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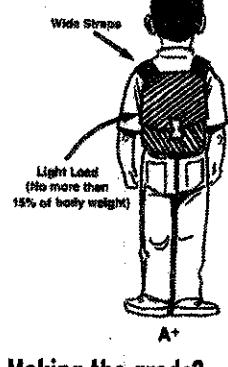


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Making the grade?

Parents and students seem to be heeding the call to use caution with school backpacks.

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Open house

The new IHA Health Center will hold an open house for the public 1-4 p.m. today (Sunday, Sept. 26) at its new facility, 49650 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Those attending have the chance to win a free vacation in a raffle and free cooler totes will be given to the first 300 visitors. Building tours will be given and you will be able to meet the staff doctors. Face painting and clowns will entertain the kids.

Big vehicle event

Canton Leisure Services is holding its second annual "By Land or Sea" event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at Heritage Park. Fire trucks, giant truck tires, power sports vehicles, a model boat club exhibit and antique garbage trucks will be on hand for the kids. The event is free.

Fireworks display

Residents around the high school football field can expect not only big football games, but big explosions.

As part of homecoming celebrations for

the Salem Rocks, the Salem Student Congress is sponsoring fireworks displays in conjunction with the football games. Fireworks will be used before the game, at half-time and, possibly, after the game.

The Rocks host their homecoming game at 7 p.m. Oct. 1.

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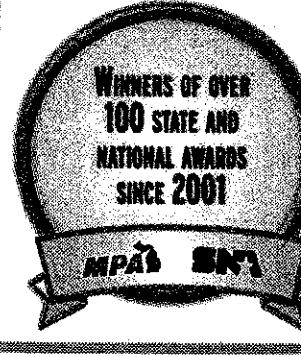
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Local reps voted against tax plan

Governor's plug for early taxes drew no support from this area

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Local government leaders are breathing a sigh of relief after passage Wednesday of a bill in the state House which will require Michigan property owners to pay a portion of their county taxes six months early to balance the state budget.

However, taxpayers have called their

Lansing representatives in droves, upset that balancing of the state budget is put on their backs.

The bill won approval with a bare minimum of 55 votes, but without the support of state Reps. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, and Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township.

Stewart said his office received nearly 150 telephone calls telling him to vote

against the measure, with some threatening a recall if he didn't.

"I voted with my constituents," Stewart said. "They think there's some fat in state government, and there could be other places to cut in the budget. I was willing to look at cuts in other budgets."

"I didn't like moving the property tax up myself. There are other places to find \$182 million," he added. "It was another easy Band-Aid for the governor."

LaJoy, who has been advocating consolidation of state government agencies and services since he's been in Lansing, said he didn't like making taxpayers pay early, or cutting revenue sharing if the measure had lost.

"They needed to come up with a third alternative. There's no way we could cost communities a 17-percent across-the-board reduction in revenue sharing," LaJoy said. "I had families call me and say, 'Look, we're on a fixed income and have six kids. My husband makes \$40,000 a year and I am a stay-at-home-mom. We can't pay early.'

"I think we're putting the burden on people when the state needs to look for ways to consolidate," he added.

While there were threats of revenue sharing cuts by Gov. Jennifer Granholm if the bill — which was already passed by the Senate — had been defeated, Stewart

PLEASE SEE TAX PLAN, A7



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All smiles

The 2004 Canton High School Homecoming Queen and King are Erika Perkovich and Michael Kondratek. They were crowned Friday night during the school's homecoming game. For more on the game, please see today's Sports section, B1.

School election Tuesday

For months now, officials and committee members in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district have tried to convince voters to renew an 18-mill tax on non-homestead property and approve a \$109 million bond issue.

On Tuesday, district officials will find out how convincing they were.

Polls open at 7 a.m. at voting locations around the district Tuesday, giving voters the chance to give the "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" on the two proposals.

The Citizens Election Committee has been conducting a whirlwind, month-long push to get "yes" votes for the two proposals on Tuesday's ballot.

One calls for the approval of an 18-mill renewal on non-homestead property — mainly businesses — for the next 10 years, which is worth \$29 million to the district.

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A7

UAW chief finds Canton a great place to call home

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Ron Gettelfinger, the United Auto Workers president, has called Canton Township home for the past six years.

And he has no regrets about locating here, although like a true Cantonite, he feels it would be better if there were less traffic on Ford Road.

He and his wife, Judy, came to western Wayne County in June 1998 when he was elected to a UAW vice presidency; he became the auto union's chief four years later.

Gettelfinger, a graduate of Indiana University, still has a bit of a soft drawl from his days in Kentucky and southern Indiana. He was a chassis line repairman at the Louisville, Ky., Ford plant when he was first elected as a UAW representative at Local 862.

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ON THE GO

When he's not running the 630,000-member union at Solidarity House he is busy with some pet projects:

■ He is the general chair of this year's United Way Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit annual Torch Drive. They hope to raise \$64.5 million this fall.

"The union is always involved in the community. We recently worked on 40 wheelchair ramps as part of the Torch Drive kickoff," Gettelfinger said.

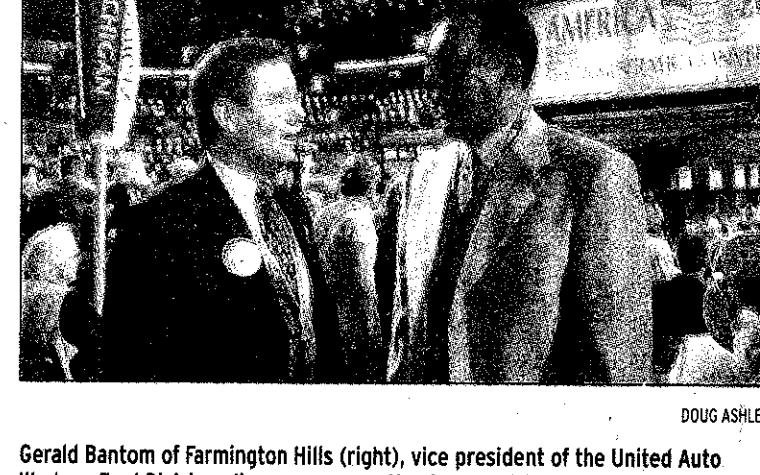
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times. That's why it is so important that those of us who can give, do give as generously as we can."

■ He is back for a second year (2005) as the state honorary chair for WalkAmerica, a March of Dimes fund-raiser that has walks in Hines Park, Detroit, Troy and elsewhere around Michigan every spring.

"I am in a position to help out. Our members help out all



DOUG ASHLEY

Gerald Bantam of Farmington Hills (right), vice president of the United Auto Workers Ford Division, discusses convention issues with UAW President Ron Gettelfinger at the National Democratic Convention in Boston this summer.

over. MOD says 303 babies are born every week in Michigan preterm, 53 more very preterm," he said. Gettelfinger spoke at Hines Park in

Westland last spring before the walkers stepped off. "We will get behind things we believe in."

PLEASE SEE UAW, A7

'Piano man' returns with jazz concert Sept. 29

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Jazz comes back to the Summit for the second fall in a row on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Tony Ruda's quartet will play old favorites for two hours from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Chestnut Room. Tickets are \$4 for Canton residents, and \$5.20 for nonresidents in advance. All tickets at the door are \$6. Free coffee will be served.

For Ruda, a Canton resident

whose full-time "gig" is investment advisor and vice president for Morgan Stanley in Livonia, performing on the piano for the public is a labor of love.

Ruda will be joined in vocals by Pamela Ransford, wife of Plymouth Guitar's Fred Sanderson. The quartet includes drummer Andy Conlin, who has played with Elvis Costello, bass man Dan Kolton, and Nick Palise on saxophone.

"I like to play songs people

Call the Summit at (734) 394-5460 for tickets.

recognize," Ruda said. Ruda, who has been playing piano professionally for years, comes from a musical family. "Dad was an opera singer, and my mom did piano accompaniment for many professional performers. She taught me how to play piano."

Ruda took his classical training and turned to jazz in his

30s he said.

"We will be playing the standards, some blues, jazz and pop," Ruda said. "All these musicians are the very best. They have played with all sorts of well known names, in all sorts of venues."

Pamela Ransford has a great voice — a voice that should be heard by more people," Ruda said.

Call the Summit at (734)

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Coming Thursday in your Canton Observer

What do women want?

'Male Intellect' seeks the answer at the new City Theatre.



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Van Buren schools hope Canton residents say 'yes'

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Township residents in the southern end of Canton will be voting on a bond issue for a new Belleville High School and for building and technology upgrades this Tuesday.

The Van Buren school district figures it has about 12 subdivisions and two trailer parks plus several individual farms and homesteads in Canton — and they have been tough to reach through the mail. The Van Buren district had about 300 Canton kids enrolled last year.

"Our superintendent (Paul Lazaroff) has been in these subdivisions and so have I," Paul W. Henning, the district communications specialist, said.

Henning said bond issue mailings were mishandled by the Detroit post office so they have been "walking and going door to door in Canton. We have been talking to everyone about the bond issue. Canton is very important to us."

The \$150 million bond issue will replace the 78-year-old Belleville High School with a new one at Van Buren Road and Belleville Road. Belleville High has been added on to eight times.

The bond will give the district the new high school, a new middle school, and

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

upgrade other buildings and technology.

The existing South Middle School would convert to alternative education for middle and high school kids.

The request is for 4.54 mills and that will add about \$225 a year in taxes for a home market-valued at \$100,000. A home valued at \$225,000 would pay \$397 a year more in school taxes. The millage would be levied for 30 years, but the rate — and hence the tax bill — could decline as the area's growth and tax base pick up.

One question that has come up in public discussions is Visteon Village's share. The auto parts maker moved into the 800,000-square foot corporate offices at Ecorse Road and I-275 last month. The district's Web site notes that Visteon will pay more than \$1 million a year in taxes and that they will pay "100 percent of their share" of the bond issue.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. All Canton voters in the Van Buren district vote at North Middle School, 47097 McBride, Belleville.

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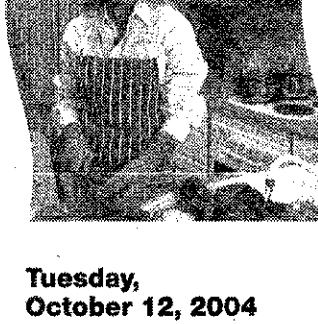
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CHARITY WINNERS

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- Raffle for free sitting and an 11-by-14 photograph donated by Jill Andra Young — Kim Meisenhelder, Ann Arbor.
- Best Look Alike — Jennifer Crossland, Plymouth — dog Brittany.
- Most Patriotic — Kerry Duston, Canton — dog Winnie.
- Best Dressed — Roberta Cubbins, Wayne — dog Mouse.
- Biggest Ears — Kim Meisenhelder, Ann Arbor — dog Ridgeway.
- Longest Tail — Jessica Craven, Canton — dog Barnabas.
- Best Trick — Sherry Foster, Garden City — dogs Foster & Hannah.
- Most Donations — Kathy Kowalski, Canton.
- 50/50 — Ed Krzeminski, Canton.
- Pet Supplies Plus raffle — Pauline Nowak, Canton — dog Gizmo.

PET ADOPTION

Pet Supplies Plus, 43665 Ford Road in Canton, will hold a pet adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at the store with the help of the Michigan Humane Society. The society's mobile adoption unit, which was started in October 2002, is a full-service 36-foot vehicle that can transport as many as 30 animals. The society's Web site (michiganhumane.org) shows pictures and details about adoptable dogs and cats at their shelters, including the shelter in Westland.

ART CLASSES

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an

AROUND CANTON



Bullying bill

State Rep. John Stewart (right) and Dr. Ronald Jones, chief psychologist for Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, testify before the House Education Committee in support of House Bill 4957, legislation sponsored by Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, that implements a bullying policy in schools. This legislation will help protect the victims of bullying, said Stewart. The policy must define bullying, prescribe consequences for bullying and establish a procedure for investigating a report made by a pupil or employee that bullying has occurred.

anger management talk noon Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Summit. The luncheon event is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. The speaker is Marie McDade from the Michigan Anger Management Institute.

Call the chamber for details at (734) 453-4040.

ences for three to five young artists per mentor meeting once a week.

For more information, call Leslie Greeneisen, (734) 416-4278.

SALEM ACTION COMMITTEE

The Salem Action Committee hosts a series of public information forums at Karl's Restaurant, 6005 Gotfredson Road, Salem Township. The first forum will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, and will include presentations and a question and answer session by Kenneth Reiter, Washtenaw County Road Commission; Mike Garfield, Ann Arbor Green Belt Commission; and Schostak Brothers, new plans for the USD.

ARTIST MENTORSHIP

Students in the seventh through 12th grade with an interest in art have an opportunity to work with a professional artist in the Artist Mentorship Program.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues its collaborative effort with The Arts League of Michigan and Canton Partnership for the Arts. It is designed to provide intensive, hands-on experi-

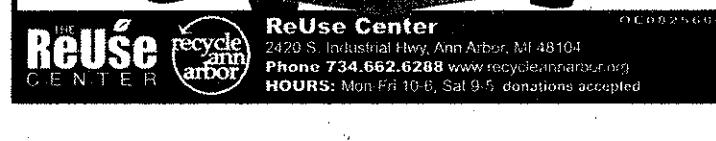
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Symphony gets 'surprise' fast-track grant from NEA

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Symphony got a pleasant surprise a few days ago when the organization was awarded a "fast-track" grant of \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts.

According to the symphony's executive director, Angela Han, it was a case of "they called us, we didn't call them."

The NEA identified the symphony as a potential "fast-track" recipient and asked them to apply.

"They were looking for groups that were not from the east coast, the west coast, or Chicago," Han said, indicating geography played a part in the award.

The money will go toward operating funds for the group's October and November concerts.

"They deliberately sought organizations they had not funded before," Han said. "They identified about 100 organizations. We were surprised to get the call."

Han said two things helped: the symphony's musicians are paid, and the conductor, Nan Washburn, often programs contemporary American music.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Symphony's outreach in Canton was a success as about 300 people came to the first Orchestra Canton concert last weekend at the Cherry Hill Theater.

"We saw a lot of new people at the concert so we met our goal of finding new patrons, and expanding our base. People wore bluejeans and so did the musicians," Han said.

The next Canton concert is Saturday, Oct. 30 when a "spooktacular" is planned. Costumes and plenty of spooky music like the Alfred Hitchcock theme, the Ghostbusters theme and the Psycho theme will be presented

for family fun. A 4 p.m. start time will get the kids home on time. Tickets (\$18 adults, \$16 children and seniors) are bought through Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460, or at the Village Theater box office before the performance.

The first Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concert, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will be "Music Mediterranean" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck.

The concert features guitarist Paul Vondiziano performing Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Also featured will be guest composer Katherine Hoover and her work, *Eleni: A Greek Tragedy*. The program also includes Respighi's Pines of Rome and Rossini's *An Italian in Algiers Overture*.

Tickets for this performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Season subscriptions are available for \$80 for adults and \$70 for seniors.

For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information about the Plymouth Symphony, or Orchestra Canton, contact the symphony office at info@plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

The NEA was created by Congress and established in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. Since then, it has awarded more than 120,000 grants to arts organizations and artists in all fifty states and the six U.S. jurisdictions. NEA "fast-track" grants get an expedited review according to the NEA; their Web site is arts.endow.gov.

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Mans completes big move in Canton

Business moves from Ford to Michigan Avenue

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Mans Lumber and Millwork is a rarity.

More than 100 years old, the privately-held company still has family members running the business.

Founded in 1900 in Trenton by German immigrant Nicholas August Mans, the company started by selling coal and peat.

Now it has reinvested in a large new facility in Canton Township, moving a few weeks ago from its Ford Road location of 20 years.

"We simply outgrew our other site. We needed another home in Canton. We definitely wanted to be here in Canton," Chris Mans said. Mans is a fourth-generation owner, as is his cousin Doug Mans.

The new location, on Michigan Avenue just east of where Beck dead ends, includes a 24,000-square-foot retail building, a 60,000-square-foot warehouse and various support buildings on a 17-acre site.

"Most of our customers — 80 to 90 percent — are contractors and professional builders," said Kristin Schrader, Mans marketing director.

Homeowners in search of help with "the bigger project" make up the rest of its customer base, Schrader said.



Mans Lumber has a new building on Michigan Avenue.

Those bigger projects would include window replacements, a new basement, an outdoor deck, or a bathroom or kitchen remodeling.

Chris Mans said the move has involved the owners and the staff in "trying for some grace under fire" as they await the displays needed for the retail area of the new lumber yard. Plus, Mans moved at the height of the Michigan Avenue paving project, which is about half done and allows only one lane of traffic each way.

Eventually the kitchen-bath-floors store still left on Ford Road will be moved to the Michigan Avenue site. Mans' old site is, in part, home to the new Willow Creek Center where Marshall's, Michael's, PetsMart and Pier 1 are now.

"We think the retail space will be great when it's done. It will be an ideal place for builders and contractors to bring their customers," Chris

Mans said.

Mans sells Anderson, Weather Shield and Pella Proline windows, Therma-Tru doors, Wood-Made cabinets and a full line of moldings, door and window casings and custom stair parts. It specializes in all kinds of deck materials and all kinds of basic lumber.

"We know we are a niche marketer. We work largely with the professional builder, but we can help the typical homeowner," Chris Mans said.

The company owns five lumber yards, two kitchen/bath design centers, a flooring store, a millwork shop and an installed product services center. A job site delivery service in Romulus and the finished carpentry products facility on Schoolcraft in Livonia will move to the Michigan Avenue site.

Mans is at 47255 Michigan

Avenue; phone is (734) 714-5800; it is open every day but Sunday. The company also has lumber yards in Trenton, New Boston, Monroe and Hamburg.

"We have a lot of the latest in building products," Chris Mans said. "But this is an old-fashioned business. You drive out back to the lumber piles and we load it up for you."

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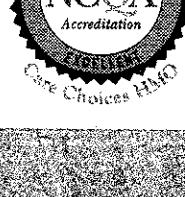
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Commercial, residential projects lead Canton construction report

Following is an update on commercial and residential developments currently under construction in the Canton community, as well as projects under review.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Cherry Plaza (north side of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center) - 9,450 square feet on 1.25 acres.
Crescent Academy addition (Palmer and Lotz) - 8.75 acres
Dr. Bazzi dentist office (Ford and Sheldon)
Dr. Van Hook Dental (Cherry Hill Road west of Ridge Road)
Emagine Theaters (south of Ford, east of Lotz) - 18 screen theater. 72,966 square feet on 16.1 acres next to Home Depot.
Heartland Health Care (Lilley south of Warren) - 44,955 square feet on three acres.
Rainbow Rascals (north of Cherry Hill, west of Ridge) - 10,386 square feet on 1.13 acres.
TCF Bank (Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center) - 6,000 square feet on 2.38 acres.
U.S. Storage (Michigan Avenue west

of Beck) - 143,480 square feet.
Willow Creek Retail and Panera Bread (former Builders Square/HQ north of Ford, east of Lilley) - 12.54 acres.
(Partially open)
White Castle rebuild (south side of Ford, west of I-275)

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

Antique Forest Subdivision (north and south of Saltz between Ridge and Beck) - 130 units on 106.4 acres.
Arlington Park Site Condos (south side of Saltz between Ridge and Beck) - 38 units on 23.5 acres.
Canford Park Site Condominiums (north of Cherry Hill, west of Beck) - 90 units on 60 acres.
Charring Cross (formerly known as Riverwood Trail, north of Geddes and west of Beck) - 150 apartments and 124 single family lots on 137 acres.
Chatterton Condominiums (south side of Geddes, west of Beck) - Attached and detached condominiums with apartments to be constructed later.
Chelsea Square Condominiums (east side of Haggerty, south of Ford) - Attached condominiums.
Cherry Hill Village Phase III (south

side of Cherry Hill at Ridge) - Attached Single family homes.
Cherry Grove Condominiums (south side of Cherry Hill, east of Ridge) - Attached condominiums.
Cherry Grove Condominiums Addition (south side of Cherry Hill between Sheldon and Morton Taylor)
Cherry Hill Garden Condominiums (southeast corner of Denton and Cherry Hill) - 126 units on 32 acres.
Grandover Park Site Condos (Lilley south of Ford) - Seven units on 2.29 acres.
Grand Oaks (north of Saltz, east of Beck) - 20 units on 9.1 acres.
Hampton Ridge North (south of Ann Arbor Road, west of Ridge) - Site condominiums.
Hamlet, Phase I (west of Denton, south of Proctor) - 42 acres, 52 single-family, 84 condos.
Links at Fellows Creek Condominiums (southwest corner of Lotz and Palmer) - 300 condominiums on 39 acres.
Maben Woods (north side of Maben between Canton Center and Beck) - Nine units on 16 acres.
Maple Park Condos (southeast corner of Palmer and Morton Taylor) - 42 units on 6.04 acres.

Ravensfield Condominiums (south of Geddes and east of Denton) - 140 units on 23 acres.
Ravines Condominiums (south of Joy and west of Beck) - Luxury detached condominiums with several wooded estate lots.
River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village (south of Cherry Hill and east of Napier) - 173 site condominiums on 63 acres.
Rustic Ridge (south of Saltz, between Beck and Ridge) - 57 acres.
Traditions at Cambridge Condominiums (Saltz and Canton Center) - Neo-traditional condominiums with rear-entry attached garages.
Vintage Valley (Ridge and Ford) - Subdivision with homes that are traditional in design with side entry garages.
Uptown Apartments - (north side of Cherry Hill, between Ridge and Beck)
Westchester Village (southwest corner of Warren and Ridge) - 114 single family units on 100 acres.
Woodbridge Estate Condominiums (south of Geddes between Beck and Denton) - 479 units on 68 acres.

COMMERCIAL UNDER REVIEW

Canton Center Medical Building

Target addition/Renovation (Ford Road east of Sheldon)
Summit Commerce Center (northeast corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill) - 32,000 square feet of office; 3,325 square foot bank; 3,000 square foot drug store; 23,000 square foot retail space.
Victory Lane Oil Change and Retail (south of Michigan, west of Haggerty) - 4 acres, 4,883 square feet.

RESIDENTIAL UNDER REVIEW

Abby's Condominiums (northeast corner of Beck and Geddes) - Senior housing, 52 units on 12 acres.
Ashton Woods
Autumn Court Estates (south of Joy, west of Beck) 10 units on 14 acres.
Cherrywood Park (north side of Cherry Hill Road, west of Denton) - 46 attached condos on 4 acres.
Greystone Apartments - (northeast corner of Ridge and Ford) - 200 units on 39 acres.
Meadows of Cherry Hill Village (north of Cherry Hill, west of Ridge) - 10 units.
Oak Creek Estates (north side of Warren between Ridge and Beck) - 28 units on 14.16 acres.
Pine Cove Condominiums (south side of Joy, west of Sheldon)

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

B
Carol A. Balick, 56, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 7.
Edward D. Barrett, D.D.S., 79, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 5.
Robert C. Beckman, 69, of Napoleon, died Sept. 18.
Douglas H. Bossardet, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 5.
Thomas A. Breault, 58, of Plymouth, died Sept. 17.
James P. Burke, 78, died Sept. 21.

C
Leona F. Collis, 87, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 9.
Venita Crawford, 89, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 14.

D
Deloris Dzikowski, 73, of Livonia, died Sept. 14.

E
Edward H. Farmer, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 3.

F
Maris June Gaffka, 46, of Canton Township, died Sept. 16.

G
Helen Lucille Hansen, 77, died Sept. 17.

H
Paul R. Hills, 31, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 19.

I
Alice M. Hoffman, 67, of Pontiac, died Sept. 14.

J
Lillian Horvath, 77, died Sept. 20.

K
Kelley Knapp, of Orchard Lake, died

L
Gordon J. Libby, 71, died Sept. 23.
M
Amy K. McCarthy, 42, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 16.

N
Sarah S. McNaughton, 75, of Bloomfield Hills and Ft. Myers, Fla., died Sept. 18.

O
Walter Merna, 85, of Novi, died Sept. 7.

P
Joan Rose Palmer, 77, of Bloomfield Twp., died Sept. 17.

Q
Raymond A. Pfau, 72, of Novi, died Sept. 20.

R
Joseph S. Pilzninski, of Livonia, died Sept. 19.

S
Franklin L. Pretznow, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 8.

T
Robert S. Talaga, 76, of Westland, died Sept. 18.

V
Ida Mae Swann, 61, of Garden City, died Sept. 15.

W
Elsie Strong, 75, of Brighton, died Sept. 5.

X
Larry O. Vartanian, 56, of Livonia, died Sept. 21.

Y
Caroline Werstine, died Sept. 24.

Z
Jeanette H. Willits, 82, of Newport Beach, Calif., formerly of Rochester, died Sept. 10.

