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The Plymouth Salvation Army kicks off its annual Red Kettle fund-raising campaign with a celebration at noon Friday, Nov. 19, at the Salvation Army located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road.

A brass ensemble from the Salvation Army will be part of the festivities, along with Christmas car ols. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available.

The Red Kettle campaign begins in earnest Monday, Nov. 22, with bell ringers at stores, malls and other locations through the Plymouth. Canton, Northville and Belleville communities served by the Plymouth Salvation Army. For more, call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

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Stunning upset

Canton running back Deshon McClendon couldn't elude the grasp of Novi linebacker Ryan Pritchard during the first quarter of Friday night's Region 2, District 2 playoff game at Canton. After cruising through their first 10 games, the Chiefs were stymied by the Wildcats, 20-0. For a complete wrap-up of the game, see page B1.

Canton artist's museum show reflects a vibrant Detroit

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Byron Reed of Canton has an unusual way of seeing things, and that unique vision is reflected in his won derful art show at the Museum of African American History running now through Dec. 5.

Forty pieces retell this 70-year-old's ecollections of life in the vibrant city of Detroit in the 1940s and the following decades.

"These are things I remembered as a child. It comes mostly from fantasy and imagination," Reed said. "I love color and motion. I guess an artist sees things differently than most."

His work is full of movement and color and most of his figures are a bit whimsical, mostly African American, embued with a Norman Rockwell-like sense of humor, of person, and of

For example, undercover cops bust down the door of a dilapidated drug house while two folks leave by the

back door. In the center of the artwork is an old man quietly pulling down a window shade looking right at us. In another, a grandma soaks her aching feet as she reads to her grandchildren gathered around her.

Many of his subjects are musicians reflecting a life spent going to concerts and listening to jazz greats. Other subjects include a card game among women, a checkers game, a man with a huge catch of fish, a mom snapping beans into a bowl, a father and son walking down a street handin-hand after a rain.

One work - "We Kill Dirty Cars" has two dozen figures at a classic inner-city car wash, all working hard to clean cars. The everyday scene, like all the other "recollection" scenes, seems to recall a truly different time well back in the past. There is nothing of the divide or the violence that later polarized Detroit, just wonderful pen and ink characters overlaid with col-

PLEASE SEE ARTIST, A9



DOUG JOHNSON

Canton artist Byron Reed loves color and motion, both reflected in his current show at the Museum of African American History in

Group carries holiday spirit into spring

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

While stores are already getting Christmas items out on the shelves, a group of Canton residents is also gearing up for a different kind of Christmas - in April.

The recently formed Canton chapter of Christmas in Action is taking applications from financially strapped senior citizens or physically handicapped homeowners who need repairs made

to their homes.

Jim Cisek, part owner of the construction division of The Velmeir Companies in West Bloomfield, formed the Canton chapter in May and it got overwhelming approval from the township board of trustees.

The program, which originated in Midland, Texas, in 1972 and now has chapters across the country is a simple concept that Cisek says has had tremendous results around the coun-

On the last Saturday in April, volunteers make the repairs to the houses ranging from fixing leaky faucets to replacing entire bathrooms and kitchens, inside and outside painting, landscaping, even reworking plumbing in the house if it's needed.

"There is a need for this in Canton," said Phyllis Redfern, a member of the Christmas in Action board. "There are senior citizens with low income and

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Canton, Salem fail standards

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Too few students take MEAP in Canton: Salem has achievement problems

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Canton and Salem high schools for the second consecutive year failed to meet federal standards under the No Child Left Behind Act.

The 2004 School Report Card released this week by the state indicates 436 high schools failed to score high enough on the MEAP tests, have enough 11th-graders take the test, or graduate enough seniors to earn a passing grade.

"Both schools earned an 'A' on the report card based on the MEAP test scores," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "But, Canton and Salem didn't make adequate yearly progress, which caused our overall grade to go down to a 'B.' You can't earn an 'A' if you haven't earned AYP."

Adequate yearly progress is Michigan's response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act to make schools more accountable for improved test scores.

For Canton, the problem was failure to reach the 95 percent goal for 11th-graders taking the MEAP tests. "We weren't off by much," said

Bender. "We were very close." In Salem's case, the reason for not reaching AYP stemmed from special; education students failing to reach the standard of achievement on the

We're in the process of digging very deeply on how those individual students did, and identify the areas they need additional support to help strengthen their skills," Bender said. Starkweather, the district's alterna-

tive high school, failed to meet AYP standards in the English-language arts portion of the MEAP tests. Plymouth High School will take the

11th grade MEAPs for the first time this year because the 3-year-old high school has its first junior class.

Last year, Canton and Salem both failed to meet AYP for failing to get 95 percent of students to show up for the MEAP tests. The district is discussing the possibility of making the MEAPs mandatory for all 11thgraders.

"We're considering making it a graduation requirement so that all students would at least participate in the MEAP testing," said Bender. "It's been successful in other districts, and we're giving it some thought to see if it's the right fit for our school dis-

ict."
If a school fails to meet AYP for three consecutive years, consequences could range from providing a change in curriculum, additional staff development, to replacing the principal and staff.

Bender said the district is well. aware of the possible consequences. "The stakes are certainly higher,"

said Bender. "The standards for performance increase next year, and we need to hit our target."

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Editor begins new beat in Canton community

Journalist Kurt Kuban, who has a strong belief in making a difference at the local level, has been named the new editor of the Canton Observer. He replaces Joanne Maliszewski.

A reporter with the Observer $\mathfrak S$ Eccentric Newspapers since 1999, Kuban has covered the city of Southfield, as well as Plymouth and Redford townships. Most recently, Kuban covered Oakland County issues for the EccentricNewspapers.

In addition to having won a number of press awards, Kuban, 34, was one of four finalists for

the Society of Professional Journalists - Detroit Chapter's journalist of the year award for 2004. His nomination for the award was largely based on his coverage of Homeland Security issues and the environment.

Kuban lives in Wayne, where he serves on the planning commission and coordinates the annual Rouge Rescue. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two children, 18-month-old Maggie and 3month-old Kameron.

"Kurt Kuban is an outstanding journalist and an involved citizen. He will bring his enthusiasm and

passion for community activism to his new role as Canton's community editor," said Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers. "As a reporter, Kurt has done in-depth coverage on many of the issues important to the Canton community. As a volunteer in community projects, including as a team leader on the annual Rouge River Cleanup, he has demonstrated his concern and dedication to community service. I think Kurt will be a definite asset to our Canton coverage." Kuban said he is looking forward to the challenge of

making a contribution to the community.

"I believe a local newspaper plays a critical role in making a community what it is. Not only does it inform residents of what's going on, it also provides a forum for them to publicize the issues and events that make a community unique," Kuban said. "I'd like to hear from Canton residents of

all walks of life." Kuban can be reached at (734) 459-2700 or e-mail at kkuban@oe.homecomm.net.

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CLARIFICATION

Due to a typographical error, a story in Thursday's Observer about the Canton trustee election said that candidate Todd Caccamo had received support from the Wayne 12th. It should have read the Wayne 11th.

SEEKING WITNESSES

A woman involved in an accident last week with a Canton police officer is hoping witnesses will come forward to help exonerate her.

Kelly Staneff said the accident happened Friday, Oct. 29 at the corner of Jov and Haggerty. Staneff said she saw other drivers waved past the accident site, and she's hoping some of them will come forward to help "prove my inno-

cence." Anyone with information about the accident can contact

Newsroom(734) 459-2700

Staneff at (734) 737-9084.

TROOP SUPPORT

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The Atiyeh Wellness & Injury Center in Plymouth is doing something to support the troops fighting the war in Iraq.

The center is collecting items to be sent to the troops during a drive that runs until Dec. 3. Among the items they're requesting: books, DVD's, magazines, beef jerky, nuts, phone cards, cookies and candy.

The items can be dropped off at Atiyeh, 1181 S. Main in Plymouth. Donors who bring in \$40 or more worth of items will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Laurel Park Mall.

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run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, in conjunction with the Canton Youth Advisory Council, presents the thirdannual "Toys for Tots Holiday Benefit" at 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, at Summit on the

The two-stage concert features Sandbox Heroes, Madison AD, Great Basement Crusade, Which Way is Home, For the Fallen, The Next Tomorrow, Every Avenue and For the Taken, Admission is \$5. or a new, unwrapped toy. For more information, call

the station, (734) 416-7732.

NUTCRACKER BALLET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company for its traditional presentation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

Performances are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Salem High School auditorium. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.

The Sugar Plum Tea follows the 11 a.m. Saturday performance and the 2 p.m. Sunday performance. Tickets for the tea are \$5.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, call the symphony office at (734)

VAN BUREN SCHOOL MEETING

The community-driven Schools Facility Committee met



Nature's bounty

The entire student body at Canton Charter Academy joined together recently to celebrate autumn's harvest. Students from kindergarten through eighth-grade dressed as farmers and enjoyed the school's annual Harvest Day. Events included food, games, crafts, and entertainment. Students were treated to a play about friendship written and performed by several of the school's parents, with many teachers making a surprise appearance. Dressed as farmers, classmates Andrew Kurt (left) and Myles Hardeman enjoyed the celebration.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 6. p.m. at the Van Buren Public Schools administration building to review the detailed assessments that Kingscot Architects has made of all the buildings within Van Buren Public Schools.

The audience of 50 plus people turned out to express their concerns and get their voices heard on creating the next proposal for a bond election to help the aging schools of the District.

It was unanimous to take a potential \$180 - \$200 million bond proposal to a town hall meeting of community members to discuss the possibility of one ballot question for a May election or multiple ballot questions of smaller dollar amounts.

The new proposal includes major components of the last bond proposal as well as a new Elwell Elementary School, new elementary school on Denton Road in Canton, converting Haggerty Elementary School into an early childhood development center, and upgrades to Tyler and Savage elementary

The town hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the Belleville High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. All community members and government officials are invited, and encouraged, to attend this important meeting to have their voices heard.

A \$150 million bond issue lost badly in October, defeated by voters more than 2-1.

BLITZ OPEN HOUSE

The Blitz - Canton is having an open house on Saturday Nov. 13 from 5-7 p.m. Check out their strength training equipment and cardio punching bags. Come signup for a free week of workouts and you could have a chance to win a free year membership.

The Blitz - Canton is at 8577 North Lilley Road in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza just south of Joy Road. Call (734) 459-1405 with any ques-

CABIN FEVER COMEDY NIGHT

Friday, Nov. 12. from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Canton Leisure Services is offering a quick pick-me-up. If less daylight has you feel-

ing down in the dumps, Summit on the Park will set the stage for an evening of laughter and lightheartedness. They will bring out a comedian sure to

tickle your funny bone in the Walnut Room. Tickets are \$6/residents and \$7.80/nonresidents.

BUILDERS' SEMINARS

Plymouth-Canton schools Community Education is offering a builders' license seminar in cooperation with the Oakland Builders Institute on Mondays and Wednesdays Nov. 8, 10, 15, and 17.

The class will meet at Canton High School. Cost is \$215 and is good for those who want to work legally in Michigan or those expecting to subcontract the construction of their own new home. Part of the course is blueprint reading. Call (734) 416-2937 to sign up; courses are offered all over by the Institute and their complete offerings are on the Web at www.buildersinstitute.com.

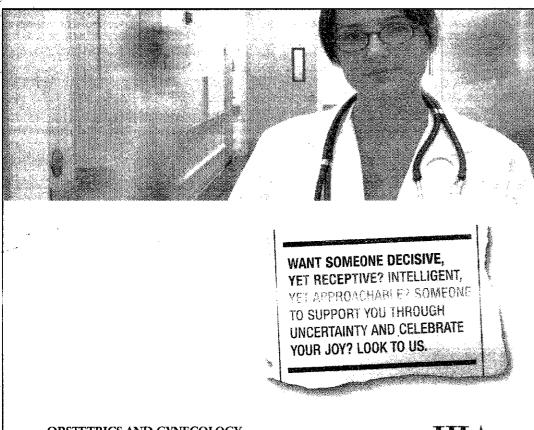
SYMPHONY PLAYS BRAHMS

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, presents its November concert, "Go Blue and Brahms!" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth.

The concert features flutist Amy Porter performing Lukas Foss's Renaissance Concerto. Also featured will be guest composer Erik Santos and his work, Karnak. The program concludes with Johannes Brahms's Symphony No. 2.

Prior to the performance, patrons will have the opportunity to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Washburn and Santos. This is a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program. Following the performance patrons are welcome to stay for the Afterglow reception.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, contact the Symphony Office at info@plymouthsymphony.org or (734) 451-2112



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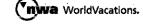
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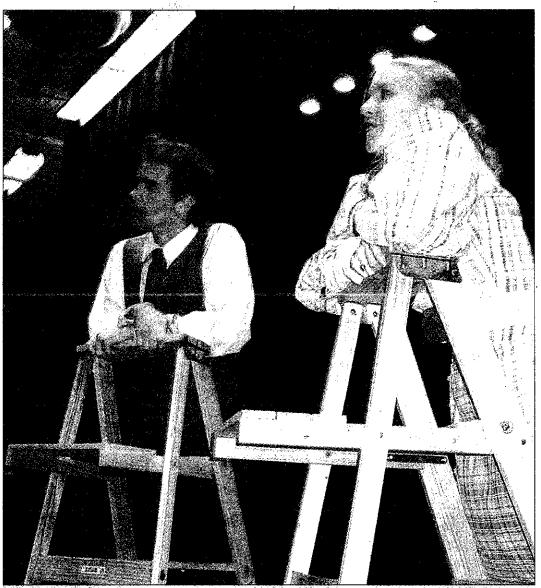
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Kyle Gnagey (George) and Marie Dolney (Emily) are mesmerized by the moon in a scene from 'Our Town' to be performed Nov. 11-12 at 8 p.m. in the DuBois Little Theatre at Canton High School.



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'Our Town' is all about life

Play provides youths more than acting experience

BY LAUREL THOMAS GNAGEY CORRESPONDENT

Students involved in the debut performance of Our Town at Canton High School expected to be taught how to be better actors as they rehearsed for play performed in the DuBois Little Theatre this week-

But along the way they also learned some valuable lessons in

The classic by Pulitzer Prizewinning playwright Thornton Wilder celebrates love, marriage, life and death through the eyes of the residents of a small

Canton junior Marie Dolney played Emily, a young woman who grows up during the production. Dolney said the play makes participants and audience members "think about things you don't normally think about."

"It teaches you to respect everything around you and take note of things around you," Dolney said, reciting one of the themes in the play: "Later is sooner than you think."

Junior Matt Kownacki said he learned a great deal as teacher

Shannon Henry worked to interpret the play.

"She's tough at times but she really helps you understand the deeper meaning of the play, and helps you get in character really well," Kownacki said of Henry.

The life lessons depicted in the play were precisely why Henry chose Our Town as the first production of the new theater program. She wanted students to get more out of the experience than having fun acting in a high school play. In addition to teaching students in her classes the deeper meaning of the play, she was joined in the effort by several PCCS English teachers, who used the work in their classes

Henry said the play is full of great messages about being encouraged in our dreams, giving and receiving unconditional love, and seizing the moment to appreciate those in our lives.

We would treat people differently if we knew it was going to be our last day with them," Henry said. "Thornton Wilder says do that every day. He says we also need to appreciate who we are and to add our own thread to the tapestry of life, as insignificant as it may seem."

ON STAGE

What: "Our Town" · Where: DuBois Theatre. Canton High School When: Nov 11-13, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$8 at the door; groups of 15 or more, \$6. Info: Call (734) 416-7514

The production, which also runs next weekend, is the first to be held in the DuBois Little Theatre. Henry decided to offer extracurricular plays in response to increased demand for drama experiences from students at the three high schools. The donation of a lighting system from Spotlight Players and a number of other upgrades to the theatre allowed her to begin the program this fall.

