gieckel (nee Taylor), 53, formerly of Plymouth, died May 26.

H
Francis C. Haffey, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 30.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C5.

Gary James Hughes, 59, of Detroit, died Sept. 6.

J
Patricia Ann Johnstone, 78, died Sept. 5.

L
Warren "Spike" Laughlin Jr., 61, of Macomb Twp., died Aug. 24.
Gerald J. "Jerry" Loisel, 83, died Sept. 4.
Dennis G. Lovell, 61, of Rochester, died Aug. 19.

M
Marie A. Mast, 88, of Plymouth, died Sept. 5.
Andre Agoston Mayer, 75, of Troy died Sept. 1.
Carlene June Mitchell, 66, of

Southfield, died Sept. 4.

N
Eva M. Nieswand, 83, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 26.

O
Joann L. O'Donohue, 58, of Canton Township, died Sept. 4.

P
Jack A. Price, 81, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Brighton and Plymouth, died Sept. 7.
Chester W. Platter, 91, of Sterling Heights, died Aug. 30.

R
Alva Dale Rush, M.D., 87, of Beverly Hills, died Sept. 1.

S
Lucia G. Sawyer, of Westland, died Sept. 6.
Dorothy Slabienski, 85, of Warren, died Aug. 29.
Kenneth Emery Somerville, 76, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 6.
Thomas Arthur Staudt, 80, died Sept. 4.

T
James Robert Taylor, 78, of Plymouth, died Aug. 24.
Florence M. Turkus, 82, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 20.

Z
Walter James Zessin, of Redford Township, died Sept. 2.

HOMES

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Goulet said. Goulet said the northeast corner of Ridge and Ford in front of the charter school will have luxury apartments (Greystone development). Across the street is the township's 230 acres of undeveloped parkland. On the southwest corner just south of Ford on Ridge will be the entrance to the big new sub known as Capitol Park, with homes and roads extending to Napier, the township's western edge.

Strickler said Pulte's homes appeal to a slightly different market than those buying in Cherry Hill Village.

"These homes have an old Grosse Pointe feel, with lots and lots of red brick and different elevations," Strickler said. Canton buyers are interested in big kitchens, master suites and two to three bathrooms. Saving the nearby trees in Antique Forest and well-hidden garages have also been selling points.

Newcomers often ask about P-C schools. "They (P-C schools) are in the top 10 percent in the state," Strickler said. "People check the Standard & Poor's Web site. The schools are a definite plus for people coming into the community."



The great room of the Ellsworth model has helped Pulte sell almost a third of the homes in a subdivision that opened only seven months ago.

Strickler also cited Pulte's warranty, buying power, reputation and strong results in customer satisfaction surveys as reasons its homes are selling. Strickler said it was the firm's reputation that allowed it to sell 34 high-end homes in Troy on one recent weekend without having either roads in or models built.

"Canton is one of our hottest markets for us and has been for 10 years," Strickler said.

Pulte will also be building south of Cherry Hill on Denton

(south of the park land) in a planned development known as The Hamlet. First phase is for about 100 homes; eventually there will be 830 houses and condos. The homes will sell in the mid-\$300,000 range, the condos for less.

Pulte has built about 370,000 homes in communities across the nation since its founding in 1950. The builder is a Fortune 100 Fastest-Growing Company.

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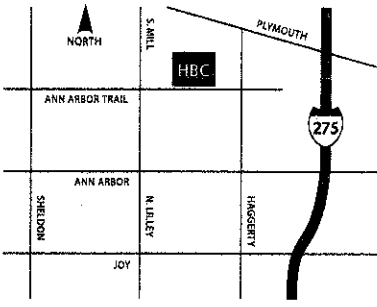
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Growth Works' Western Wayne Care Management Organization, the program providing delinquency services, is hosting a Community Team Reception on 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The reception is being held to thank Community Team members for their participation and to recruit new members for the upcoming year.

The reception will outline the role of the Community Teams, give information about our past successes and outline our future challenges.

The program has used Community Teams, volunteer community stakeholders who meet with youth on a monthly basis, to share the community's expectations with the offending young people and support them in making good choices. Growth Works, Western

Wayne Care Management Organization (WWCMO) is a program that provides case management services to delinquent youth of 17 of the 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne. WWCMO's Community Teams were established in 2000 to assist the youth in taking responsibility for their actions and to assist them in making amends to the community. The Community Teams consist of personnel

from local Courts, Law Enforcement, Schools, Human Service Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Youth Assistance Programs, WWCMO staff and other community leaders. The Community Teams emphasize how the youth's actions impact the community and to make amends to their community.

For more information please contact Julie Avant at (734) 455-4095.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's sixth Business Expo is set to go on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Co-sponsored by the Canton Township Municipal Services Department, the event will be held at Summit on the Park from 5-7:30 p.m. About 50 local businesses will be featured. The Expo is open to the public and there is no admission charge. The businesses that will be participating are:

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Hot Topic of the Week

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entered the hospital."

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RABIES

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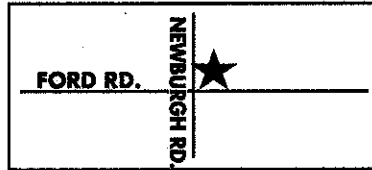
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Rezoning hearings Monday for 3 new Canton subdivisions

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The rezoning for three new home subdivisions will be before the Canton Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Monday at the Summit.

They are part of the non-stop housing boom in the southwest corner of Canton.

Two of the subs would be on either side of Geddes west of Denton. The third has an entrance off of Ridge Road south of Ford but most of the homes will be closer to Napier.

Capitol Park encompasses about 170 acres for more than 200 homes. An entrance will be put in off Ridge but most of the land is closer to Napier. Rezoning would be from agriculture to single family homes. A small corner is in part of the

Cherry Hill overlay district.

West Town Line or Society Park is 200 acres on Canton's western border on the north side of Geddes.

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Canton Associates is a rezoning request for the south side of Geddes west of Denton for Biltmore Homes, one of the three Cherry Hill Village builders. These 200 acres will have two, three or four homes per acre according to Canton's chief planner Jeff Goulet.

Several hundred homes will eventually be built there if the farm land is rezoned for various residential densities.

Other business includes an expansion of the Target store and two site plans near Cherry Hill Village.

Burger King worker robbed at knifepoint

A 28-year-old Ypsilanti resident, an employee of the Burger King on Ford Road, was robbed at knifepoint last Wednesday while taking a break from his job.

The victim was sitting outside the restaurant when he was approached by three white

males who asked him for a cigarette.

While he was looking for a cigarette, he looked up and one of the subjects was holding a large hunting knife to his face. The man with the knife said, "Give me all your money or you're dead."

The victim then got his wallet, opened it up and one of the subjects grabbed the money in the wallet and fled. Two of the males fled on foot while the third one left the area on a bicycle. Numerous Canton police units responded to the area in order to find the

subjects with no results. A Canton Police Canine unit also responded to the scene in an attempt to track the subjects but the canine track also ended with negative results.

The case is now under investigation by the Canton Police Detective Bureau.

DISPUTE

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to address its aging facilities with a 4.54-mill bond that would fund a new high school and allow improvements to other buildings. The bond election is Sept. 28.

Dixon said the state may not view his request favorably if Van Buren's bond passes, since it will become apparent that Van Buren is attempting to improve its facilities. Plans are to completely rebuild its high school, which was built in 1926.

Dixon hopes a proposed state law can make the transfer process easier for homeowners.

House Bill 5065, introduced by Shelley Taub (R-Bloomfield Hills), would allow residents to secede from their school districts and join an adjacent one. If passed, the bill would allow parents to switch with the approval of the desired district's school board and voter approval.

The bill is before the House Education Committee for review.

When Dixon purchased his home, he knew it was in the Van Buren school district, but was led to believe a school district boundary change was in the works. That wasn't true, he said.

Last year, Dixon led a petition drive that ultimately failed because dual-owned homes

had to have signatures from both owners.

School district boundaries such as the jagged one dividing Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren just north of Geddes originally served as property lines between people's farms. Dixon has said that roads, such as Geddes Road, would be a more modern means of dividing school districts.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) said that the school district secession issue must not be addressed lightly.

"It is a very complicated issue and it involves a lot of things," LaJoy said.

Money is at the heart of it. Van Buren Public Schools would stand to lose students, and the per-pupil funding that

goes along with them, if the Canton homeowners in Van Buren seceded from the district.

And Plymouth-Canton would stand to gain. Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan has said previously that he is neutral on the issue, but would welcome new students if a transfer is approved.

Another potential obstacle is that the proposed bill may not look anything like the one that actually passes, if it passes at all.

"I know there'd be many, many amendments," LaJoy said.

He understands the reasoning behind the Huntington Place residents wanting to secede. One of the big reasons is location.

"People want to have kids going to school closer by," LaJoy said.

Van Buren Supt. Peter L. Lazaroff Jr. did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

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Orchestra Canton opens season with 'blue jeans' concert

Wear your bluejeans and come casual. On Saturday, Sept. 18, Orchestra Canton presents a "Beethoven & Bluejeans" concert with Nan Washburn conducting.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. at the new Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill and Ridge.

This program invites the audience to enjoy an evening of three well-known "classics" and one new and highly entertaining work. The concert will feature David Adams, bassoon, performing Michael Daugherty's *Dead Elvis* for bassoon and orchestra. Adams is the 2004 Youth Artist Competition winner.

On the bluejeans theme the offering is Aaron Copland's *Hoe-Down* from his ballet *Rodeo*, and Gioacchino Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, known to many as the theme from the Lone Ranger radio and TV show. Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* rounds out the program.

Prior to the performance ticket holders are invited to come at 7:15pm for a special tour of the art exhibit currently on display in the theater. After the performance guests will be able to take a special "behind the scenes" tour of the theater.

Orchestra Canton is a new professional ensemble featuring music for families, the young at heart, and "casual classics" listeners. Beginning with this concert, Orchestra Canton will be in residence at The Village Theater.

The group is led by Nan Washburn, the Plymouth Symphony's music director and conductor.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for children and seniors. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394.5460, or 2 hours prior to the performance at the Village Theater box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For more information please contact the office by phone at (734) 451.2112, by fax at (734) 451.3458, or by email at info@orchestracanton.org.

Canton Police host Hunter Safety class

The Canton Police Department is hosting its annual Hunter Safety class. The two-day class will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 25-26. Registration will be held Sept. 25 from 7-8 a.m.

Reservations can also be made in advance at the front desk of the Canton Police Department. Space will be reserved for those who register in advance. All others will be served on a first-come first-serve basis. Space is limited and only 40 students can be accommodated.

The class will be held at the

Canton Police Department Training Facility, 5646 Lilley Road (Lilley Road North of Van Born). The cost for the class is \$25 and is payable in cash on the first day of class.

To participate in the class, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 12 years old or be able to purchase a hunting license this year
- Bring a birth certificate and Social Security card
- Not be convicted of a crime that prevents student from being near to or possessing a firearm

Church hopes program brings Catholics back

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Ray Schneider had been through a divorce and, like many Catholics, felt like he no longer fit the church's mold, so he left. In the early 1990s, Schneider was looking for a way back in, and the ministry at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth Township offered him the realization that he would, indeed, be welcomed with open arms.

Schneider accepted the invitation and, since 1994, has been a member of the St. Kenneth parish. Now, the ministry at the church is hoping to do that for all disaffected Catholics, offering "Catholics Come Home," a program for inactive Catholics who feel the way Schneider felt.