A
Mary J. "Dolly" Witoszynski, 76, of Beverly Hills died Sept. 19.

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Bond facts

You have a small window of opportunity to correct a huge error in your Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004 lead story. Your article "Bond plan goes to voter" clearly states that the second bond proposal will cost the taxpayer of a home valued at \$245,000 an additional \$47 a year. That number is roughly accurate only for the FIRST YEAR of a 25-year bond.

I quote the ballot language special election from the PCCS Web site: "The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding ... is not more than 25 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.40 mills ...; and the estimated simple average annual millage

that will be required to retire the bonds over 25 years is 0.94 mills annually."

Is your \$47 dollars a year a bold lie? Is it merely an attempt to mislead the public?

It may come as a surprise to the Plymouth-Canton school board and the Observer but the voter really can handle the truth.

Rosanne Albus
Plymouth

No on bond

I have to say it seems strange to be writing a letter like this. As a lifelong booster of schools, and a former Plymouth-Canton board president, I can honestly say that I've never voted against a

school millage in my life. What's more, I was part of the leadership team that passed the most recent bonds for the new Plymouth High School, Dodson Elementary School, and Discovery Middle School.

I've spoken to homeowner's groups, service clubs and PTOS, always with the same message: "We have to do what is right to support our kids and to keep classroom instruction first." I still feel that way today. That is why I'll be voting NO on the latest board sponsored millage on Sept. 28th. It's just bad for kids.

This bond issue is dangerous because it will increase per-student operating costs and accelerate the biggest financial crisis our district has ever seen. It will mean fewer

teachers, larger class sizes and fewer services for every family in the district.

As result of a string of poor decisions, the current board has set the district on a path from which they can't recover – not without either a state bailout or takeover. When the current fund balance (the result of prudent spending and hard choices by previous boards over the past 10 years) is gone, the district will be forced to lay off teachers and reduce services to the community.

Approving this bond will result in building schools the district cannot afford to open. Here is the dirty little secret that the board does not want you to know.

The issue with this bond is

that based on the law, the money can't be used for operating expenses, which is what the district needs most. Why would we build buildings that we can't afford to staff without a massive increase in state funding (read: Tax Increase).

This bond will mean our kids will be faced with larger class sizes and mandatory reductions in virtually everything that isn't mandated by law. Line items like busing, food service and sports come to mind. Cutting these things will be painful, but it will be better than cutting teachers.

Lastly, if you live in Plymouth, this bond is a really bad deal. After the discussions surrounding (closing) Central Middle School last year, the board agreed to further study

before any final decisions were made. This bond signals to me that the board has already decided to close both Starkweather and Central.

I am sure board members will be chanting their mantra this week – "It's for the kids!" If you really do care about kids and the future of the district, do the philosophically difficult thing and vote no. Send a message to our board that we need a bond that focuses on the real needs of the district – putting more teachers in the classroom, and true building priorities, not luxuries. If you really care about kids, vote no next Tuesday.

Michael J. Maloney
former board president

Seventh Octoberfest set for Heritage Park Oct. 16

The seventh-annual Octoberfest is scheduled to take place in Heritage Park noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.

This fun-filled family event offers a variety of activities for all ages, including stage

performers, games, Halloween theme events and refreshments. Back again this year will be the popular Kids Art Workshop and the "Trick or Treat Trail." Youngsters are encouraged to come in cos-

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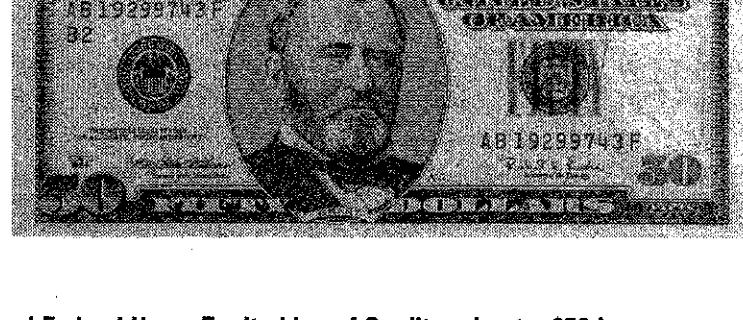
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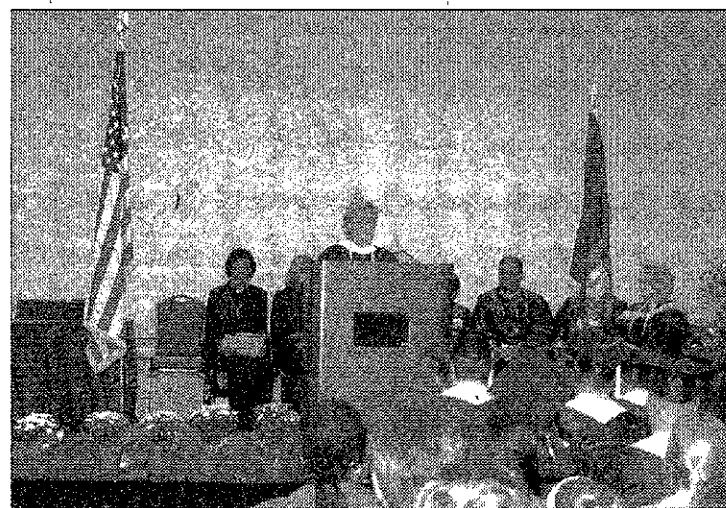
ITT Technical Institute in Canton celebrated the graduation of its first class of students Tuesday with a commencement ceremony at Canton's Summit on the Park, honoring graduates and awarding associate's in Applied Sciences degrees in Computer Networking Systems and Computer and Electronic Engineering Technology.

Members of the Allen Park High School Concert Ensemble provided music.

Nadine Palazzolo, director of the college, congratulated the students for their efforts, recognizing the families, and friends of the graduates as an integral part of their support system.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, delivered the commencement address, focusing on the importance of technology in rebuilding a solid economic structure in the state.

LaJoy encouraged the graduates to "maintain hope in the economic recovery of Michigan as we refocus attention on sec-



Nadine Palazzolo, director of ITT Technical Institute in Canton, congratulated the students for their efforts.

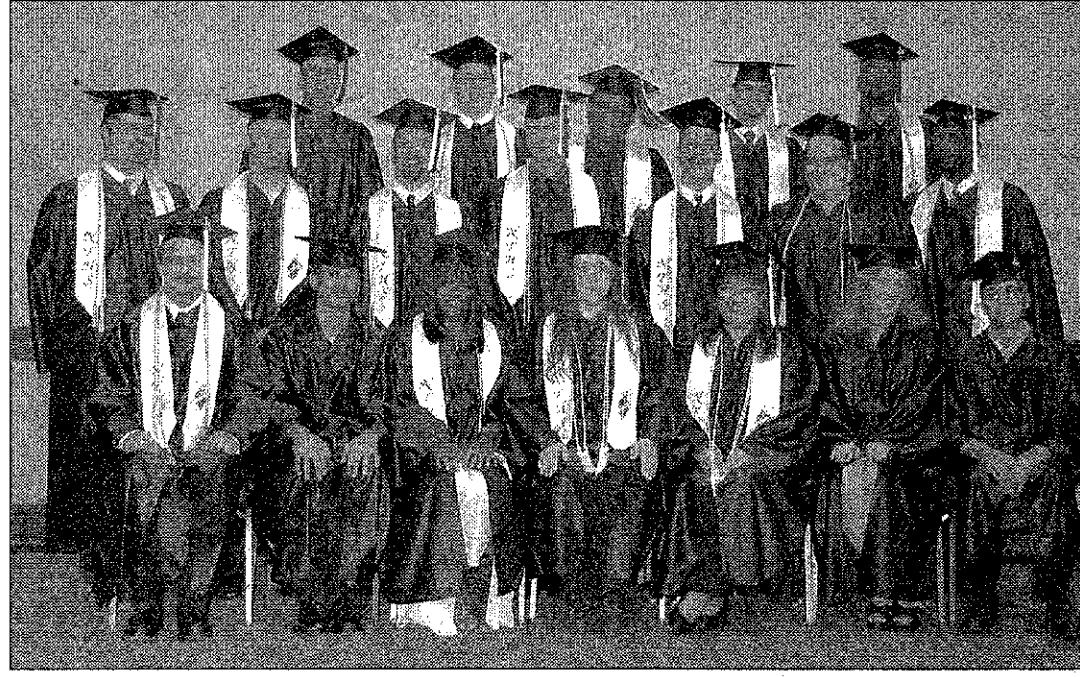
tors other than manufacturing.

"The Legislators are continuously looking at developing strategies for creating and maintaining Michigan Business," LaJoy said.

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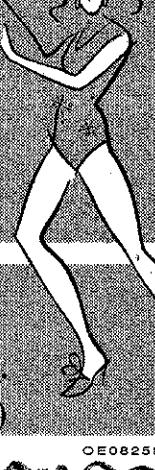
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"The 18-Mill renewal should be a no-brainer. It does not affect residential taxpayers at all; it is levied on businesses and residences like apartment complexes, rental homes or vacant land."

"Are the repairs needed? Yes. Is a new elementary school needed? Yes. Voters should vote YES on both proposals."

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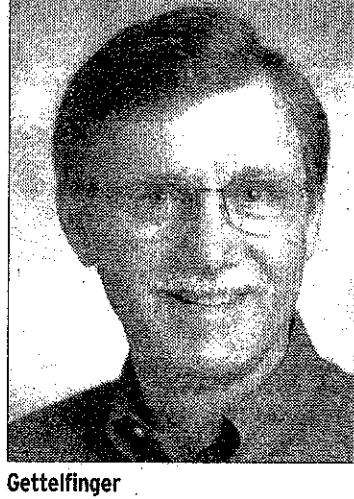
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I think we (the union) made a big impact statewide for them."

■ He goes to meetings of the Community Democratic Club at the UAW hall (Local 845 from Plymouth Visteon plant) at Canton Center Road and Joy Road near the high schools. That group includes about 200 Dems from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Northville. "It's an active little group and I enjoy that," he said. "I am proud to be a Democrat. There are lots of us in Canton."

■ He was recently appointed by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to the new Detroit Wayne County Health Authority, which is hoping to help underinsured and uninsured residents in Detroit and out-county. Gettelfinger called the health insurance problem a "complex issue and I am relying on our UAW expert, Charles Gayney, director of our Social Security department, to help me out." (Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli also serves on the authority.)

Gettelfinger, who travels everywhere with his job, finds Canton a "wonderful community to live in, with access to the



Gettelfinger

major thoroughfares, and it's close to the airport. I like Canton and I like all of the diversity. That's part of the beauty of living in Canton - the diversity of people."

Gettelfinger also said he was impressed with the Canton building boom, the township's park system, and how well subdivisions are being landscaped.

ON THE ISSUES

Gettelfinger, in a 90-minute interview with the *Observer*, also had comments on current events. Naturally, he must spend a good portion of his time representing the UAW position on all sorts of issues.

■ On John Kerry's campaign: "I hope he takes the gloves off and sticks with the issues. I am doing everything I can to ensure he gets elected. We are working hard for him."

■ On Iraq: "Bush has made sacrificial lambs out of our military men. When we look at the loss of life ... there is no plan for Iraq. Senator (Richard) Lugar, a Republican, said it best. There has been 'incompetence in the administration.'

■ On job loss: "Kerry recognizes under this president we have lost 2.7 million jobs. This is the first president in 71 years to have a negative in job creation. Every president has created jobs ... when Clinton left office we were paying off the national debt."

■ On trade: "The trade deficit was \$496 billion last year. Maybe \$550 billion this year. At a bare minimum we need to enforce existing trade laws. There needs to be enforceable provisions in new trade agreements. We have to protect our country from unfair imports. Bush has let Japan and China get away with spending billions each year to manipulate currency exchange rates to gain unfair advantage over U.S. businesses. You can't have free trade without fair trade."

ance the state budget without doing an income tax hike. The government is broke and has nowhere else to go."

Supervisor Steve Mann calls it an accounting trick which will put a hardship on taxpayers.

"They need to look at reducing state government," Mann said. "If they have a reduction in revenue, it doesn't mean they should maintain the status quo on services."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said another reduction in state revenue sharing funds would have probably meant staff reductions.

"It would be the last thing we wanted to do, but so much of what we do are programs and services provided by people," Yack said. "However, they wouldn't have come from the police or fire departments."

"The state has to either raise revenues or reduce programs and services because it looks like there's a billion-dollar problem every year," he said.

Sincock also said a loss of staff would have been the result if revenue sharing cuts would have resulted.

"At \$100,000, we're talking a couple of more employees," he said, "but we don't have a couple to give. We're trying to reorganize as much as we can to keep our heads above water."

"Attacks by the state against local governments are unacceptable and need to stop," he added.

Granholm has said she will sign the bill requiring early county tax payments at her first opportunity.

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TAX PLAN

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said it was a bluff.

"There was never any realistic concern of any reduction in revenue sharing," said Stewart, who noted the governor admitted that to him in a closed-door session before the vote. "It was just a threat."

Threat or not, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock and Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards were among those who had the ears of Stewart. Plymouth could have lost another \$100,000 in state revenue sharing, with Plymouth Township losing \$200,000 and Canton Township \$900,000.

"They call it a tax shift, but I call it a scam," Edwards said. "They ran out of ways to bal-

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Stage manager: Rae Classen of Canton.

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Kelly Filios of Canton, children's chorus.
Melanie Bruss of Chesterfield Township, a wife.
Lindsey Winstrand of Dearborn, children's chorus.

Adams said absentee ballot requests for Tuesday's election are up.

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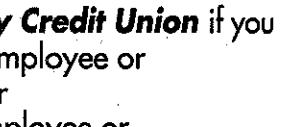
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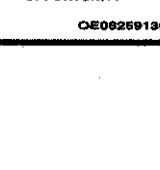
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Picture-perfect Ryder Cup helps to improve Detroit area's image

ast week, Bloomfield Township, Birmingham, the greater Detroit area and all of southeast Michigan were on display for the entire world as the 35th Ryder Cup matches were held at Oakland Hills Country Club. I was fortunate to have an inside view; I served as executive vice president-finance for the tournament.

We all knew the world would be scrutinizing not only Oakland Hills, but our entire area. We knew that there were many who raised eyebrows at the idea of holding one of the world's most prestigious events in the Detroit area.

Well, I was there for all of it — and I can tell you we not only passed with flying colors, but did ourselves proud. This was an event of vast importance and I can say without reservation that we came off as well as the U.S. golf team must have wished it had!

Based on my experience, I'd like to provide a few insights into the impact the Ryder Cup had on our area's image. Together with most of our many volunteers, I arrived at the course prior to sunrise to prepare for each day's spectators.

Among those arriving early were our concession stand volunteers, provided by Lighthouse of Oakland. There were cashiers for Ryder Cup merchandise in the golf shop provided by Comerica Bank and medical services provided by Beaumont Hospital. Members of Oakland Hills — and 14 other area country clubs — served as marshals. Still other Oakland Hills members provided secretarial services, uniform distribution, ecology services, media services, transportation, scoring and more.

If you thought it took a lot of people to pull this off, you were right. There were 4,000-5,000 volunteers, each who worked a minimum of 20 hours during that week and, in many cases, for weeks leading up to the matches. Besides working for free, they all had to purchase a \$220 uniform and undergo hours of training.

Besides our specific duties, we were all reminded that we were ambassadors of golf and the area. That meant we needed to be friendly, courteous, polite and helpful. We were reminded that the 35,000 golf fans attending the matches came from every walk of life and from many different nations. They would include CEOs, media personalities, sports figures, politicians and everyday individuals. What they encountered that week would leave them with a lasting impression of our area. We didn't discuss the crime-riddled image the Detroit area has in much of the nation.

We also worried about the one thing we



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couldn't control — the weather. Michigan Septembers can be cold and wet, but thankfully Mother Nature smiled on our area. We couldn't have asked for better; a bit chilly in the mornings, but shirt-sleeve weather in the afternoon. On television, aerial shots from the blimp were postcard perfect.

The Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham was headquarters for both the American and European teams and PGA officials. Others stayed at the Holiday Inn-Express on Woodward Avenue. Many an official walked around Birmingham, stopping for coffee or having dinner at our restaurants. They were surprised and pleased. They didn't realize what a wonderful area Birmingham is. Of course, we knew all along — and it was high time the world found out.

The spectators were wonderful and well-behaved. On Sunday, at the stands on the 13th tee, the crowd on one side yelled "U.S.A!" On the other side, they responded right back "U.S.A! U.S.A!" It echoed among the fairways and trees of Oakland Hills. They cheered loudly for their favorite players and groaned when shots were missed.

But during the entire week there were no incidents of unruly behavior, and that's something we can be very proud of. Our reputation was on the line, and we performed very, very well.

The media, we know, can be critical. But during this week, many reporters (out-of-towners, not locals) went out of their way to let me and others know that the PGA and Oakland Hills Country Club had put on a fabulous show.

These comments were echoed last Sunday at the closing ceremony by the European caddies seated just behind me. It was also a dangerous spot, as they had their bottles of champagne celebrating a European victory.

The week was a success, despite a sad performance by the American team, and set a standard for future events which will be coming to our area soon, including baseball's All-Star Game, football's Super Bowl, the 2008 PGA Championship and college basketball's Final Four.

These events can build on the momentum established by the Ryder Cup. The weather, the volunteers, the spectators and the venue left the impression that our area is delightful, people-friendly and that this is a spot to come back and visit for an extended period.

We're off to a great start and better things lie ahead. Bring them on!

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Celebrate Banned Books Week with a visit to your library

This week is banned books week, Sept. 25 to Oct. 2. Celebrate by reading something dangerous!

The list of books that are frequently banned is often an honor roll of good literature and innovative thinking. But it also includes books that are disturbing, infuriating and unsettling. A book I might embrace as a great work of literature, someone else might see as a deviant assault on civilization.

Book banners are people who want to narrow our choices to those books, and ideas, that they support, that they find uplifting, that they perceive as the truth. Any books that might disturb their world view are considered dangerous and need to be stopped.

If anything qualifies as "un-American" that desire to censor and restrict the freedom of expression is the most un-American of all ideas. Even ugly ideas need to be freely argued, debated and rejected in an open forum.

But, ironically, it is often some of the most enlightened ideas that suffer the censor's wrath. Banned Books Online is a Web site that offers books that have been banned at one time or another available for downloading and also gives a look at the history of banned books.

Some of these stories are well-known. James Joyce's *Ulysses*, voted by a panel of literary critics as the greatest English language novel of the 20th century, was banned from the United States for 15 years until the ban was lifted in 1933. The Modern Library edition of the book opens with the judge's decision overruling the ban, a landmark in common sense over non-sense.

Yes, the book does contain several sexual scenes. Sex is an important part of life and Joyce set out to describe in great physical and psychological detail a day in the life of his richly imagined characters. In any case, sexual scenes or political views, who has the right to deny the right of others to experience this great book?

But *Ulysses* is in good company among banned books. Voltaire's *Candide*, the *Arabian Nights*, Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and Anna Sewell's *Black Beauty* have all been targets. The Bible and the Koran have also been banned and are still banned in different parts of the world.

Independent Booksellers have released a list of recommended banned books for 2004. Some of these are books intended for children that censors take it on themselves to ban for all children rather than just for their own chil-

dren. A prime example of this is *King & King & Family* (the title suggests the theme), the most frequently challenged title of 2004.

Others are books that elicit reaction because they are misinterpreted and misrepresented. Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* and Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. But, misinterpreted or not, these and other books should not be banned. They should be read, discussed, debated.

Another book on the list is *Places I Never Meant To Be: Original Stories by Censored Writers*, edited by Judy Blume, a writer who has had her own share of run-ins with censors. Blume is perhaps the most empathetic author for young readers in the last 30 years. Her honesty has regularly gotten her into trouble with the thought police while winning the loyalty and love of young readers. This collection of stories about young people begins with a passionate plea against censorship by Blume.

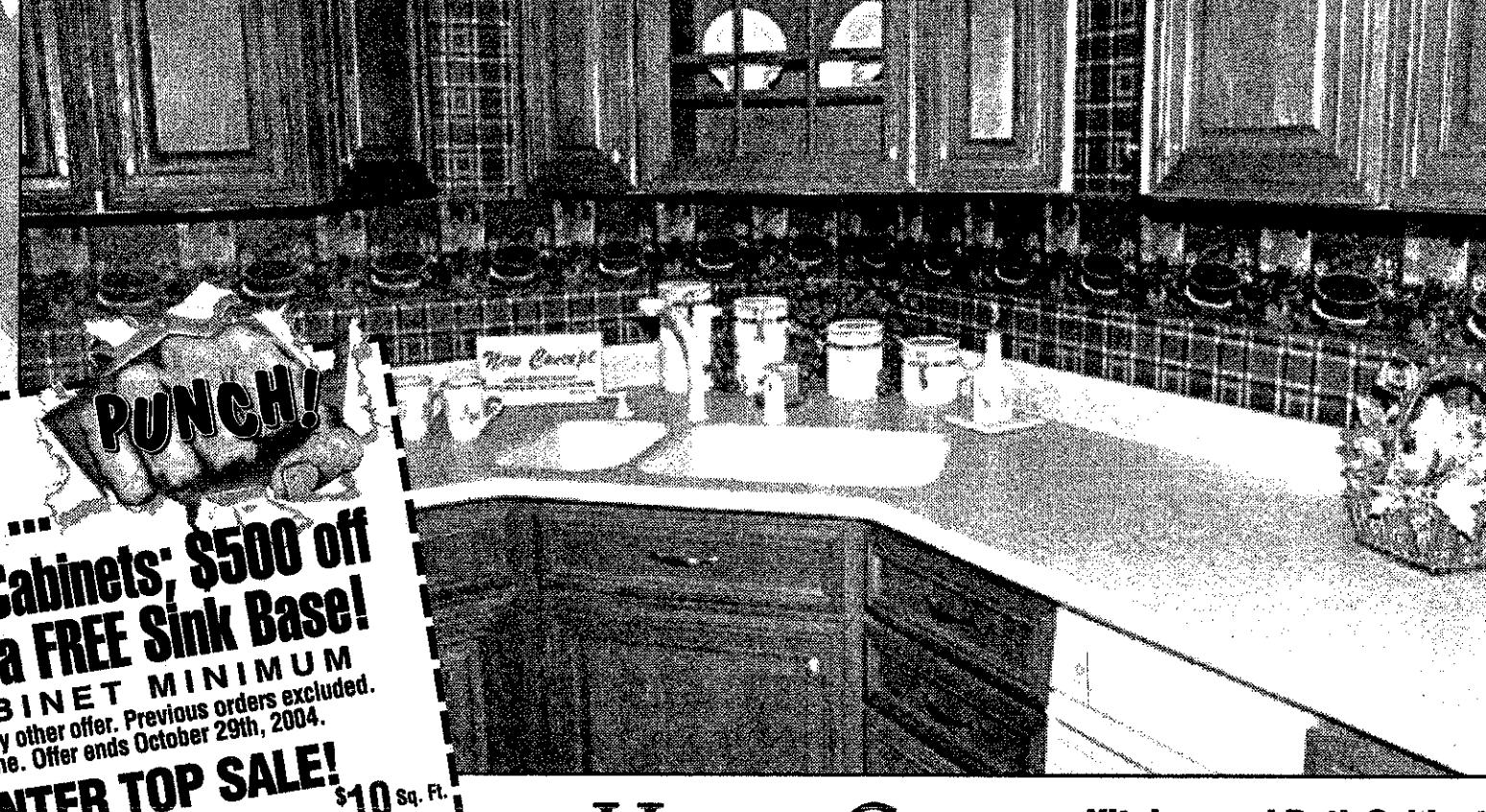
She writes: "The bottom line is, censorship happens, often when you least expect it. It's not just about the book you may want to read but about the book your classmate might want to read. It's not just about teachers and librarians at other schools who might find themselves in job-threatening situations — it might happen at your school. Your favorite teacher, the one who made literature come alive for you, the one who helped you find exactly the book you needed when you were curious, or hurting, the one who was there to listen to you when you felt alone, could become the next target."

The full essay is in the book and online at www.judyblume.com.

Local libraries are marking this special week with displays of frequently banned books. Show your support for freedom, go check out John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* or Robert Cormier's *The Chocolate War* or any of the Harry Potter books (all banned somewhere at some time). And fight the thought police. Read and let your children read!

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Scout adapts brother's idea on way to Eagle badge project

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When Canton resident Marc Garner, 17, was looking for a project for his Eagle Scout badge, he got the idea from his 19-year-old brother, Mike.

Mike had done a food and essential needs drive for the Penickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor.

The center specializes in treating blind children ages 1 through 12 with at least one additional handicap. The center does not charge the families for services provided to the children. One-third of the support comes from individuals, one-third from service clubs and organizations and one-third from groups such as churches, schools, foundations and corporate donations.