Salem senior Kyle Gnagey, who plays George, likes working in the smaller theatre.

"I like it because you have a more intimate connection with the audience," Gnagey says. "It's more exciting to be up close."

Gnagey has high praise for Henry and the show's cast, and he is optimistic about the upcoming performances.

"I want to create a strong program and am proud to be involved with the start of it," he

Equestrian Club seeks new members

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

An equestrian club is back at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and that's just fine with Canton's Diane Tenerowicz.

She graduated from Canton High in 1985 and Salem and Canton high schools had an equestrian club then.

Now it's being reformed under the leadership of Diane Draper and Tenerowicz. They have been holding meetings and about 25 students — both boys and girls - have expressed an

The club will work toward the fall of 2005 when a state competition is held in 18 riding events.

"I grew up in Canton and we had horses in our back yard," Tenerowicz said. "I own two horses now and my son. Keith. wants to join us when he comes to the high school next fall. I am excited about this ... my son will go to the school I went to, he'll be competing like I did,"

Tenerowicz said. Diane Draper's daughter, Dawn, a Salem ninthgrader, has a horse she boards at an Ann Arbor farm.

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"She loves to ride," Draper said. "We held our first meetings to see if there was any interest in an equestrian club."

Draper hopes to join the three Plymouth-Canton high schools with Northville and Ladywood to form a district for competition under the rules of the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association. The state group holds championships in Midland and promulgates equestrian club rules and regulations for about 2,000 students from more than 315 schools statewide. Draper and Tenerowiez would be joined by Doug Powell and his wife, Cathy, to give each of three schools adult coaches. The Powells live in Salem Township on four acres of land and own four horses.

Kaitlyn Powell, a Salem 10thgrader, said she begged her dad for a pony for four straight months when she was 5.

"I think the Equestrian Club is a really good idea. Riding horses is more educational than most sports," she said.

The next meeting for members is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Nov. 18, in the Salem cafeteria.

Club members who do not own horses will have to find a way to lease or rent horses. It is expected most members will make their own arrangements for training and for horses. Because Tenerowicz is also active in 4-H, she expects she will be able to use the fairgrounds in Ann Arbor.

Equestrian classes or events managed by the MIHA include: ■ Western fitting and show-

■ Saddle-seat fitting and showing. ■ Hunt-seat fitting and show-

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DEATHS

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Gregory Alan Anderson, 56, died Oct. 29

Bradley Ballard Jr., 87, of Birmingham, died Oct. 31. Linda Marie Barker, 53, of Canton Township, died Oct. 31. Geraldine M. Hassberger Bova, formerly of Royal Oak, died Oct. 22. Norman A. Brunson, 68, formerly of Westland, died Oct. 25. Lois Bryan, 75, of Livonia, died

May Jane Mesoros Curtis, 92, of Birmingham, died Oct. 30.

Horace F. Dugger Jr., 78, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 26.

Herman E. Esch, 84, of Grayling, died Nov. 4. William J. Eubank, 74, died Oct. 13.

George Robert Ferguson, of Canton Township, died Nov. 2. Douglas L. Forbes, 72, of Livonia, died Oct. 27. Doris M. Forestall, 86, of Redford Township, died Oct. 28. Severn Frank Francis, 83, formerly

George Edmund Garrity, 93, of River Oaks, Lenoir City, Tenn., died Richard D. Girard, 63, of Shelby

of Plymouth, died Nov. 4.

Twp., died Oct. 29.

Lee J. Hill, 76, formerly of Farmington, died Oct. 28. Anne E. Hopkins, 80, of Clarkston, died Nov. 2.

Mary Ann Howard, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 29. Sharon Hutchings, 66, died Oct.

Sandra M. Kale, 60, of Canton, died

FOR THE RECORD

Lloyd E. Keller, 79, of Livonia, died Alpha R. Koterba, 80, of Troy, died

Shelly Rose Anne Hart Leonardi, 38, of Farmington Hills, died Oct.

Betty Caroline MacMillan, of Afton, died Oct. 15. Irene McCabe, 69, of Clarkston,

died Nov. 2. Evelyn Ewald Mentell, 81, formerly of Garden City, died Oct. 20. Margaret Jean Merritt, 83, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, died Oct. 25.

Reland L. Olds, 90, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 1.

Sylvia Pace, 90, of Traverse City, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 3. Lucy Paquette, 80, of Rochester

For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life section in Passages on page C5.

Hills, died Oct. 31. Alice Pickering died Oct. 25.

Donald Joseph Rachar, 75, of Onaway, formerly of Rochester, died Oct. 29.

Leola Peterson Raymond, 90, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Farmington Hills, died Nov. 2

Virginia Mae Ruher, 81, of Livonia, died Oct. 27.

Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Schaum, 29, of Birmingham, died Oct. 27. Adam Schlitt Jr., of Canton Township, died Nov. 2. Craig A. Schroeder, 38, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 30. Lily H. Siegert (nee Hill), 87, died

Ferdinand Stankowski, 87, died Oct. 16. Lori K. (Gritter) Suh, 47, of Plymouth, died Oct. 28.

Oct. 29.

John H. Taylor, of Frankenmuth, died Nov. 1.

Edwin G. "Ted" Wells, 80, of Clarkston, died Oct. 29. Walt Wikol, 85, of Birmingham, died Nov. 5.

Melvin C. Zuehik, 66, of Pontiac, died Oct. 27.

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Citizens for Peace go for pizza

The 11th Congressional District "Citizens for Peace" will observe their first anniversary with a family-style dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at DeLuca's restaurant in Westland.

"All regular members, their families, and friends as well as others interested in the work of the group are welcome," said

group spokesperson, Colleen Mills,

Cost of the five-course dinner. per person, is approximately \$10. Seating will be at 6:30 p.m. The restaurant is on the northwest corner of the Warren and Inkster intersection.

"We thought a relaxing dinner where people can socialize and enjoy themselves would be an

appropriate way to celebrate the conclusion of a very successful and active year," said Mills. The dinner will be in lieu of the "Citizens" normal working meeting at the Plymouth Library on that date.

For additional information, contact: G. T. Mills at (734) 425-0079, or

cmills0079@yahoo.com.

District set to sell school bonds

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The first of the \$109 million bonds approved by Plymouth-Canton school district voters in September were sold in Chicago last week.

The \$73.4 million in bonds will be used over the next three years to refurbish existing school buildings, and begin construction of a new elementary school in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village. Some of the proceeds are also expected to be used to acquire new technology equipment and school buses.

A second issue is expected to be sold in three years to complete projects at all of the district's buildings constructed before 2000.

The bonds will be sold in \$5,000 denominations.

"They are free from both federal and state income taxes," said Dan Cesta, vice president of investments and senior retirement planning consultant at UBS Financial Services, Inc., in Plymouth. "But, because they are tax free, they will have a higher rate of return when you consider the break from income

taxes. They are typically bought by a person with a higher-end income."

Cesta said the bonds will probably return a rate of 2-4.5 percent. Cesta noted the bonds are considered a safe investment because they are guaranteed by the State of Michigan.

"The proposed structure of these serial bonds is that portions of the principal will come due each year, beginning in 2006, with the final bonds maturing in 2029," Cesta said.

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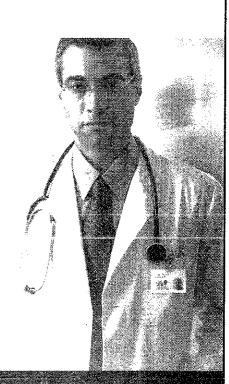
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District seeks housing November calendar full at CHV Theater committee members

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are looking for people to fill vacancies on the P-CCS Housing Committee.

The committee is the group that decides which neighborhood goes to which school. It meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, once or twice each month, at the Board of Education Office on Harvey.

The committee has vacancies for a parent of an elementary school-age student, a parent of a middle school-age student and an "at-large" community mem-

The district will accept nominations by phone or in writing. Send written nominations to the Community Relations Office, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone nominations to the community relations office at (734) 416-2757. Anyone wishing to make a nomination can also do so by hitting the "Contact Magical Empire at Caesars Us" button at the district's Web site, www.pccs.k12.mi.us

Names will be randomly drawn at the special Board of Education meeting Nov. 15. For more information, call the



The November calendar at the Village Theater is full with several events for the family, including a dance show this Friday and Saturday. Events include:

Nov. 7, Magician Whit Haydn (presented by McCabe Funeral Home) is on stage. Caesars chose Whit Haydn to be one of the acts to open the new \$60 million Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. He has also performed at Caesars Tahoe. Whit works on some of the world's largest and most prestigious cruise ships - including the QE 2, the

Norway, and the Westerdam. He has performed as the opening act for Jerry Seinfeld, Loretta Lynn, Gallagher, and many others. The Magic Castle, Hollywood's world famous clubhouse for the Academy of Magical Arts, honored him with four academy awards; the curtain is at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$15.

M Nov. 8 is a Musical Monday with Vincent York's Jazzistry - an American history lesson put to music, taught by a six-member band playing a jazz soundtrack that spans every decade - Africa to Harlem, Joplin to Coltrane. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.; tickets are \$10.

M Nov. 9, 12-13 are set aside for The Sounds of Canton "Blast from the Past." The Canton Senior Citizens Choral Group will perform at the following times: Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7; sing along with TV commercials and old favorites.

■ Nov.18, the 94 EAST Comedy Improv troupe (mature subject matter) is on stage at 8 p.m., \$10

■ Nov. 13, the Theater will present noted jazz bassist Rodney Whitaker and his quartet for an evening of jazz on Saturday, at 8 p.m. Quartet members include Diego Rivera (tenor sax), Rick Roe (piano) and Randy Gelispie (drums), joined on this evening on trumpet by special guest Derrick Gardner. Bassist and composer Rodney Whitaker is among the stars of a now mature generation of contemporary jazz musicians who hail from Detroit. He is a professor of jazz at Michigan State

University. Tickets are \$18. ■ Nov. 20, a Cappella Pops comes to Canton. A Cappella Pops is exciting and progressive, and nothing but voice. A high quality group of singers from Philadelphia, they are committed to performing exciting, contemporary, and unique a cappella arrangements of progressive music,

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Nov. 23 is the date for Chamber Music Moments with Duo Forza. Duo Forza combines the talents of violinist Movses Pogossian and guitarist Matthew Ardizzone for an engaging and unusual program.

The guitar-violin repertoire of 19th-century Italy makes up the bulk of the music written for this combination, and few duos have gone beyond it. Duo Forza, while embracing this music, has looked both forward and back for further inspiration. The result is an attractive and varied program. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$15.

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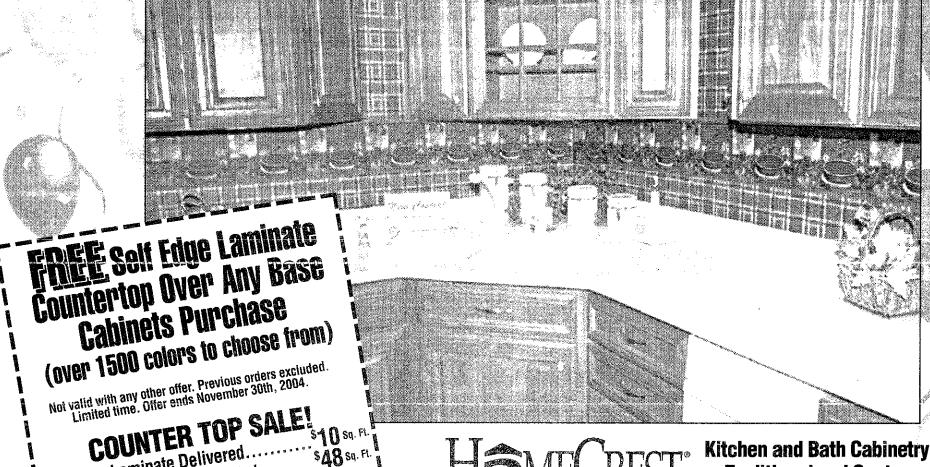
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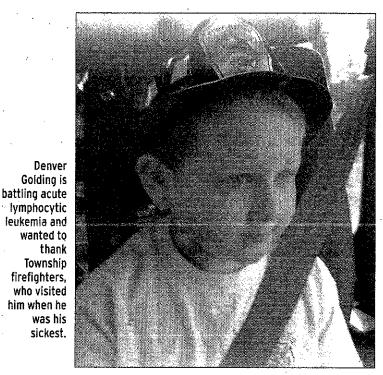
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Boy, 5, wants to thank and honor 'his' firefighters



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BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Tracy Golding of Van Buren Township is hoping that a couple of local businesses will join her and her five-year-old son, Denver, in saluting local firemen.

Denver, who is battling acute lymphocytic leukemia, wants to thank the Van Buren Township firefighters, who so generously visited him when he was his sickest. Denver is in remission but still faces regular tests and painful procedures.

Denver does artwork inspired by his heroes of 9/11 and has always talked about how one day he was going to use his artwork to raise money so he can go to Disney

Profits from the T-shirt sales, and raffle ticket sales would go to the Van Buren **Township Fire Department.**

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"I can't tell you how proud I am to see my son at such a young age decide to take an opportunity that would benefit him greatly and just give it away to his heroes that he loves so much," Tracy Golding said.

Denver would like to raise these funds by designating a day for the citizens of the

township to honor their firefighters.

He plans to do this by having his artwork, inspired by the firefighters and 9/11, printed on T-shirts, and selling them, and also designating a day to honor the firefighters by wearing the Tshirts and holding several activities such as raffles, and

Profits from the T-shirt sales, and raffle ticket sales would go to the Van Buren Township Fire Department.

fire safety activities for the

Golding is looking for a silk screen company to help with the printing, and a clothing store to help with the shirts.

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Denver Golding drew this artwork to show his appreciation to Van Buren firefighters.

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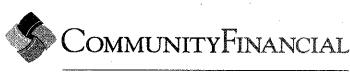


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STAFF WRITER Leave those fire hydrants mer."

Canton: Leave fire hydrants alone

BY JACK GLADDEN

That's the word that Canton Township engineer Bob Belair wants to get out to residents and some water hauling businesses.

"Fire hydrants are only to be used by the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works," he said.

He said unauthorized use of the hydrants is punishable by a ticket and a fine.

DPW crews recently finished winterizing the township's 4,000 hydrants, which includes draining them so they don't freeze in the winter. "We spend two to three weeks

winterizing every hydrant," he said. "If someone turns one on and doesn't winterize it, it can freeze and crack. It's a public safety issue."

He said in the case of freezing and cracking, the entire hydrant would have to be replaced at a cost of \$1,000 in materials only.

While the problem isn't widespread, Belair said people do occasionally hook up to a hydrant illegally to fill water hauling trucks.

"In summer and even in winte: we catch peoble hooking ap-

the water trucks to hydrants illegally," he said. "We probably get a dozen or so calls every sum-

He said some private street sweepers, landscaping companies and other water haulers are

the culprits. "It typically occurs in more isolated areas," he said. "They

know they're not supposed to be hooking up to them." Private companies, such as

contractors and those involved in road projects, are allowed to hook up to the hydrants, but there's a process involved. They must first get a permit

from the township and pay a deposit."Then we'll go out and put on a back flow preventer and water meter," Belair said. "We measure the amount they use and they get billed for it. We have to pay for all the water that comes out of those hydrants."

If residents know people aren't supposed to be hooking up to the hydrants, maybe this will help prevent it in the future.