"I had been away from the church for awhile," said Schneider. "When I was searching for a church, this was the church I felt more welcomed at. We know there are others like me, so let's try to reach out to them."

The four-session series starts Sept. 19 at St. Kenneth.

"There are 20 million inactive or alienated Catholics," said Jerry Green, pastoral associate at St. Kenneth. "They've been alienated, or hurt by the church, or just drifted away. Sometimes they've been inactive for 20 years, and they're unaware of changes in the church since Vatican II."

Catholics have left the church for a variety of reasons, divorce and remarriage being one of the leading ones, according to Green. Many Catholics feel as though such events leave them outside the church. Green said Vatican II, which took place from 1962-65, changed many of the church's teachings. The job now, he said, is to let inactive Catholics know it's OK to come back to the church.

Equally important, according to Green, is for the church to recognize its culpability in driving parishioners away, and atone for its actions.

"An important part of the first session will be the pastor



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peggy and Ray Schneider (from left) and Pastoral Associate Jerry Green at St. Kenneth Church discuss their program 'Catholics Come Home,' a program trying to bring Catholics back to the church that's set to begin Sept. 19.

apologizing for whatever hurt the church has caused," Green said. "He's not going to explain or try to rationalize; he's simply going to apologize."

It's a necessity acknowledged by St. Kenneth's new pastor, the Rev. Tom Belczak, who said that, as a representative of the church, he bears all the baggage of the church's history.

The first session will deal with "Memories of the Church," with subsequent sessions set for Sept. 26 ("Morality and Moral Issues"), Oct. 3 ("Separation issues" such as divorce or annulment); and Oct. 10 ("Reconciliation").

For more on the program, call Jerry Green at (734) 420-0288.

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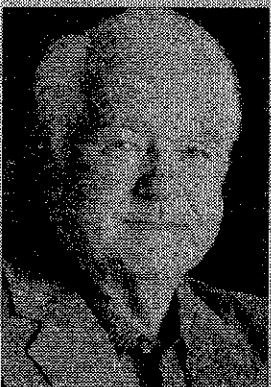


I did it!

"I seldom wore my better jewelry, and I wasn't so sure my children were that interested in it.

I couldn't figure out how to divide it fairly among them either. So I decided to sell most of it and divide the money instead. It was really very simple.

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I did it too!

"After my wife died, I took her jewelry, silver and all the old family watches and sold them.

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Now I have some extra money to help with my grandson's tuition."



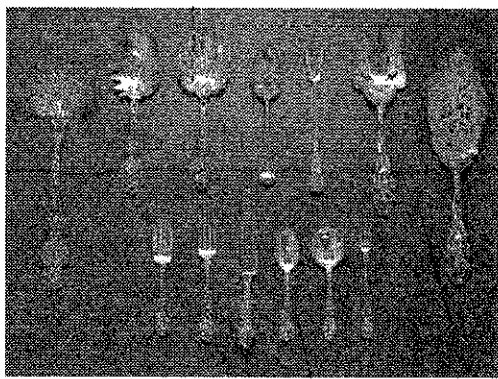
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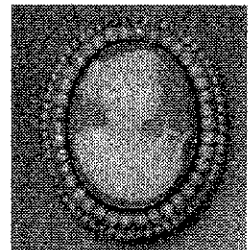
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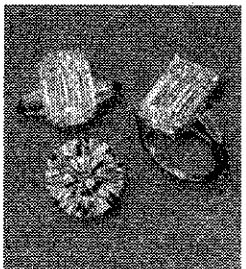
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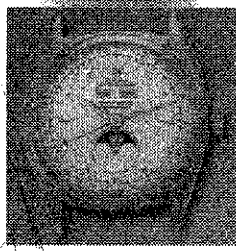
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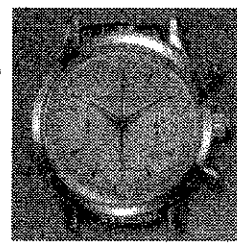
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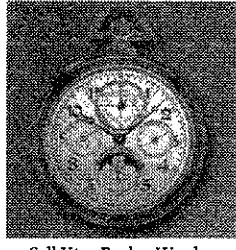
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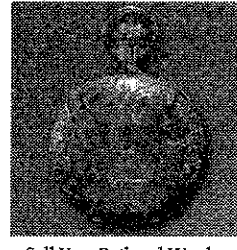
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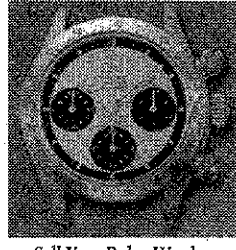
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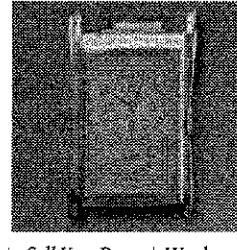
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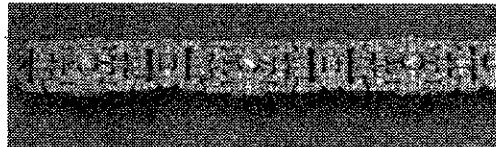
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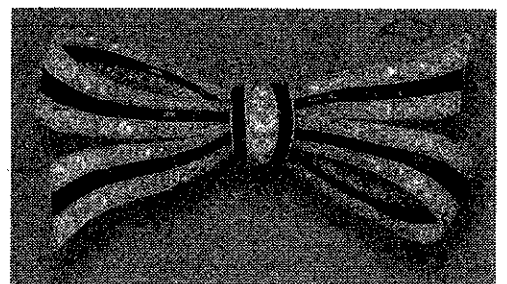
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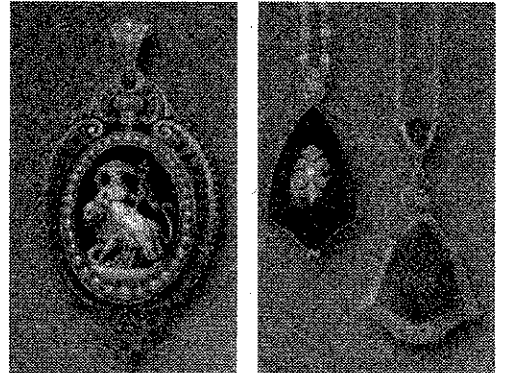
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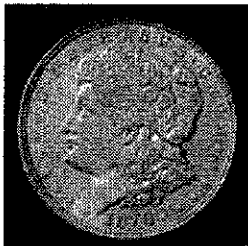
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- Old Gold, Medals and Frat Pins
- Georg Jensen Jewelry
- ☆ No Costume Jewelry.

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- Pocket Watches
- Railroad Watches
- Men's Older Wristwatches
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History shows Bush can't count on Michigan's vote

Michigan has been an important "swing" state in presidential elections ever since the Great Depression made voters realize that what had been a small agricultural state had become an industrial powerhouse.

More than once, it has been an important key to victory for one candidate or another. When Michigan fell to George Bush I early on election night in 1988, it became instantly clear that Michael Dukakis didn't have a prayer.

Back in 1960, Michigan was the state that convinced the Secret Service that John F. Kennedy had won. It wasn't til the networks called the Wolverine State for JFK at 5:45 a.m. that the service sent agents to protect him.

(Nowadays, major candidates get Secret Service protection right from the start.)

This time, both George W. Bush and John Kerry have been here more than a dozen times and are certain to be here many more. Each side is convinced it can win, and both expect the race to be very close.

So who should you bet on? If you believe in cycles and historical patterns, John Kerry is your man. Since World War II, here's how Michigan has voted for president: Republican the first three times. (1948, 1952, 1956.) Then Democratic three times. Then Republican an astonishing five times in a row — 1972 through 1988.

The last three times, however, Michigan has voted Democratic. According to this latest cycle, Democrats should win the state twice more.

But there are more reasons than number patterns to think the Democratic candidate may have a slight edge. Michigan's heavily manufacturing-based economy was hurt by the recession more than most other

states, and recovery has lagged. President Bush's job approval rating has been consistently poorer here than elsewhere, and the demographics — the makeup of the state's population — isn't all that favorable to Bush.

Back in the old days, the game was simple. Democratic candidates piled up huge margins in Detroit, and then waited to see if it was enough to withstand the Republicans' big percentages outstate and in the metropolitan suburbs.

Now, things are more complex. Detroit is not just Democratic; it is a one-party enclave. Al Gore won 94 percent of the vote last time, a figure you'd expect to find only in a phony banana republic or people's democracy election. Two years ago, running for governor, Jennifer Granholm also won 94 percent.

Yet Detroit has shriveled and the rest of the state has boomed, and it now accounts for far less than 10 percent of the state's vote. Years ago, that would have meant Republicans were a shoo-in statewide.

But not anymore. Oakland County, one of the two or three richest counties in the nation, has been, as they say, Republican since Abraham Lincoln was a boy. It gave solid margins to candidates from Wendell Wilkie through Ronald Reagan. Yet Oakland County voted for Gore, and its best-known Republican, L. Brooks Patterson, the county executive, thinks it may vote for Kerry.

That's because Oakland County Republicans tend to be highly educated and more socially liberal, or at least tolerant, and uncomfortable with what many feel is an increasingly right-wing image projected by the national party.

Many are fiscally conservative but also pro-choice, and are uncomfortable mingling church and state. Those factors have helped make the once-Republican university counties of Ingham and Washtenaw now reliably Democratic.

But to counterbalance this, blue-collar whites, especially males, are drifting to the Republican Party. The model is Oakland County's next door neighbor, Macomb County. When John F. Kennedy ran, it was the most Democratic suburban county in the nation.

Two years ago, it voted for Dick Posthumus, the conservative, pro-gun and anti-abortion candidate for governor, and Bush "W" bumper stickers adorn many a pickup truck and minivan here.

Outstate, the picture is equally mixed. Bush is most popular in politically and socially conservative western Michigan, and in the sugar-beet farming regions of the thumb. He wins the resort areas like Petoskey and Traverse City, but not by as much; like Oakland, they are some of the last bastions of moderate "Milliken Republicans."

John Kerry scores in the old, often hurting manufacturing centers of Saginaw and Flint, and in the impoverished areas of the Upper Peninsula.

When it all is said and done, who wins? Four years ago, everyone believed it was a tossup. George Bush was even in the state on the morning of election day.

But there was no suspense about Michigan that night. Al Gore won by 217,000. Last week, even in the teeth of President Bush's post-convention "bounce," the Rasmussen tracking poll showed Kerry 48, Bush 44.

That could change dramatically, given some revelation or terrorist attack. There are seven weeks left to go, and many voters are only now beginning to pay attention. But history and demographics suggest if the election is close, and President Bush needs one more state, Michigan isn't likely to be the one.

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Tension in teachers' lounge isn't hard to understand

When we dodged that bullet again. The school foundation grants have survived another last minute, down-to-the-wire, nail-biting series of budget negotiations between the governor and legislators. After a deal to penalize districts that want to pay more for schools, cooler heads prevailed and real estate deals came through to save the day (well actually the school year — and good thing, too, as the year has already begun).

If things seem a little tense in the teachers lounges this year, it doesn't take Sherlock Holmes to figure out why.

Teaching the young has always been a challenge. A good teacher hopes to create a spark that lights just a little fire in a child's mind. But they know that by the time a child reaches kindergarten, he or she has been exposed to every kind of stimulus from video games, television and computers and the child isn't waiting to be educated so much as waiting to be entertained. A good teacher has to be both educator and entertainer, because that's the way young people learn.

But that's not all; teachers also have to be social workers. Children bring their world into the classroom, just as adults often bring their personal problems into the workplace. But children are especially vulnerable and the problems of home often make it difficult, if not impossible, to concentrate on reading, writing and arithmetic.