Marc said he liked Mike's project.

"But I wanted to do it bigger and better," he said. "I got 600 bags donated from Farmer Jack and the township. Attached a flier explaining what I was doing and what the center needed."

Mike and a fellow Scout, Brandon Waite, 15, helped in the project.

Mike then got his troops together - that's troop 1830 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - and one Saturday they went through the area putting the bags and fliers on front doors.

The next Saturday 20 Scouts came to his house and they drove around collecting the donations.

"Out of the 600 I handed out, I got 200 or so back," Marc said. "My garage was filled with the bags."

And it was the same at the center.

"There was a whole room just filled with stuff from them," said Jennifer McKay, supervisor and volunteer coordinator at the center. "I can't stress enough the importance of donations for Penickton Center."

"Without them we wouldn't be able to function for our chil-

dren and their families. The Boy Scouts have been very generous and supportive and we appreciate that so much. Please tell Canton residents 'Thank You' also."

Before delivering his collection, Marc took an inventory and produced a three-page list of what was donated. The list included such things as more than 30 boxes of breakfast

cereal, 101 boxes of muffin, cake or brownie mixes, 60 bags of potato chips, 53 cans of soup, 19 64-ounce bottles of juice, 32 bottles of shampoo, 140 rolls of paper towels and two gallons of antifreeze.

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Marc's garage was filled with the bags he collected for his project. Helping with the project were (from left) Marc Garner, Josh Nilsson, Ian Gillespie (top), Elder Rega (bottom), Todd Peterson, Logan Lewis, Easton Huch, Rand Bitter, Terry Huch, Neil Lewis and Bill Nilsson.

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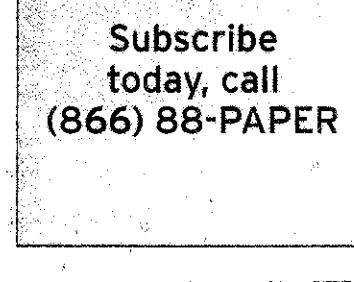
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Wildcats bounce Zebras for 1st varsity win

It was an historic night of football for Plymouth High School.

The Wildcats, made up of all underclassmen, earned their first-ever varsity win Friday by racking up 401 yards on the ground en route to a 43-32 victory at Wayne Memorial.

Both teams are 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It's such a great feeling; I'm so proud of these kids," Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said, still soaked from a post-game Gatorade shower courtesy of his team. "These kids have worked so hard for this. They really needed a win."

"We had over 400 yards of rushing tonight, so that shows you how well our

offensive line played. They all deserve a lot of credit for this."

The Wildcats' line consists of Jared Panyan, Brad Kraft, Nate McManus, Shawn Bailey and Taylor Fox.

"Josh LeDuc had a great game on defense and Brian Leighton stepped in for an injured player tonight and played well," Blaylock said.

Junior quarterback Brent Jones ran for 144 yards and one touchdown. He also passed for a pair of scores.

Sophomore running back Nathan Gholston contributed 137 yards rushing and one TD.

The Wildcats led 14-0 after one quarter on a Jones 4-yard run followed by a Gholston 31-yard TD run.

Wayne answered with 14-straight points to start the second quarter on TD runs of 14 and 14 yards by Blaine Simmons on a 12-yard TD run. Junior linebacker Nick Gotts recovered a fumble to set up the first Zebra score, but the extra point was missed. (Josh Simmons' pass to senior Dale Dahlberg for the two-pointer made it 14-all.)

Plymouth, however, led 28-14 at half-time as Jones connected with Joshua LeDuc on a 30-yard TD run followed by Jeffery Harrison's 1-yard TD run.

Harrison added a 9-yard TD run in the third quarter and Kevin Minor converted his fifth-straight extra point to give Plymouth a 35-14 advantage.

Wayne's Terrill Ford answered with a

90-yard kickoff return for a TD, but Jones responded with an 8-yard scoring pass to Anthony Green to make it 43-20 (following Harrison's two-point run).

The Zebras made the score respectable with the final two TDs — Josh Simmons on a 10-yard pass to Dale Dahlberg and 20-yard pass to Eugene Hister.

Blaine Simmons rushed for 90 yards, while Josh Simmons hit 8-of-16 passes for 103 yards. Jones hit 6-of-13 passes for 57 yards.

Each team had an interception — Wayne's Doug Johnson and Gholston of Plymouth.

Plymouth hosts cross-campus neighbor Canton Saturday at 1 p.m.

SPORTS

Whalers swap

The Plymouth Whalers beefed up their defense on Wednesday when they acquired Steve Ward from the Sarnia Sting in exchange for left wing Jordan Grant and a ninth-round draft choice in 2002.

Ward was originally selected by Sarnia in the fourth round (70th overall) in the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft. After playing six games with Sarnia in 2002-03, the defenseman spent all of last season with the Sting, recording three goals and eight assists in 43 games.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Canton Cardinals 11-and-under travel baseball team will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at McClumpha Park Field #1. Players must be residents of Canton or Plymouth. Contact Jim Belisle at (734) 844-2117 to reserve a spot.

Reporting results

Varsity coaches are urged to report their results to the Observer & Eccentric Sports Department — win, lose or tie, home or away — on the day of the event.

Please call sports editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108. If he is covering a game or on the phone with another coach, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

The deadline for Thursday's print and Web site publication is 11:45 p.m. Tuesday evenings, while the deadline for Sunday's print and Web site publication is 11:45 p.m. Friday evenings.

Thanks, in advance, for your time and effort.

Local Britons shine

Four local soccer players are making major contributions for their respective Albion College teams — two for the Britons' men's team and two for the women's squad.

Salem graduate Jeff Bennett, a junior, scored his first goal of the season Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Britons' 4-1 loss to John Carroll. Bennett also has three assists.

Fellow Salem alum Tavio Palazzolo, also a junior, shined in goal for the Britons, making 11 saves in two games.

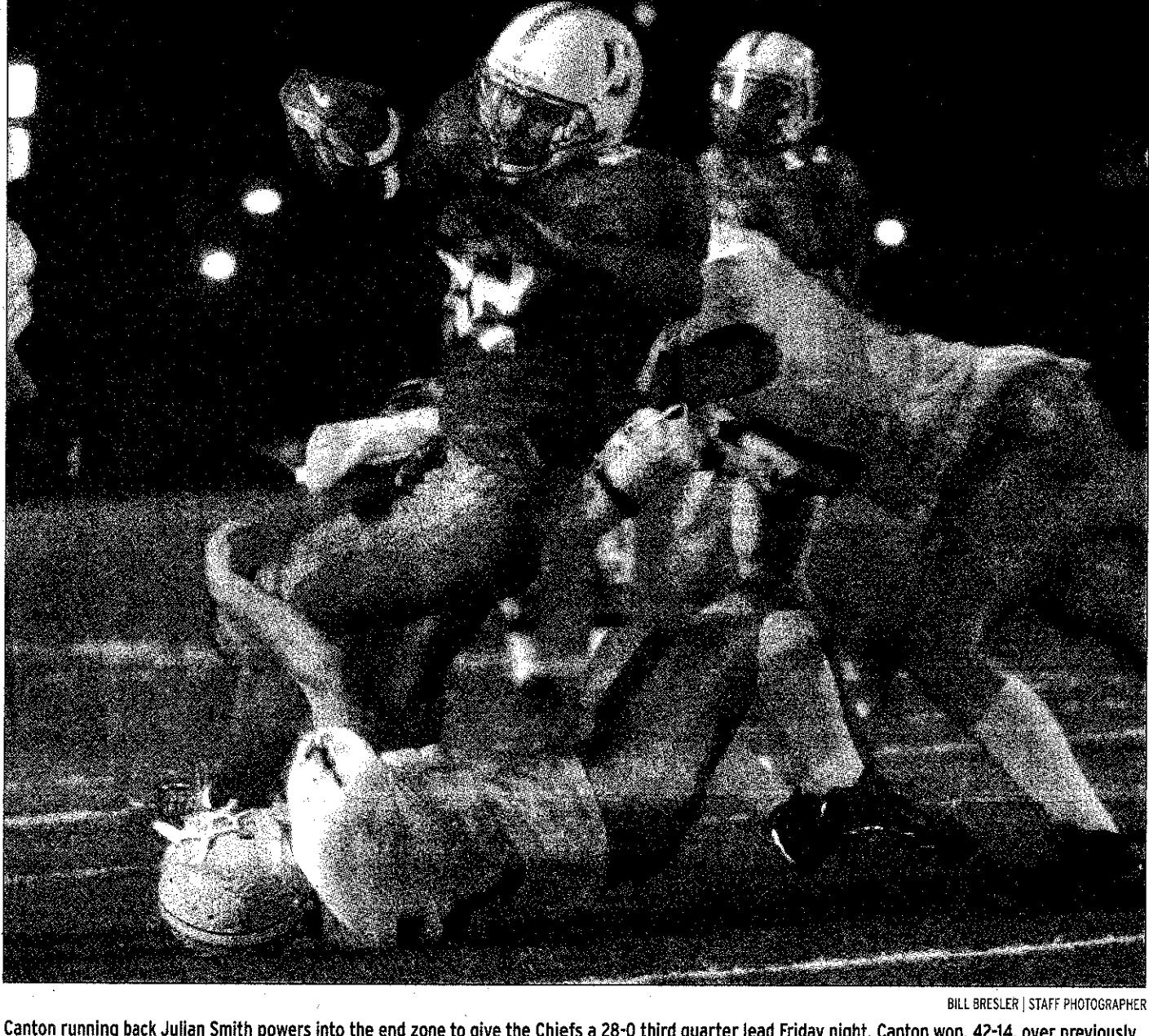
Junior Ashley Rosaen, a Canton grad, tallied three goals last week to pace the Britons' offense.

Rosaen's teammate, Allison Mills, also a Canton alum, scored her first goal of the season last week.

MU golfers 2nd

The Madonna University men's golf team finished runner-up Wednesday in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Jamboree (No. 2) at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

Aquinas earned first-place honors with a total of 302 followed by Madonna (304), Siena Heights (315), Cornerstone (316) and Concordia (352).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton running back Julian Smith powers into the end zone to give the Chiefs a 28-0 third quarter lead Friday night. Canton won, 42-14, over previously unbeaten Northville.

Salem swim team dunks WLW, 134-52

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls swimming team bounced back from its season-opening loss to Canton earlier in the week by sinking Walled Lake Western, 134-52, Thursday night at the Salem pool.

The Rocks are now 1-1 heading into Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Walled Lake Northern.

Salem won all three of the relays, beginning with the meet-opening 200-yard medley race. The quartet of Kelsey Lincoln, Kim Heaney, Ashley Aquino and Amanda Newman finished in 1:58.49, almost 10 seconds faster than Western's foursome.

The Rocks also captured the 200-yard freestyle relay (Newman, Kate Musson, Katie Gorman and Lincoln) in 1:47.94, and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Lincoln, Gorman, Heather Michalsen and Musson) in 3:52.59.

Michalsen stroked to a four-second victory in the 200-yard individual medley (2:24.16), touching over four seconds ahead of second-place Whitney Wilson of Western.

Other individual winners for Salem included Musson (50-yard freestyle, 26.94), Newman (100-yard freestyle, 59.98), Megan McManimon (500-yard freestyle, 6:24.05), Amy Benson (100-yard backstroke, 1:09.75) and Heaney (100-yard backstroke, 1:12.88).

Rock gridders drop second straight

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the lightning strikes that impressed Livonia Stevenson football coach Tim Gabel, it was the way his Spartans were able to steal the thunder from Salem.

Stevenson put up two touchdowns before Friday night's game was four minutes old and repulsed a brief Salem challenge on its way to a 34-8 Western Lakes Activities Association victory over the Rocks.

The win set up a Lakes Division showdown for Stevenson (5-0, 3-0) on Friday at Westland John Glenn (4-1, 3-0).

Salem, 3-2 after its second-straight loss, will try to rebound against Livonia Churchill.

"We didn't play well," Salem coach Bob Cummings said. "We didn't play well the last two quarters against John Glenn and the first two quarters of this game. We've got to get away from coming out flat."

The Spartans took the opening kickoff and ran four plays, the last a 7-yard scoring run around left end by Ryan McMillen. The Rocks ran three plays, punted and the Spartans made it 14-0 on the very next play.

Junior quarterback Chad Casey threw a short pass to Trevor Hearns on the left

side and he hooked toward the sideline and raced 49 yards to score. It was 14-0 with 8:39 left in the quarter.

Salem was 3-and-out again and once again Stevenson pounced.

It took just five plays for the Spartans to find the end zone again, with back Kevin Domingo squeezing three yards up the middle for a 21-0 lead with 4:51 to play.

Salem's next drive took about 45 minutes as one player from each side was injured and had to be taken from the field on a stretcher.

Junior Alex York collided with one of

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B3

Canton edges Wildcats in match

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The seeds of a spirited, cross-campus rivalry between Plymouth and Canton were planted Wednesday afternoon on the Plymouth High School tennis courts.

The Chiefs prevailed, 5-3, in a contest

that saw four of the eight matches stretch to three sets.

Canton improved to 5-3-2 with the victory while the Wildcats dropped to 2-5-2.

"The match was close, and since we are such a young team with no seniors, we are very optimistic about the potential of our tennis program," said Plymouth coach Tom Kimball. "The sun and heat took a toll on both teams' players. It was evident that our rigorous conditioning work is paying off since we were able to edge Canton in three of the four matches that went to three sets."

The match was all square at 2-2 following the singles competition. Plymouth sophomore Sarah Hillegons captured a

thrilling battle against Chief Chelsea Darouie at No. 1, outlasting the senior, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Canton's Katie Bedard won at No. 2 over Kelly Armbruster, 6-2, 6-1, while Wildcat Chelsea Woodruff nipped Emily Hoernschmeyer, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 at the No. 3 spot.

Canton's Ashley Madau evened the match with a 7-6, 6-0 win over Stephanie Hagen in the final singles match.

The Chiefs were victorious in the No. 1, 2 and 3 doubles matches as Laura McKendry and Nicole Burdiss slipped by Natalie Maurer and Kinari Patel, 6-4, 3-6, 0-6; Heidi Phillips and Natalie Slupek downed Ali Gasorski and Lauren Smith, 6-1, 6-0; and Sheela Ramesh and Dani Reinhardt blanked Noha Bacha and Emily Simott, 6-0, 6-0.

Plymouth's tandem of Kirstin Schroeder and Katie Hughes upended Canton's Lauren Reed and Liz Schaurte, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, at No. 4 doubles.



Plymouth's No. 1 singles player Sarah Hillegons returns a shot Wednesday against Canton's Chelsea Darouie. Hillegons won, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2, but Canton captured the match, 5-3.

Chiefs beat Glenn for 8th straight win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's slow start is now just a distant memory for the Chiefs, who won their eighth straight match Wednesday, 3-1, over Westland John Glenn.

After starting 0-2-1, Canton is now 8-2-1 and 6-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. John Glenn slipped to 2-6-1 (0-6).

Keith Campbell put the Chiefs on the board first with a

goal mid-way through the first half. He was assisted by Jason Houdek. The Rockets knotted things at 1-1 just before halftime on Josh Rogers' marker.

Canton secured the lead for good early in the second half on Andy Cortellini's unassisted goal. Brad Marsh added an insurance score a few minutes later after receiving a pass from Adam Pitt. Canton outshot the Rockets, 9-2.

Salem 4, Walled Lake Western 0: The Rocks rebound-

ed from a sluggish first half to upend the Warriors Wednesday night.

The victory improved Salem's mark to 7-3-3 (5-1).

Following a scoreless first half, Brad Zonca scored the first goal after taking a pass from Thiago Harris. Dave Hall made it 2-0 a short time later and Harris cemented the victory with a pair of second-half tallies.

Sophomore Brad Field was solid in goal for the Rocks, stop-

ping all five Warrior shots. "We weren't able to create much offense in the first half," Salem coach Ed McCarthy sighed. "A lot of that was due to Walled Lake Western, which did a nice job defensively. In the second half, we were able to put some things together and capitalize on our opportunities."

Thiago Harris had an outstanding game as he played a role in three of our four goals. Defensively, I thought Sean Williams did a nice job."

Whalers open with 2-1 setback to Sting

Sarnia's John Hecimovic spoiled the Plymouth Whalers' season-opening game Friday night, scoring both Sarnia goals in the Sting's 2-1 victory.

Hecimovic's second goal — the eventual game-winner — came at the 9:55 mark of the second period and snapped a 1-1 tie. James Fraser was credited with two assists for the Sting. Erik Schwanz had one helper.

The game was played before 3,639 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Sarnia goaltender Ryan

Munce was brilliant, stopping 37 of 38 Whaler shots. Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie also shined, making 39 saves.

Mike Letizia scored the lone Plymouth goal, beating Munce at the 5:26 mark of the first period. John Armstrong assisted on the goal.

The Whalers were hampered by their inability to produce on the power play, missing out on all seven of their man-advantage situations. Sarnia converted on one-of-five power-play chances.

Chiefs drive past Mustangs, 157-166

Canton's boys golf team earned a noteworthy win over a strong Northville squad, 157-166, at Hilltop Golf Course Wednesday afternoon.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 4-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association while Northville fell to 6-2.

Matt Harr, listed No. 6 on the Chiefs' depth chart, shot a blistering 36 to grab medalist honors. Also scoring for the Chiefs were Corey Bugeja (38), Brandon Egglesfield (41) and Dominic Gallo (42). Bryan Wioncek (44) and Cameron Strabbing (46) played, but did not score for Canton.

Xander Dobreff was low man for the Mustangs with a 39. Greg Jones (41), Campy Smith

(42) and Jim Gates (44) also scored for Northville.

Livonia Franklin 150, Salem 164: The Patriots (3-6 overall, 2-6 WLAA) won thanks largely to Paul Seguin's school-record 32 at Idyl Wild Golf Course. Franklin also received strong play from Phil Haapala (40), Ryan Leidal (41) and Alex Chisholm (41).

Salem was led by Jeremy Henderson's 38. Also scoring for the Rocks were Tyler Velantewski (41), Matt Smith (42) and Mike Cassidy (43).

Walled Lake Western 153, Salem 169: The Warriors remained unbeaten in the WLAA with the victory Monday afternoon. The winners were led by Rich Saferian, A.J. Partenio and Justin Williams,

who all fired 38's. Clark Janisse also scored for the Warriors, carding a 39.

Salem, which fell to 5-3, was paced by Dave Porter (40). Jeremy Henderson (42), Tyler Jelanicwski (42) and Mike Cassidy (45) also scored for the Rocks.

Plymouth Christian 179, B.H. Rooper 222: The Eagles cruised to a 43-stroke triumph Monday thanks to 43's from Jordan Brown and Ross Gerulis. Also scoring for PCA were Jordan Johnston (46) and Adam Catallo (47).

Brett Kabacinski led Rooper with a 43. Other Roughriders scorers were Trey Villefan (50), Mike Tittjung (58) and Stephen Mateyka (71).

Plymouth 164, Wayne

Memorial 174: The Wildcats improved to 4-3 with a 10-shot win at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Matt Talbot earned medalist honors with a 37. Jeff Selasky (39), Jimmie Vlcek (48) and Ben Kosmalski (45) also scored for the Wildcats.

James Congdon was low man for the Rockets (1-6), firing a 40.

Northville 157, Plymouth 167: The Mustangs upped their record to 6-2 at Hickory Creek Golf Course behind the strong play of medalist Greg Jones' 37.

Scoring for Plymouth were Vlcek (40), Selasky (41), Talbot (42) and Hoeman (44). Non-scoring for the Wildcats were Alex Hsiehl and Kosmalski (49).

What to do without NHL?
Yes, I broke down and did what I threatened to do in my debut column Sept. 12 for the Redford and Garden City Observers.

I dragged my musty old goalie equipment out of the basement and took it to

Redford Ice Arena to do a drop-in hockey session.

With my rec team's season soon to start, I thought it would be a good idea to work the kinks out of my aging bones and muscles — as well as loosen up the stiff pads and gloves. That session didn't turn out to be a rip-roaring event: only two skaters were circling the ice when I trudged out of the dressing room.

We still had as much fun as we could, given the fact two young guys were firing away at a slow-motion geezer.

I guess it was better than the usual situation of not having a goaltender out there at all. (At least those skaters were polite about it and said that was the case.)

It sure would be great if that drop-in session featured enough scrubs to have two full teams going at it.

Maybe that day isn't too far off.

E-MAIL US

Fans in Hockeytown now might need to figure out how to get enough of their favorite sport what with the National Hockey League locking out players as of Sept. 16.

It looks like at least half of the 2004-05 NHL season will be jeopardized. The entire schedule might be cancelled.

And so I ask hockey buffs this question: How will you spend this upcoming winter of doom and discontent?

Will you regularly trek out to Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township to catch the junior league Whalers?

Will your hockey fix consist of going out to the various community rinks to watch youth games?

Will you join the tiny core of skaters at Redford Ice Arena?

It is a question I would love to get answers to.

Please e-mail me (the address is in the next paragraph) by the end of this week with your responses and I will include them in a future column.

Tim Smith is sports editor of the Redford and Garden City Observers. He can be reached at (734) 953-2106 and via e-mail at tsmith@oe.homecomm.net.

Schoolcraft kickers perfect through 10

Everything is going right for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team, which extended its record to 10-0-0 last week with a home victory over Albion College JV squad and a championship effort in the Cincinnati State Cup, which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The strong early start has earned the Ocelots No. 2 rankings in both the NJCAA and NSCAA national women's soccer polls.

Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) scored once and Natalie Thomas (Salem) twice

to give the Ocelots a 3-0 half-time advantage over the Britons.

LaPorte, Tiffani Tuzollino, Megan Romer (Canton) and Arielle Bryant (Canton) found the back of the net in the second half for a 7-0 victory.

Meagan Farrell (Livonia Franklin) and Andrea Dunn (Garden City) shared time in net to record SC's sixth shutout of the season. The Britons' JV team falls to 3-1.

On Sept. 18, the Ocelots opened the Cincinnati Cup with an 11-0 win over St. Catherine College (KY).

SC surged to a 5-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

Thomas and Casey Hoover (Walled Lake Western) scored a pair of goals each for the winners, who received single markers from Lindsey Turkington, Jennifer Dahl, Jessica Saba, LeighAnne Myers, Kara Jean, LaPorte and Nicole Saigh.

Farrell and Dunn blanked the Patriots in net.

On Sept. 19, SC clinched the title with a 3-2 triumph over Louisburg College (NC).

"They were a determined and well-coached team," said

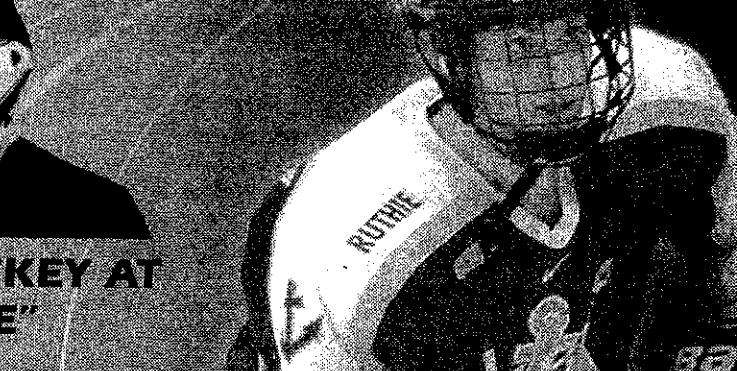
SC coach Bill Tolstedt.

LaPorte's goal gave SC a 1-0 lead. She was assisted by Saigh and Saba.

The Hurricanes retaliated with a goal a short time later, but LaPorte answered with a goal after taking a pass from Bryant to make it 2-1.

Romer later provided an insurance goal to secure the win. She was assisted by Thomas.

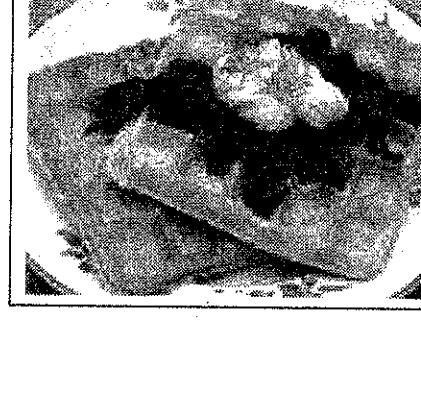
Louisburg scored on a penalty kick to make it 3-2, but the Hurricanes never came close to scoring in the game's final moments.