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Pastor bids church dosvidanya

STAFF WRITER

Russian pastor Nikolay Deviatkin has learned a lot during his six-week stay at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Church members have learned a lot from him, too, and are eager to stay in

"It's just been a great experience," said the Rev. Bryan Smith, Geneva pastor. "I think God led him here."

Deviatkin, who arrived in late September, leaves Wednesday, and will spend some time at an Ohio church. He'll then head to Washington state to visit family, and then to Detroit for his return flight to Russia Nov. 24.

"It's been wonderful." Smith said of the visit. "He is an amazing guy."

Deviatkin, a Baptist pastor in Russia, has shared insights on his faith. He's visited local schools. Greenfield Village and toured the Ford Rouge plant.

"Virtually every night, he's had dinner at somebody's home," Smith said. "It really feels like he's fit in very well."

This Sunday during worship services, Deviatkin will say goodbye to many members of the Canton congregation prior to his Wednesday departure.

Deviatkin serves a congregation in Arkhangelsk, in the European part of Russia. He's also superintendent of the Evangelical Christian Baptist churches of the Arkhangelsk

"I think it will be very difficult," Deviatkin said Friday of his goodbyes. "I don't know how to express my appreciation for them. They opened their hearts. It's unforgettable."



Nikolay Deviatkin, visiting Russian pastoral associate at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, had a 'great experience,' according to pastor Bryan Smith.

He visited a mission organization Friday and enjoyed that. Deviatkin, who's learned to involve others in his ministry, mentioned children's worship, prayer groups and

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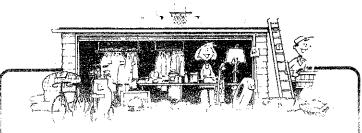
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State's election produced several winners and losers

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ard to believe now, but Michigan was once sort of a reliable barometer - of presidential support. Back in the 1980s, it mirrored the national outcome closer than any other state in three

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straight elec-This week, however,

Michigan chose as its president John Kerry, giving him almost as large a mandate as it gave president Al

Gore four years ago. Democrats swept all but one of the eight

seats for education boards, and gained five seats in the state House of Representatives. Democrats also scored significant gains in county commis-¿sion seats in Detroit's principal suburban counties, Oakland and Macomb. In Royal Oak, an area of tidy houses and suburban families with young children, Marie Donigan, a supporter of gay rights, beat a far better financed opponent for a state legislative seat.

What does this all mean? Probably it means less that Michigan has moved left of center than that the center has moved away from where Michigan used to be. Republicans still control both houses of the Legislature, and have a solid edge in the delegation to Congress, although that is more due to creative redistricting than anything else.

There were echoes of the national results in the Wolverine State. The turnout was huge. There was increased support for President Bush in blue-collar and rural areas, such as Macomb and Monroe counties, both of which Bush lost four years ago and won this time.

But the president didn't

make a visible dent in Detroit, or among minorities generally. Better educated, affluent voters in places like Oakland County continued to be uncomfortable with him, and his candidacy was hopeless in any county that contained a major univer-

Overall, Bush lost Michigan by 165,000 - slightly less than four years ago, but by more '. votes than he won Ohio.

The real winner, some felt, was Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the chair of the Kerry campaign, who also got some credit for other Democratic success-

Curiously, she is the first governor since 1980 to have backed a presidential candidate who actually carried the state. For most of her first two years in office, she has been cautiously non-controversial, generally going along with the GOP-dominated Legislature on most major issues.

Much of her term has been spent grappling with how to balance the state budget, mostly by cutting various programs. Yet for the first time, she took a forceful stand on two controversial issues. She did radio commercials urging a "no" vote on Proposal I, which was designed to give the casinos a gambling monopoly, and also came out (less loudly) against Proposal 2, which called for a state constitutional amendment against gay marriage.

Her side lost badly in each case, though she got little blame. The margin by which voters approved of the gay marriage ban was 58-42 - less than in many other states where it has been on the ballot.

Her stands earned her new warmth from Democratic core groups - but don't expect any talk of Jennifer Granholm on the party's presidential ticket next time; she was born in Canada, and is as ineligible as Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Ironically, a big Michigan winner and a big loser as a

result of this week's election were two people whose names appeared nowhere on the bal-

The big loser was clearly Detroit's mercurial mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick, who faces what is sure to be a major challenge for re-election next year. He was heavily involved in a campaign to give the mayor authority over the city's troubled schools, which were so bad and so corrupt the Legislature took control away from the elected board five years ago.

Under his plan, the voters would have elected a board which could only approve or reject the mayor's nominee for a "CEO" to run the schools. Despite pleas from many urban leaders, the voters chose by a 2-1 margin to reinstate a traditional and typical school

A steady stream of allegations about the mayor's personal behavior in office, and stories about sweetheart financial deals crafted for his family members and his vivacious chief of staff, undoubtedly

The secret winner Tuesday, however, may have been freshman U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., who has to run for re-election in 2006. Republicans are gearing up to make a major effort to oust

Democrats hope that two years from now, a traditional "six-year fatigue" with an incumbent administration will have set in, and make her much easier to re-elect than if it were president Kerry trying to cope with economic doldrums and whatever the state of Iraq may be.

But as all great columnists might say, only time will tell.

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Elephants Winky and Wanda need benefits of a sanctuary, not a zoo

he decision made by the AZA (American Zoo and Aquarium Association) to send Winky and Wanda to Columbus Zoo is upsetting. In May, Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoo, decided that Winky and Wanda needed to be moved from their current

home to a different the ele-

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facility. The winters were becoming too hard on phants, and he felt a sanctuary would be the best place to nurture the aging ani-

mals and their growing physical and psychological needs. Despite the obvious perks of sanctuary life - large roaming space and the presence of other elephants, among the top advantages – the AZA maintains that the elephants would be best suited at Ohio's Columbus Zoo. It is an unfortunate reality that politics and bureaucratic red tape has blinded the AZA from realizing a sanctuary is the only humane refuge for the retiring elephants.

I was blown away in more than one way when visiting The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn. in the summer of 2000. Carol Buckley and Scott Blais - the founders of the sanctuary led myself and the two other staff members on a tour of the 2,700-acre facility. They explained how the huge amount of land allowed the Asian elephants to roam, eat, and play much in the same manner that wild elephants do. Additionally, the facility housed several Asian elephants; two of whom were imported together in the 1950s. Their amazing retation

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even sharper degree, the elephants' ability to socialize in privacy - away from prying eyes in the normal waking hours - made a lasting impact in my mind.

Following my visit to the sanctuary, conversation buzzed among the zookeepers and administration about the Detroit Zoo's ability to humanely care for Winky and Wanda. Modern research provides solid scientific proof that elephants confined to small spaces, forced to live on unnaturally hard surfaces such as concrete, in cold climates and deprived of the room necessary to stimulate activity, develop painful life threatening diseases including arthritis and osteomlyitis. After long discussions, all parties agreed that it was impossible to emulate an environment similar to the facility in Tennessee. Ron Kagan was right in his declaration that if the Zoo couldn't do the elephants right, it shouldn't do them at all. This philosophy fits with the Zoo's motto of Celebrating and Saving Wildlife. It was observed that Winky and Wanda's situation necessitated a change, and since the Zoo is not able to rightly care for the elephants, it is taking the necessary actions to ensure their continued livelihood.

Why the AZA feels that placing the elephants at another zoo is beneficial is beyond me. It has been observed, for instance, that the hard, cold concrete floors Winky and Wanda stand on in the winter months is hard on their feet. Both Winky and Wanda suffer from chronic foot abscesses.

How could the Columbus Zoo improve that situation? By placing wood chips on the floor "to break up the monotony," as Jerry Borin, director of the Columbus Zoo, states on the second selection of the second of

Detroit Zoo is currently doing that. How can wood chips

compare to the natural grassland found in the Tennessee sanctuary? And for that matter, how could the Columbus Zoo care any better or offer any additional perks for the elephants that the Detroit Zoo has not already attempt-

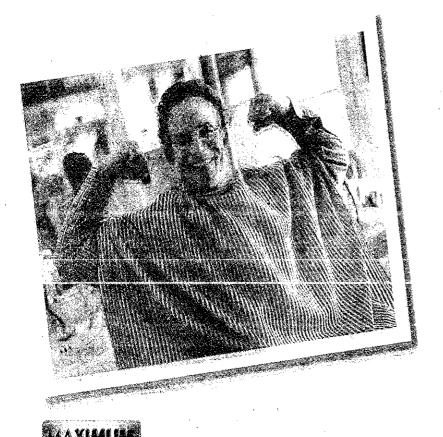
In addition and most importantly Winky and Wanda are currently in a protected contact management system at the Detroit Zoo. This system of management is totally void from negative stimuli, i.e. chains, bullhooks. Both Winky and Wanda have thrived from this management system. Columbus' management combines both practices of protected contact and free contact. Expecting either of them to revert back to the opposing management system of negative reinforcement training to any extent is putting them and their future keepers in harms way. Wanda's behavior has indicated that she has experienced an abused past and is known for lashing out. If she enters a free-contact environment, even on restraints, she is likely to hurt someone, or be hurt by someone in self defense. Sending her to Columbus Zoo would not be improving her future.

I congratulate and fully support the Detroit Zoo's motion to appeal the AZA's decision. I am asking the San Antonio Zoo Director relinquish the rights to Wanda'so that she can retire to the sanctuary. I am urging that the arbiters who will decide Winky and Wanda's fate will realize the undisputed advantages of an elephant sanctuary and not send them to another zoo.

Please join me in my effort to save Winky and Wanda from an unjust retirement and write to the Detroit Zoo. Many voices are better than

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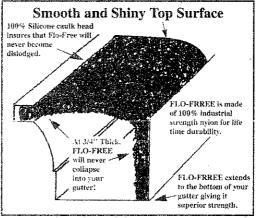
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Parish Nurses hold good health fair at church

The Parish Nurses at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton sponsored a Health Fair: "Passport to Good Health" on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The purpose was to educate the parishioners and community regarding various health topics and to provide health screenings including blood pressure, cholesterol screening, and body fat analysis. There were also educational booths on the importance of handwashing, exercise, helmet safety, and dental health.

A highlight, especially for the children, was a booth sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital that showed the devastating effects that smoking has on peoples' lungs and health.

Diane Duxter, RN, had actual healthy pig's lungs available to demonstrate how an individual's lungs appear if they do not smoke and then had an example of unhealthy lungs, which were black and diseased, to demonstrate a smoker's lungs.

"This visual demonstration really had an impact on many people. Hopefully the kids will remember this and not start smoking," Duxter said.

Another highlight was the nutrition station featuring Karen Sandusky, a registered dietitian at United Home Health Services in Canton.

Sandusky had real examples of healthy food vs. not-so-

healthy food and demonstrated that you could have a whole day's supply of nutritious foods for the same amount of calories and less fat than one meal from a fast food restaurant.

That demonstration was really eye-opening to many of the attendees, including the nurses.

There was also community resource information available on Medicare and Medicaid, home health care, and the Lifeline program.

Penny Rhein, vice-president of United Home Health Services and coordinator of the St. Thomas a'Becket Parish Nurses, explained the reason for the fair.

We wanted to sponsor a health fair this year in order to provide much-needed information to the community and to do our part in the fight against preventable diseases.

Our sponsors were wonderful and the people who attended were impressed with the variety of things available," she said.

Parish Nurses advocate for health promotion and disease prevention based on care of the whole person.

Their functions include integrator of faith and health, health educator, personal health counselor, referral agent, volunteer trainer, developer of support groups, and health advocate.

The Parish Nurse group was founded in 1999.



Nurse Kate Swanberg and Donna Kemper find out Kemper's blood pressure.



Parish Nurses are (left to right) Jean Hampton, Cathy Stewart, Kathy Bielawski, Kate Swanberg, Barbara Barboza, Diane Duxter and in front row: Judy Pepin, Marlene Reyes, and Penny Rhein.

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handicapped people who need help with these repairs.

Some older senior citizens may be financially well off and can afford to have the work done themselves. Others don't have the money and may have to make a choice between buying medicine and having the roof repaired."

Since next April will be the first year for the project in Canton, the group is soliciting applications for volunteers who want to help with the program, as well as residents seeking assistance with their homes.

"We want to begin reviewing those applications by the end of the year," Redfern said. "We're also starting a campaign to solicit donations from different companies and individuals."

She said they are looking for companies who would like to donate supplies such as plumbing, electrical or any kind of household equipment.

We're looking for companies who would like to sponsor one or more houses or make a donation to the whole fund that we will be using to buy supplies," she said.

Redfern said they are seeking different groups who would like to participate in

ors in either water-based

Some work like the huge

"Club Chaos" is mixed media

and seems to draw us into the

whirl of a nightclub visited

perhaps a bit too often, too

Reed, who has lived in

Canton for eight years with

his wife, Maria, will also be

Community Art Council, the

Northwest Activities Center in Detroit, and hopefully, in

the gallery of the lobby at the

new Village Theater in Cherry

Reed is a PCAC mentor and

teaches classes there. His next

class will be basic drawing. His background is classic in

the sense that he went to

Detroit Cass Tech and the

showing at the Plymouth

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paint or acrylic.

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the project.

"Ŵe'll work with groups 📝 such as high school students, athletic teams, church groups or other organizations," she said. "We need skilled labor as well as unskilled labor to do different things. There's something for everybody who wants to help."

Residents interested in receiving help with their home repairs must fill out and submit an application form for eligibility purposes.

Forms are available in the lobby of the township administration building on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, or from the senior center at Summit on the Park.

They can also be downloaded from the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

People who want to request a form, volunteer to work or make donations, or receive more information can call (734) 844-8900.

They'll be connected to a recording asking them to leave their name and phone number and a message.

"We have volunteers who will pick up the messages and return the phone calls," Redford said.

"If they have specific questions they can leave them and we'll direct them to the right person."

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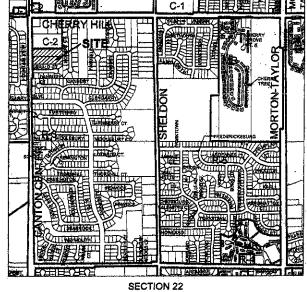
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 2, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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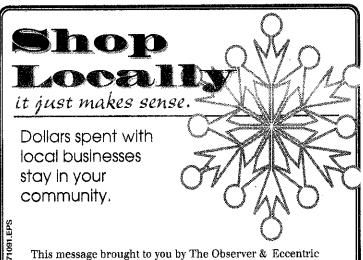
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On both dates, brunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Santa will visit from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Parents are welcome to bring cameras.

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day souvenir, crayons, a place mat to color and a photo. Tickets are on sale from now until Sunday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Summit front desk. Tickets are required for admission and no tickets will be sold at the door. Adult tickets are \$15, tickets for children 4-12 years old are \$8. Children three and under are free.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Canvassers for the Charter Township of Canton will meet on Monday, November 8. 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the Canton Township Administration Building, at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., to review and certify the election results from the November 2, 2004 General Election.

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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced Wednesday that 67.5 percent of registered voters cast ballots in Tuesday's general election, setting a Michigan turnout record of over 4.8

Last week Land projected that 4.5 million voters would participate.

"From the courthouse to the White House, the voices of Michigan residents were heard loud and clear on Election Day," Land said. "The high voter turnout in Michigan and across the nation is a significant victory for our democratic process."

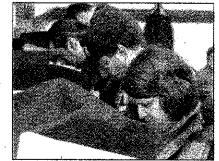
Land applauded Michigan's election workers for their dedication and integrity during a long day at the

"One of the reasons Michigan is considered the gold standard in election administration is the professionalism and commitment of the people who serve as poll workers and election officials," Land said. "These men and women deserve our thanks for a job well done."