This is especially true in poor urban areas where family problems bleed into community problems, where drugs and crime are all around even if the core family is strong.

Yet teachers are expected to reach through these problems, teach these children despite any and all distractions and continuously move forward or pay the consequences of the new federal No Child Left Behind act, which wants accountability in the schools (somebody's got to pay).

Mary Otto, dean of Oakland University's School of Education, worries about these new demands on teachers. In a conversation for a story on teacher education, Otto said policy makers and politics are squeezing out educators in making decisions on education and placing a severe burden on teachers who already feel burdened.

"We have to think what is the role of the community and family in conjunction with the teachers," she said.

She said a program at Oakland to send teaching students to China is popular with students because they receive so much support from Chinese towns and parents. Many times teachers here are not receiving that kind of support.

The talk in the teachers lounge might also be a little tense because from one year to the next, teachers are never sure whether they'll be employed. Every spring the newer teachers receive a preliminary pink slip and cross their fingers that there will be enough funding to keep them on another year. And the teachers who do keep their jobs worry about the size of their classes. It's hard to reach that one troubled student when you have to deal with 24, 25, 26 other students in a classroom.

And every year, Michigan's 32 teaching colleges are graduating new teachers who can't find a teaching job in Michigan. Some talented young teachers, full of new ideas and enthusiasm, can't land a classroom, even as we decry the quality of public education, the overcrowded schools, the lack of fresh blood in the school systems.

We "love" teachers, but apparently we're skeptical of teachers who have lives and expect to be compensated for what they do. The secretary of education actually had the gall to label members of the National Education Association "terrorists," before he reluctantly pulled in his tongue.

We frequently hear from letter writers that complaints about No Child Left Behind come from "special interest" groups. Those special interests are the teachers that are teaching your children, see their problems every day and have to deal with the problems of the school district every day. They're the experts, they're the ones who really care.

It's just another example of sending in the troops without the proper support.

Our suburban schools are successful despite these pressures. They turn out students who can perform and do perform at a high level.

Can they do better? Yes, with our support and a clearer understanding of what needs to be done to address those problems that can't be addressed in a reading class or over a Bunsen burner.

Our urban schools cannot be the savior of our cities. Those children and their community need help from all of us.

School reform is a good thing, but it can't happen in a vacuum.

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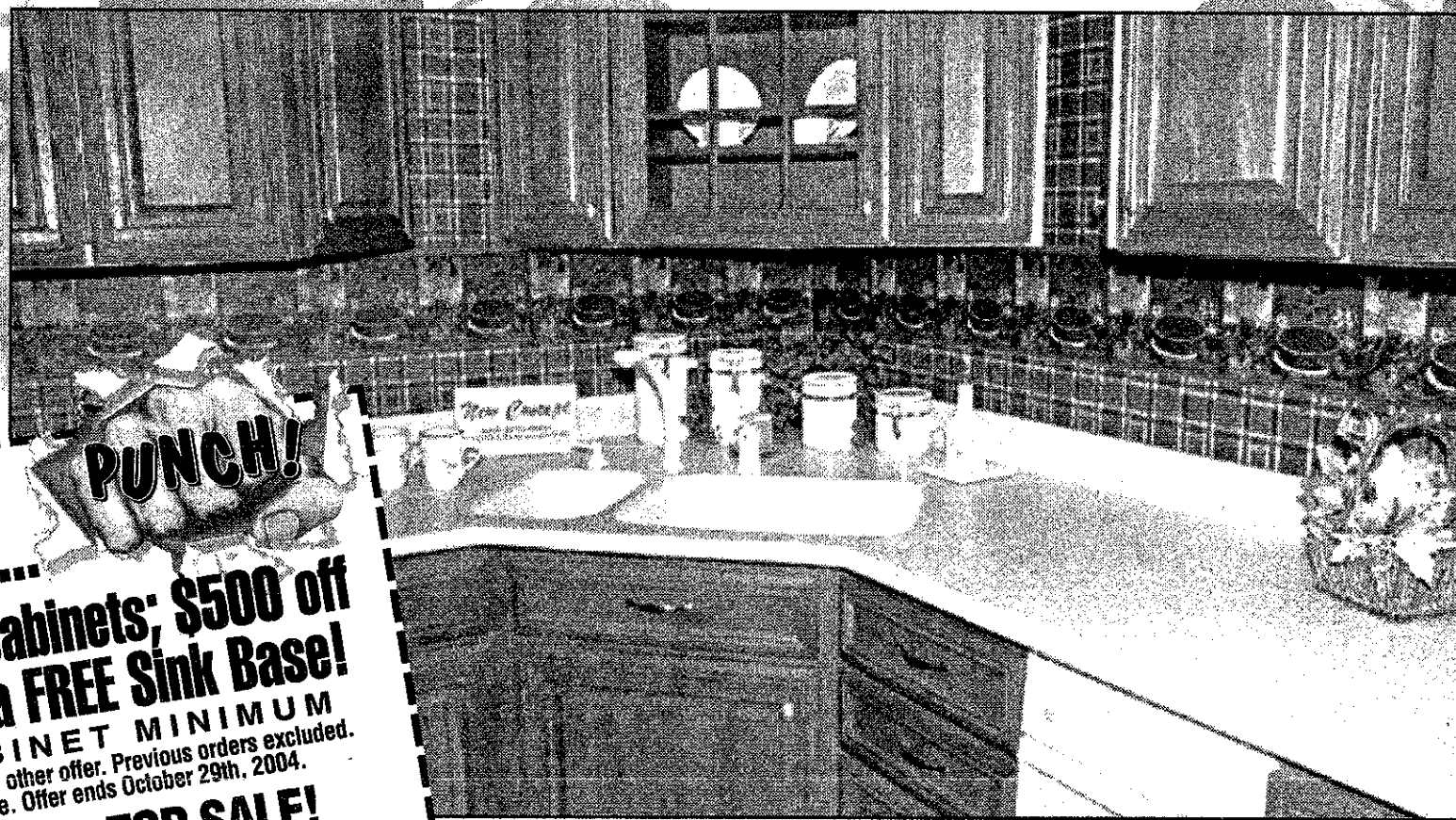


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Friday, Sept. 17
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Belleville, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Keyworth (Hamtramck), 12:30 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Lutheran NW at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m.
PCA at Melvindale, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at F.H. Mercy, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16**
Birmingham Marian at Canton, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**
Monday, Sept. 13
Westland John Glenn at Salem at P-CEP varsity football field, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Monroe, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14**
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Zoe Christian at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Don. Divine Child at Greenmead (Livonia), 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 15**
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16**
Washtenaw Christian at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 17**
Canton Agape at Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.
- BOYS GOLF**
Monday, Sept. 13
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 3 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 3 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Rd., 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 3 p.m.
Belleville at Lincoln Park, 3 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Divine Child, 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14**
Macomb at PCA, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 15**
W.L. Northern at Salem, 3 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Churchill, 3 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth, 3 p.m.
Belleville at Garden City, 3 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 17**
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 3 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 3 p.m.
- BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**
Monday, Sept. 13
Redford CC vs. U-D Jesuit, 4:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14**
Belleville at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Catholic League Jamboree at Stoney Creek Metropark, 4:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16**
WLA City Meet at Cass Benton Park, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Salem and Belleville at New Boston Huron Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9 a.m.
Canton at Ludington Invitational, TBA
Plymouth at Holly Invitational at Springfield Oaks County Park, 11 a.m.
Salem at Brother Rice Invitational at Ypsi. Golden Inv., 10 a.m.
- GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Belleville at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16**
WLA City Meet at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Salem at Holly Invitational at Springfield Oaks County Park, 11 a.m.
Canton at Ludington Invitational, TBA
Plymouth at Swartz Creek Autumn Classic, TBA
Belleville at New Boston Invitational, 9 a.m.
- GIRLS TENNIS**
Monday, Sept. 13
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Belleville, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14**
Salem at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 15**
Westland John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 17**
Livonia Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
D.H. Robichaud at Belleville, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Salem at Saline Invitational
Canton Varsity Invitational, TBA
- GIRLS SWIMMING**
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Belleville at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16**
Canton at South Lyon Tri-Meet, 6 p.m.
Redford Union at Belleville, 7 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Wednesday, Sept. 15
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Madonna at Cornerstone, 2:30 p.m.
Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Friday, Sept. 10
Madonna at Ferris State, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 12**
Schoolcraft at Loyola (Ill.) Club, noon.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
(Cincinnati State Cup)
Schoolcraft vs. St. Catherine (Ky.), 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 19**
(Cincinnati State Cup)
Schoolcraft vs. Louisville (Ky.), 11 a.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16**
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 17**
Univ. of Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18**
Schoolcraft at Alpena Inv., TBA.
- TBA - time to be announced.



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Canton's Lisa Ealy found the going tough Thursday night against Flint Northern's tenacious defense.

CANTON

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it very difficult on offense because they cut off all the passing lanes and they're very good in transition. We need to work on making better passes against pressure."

Canton senior Katie Cezat had another superb night, netting 26 points and grabbing a team-high 16 rebounds. The 5-11 post player also recorded three steals and three blocks.

Lisa Ealy scored 12 points and had five rebounds. Molly Conlon scored four points and Becci Houdek had four steals for the Chiefs.

Takeya Fortner and Louise Coulter both scored 12 points and led the Vikings. Coulter also pulled down 16 rebounds.

Northern jumped to an early 13-8 first-quarter lead, but Canton battled back to cut the deficit to 24-22 at the half.

Canton never led, but the Chiefs fought back to tie the

game at 28-28 with three minutes left in the third quarter.

That's when the Vikings amped up their defensive intensity and went on a 24-10 run to put the game out of reach. Northern's biggest lead came at the 4:20 mark of the fourth quarter when Fortner connected on a 15-foot jumper to make it 52-38. The Chiefs cut their deficit to 52-44 with 1:45 remaining on two Cezat free throws, but Coulter answered a short time later with a layup at the other end.

Led by Cezat and junior forward Leslie Olech (six boards), Canton out-rebounded Northern, 36-33.

One of the keys to the Vikings' victory was the fact that they attempted 21 more field goals than the Chiefs. Both teams shot 34 percent from the field: Canton was 15 for 43 and Northern was 22 for 64.

Northern canned 10 of 18 free throws (55 percent) and Canton connected on 15 of 24 from the stripe (62 percent).

Rock netters shut out Glenn

Salem's girls tennis team improved to 2-1-1 with an 8-0 white-washing of Westland John Glenn Wednesday afternoon. The Rocks won all 16 sets played and outscored the Rockets in games won, 97-19.

Salem returns to action Monday when it hosts Livonia Stevenson.

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Sept. 8 at Salem H.S.

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) d. Christina Calbajes, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Maranon Swasey (S) d. Lauren Perry, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Sarah Jose (S) d. Sarah Layton, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Mo Bohr (S) d. Nikki Whitney, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle (S) d. Jenny Lyp and Sonal Patel, 7-5, 6-1; No. 2: Michelle Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d. Angie Hastings and Kinjal Fajati, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham (S) d. Brandee Thomas and Sarah Schroeder, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Dana Anderson and Kait McKinley (S) d. Kelli Hall and Melissa Osborne, 6-0 and 6-0.

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Openings still exist in established leagues

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Openings exist all over the area, and it takes a quick and easy phone call to any bowling center will help give you a variety of choices



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Here are a few more specifics: Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland offers mixed leagues including the Funseekers, 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays (four per team

with one more spot available); also the new 7 p.m. Monday Nite Mixed 7 p.m. (five per team with some openings for individuals, couples or teams; Every Other Week Mixed: 7:30 p.m. Saturdays.