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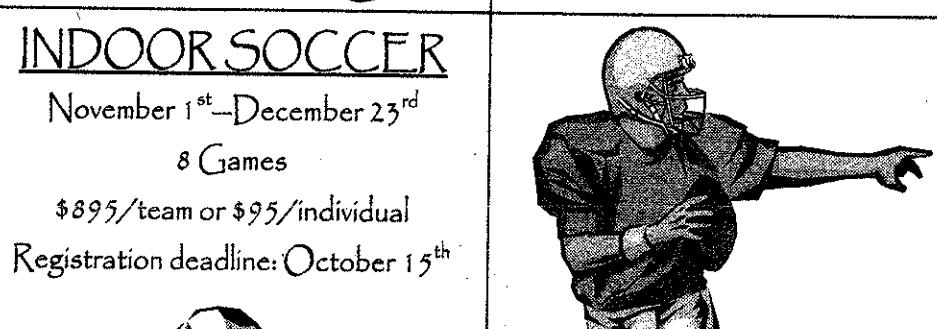
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ROCKS

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his own Spartan teammates attempting a tackle on the kickoff and was knocked out. He was immobilized and taken to the hospital, where Stevenson officials were told a CAT scan disclosed no serious injury.

Nine plays after the game resumed it was stopped again as Salem's Jonathan Marsh suffered a concussion. He was taken to a hospital as a precaution. Wingback Kevin Bradley capped Salem's 85-yard drive with a 12-yard scoring run on a counter play to the right. The Rocks were successful in turning a botched extra point try into a two-point conversion, making it 21-8 with 11:55 left in the half.

The Spartans struck back with two more lightning plays — a 4-yard score by McMillen on the fourth play after Salem's kickoff and a 68-yard scoring romp on a counter play by wingback Pat Clasgans. That made it 34-8 with 3:02 left in the half and completed the

game's scoring.

"As nice as our start was," Gabel said, "that was a more positive sign. The way we were able to turn the momentum around."

"We were able to seize the momentum, which is something we talked about trying to do. Things just broke our way, too."

"They dominated us on both sides of the ball in the first two quarters," Cummings said. "It was a rough game."

Quarterback Jeff Lake tried to keep Salem in the game with his running the option, mostly keepers.

Lake was the game's leading rusher with 118 yards, which took 17 carries to get. He was under pressure when he tried to throw, though, and was 0-for-6 with two interceptions. He caught a pass from Bradley good for 17 yards, the second game in a row the two have clicked on the halfback option pass.

Lake looks like he'd have potential to make some MIAA team a nice player — if they'd

look him up.

Stevenson ran for 227 yards in the first half on just 19 carries. Clasgans gained 106 yards on four rushes while Jacob Howell gained 95 on nine rushes.

Casey was very efficient throwing the ball. He completed 6-of-7 passes for 152 yards.

Casey might not have the flash and flair of some of his WLAA counterparts, but he's doing a nice job of running the Stevenson offense.

"He's very efficient," Gabel said. "He's good in the huddle, he handles the running game and he's an accurate passer. He gets more comfortable in that role every week."

"We did play better the second half," Cummings said. "But the game was out of reach then."

"Our division is pretty close. Stevenson and John Glenn are on top, but everybody is tough. We've got our work cut out for us."

So, it would appear, do the Spartans.

CANTON

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part tonight."

Baechler praised the play of his offensive line and senior running back/defensive back Julian Smith, who gained 116 yards on 15 carries, scored two touchdowns, and delivered several mouth-guard-removing hits on defense.

"Our offensive linemen are the MVPs of this team," Baechler said. "Their job is to control the line of scrimmage, and they did that tonight."

"Julian Smith played exceptionally well on both sides of the ball. He ran well and he made several great plays on defense."

Northville's most potent weapon this season, running back Mac Stilec, was limited to three carries for 14 yards. Stilec participated in less than a quarter of the Mustangs' offensive plays due to a hamstring injury that has hampered him all season, Northville coach Clint Alexander said.

"Not having Mac in there hurt, because he's such a big part of our offense," Alexander said. "It's not just his physical presence either. He's kind of like our Sir Lancelot; he makes everybody else better just by being in the game."

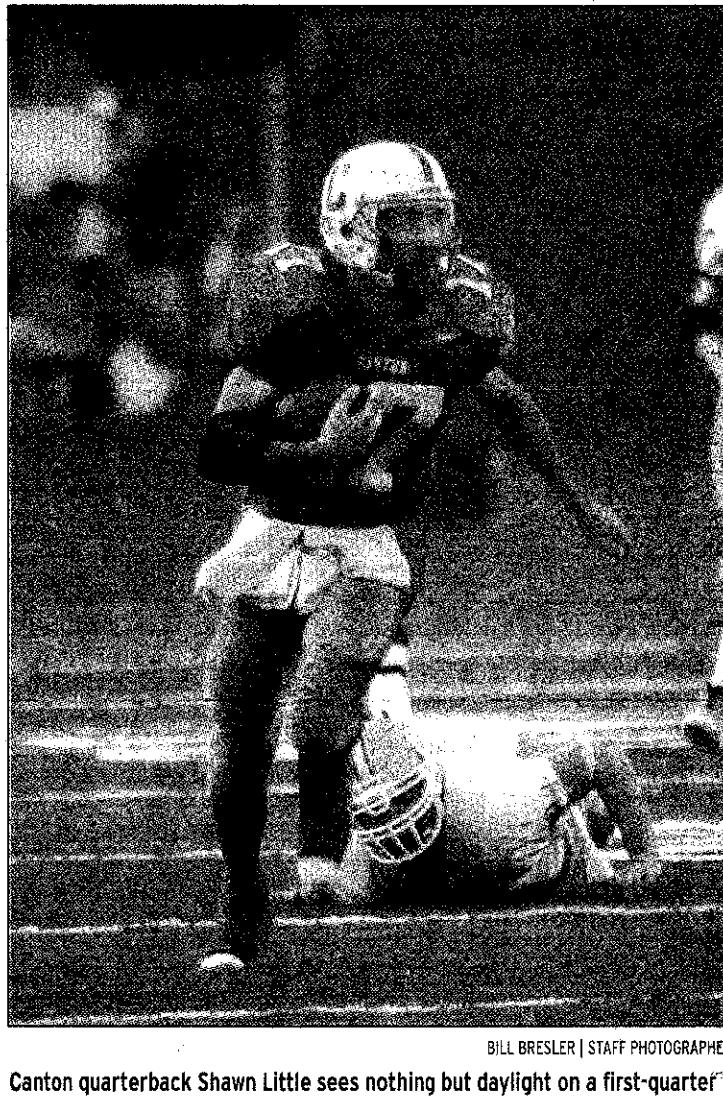
"We knew if we were going to have a chance tonight we'd have to score early with Canton, but before we knew it, we were down 14-0. Canton's offense is so hard to prepare for. When they execute it like they did tonight, the defense starts guessing, and we were guessing wrong."

Canton churned out 506 total yards — all on the ground. Northville finished with 215 total yards, 116 on the ground and 99 through the air.

While Smith did most of his damage outside the tackles, Canton fullback Chuck Schumacher punished the Mustangs between the hashmarks, running for 126 yards on 13 rushes. Andy Rossow also had a strong night, gaining 76 yards on just seven carries.

Canton quarterback Shawn Little was 0-for-2 passing, but he contributed 99 yards rushing, most coming on an 87-yard fourth-quarter TD sprint.

Northville's most productive



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Canton quarterback Shawn Little sees nothing but daylight on a first-quarter run Friday night against Northville.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 1

Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

Beaumont at Allen Park, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Canton at Plymouth, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Westland John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

PCA at Agape, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Plymouth at Walled Lake Northern, 7 p.m.

Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Oakland Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Irskster at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

Agape at Bloomfield Hills Roeser, 8 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 27

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

D.H. Crestwood at Belleville, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Macomb Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.

Salem at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Belleville, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Southgate Anderson at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.

Agape at Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Salem at Canton, 12:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday, Sept. 27

Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Madonna vs. Siena Heights

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Madonna vs. Cumberland (Ky.)

at Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

W.L. Central at Plymouth, 3 p.m.

Canton at Salem, 3 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Belleville at Redford Union Jamboree, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30

WLAA Western Division Jamboree

at Richardson County Park, 4:30 p.m.

WLAA Lakes Division Meet

at Cass Benton Park, 4:50 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Plymouth and Salem at Divine Child

Invite at Dearborn H.S., 9:30 a.m.

Canton at Haslett Invite, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 30

Plymouth and Canton at WLAA Western

Division Meet, 4:15 p.m.

Salem at WLAA Lakes Division

Meet at Richardson County Park, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Plymouth, Salem and Canton

at Haslett Invitational, TBA

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Plymouth at Milford, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Carlson at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Rock-Maurer Relays at Salem, noon

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 28

TBA - time to be announced.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Madonna vs. Siena Heights

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Madonna vs. Cumberland (Ky.)

at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

Schoolcraft vs. Loyola (Ill.) Club, 11 a.m.

CINCINNATI ST. VS. LOYOLA (ILL.) CLUB, 1:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Cornerstone at Madonna, noon.

(Ocelet Invitational at Schoolcraft)

Schoolcraft vs. Loyola (Ill.) Club, 11 a.m.

MSU Club vs. Cincinnati St., 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

Madonna vs. Cornerstone

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.

(Ocelet Invitational at Schoolcraft)

Schoolcraft vs. MU Club, 11 a.m.

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Quest for excellence

The Canton Quest premier girls soccer team captured first place in the U16 Gold Division of the Global Soccer Tournament in Rochester/Troy recently. The Quest went undefeated, outscoring its opponents, 16-1. Canton defeated Midland, 2-1, in the final match. Pictured top row (l-r) are Drew Crawford (coach), Erika Powell (Belleville), Kelsey Krzyzniak (Dearborn), Kaitlin Hearn (Garden City), Mallory Tarrant (Dearborn), Kathleen Bohrer (Plymouth), Val Klemmer (Plymouth), Chelsey Quinlan (Canton), Maggie Tihanyi (Plymouth) and Mario D'Agostino (coach). Pictured on the bottom row are Brittany Warner (Canton), Chelsea D'Agostino (Canton), Betty Budd (Willis), Kayla Carmody (Canton), Aubrey Warner (Canton), Mara Weber (Novi) and Laura Supplee (Allen Park).

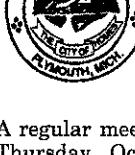
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of **District-Wide Mop Service & Supplies**. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Tom Seales in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2960. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClelland Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-04-19	371 N. Harvey	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Variance, Accessory Building Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Kevin & Marilyn Boland
Z-04-20	413 Adams	Non-Use Variance Requested 2-Side Yard Setback Variance Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Home Base, Inc.
Z-04-21	1058 Maple	Non-Use Variance Requested Driveway Approach Variance Zoned: O-1, Office Applicant: Joe Bernardi, Bernardi Properties, LLC.
Z-04-22	1075 Roosevelt	Non-Use Variance Requested Appeal Decision of Building Official Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Michael Vaz

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FROM ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2003-004 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That Robert Bosch Corporation will appear before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth requesting a one (1) year extension for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2003-004 for their proposed project on property located east of Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, west of I-275 Expressway and north of M-14, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The Board of Trustees approved the original request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption, after completion, in December 2002. The State of Michigan granted the request and issued the Certificate in February 2003. The one (1) year extension is being requested because construction of the proposed facilities have been delayed. If the Board of Trustees approves the request for the one (1) year extension, the Certificate will then expire December 30, 2018.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth has the right to attend the meeting, or request in writing, that a public hearing be held. If no request is received the Board of Trustees may consider the one (1) year extension without holding a public hearing. Written requests for a public hearing should be received prior to the date of the meeting and directed to the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building #8, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regularly scheduled meeting at which this request will be considered will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, commencing at 7:00 p.m., and be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Japan Cup buried by Ryder Cup

happened to be right in our own backyard. But I ask, were there any of the golf competitors from our own area?

Not even close.

■ There was no bowling column in these pages last week.

No, not because there was nothing going on, but because I had to rush in to the emergency facility at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield.

Instead of writing the column, I had a suction tube up my nose and down below, then a whole bunch of spaghetti hooked up to an I.V. running constantly with antibiotics and other stuff.

At first it looked like I was going in for surgery, but after a cat-scan they decided to send me to Bon Secours hospital in Grosse Pointe for further treatment.

Grosse Pointe was as bad as going to Lower Slobbovia, distance-wise, for it was too far for family and friends to visit.

After four days and countless needle jabs there, I was feeling very isolated and trapped in a hospital bed. The first 24 hours was hellacious because I hadn't even planned to be overnight, but here it was nearly a week and they wanted to keep me longer.

Diverticulitis is what I had, a disease of the intestines, and take my word for it, it hurts. I used to believe old Sparky Anderson, ex-manager of the Detroit Tigers who always said, "Pain don't hurt."

The one good thing about

this experience was how nice some of the Bon Secours people were, such as my nurse Debbie. And that's no wonder at all since she is a league bowler at Fountainview Lanes in the St. Michael's League.

Her team is aptly named Good Girls Finish Last.

Nurse Angie bowls occasionally, but not in league play, while Denise used to bowl just for fun years ago. Nurse assistant Louise used to enjoy bowling when she was much younger.

It just goes to show, that wherever the road may take you, you will always find that there are plenty of people around who participate in bowling.

■ Ten Pin Alley is back, this will be the 15th season in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* (since 1989) and will do my best to bring you all the latest happenings in the local bowling scene.

It will also be a year like none before, as we begin to make the transition from separate single organizations to one unified and more streamlined bowlers group (U.S. Bowling Congress).

The game will stay the same, the tournaments will go on as in the past, and overall everyone should be better off in the new organization.

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

Crusader spikers get 700th for Abraham

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The Crusaders, ranked No. 7 in last week's NAIA poll, improved to 20-1 overall on Friday after beating Wilmington (Del.) and St. Thomas (Fla.), both matches in three straight games.

Abraham became only the fifth NAIA volleyball coach to reach 700 victories. He is scheduled to be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame this December in San Diego, Calif. and was recently honored as the inaugural member of MU's Hall of Fame.

The tournament schedule and travel was moved up a day in preparation of Hurricane Jeanne, which was supposed to hit the West Palm Beach (Fla.) area over the weekend.

MU freshman Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) had a career-high 10 kills and a team-high nine digs in the win over Robert Morris, while Frost added 31 assists. Caryn Inman had a total of six blocks, including two solo.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders will face the only team to defeat them this season, Cornerstone. Game time is 7 p.m. Tuesday at MU for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

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Wildcats start WLAA schedule with win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth made a strong first impression on Livonia Churchill in both teams' Western Lakes Activities Association opener at Churchill Thursday night.

The Wildcats (3-3 overall) jumped out to a 19-9 first-half lead, and cruised in for a 42-24 victory. The Chargers fell to 2-4 overall.

"First and foremost, it was nice to get off to a good start in the league," said Wildcat coach Richelle Reilly, who took advantage of a comfortable fourth-quarter lead to play several of her reserves. "They switched from a zone to a man-to-man in the second half, and we got the ball inside and finished well. We played hard as a team."

Jeanine Moise had her typical productive game, netting 19 points and 13 rebounds. Colleen Flaherty finished with eight points — six coming on two threes — and Kim Olech had eight points and 13 rebounds.

Reilly was impressed by the play of new addition Brandi Hammons, who scored three points and hauled down 12 boards. Hammons joined the team two weeks ago after moving to the area from Kentucky.

Plymouth extended its 10-point halftime lead to 40-17 after three quarters. Moise, Flaherty and Olech combined for 20 of the Wildcats' 21 third-quarter points.

The Wildcats return to action Tuesday when they host Westland John Glenn.

Walled Lake Central 46, Salem 37: The Rocks were hampered by foul trouble and the Vikings' tenacious trapping defense. The loss dropped Salem to 4-3 (0-1) while Central improved to 3-4 (1-0).

"We lost Ellen Canale and Alysa Guerin in the second quarter to foul trouble, which hurt because Central has a good trapping defense," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "They returned in the third quarter, but they both fouled out in the fourth quarter."

"We committed too many turnovers and we didn't shoot the ball very well. We need to do a better job against pressure, and we will."

Teresa Coppielli had a stellar game for the Rocks, finishing with team highs in points (15) and rebounds (nine). Canale racked up nine points and Guerin had six. Brit Burkhardt twined 19 for the winners.

Salem rolled to a 13-6 first-quarter lead, but trailed 24-20 at the half due largely to the foul predicament.

The Rocks trailed just 36-34 with five minutes to play, "but we went the next three minutes or so without scoring," Thomann said.

Salem returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Livonia Churchill.

Canton 51, Walled Lake Western 23: The host Chiefs opened their WLAA slate in style with a 28-point blowout victory. Canton led 15-2 after one quarter, 26-4 at the half and 43-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Canton is now 3-4 (1-0) while the Warriors are winless in seven tries this season.

"It was a good game for us because everyone got involved," said Chief coach Bob Blohm. "I started putting my reserves in mid-way through the third quarter and they played the remainder of the game."

"We had a good start tonight. Western has a young team and we were able to get up on them and keep our lead. We played with a lot of intensity tonight."

Despite playing limited minutes due to the large lead, Katie Cezat turned in another



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Plymouth's Colleen Flaherty had a strong game against Livonia Churchill Thursday, scoring eight points.

double-double, finishing with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Lisa Ealy contributed 13 points and freshman Marie Martin scored a season-high nine.

Tanya Moffatt led the Warriors with six points.

Canton's next game is Tuesday at Walled Lake Central.

Monroe 34, Belleville 23:

Playing without leading scorer Erica Brewer, the Tigers were outmatched by the Trojans in the Mega Red opener for both schools. Brewer is possibly out for the season after suffering a knee injury last week against Willow Run.

"We really miss Erica," Belleville coach Kevin Edwards stressed. "She was good for 16, 17 points every game. We'll just have to play with the hand we're dealt."

The loss dropped Belleville to 4-4 (0-1).

"We really need to work on our shooting," Edwards reiterated. "We made 7-of-40 shots tonight and 7-of-52 in our previous game. The thing is, we only took five shots outside the lane tonight. We're getting good shots, they're just not falling. I have no problems with the girls' effort. They're playing hard. We're just going to have to start working so much on defense at practice and spend more time on shooting drills."

Taylor Manley was the Tigers' top scorer with seven.

Renee Seng added six, and Danica Holmes and Tia Lewis both netted five. Jasmine Peterson chipped in with a team-high eight rebounds.

Joleyn Stringer led the Trojans with 12; Sarah Howe added 11.

Belleville's next game is Thursday when it hosts Inkster.

Bloomfield Hills Rooper 52, PCA 47: With leading scorer

Joi Jennings under the weather, the Eagles' chances were cloudy Friday night in a

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

PCA is now 4-4 overall while Rooper stands at 6-2.

"Joi literally came out of her sick bed to play tonight," said her father/coach Harvey Jennings. "She scored 14 points, but you could tell she wasn't herself."

Joi Jennings added four steals and three rebounds for the Eagles. Kelsie Tietjen (10 points, 11 boards and four steals) and Lauren Soblesky (10 points) also played well for PCA.

Rooper was paced by Leslie Righetti and Sophie Braden, both of whom netted 11.

"Rooper has a really good team," Jennings emphasized. "I told the girls after the game, 'Sometimes you don't lose, you get beat.' They played their hearts out tonight."

PCA led 11-8 after one quarter, but Rooper stormed back to take a 21-17 halftime advantage. The Eagles cut their deficit to 38-36 after three quarters, but couldn't seal the deal in the final eight minutes.

Southfield Christian 41, Canton Agape 34: The Wolverines fell into a deep first-half hole and almost climbed out before falling in the MIAC opener for both squads. SC is now 7-2 overall while Agape slipped to 4-3.

"They have a very young, talented team," Wolverine coach Chuck Henry said. "They had a nice first-quarter lead. We cut it to five in the fourth quarter, but we missed a couple of layups."

A.J. Creps led the Wolverines with 14 points and 18 rebounds. Brianna Chrenk and Danielle Henry both twined six.

Jenny Grandison led the winners with 17.

Agape returns to action Tuesday night when it hosts Plymouth Christian Academy at Discovery Middle School.

TENNIS RESULTS

Salem 8, Plymouth 0

Sept. 24 at Plymouth High School

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) d. Sarah

Hillegonds (P), 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Maranon Swasey

(S) d. Kelly Armbruster, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Sarah

Jose (S) d. Chelsea Woodruff, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4:

Mo Bohr (S) d. Stephanie Hagen, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Katie Girsikis and Tracy Lytle

(S) d. Natalie Maurer and Kim Patel, 6-1, 6-2;

No. 2: Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d. Laura

Smith and Ali Gasorski, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Stacey

Ward and Shobha Narasimhan (S) d. Noha

Bacha and Emily Simott, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Amy

Yu and Laura Burton (S) d. Kirsten Schroeder

and Katie Hughes, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Northville 8, Salem 0

Sept. 22 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Christina Ruiz (N) d. Alex

Ware, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Erica Dobson (N)

Maranon Swasey, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Chelsea

Johnston (N) d. Sarah Jose, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4:

Jonnie Powers (N) d. Mo Bohr, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Amanda Darish and Jen

Harkness (N) d. Katie Girsikis and Tracy Lytle,

6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Jackie Taylor and Shanon

Farris (N) d. Michele Cilia and Erica Shy, 6-0,

6-1; No. 3: Christine Curran and Lindsay Hagan

(N) d. Shobha Narasimhan and Stacey Ward,

6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Brooke Bannell and Amy Knott

d. Amy Yu and Laura Burton, 6-2, 6-3.

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Deb
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Lullabies and bedtime stories

Another Sept. 11th has come and gone. Sadly, since 2001, we've added new images to our 9/11 memories, including those from a Russian school and too many others to mention.

The first PCEP Parent Meeting of the year took place this week. Laura Lee, a Canton High School parent, recalled the Parent Forum she attended on 9/11 in 2001.

"I remember walking through the halls." Laura and other parents stood outside classrooms and watched young students watch the news on TV. "It was almost dreamlike. What we witnessed was all-consuming, fear and frustration. I think I'll always remember being at the Park on 9/11."

Later that day, parents were faced with the task of explaining the unexplainable to their sons and daughters. But when it was time for young children to go to bed, discussions of current events were replaced with bedtime stories.

The Star-Spangled Banner is a great anthem, but not a very good lullaby. "Twinkle, little star" is more soothing than "rockets' red glare and bombs bursting."

Parents believe nighttime stories have magic powers to give children sweet dreams. Sometimes they do.

Anne Alatalo, Bentley Elementary media specialist, said, "It is so important for parents to continue to read to their children, even after they can read themselves. It's a terrific way for parents to share stories from their childhood. Nothing is more comforting than sitting close to a parent sharing a book."

Storytime for former Plymouth resident Gov. Jennifer Granholm and children include: *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Ramona*, *Morris the Moose*, *Silverwing*, *Firewing*, *Sunwing*, *Harry Potter*, *Love You Forever*, and *Goodnight Moon*.

Third-graders from Mrs. Wade's class at Bentley report their parents read many stories: Anesh enjoys *Children's Beloved Fairy Tales of India*, Xenia listens to *Peter Pan* in Korean. Archana likes silly monkey stories from India. Robert's mother reads *Don't Jump Off the Bed* in Chaldean. Aroob's father makes up stories in both Urdu and English.

Bentley library's bilingual picture book collection includes: *Very Hungry Caterpillar* in Chinese, Arabic and Urdu and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* in Panjabi, Urdu, Serbo-Croatian, Arabic and Chinese.

Canton and Plymouth libraries offer children's books in Hebrew, Russian, Swahili, French, Bengalese, Spanish, Italian, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Japanese, Hmong, Tamil, Filipino, Vietnamese, German, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Polish, Latin, Russian, Khmer and others.

The language we tell a bedtime story in doesn't matter, but the message does. It's always, "You can sleep now, I'm here."

Parents may have a more restful sleep if we remember that while we're reading to our child, somewhere in the world another mother or father is reading to their child, too. *Wo die wilden Kerle wohnen* - (Where the Wild Things Are); or *Huevos verdes con jamon* - (Green Eggs and Ham); or *Je T'aimerai Toujours* - (Love You Forever).

We may sleep more peacefully if we remember that we all say goodnight to the very same moon.

And if your children are at college, call them tonight, read them a favorite story. Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at clarion@storytellerdesign.com.

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Italian Americans to mark heritage

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The countdown begins Monday, Oct. 4, the day members of the Italian American Club in Livonia begin celebrating the founding of America - by an Italian. The flag-raising symbolizes their affection for the two countries.

"Every week before Columbus Day we raise an Italian flag at City Hall," said Mary Panacki, club historian and a Westland resident. "It's always the first Monday before Columbus Day. It's Italian week in Livonia and culminates with a celebration on the following Sunday. It's so important to recognize both. We have such a wonderful country. My dad was born in Italy and came here on the boat as many of the Italians did. My dad was always so proud of America."

This year's celebration, as in the past 26 years, is open to the public and members who proudly celebrate their heritage.

Festivities, including a family-style dinner, start at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The Four Lads provide the entertainment.