The voter turnout figures will remain unofficial until certified by the Board of State Canvassers, which meets Nov. 22.

There were 7.16 million Michigan voters registered to participate in the Nov. 2 election.

The Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections will post official election returns, when they are available, on its Web site at



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michelle Schuck (foreground) was among residents voting Tuesday afternoon at Wildwood Elementary School in Westland.

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Michigan has a record turnout at the polls Governor declares Winter Hazards Awareness Week

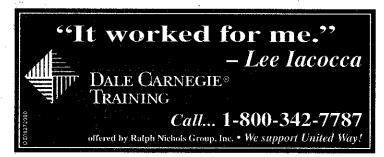
To focus attention on winter safety precautions, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has declared Nov. 7-13 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan.

Heavy snow, extreme cold. ice and wind routinely affect Michigan during winter and, individually or together, pose dangers to life or property. However, Michigan residents must remember that it does not necessarily take record-breaking low temperatures or mountains of snow to make winter in Michigan dangerous. The abrupt changes in winter weather are enough to turn enjoyment of the season into tragedy.

The 2003-2004 winter season's temperatures averaged near or slightly above normal across Michigan. Snowfall was also slightly above the average for more loca-

tions. The winter season started very mild in November and December. However, January demonstrated what winter can do in Michigan. The state plunged into the cold Arctic air as temperatures fell well below the average. Numerous snow storms moved through the state leaving most locations with one of the snowiest Januarys on record. By the end of the month, cold and snow gave much of lower Michigan its deepest snowpack in 10

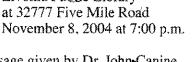
Despite the mild start to the winter season, the first winter storm to hit the state moved across the Straits of Mackinac on Nov. 12, 2003. 1) and across Lake Superior on Jan. 21 with up to 12 inches in northwest Lower Michigan.



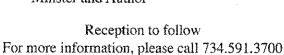
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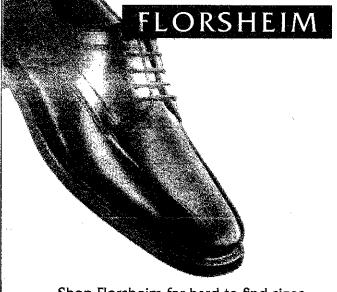


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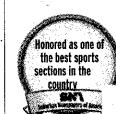
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Canton's hopes for long playoff run dashed

STAFF WRITER

Novi's defensive team speed is enough to cause nightmares for opposing teams' offensive coordinators.

On Friday night, the Wildcats' speedy 'D' played a major role in ending Canton's dream season.

Novi stymied the Chiefs' powerful offense, 20-0, to advance to the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs next

weekend against South Lyon, which bounced Ann Arbor Pioneer Friday night.

Canton, which had won all 10 of its games this season by at least 20 points, finished 10-1.

"I feel very badly for our seniors," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "It's a great group of kids and it's hard to see them go out like this."

The Chiefs' inability to turn long drives into points proved to be their downfall in the Region 2. District 2 final played at the P-CEP football field.

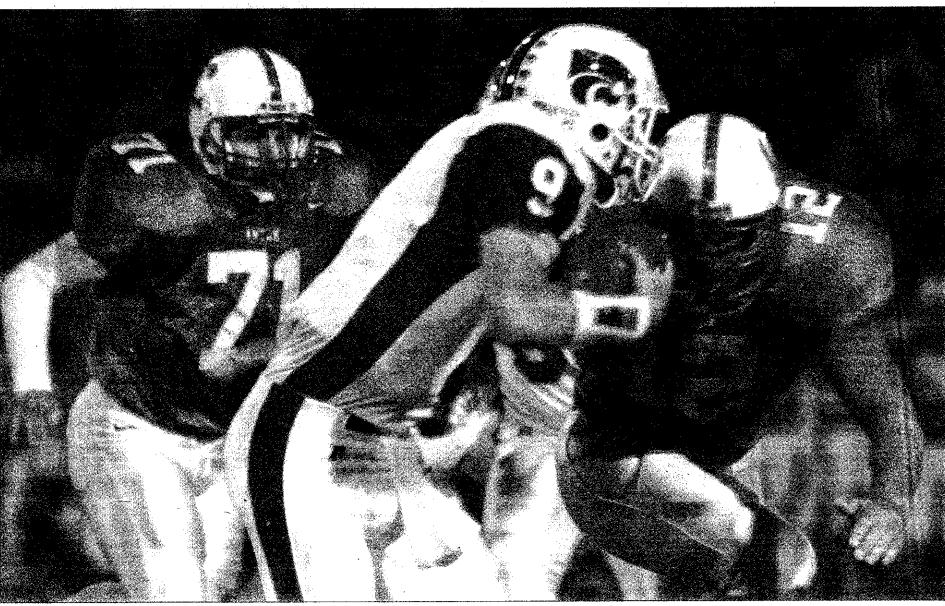
On two occasions in the first half, Canton advanced inside the Novi 3, but came away with no points both times. When they did find the end zone midway through the third quarter, the play was nullified by an offensive pass interference penalty.

"That was huge," said Baechler, commenting on two Canton drives that stalled on the doorstep of the end zone. "If it's 14-14 at halftime, or even 14-7 who knows what happens. But give Novi credit: They're a very good football team. There is no shame in losing to a team like that."

Novi coach Tab Kellepoury said the one-sided final score was deceptive.

"If Canton scores on those two drives in the first half, it's anybody's game," Kellepoury noted. "We beat a very good

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B3



Novi quarterback Keyin Cislo tries to elude Canton's P.J. Caram (left) and Jake Powers during the first quarter of Friday night's 20-0 Novi victory. Cislo accounted for three touchdowns on offense and he intercepted a pass on defense.

Knights slay Rocks' title hopes

Salem dug itself a substantial first-half hole during Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association semi-final game at Walled Lake Northern.

The opportunistic Knights proceeded to bury the Rocks' WLAA tournament title hopes in the second half, winning

The loss dropped Salem to 13-6 heading into Wednesday's WLAA third-place contest against Plymouth. The game is

set for 5 p.m. at Walled Lake Western. Northern, which is now 17-2, will play Canton in the championship game at 7 p.m. The WLAA All-League squad will be recognized between the two games.

We didn't shoot well in the first half, plus we had 14 turnovers that put us in a very big hole," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We got it down to six in the second half, but we couldn't sustain the momentum.

"We knew Northern was going to come into the game with more intensity than it did the first time we played them (a 66-46 Salem win on Oct. 5), and they did. We played much better the second half. We dug ourselves too big of a hole in the first half."

Sophomore guard Ashley Jolley scored a game-high 15 points for the Knights, who sprinted to a 12-6 lead after one quarter and 24-12 halftime advantage. Jessica Knurick tallied 11 for the win-

Teresa Coppiellie played well for Salem, netting II points and a teamhigh 12 rebounds. Ellen Canale chipped in with 11 and Alyssa Guerin twined

The lone bright spot for the Rocks was their proficiency at the free-throw line (14-of-17). The Knights canned 17-of-24 shots from the charity stripe. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

Big 2nd half leads Chiefs to WLAA title game

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton girls basketball coach Bob Blohm may want to bottle and sell the message he conveyed to his team during halftime of Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association semi-final playoff game against Plymouth.

Judging by their second-half performance, the Chiefs definitely bought into Blohm's words as they outscored the Wildcats 15-1 in the third quarter and cruised to a 53-29 victory.

With the win, Canton (14-5) advanced to Wednesday night's WLAA final against Walled Lake Northern (17-2), the team that handed the Chiefs their lone conference loss this season. The final is set for 7 p.m. at Walled Lake Western High School.

Canton is one of the hottest teams around, having reeled off a 12-1 record after starting the season 2-4.

Plymouth, which played an inspired first half but struggled in the second, dropped to 9-10. The Wildcats will battle Šalem in the WLAA third-place game, which is slated for 5 p.m.

Canton, which blasted the Wildcats 40-16 two weeks ago, led 22-21 with 1:33 left in the first half. However, the Chiefs constructed a 21-1 run over the next 9:33 to reserve their spot in Wednesday's conference final.

"I thought we played OK in the first half, but Plymouth did a good job of getting inside on us," Blohm said. "We were disorganized defensively in the first half, but we came out and played a lot better in the second half."

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Kicks soar

The Plymouth Kicks U-11 soccer team recently completed a 10-0-0 season in the WSSL Boys Select Division III soccer league. The Kicks outscored their opponents 40-6.

The team consists of: Jacob Alexander, Christopher Bryden, Marcus Collins, Lance Chandler, Andrew Fulan, Matthew Grabowski, Conner Hicks, Kyle Kernosek, Steven Kushner, Ryan McChesney, Spencer Miller, Justin Newton, Evan Rinke and Tyler Schultz. The team was coached by Dave Collins and Pete Fulan.

MU spikers win Senior Night was an

overwhelming success Thursday as far as the Madonna University women's volleyball team! was concerned.

The Crusaders claimed a share of their eighthstraight Wolverine-**Hoosier Athletic** Conference title with a 30-5, 30-11, 30-14 victory over visiting Siena < Heights. MU, sporting an overall record of 36-2 ties Cornerstone for the regular season crown with a 9-1 WHAC mark. The loss drops Siena Heights to 11-17 and 3-7.

Seniors Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) and Sharyse Bush were honored prior to the game.

Morrill finished with seven kills and seven digs, while Bush recorded

Natalja Tinina led the hitting attack for MU with 15 kills. She also had a team-high 12 digs. Caryn Inman contributed 14 kills. Heather Spooner chipped in with eight

Setter Ashley Frost finished with 41 assist-tokills, while Stefanie

DeNardin had eight digs.

Siena Heights had only six total kills led by Livonia Churchill's Beth Bushey and Abbie Riddle with two each.

Mechanics greased

After topping the Flint Generals 5-3 Oct. 29, the tables were turned as the Motor City Mechanics were shut out 5-0 by Flint in front of 1,543 fans at the Great Lakes Sports City Arena.

The Generals opened up the scoring early into the United Hockey League contest when Kris Waltze scored unas sisted at the 2:12 mark. At 15:21, the Mechanics went down 2-0 when Bobby Reynolds lifted the puck past a sprawling Rod Branch.

Second period scoring saw John DiPace fire a slap shot past Branch at the 13:29 mark to give. Flint a 3-0 lead.

In a game riddled with penalties, the Mechanics including Garden City's Joe Burton, managed 30 shots on goal but were 🕄 unsuccessful at breaking Generals netminder Marco Edmond.

The Generals picked up two power play goals in the third period from ? Mike Kinnie for the 5-D win. In goal, Branch stopped 36 shots for the Mechanics.

Star in stripes

Veteran Plymouth sports official inducted into BCAM Hall of Honor

STAFF WRITER

It was the summer of 1967 when Joe Kavulich agreed to help umpire a baseball game for the first time.

He made a hefty \$12. More importantly, Kavulich discovered that he had a passion for the

sports-officiating profession. When he accepted that first assignment, Kavulich had no idea that 37 years, hundreds of games and thousands of whistle-blows later, he'd still be at it, working as a high school and college football referee and basketball

official. "Officiating is like a disease to me," the Plymouth Township resident admitted with a chuckle. "I'm addicted

ters and a little cotton mouth if I was

working a game in front of a big

"When I first started, I'd get the jit-

And he's not looking for a cure any-

crowd," Kavulich said. "Now, the bigger the crowd, the more relaxed I am. "I still get excited for games, but not

nervous. If I'm working in front of a big crowd, I can't hear the critical comments because they get drowned out. But if I'm working, for example, a high school game in front of a couple hundred people, you can hear everything."

Hard-earned respect

Kavulich is one of the most highly respected football and basketball officials in the state. Earlier this year, he was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall

"I still remember the first high school basketball game I worked," Kavulich said. "It was at North Farmington High School. I wore the long-sleeved striped shirt with the white tennis shoes. I made a three-seconds call on an in-bounds pass and the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth resident Joe Kavulich signals a first down during Friday's MHSAA playoff game between Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill. Kavulich was recently voted into the Hall of Fame.

GIRLS BEST SWIM

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Wolverines jump to easy win, 38-13

Canton Agape built a 10-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back, winning 38-13 against the over-matched Vikings. Agape improved its record to 8-10 while Urban Lutheran slipped to 2-15.

A.J. Creps dominated in the paint for the Wolverines, recording game highs in points (14) and rebounds (15). Danielle Henry also had a solid effort, scoring 10.

Agape led 14-3 at the half and 25-9 following three quar-

The visiting Wolverines canned 13-of-30 free throws while the Vikings connected on 2-of-6 from the charity stripe.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 52, HURON VALLEY 49: A fourth-quarter rally fell short Friday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-5) fell to host Plymouth Christian Academy (7-12) in an Michigan

Independent Athletic Conference crossover. Sophomore guard Joi

Jennings scored 12 points for the victorious Eagles, who led 47-33 through three quarters. Kelsie Tietjen added nine points.

Senior guard Becky Schultz finished with a game-high 15 points and six assists for the Hawks, who trailed by as many as 16 points before going on a

16-5 fourth-period run. Freshman guard Edna Turk contributed 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

PCA hit 20-of-41 free throws, while Huron Valley

connected on 14-of-25. JOHN GLENN 53. CHURCHILL 39: On

Wednesday, Westland John Glenn bounced back from its 30-point loss to rival Wayne Memorial the previous night to beat Livonia Churchill.

Both teams are 4-15 on the vear.

The Rockets jumped out to a 27-13 halftime lead and never looked back.

"We played like we're capa-

ble of playing," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said.

All 10 Glenn players scored in the victory led by Heather Lindon's 14 points. Jennifer Swartz added 10 points and nine rebounds, while Jasmine Granberry contributed eight points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore Stephanie Bradshaw led Churchill and all scorers with 15.

Churchill was 10-of-20 from. the free throw line, while Glenn hit 12-of-24.

"We started out the game in foul trouble," Churchill coach Rod Windle said. "We played a better second half, but we couldn't get over the hump."

Churchill steamrolls Truman to get title

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Coach John Filiatraut got doused with water, the students stormed the field and the Livonia Churchill Chargers hoisted a district championship football trophy for the first time in school history Friday night following a resounding 34-0 victory at Taylor Truman.

So what's next? The goalposts?

The 8-3 Chargers, in the state playoffs for the first time since 1978, used a hard-hitting defense and took advantage of eight Truman turnovers to move into the Division I-Region 3 championship game, tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. this Friday at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

(In the Region 3-District 2 final, Sterling Heights improved to 9-2, advancing with a 36-7 win over Troy Athens.

The jubilation over Churchill's playoff run can only be described as euphoric.

Churchill overcame a pair of first-half turnovers of its own to take a 13-0 before blowing the game wide open in the second half.

"It was two teams who haven't been here before and I think it showed the first half

sides," Filiatraut said. "But our kids came out physical and confident. We have so many seniors that I think we were able to hold it together more than Truman. I knew if we just like we could hit like we could, we could wear them down."

The Chargers were able to control the trenches, racking up 325 yards on the ground while holding Truman to just

"We couple of big sticks in the second half," Filiatraut said. "And to shut out a team like Truman, which has scored points on just about everybody all year, is a heck of an accomplishment."

Churchill's offensive line paved the way for 5-foot-9, 190-pound senior Joe Bargerstock to run for 124 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns.

"We played with everything we had," said Bargerstock, a transfer from Livonia Stevenson. "Our linemen did a great job. They just keep improving. They really came to play tonight"

Meanwhile, Francisco Beltran added 87 on seven carries, while Dannie Bowen contributed 74 on six attempts and two TDs.