There also two leagues on alternating weeks including the 6:45 p.m. Suburbanettes for ladies on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 722-5000.

At 12:30 p.m. Saturdays is the Bumper Bowling program. (Sorry Andy, you're too old for this one because it's a 15-week program for ages 8-and-under.

Bumper bowlers rolls two games, get nourished with chips, candy bar and pop each week. T-shirts to all entrants, along with season-ending awards, trophies and a mini-banquet with hot dogs, pop, chips and free game coupons.

Cost is only \$7.50 per week. League play started Saturday, but bring them in now because the more, the merrier.

And it's not too late to join a Saturday youth leagues.

Although registration was Sept. 11, there's room for more because the actual bowling begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. After signing in bowling is just \$1 per game.

For more information on youth leagues call Marlene Bartos at (734) 231-0005.

For the opposite age group, seniors say "you're never too old to bowl." League play started last week, and all new bowlers are welcome at 1 p.m. (starting time) each Friday.

An adult-youth league has already started at 10:30 a.m. alternating Sundays. You need four per team, either one adult and three youth, or two of each. Sanction week starts Sept. 12 and non-sanctioned follows on Sept. 19.

Youth bowlers will also

receive a new ball when league fees are paid in full.

Also, each bowler will receive a trophy along with a pop and pizza party at the end of the season.

The first-place team wins \$5,000 in the 30-week new men's league (based on ten or more teams with four per squad, any combination) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays, which is American Bowling Congress sanctioned. Enter a team with an average individual cap of \$75 (90 percent handicap).

This is the first year under the proprietorship of Bob Goike, so look for many more good happenings at Town 'n Country, located at 1100 S. Wayne Road (half-mile south of Ford Road).

Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills has room for more bowlers in the following leagues: Goodtimers Mixed, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (any combination fits.

At 6 p.m. each Wednesday is the Ladies Trio. There is also the 7 p.m. Drakeshire Dames (four women per team) and the 7:30 Merchant Men (five bowlers per team). Also available is 6:30 p.m. Thursday Ladies Classic (four per team): Offered at 5:30 p.m. is the alternating Saturday Mixed.

The Mixed Nuts are bowling and can use a few teams to expand its league. The teams are two men and two women. Karaoke is going on in the lounge on Thursday and Saturday nights.

For more information, call Drakeshire Lanes at (248) 478-2230.

The television schedule is out for 2004-05 Professional Bowlers Association Tour.

Most events will be shown at 1 p.m. Sundays on ESPN.

Fall 2004: Oct. 24-31, Miller High Life Masters (Milwaukee, Wis.); Nov. 3-7, PBA Chicago Open (Vernon Hills, Ill.); Nov. 10-14, PBA Uniroyal Tire Classic (Mentor, Ohio); Nov. 17-21, PBA BowlersParadise.com Open (Valley Park, Mo.); Nov. 23-28, PBA Pepsi Open (Wichita, Kan.); Dec. 1-5, PBA Denver Open (Lakewood, Colo.); Dec. 8-12, PBA Earl Anthony Medford (Ore.) Classic; Dec. 15-19, PBA Orange County Classic presented by Storm (Fountain Valley, Calif.)

Winter 2005: Jan. 5-9, PBA Geico Classic (Mesa, Ariz.); Jan. 12-16, PBA El Paso (Tex.) Classic; Jan. 19-23, PBA Dallas (Tex.) Open; Feb. 2-6, PBA Atlanta Classic (Norcross, Ga.); Feb. 9-13, PBA Akron (Ohio) Open; Feb. 13-20, 62nd annual U.S. Open presented by Odor-eaters (North Brunswick, N.J.); Feb. 23-27, PBA Cambridge Credit Classic (West Babylon, N.Y.); March 2-6, PBA Baby Ruth Real Deal Classic (Indianapolis, Ind.); March 16-20, PBA Banquet Open, Wyoming (outside of Grand Rapids); March 26-April 3, PBA World Championship (Taylor); April 6-10, PBA Dexter Tournament of Champions (Uncasville, Conn.)

Al Harrison, a Livonia resident, is a life member and director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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afraid because I would trust my life with the people I'm with."

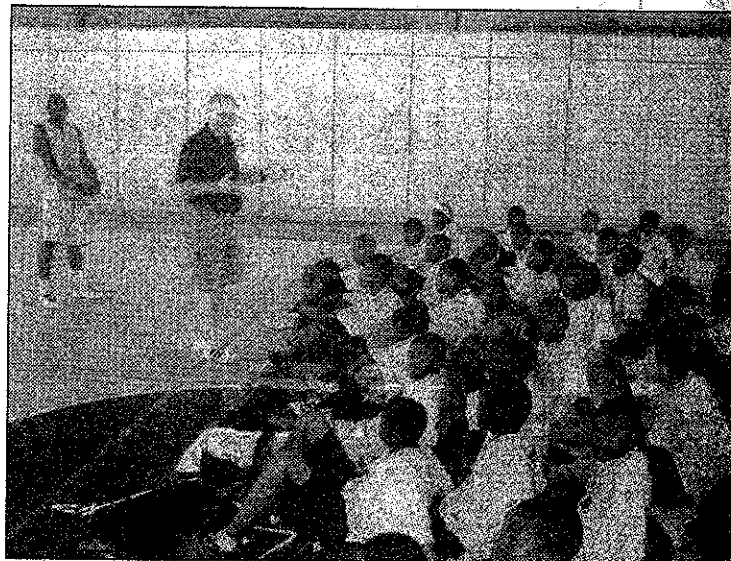
Brandel, whose parents were missionaries, was born in Chad, Africa.

His coaching career, which has spanned 20 years, includes successful stints at Flint Christian, Plymouth Christian Academy and Warren Zoe Christian. From 1999-2002, Brandel was the head assistant basketball coach at Oakland Community College.

Brandel said the conditions, the facilities and the level of talent of his students varies from country to country.

"This past summer I traveled

Brandel, whose parents were missionaries, was born in Chad, Africa.



Canton resident Daniel Brandel teaches basketball fundamentals and valuable life lessons to coaches and athletes throughout the world.

to Nigeria to help out a U-20 team," he said. "It was a lot of fun. They had a lot of guys who were about 6-foot-9, and here I am, about 5-9, teaching them post moves.

"People over here don't understand how difficult things are over there. A \$10 rubber basketball here costs \$38 in Africa. And it's hard for them to spend \$38 on a basketball when they have more important things to spend their money on."

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Schoolcraft spikers sweep past WCCC

Two for the price of one. That was the result

Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team swept a rare double-header from host Wayne County Community College.

Schoolcraft won the opener, 30-11, 30-24, 30-25, and the nightcap, 30-14-30-26, 30-12, to improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Mayssa Bazzi and Meghan McAuliffe led the way in the first game, recording 11 and 10

kills, respectively. Kathleen Knutson (Westland John Glenn) added eight.

Setter Kelly Sines had a total of 38 assist-to-kills, while Naoko Ninomiya finished with a team-high 10 digs. Gillian Brooks contributed three ace serves.

In the second match, McAuliffe had 15 kills and Knutson added 10 to pace the Ocelots.

Sines finished with 40 assists and four aces, while Caitlin O'Hara had a team-high 12 digs.

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Head Start is program that helps

One program that truly helps families is Head Start. This remarkable program provides services to low-income families with children from ages 3 to 5 years old. They also provide services like speech therapy to children with special needs. Head Start's goal is to provide community resources for the whole family.

Head Start began in 1964. The federal government asked a panel of child development experts to put together a program to meet the needs of disadvantaged preschoolers. In 1965, the Office of Economic Opportunity started an eight-week summer program to meet the needs of children from age 3 to 5 and their families. Their goal was to meet the participant's social, emotional, health, nutritional and psychological needs. In 1969, the program was transferred to the Office of Child Development and still has a strong impact in many communities across the country.

Today, Livonia Head Start is run by Starfish Family Services a private nonprofit organization devoted to helping and strengthening families throughout southeastern Michigan. The agencies believe in early intervention to help put families in a positive place in their lives. Their Head Start program provides a variety of services such as a preschool program to enrich the emotional, physical, mental and social development of children. Screenings are done for child development and health.

Medical and dental referrals are also offered. Parents can also participate in educational and other support activities. Most families qualify for bus transportation to and from the program.

The families must demonstrate low income or be receivers of ADC or SSI. Children who are in foster care or have a disability can also qualify. The families can choose from a full-time or part-time program. For more information, call (734) 762-9734.

During my colleges years, I interned at Livonia Head Start to gain credit for my social work degree. I saw firsthand the support, help and love given to the children and families. The program provided many services and community resources such as housing and job resources. There was also a food closet where families could pick up needed food items like canned goods. Local organizations donated clothing food and household items to families.

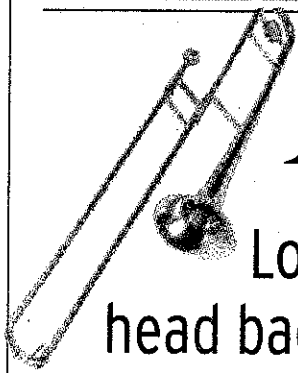
During Christmas and Thanksgiving, holiday food baskets were delivered to families. In addition, community support families received educational services for their children in a preschool setting. Transportation is provided to and from school along with afterschool day care. Each parent or guardian is required to volunteer in his/her child's classroom. Healthy meals are provided and served family-style. This activity encourages the learning of social and good eating habits.

The classroom environment was very structured, giving the children a sense of order and security in their lives. The children participate in a variety of classroom activities, starting with circle time where the weather and days events are discussed then different areas are visited such as drama play and arts and crafts. There is also story time and field trips. The program's main priority is to enrich the children's and their families' lives to give them opportunities to grow in society.

Carrie Tynan is a Livonia freelance writer who writes on disability issues.

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Local students head back to school with fond memories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

While school bells are ringing in a new year, local music students are still talking about bike rides through historic cobblestone streets they'd only read about in books.

Kyle Hanley, a 17-year-old from Redford, spent seven hours walking around Paris with members of Blue Lake's International Jazz Band.

And Aria Degillio won't soon forget her three-week concert tour in France, Belgium and Germany with the Blue Lake International Choral Ensemble this summer.

"It was really great," said Degillio, a 14-year old student at Stevenson High School in Livonia. Degillio studies voice privately at Village Music in Plymouth.

"Germany had to have been the coolest country. It had so much energy. France the people were great. We stayed with a different host family at each stop. I learned a lot about people, how nice they can be, open-hearted. You hear so much about how mean the French are to Americans. My family was great."

Cultural awareness was only part of the learning experience for Blue Lake students. Before Degillio and Hanley arrived in Europe, they practiced intensively for a week at the camp nestled in Manistee National Forest north of Muskegon. Six musical and ballet groups of nearly 340 students and staff musicians participated in the rehearsals and 35th annual European Tour.

"I don't know how to sight read yet, but learned about chords, how a choir sounds," said Degillio. I learned so much from my older peers."

The educational experience at music camps is well worth the cost to students like Hanley, who chose the \$3,350 Blue Lake European tour over a party to celebrate his graduation from Redford Union High School. Hanley is serious about jazz and looking forward to studying at Wayne State University this fall with professors like Matt Michaels, who has performed with legendary musicians and big bands.

On the tour, his second, Hanley found out how exhausting it can be to play salutes to Count Basie between seemingly endless bus rides.