Tickets are \$65. For more information, call (734) 953-9724.

"It's special this year because it's the 10th anniversary of the building but our friendship goes back nearly 30 years," said Mary Galasso before she left to visit her hus-



Patrick Tavolacci (left), his wife Ann, John Bommarito, Tony Greco and Alex Fedrigo are the five remaining members who founded the Italian American Club of Livonia in 1977.

band Mario's family in Italy.

"We first got together for a fund-raiser for Ed McNamara, Oct. 13, 1977. After we said why don't we get together as a club. You had to have established your heritage. We wanted to promote and keep the culture of the Italian people."

"We offer Italian lessons for adults and children (open to anyone). We are a public service. We want to share the Italian culture with everyone. We realize the importance that we're getting older and need new members."

Italian Americans from Farmington Hills, Canton, Redford, West Bloomfield, Franklin, Warren, Ferndale, Milford, Riverview, Allen Park, and Gibraltar meet regularly at the club. Their heritage is the tie that binds. Even though a few have moved as far away as Texas they maintain membership. Of the 19 founders, five are still active.

"Back then it was mostly Livonians," said Alex Fedrigo, a past president and founding member. "We're all close. When we had a party we all

came. It was closer then because we only had 100 members. When there was a wedding everyone came."

Tony Greco, a past president who was born in Italy, was there for every function.

"It's the friendship that keeps us together," said Greco, a founding member.

"It's the camaraderie of the club," added John Bommarito, who was club secretary for 25 years. "We have a lot of activity all of the time - Columbus Day parties, pasta dinners every Thursday open to the public. Wednesday night

social evenings continue with members playing cards and bocci.

"The club is open six days a week to members and friends. Children and grandchildren are coming in. We have golf leagues for more than 20 years, a bowling league, and a young people's club, Amici (for ages 21-40)."

Over the years, it was the activities that kept the club growing. To accommodate the more than 800 families a new facility was completed 10 years ago after two years of hard labor. Early members were cement and brick workers who used their skills to construct the building designed by architect Don DiComo.

Today, the building is a popular rental for weddings and receptions of all kinds.

"Tony's a dreamer," said Ann Tavolacci, who with her husband, Patrick, helped start the club. "Tony said we're going to build this building. He was president at the time. We bought the land and started the building. From the beginning we had a strong commitment."

"A lot of this was volunteer - brick work, painting were done by different members. All the laborers helped bring in the marble that came from Italy," added Patrick Tavolacci.

"We wanted to do this and we finished it and we're going to continue."

Greco nods his head and says, "And we'll be close to each other to (the end)."

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Author uncovers clues to crime

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Judith Guest is discovering she's not the only one who hasn't forgotten the mass murder of a family in their northern Michigan cottage in 1968. Crowds of mystery lovers are turning out around the state for signings of *The Tarnished Eye*. Her fifth novel uncovers the identity of the murderer, tying him to the serial killings in Ann Arbor during the same period.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, Guest reveals the story behind the book at the 42nd Detroit Working Writers Conference that begins Friday, Oct. 15, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

A missing drawing is just one of the clues readers discover as Guest goes about solving the grisly crime still puzzling investigators.

"It's very loosely based on real life cases," said Guest. "I made up a town and called it Blessed. It's really Good Hart, I remember it happening."

"I did use some of the actual facts of both cases. Two-thirds of the way through it I got stuck and had to solve it. It took two years to do that, four

years to write entirely. I've had a good response to it everywhere I've been in Michigan. Both of these are cases people have not forgotten about."

MYSTERY STORY

Since the book was released in June, Guest has been contacted by several people involved with the Good Hart murders including a childhood friend of one of the children.

"Tom Mair is very interested," said Guest. "He has a Web site unsolved-homicide.com. A caretaker contacted me from the Good Hart area. It activates people's memories and feelings about it."

Guest is an expert at examining emotions and family dynamics that hook the reader. Her 1976 novel, *Ordinary People*, won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1980. She doesn't just dream about writing. Guest continuously produces novels relevant to life today. She brings the murders 20 years forward leaving the reader shuddering to think this could happen anywhere, anytime.

It's a skill honed as a member of DWW. Guest first joined in 1976 when the organization was known as Detroit Women Writers. After teaching school in Garden City and Birmingham, Guest moved to Minnesota and began writing profes-

sionally. She still lives in Michigan - five months of the year in Harrisville, the rest in Minneapolis.

"When I used to go to the conference, it meant a lot to me," said Guest. "It's such a solitary thing to be a writer. It's good to be around people who write and to get a sense of community that you're not really doing this by yourself. It's important for me to come back and show you can do this."

For 42 years, the DWW conference has presented agents, publishers and authors such as Guest to help novice and published writers alike sharpen their skills and publish finished works. This year, poet and author Thomas Lynch relays his knowledge with a twist of humor at a kickoff dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15. Earlier in the day, a writing retreat provides exercises to expand creative thinking and techniques. Hands-on workshops and individual manuscript critiques follow.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, participants can choose from a number of sessions with published authors, poets, playwrights and agents speaking on topics ranging from autobiographical fiction to literary publishing, multi-media reporting, and how to win over a literary agent in today's market.

This is the first year the conference is being held in conjunction with The



Judith Guest's fifth novel solves the mass murder of a family in their northern Michigan cottage in the late 1960s.

MacGuffin, a national literary journal based at Schoolcraft College. Previously, it had been at Oakland University in Rochester.

HELPING HANDS

"The retreat was new in 2002 but without computers," said DWW president Iris Lee Underwood. "We wanted to give writers who wanted to work on

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'Laughs for Life': Survivor happy to help First Step

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The scars that mar Anou Gokarn's body are a constant reminder of the violent life she left behind in her native India.

The smile she wears while working for First Step, the western Wayne County domestic violence shelter headquartered in Plymouth, mark the life she has built

since coming to this country. First Step rescued her, in a sense, and now she's helping rescue others.

That's why Gokarn, a Canton resident, is happy to be helping First Step with its "Laughs for Life" fund-raiser, set for Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Dearborn Star Fairlane Theatre. The event is especially

ter.

"I was on a visitor visa, so I couldn't go out and search for a job," said Gokarn. "I had computer skills, so they said, 'Why not volunteer here?' I worked when I was in India, but here you need references, and I didn't have any. How am I going to get a job? If it wasn't for First Step, I don't know how I would have made it."

Gokarn had fled India to escape her husband, who abused her for some 20 years. She endured it in an effort to provide a quality life for her sons. Eventually, it became too much, and Gokarn sought and was granted asylum in the U.S.

"Oh, my God, it was bad," Gokarn said of the abuse. "I

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Anou Gokarn was able to begin a new life with the help of First Step.

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2. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
3. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell," Susanna Clarke
4. "Murder List," Julie Garwood
5. "Dark Justice," Jack Higgins

NON-FICTION

1. "Unfit for Command," John E. O'Neill
2. "American Soldiers," Tommy Franks
3. "My Life," Bill Clinton
4. "Skywriting," Jane Pauley
5. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynne Truss

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "The Little Sleepyhead," Fran Manushkin
2. "Little Loon and Papa," Toni Buzzo
3. "Baby on Board," Kes Gray
4. "The Best Picnic Ever," Clare Jarrett
5. "Blue Bowl Down," C.M. Millen

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Dowling-Baudino

Debra Lynn Baudino and John Thomas Dowling were married Aug. 21 at the Toledo Yacht Club before the Rev. Randy Strauss. A reception followed at the club.

Debra is the daughter of Raymond and Sally Baudino of San Clemente, Calif. (formerly of Grosse Ile). She works in sales at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

John is the son of Tom and Mary Dowling of Portland, Tenn. (formerly of Toledo). He is pursuing a career in nursing at Schoolcraft College.

Attending the bride were bridesmaids, Elizabeth Rose of Manchester, Mich., Jami Revesz of Trenton, Mich., and Heather Watkins of Los Angeles, Calif. (formerly of Allen Park).



Attending the groom were best man, Jeff Earley of Toledo, Ohio, and groomsman, Jeff Dessen of Toledo, Ohio.

John and Debra are making their new home in Plymouth.

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have scars all over my body."

Gokarn said she was surprised to see how bad the problem was in this country. She stayed at the First Step shelter for six months, and in that time met many women suffering from the same kind of abuse.

"People don't want to accept this is a problem in the community. In this country it's a crime to beat up your spouse, but (still) the number of women who come into the shelter with all kinds of injuries really shocked me. I was shocked to see that in this country."

Now, Gokarn wants to dedicate her life to helping women in that situation. She's going to college in hopes of one day getting her law degree and practicing family and immigration law.

"For my own case, I did plenty of research, so I'm pretty well-versed with that," Gokarn said. "I thought maybe that would be the best way to utilize my experience. I have seen how

women in this country have to struggle with the legal system. I don't know if I can help change that, but I'd definitely like to help the women."

First Step has been dedicated to helping and healing victims of domestic and sexual violence for 26 years. Proceeds from Laughs for Life will go toward the continued efforts of First Step to provide domestic violence and sexual assault victims with shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, and a 24-hour crisis line.

The event will feature a reception with food from some of metro Detroit's best restaurants and a silent auction.

After the program, patrons will enjoy a special viewing of a new first-run comedy, complete with complimentary popcorn and soda.

Tickets for the night of entertainment are \$35; sponsorships for the event are available. For more information on Laughs for Life or to make a donation, call First Step toll free at (888) 453-5900.

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AUTHOR

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something all day long the opportunity to stay with a writer all day long and work on one piece and have a hands-on experience. Schoolcraft has state-of-the-art equipment. Workshops will have computers. It will enhance what we do."

Even though Underwood is a journalist and author, she plans to sit in on several of the sessions.

"I attended my first DWW conference in 1995," said Underwood. "I walked in with a dream and walked out with a clear path to reach that dream. I was a mid-life mother seeing the empty nest approaching. I decided to be a writer with no clue on how to get there. DWW was key for resources. As soon as I was published, I was able to submit an application for membership."

For 104 years, the nonprofit

organization has been encouraging creative writing of the highest standard. It recently changed its name to Detroit Working Writers to reflect a membership composed of women and men.

"It has been a vital link for me as a writer," said Underwood. "I've met some of the most supportive and professional groups of people, and developed a core writing group in north Oakland County that meet at Borders store twice a month and critique each other's work."

The 42nd DWW Writer's Conference takes place Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty. Scholarships are available for Michigan high school, college and university students.

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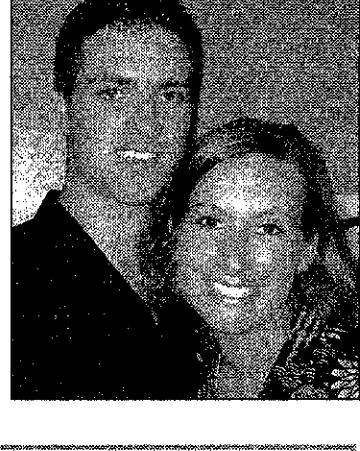
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Ainsley Florence

Jeremy and Emily Florence of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Ainsley Gabrielle**, on July 30, 2004, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

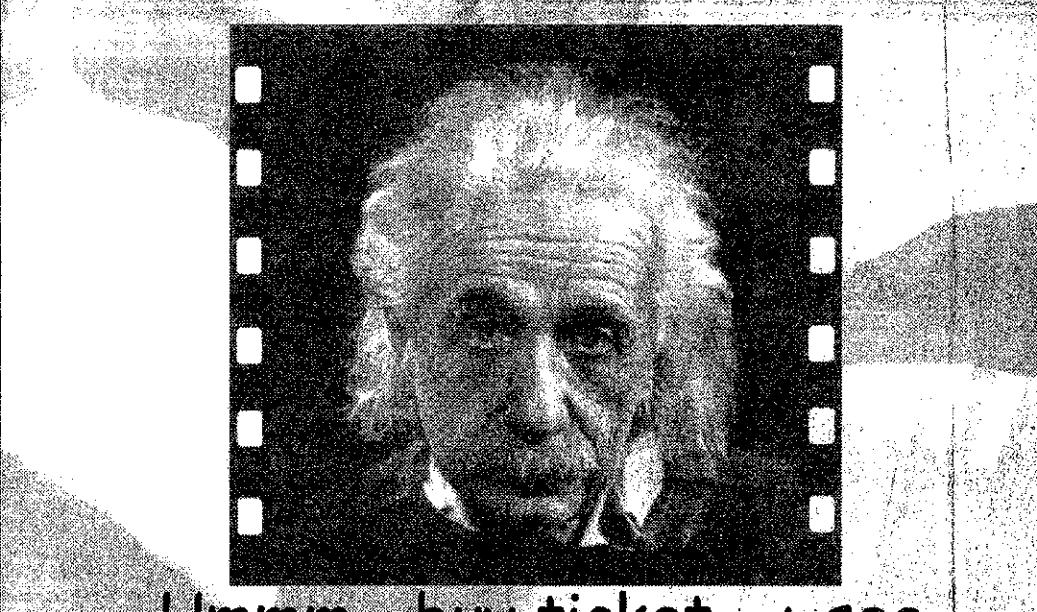
Ainsley joins big brothers, Robert, 5½, Luke, 2½, and Cassidy, 1½.

Her grandparents are Robert

and Martha Waszak of Lansing, Murry and Terri Florence of Coleman, and Cindy Burns of Saginaw. Great-grandparents are Murry and LaDonna Florence, Hazel Burns, and Shirley Wilbur, all of Coleman; Betty Beardsley of East Lansing; and Anthony and Lillian Waszak of Caro.

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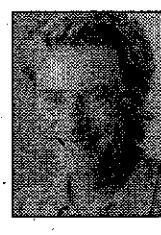
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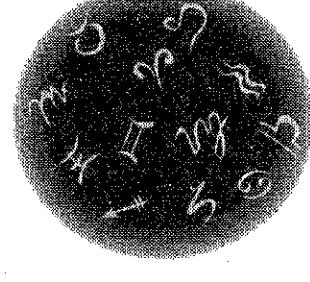
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By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You seem to be having a problem in getting someone influential to see your way of thinking. Ram. Since the only thing wrong is your timing now, you would do better to think rather than act until after Halloween. A subtle approach reaps dividends at the moment.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Why make life difficult for yourself when there is so much to be enjoyed. Bull-born? Even financial pressures have their place, as events surrounding early next month will demonstrate. Improvements may be necessary, but this is not your time to make them. Count your blessings, and watch your dollars.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Instead of allowing planetary aspects to undermine your confidence and make you wonder if you misbehaved abominably, personally or professionally recently, go even further out on a limb at this time. It's not so important that you 'forget'. Gemini. But try to 'forgive'!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You're torn about which way to turn and, although you would prefer not to take risks now, you know something must be done to secure your long-term financial position. The worst decision is indecision, so choose a path and don't waste time on regrets. Remember: Your sign wears a nice, hard shell...don't focus on the soft underbelly now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

No price is too high when it comes to peace of mind. Don't be afraid to invest in something that stands to improve the life of someone close-and, thereby, you. There are some things that cannot be bought, but some that can. Seek out and seduce the difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

A serious change of direction—most likely concerning finances—demands imagination and courage, and you are now in a planetary position to prove that you have both. Don't let anyone dissuade you from what you know is right, kiddo. It's your life and the choice must be yours as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Pack up those kit bags now, as well your troubles, kiddo! Even with the best willpower,

you cannot coax, convince or convert those who choose to dwell on disappointments. Therefore, on no account allow other's bad behavior to prevent you from enjoying yourself while the Sun is in your sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Whatever your grievances about the way you've been undervalued or taken for granted at work or home, on no account call attention to yourself by throwing a tantrum or being overly emotional. There's more going on than meets the astro-eye. Patience brings profits for Scorps now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

This marks the end of a period of disappointment for Archers, but you still need to know which direction you intend to follow since no one will be able to guess. Speak up for what you want. Take advantage now of positive Jupiter, your ruling planet. Bless your enemies and make new friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

The approaching Full Moon urges SeaGoats to try to be more understanding of those who think or act in ways that don't seem in sync or natural to you. It takes all sorts to make a world, so you should be less critical of people whose ideas are at odds with your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

A showdown over a family, domestic, or property matter is inevitable over the coming weeks. Therefore, there is really no point burying your head in the sand or evading the issue. What others want or expect of you is totally unrealistic. You know it—and, they know it too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

With the Moon in your sign now, you are in the ideal position to demonstrate your feelings to coworkers and loved ones. Don't let an ongoing grudge or doubt dominate your life this week, or let a fight escalate into a feud. Swim forward. Fish—inspire others to be independent thinkers too!

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For information personal services or classes, phone 248-646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.



Walkers even brought their dogs to the 2003 Livonia Crop Walk Against Hunger. Pictured are walkers from Newburg United Methodist Church, one of 15 Livonia churches that participated last year. This year, the event begins and ends at St. Colette Catholic Church on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Churches unite for annual Crop Walk Against Hunger

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine people of all faiths coming together to feed the hungry. Livonia and Garden City churches are on their way to making this dream a reality with their 21st annual Crop Walk Against Hunger 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3.

Last year, 250 walkers from 15 Livonia congregations raised \$21,000 making the total \$300,000 for the last 20 years. This year organizers have boosted their projections. They hope to have walkers from nearly 20 churches raise \$25,000.

The walk begins and ends at St. Colette Catholic Church on Newburgh, north of Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0841.

"We're trying to involve 60 churches in Livonia," said John Hirtzel, a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and co-chair of the walk with the Rev. Terry Allen, pastor at

'Hunger is such a pervasive problem not only in our country but funds are also donated to Iraq and Afghanistan, wherever there is need or disaster.'

John Hirtzel
walk co-chair

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to four local food pantries — St. Edith Catholic Church, Redford Interfaith Relief, Metropolitan Christian Council, and St. Christine Catholic Church in Redford — the rest to Church World Service.

Some 145 communities hold Crop Walks each year throughout Michigan, last year raising a total of more than \$2 million. Michigan has led the fund-raising region in the U.S. for the last 18 years.

"Church World Service runs food programs worldwide, hunger relief, disaster assistance, and economic development such as digging wells," said Bruce Sanders who's walked with his wife, Karen, for the last five years. "We hope to make the world a little smaller. I think it's good that we help people not only here but around the world, to spread a little kindness." lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Birmingham High School

Class of 1954
A reunion is planned for Oct. 22-24, 2004, at the Troy Marriott. For more information, call Joan Gassaway Berndt at (248) 335-7160 or joangoblie@AOL.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004. For more information, contact George Sullivan (734) 891-1176 or e-mail bbhs84@hotmail.com.

Bloomfield Hills/Andover

Class of 1963, '64, '65
A reunion is being held Oct. 15-16, 2004. For more information, call Jim Allen at (734) 878-7078 or e-mail jim22allen@charter.net.

Cabini High School

Class of 1984
If you're interested in working on the 20-year reunion, please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737-9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavewicz at (734) 981-7263.

Center Line High School

Class of 1974
Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30-year reunion takes place Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes appetizers, strolling supper, open bar, entertainment and valet parking. For more information, call Karen Hudak Miller at (248) 569-7739 or e-mail her at Karen56@aol.com.

Canton and Salem

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information, call Julie at (810) 227-4671 or e-mail Pcep1994@yahoo.com.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1983-84
A double reunion is planned for Oct. 9, 2004, at Burton Manor. For more information, call Julie at (248) 889-8850 or at cvillereunion8384@hotmail.com.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road (between 10 Mile and 11 Mile), Farmington. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by music from the '60s. Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, call Linda (Zech) Jolicœur at (248) 909-6044, Linda@targetisg.com, or Jan (Yates) Barlow at (248) 624-5858.

Clawson High School

Class of 1979
A 25-year reunion is planned for Oct. 9, 2004, at Knights of Columbus Hall in Clawson. For more information, call Tina (Robinson) Ulmer at (586) 530-8699.

Cody High School

Classes of 1950-1959
The class of 1957 has invited other interested friends from all the 1950s classes. Being held at 7 p.m. Oct. 9, 2004, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth. Cost is \$75 per person which includes sit down dinner, open bar, music, and many surprises. Call for more info on golf and reservations at the Hilton Garden Suites. For further information, call Loretta (Muciek) Nedwick at (800) 859-9502 or Leania (Nizio) Rourk at sarge51060@aol.com or (248) 486-7333.

Dearborn Lowrey

Class of 1954
Now organizing. Call Fay (Bolton) Reeves at (248) 349-2094.

Denby High School

Class of 1964
A 40-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the Barrister House in St. Clair Shores. For more information, contact Joel Pumphrey at (248) 879-5978 or mkrause@net-ex.com.

Detroit Denby High School

Class of 1949
A 55-year reunion is planned for Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, 24225 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores. For information, call (586) 778-3541 or (586) 777-5812.

Detroit Redford High School

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Nov. 27 at St. Aidan's Church Hall, Livonia. For more information, call Bonnie at (248) 398-5122 or e-mail hendrybon@sbccglobal.net.

Detroit Western High School

Class of 1941, '42, '43
A reunion is planned for Friday, Oct. 2, 2004, at the Hellenic Cultural Center. E-mail GCHS94reunion@yahoo.com for more information.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylor-reunions.com.

Hazel Park High School

Class of 1964 January and June

1, 2004, at City Tavern Banquet Center, Dearborn. Any Western graduate, especially from the 1930s and 1940s welcome. Call Patrick Stewart (1941) at (313) 565-4670, Pat Jackson (1942) at (313) 274-6113, or Harold Patrick (1943) at (248) 669-0820.

East Detroit High School

Class of 1969
A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004. www.angelfire.com/mi/edhs1969 or call (586) 725-3576.

Edsel Ford High School

Class of June 1959
A tour and program are planned for Saturday, Oct. 23, at Edison School. Contact Mary Sue Duffy at (248) 477-9342 or Tip Smathers at (734) 464-9477. Other Edison classes are welcome.

Edsel Ford High School

Class of 1979
A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Knights of Columbus, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. For more information, www.geocities.com/edsel1979, e-mail, edsel979@yahoo.com; call Kim Alexander Crudo at (313) 582-1701.

Edsel Ford High School

Class of 1989
A 15-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Oct. 2, 2004, at the school. For more information, contact Jennifer (Sears) Keuten at (248) 852-0178.

Ferndale Lincoln High School

Class of January and June 1954
A 50-year reunion is held Oct. 9, 2004, at the Detroit Golf Club. For more information, call Isabelle (Wiggins) Paterson at (248) 548-6638.

Fordson High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Burton Manor in Livonia, 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. For more information, visit www.fordsonclassof84.org or contact Michele at (734) 953-5746 or Melanie at (734) 676-3658.

Garden City High School

Class of 1994
The 10-year reunion is scheduled for Nov. 27 at the Hellenic Cultural Center. E-mail GCHS94reunion@yahoo.com for more information.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991
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Hazel Park High School

Class of 1964 January and June

A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 9, 2004. For more information, call Mary at (248) 588-4489 or Margerite at (248) 393-3284.

Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit

Class of 1963
Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-5416.

John Glenn High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Oct. 23, 2004, at Ypsilanti Marriott. For more information, contact Margaret Agge Press (mpress66@hotmail.com) or Kelly Featherston (kellybelly@yahoo.com).

John F. Kennedy - Taylor

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Allen Park - Park Cove Banquet Center. For more information, e-mail jfkennedy1994@yahoo.com or call Carolyn (Szymanski) Obrycki at (313) 928-5532.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is being planned. Looking for classmates. Contact Ladywood84@aol.com

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion of the Class of 1974 will be held Saturday, Nov. 27, at Laurel Manor. Tickets are \$70. Classmates are being sought. Please visit www.Bentley74.com for further information, or notify Kathy (Ladiapalo) Jones at (734) 462-9438 or e-mail at meandmrjones11@hotmail.com or Dave Marlowe at (734) 462-2465 or e-mail at dmarlowe@motor.com.

Class of 1984

A 20-year class reunion is being held Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, contact April (Greig) Santori, e-mail: april.santori@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at the homecoming football game. 7 p.m. Call Kathy at (248) 363-5679.

Livonia Ladywood

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Oct. 23, 2004. Call Kathleen Casey at (248) 470-2781 or e-mail johncasey-bunch@sbcglobal.net.

Redford High School

Class of 1954
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 2, 2004, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Barb Smith at (734) 427-1123.

Redford Stevenson High School

Class of 1984
A 50-year reunion is planned for Oct. 15, 2004. A dinner-dance will be held at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman in Livonia. Contact (734) 261-3264 or e-mail reunions@peoplepc.com

Mackenzie High School

Class of 1969
A 35-year reunion dinner dance is planned for Oct. 2, 2004, at the Karas House Banquet Center, 23632 Plymouth Road, Redford. Class of 1968 and 1970 are also invited. For more information, call (248) 827-3436.