For Truman, which finished 7-4 overall, it was a nightmare of a game.

John Filiatraut and Churchill. but we had a lot of unforced errors and unfortunately we did not execute," Truman coach Ron Adams said. "With that many turnovers, what can you say and how do you coach

"If somebody had told me we'd have that many errors in a game, I would say I don't recall it at all and I'd wipe it away from my memory."

Truman's Anthony Williams picked off a Churchill pass on the third play from scrimmage and returned it to the Chargers' 31. The Cougars' Erik Jackson then carried the ball six straight times down to the Churchill 8, only to cough up the ball on third-and-two and watch Churchill defensive back Ben Adams take it the other way 58 yards to the Taylor 34.

Six plays later, Bargerstock bowled into the end zone to give Churchill a 6-0 lead with 3:50 left in the first quarter.

Truman then got down to the Churchill 29 on its second series, only to be repelled on fourth-and-six by a clutch tackle from senior linebacker Manuel Schubert on Jackson.

Thanks to a hit from Bargerstock and scooped up by Nick Carignan, Churchill forced another Truman turnover with just over 10 min-

of this in the same quar

ter to capitalize on its second TD, a 1-yard run by Schubert with 6:55 to play. Beltran's extra point made it 13-0.

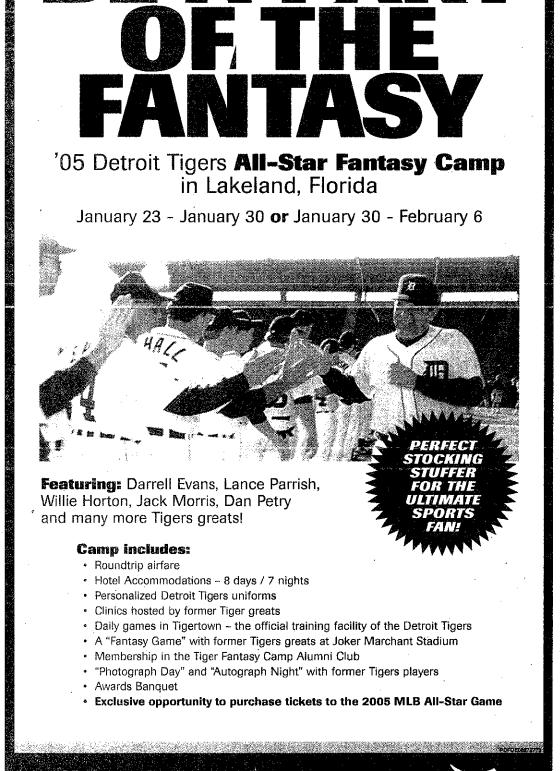
After Churchill gave up the ball at its own 23, Truman fumbled it right back on its third possession of the second half as linebacker Eric Braund pounced the ball at his own 18 with 2:51 left.

After Truman went threeand-out to start the second half, Churchill responded on its first series with a touchdown run by the 5-9, 171pound Bowen, who turned the left corner and raced 46 yards down the sideline for a score to push the lead to 20-0.

As temperatures continued to plunge during the third quarter, Truman hit another cold snap, fumbling twice as Schubert, who had a big hit earlier on Jackson, made Jackson cough up the ball again after a 20-yard gain. Carignan, who also had an interception in the final period, recovered the fumble added another fumble recovery before the period had ended.

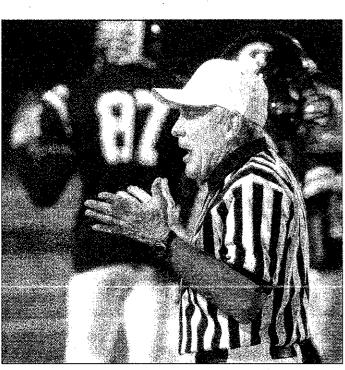
Truman quarterback Eric Mandreger hit 7-of-9 passes for 120 yards in the third quarter, but had no points on the board to show for his efforts because of three turnovers, including a muffed punt return (recovered by Churchill's Pete Holmida





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Plymouth resident Joe Kavulich explains a call to a coach during the Oct. 29 district playoff game between Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson. Kavulich has officiated basketball and football games since 1967.

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ball hadn't even been thrown in yet. It was a bad call and the coach really let me have it.

"I've always said that the last game I ever ref will be at North Farmington. And I'm going to make that same bad call."

Major mistake

One of the highlights of Kavulich's storied career occurred in the late '70s when he served as a fill-in Major League umpire when the regular umps were out on strike.

"I worked 18 games, all at Tiger Stadium," Kavulich remembered. "The Tigers were playing the Brewers one game and I missed a call at first base. When George Bamberger, the Brewers' manager, came out to argue, I told him, 'George, I'm sorry, but I missed it.' He looked at me and said, 'OK, but I'm going to stay out here for a few minutes and kick some dirt around anyway."

Kavulich estimated that he works approximately 70 basketball games and 30 football games over the course of each

He makes anywhere from 850 a game for high school events to \$125 for collegiate games.

"Officiating keeps me young and it's just about the only exercise I get," Kavulich said. "The only other exercise I get is when I play hockey two nights a week at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth."

Does he ever give the refs grief when he's playing hock-

ey?
"I give them a few comments now and again," he said, smiling. "It's more goodnatured baiting than anything. You have to know what you can say; what you can get away with."

Loud crowd

One of the biggest games he's ever worked was a college basketball game between Oklahoma and Syracuse in the mid-80s. The site was Syracuse's Carrierdome, which seats up to 40,000 for basketball games.

"That was a great experience," he said. "Pearl

Washington played for Syracuse and Oklahoma had Waymon Tisdale. It was a huge, rabid crowd. It was so loud in there, I couldn't hear myself think."

The most memorable football game Kavulich officiated was a high school semi-final game between Farmington Hills Harrison and East Grand Rapids.

"The field was covered in ice," Kavulich remembered. "The players couldn't even run; they had to take baby steps. Harrison ended up winning, 3-2. I don't even know how they kicked the field goal because it was so hard to keep your footing.

"I ran into (former Harrison quarterback) Mill Coleman a couple of weeks ago. He said that was one of his most memorable games,

Refreshing views
Kavulich has a unique perspective on competitive athletics, one that has been honed for close to four decades on every playing field imaginable.

"Sports should only be played by the very young and the very old," he said. "When you're young and old, you don't take it too seriously. You play sports for the fun of it. which is how it should be. It's the guys in their mid-20s and 30s who think every game is the NBA finals or the final game of the World Series. That bothers me."

For his full-time employment, Kavulich is a counselor at Murphy Middle School in Detroit. He's worked there for the past 22 years.

His wife, Jan, is a counselor at Plymouth High School.

"There are some similarities between being a counselor and an official," Kavulich said. "In both jobs, you're dealing with people and your mediating some volatile situations in a lot of instances."

Kavulich has three sons: Michael, 40; John, 38; and Brett, 16. Michael is a member of Kavulich's football crew. John lives in Dallas, and Brett is a sophomore at Plymouth, where he is a member of the football team.

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CANTON

football team tonight. Anytime you can beat a program like Canton, it's an accomplishment."

Novi quarterback/defensive back Kevin Cislo was a thorn in the Chiefs' side all night. The senior, who will be attending the University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship next year, accounted for all three Wildcat TD's — two on runs (1 and 13 yards) and on a 50-yard scoring pass to senior wide receiver Kevin Dalton. Cislo rushed for 59 yards on 23 carries.

Cislo was everywhere on defense as well, assisting on several key tackles and intercepting a pass.

"He's a player," Kellepoury said. "You can see why he's never on the sidelines."

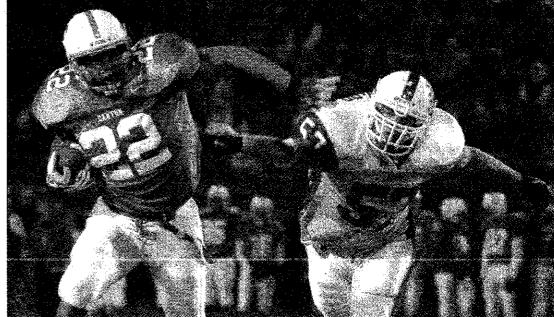
Fullback Rob Carter also had a strong game for the winners, picking up 89 hard-earned yards on 17 attempts.

One of the Chiefs' trademarks this season was their ability to spring several long runs each game. However, Canton managed just three rushes over 10 yards against

Chuck Schumacher was the leading rusher for the Chiefs, gaining 58 yards on 13 carries. Julian Smith picked up 57 on 11 attempts and Deshon McClendon added 31 on eight carries.

Overall, Novi outgained Canton, 249-208. Both teams finished with 13 first downs.

Cislo's touchdown pass to Dalton was his lone comple-



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Julian Smith breaks away from Novi's Ryan Pritchard. Smith finished with 57 yards rushing on 11 carries.

tion. Canton quarterback Shawn Little went 2-for-12 for 37 yards.

Novi's defense set the tone early when it force Canton to punt on its opening possession.

Following a Canton defensive stop, the Wildcats punted and forced a fumble on the return. Adam Chandler recovered on the mid-field stripe, setting up Cislo's scoring bomb to Dalton the first play. Patrick Sijan's extra point made it 7-0 with 5:04 left in the opening quar-

Canton punted again on its next drive, however, Chief P.J. Caram recovered a fumble on the return, giving the home team the ball on the Novi 34.

Eight plays later, on fourth-

and-goal from the Novi 3, Little Cislo snuck in from 1 yard out was wrapped up for no gain.

Feeding off the defensive stop, the Wildcat offense turned around and drove 97 yards on 12 plays and scored on Cislo's 13-yard keeper to make it 14-0 with 6:15 remaining in the half.

It was gut-check time for Canton's offense, which responded with a 13-play drive that took the ball to the Wildcat 1. But on fourth-and-1, Smith was dragged down by Novi linebacker Josh Woods to end

the threat. Woods struck again five minutes into the third quarter when he stepped in front of a Little pass at the Canton 29.

to make it 20-0.

Canton appeared to have scored with just over a minute to play in the third quarter when Smith hit McClendon with a 21-yard touchdown pass on a halfback-pass play. However, the play was wiped out by an offensive pass interference call. Three-straight incomplete passes later, Canton's final serious scoring threat was over.

Baechler said Novi has as good a chance of winning the Division 1 state championship as any of the other seven teams that are still alive.

"It's wide open," he said.

Ten plays after the interception, ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

CHIEFS

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Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said the primary reason for her team's downfall was inconsistency.

"We probably played 12 solid minutes tonight out of 32," Reilly said. "You can't do that and expect good results against teams like Canton. We started slow and had a bunch of early turnovers. But once we settled down and got the ball inside, we got back in the game."

It wouldn't have been surprising to see Canton shooting guard Molly Conlon soaking her right arm in a bucket of ice water following Thursday's game. The senior was red hot from the perimeter, torching the nets for a season-high 18 points, most of which came on 15- to 20-foot jump shots.

Conlon, who found herself with mostly wide-open jumpers while the Wildcats focused their attention on teammate Katie Cezat inside, connected on three of her first four shots in the first quarter and four out of five second-half shots.

"Molly had a great game for us tonight," Blohm said. "It wasn't just the shooting. She played good defense and she set some good picks."

Cezat barely missed recording a triple-double, scoring 12 points, hauling down 12 rebounds and blocking eight Wildcat shots. Chief point guard Becci Houdek scored 11 with three steals.

Kim Olech excelled for Plymouth, especially in the first half when she scored 13 of her team-high 16 points. Olech was fronted by Canton's defense



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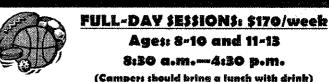
Canton's Becci Houdek scored 11 points against Plymouth Thursday night in the Western Lakes Activities Association semi-final game at

several high, looping passes that led to successful drives to the basket. Plymouth leading scorer Jeanine Moise was held to seven points, but she grabbed a teamhigh 17 boards. Val Klemmer had four points - all free throws - for the Wildcats.

Canton roared out to a 10-1 advantage behind three Conlon jumpers, and single baskets from Houdek and Leslie Olech. The quarter ended with the Chiefs securing a 16-7 lead.

Olech had a huge second quarter, scoring eight points, as the Wildcats clawed back into the game. Wildcat point guard Chelsey Quinlan's two free throws cut the visitors' deficit to 22-21 with 1:33 left in the half, but Cezat and Conlon both swished 15-footers to extend the

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Young, talented Lady Ocelots anxious to start Hope runs high

STAFF WRITER

With speed, talent and a dash of Mega Conference flavoring, the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team again figures to play a prominent role in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

That doesn't mean the Lady Ocelots (20-9 overall, 13-3 in MCCAA-East in 2003-04) can immediately challenge defending national champion Monroe Community College.

Schoolcraft head coach Karen Lafata will know pretty quickly just how well the Lady Ocelots stack up against toprated Monroe. The two teams will open up the season 4 p.m. Friday, at the Monroe Community College Tournament.

"We're jumping into the fire," said Lafata, beginning her sixth season as Schoolcraft's coach. "These kids will be test-

But as Lafata looked out onto the Schoolcraft gymnasium floor Friday, she saw a group of young players that could run and gun with the

A solid core of returnees led by tri-captains Ashley Gibson, Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree, Shareece Cosby and Amantha Combs have a lot to do with Lafata's optimism.

But there are other reasons, such as freshman 5-9 forward Charlese Greer (an all-stater in 2004 with Pontiac Northern) and recent Dearborn Heights Crestwood graduate Lizann Charles, a defensive whiz wellknown by other Mega Conference teams such as Garden City, Redford Union and Redford Thurston. Charles likely will split the 2guard position with freshmen Mikiko Williams and Erika

About Greer, the coach couldn't hold back her enthusiasm about what the former Huskie might add to the mix.

"She can flat-out play," Lafata said. "I expect her to bring double-doubles every the state proceed that Bouthee Soritherm, where she was an-



The Schoolcraft women's basketball team will need to overcome the departure of top-scorer and rebounder India Montiero (No. 20), shown in 2003-04

All-Stater and part of a very good team."

Greer won't start right away. But Lafata is enthralled with the idea of bringing her off the bench to lead the second wave.

"She'll get starter minutes." Others who will also be valuable in reserve roles are freshmen forwards Renita Price, Yvonne Williams, freshman guard Tracey Winkler (Walled Lake Western) and hardworking, versatile sophomore forward Takara Tuff.

Being part of the second unit won't be a negative this season. Lafata said the team is "very deep 1-through-12" with freshmen bringing speed and intensity off the bench.

"I think we might make our runs with the second team out there," she noted.

SOLID STARTERS

The starting unit will be pretty good, toc.

At small forward will be 5-9 sophomore Gibson, who averaged 10 points and five boards per contest in 2003-04, while canning 25 treys — the most among returnees.

Another player to keep a close eye on is 6-3 center Tyree, who averaged 7.3 points in a reserve role last season.

"She's a good finisher," Lafata said. "We expect a lot of good things from Sara this year and she's highly motivated, because she's getting a lot of interest from Division 1 and Division 2 schools around the country."

Combs, a 5-8 sophomore forward from Belleville High School, is looking to maintain her sharp shooting eye from the floor. Coming off the bench last season, she hit about 48 percent of her field-goal

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But as coach Karen Lafata looked out onto the **Schoolcraft gymnasium floor** Friday, she saw a group of young players that could run and gun with the best.

said. "She's a fundamentally sound and intelligent player. We expect her to contribute a

Also in the backcourt will be 5-0 sophomore guard Cosby, an alum of Pontiac Central. Cosby, who backed up Jazmyne Forster last year, is ready to assume the job vacated when Forster transferred to Northwood University.