"We did a lot of running around," said Hanley, who performed with the symphonic, marching and ska bands at Redford Union.

Even though he'd never had the opportunity to play jazz before, Hanley placed as lead trombone with the International Jazz Band after auditions. Back home in Michigan, he plays with the Farmington Community Band and Oakland Community College Jazz Band in Farmington Hills.

"We got four days to tour. The rest was on the bus, practicing or performing. It gave me road band experience, especially if I want to be in a band. We'd get off the bus, do a sound check, perform and get back on the bus. Sometimes you just showed up and did a concert and got back on the bus."

But not everyone who attended a music camp traveled. Elizabeth Schellhase of Plymouth spent eight weeks perfecting techniques on French horn at Interlochen Arts Camp. One of 53 Emerson scholars attending on a full scholarship, Schellhase is excited about using the knowledge she gained when returns to the school band and orchestra at Plymouth Salem High School.

Two-and-half hour rehearsals in the morning, a conducting class, lessons in technique and workshops in operetta only underscored her musical gift. After auditions on the first and fourth weeks, she was chosen as principal horn of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at the Interlochen campus on 1,200 acres southwest of Traverse City.

Winning is nothing new for Schellhase, who captured the senior division of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Young Artists Competition in 2002, the junior division in 2001.

"Interlochen is such a wonderful place," said Schellhase, who'd been to the camp for the last three summers as part of the two-week All-State program. "We have so much in common. It's like having a second family up here. It's so intense but peaceful. I just



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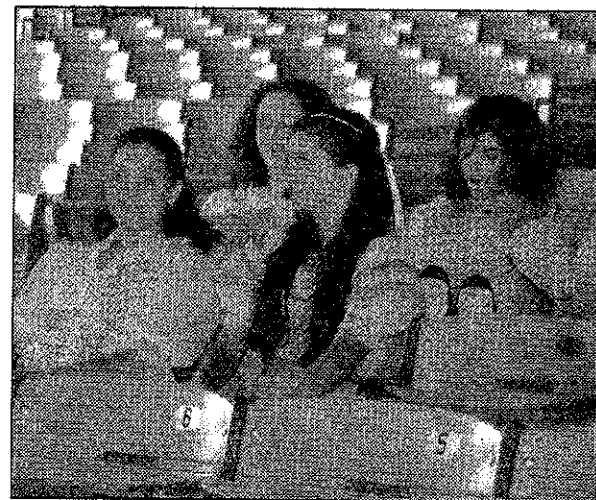
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love playing my instrument. You can put a lot of emotion into what you're playing."

Schellhase had excellent role models this summer. In addition to studying with top instructors at the camp that serves more than 2,000 students from all 50 states and nearly 40 countries, the 17-year-old high school senior was able to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Josh Groban and the Boston Pops perform in the Interlochen Arts Festival.

Even though Degillio treasures her memories of this summer's European tour, she plans to return to the Blue Lake camp next year, because of the expense.

Degillio is following in her mother Andrea's footsteps. Andrea studied violin at Blue Lake from sixth grade to her senior year, and went on International tours twice.



Elizabeth Schellhase is pictured in full costume at the high school operetta rehearsal of "Ruddigore."

"I hope to encourage a lot of people to go to Blue Lake, if not, to travel to Europe by themselves," said Degillio.

"This gave her a foundation for travel in the future," added her father Bill, "and academically even to go to school in Europe."

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Get ready for the Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 19

Extremely good food will be in abundance at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 19. The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the new VisTaTech Center, with all proceeds supporting student scholarships.

Restaurants such as Milford's Five Lakes Grill, Royal Oak's Boocoo Restaurant and Detroit's Opus One are among the approximately 60 eateries and beverage houses that will have samples of their most exciting offerings ready to taste. Others include Loving Spoonful, The Farm, The Gravity Bar and Grill and

Schoolcraft's own American Harvest Restaurant. L. Mawby Vineyards, Black Star Farms and the Michigan Wine Council will bring abundant samples of their products.

The dishes will span the entire range from appetizers to dessert. A sampling includes lobster bisque, chicken marsala, jumbo crab and shrimp cakes, wedding cakes, bumpy cake, dessert wines and gourmet coffees.

Patrons can stop in at free wine-tasting seminar 2:30-3:15 p.m. or take part in a live auction featuring a five-course meal for eight prepared in your home, a series of cooking classes taught by

Certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, and overnight stays at Frankenmuth, Pelee Island and the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Tickets to a raffle drawing could leave the lucky winner with a ruby and diamond ring, an LCD television or dinner at the American Harvest Restaurant for four.

Culinary Extravaganza 2004 tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at 734-462-4400, extension 5008. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.



Certified Executive Chef Marcus Haight discusses Schoolcraft's upcoming Culinary Extravaganza with co-chair Suzanne Thomas Hughes. Haight supervises the Brigade Program, a postgraduate program for chefs and also the group that prepares the dinners for the American Harvest evening meals. The Brigade will be involved in preparing foods for the Culinary Extravaganza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baratone-Zwerk

Frank and Maureen Baratone of Clarkston, formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Marie, to Eric Arnold Zwerk of Atlanta, Ga.

Katie is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and graduated cum laude in 2000 from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cable production. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and president of Sigma Kappa Sorority. She is an associate producer at CNN in Atlanta, Ga.

Her fiancé, Eric, is the son of Mike Zwerk of Vassar, Mich. and Judy Zwerk of Frankenmuth. He is a 1994 graduate of Vassar High School and a 2000 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in finance. He is a



senior auditor for the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Katie and Eric are planning an August 2005 wedding at St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston.

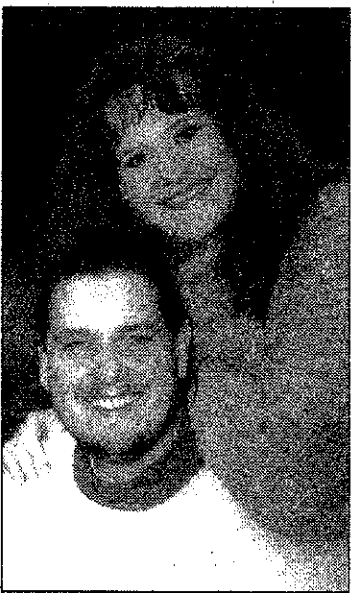
Christensen-Rozmys

Gary and Patricia Christensen of Clinton and Judy and Bob Burtless-Buttery of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Marin Tria Christensen, to Daniel Stephen Rozmys of Scotts, Mich.

Marin is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. She is a team leader at Marshall Field's in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé, Daniel, is the son of Dan and Marti Rozmys of Ypsilanti, formerly of Westland. He attended Western Michigan University. He is a machine operator at Denso Manufacturing in Battle Creek.

Marin and Daniel are planning an October wedding in



Kalamazoo.

WRC speaker champions women's rights

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Lynette Brown devotes a good deal of her time promoting women's rights — but in a subtle way. Wearing suffragist white, Brown makes her way to lecture podiums of different organizations all over town to relate the history of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, who championed women's rights, including the one to vote.

On Sept. 17, the Bloomfield Township resident pays a visit to Schoolcraft College as part of the Women's Resource Center lecture series. A representative from the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing, Brown will tell the story of the suffrage movement in Michigan.

Tickets are \$14 and reservations must be prepaid. Call (734) 462-4552.

"In Michigan we're quite unique in that it began in 1846 with Ernestine Rose speaking to the House of Representatives and asking for the right to vote. It's thought to be the first time any woman anywhere addressed the House of Representatives," Brown said. "We were ahead of our time. The movement is usually dated from July 1848, the first women's rights convention in New York."

It was Stanton who spearheaded the convention, which Brown says was a hastily organized event. Brown first began appearing as Stanton in 1995. She is founder and director of the Martha Griffiths Project to seek recognition for the late congresswoman's work for women's rights.

"It's unfortunate so little is known about the women's suffragists," Brown said. "The suffragist movement has had a huge influence that will be ongoing. For example, Martha Griffiths was 8 when women got the right to vote, but influenced by a suffragist who asked her to run for state Legislature. Title IX is part of

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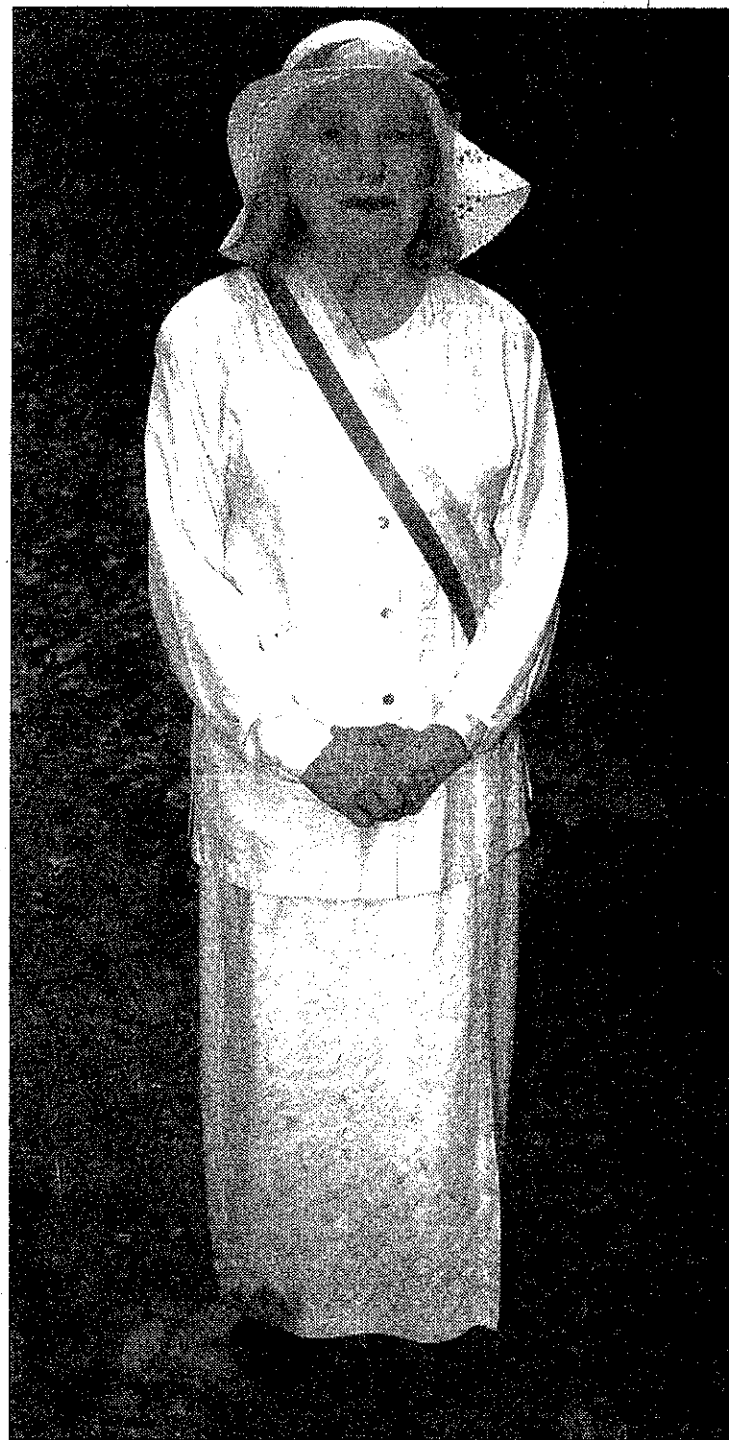
the educational amendments of 1972 to the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. The word sex is in the 1964 act because of our Martha Griffiths. The Civil Rights Act was never intended to address gender."