Madonna University

Classes of 1954 and 1979
A 50-year and 25-year all alumni reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, on campus. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Featuring a '50s theme, the celebration begins at 2 p.m. in the University Center. Activities include dinner buffet reception, live entertainment, door prizes/giveaways, alumni reflections, and more. A Mass/liturgy will be celebrated at 5 p.m. in the University Chapel.

\$15/person before Oct. 1 or \$20/door.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Alumni Office at (734) 432-5603 or e-mail alumni@madonna.edu.

Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966

A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

Our Lady of Good Counsel-Detroit

All classes through 1979; being held Saturday, Oct. 30, at Rivercrest Banquet Center, Rochester Hills. For information and tickets, e-mail pmcc@mccpb.com or call Pat van der Lee at (248) 601-1925.

Pontiac Central High School

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at the Venetian Club. For more information, call Mike Garcia at (248) 761-2330 or Darlene Powell at (248) 396-0679.

Redford Thurston High School

Class of 1964
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 2, 2004, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

For more information, call Barb Smith at (734) 427-1123.

Redford High School

Class of 1954
A 50-year reunion is planned for Oct. 15, 2004. A dinner-dance will be held at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call

Joyce Beecher King at (248) 478-3621.

Seaholm High School

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Big Rock Chop and Brew House, Stone Terrace, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham. To receive an invitation, contact Nicole Rendizer Munder at nrnmunder@hotmail.com or visit www.seaholm94.com.

South Lyon Aquinas

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Riverside Banquet Center, 3530 Biddle, Wyandotte. For more information, contact Sue (Tzae) Tylutki at (734) 676-1957 or QNorthly957@aol.com.

South Lyon High School

Class of 1969
A 35-year reunion is planned for Oct. 2, 2004, at the South Lyon Hotel.

Looking for classmates. For more information, contact Mary Buffa, (586) 778-9024.

St. Alphonsus High School

Class of 1964
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 30, 2004, for information, call Sandy Hayek Salloum at (734) 432-9905 or Babe@GO2dti.com.

St. Mary's of Redford

Class of 1964
A 40-year reunion is planned for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information contact Bill Bauer (734) 737-0625.

Class of 1969
A 35-year reunion is planned for Nov. 13, 2004, at Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Livonia.

Contact Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or Jane (Eustice) Runchey at (

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

AROUND TOWN

Delta Kappa Gamma Craft/Home Show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 18th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2004. The show will run from 9-4 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (SW corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth, MI. Over 85 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2. Call (734) 844-1707 for more information.

Tiny Tots Program

The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registrations for its Tiny Tots Pre-School program for fall 2004. The program for 3 year olds meets from 9:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To be eligible for this group, children must have turned 3 before Sept. 1st 2004. The group for 4 year olds meets from 9:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To be eligible for this group, children must have turned 4 before Sept 1st 2004. For information or to sign up, please call Peggy at (734) 453-5464.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment '05 books for \$20, with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan. Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be home-delivered. For information or to order, call Bill, (734) 453-8253.

Used book sale

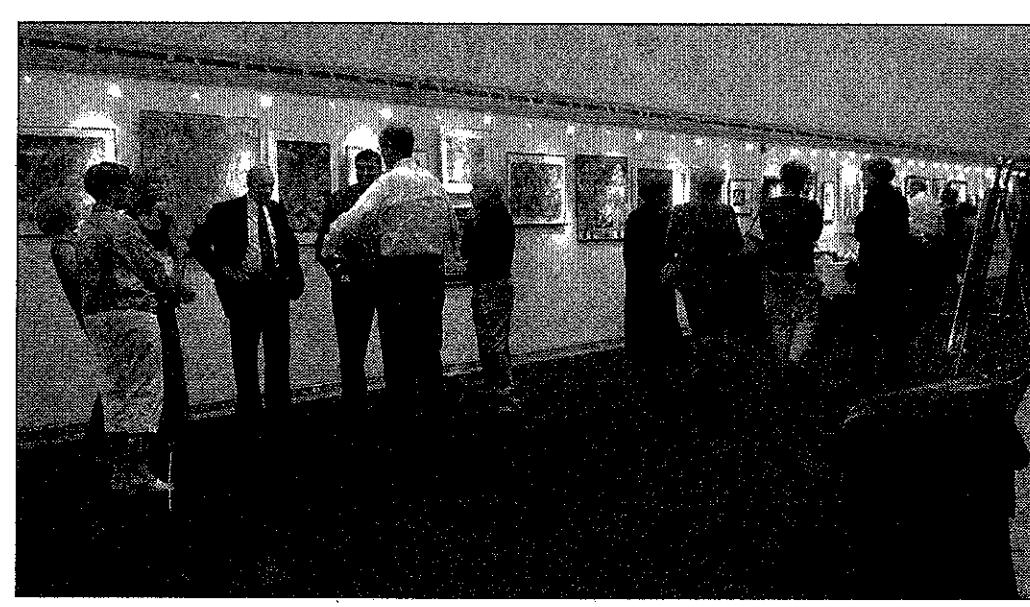
The Friends of the Northville District Library urge all book lovers to come to the library's Fall Used Book Sale from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30; 2-5 p.m. Oct. 1; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 2 and 1-3 p.m. Oct. 3, when books will be at half-price. The Friends have collected at least 9,000 books, CDs, videos, tapes, etc., in preparation for this major fund-raiser. Proceeds directly benefit the library, located at 212 Cady, behind the Northville City Hall.

Northville Historical Society

Re-enactors will portray some of Northville's prominent citizens buried in Oakwood Cemetery as the cemetery "comes alive" for an event Sunday, Oct. 10. Dressed in period costume, standing at their characters' graves, they will tell historic tales of their subjects' lives and times. From 5:30-8:30 p.m., guests are invited to stroll the old cemetery, located on W. Cady. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students. Proceeds benefit the Northville Historical Society and its museum and archives, as well as the Mill Race Village. For ticket information or other questions, call (248) 348-2947.

Corn maze

Corn Maze at Maybury State Park runs 5-9 p.m. Fridays and 2-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through Oct. 31 at



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Art appreciation

Guests tour the new Cherry Hill theater facility in Canton last week as part of a voter rally for the school vote next Tuesday. The rally, sponsored by Citizens' Election Committee, was in support of a bond for a new Canton elementary school and for building repairs, and for a second issue, an operating millage renewal.

Maybury Farm, 50255 Eight Mile, half-mile east of Napier in Northville. Please use the Maybury State Park entrance on Eight Mile and follow around to the Corn Maze parking lot.

Follow the signs to the Corn Maze entrance in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center, the Northville Chamber of Commerce, or the Northville Community Foundation. All proceeds will go towards the feeding of the animals and the rebuilding of Maybury Farm. For more information, call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

Make-A-Wish walk

Hundreds of walkers will join feet for the second-annual Walk for Wishes to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor Saturday, Oct. 16. Last year's walk raised more than \$35,000. People of all ages are welcome; no pets, please. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; the walk starts at 9 a.m. For more information, call (800) 622-9474.

Women's Economic Club

Maureen Kempston Darkes, the highest ranking woman at General Motors, will be the keynote speaker at Women's Economic Club's noon luncheon Oct. 4 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. Darkes, group vice president, president for GM Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, will discuss "Navigating Volatile, Developing Markets in a Global Business Environment." Tickets are \$30 for members, \$40 for guests. For more information or reservations, call Doris Hendricks, (313) 578-3230.

Mia Mahalo Workshop Series

Mia Mahalo presents the latest in its workshop series, "Achieving Health and Wellness Through Traditional Chinese Methods," from 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30. Beth Kohn, nationally certified acupuncturist, is coming to Royal Oaks Mia Mahalo to share the wealth of ways you can enhance your diet and life naturally.

Participants will learn how certain foods and herbs boost your immune system and empower your body to help itself naturally. Kohn will also explain how acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine can help you to quit smoking, lose weight, and increase fertility. Admission is complimentary. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. To RSVP or for more information, call (248) 546-1900.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for information on October training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Crafters wanted

Crafters are wanted for the 16th-annual Arts and Crafts show sponsored by Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. The show is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20. For more information, call Virginia, (734) 522-9653, or Deb, (248) 348-6823.

Northville Library

The Friends of the Northville District Library urge all book lovers to come to the library's huge Fall Used Book Sale, Sept. 30-Oct. 3. The sale runs 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30; 2-5 p.m. Oct. 1; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 2; and 1-3 p.m. Oct. 3. The library is located at 212 W. Cady. Call (248) 349-6364.

Rummage sale

Newburgh United Methodist Church

hosts a Fall Rummage Sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 1 and from 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 2. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, between Wayne and Newburgh.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 22nd-annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show Oct. 8-10 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, 700 W. Baseline. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents. Shows hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2; no strollers.

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

Art show

Roumen Boudev, professor of art at the College for Creative Studies and at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, is the juror for the 12th-annual

"Sharing the Gift" art show at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville, Oct. 2-8. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

St. Damian Craft Show

St. Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual Fall arts and crafts show that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland. For more information or an application, please call Carol Nellius at (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nellius@comcast.net.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734) 458-8143 or Martina (734) 464-0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution.

Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112

meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club

Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civilian Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert

LOIS M. KRESS

Age 78, passed away on September 22, 2004 at Lahser Hills Care Center in Southfield. She was born on March 30, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo "Bob" Kress, who passed away on January 26, 2004 and her brother, Lawrence Thelen. She is survived by her daughters, Marilynn Asbell, Marsha Figgatt, Rosemary Floyd, Janet Munson & Karen McLean; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. She was a devoted member of St. Michael Church in Southfield. Visitation is Sunday, 2-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Services: Instate, Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 25225 Code, Southfield. Memorial appreciated to Alzheimer's Association.

GORDON J. LIBBY

Age 71, September 23, 2004. Loving husband of Patricia of Westland. Beloved father of Sharon (Richard Rucinski) Parks of Livonia, Debra (Jim) Fahner of Garden City, Gordon (Patricia) of Canton, and Nancy (Russ) Hammond of Livonia. Grandfather of eight grandchildren. Brother of Paul Libby, Nora Miller and Dorothy Spain. Funeral services at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City on Monday at 11:00 A.M. Visitation on Sunday 1:00 until 8:00 P.M. please share a memory with the family by signing the online guest book at www.rgharris.com

KELLEY KNAPP

Passed peacefully in her sleep on September 18th. Born and raised in Forest Hills, NY. She attended Southern Seminary Junior College. After graduating, Kelley volunteered for Navy service during WWII, where she met and married, Richard her beloved husband of 58 years. They settled in Orchard Lake, Michigan to raise their children. Kelley also enjoyed volunteering her time and energy to Project Hope for many years. She went on to find great satisfaction in her work and relationships she developed at Sak's Fifth Avenue. Kelley's spirit and zest for life was an inspiration to all those who loved her and knew her best as "Go Go." Kelley is survived by her loving husband Richard their children; Kay Schack, Richard (Jane), Susan, Sharon George, Terry, MJ Pulling, Charley (Cindy) and Barbara Olson (Paul). Her grandchildren; Richard (Amber) Meghan, Dan and Matt Knapp, DJ and Kelley Schack, Katelyn and Taylor Pulling and Kelley and Jack Olson. Services to be held at St. Regis in Birmingham Michigan on October 1st at 11:00 a.m. in lieu of flowers, please send charitable donations to God's Love, We Deliver, 166 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10013, or by phone: 212-294-8146

JOAN ROSE PALMER

Age 77 - The world has lost a true angel. Joan Palmer died September 17, at her Bloomfield Twp. home after a courageous battle with bladder cancer. Mrs. Palmer was born June 2, 1927, in Luzerne, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Palmer was a retired registered nurse and also had a successful 18 year career at Palmer Moving and Storage after her late husband Robert's death. Mrs. Palmer was always active in the community. She donated countless hours the last 25 years to the Cancer Loan Closet Foundation and Colony Town Club. Mrs. Palmer was a gifted woman who left lasting, loving impressions on all those she encountered. Her kind, generous spirit will truly be missed.

Mrs. Palmer is survived by her children, Robert, David (Dona), Richard (Beatrice), Jeffrey (Jennifer) and Terri (Glenn) Burton. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and her sister, Shiloh Mette. Mrs. Palmer is preceded in death by her husband, Robert. Funeral from St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward at Fisher Freeway, Detroit, Thursday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am.

Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14 and 15 Mile Roads), Tuesday 5-9pm and Wednesday 3-9pm. Interment in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorials appreciated to Cancer Loan Closet Foundation of Greater Detroit, 623 Hickory Heights Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 48304

RAYMOND J. STRAND

of North Ft. Myers, FL (formerly of Farmington, Detroit, and Calumet MI). September 22, 2004 at 81 years of age. Beloved husband of Janet and the late Helen. Loving father of James (Ruth), Sue Duff (Gregory), William (Gina) and Lynn Black. Cherished grandfather of ten grandchildren and six and a half great-grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at the Heeneen-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile, just N. of Grand River), Farmington. (248) 474-5200. Prayers beginning at the funeral home 9:15am, Monday, September 27th followed by a 10am Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power Rd., Farmington. Memorial tributes suggested to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33909.

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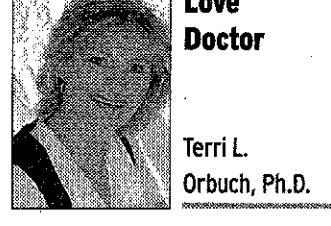
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**Love
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Terri L.
Orbuch, Ph.D.

Everyone needs help and support at some time. Situations occur in which one partner in a relationship requires some type of support from the other partner. We typically think that support is given at times that are particularly stressful, such as an illness, an accident, or the loss of a job. But it would be a mistake to overlook the everyday kind of social support that involves your partner

listening to you when you need to talk, cheering you up when you're feeling down, or doing all of the home chores when you are exhausted from work or other family responsibilities. Studies show that men typically like to give instrumental support to their partner, the kind of help that is characterized by advice and

answers to a problem. If your wife is telling you about a difficult time at work and you respond with information on how to solve the problem, then you are giving her instrumental support. Interestingly, this type of support is not effective for most women, because they typically like to receive emotional support, the kind of help that is portrayed by empathic or comforting feedback. So, next time your wife is complaining about a bad day at work and you would like to support or help her, you might want to just listen to her problems, console her, or tell her "how difficult this problem must be." In contrast, when you are having a bad day at work, studies show that the most effective way your wife can support you would be to give you advice or try to solve the problem with you. Always bear in mind that the type of support you give to your partner must match the type of support that your partner wants to receive, otherwise it is not helpful. Sometimes, it can be difficult to ask for help and support from your partner. But remember that the first step toward getting support from your partner is to tell your partner about the problem. You need to figure out what you want or need and tell him or her. Don't expect your

partner to read your mind. When it comes to asking for support, studies show that the approach men and women take also differs. Women tend to use indirect strategies for getting support, such as complaining or behaving emotionally (e.g., crying). Such strategies may be difficult for the other partner to interpret. In contrast, men are more reluctant in general to ask for support from their partner when they need it. They are taught not to reveal their feelings, but instead present a facade of complete mastery and control. The important thing to remember is that when people

receive support from their partners, they are less likely to be depressed and anxious, they are healthier and happier, and their relationship is more likely to stay together. So even when things are going well, make sure you continue to give and seek support from your partner.

To submit a question, e-mail the Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroit-lovedr.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 105.1-FM WMGC 7:40 a.m. every Tuesday. Watch the Love Doctor 8:45 a.m. every Monday on FOX 2 Morning News.

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No more excuses: Quit procrastinating, throw a party now

BY BARBARA ALBRIGHT
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

WILTON, Conn. (AP) — With summer vacations over, a new season of sociability opens up.

If the thought of entertaining, even the word "party," is too daunting, tell yourself you are just having a few people over for a little food and fun.

There are many reasons why you should NOT have people over: The house is too dirty and you'd have to clean it. Then when you clean up, you lose things during your stash-ing frenzy. You have no time to prepare. Getting people together on the same day is a problem. You are too tired. It's too expensive.

None of these is a good enough reason to miss out on a memorable time with people you like.

People are usually happy to get together and socialize, especially if you keep it very casual and relaxed.

Some of my best party-hosting experiences were accidental entertaining.

Once, when I was living in New York City, my roommate invited people over on St. Patrick's Day and said to me, "Is that OK with you?" So I asked people, too.

We got home from work not really knowing whether anyone had taken our invitations seriously, ran out and bought snacks, cheese, crackers and drinks.

The preparation took an hour or less, people arrived, and the fun went on for hours.

Another accidental party now has become an annual event. One Halloween, I invited the neighbors' children over to our house for pizza before trick-or-treating.

Pretty soon the parents were at our house, nibbling on leftover pizza crusts. As I watched a dad dive for a crust that was about to go into the trash, I ordered more.

Here are some strategies to make it easier to invite people over.

■ Next time you have overnight guests, plan a party a

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week or two later. You will have cleaned up for the guests and the house won't look a complete disaster.

■ Connecting the party with an event such as a holiday (no matter how trivial) seems to be a good idea. A couple of weeks after the winter holidays is also prime casual party time.

■ Involve your guests in the food preparation if time is short. Ask people to bring food.

■ Shut off rooms, if necessary. People tend to gravitate to one central area, usually the kitchen, and they won't notice that they have been blockaded out of part of your home.

■ If you are serving dinner, set up chairs and tables to accommodate everyone, no matter how mismatched, in case people want to linger and chat. Set the table ahead of time.

■ Think of the easy special touches you can do. Put glasses in the freezer to give them an appealing frosty look. Turn down the lights and use candles.

Put on music and assign someone the job to change it. Serve a terrific, very chocolaty dessert to make a lasting final impression, along with regular and decaffeinated coffee.

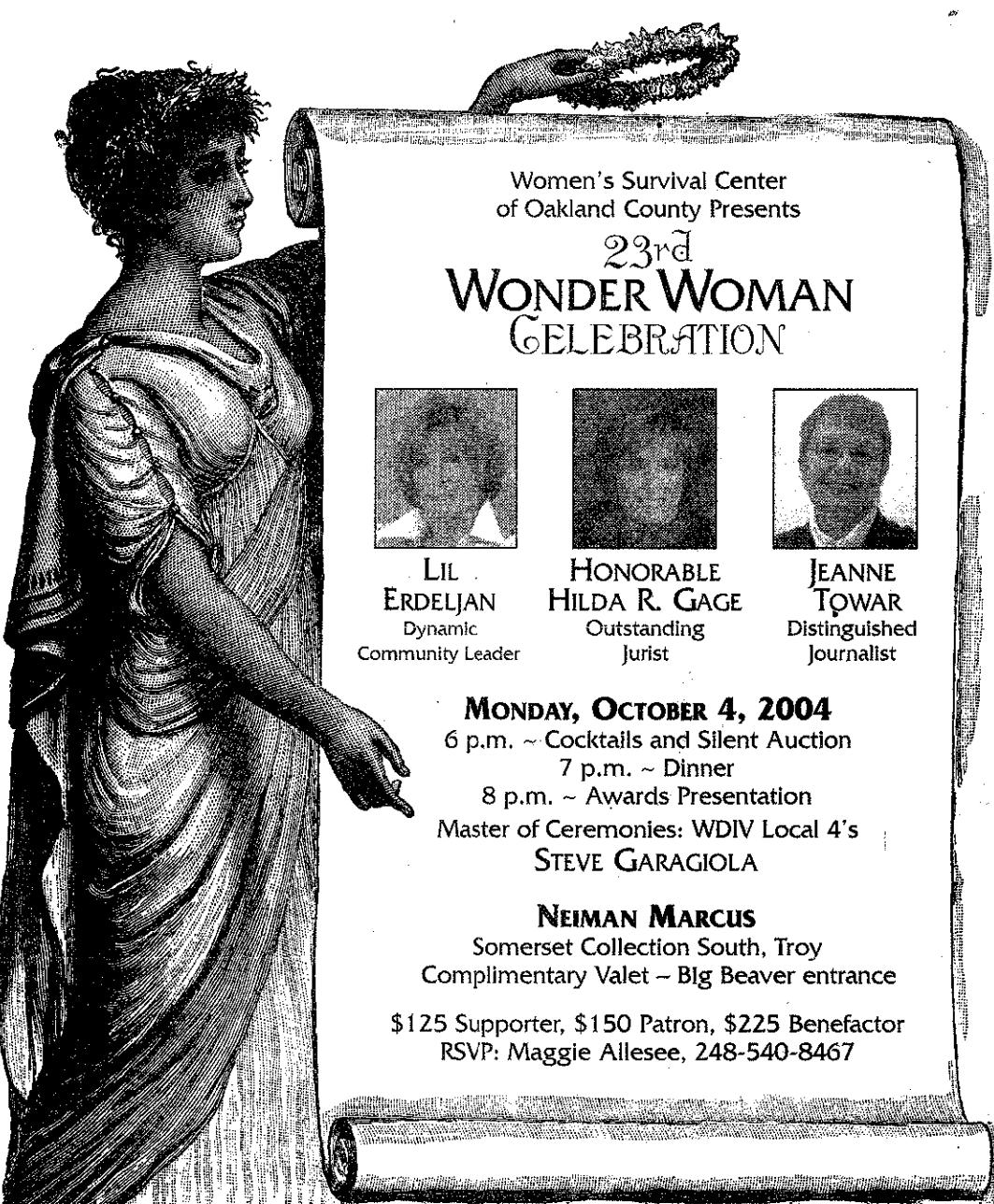
■ Above all, put a smile on your face. Ask people you like. Realize that some people won't be able to come to the party — but you will see them again some other time.



Saying thank you

Medics Mike Kelly (left) and Jim Montgomery, and Chief Alan Brandemihl received baked goods from MOPS Club member Birthe Korasiak and her daughter, Cassandra, at Livonia Fire Station No. 1 on Farmington Road and Five Mile. The MOPS Club of Livonia/South Plymouth delivered baked goods to nine police and fire stations in Livonia and Plymouth on Sept. 10 in memory of Sept. 11th and 'to say thank you for keeping our country safe.' Pictured below are Station No. 4 firefighters David Harm (left), Jeff Bennett and John Bargowski with 4-year-old George LaForest, son of MOPS (Moms Offer Moms Support) Club member Sara. Station No. 4 is located on Middlebelt, between Plymouth and Schoolcraft roads.





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Women's events will focus on cancer treatment, support

If you're a woman who has been touched by cancer, whether as a patient, family member or health care professional, or would like to hear about one survivor's struggles, two local women's events provide plenty of information.

"Just for You," 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, offers valuable information and multi-faceted support. The free health program is provided by the Natalie and Manny Charach Cancer Treatment Center of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, between Union Lake and Newton roads, Commerce Township.

Health care experts will provide the latest information about nutrition and medication management for cancer patients. A panel of physicians including Kimberly Hart, M.D., chief of radiation oncology at Huron Valley-Sinai's Charach Cancer Treatment Center, and Kristine Duffy, M.D., an obstetrician-gynecologist at the hospital, will speak about progress in cancer prevention and treatment for women. The Charach Center is affiliated with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The keynote speaker is cancer survivor Elaine Greenberg, a Farmington Hills resident who is a professional singer.

Health care experts will provide the latest information about nutrition and medication management for cancer patients.

Participants also will receive grooming and fashion tips to help cope with the effects of cancer treatment.

"Just for You" includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and a chance to browse crafts and medical exhibits. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required. Call (248) 937-4000.

Food, fun and entertaining information are the focus on Women's Night Out 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Presented by St. Joseph Mercy Health System, the event is co-sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, and Care Choices HMO and Preferred Choices PPO. Special guest speaker for the event will be three-time Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actress and singer Ann Jillian.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes Jillian's presentation,

dinner and numerous door prizes. Seating is limited. To register or for more information, call (800) 231-2211.

Jillian, who in 1985 added "motivational speaker" to her impressive list of credits, will motivate the audience as she draws from her personal perspective, "Never Had a Bad Day In My Life," interjecting her unique blend of humor and inspiration.

"If audiences are not having fun, then the important message got lost," said Jillian, who will share her personal journey through the toughest of times, both personally and professionally, in order to inspire and motivate audience members to take their own lives to a more rewarding and satisfying level. She will help each individual listener focus on the positive, attainable goals and less on the things that matter least.

In addition to her professional entertainment accomplishments, Jillian can speak to her own victory over breast cancer and has a hopeful message to those struggling with health issues. Her film, *The Ann Jillian Story*, was No. 1 in the ratings for the year, and *Good Housekeeping* magazine named her one of the most admired women of the world. With the birth of her son after cancer, she now adds the title "working mom."

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I've learned, though, that a well-balanced breakfast is a way of starting the day right by giving our bodies and our minds the fuel they need. And breakfast doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive. Foods like oatmeal, some fruit and skim milk can provide a healthy start to the day without a lot of time and effort. A good breakfast will boost your metabolism. You'll find that you're more alert and energetic, and you won't need a sugary "pick-me-up" from a vending machine.