"I think she learned a lot from Jazmyne and she is ready to take on the starting position now," Lafata said. "As for what she brings to the table, she can penetrate, she can shoot the three, and she's a leader."

There are some concerns as the new season opens. Tantamount is a lack of size in the low-post, which could hurt Schoolcraft's chances against good-rebounding squads.

"When we play large, good teams, we'll have to defend the post," the coach emphasized. "If we don't defend the post, we'll be hurting."

The team's best rebounder in 2003-04, freshman power forward India Montiero (16.3 points, 11.3 rebounds per game), decided against playing this season and Redford Bishop Borgess alum Tara Charles (8.1 ppg) is among the 2004 graduates.

"That's a disappointment," said Lafata about Montiero's decision. "But I think Charlese (Greer) will put up the same kind of numbers.

To see whether Greer does just that is just one reason why it could prove to be a fun, interesting winter at Schoolcraft.

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for Lady Crusaders

BY PAT ALLEN STAFF WRITER

Entering her ninth season at the helm of the Madonna women's basketball program, Marylou Jansen is surrounded by change and uncertainty.

But that doesn't mean that expectations have to fall.

Preseason polls have placed the Crusaders third in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and junior center Sarah Thomson has been named to the Preseason All-WHAC team.

"I think third is a fair assessment," Jansen said, "I think it will be a challenge to be in third place. But, at the same time, I think we can do better

Thomson led Madonna in scoring (13.8) and rebounds (8.2) as a sophomore last season and looks to further improve her post presence this year.

The biggest loss for the Crusaders is Marwa Ayoub's decision not to come back for her senior season. Ayoub was the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder and led the team in blocks (47) and steals

"Marwa chose to move on," Jansen said, "and I think, in the long haul, it might be a good thing for her.'

Including Ayoub, five players from last year's 11-19 squad will not be returning due to either graduation or personal reasons. Gone with these five players is almost half of the team's scoring and half of its rebounding from a season ago. Jansen expects a total-team effort to pick up the slack of her departed players.

Along with Thomson, guards Jackie Pingston (senior), Lydia Prusinowski (junior) and Stephanie Childs (sophomore) are expected to step up and bring the experience and veteran leadership necessary for Madonna to excel.

Last season, the trio combined for 277 assists, but numed the ball over 319 time With another year (in-Prusinowski's and Pingston's cases) and a year (in Childs' case) under their belts, these guards will be counted on to limit turnovers and set up teammates with open looks.

The team is relatively inexperienced, as not one of the players currently on the roster has had more than two years' worth of experience and only

Pingston, Prusinowski and Thomson are two-year letterwinners for the Crusaders.

'We're going to be a totally different team than we have been in the last couple of years," Jansen said. "Before, we started the season with a veteran-strong post game and young guards, and now we have the reverse, which I would take any day."

When asked about the lack of experience on her squad, Jansen had this to say:

"You know coaches," Jansen said. "We worry about everything. (The lack of experience) doesn't really worry me, it actually kind of simplifies things.

"The only thing I really worry about is injuries. You can plan and plan and plan, but you can never plan on who's going to get hurt."

Last season, Madonna lost two post players, Hayley Myers and Courtney Rehbine, for nine and 11 games, respectively, and look to face tough injuries again this season.

Already, the Crusaders have lost Katie Bennet, a strong freshman post player out of Clinton High School, to a torn patellar tendon suffered during conditioning.

The youth of her team demands Jansen to use all the players on the squad, which allows her to run a more aggressive, fast-paced style of

"We're hoping to get more transition baskets this year," Jansen said. "We're going to play quickly, and everybody's going to get their moments."

One freshman who stands to see good time off of the bench is post player Martina Franklin (Redford Union).

"Martina's a really quick, powerful and instinctual player," Jansen said, "and she's getting better every day. You just know by January she's going to be something to deal with." The youth will have to jell

early in the season, as the Crusaders open at home achiest Rochester College on Wednesday and then take on a tough Cedarville College team this Saturday.

"Cedarville is a huge test," Jansen said, "They are a division II NAIA opponent on a Division I budget. They're a really good program and make the final top 10 almost every

"They are what we would be shooting for."

SPORTS SHORTS

LINE-DRIVE HITTING

Total Baseball of Wixom, located at 30990 Wixom Road, will stage its line-drive hitting camp for baseball players ages 7-12 from 9 a.m. until noon; also for ages 13-19 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.; along with softball, 1-4 p.m. - Saturdays starting Oct. 16.

Michigan High School **Baseball Coaches Association** Hall of Famer Lee Bierke will provide instruction in the skill techniques of the swing, improving bat speed and batting

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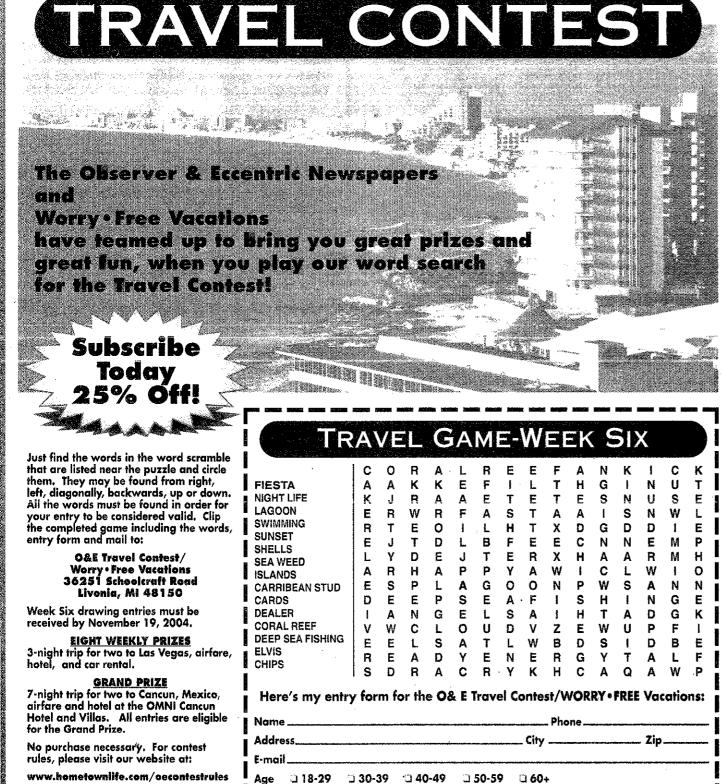
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YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights, a travel baseball team, are scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights will participate in the Northwest Suburban Amateur Baseball Federation, a member of the American Amateur Baseball Congress, and play in Cooperstown (N.Y.) Dreams Park Tournament.

For more information, call Rich Grucz at (800) 949-9834.

NORTHVILLE REC OFFERINGS

The Northville Parks & Recreation department will be offering the following programs beginning in September:

■ Drop-in co-ed adults 50+ volleyball will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The fee is \$1.

■ Open competitive-style badminton will be offered Tuesday and Friday nights. The nightly fee is \$7.

Open table tennis will be offered Mondays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. The fee is \$4 per

For more information on these programs, call (248) 449-9947.

CARBO BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Pro Premier Baseball School will stage individual, small group and team skill session specific to conditioning, velocity improvement, power hitting and field-

ing. Mark Rutherford, former Livonia Churchill High, Eastern Michigan University and former Minor League player, will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call director Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

LIVONIA REC LEAGUES

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Center is looking for teams for its men's basketball and co-ed adult volleyball

The basketball league will play on Wednesdays with game times each hour from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The fee is \$250 plus officials and will be held at the Livonia Community Recreation Center main gym. There is an eight team maximum with 12 players per team.

The volleyball league will also go on Wednesdays at the LCRC MAC gym. The fee is \$250 per team with an \$11 per team, per game fee for officials. There is a six-team maximum with 10 players per team. For information, call (734) 466-2918.

FALL BASKETBALL SIGNUP

The Metro Basketball Association is accepting registration for its fall leagues for boys and girls (co-ed) in grades 3-8. Games will be played in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Garden City.

Grades 3-6 will play once per week on Saturdays beginning in November and finishing in mid-March. Grades 7-8 will play twice per week starting in the

end of January and finishing in mid-March.

The cost is \$200 per player, or \$100 for each additional child.

To receive a brochure and registration form, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 406-2722.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18. Lessons are by appointment only.

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons.

Cali 248-668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information.

HITTING LEAGUES

Total Baseball of Wixom, located at 30990 Wixom Road, is offering its indoor hitting leagues for boys baseball and girls softball from Nov. 6 through Dec. 19.

Teams will consist of four players hitting off batting machines in a point-awarded, one-hour game. Awards will got the champions and best hitter.

Boys baseball leagues will be from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays (13-and-under) and 5-9 p.m. Sundays (high school varsity). Girls softball will be from 3-5 p.m. Sundays (13-andunder and high school ages) from 3-5 p.m. Sundays.

Baseball fees are \$45 per individual or \$155 per team; softball, \$40 per individual or \$160 per team). To register, call (248) 668-0166.

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Mr. Soccer, state Dream Team to be picked this morning

BY DAN STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

Coaches will have a difficult time selecting this year's All-State Dream Team for boys soccer, and Observer & Eccentric area players will make their claims for spots on the 11-member squad.

A panel of coaches from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association will meet at 9 a.m. Sunday to review the 16 all-region teams (four in each division) and vote on allstate.

The Dream Team is the state's top 10 field players and top goalkeeper, and is usually dominated by seniors. This year's senior class is extremely deep with close to 20 players statewide that should get consideration for the Dream Team.

The Dream Team will also feature the 31st recipient of the Mr. Soccer award, given to the state's top player.

While Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Jake Stacy is considered the favorite, but not a lock, for Mr. Soccer, an award that has been won by an area player 20 times - 16 from the Eccentric region and four from the Observer region - since the award's inception in November 1974. There are also several highly-touted players

up for the Dream Team award.

Others that should be considered include Birmingham-Detroit Country Day's Steve Bonnell, Clarkston's Michael Holody, Rochester's Chase Tennant, Troy Athens' Santos Perez, Utica Eisenhower's Wade Allen, Warren DeLaSalle's Josh Rogers, Rochester's Ben Gearhart, Northville's James Hannah. East Kentwood's Steve Zbikwoski, Livonia Stevenson's Jordan Flyonenko and Okemos' Mike Smith, among

others. Okemos' Jimmy Witzel and DeLaSalle's Alex Morriset were injured for half of the year and have fallen from the list.

As for top goalkeepers, Northville's Steve Besk and Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Kevin Sleboda are two of many top-flight goalkeepers up for the nod. The top juniors in the state include Lahser's Jesse Henderson, Portage Central's Eric Alexander and East Kentwood's John Rzepka, and perhaps one or two of those players could break into the senior-dominated list.

"That's a pretty complete list," said Lars Richters, head coach at Livonia Stevenson who won the 1986 Mr. Soccer award as a player at Stevenson. "There is a very solid senior

class this year, and many of them are (Olympic Developmental Program) regional players."

Most of the state's top seniors have committed to Michigan or Oakland, with a few being looked at Michigan

Also watch for Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian senior Nathan Chatfield to get some consideration. Why? He is the state's career scoring leader with 170 tallies, eclipsing the record of 169 set by Birmingham Groves graduate and current Michigan State senior Jordan Gruber, who played for Groves from 1997-2000. Chatfield has 56 goals and 30 assists this season, and is likely the top player in Division 4, which rarely lands a player on the Dream Team.

Each of the state four divisions will feature all-state teams that include a first-team. second-team and third-team of 14 field players and two goalkeepers, while each division will also have a list of honorable mentions.

In the past, any player that makes an all-region team will be found somewhere on the all-state teams.

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Outdoor insights

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to exit the fracas, took flight and Parker soared up the fencerow. Experiences like that were once common in Michigan, before the state's pheasant population took a tumble in the 1970s and '80s due to loss of habitat to farming and development. Since then, pheasant numbers have been at a relative-

including the traditional "pheasant belt" of the Thumb and south-central Lower Peninsula. Federal programs like the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) have been instrumental in the slight, but noticeable, popula-

ly low level across the state,

tion growth. CRP and CREP pay subsidies to landowners who plant native grasses and brushy habitat as buffer zones between agriculture and water resources and who leave fields out of crop rotation for extended periods of time. These practices result in outstanding wildlife habitat that pheasants and other animals thrive in. In just the three counties at the tip of the Thumb — Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola over 10,000 acres of grasses have been planted in the last



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couple years. That can only result in great things for the local pheasant population there. Hunters, especially those in southern Michigan, should enjoy a pretty good pheasant season this year, thanks in part to, believe it or not, Federal subsidies. Pheasant season opened Wednesday across the entire Lower Peninsula and runs through Nov. 14.

SUPPORTING THE TROOPS

The DNR made a very good move recently when it announced that discount hunting and fishing licenses for U.S. Military personnel on leave are now available at DNR Operations Service Centers and more than 1,700 license retailers statewide. Up until now, those discounted licenses were available only at DNR Service Centers, which made obtaining one a little inconvenient.

The DNR offers military license discounts to Michigan residents who are active military personnel, stationed abroad, but home on leave. Fishing and hunting licenses are available to them for \$1. To qualify, applicants must

■ Active duty personnel. ■ Currently a Michigan resident and a resident at the time

of enlistment. ■ Stationed outside

Michigan. Applicants must present proof of military status and leave papers when applying for the discounted licenses. (Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o-Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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Crowing pheasant Perfect game finally gets its due credit

avid Bird of Redford bowled his first 300 game last season, but it came as a shock to him that the league was not sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress, which he was

> unaware of at the time.

No ring, no recognition, no permanent record.

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for the per-He has since made up for lost time as he not only bowled a 300 game on Sept. 12 in the Printcraft League at Garden Lanes in Garden City,

Pampa Lanes in Warren. Bird has now gotten his due with his ABC awards for his achievements.

he followed that up four days

later with another perfect

game in the 860 Classic at

Imrich Milkovic, also of Redford, rolled a perfect game, Oct. 10, in the

Printcraft League.

His ring is on the way. Whenever a sanctioned 300 game is bowled, the recipient has some award options where you can select either the ring, plaque or wrist watch.

In most instances of honor score awards which also include 299 and 298 scores or 800 series, there is a formal presentation by a house rep from the Greater Detroit **Bowling** Association directly to the recipient just before the start of league competition.

The 300 games and 800 series are entered each year in the GDBA yearbook all-time records.

■ It's time to get ready for the 74th annual Old Timers Bowling tournament and party Saturday, Nov. 27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen

Squad times are 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This year entries are coastto-coast as bowlers are coming in from California and New York. Even the state of Minnesota will be represented in the person of Syl Thiel, a bowler who made a name for himself locally in those days of a bygone era.

The late, great Joe Norris always said the Old Timers was the finest event in the

sport of bowling. He came in from his San Diego home every year to bowl in the Old Timers, then started bringing in some of his friends who were dubbed, "The Bowling

Fourteen will be on hand this year. Those who have bowled in recent years will have received entry forms in the mail by now. And anyone who qualifies can find entry blanks on the counter at many local bowling centers.

Ambassadors."

Bowler set up in a team format but are bowling individually in the various age groups: under-50, 50-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80-plus.

The event is open to male bowlers who will then bowl scratch against men in their own age bracket. Bowler must be at least 40 years of age and have been involved in bowling for at least 25 years.

The overall champion must be at least 50 years-old.

Prizes in each division will consist of a commemorative wristwatch for the first place winner and a plaque for the second and third place finishers. There will be free gifts for all bowlers and jackpots or 50-50 tickets will be on hand for some lucky winners.

Male bowlers only may attend the banquet.