Along with the history of how Stanton and Anthony were involved in the movement for more than 50 years, Brown will speak about suffragist fashion of the time. Tables will be decorated in suffrage colors of white, yellow and purple. Brown will explain their meaning.

"It was several years later in the 1850s when Elizabeth began wearing bloomers," Brown said. "Suffragists felt bloomer outfits were scandalous to the women's movement and they went back to the hoop skirts. They never got over being a terrible scandal. Women who wore them in the street were followed by hooting men. They felt they were damaging the women's movement for the right to vote and own property."

History is a frequent topic of the WRC lecture series, which continues Nov. 5 with Northville elementary teacher Khri Nedam speaking about living in Afghanistan and the role she now plays in the future of the children in the war-torn country. On Dec. 10, Frieda Spafford talks about The Red Hat Society.

"All through the year I get brochures, mailings, suggestions from counselors in the office. I thought it would be interesting to have someone come before the election," said Sharon Common, who schedules speakers for the WRC



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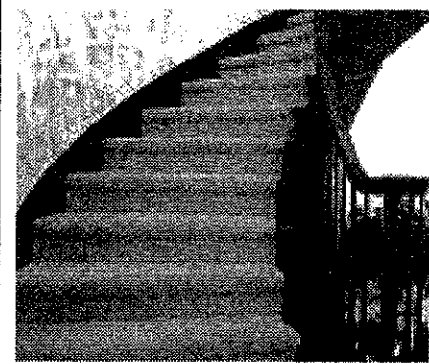
Lynette Brown talks about the suffrage movement in a lecture for the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

lecture series. "I always keep a list of possible topics. Afghanistan is a real controversial current affair topic, and many women are interested in the Red Hat Society."

"I try to think of subjects appropriate for an older

crowd interested in historical things with a little bit of humor, a little bit of information. They can't be too down-in-the-mouth type of topics. The idea is to bring their friends, have a nice lunch and learn about things."

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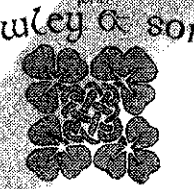
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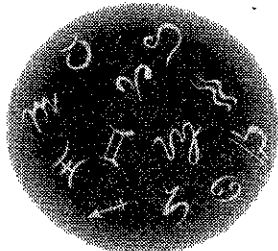
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ARIES (March 21-April 20th)

This week will be a positive turning point for you, Ram. The worse things have been for you over the past few months, the better they'll be starting by the end of September. Soon you will see why sacrifices were necessary. Air your grievances, and get on with things.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Circumstances have not been easy recently. More than anything, you need tender loving care. The Moon in your element is providing you with the energy and determination to steer yourself back on course. Remember, you can't expect anyone to read your mind—especially when you've yet to make it up.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Kiddo, there will always be people who want to see you fail, but they'll never succeed so long as you believe in yourself. It also helps if you refuse to react to provocation. What they say may at times be unpleasant, but in no way can they harm you, so ignore them.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Your life appears to be far more complicated than is necessary, MoonKid. You would do well to cut away the dead wood now rather than later. Don't allow your emotions to dictate your actions over a duty close to home. A rational view is the only sensible approach.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

For a Lion to not be in charge is uncomfy, so it must feel as though a bulldozer is churning up the very foundations of your life, but it's only removing what you don't need. This autumn is one of the most exciting periods of the year for you, so prowl freely and dwell solely on the present.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Because you are trying to do so many things simultaneously, you risk doing none properly. The coming days with the Moon in your sign will invigorate and inspire you in streamlining priorities, but it is up to you to dispense with ugh-o activities that hinder your progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Need to get away? Go for it! And don't worry about falling-outs with others because a feud or disagreement is inevitable now. Worry instead about giving the impression that you're too easygoing (or, manipulated). Every now and again, it's a good idea to remind close ones that you can bite as well as bark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You're about to enter a more focused phase, one in which you have to home in on what is important to your long-term goals. It doesn't mean that the fun times are at an end, only that there are more serious things to think about before your birthday arrives. Yep – it'll be here before you know it, Scorpi!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Don't worry too much if you have to admit defeat, because you'll soon be tasting success in a more desirable direction. As one door closes, another will open, but it will open quicker if you join forces with another. Focus on the positive and you'll be a winner, not a wiener.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

You'll be dynamic and rarin' to go this week. You'll get a lot done, but you'll also tread on the toes of those who don't think or act quickly. Don't measure your success by the number of people you upset. As you know, there are more acceptable ways to make your mark.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

There comes a time when a line must be drawn between what is possible and what is not, and a clash between the Sun and your ruler Uranus suggests that this is it! By expecting too much from others, you are putting pressure on them as well as yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Upheavals at work or financial matters may be unsettling, but there's no need to worry, because you'll benefit from them in some way. You don't have to change your routine for other's sake. In fact, you don't have to change anything. Just watch and wait for your chance. It's comin'!

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For information about a live personal intuitive-astrological consultation and classes, phone (248) 646-3555.

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Relationships need to be about fun and personal growth

Q. I have been married for seven years. I love my wife very much but lately, it seems like our relationship is in a rut. We don't seem to have fun together anymore and that spark is gone. What can I do to revitalize our relationship?



Love Doctor
Terri Orbuch, Ph.D.

A. It is very common for a relationship to fall into what we call "a rut." The relationship becomes routine, humdrum, and partners start feeling they are missing all of the good things that make relationships fun and exciting. The partners aren't yelling at each other, but they just can't quite remember why they are married to each other. In these situations, there really isn't anything wrong with the relationship, it has just become routine and monotonous. Most relationships have periods of time like this, but if it goes on for years, then it can become a problem. Relationships can fall into a

"rut" for many different reasons, the most common causes being hectic schedules and tediousness. First, when children and jobs come into the picture, the two partners could be living almost separate but parallel lives. One partner may be busy taking the kids to school, helping with kids' homework, organizing social events, and working outside the home. The other partner may be trying to start a new business, coaching the kids' sports teams, and golfing on the weekend. They are each so busy doing what they are doing separately that they don't take time to remember the other

partner nor do they share their day with each other. Couples also make the unfortunate mistake of only talking about daily tasks and family responsibilities when they are alone. This is not quality time with each other. When this happens, the partners may bore each other when they do spend time together. Relationships have to be about fun and personal growth as much as they are about caring for children, earning a living or achieving security. It is very common for couples to fall into a rut, and it is not good for a relationship. I have several Love Doctor tips for relationships that do become boring and mundane. You want to spend time with your partner alone and communicate with each other about things besides the children, who is going to pick up the milk at the store, and work. Also, don't forget to keep

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experiences and activities together, it always fuels excitement in a relationship. Finally, everyone needs appreciation. Be sure to notice and compliment your partner. No one should feel that their wonderful qualities are no longer noticed. You can find out whether your relationship is in a rut by taking the following Love Doctor Quiz. Think of your current romantic relationship. Respond true or false to each statement.

5. You remember exactly what your partner wears when he/she leaves the house in the morning.

Give yourself one point for each false response. Add up your points across the five questions. Scores range from 0-5. The higher the score, the more you need to inject some new experiences and time into your relationship, or take care to nurture and preserve things that sustain you as a couple.

To submit a question, e-mail The LOVE DOCTOR on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com. Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D., is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor, and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the Love Doctor on 100.3 WNIC FM every Tuesday morning between 7 and 7:30 a.m. The Love Doctor will be at Borders Books & Music in Birmingham for a book signing and talk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14.

1. You can remember when your partner last said or did something that surprised you.
2. You have gone out together, just the two of you, in the last three months.
3. You have gone on a vacation together, just the two of you, in the last three years.
4. You have tried a new hobby together or revisited a favorite activity the two of you used to like in the last year.

doing things that make your partner fun to be around. Every relationship needs refreshing, so take some time and plan outings and new experiences with each other. When couples do new

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Storytellers enchant children and adults

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Nola McDonald is searching for little people who like stories. The Detroit Story League is preparing to thrill audiences of all ages at its 22nd annual Storytelling Festival Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The family performance for children and adults takes place 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are a bargain at \$2. For more information, call Ann Bonelli at (248) 879-2361, or Barbara Schutzgruber (734) 761-5118. "We're not getting as many children as we like on Saturdays," said McDonald, a Detroit Story League member. This year's line-up should entice even the youngest listeners. Charlotte Blake Alston, a Philadelphia-based storyteller, breathes life into traditional and contemporary tales from African and African American oral and cultural tra-



Charlotte Blake Alston tells stories based on African and African American culture and tradition. She is one of three nationally-known storytellers performing Sept. 17-18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



Carol Birch, a Connecticut storyteller, is renowned for her tales of the heart.

ditions using instruments such as shekere, drum and kalimba. She models her role after a Griot, the keeper of stories in African villages. Patrick Ball, a Celtic harp player, blends two of the richest traditions of Celtic culture in concert - music and spoken word. After traveling back and

forth to Ireland many times, Ball began telling the stories and history he'd gathered. He now tours extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada, and has recorded nine instrumental and three spoken word albums. Carol Birch's repertoire of stories has enchanted audiences in Singapore, Australia, Europe, and throughout the U.S.

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Each will share their expertise on spinning stories in workshops beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday (\$40 for the day). Sue Simon will tell how to choose stories for young listeners at 2:45 p.m. Saturday. An adult performance kicks off the festival 7:30 p.m. Friday (\$12, \$10 ages 60 and up). Enjoy both days for the discount price of \$45.

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Jean Barnas has a Master of Arts in Gerontology and Counseling and is an Education and Training Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association. She has served older adults and their families as a counselor, recreation therapist, and as a family and resident life director. During this seminar, Jean will share ideas on how to help caregivers cope with the daily demands and challenges they face.

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Rosanne Ferrarotti (left of Redford) and her daughter Gianna Reichenbach of Southfield, together with friends and family, are holding an Lung Cancer Walk & Rally 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Kensington Metro Park. Proceeds go to the Karmanos Lung Cancer Restricted Fund for research.

Lung cancer walk to raise funds - and awareness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Rosanne Ferrarotti knew something was wrong when her husband Gianni showed signs of confusion in October 2002, but was shocked to learn the symptoms were caused by lung cancer. It had already spread to his brain and by July 2003 he was dead.

Now Ferrarotti and her daughter Gianna Reichenbach of Southfield, together with friends and family, are starting an annual Lung Cancer Walk & Rally 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Kensington Metro Park. Proceeds go to the Karmanos Lung Cancer Restricted Fund for research. Participants can register on the day of the walk.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.gianniscause.com, or call Ferrarotti at (313) 532-0983.

"He was only 57 when diagnosed," said Ferrarotti, a Redford resident. "It kind of threw us for a loop. He was acting fine but starting to show signs of brain damage. Then one day I realized something was wrong."

"During the time my husband was being taken care of I started doing research and found more people die of lung cancer but it is the least funded. We want to get funding for research."

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There's no simple test for lung cancer. By the time most people are diagnosed they are stage four. By the time he was diagnosed it was already at his brain."

Ferrarotti easily ticks off statistics. One from the National Cancer Institute Fact Book she finds especially interesting. More than 50 percent of people newly diagnosed with lung cancer each year have never smoked or have quit smoking.

"Even though my husband smoked, people need to be aware that not just smokers get lung cancer," said Ferrarotti.

"As we get larger we want to help other families. I was fortunate to be able to quit work the day he was diagnosed. We're looking for corporate sponsors over \$250 or any donation. We've already raised over \$4,000 and are hoping for \$7,000-\$8,000."