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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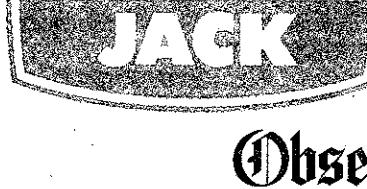
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The Great Debate

Study concludes backpacks may not cause pain after all

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Andrew Haig has one word of advice for parents who worry about backpacks causing physical pain in their children - relax.

His recent University of Michigan Health System study of 184 third-grade and middle school students, ages 7 to 15, showed no link.

When a child comes in with back pain to see him at the U-M Spine Program, the usual cause is athletic injury or scoliosis, a deformity of the spine. His 13-year-old daughter, Molly, carries a backpack to school every day without problems.

"I see a kid with back pain and they carry backpacks and it feels worse," said Haig, an associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and orthopedic surgery at U-M Medical School.

"Don't hassle your kids and school districts. If your child complains of back problems, realize everybody is going to have some back pain in their life. Eighty percent of adults will lose a couple of weeks or more of work due to back pain."

Nonetheless, researchers were surprised by the number

of students reporting problems with their spine. The debate goes on in the medical community over whether improperly worn or heavy backpacks cause pain. Haig originally decided to do the study because of the lack of good scientific evidence.

COMMON PROBLEM

"We found that in third grade about 15 percent have back pain. By middle school, 45 percent have a backache or had a backache," said Haig.

"A survey conducted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons revealed 58 percent had seen patients complaining of back and shoulder pain caused by heavy backpacks," said Haig.

"They asked doctors or kids if your backpack caused back pain. Everybody just said yes. We asked kids separately if they had backpacks then one day stuck up on them and weighed them. Kids carrying heavier backpacks didn't have any more pain than kids carrying lighter ones.

"It's not backpacks, but take a look at the obvious things. Kids are getting more and more obese and not getting enough activity. I don't think changing backpacks is going



FILE PHOTO

Students at West Bloomfield High School exit the campus at the end of the school day with backpacks strapped to their backs.

to change that. You don't want them carrying bricks in their backpacks just for fun but the way Americans carry them to the bus and in school will not make any difference."

Kelly Schulz isn't taking any chances that her 6-year-old son, Ryan, will develop back problems from wearing his backpack. A physical therapist at Oakwood Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Canton, Schulz occasionally sees children with back pain, but not as a result of carrying a backpack. Still, she's concerned about the increasing amount of literature finding a great incidence of back pain in children.

Parents should do their homework and decide for

themselves. Schulz suggests visiting the Web site for the American Physical Therapy Association at www.apta.org.

"It's something that might be overlooked as a source for back pain," said Schulz.

"The Backpack Intelligence Program in Boston has a worksheet that you can go down to see if your child is at risk. Do you have tingling or numbness down your hand? Do you get red marks on your shoulder from the straps. If yes, it's an indication that it's too heavy. Does your child struggle to get the backpack on or take it off?"

An inappropriately worn backpack can stress back and shoulder muscles. Schulz suggests checking your child's

posture. Look at him from the front and side and back before and after he puts it on. Once it's on, see if the chin is jutting out. If the answer is yes, he's struggling to hold the backpack up and it's probably too heavy.

"When my son needed one I started to look around at other children and paying attention," said Schulz. "The cool ones are oversized with big compartments. I went shopping and definitely wanted one an appropriate size to him with contoured shoulder straps that were padded. It would have been good to have a padded back but they didn't

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Hospice seeking volunteer help

Volunteers are needed to help provide services to terminally ill patients, their caregivers and families. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Volunteers can choose from a variety of functions that include offering companionship by providing respite relief for caregivers, making supportive telephone calls, running errands, and providing other services that are needed by

patients, caregivers, and families. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide administrative support in the Farmington Hills office.

Training to become part of the hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer.

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Stretch helps prevent back pain in kids

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Is your child having back pain? It might not be the backpack causing the problem.

"When the kid complains, has the pain gotten worse?" said Dr. Andrew Haig, an M.D. in the University of Michigan Health System's Spine Program and associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and orthopedic surgery at the U-M Medical School.

"Are they under stress at school? Have the kid involved in moderate exercise, keep obesity down. It's not so much about backpacks. Back pain happens in kids and they need to use it as a learning experience."

If the pain is not shooting down below the knee, they're not running fevers or medically sick then they can ride it out for a couple of weeks with some gentle stretching. If it continues, they need to see a primary health care provider or pediatrician."

Kelly Schulz is a believer in stretching to avoid physical problems. It's frequently part

of the treatment at Oakwood Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Canton where she is a physical therapist.

"Through their regular play they do get exercise but students have that rounded shoulder posture so stretching the muscles on the front of their chest is good," said Schulz.

"They need stress relieving exercises after carrying around a backpack."

Schulz recommends shoulder circles and shrugs to help reduce tension or something as simple as stretching the arms against the walls of a doorway. Stretching can also help reduce growing pains.

"Sometimes a simple stretching program helps. Children will have a growth spurt and the muscles haven't had a chance to catch up to their bones," said Schulz.

"I find posture in general with adolescents is poor. They should exercise to combat rounded shoulder if they've been at a desk all day or computer to combat tight chest muscles."

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U-M Transplant Center benefit

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, the second annual Vita Redita Gala Dinner and Auction to benefit the University of Michigan Transplant Center, includes gourmet strolling dinner, live and silent auction, live music and valet parking, open premium bar, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$125 per person, or tables of 8 and more are available beginning at \$1,000. Dress is black tie optional. Call (734) 936-3460 or e-mail rgarypie@umich.edu.

Hospice bowling fund-raiser

2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 (registration at 1 p.m.), at Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Road. Make this event a success by registering to bowl or making a donation. Proceeds help Community Hospice provide valuable end of life care for the terminally ill regardless of income and insurance. Cost is \$20 per bowler. For more information or to sign up, call Heather Murray at (734) 522-4244.

Walk for Diabetes

More than 3,500 people are expected to participate in America's Walk for Diabetes, the American Diabetes Association's fund-raising event, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Belle Isle in Detroit, Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, Kensington

Metropark in Milford and Willow Metropark in Belleville. Walkers are encouraged to get pledges from friends, family, co-workers and businesses. Funds raised go to ADA outreach initiatives, patient and professional programs, research programs and the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha. The ADA's Camp Midicha is the only residential summer camp in Michigan designed

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have them where I looked."

The American Physical Therapy Association recommends that backpacks not weigh more than 15 percent of the child's body weight.

"It's important for children to wear both straps to distribute the load evenly," said Schulz. "Wheel backpacks are kind of a trend in older grades. It's important to make sure the handle is long enough so they don't have to twist or bend their back. You still have to worry about weight if the child goes down stairs or lifts it into a bus."

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Schulz offers a few more tips for parents about wearing backpacks that might put children at increased risk for back pain. When loading a backpack stack the heaviest books so that

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tures speakers, information tables, face painting, free massages, live music, delicious baked goods, free educational materials, and a "Why I Walked" message board that lets walkers express their reasons for participating.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Pioneer High School, on the corner of South Main Street and West Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor. The walk begins at 10 a.m. The cost to register is \$25 for adults, \$10 students, children under 12 free. Strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome. Walkers are encouraged to collect donations;

prizes will be awarded to those who raise \$150 or more. Advance registration is available online at www.depressioncenter.org. For more information or to volunteer, send e-mail to tlandry@afspaa.org.

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for, and dedicated to, children with diabetes. The ADA is still seeking team captains and people to participate in the walk. To register, call (888) DIABETES (342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org.

Prostate cancer lecture

Dr. Jeffrey Forman presents Rising PSA: When to Watch and Wait, When to Treat during a free supper lecture 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Karmanos Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Highway, To RSVP, call (248) 538-6514 or send e-mail to khardy@dmrc.edu.

Living with Parkinson's

Update on Parkinson's disease presented by Shawn Bolton, D.O. Tuesday, Sept. 28, then for six Thursdays beginning 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, at McPherson Hospital, community room, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Pre-registration required. Space limited. Call the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at (800) 852-9781. There is a fee.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28. Attorney Jessica Woll presents an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect, the firm Woll & Woll specializes in family law, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For

more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer reveals the truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Civic Center Library. No charge. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Free prostate screening

If you're a man older than 50, or the wife, sister or child of one, this message could be a matter of life or death. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men.

Early detection and treatment can lead to a complete recovery. A simple blood test, combined with a physical exam, can dramatically increase the likelihood of early prostate cancer detection. Oakwood Hospital is providing free prostate screenings 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. To schedule a free screening, call (800) 543-WELL. Pre-registration is required.

Cooking classes

Presented by the University of Michigan Health System at the East Ann Arbor Health Center

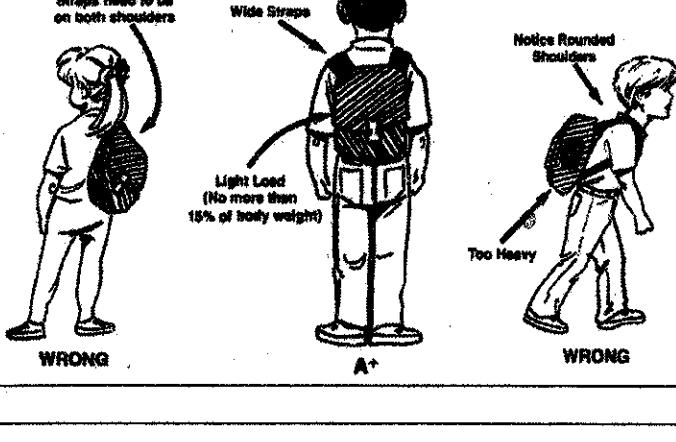
Demonstration Kitchen, classes include packing a healthy lunch 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, vegan meals

6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, simple meals for one or two, healthy holidays, fish dishes, fast recipes, eating to stop hypertension. Pre-registration required for all classes. To register,

call (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236, or sign up at www.med.umich.edu/mfl/nutri-

ting difficulty adjusting to divorce. For

Is Your Child's Backpack Making The Grade?



Research volunteers needed

Healthy individuals 12 and older with seasonal, late summer allergy symptoms (stuffy or runny nose; sneezing; itchy eyes, nose or throat, or watery or red eyes) are needed for a study at the Michigan Respiratory Health and Research Institute in Novi. Individuals who qualify receive study-related office visits, limited testing, and investigational medications at no charge and compensation for participating. For information, call Julie at (248) 473-6400 or (800) 326-5959.

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they're carried nearest the back. For backpacks with compression straps, tighten belts to keep the books in place.

"If kids are carrying a backpack and stop to talk to a friend they should take it off and limit the time they actually have it on their back," said Schulz.

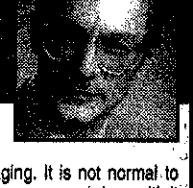
"If child is riding a bike, make sure they have a hip or chest belt so if the backpack shifts they're not thrown off their bike."

"Older children are going to have heavier books and more books so they're definitely more at risk but if you stay with 15 percent of the body weight they shouldn't have any problems."

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WHAT TO EXPECT, WHAT TO ACCEPT

Physicians must walk a tightrope when dealing with arthritis and aging. It is not normal to experience stiffness in the morning and aching joints through the day. However, age brings with it losses in strength, flexibility, stamina, and reserve. Your doctor should be informed when your joint and muscles are not feeling right, but you must be prepared for him to provide remedies that may not reach your expectations.

The difficulty is that in the area of arthritis, science is unable to develop strategies to counter the pattern in cells whereby they slow their metabolism. As you age, you decrease the production of enzymes and proteins that keep bone and muscle at a high level of function.

There is a counter to this downward trend. Research done over the last 5 years shows that focused exercise can build muscles even if you are in your 70's, 80's, or even 90 years of age.

By focused exercise I mean daily walking with light weights of 1-3 pounds, and doing sit-ups and pushups. It appears that bone and muscle, no matter what your age, retains the ability to respond to reasonable stress.

You face a contradiction as you enter older age. You do have to slow down in one sense, but you need to work more in another. That is, you will reduce work schedules and strenuous activities, but you should spend more time and effort in daily exercise and activities that put a strain, but not too much, on your muscles and bones.

Finding the balance depends not on your doctor's judgment but your own.

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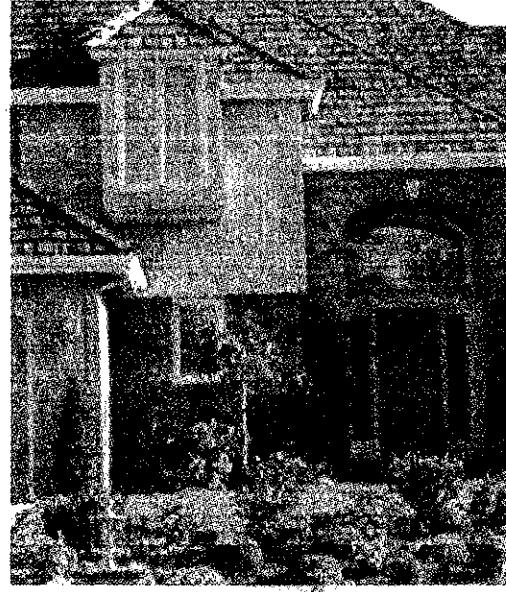
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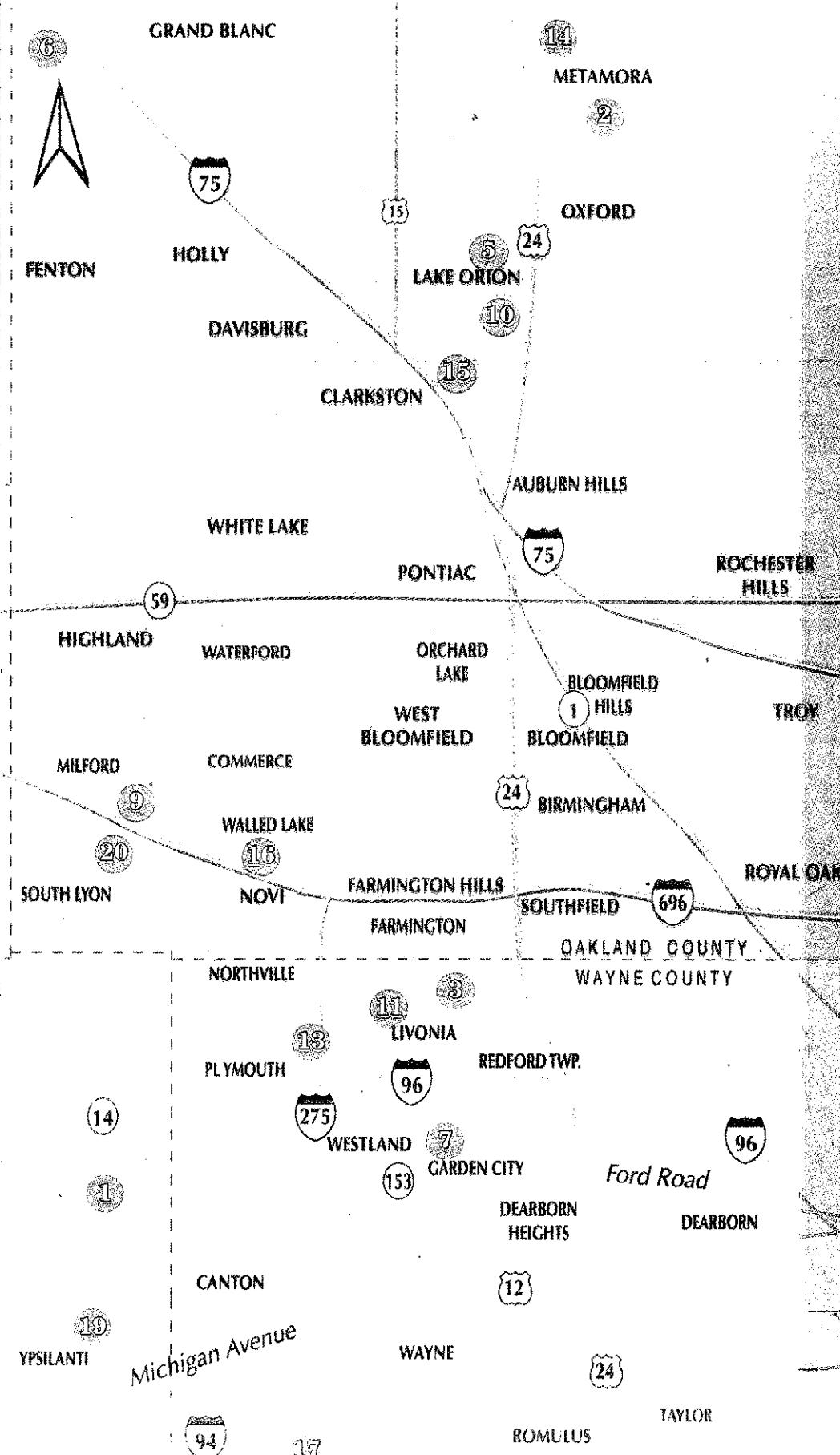
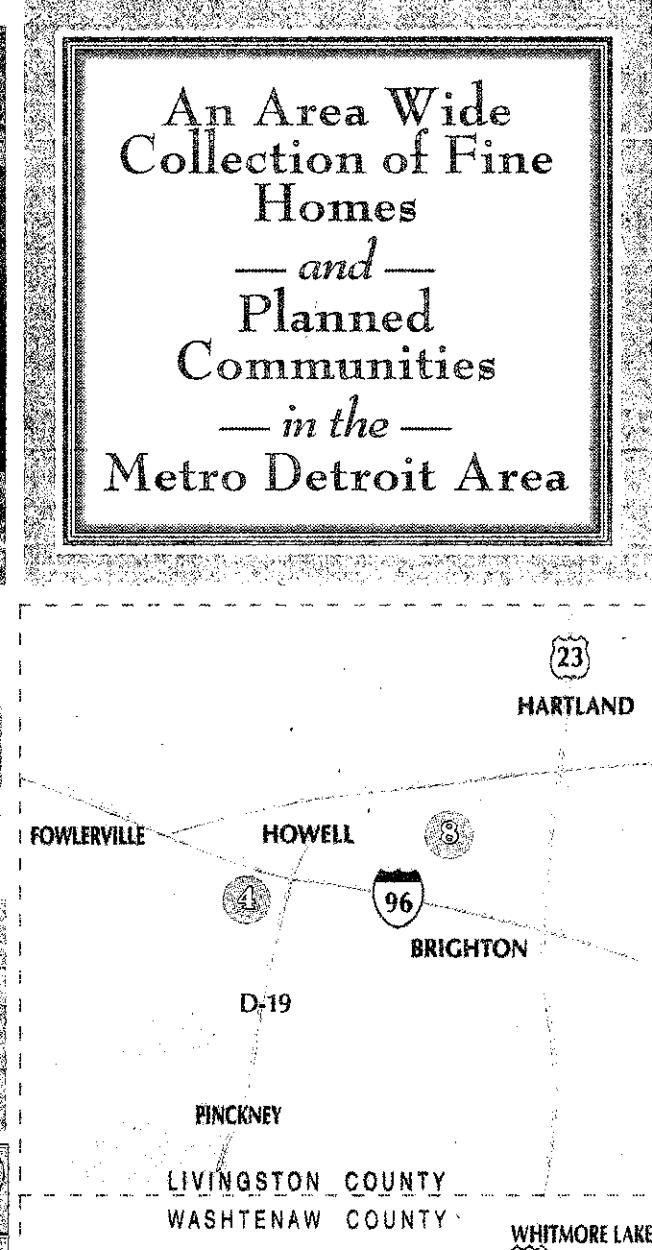


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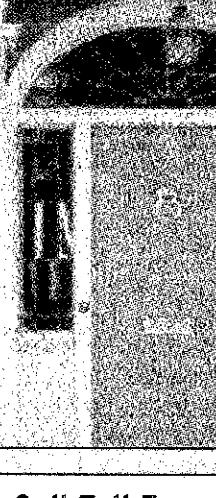
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Autumn an ideal time for outdoor maintenance

(MS) - The warm-weather season is coming to a close. As you pack away the patio set and pool accessories and watch your annual plantings start to wilt you may notice how your back yard has taken a beating. Scorching temperatures, blazing sun and downpours, as well as frequent visitors and insects may have left your outdoor structures looking worse for the wear. But don't wait until next year to breathe new life into decking and fencing. Fall is the perfect time to assess and spruce up your home.

After all of the running around you did this summer, it's easy to put off outdoor repairs for next season. But if you plan ahead now, you'll be ready for springtime entertaining as soon as the trees begin to bud and the weather warms anew. Here are some reasons to start early:

■ The cool, crisp air will make outdoor work less of a chore. Why wait for spring when an early heat wave could zap your motivation? Take advantage of the moderate weather to spend time outdoors.

■ Minimize further weather-related damage to your outdoor structures. The sun, pool water and the heat of the summer have already taken their toll. Frigid temperatures, snow and ice can damage structures even further. Repair and protect these items before Old Man Winter can do his worst.

■ Who has time for staining and sanding when there are parties and other social engagements to attend? Spring is a busy time of year. Your weekends may be filled with religious events, birthdays and weddings, pushing home repairs to the back burner. When it comes time to entertain in your yard, you'll be left doing a rush job in order to have everything ready.

There are plenty of chores suited for autumn. Here are some ideas to get you started:

■ Consider revamping your landscaping. Map out new planting beds and replace/lay mulch and rocks according to your plan. Plant hardy bushes that will withstand winter temperatures, taking care to leave space where annuals can be planted come warmer weather.

■ Tackle decking, porch and fencing repairs. Weatherproof your deck, porch and fence, or give them a new look for next season's entertaining opportunities. A no-maintenance option for busy homeowners is using vinyl products like ISODECK or ISOFOENCE.

■ For fencing, consider vinyl, which is strong and maintenance-free. It withstands the weather and won't corrode, blister, peel or rot.

■ Install a family pool. Certain companies offer discounted rates for pools installed in the off-season. Get it in the ground now so you'll be able to dive in



Fall is the ideal time to make improvements to your yard. Consider replacing deck, porch and fences with vinyl options for easier maintenance.

first thing next summer.

■ General yard maintenance. Lawn fertilization, weeding, leaf raking - these are all tasks that can be tackled in the fall so you won't have a dead lawn or a

mess during the spring thaw.

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Make improvements that appeal to prospective buyers

(NAPSI) - You've been preparing to put the house up for sale for weeks, and you have the sore muscles to prove it. Now comes the moment of truth. Are prospective buyers really going to care about all the work you did? If you did your homework before opening the toolbox, you already know the answer.

"Everyone has heard the cautionary tale about how a swimming pool can actually lower your home's resale value because it creates lots of work for the next owner," said Keith Hahn of Handyman Connection, one of the nation's largest home-improvement companies. "The story endures because it's a great example of how some home improvements, no matter how luxurious,

can backfire when it's time to sell."

When an upgrade simply has to pay off, Hahn suggests avoiding renovations that buyers will view as burdensome elaborate decor or landscaping, swimming pools, skylights and more. "That beautiful Victorian stenciling in your dining room will be a problem if a buyer has modern tastes," he said. In general, renovations uniquely reflecting personality or taste will not appeal to most buyers.

Instead, focus on renovations that will save buyers work and illustrate a commitment to regular maintenance. Upgrade kitchen fixtures and appliances. Install new bathroom faucets and toilet seats, clean the grout and replace old caulking. But keep it simple. While these

small improvements will immediately pay for themselves, Hahn says a big project, such as adding a bathroom, is a poor short-term investment.

Other upgrades should focus on improving curb appeal. A new front door can modernize the whole house. Looking to disguise an unattractive exterior outlook? Try installing window boxes or hanging flower baskets. Inside the house, spending a day touching up chipped paint or tightening wobbly cabinet hardware costs almost nothing but will pay off big on closing day. "Buyers want to move in and enjoy their new homes, not repair them," said Hahn.

A thorough interior cleaning can also increase perceived value. Remove clutter

throughout the house. Shampoo the carpets. Dry clean the drapes. Wash the windows. Make sure faucets sparkle. And don't forget to organize closets and cabinets. "You'll be surprised where buyers will try to peek when touring a home," said Hahn.

Finally, step back and take an objective look at your home. "If anything uniquely reflects the trends of the early 1970s, you can bet that a potential buyer is going to see it as an immediately necessary upgrade," he added.

Keith Hahn is the chief operating officer of Handyman Connection, a nationwide network of home improvement and repair contractors. For more information, call (800) 466-5530 or visit www.handymanconnection.com.