Two youth bowlers have

been selected to receive scholarship money awarded based on merit, a combination of scholastic success and athletic ability including bowling.

They will be awarded during the opening ceremonies.

The bowling fee is \$9 and the banquet cost is another \$9, totaling \$18 for both. The banquet follows the afternoon squad, sometime around 3:30 p.m.

For more information of to request entry forms, call John Chmelko, secretary at (586) 756-3240 or (586) 755-3838 evenings.

■ Joke of the month: An old retired bowler is at the cemetery, kneeling at a gravesite and wailing out, Why did you die? Why did 🖁 you have to die?"

After watching this for quite some time, the caretaker approaches the old bowler and says, "This person must have been very near and dear to you."

The bowler replied, "No, I never even met the guy."

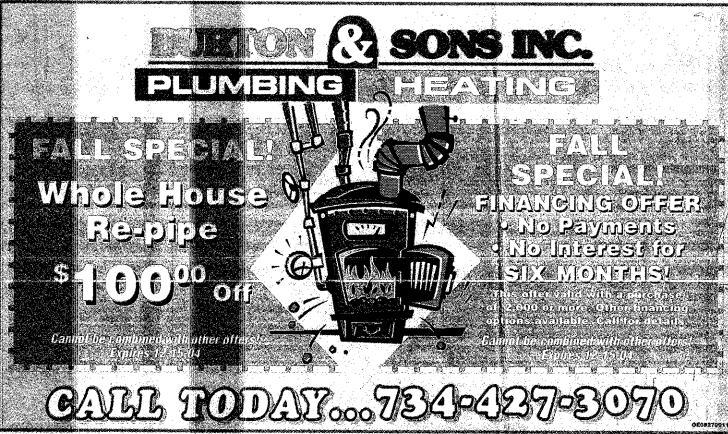
"So who was he?" asked the caretaker. The old fellow replied: "He

was my wife's first husband."

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







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Girl needs to stand up to her 'friends'

'm really upset because three of my friends are turning me. They talk about me right in front of me and have been spreading rumors about me to other people at school. How can I get them to stop? Upset in Livonia, 15

First of all, if these girls are treating you this way they are not your friends. You need to take a stand for yourself and stop talking to them. Once they realize you have found some new friends, who are real friends. it won't entice them to talk about you. If they were real friends they would not be treating you with such disrespect and trying to hurt you. Another thing you can do is talk about it and it will relieve some of the pressure you are feeling. Seek out friends who are loyal, respectful and care about your feelings and not the ones who are insecure and want to make you feel bad to make them feel better!

I'm going on my first date with a girl and have no idea what to do. We are going to a movie and stuff. Do I pay for the ticket and what we want to eat or do lifet her pay for her own? Gentleman in the works, Canton

If you asked her out then you should definitely pay for everything on the date. It is considered gentlemanly if the guy pays for the date. You should definitely ask her what she would like to do that evening.

She may want to see a movie or she may just want to grab a bite to cal and go hang out at a coffee shop or something.

Remember, in the movies you won't be able to talk, which makes it really hard to get to know someone. In my opinion, a movie isn't a good first date activity. Go somewhere the two of you can talk, or make it an afternoon date and go to the cider mill where you can sip on hot cider, eat caramel apples and chat!

I'm 17 and am dating an old guy who is 20. He lives on his own and wants me to move in with him. I'm only a junior in high school and I don't think my mom will let me move out. I really want to move in with him and am seriously thinking about packing up and just leaving the house while my mom's at work. Am I too young to be moving out? Running away in Redford, 17

Yes you are definitely too young to be moving in with someone.

You haven't even finished high school yet. Moving out on your own also brings a lot of responsibility and that will add stress you just don't need right now. You will need a car and car insurance, which can be very expensive. In my opinion, you should stay at home until you finish high school and think about what you want to do after you graduate.

Next year is an important vear for you; it's senior year and you should expect to

have fun. You shouldn't have to worry about just getting by to pay bills.

You should be thinking about what you want to do after graduation. Do you want to go to college or a trade school? If you want to be an adult so badly, then act like one and make responsible choices.

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Section C

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Survivor runs life's marathon

Runner uses New York race to give back to charity

BY LUANNE BERK CORRESPONDENT

Have you ever dreamed of crossing the finish line in the world-renowned New York City Marathon?

Imagine the cheering crowds, the excitement, the sense of accomplish-

That is exactly how Jennifer Corrao. a full-time mother of three, felt when she told her best friend, Katie, that she had decided she was going to run in the New York City Marathon before she turned 40.

But she wanted to make it more personal, do something meaningful in the process. As the two of them discussed her plans, Katie suggested Jennifer consider running to raise money for an organization very dear to her, The Life Raft Group.

Then she told Jennifer the story of her brother, Michael, who battled a type of cancer called GIST (gastrointestinal stromal tumor), and how the Life Raft Group had made a huge impact in his life as he experienced all the ups and downs of cancer treat-

Jennifer was immediately anxious to help, and soon was onboard for an incredible journey. She had never even met Michael, but Katie's passion quickly drew Jennifer into the closely knit family and into an experience she would not soon forget.

RAISING THE MONEY

After much discussion, Michael Byrne and Emnifer's ormo decided to run in the marathon together to raise money for the organization called "Life Raft" that has been integral in Michael's struggle against the disease that almost took his life more than once in the last 11 years.

Life Raft is an organization that developed from families, like Michael's, who refused to give up when there seemed to be no options left. These families pursued participation in clinical trials using experimental drugs which ultimately saved Michael's life.

Throughout the journey of finding clinical trials, becoming a participant, getting better, and receiving a second chance, many families learned lessons about the entire process that they wanted to pass on to others who could benefit from their experience.

And, so the Life Raft organization was formed to assist families with both education and patient advocacy during a very difficult time in their lives. According to Michael, the LRG was crucial in coordinating his lifesaving treatment.



Michael Byrne crosses the finish line at the Martian Marathon in Northville earlier this year. Byrne thinks competition provides him a specific goal for his exercise program as he goes through treatment for gastrointestinal stromal tumor.



Michael Byrne was never a runner, until he got sick and started exercising to recover from surgeries related to treatment for gastrointestinal stromal tumor.

"LRG was good as far as giving feedback on different trials. Every doctor can't know everything, so it's important," Michael said.

Michael's life took a dramatic turn when he received his first round of a drug called "Gleevec," made by Novartis Pharmaceutical, in 2000. By that time, he had tried just about every approach from multiple surgeries to chemotherapy while still experiencing weakness, pain, fatigue, loss of hair and, ultimately, loss of hope.

FINALLY, HOPE

But, within a month of taking

Gleevec for the first time, his tumor had shrunk by 60 percent. He and his family were elated! And now, of course, he takes his Gleevec religiously. It has

been a miracle drug for Michael Byrne. According to Michael's wife, Mia, the family "originally heard about Gleevec through our Internet group." This Internet group later became known as the Life Raft Group. The Life Raft Group has gone on to become an internationally recognized nonprofit organization accessed by thousands through their Web site at www.liferaftgroup.org.

Others receive the group's newsletter, which provides the latest scientific information as well as stories about families involved in the battle against GIST. The group's goal is to help patients survive this deadly cancer through education, advocacy, research nd special initiati

Members of the LRG have a dream: "To live life to the fullest ... but mostly we just want to grow older together."

Jennifer and Michael wanted to give back to this lifesaving organization, so they decided that any money they raised for their competition would go directly to Life Raft to be used to help other families facing what Michael had already faced.

Michael's family feels the last four years have been "wonderful."

"During all the ups and downs, early on, I was constantly wondering if he was going to make it," Mia Byrne said.

GOOD HEALTH

But for the last four years, Michael's health has remained stable, and, of course, he still takes Gleevec every day. According to Mia, "The drug kind of

steps on the brakes for the growth of cancer cells, causes shrinkage of tumors for most."

Some people do start having resistance to the drug over time, but Michael has not shown any signs of resistance. In addition to the drug regimen, Michael also travels to Boston every six months to remain in the clinical trial for Gleevec at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute which allows him to get the drug for free.

At a potential cost of about \$30,000 per year, he doesn't mind making the trip. There is a group of researchers there who run the clinical trial, a unit headed by Dr. George Demitri. In addition, Michael has a CAT scan every three months at a local hospital to make sure the tumor maintains its

smaller size. "It's stressful because you worry that every time he has a scan, it will be the one that's going to show that he has become resistant," Mia said, "and no

one knows if that will happen or not." Michael was never a runner, had never competed in any kind of race before. When he got sick, he started exercising to recover from surgeries, to stay healthy to prepare for the potential of more surgeries later.

He started taking his health more seriously, and he knew recovery from surgery would be quicker and easier if he stayed fit. Then he started reading about triathlons and thought that competing in events would help him by providing a specific goal for his exer-

Soon it wasn't just the fitness goal anymore. He was actually having fun. In his first race in 2000 he wore the number "571" as a tribute to the life-

PLEASE SEE MARATHON, C6

System allows you to create own wedding storybook



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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Imagine sitting in front of a computer and creating your wedding album complete with pictures, tailored stories, meaningful captions and clip art for under \$200.

That's the idea behind a venture from Team Memories, founded by Jeffrey Gatt of Plymouth who started the business with his wife, Elizabeth Gatt, and partner Mark Bray.

"With average computer skills you can create a phenomenal photo book," said Jeffrey, who grew up in Livonia and graduated in 1983 from Catholic Central High School.

Seeds for the business were planted when Jeff was a coach for his sons' soccer, football and baseball teams.

"In the process of trying to do something special other than traditional team photos I came up with chronicling the year," Jeff said. "The parents loved them and the kids loved them, but there was an amaz-

ing time commitment." And the cost was extraordinary, too. They used a local color printing company to copy and bind the books.

His TeamMemories system lets you create and publish a 40-page professional-looking, hard-bound, fullcolor, customizable team yearbook for \$39.95 each.

"Never before has capturing the

memories for your team been easier," according to their www.teammemories.com Web site.

"The days of desktop publishing, large files, trips to the printer, running out of color ink, printer paper jams and lost files are gone," the Web site explains.

SHARE WITH OTHERS

The TeamMemories Yearbook System automatically handles formatting, file storage, printing and binding. Choices that need to be made are content and photo assignment. In addition to being able to create this storybook, you are also provided online wedding planning tools and a public Web site you can use to share your wedding experience with family members and friends.

"Don't let the story fade - capture it, celebrate it, and preserve it forever," the Web site urges.

The "team," Jeff said, can be anything from Scouts to cheerleading to band, choir and even senior citizen sports groups have used the system. Beginning in October, the compa-

ny expanded its business base to

events. The life memory books run between 60 and 80 pages with the possibility of showcasing almost 500 photos. The cost for one book, planning tools and public Web site is \$199; three books is \$299 and five books is \$399. "It's anything that you want it to

include weddings, baby showers,

anniversaries and other special

be," Jeffrey added. "It gives couples a chance to preserve their wedding story on the first entirely Web-based do-it-yourself Wedding Storybook System.

"This simple and fun to use system allows you to capture your entire story, from the day you met through the honeymoon and all that happens in between in both words and pictures," Jeffrey said. "You will be proud to display your Wedding Storybook on your coffee table or bookshelf for years to come."

Parisian in Livonia's Laurel Park Place has given the Novi company space for a display and Jeffrey says that's a testimony of the product's

"It's just incredible," said Jill Engel, Parisian special events coordinator.

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She is a graduate of Sam Houston State University. She is employed in the Independent

School District of Conroe,

Alan is the son of James and Ruth McMahon of Salem Township. He is a graduate of Salem High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed at Archway Marketing Services in Romulus, Mich.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-0750.

FICTION

- 1. "Northern Lights," Nora Roberts
- 2. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
- 3. "Plot Against America," Philip Roth
- 4. "The Gift," Nora Roberts 5. "The Dark Tower," Stephen King

NON-FICTION

1. "America (The Book)," Jon

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2. "When Will Jesus Bring

the Pork Chops?" George

- 3. "How to Talk Like a Liberal (If You Must)," Ann Coulter
- 4. "Chronicles: Volume One," Bob Dylan

5. "A Paper Life," Tatum O'Neil

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BOOKS

- 1. "Rude Ramsay and the Roaring Radishes," Margaret
- Atwood 2. "Knuffle Bunny," Mo
- Williams 3. "Widget and the Puppy,"
- Lyn McFarland 4. "Mo's Stinky Sweater,"
- David Bedford 5. "No Laughing, No
- Smiling, No Giggling," James Stevenson

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Plan your weekend activities each Thursday

True or false: These myths lower score of relationship IQ

make veryone is interested in the topic of relationships. We ≋think we know a lot about relationships because of our own personal experiences and the media. But we typically

have a lot of misconceptions or myths about the topic that differ from the realities of research findings. Take the following Love Doctor

Relationship

IQ Quiz to

much you

know about

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doctor

Terri L. Orbuch

relationships. Respond True or False to each statement.

- 1. Going to bed mad is a big, fat no-no.
- 2. Jealousy in a partner is a sign of true love and caring.
- 3. Women tend to score higher in "romanticism" than
- 4. At the beginnings of relationships, we see our partners for who they really are.
- 5. The best relationships are ones that have no conflict.

All of the statements are false. Give yourself one point for each false response. Add up your point across the five statements for your Relationship IQ score. Scores range from 0-5. The lower the score, the more your relationship knowledge is based on myths rather than research realities. You need to stop accepting too much advice and information passed on to you by well-meaning friends and relatives. Check out the information below that is derived from scientific research findings.

1. Numerous studies show that solving problems when you are mad and upset is nearly impossible. Trying to solve a problem when you are irrational can sometimes make the problem worse. So, after you calm down and get a good night's sleep, you are much more likely to see things in a new light.

2. Jealousy shown by your partner is not a sign of how much your partner loves or cares about you.

The experience of feeling jealous says more about your own desires, self-interests, and insecurities.

It might sound impressive to say "we never fight," hut the reality of the situation is that if you don't disagree, you probably don't talk about important issues or concerns either. It is how you handle or manage the conflict that determines its effect on your relationship.

3. Studies show that men are more romantic in their beliefs than women. Men are more likely to believe in love at first sight, that love conquers all, and that love is necessary before commitment.

4. At the beginning of a relationship, we tend to idealize and glorify our partner. Love is truly blind at the start. Any imperfections or faults in our partner are typically ignored or misinterpreted.

5. It might sound impressive to say "we never fight," but the reality of the situation is that if you don't disagree, you probably don't talk about important issues or concerns either. It is how you handle or manage the conflict that determines its effect on your relationship.

In my new book, Love Lesson #1: Relationship Realities (\$8.95 plus tax), I dispel common sense notions and myths about love and relationships that all too often sabotage relationships. The more realistic informa-

tion you ascertain on love and relationships, the better you are able to handle the inevitable ups and downs that occur in every relationship.

To submit a question or purchase the book, e-mail the Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com.