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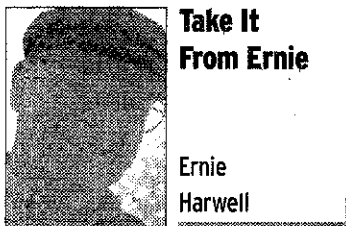
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Ernie Harwell

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And even if you don't have a companion, go for a walk. There's a lot of times when you're by yourself and you're away from the TV and the radio and all the business problems that are weighing on you that a walk can help, physically and mentally. You can just walk and enjoy yourself and keep quiet and maybe hum to yourself or whistle or do whatever you want to. You'll find that a walk with or without a friend frees up your mind, and all those pressures or problems don't seem so large.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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Comfort care

Patients gain from end of life education for health care providers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Jaroszewski brings Oscar, a 10-year-old Shih Tzu, to visit her father, John Connell, three to four times a week at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Angela Hospice strives to make patients as comfortable as possible whether they are terminal or suffering with chronic life-threatening diseases like Connell, a Parkinson's patient.

Although end-of-life care has come a long way since 1964 when British physician Dame Cicely Saunders first taught Yale University medical students how to help patients die a good death, doctors and nurses still have difficulty broaching the subject with patients and families. Nurses at the University of Michigan and St. Joseph Mercy health systems are trying to change that with continuing education.

For a third year, they present a conference for health care providers - Palliative Care: Revitalizing the Spirit of Health Care - Sept. 17, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. For more information call (734) 763-8035 or visit the Web site at www.med.umich.edu/esn/programs/palliativecare.



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John Connell enjoys a special moment with his dog Oscar, daughter Debbie Jaroszewski and son Jack at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Health care workers are striving to provide quality care for terminally ill patients and those with life-threatening diseases.

Among the presenters are Dr. John Lantos, chief of general pediatrics at the University of Chicago Hospitals, on providing palliative care in a society that desires immortality, and author and funeral director Thomas Lynch on *The Good Death, Good Grief and Good Funerals*. Afternoon sessions focus on creative ways to enrich living and dying experiences with aromatherapy, scrapbooking and memory boxes.

HELPING PATIENTS

"There's a huge push across the

country to improve end-of-life care and for professionals themselves so we know how to have these discussions with families and patients," said Maureen Goode, a registered nurse with the University of Michigan Health System and a member of the conference planning committee.


"The End of Life Nursing Education Consortium Project of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and City of Hope National Medical Center (a national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses) found that of nursing and medical schools curriculum, only 2 percent is

devoted to end-of-life care. We're hoping to focus on palliative care for life-threatening or chronic disease that may lead to end of life, and offer sessions for those dealing with end of life - how to meet the patients' and families' needs. We would like to have our patients go home and die. For those who can't, what can we do to be creative and facilitate a much more family-friendly environment for the patient and give them a dignified environment, alternative therapies?"

"We still need to raise awareness for

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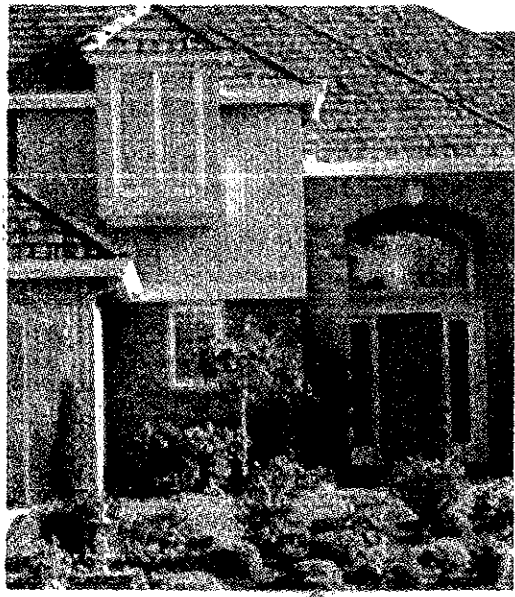
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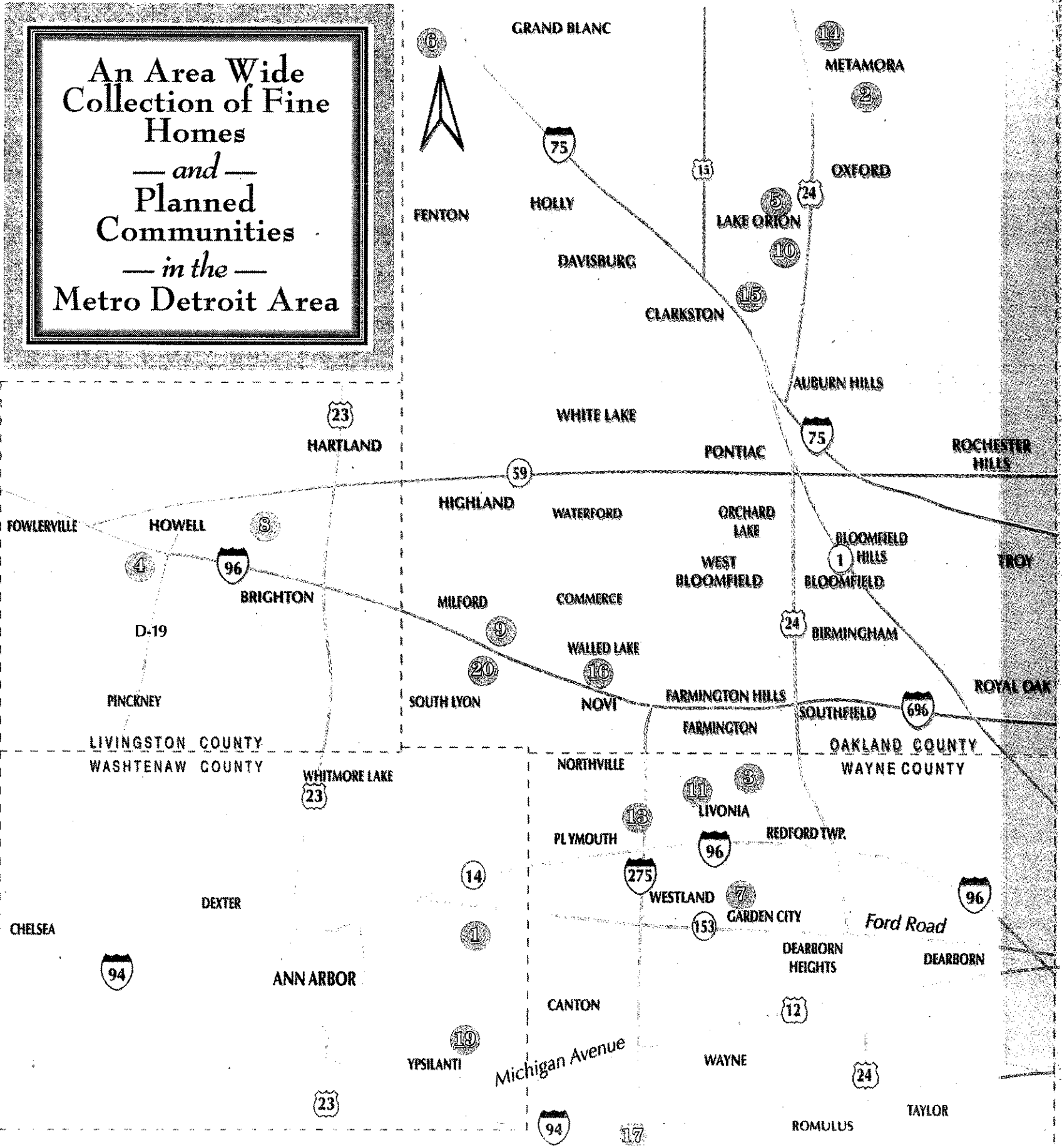


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Fireplaces: The coolest new ways to keep warm

(MS) — The hearth appliances of today are more popular — and advanced — than ever. Available in sizes and shapes to fit virtually any room or corner of your home, today's fireplaces and freestanding stoves give you a great deal more than ambiance or heat — they are literally design statements. Traditional or ultra-modern, fueled by gas, wood, electric or pellets, they are standard offerings in more than half of the new homes built (nearly 1.8 million projected for 2004).

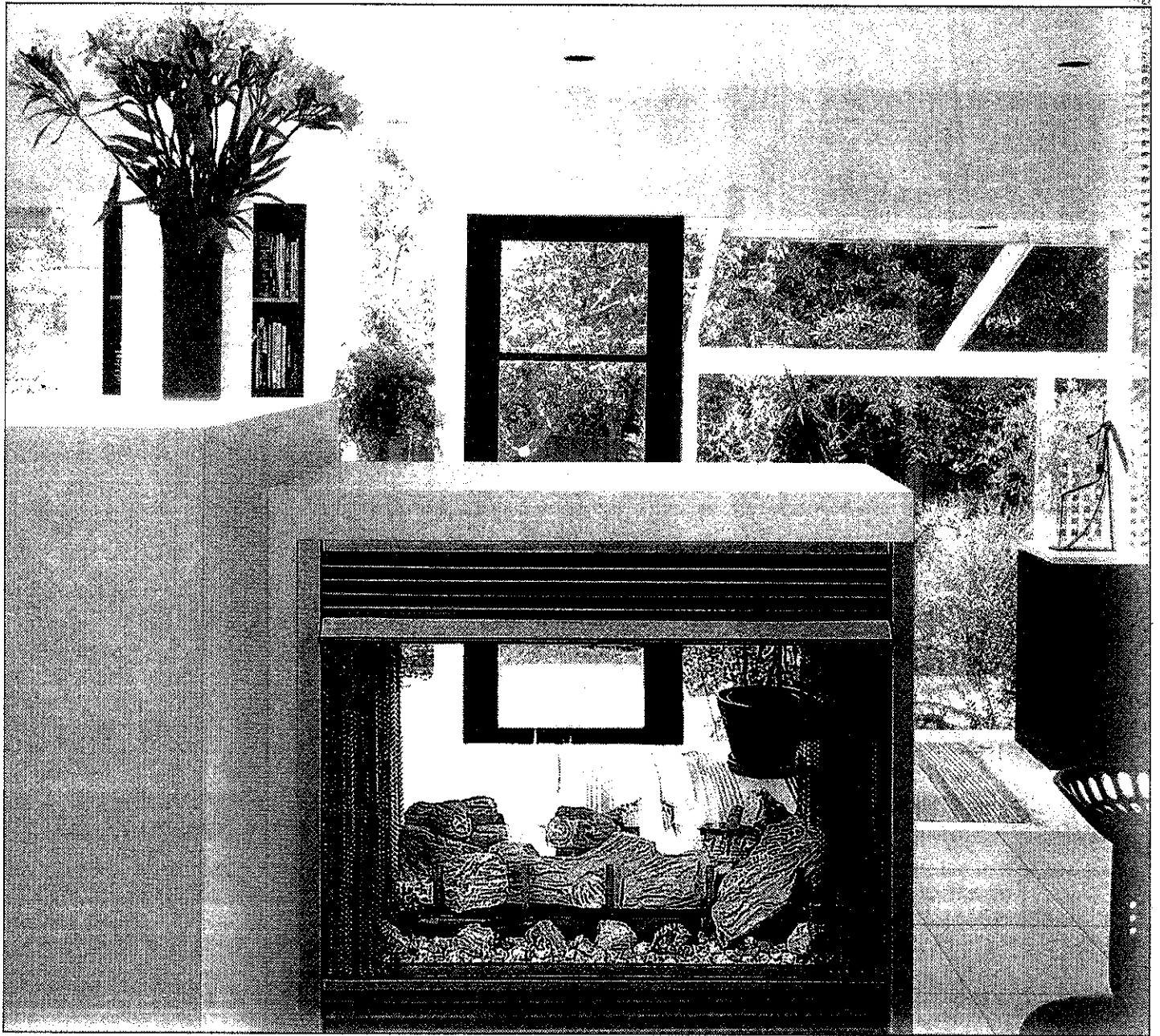
According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, new home buyers rank a fireplace among the three features they want most, along with outdoor porches or patios and upgraded kitchens. Shipments of hearth appliances have grown 500 percent since 1994. Gas-fueled products represent two-thirds of all new fireplace shipments, and technological advances such as direct-vent fresh air replacement gas systems can actually heat the whole house.