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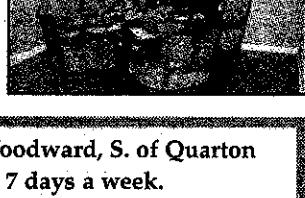
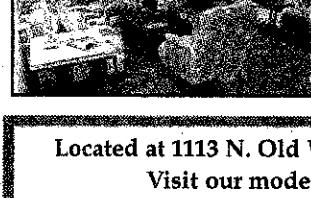
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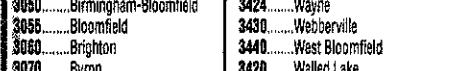
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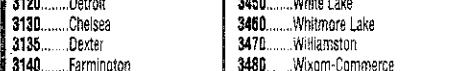
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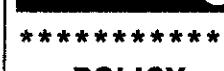


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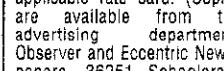


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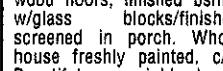
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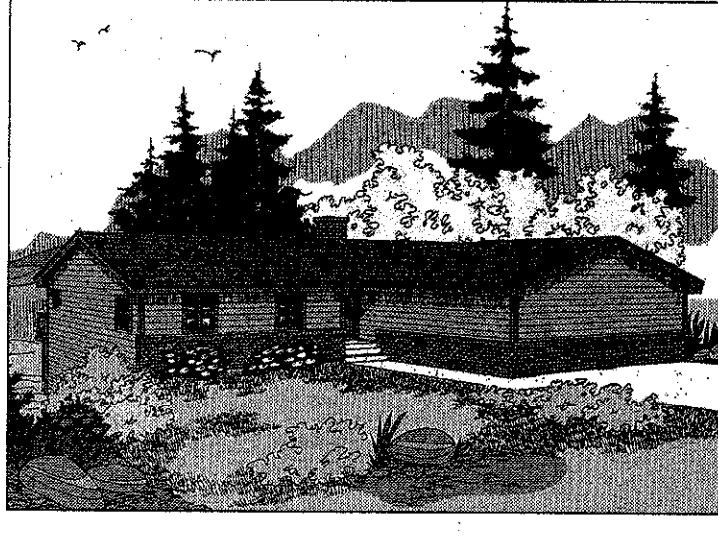
Entering into the Puuri 1 brings one to a large open room. The living room is directly in front of the entry. It has a corner wood stove and triple sliders in the rear that open into a covered screen porch. There is access to the deck through a door to the right side of the screened porch.

The dining room is on right rear, again with triple sliders opening onto the deck that leads down to the basement level. A large window on the side pours light into the room. The kitchen is in the front right corner. It has an enormous amount of counter space lining the wall. A built-in dishwasher is next to dual sinks. On the wall opposite are the refrigerator and more counter space. Around the corner toward the entry is a long pantry behind folding doors.

The utility room is across from the pantry and a half bath is located in this same area. A door opening to the large two-car garage is between the bathroom and the utility room, convenient to the pantry and the kitchen for unloading groceries.

The left side of the Puuri 1 has two bedrooms and an office. The office is large and has a corner wall closet and could also be used as a guest room or another bedroom, if desired. Bedroom 2 has a long wall closet and windows front and side that bathe the room in sunlight. A full bathroom with a single sink, tub, and a linen closet is adjacent to bedroom 2. There is a larger linen/storage closet on the wall of the office.

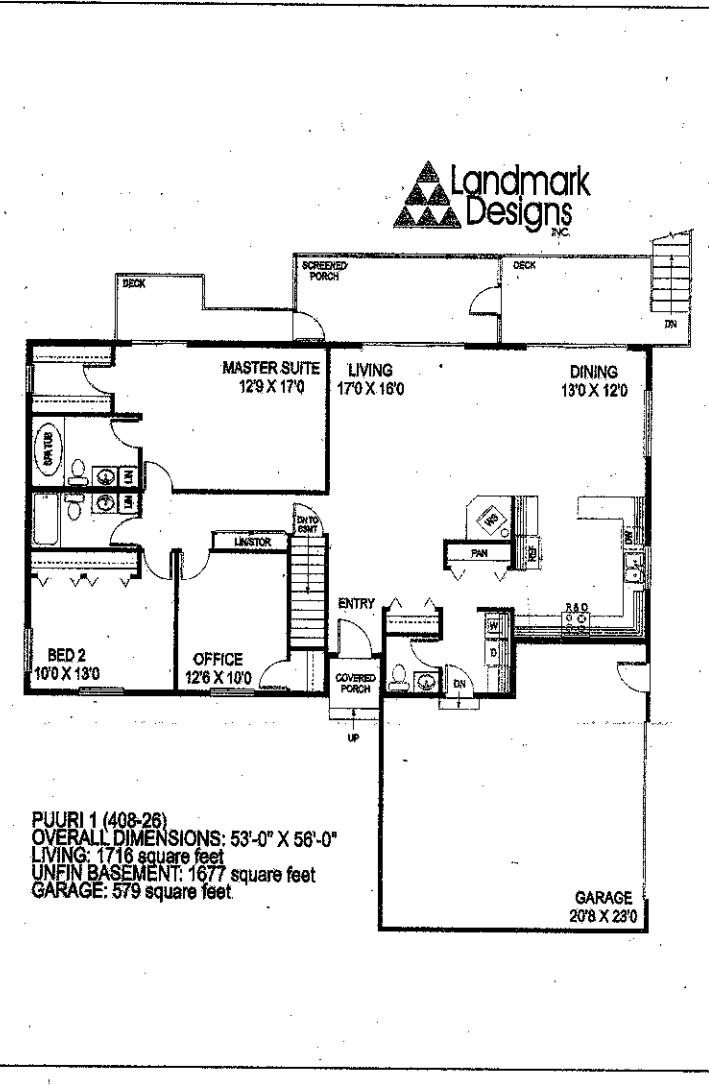
The master suite is very large and has sliding doors opening onto a smaller deck. The screened porch can also be



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■ Older children's toys: Toys for children over the age of three are never acceptable for a baby. When playing together monitor which toys they are using.

■ Plastic spoons: Only use spoons that are baby safe. A plastic spoon can break in your baby's mouth and lead to injury or choking.

■ Antique furniture: Antique high chairs don't have a safe harness system and may have a lead-based paint. Antique toys don't meet today's safety standards.

■ Baby oil: If ingested it can coat a baby's lungs and lead to death.

■ A bucket: A baby can drown in a five-gallon bucket of water. To a baby, it's an Olympic-sized pool. Empty all buckets after using them.

■ The television, TV stands & bookcases: If a television or bookcase isn't secure

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■ Plastic wrappers and bags: A baby will put anything and everything in their mouth. Throw all wrappers away immediately.

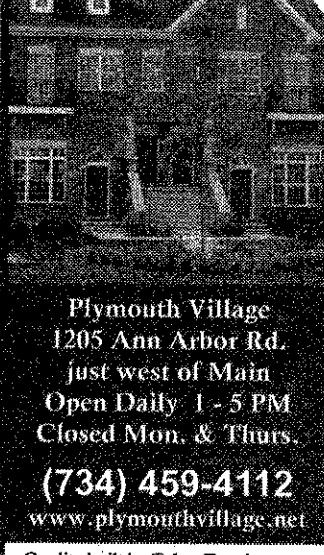
■ The oven door: Don't leave the oven door open even if it's cooled and turned off. If a baby crawls onto the open oven door it can tip over onto the baby.

■ Window cord blinds: Never place a crib, bassinet or changing table next to window blinds or curtain cords. A baby can reach them and become entangled. Be sure to replace or repair any loops in window blind cords. Blinds made since November 2000 have no loops, so consider buying newer safer blinds.

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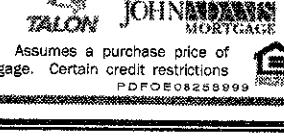
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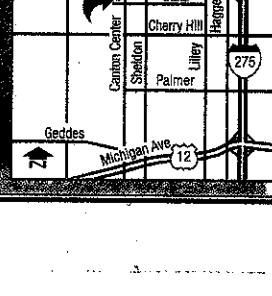
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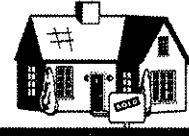
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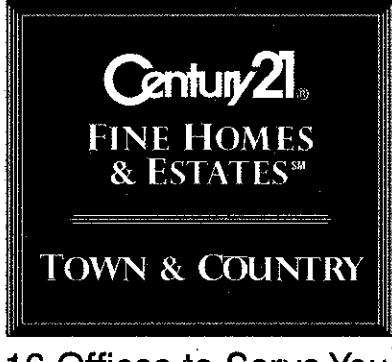
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Spacious Tudor w/4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage & finished basement, plumbed for kitchen & wet bar. Step down family room w/fireplace, large kitchen w/stone backsplash & appliances. Updates: rear, windows, carpet, paint, etc.
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Over an acre of nature w/steam. Soaring ceilings, open floor plan, large cooks kitchen w/spacious eat-in area, LR/DR w/fireplace & library w/build-ins. Separate Jacuzzi room & finished basement w/built-ins.
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NOVI Stunning Colonial
4 BR, 2.5 BA home on cul-de-sac backing to private woods, hilly & ravine. Year round sunroom w/4 doorways, White Bay Island kitchen. Master ste w/jetted tub & finished LL w/wet bar & loads of storage.
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OAKLAND Custom Quality Craftsmanship
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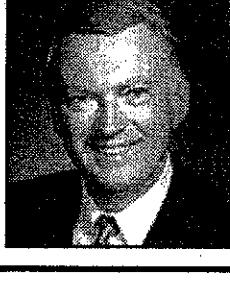
WEST BLOOMFIELD Magnificent Contemporary
Custom home! Has it all! 2 story marble foyer, 3 car garage, walk out, windows, patios. Gorgeous lot, 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. GR, FR, den, marble fpic, 2 tier deck, white kit, smashing master w/sof.
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LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
On approx. 2.5 acres w/5 BRs & 4.5 Bas, LR, DR, FR, w/FR w/gas fireplace, 2nd flr. w/FPic, 3rd flr. w/FPic, 4th flr. w/FPic, 5th flr. w/FPic, 6th flr. w/FPic, 7th flr. w/FPic, 8th flr. w/FPic, 9th flr. w/FPic, 10th flr. w/FPic, 11th flr. w/FPic, 12th flr. w/FPic, 13th flr. w/FPic, 14th flr. w/FPic, 15th flr. w/FPic, 16th flr. w/FPic, 17th flr. w/FPic, 18th flr. w/FPic, 19th flr. w/FPic, 20th flr. w/FPic, 21st flr. w/FPic, 22nd flr. w/FPic, 23rd flr. w/FPic, 24th flr. w/FPic, 25th flr. w/FPic, 26th flr. w/FPic, 27th flr. w/FPic, 28th flr. w/FPic, 29th flr. w/FPic, 30th flr. w/FPic, 31st flr. w/FPic, 32nd flr. w/FPic, 33rd flr. w/FPic, 34th flr. w/FPic, 35th flr. w/FPic, 36th flr. w/FPic, 37th flr. w/FPic, 38th flr. w/FPic, 39th flr. w/FPic, 40th flr. w/FPic, 41st flr. w/FPic, 42nd flr. w/FPic, 43rd flr. w/FPic, 44th flr. w/FPic, 45th flr. w/FPic, 46th flr. w/FPic, 47th flr. w/FPic, 48th flr. w/FPic, 49th flr. w/FPic, 50th flr. w/FPic, 51st flr. w/FPic, 52nd flr. w/FPic, 53rd flr. 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"INVESTING IN A DUPLEX"

People often talk about the investment potential in buying real estate. Most Americans think of the single family home as their only real estate investment. Have you ever considered buying a duplex? A duplex is one structure that includes two homes built side-by-side with one common wall. If you are interested in buying real estate that can provide you with an income, a duplex may be just the right answer for you.

Let's look at some of the advantages:

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A duplex is not costly to build when compared with other forms of income property. It is actually cheaper to build than two free standing homes because the common wall between homes does not require exterior finishing. If you can build this in an economical way, you can realize greater profit potential. Because of the simple design, maintenance costs should also be minimal. Rent is based on what the market will bear in a given geographic location. This means that the amount of rent that you may receive is not tied directly to the cost of construction or the price of acquiring an existing duplex. So, if you build or buy in a good location, your financial return could be worthwhile.

ON-SITE MANAGER

Every owner of income property prefers to have a responsible person living on the property. This allows for personal supervision of the premises and attention to the day-to-day needs of maintenance. If you rent out both homes, you may negotiate an agreement with one of the tenants to be the on-site manager. This is usually accomplished by granting him or her a reduction in rent in exchange for specific responsibilities.

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Turning Off Obsessive Talkers



WORKWISE
by
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"Oh, poor me!" refrain? Psychiatrist Judith Orloff, in "Positive Energy" (Harmony Books, \$24.00), presents prescriptions for reclaiming your energy and your life.

Orloff labels people like this "energy vampires." They offer an encounter of the wrong kind, "even after a brief contact you leave feeling worse, but he or she seems more alive." Make once such encounter more than enough, she advises. Of course, if your boss or a customer does the sapping, you may be stuck -- but only if you let him control your reaction to him.

BRAKING

Where do these people surface? At work, on airplanes, at the desk next to you, anywhere. Who are they? Vendors, customers, co-workers, plumbers and electricians. A hairdresser who talks incessantly about herself while fixing hair, all of the while stealthily glancing at herself in the mirror. You don't need a clearer indication that this problem isn't yours, that its source lies completely hidden from view and that it exists in an orbit far beyond your galaxy. You can't possibly do anything about it, save extricate yourself.

The author points out that you can minimize your risk around energy snatchers by being healthy. If you're tired, emotionally stressed, or overworked; if you eat poorly,

don't exercise, are ill or spiritually deficient; if you abuse a substance or are far too empathic, you make yourself vulnerable to an energy sapper. That person, typically, is oblivious to his impact on you. Are you curious about what makes him that way? Unresolved childhood trauma, according to Orloff, propelling him to suck the energy out of others. In other words, while you may be lured into being a doormat for this person, the routine isn't kind to either of you. It won't solve his problem, either.

The world is full of obsessive talkers and people who don't or won't listen. Your listening now won't "save" the person -- or rescue him -- from himself. Ask yourself why you listen ad nauseum. Does a barrage of words signify a relationship? Do you feel sorry for the person? Do you suffer from the "nice girl" or "nice boy" syndrome? Remember that when you no longer play the listening ear, he'll move on, angry that you broke your implied contract to listen sympathetically forever.

TAKING ACTION

Let the scenario play out one time, only. The longer you postpone decisive action, the more difficult it will be to extricate yourself. Orloff recommends, in the case of co-workers, that you "keep the peace, but continue emphasizing that you must return to your job." Then, if the energy sapper becomes resentful, write off the problem as his, not yours.

Remind yourself, she advises:

-- "Others must take responsibility for their own lives."

-- "It's none of your business to try to fix anyone."

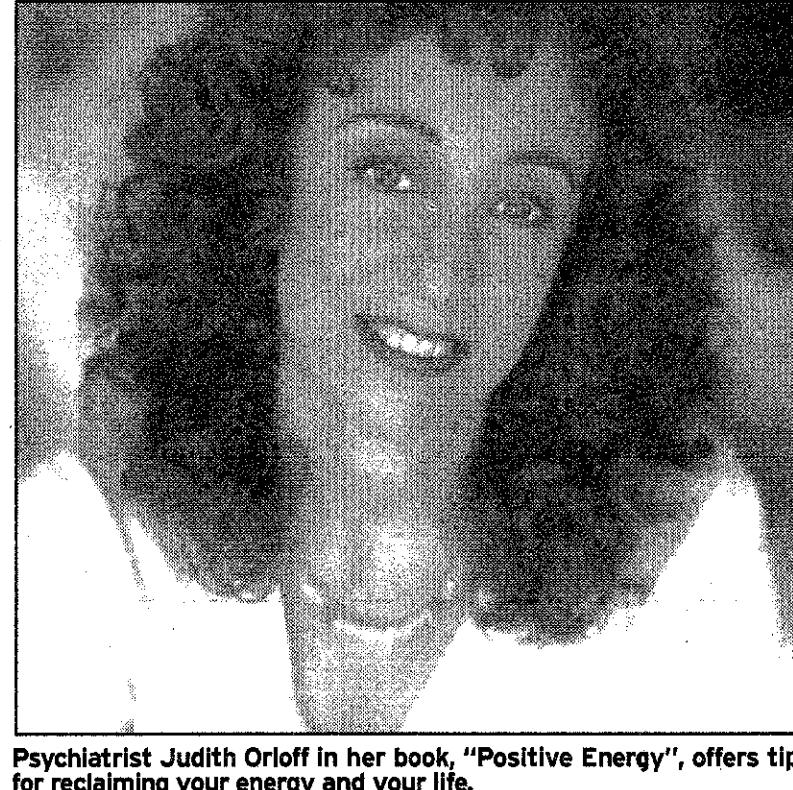
-- "As a fixer, you'll always end up with your energy drained."

Don't feel glued to the person, because you can extricate yourself a number of ways. Removing eye contact will subtly signify to the person that you're not tuning in. Try focusing on establishing boundaries between you and the person. Inhale deeply to become aware of your separateness.

You can also say, gently, that you need to get back to your work. If your job doesn't depend upon it -- and even if it does -- try Orloff's foolproof solution. Say

that you need to go to the bathroom and simultaneously make a beeline for it.

The author doesn't mention that when you use work as your excuse, you'll lose impact by sharing the one or more details that are calling you back to your desk. Announce and withdraw. If you don't, instead of hearing what you say, the person will search for a new opening in the conversation. Don't give him the chance,



Psychiatrist Judith Orloff in her book, "Positive Energy", offers tips for reclaiming your energy and your life.

because you'll be back where you started. That chance will only keep the dynamic alive.

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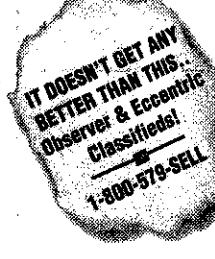
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My 11-year-old daughter, Rebecca, was in the new Toyota Corolla XRS's rear passenger seat for less than five minutes when we hopped on I-696.

All of a sudden, I hear her ask, "Mom?"

"Uh, humm," I answer, above the wind noise.

"It's like this car ate about 10 Hershey chocolate candy bars," she said.

After I stopped laughing, I concluded she was right on the mark.

The 2005 Toyota Corolla XRS does feel like it ate a bunch of chocolate. Absolutely no mistaking the pep factor here. This thing goes like the wind.

Thanks to its beautifully tuned 1.8-liter 4-cylinder 16-valve engine, the Corolla moves effortlessly and can put a sports car to shame with its acceleration, aggressive handling characteristics and peppiness. For a compact sedan to act like this, it's really, really refreshing.

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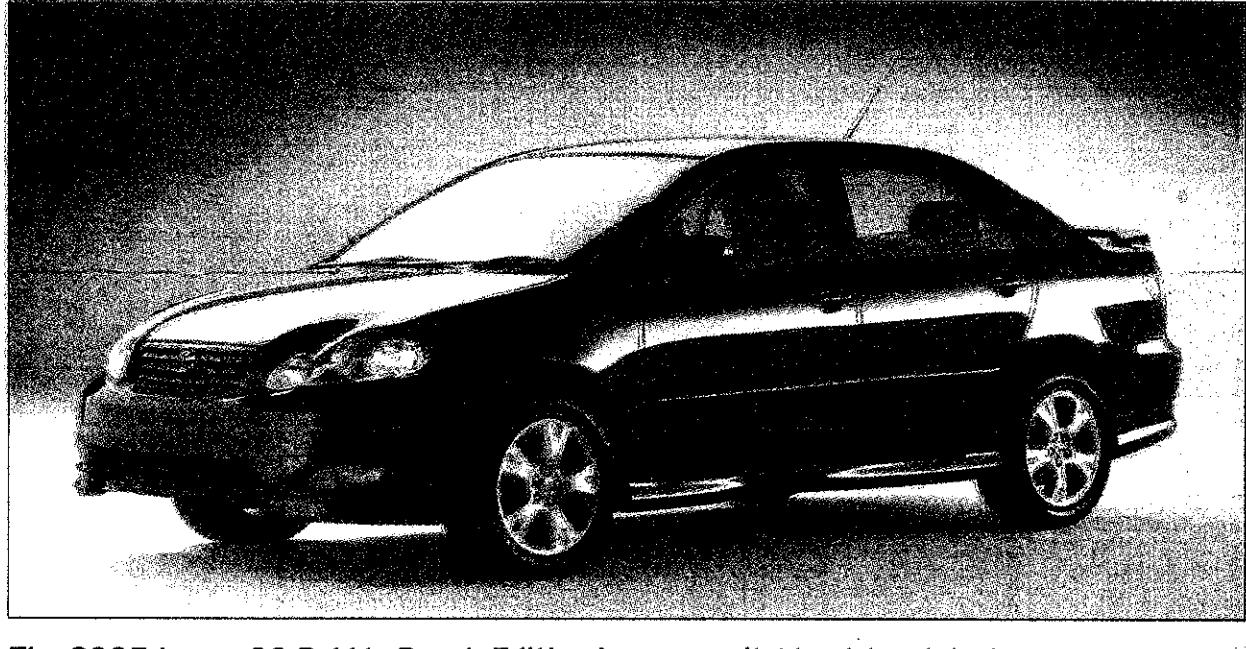
And yes, it is a sedan. But with an attitude.

Toyota redesigned the Corolla this year and added a sporty front fascia all around, cool wheel covers, a front spoiler and fog lamps and smoked headlamps.

This is not your father's Corolla. That boxy, unattractive, looks-too-much-like-a-dad-would-drive-it, Corolla.

There's even a bit of Lexus' influence on the inside. Cluster meters that are backlit blue and fabric-covered (instead of vinyl-covered) sun visors and center console add a special touch to the whole interior treatment. Seat-mounted side curtain airbags are an option, as is a vehicle stability control system.

I just can't say enough about the performance-driven aspects of the new Corolla. I had the vehicle for two entire weeks and never got tired of it. The way it



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took corners, the positive aspects of freeway driving, the get-up-and-go attitude was sometimes overwhelming. It was really a great car to get into.

The XRS model (there's a sport S trim level and a CE and LE level) is definitely aimed toward the younger set, but older folks like me can enjoy it, too. And although Toyota plans to market the XRS to single men, it can easily appease the discerning woman who wants an interesting ride to get around town in.

The most appealing aspect of the Corolla XRS is its price. I'll get into the stuff inside in a moment, but the bottom line came down to a little over \$17,000. The base model Corolla CE carries a base price of a mere \$13,680. That's a pretty good value for a car like this.

Let's get back to the power of the XRS. This newly tuned version of the same engine and six-speed manual transmission you'll find in the Celica GT-s and Matrix XRS, this 16-valve dual overhead cam engine delivers 170 horsepower that gives you broader and stronger mid-range torque that found in any other engine that Toyota produces. It almost feels like a supercharged engine, for Pete's sake.

Couple that with the fuel economy of 25 miles per gallon in the city and 32 on the highway, and you've got a vehicle that's a miser on gasoline and surpris-

ingly a blast to drive. And with gas prices still hovering around 2 bucks with no change in sight, the Corolla should look pretty good to most looking for value in their vehicle without sacrificing power and personality.

The suspension is sport-tuned and sits on 16-inch aluminum allow wheels and Michelin performance tires. The steering is much more rigid and provides you with less vibration and improved response and feedback.

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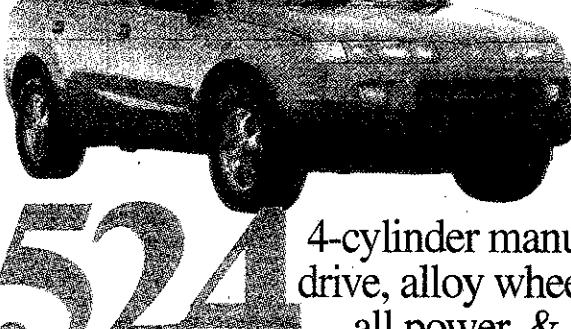


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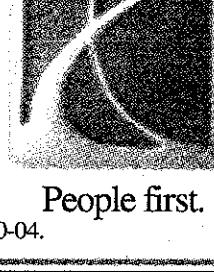


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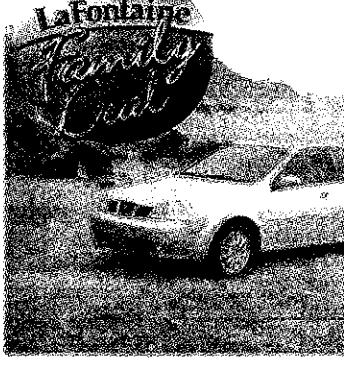
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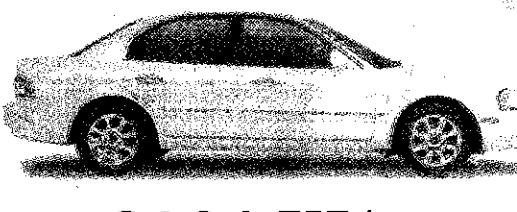
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