Nearly three-quarters of all factory-built fireplaces are installed at the time of new home construction; the time to make changes is before the house is built. Contractors will likely choose a very basic, economical fireplace, so it's up to you to make it known from the outset that the fireplace is important to you and you want to explore options for an upgrade. HPBA studies have found that a fireplace typically adds \$12,000 in value while also enhancing your home.

WHERE TO BEGIN

There are some 3,200 hearth specialty retail stores across the United States, many with National Fireplace Institute certified installers on staff. These retailers are the source for all the information a homeowner needs on the types and sizes of products available as well as on the all-important local code and regulation data. Unlike many appliances you purchase, hearth products don't lend themselves to do-it-yourself installation, so rely on an HPBA member retailer.

You need to keep an open mind about whether a wood burning, electric or gas fireplace best suits your



Add value and beauty to your home with one of the many fireplaces on the market today.

lifestyle and needs. Non-wood burning units add flexibility by allowing installation and safe use without the requirement of a chimney. Direct vent technology enables the expulsion of gas fireplace emissions out the side of a house. Electric and vent-free fireplaces need no venting.

New materials and accessories make the fireplaces of today easier to maintain, more fuel-efficient and eye-catch-

ing. The wide range of fuel and venting choices as well as unusual sizes, shapes and designs enable the hearth appliance to be customized and readily installed literally anywhere you choose: bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, family and living rooms — even hallways.

And outdoor hearth products such as firepits, chimineas and patio heaters are now being sold in record numbers.

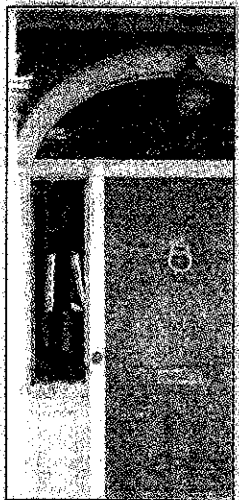
EVOLUTION

Get with it, and find out just how far fireplaces have evolved. Much more than simply a place to light a fire, they have become an important element in our quality of life at home. For more information, or the location of a professional retailer in your market, visit www.hpba.org.

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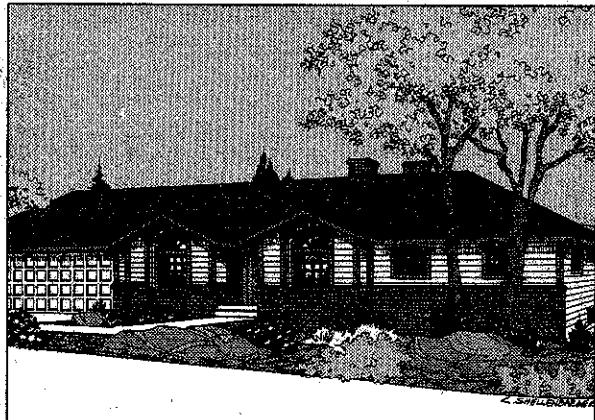
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If you have a sloping lot, consider Mary Ann's design

The Mary Ann was designed to sit on a sloping lot. It has a large daylight basement that has been finished to form living space and make the home more spacious. Twin gables with brick trim accent the entry into the Mary Ann. Their large windows topped by half-moon windows over provide wonderful eye appeal from the street.



Unique from the past are the two rooms that flank each side of the entry. The living room on the right and the dining room on the left are both sunken rooms. They are down one step and vaulted. The living room has a gas fireplace with shelves on either side. Shelves are also on each side of the long window in the front.

The dining room also has the shelves on each side of the large front window and has a large built-in china hutch on the rear wall. Up the step is a hallway with the utility room on the left and a half-bath on the right. Adjacent to the kitchen is the corner walk-in pantry.

An enormous kitchen is in the left rear corner of the Mary Ann. The refrigerator, trash compactor, range and oven, and dishwasher are all located along the wall. The dual sink has a vegetable sink in the middle and a garden window above, ideal for growing herbs and flowers. The island in the middle has an eating bar on the side facing the vaulted family room. The kitchen, nook and family room are one large room, great for family gatherings. There is a corner fireplace in the front and sliding glass doors in the rear opening onto the large deck over the patio below.

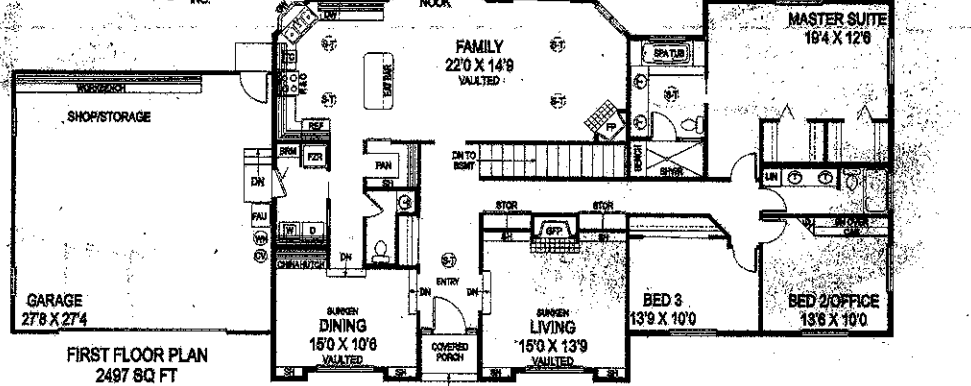
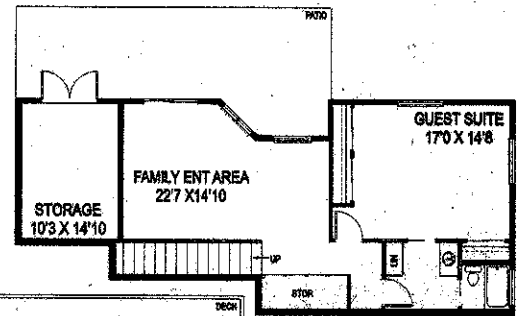
Two bedrooms (one could be an office) are on the face of the home. By bedroom two is a bathroom

with a tub and dual sink, along with a linen closet. The master suite is in the rear with "his and her" walk-in closets. The master bath is behind a pocket door and has an oversized shower with a bench, a spa tub, and dual sinks.

The stairs to the basement run parallel to the family room. Downstairs is large family entertainment room with sliding doors, two big storage areas - one with French doors, and an enormous guest suite with two wall closets as well as a full bath, accessible through a pocket door and a door to the family area.

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Besides their convenience, there are money savings and emergency heating advantages to using vent-free appliances. No wonder they are now being used in more than 14 million American homes for 99 percent efficient supple-

mental heating. Vent-free products range from 5,000 to 40,000 BTUs, including 8,000 to 10,000 BTU units for bedrooms. Because most vent-free gas products do not require electricity, they can provide emergency heating during power failures.

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A four-bedroom colonial with more than 3,700 square feet of living space in Northville's North Beacon Woods subdivision will be auctioned by Pamela Rose, auctioneer, to the highest bidder at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13. The house at 46317 Northvalley will be open for preview at 5:30 p.m.

Potential buyers are asked to register to bid on-site. The winning bidder will need to supply a check for \$25,000 at the close of the auction. The auction is open to the public. Interested bidders are encouraged to inspect and review the property prior to the start of the auction. Color brochures

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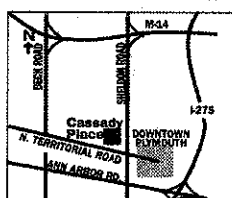
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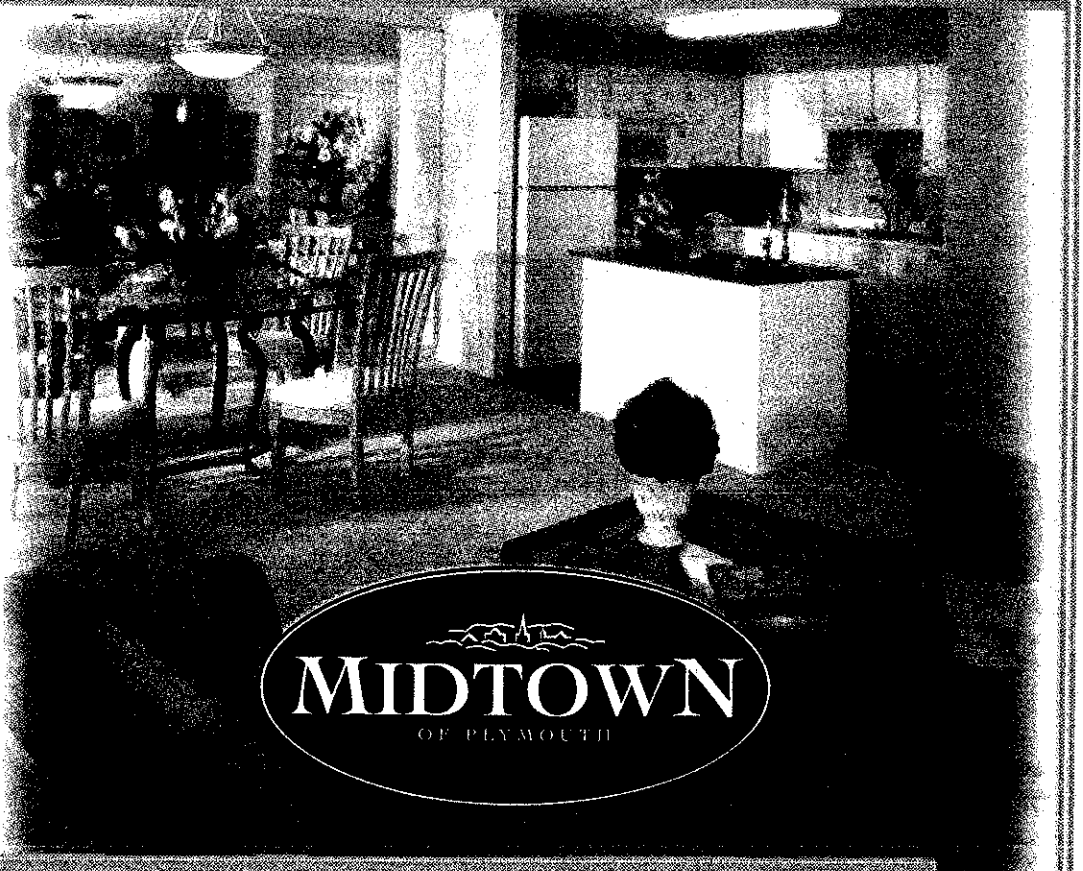


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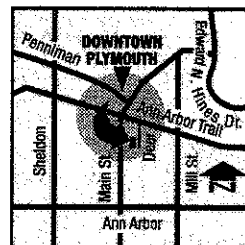
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