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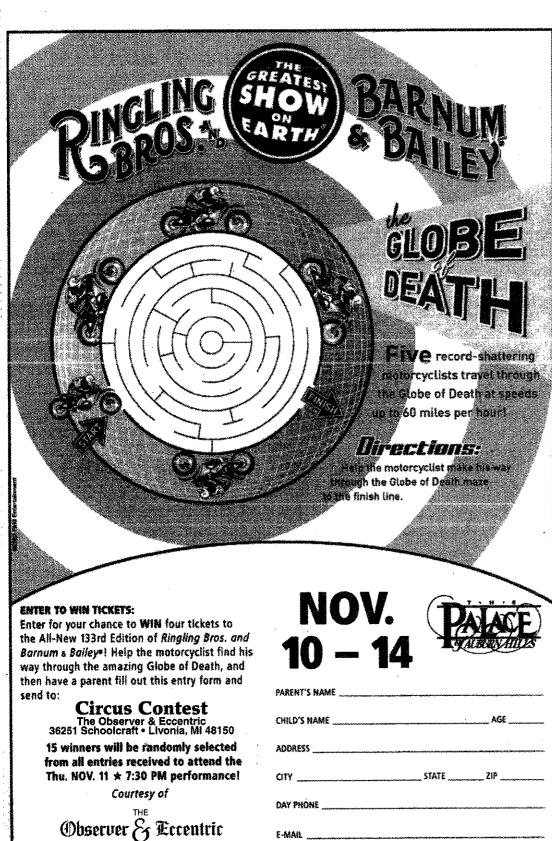
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

This week, Rams will have to check the ego at the door on more than one occasion. If you're the sort of person who admits you make mistakes like everyone else, you have nothing to worry about. However, if you claim to be perfect, others will take great joy in demonstrating that you're not.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There will be times over the next few days when you feel lost and alone, but there will also be times when you feel in tune with the whole of creation. It's the latter feeling you must try to hold on to. The truth is you're never alone: There's always someone there to help.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Although you tend to be an optimist, you may be feeling disillusioned now because of others' total lack of integrity or help. Remain openminded and positive because what you are currently experiencing is a final chapter in a very complex saga in your life. It's time to turn the page, Twin!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It'd be nice if everyone shared your honesty and sensitivity, but they don't. It'd be nice if everyone could be trusted to abide by the rules like you, but they can't. The outer planet shifts now warns that a little bit of suspicion over the next two weeks could save you a lot of trouble.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Don't be too pushy or demanding at this time, but go where your impulses take you and don't (within reason) think that you have to account for your every decision. Others may complain and kvetch that you don't keep them informed, but isn't that your objective? Keep your distance.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Although you'll talk and act with confidence over the next couple of weeks, deep inside there will be a worm of unease. You seem to know that nothing is quite what it seems- especially since November began. It's good that you're worried;

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inconsciuge in Great Savines it'll keep you on your tippy-toes.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

It takes a lot to get you upset, but a potent kick from Thursday's Mars change is bound to test your patience to the limit. You are prepared to accept errors in judgment, but deceit and stupidity you can neither forgive nor condone. Therefore, don't hesitate to let your anger show.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Rarely has there been a time when you have learned so much or come so far, Scorp. In fact, if you are prepared to make just a few more concessions, you'll come to realize that not only are many of your fears unfounded, but also that you are now, and always have been, among

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You're entitled to your beliefs and opinions, but you're not entitled to deny others the same right, if you find yourself disagreeing loudly with family or friends this week, it might be wise to turn and walk away. The time has come to give as good as you get..

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Even if you're one who likes to plan each step in as much as possible, you'll be remarkably adventurous during November. The only thing that might hold you back is if you listen to those who urge you to not take risks. Now you should be taking more than ever!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

With your ruling planet changing direction tomorrow now, you may feel under the weather and exhausted. However, this is no time to take short cuts or back out of commitments. Things will fall into place once you stop trying to mastermind every situation.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You're about to reap the rewards for sacrifices you made in the past, Fish. Good luck will come your way when and where you least expect it, and you mustn't feel guilty that you're doing well while those around you are suffering. It's your turn to taste the good things.

Birmingham astrologer Dennis Fairchild is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555.

For details about Nov. 10th's birthday-predicting class at The Community House, call 248-644-5832.

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Barbershop society seeks singers

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is hosting a Guest Night 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, east of Newburgh, Westland.

Men who might be interested in singing with the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or in a barbetshop quartet are encouraged to attend. The ability to read music is not a requirement.

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AROUND TOWN

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 homedelivered. For information or to order. call Bill, (734) 453-8253.

Poetry contest

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded in the group's poetry contest. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19921, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Deadline for entry is Jan. 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free of charge.

Mercy shopping

Mercy High School in Farmington Hills sponsors its 24th-annual arts and craft show from 4-8p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Admission is \$3 Friday, \$2 Saturday. Proceeds benefit Mercy's tuition assistance fund. Mercy High School is located at 29300 W. 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 476-8020, Ext. 1253. Career women meet

Dr. Elizabeth Burg, a psychologist and naturopathic doctor, speaks to the West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9 at Holiday Inn Livonia, 17123 Laurel Park Drive. Lunch costs \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. To RSVP, call Carolyn Arlen, (248) 474-4241. Bazaar/bake sale

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In the wind

When high winds battered the metro area last week, gusts topping 50 mph toppied a portable toilet during high school soccer regionals. Two youngsters decided to try righting the toilet, but soon gave up.

sors a bazaar and bake sale from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. Presbyterian Village is located at 32001 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-5222. Health fair

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill hosts its third-annual Health Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13. Free health

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St. Anthony craft fair

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St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville hosts its 18th-annual artsand-craft fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20. A soup and sandwich luncheon runs until 2 p.m. St. Anthony is located at 409 W. Columbia.

Tai Chi Society

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan hosts Taoist Master Wan Su-Jian on his first visit to America, Nov. 19-22 in Livonia. Master Wan will be conducting an interactive seminar on the Taoist Healing Arts. Pre-registration is required. Please call 248-332-1281 or 734-591-3530 for specific times and registration costs.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Adoption seminar

Adoption Associates, Inc. a statewide agency, is hosting a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala) adoption information meeting. Come and learn about the child that is waiting for youl The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 26105 Orchard Lake Road

in Farmington Hills. For more information or to RSVP, call (248) 474-0990.

Crafters wanted

Crafters are wanted for the 16thannual 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.

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.

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, email Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734)-416-3354.

Crafters wanted

The eighth-annual Holiday Craft Show is looking for crafters. The show will be held Sunday, Nov. 28 at Hawthorne Valley. Hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Craft booths are \$45. For more information and application please call Suzanne or Paul (734) 844-3128.

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 Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455-9565.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to -May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

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





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BETTO CAROLINE MACMILLAN

Born in Marion, Indiana in 1916, to Carl and Esther (Coffman) Barley, Betty grew up in Toledo, Ohio, then moved to Saginaw. Michigan. After completing a practical nursing degree, she met and married Carl Don MacMillan on February 15, 1938. They moved to Ferndale, Michigan with their three daughters in 1944 where they resided until 1972, when they retired to a bungalow on the Pigeon River in Afton, Michigan. Don passed away in 1994. Betty was a dedicated mom and wife, as well as a community volunteer. She supported her children in music lessons; was leader of a Girl Scout Troop; drove for the Red Cross; worked for the J. L. Hudson Company and McClutchey's of Indian River. Among her hobbies were sewing, knitting, flower-arranging, gardening and collecting Petosky Stones. Betty loved long country walks with her beloved German Shepherd, Duchess, and riding snowmobiles. Betty shared her faith as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in Indian River and Alpena. She enjoyed her family and going out to lunch with her friends. Betty is survived by three daughters: Barbara Diles, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Carol (Mickey) (Daniel) Barr. Fountain City, WI, Donna (Greg) Lenar. Alpena, MI; four grandchil-dren: David (Donna) Ninowski, Westland, MI, Frederick (Diane) Barr, River Falls, WI, Joel (Suzanne) Lenar, Bay City, MI, Jeremy Lenar, Alanson, MI. Danielle (David) McGrath, Minneapolis, MN; seven great-grand-children: Jennifer, David and Dane Ninowski. Zoe, Samuel and Isabelle Barr. Courtney Lenar, and baby McGrath due in 2005, many nieces and nephews. Preceeding Betty in death were her parents, her husband, grandson Eric Barr, and brother Jack Beckwith. Memorial services will be held November 13, 2004, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness of Alpena. Interment of her cremains will be in Ridge Cemetery, Gladwin, MI.

LEOLA PETERSON-RAYMOND

Passed away on November 2, 2004. She was formerly of Farmington Hills, Michigan and moved to Bradenton, Florida. She was a member of the Farmington Hills Garden Club. Memorial Service was held on November 6, 2004 at Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, FL.

SANDRA M. KALE

Age 60 of Canton, November 3, 2004 Beloved daughter of Mary Ann and the late Edward. Dear sister of Sharon (John) Shollack; and Patti (Gary) Rose. Also leaves several nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-9PM at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). Funeral services Monday 11:00 AM. Interment at Park Memoria Cemetery, Livonia. Condolences vermeulenfuneralhome.com

HERMAN E. ESCH

passed away at home. November 4, Age 85, died at his home in Harmon Carl and Augustae Mary (Wolff) Esch. He is survived by his wife Elaine Phyllis (Sommers) Esch. Also I daughter Nancy (Dennis) Niles of Twining, MI. 1 son, Herman M. (Sharon) Esch of St. Joseph, MI. 4 grandchildren, Julie (Brian) Stegman, Cheryl (Edwin) Gordillo, Cynthia (Brian) Wagner, Matthew (Tina) Esch. Other relatives include 3 great-grand children, 1 brother, William (Betty) Esch. Mr. Esch was preceded in death by his parents and 1 sister Ina Jarvis and 1 brother Harvey Carl Esch. Mr. Esch was a resident of Grayling for 22 years and a previous resident of Plymouth, MI. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church-Mio, MI. His hobbies included woodworking, wood carving and photography. Visitation at Sorenson Funeral Home Friday November 5, 2004 from 4 pm-8 pm. Funeral Saturday November 6, 2004 at St. John's Lutheran church in Mio, MI at 11:00 a.m. Then to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home-Plymouth for additional visitation on Monday November 8, 2004 from 9am-11am with funeral on Monday at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Michael Sheppard Officiating. Burial in Riverside Cemetery-Plymouth, MI. Memorials: St. John Lutheran Church-Mio, MI and Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice-Grayling. Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling, MI.

SEVERN FRANK FRANCIS Age 83, formerly of Plymouth, died

Nov. 4, 2004. Retired from Plymouth Public Schools in 1986. Funeral 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh. Visitation 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

SHELLY ROSE ANNE HART LEONARDI

Age 38. Died October 25, 2004, a resident of Farmington Hills. Survived by her mother, Elaine Hart-Leonardi and 3 sisters. Arrangements were made by Fisher Funeral Home, Redford. Memorial will be held in Ocala, FL. Donations can be sent to Michigan Humane Society.

SYLVIA PACE

Age 90, of Traverse City, formerly of Plymouth, died November 3, 2004. She was born January 1, 1914, in Dearborn. She was a resident of Plymouth for 58 years. She belonged to Friendship Station in Plymouth, and enjoyed many Seniors' activities in the Plymouth area. She is survived by her daughter, Carol (William) Burger of Traverse City; her daughter-in-law, Wanda Pace; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Erma (John) Woods. She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and her son, Dennis Pace. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 6, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Munson Hospice House.

WALT WIKOL

2004. Grayling MI., Herman was born Birmingham, November 5, 2004. Mr. in Livonia on August 17, 1920 to Wikol was born January 19, 1919, in Hamtramck, Michigan. He attended Cass Tech High School, Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Technology where he earned a degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Wikol work for Beckman Instruments, Honeywell, Varian Corporation and 3M, where he was a sales engineer and manager for all four. He was the Director of Development at Marygrove College until his retire-ment in 1986. Mr. Wikol was a member of the Brother Rice Dad's Club and Holy Name Church, where he was a Eucharistic Minister. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, coached Little League Baseball in Birmingham, judged local science fairs and was an artist of paintings and sculptures. Mr. Wikol enjoyed playing golf and University of Michigan football but he especially enjoyed spending time with his family. Mr. Wikol is survived by his children, Murray (Nannette), Michael (Kristin), Amy (Randy) Albert and Tom Wikol. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Alexandra, Anika, Abigail, Joey, Ellie, William, Max, Lauren, Hank and Nate, sister, Victoria Henry and sisterin-law, Jo Karhohs. Mr. Wikol is preceded in death by his wife, Ellen and brother, Chester Zilkowski. Funeral from Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon St., Birmingham, Tuesday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 1-5pm and Monday 3-9pm. Prayers Monday evening. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to The Autistic Children's Freatment Network, 32500 Telegraph Road, Suite 209, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025.

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saving drug, Gleevec, which was previously referred to as "STI-571." More recently, in the summer of 2004, he did four triathlons where he placed in the top five in his age group more than once.

When Michael considers the results of his physical training, he thinks, "Too bad I didn't do this years ago." Michael said his illness has helped him "to appreciate more what he is doing today." And his focus on the competitions have given him life goals, a real reason to exercise, and a positive experience in his complicated life full of checkups, tests, trips to Boston, and sometimes apprehension about what will happen next.

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Oak. Elizabeth was a manager

of a manufacturing company

and a stay-at-home mom for a

few years to their sons, Stefan,

who is now 15, and Joshua, 13.

"Jeff is the creative drive,"

says Elizabeth, who graduated

from Ladywood High School.

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Elizabeth says that although

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NO 'WHY ME?'

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He experiences minimal side effects from the medication, and rarely talks about his disease. Michael doesn't appear to be ill at all - he is the seeming picture of perfect health. He has missed very little work at Ford, where he works as an engineer.

And, amazingly, he has never said "Why me?" His wife, Mia, said that when they first went to Oregon for the clinical trials in October of 2000, and there was dramatic shrinkage in the tumor, his comment was, "Well, I guess I can pay atten-

tion to my 401K now." Michael's new interest in running and competing has inspired his family to follow his example. Now his wife is running, too, and has also competed in several triathlons. Their

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Anything that can be

9-year-old son, Matthew, has even competed in races like "The Kids of Steel Mini-Triathlon" in Windsor, Canada. In June, the family of three competed in the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run. Everyone did their own race -Michael ran the 5k, Mia ran the 10k and Matthew did the kid's Fun Run.

The New York City Marathon takes place in New York City today (Sunday). Jennifer and Michael, along with family and friends, raised some \$7,400 for their cause. Michael's sister Katie is planning a party at her apartment in Manhattan during the race, and you can bet there will continue to be lots of celebrating at the Byrne home as they spend time with Michael — who continues to be healthy, fit, and full of life.

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REUNIONS

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.

Brother Rice High School

Class of 1984 A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Birmingham Athletic Club. 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Mike Sarafa (248) 669-7238 or msarafa@afdom.org; Bernadette Donohue Dailey (248) 334-2101 or donohue@oakland.edu; Paul Ryder (248) 645-9140 or recoryder@aol.com. Class of 1989

A 15-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Big Rock Chop House, 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Jill Randall (248) 709-2436; Steve Cosgrove (248) 872-8254 or scosgrove@twsmail.com. Class of 1994

A 10-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Lucky's Irish Pub. 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Sarah Brenner, sbmadigan@sbcglobal.net; John Taggert (248) 737-0634 of jtaggart@argus-group.com; Mick Ide (248) 703-4188 or grizzly766@hotmail.com. Class of 1999

A 5-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Big Rock Chop House (Got Rocks) 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Cate McKeon cmckeon@umich.edu; Rebecca Kramer rkramer@umich.edu; Dan Timmis '96timmis@brice.edu.

Canton and Salem Class of 1994

Dearborn Lowrey

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.

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ex.com. 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

hendrybonnie@sbcglobal.net. Fitzgerald High School

Class of 1974

A 30-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at Cranks in Warren, For more information, contact Louise Oles (248) 652-1488 or LouiseToles@prodigy.net.

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 GCH\$94reunion@vahoo.com for

more information.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991 Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorre-

unions.com. Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit Class of 1963

Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-

Ladywood High School Class of 1984

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

Lakeland High School

Class of 1984 A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 20, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Double Tree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr., Novi. For more information, contact Jeff Bettelon (248) 619-9117.

Lakeview High School

Class of 1984 A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at San Marino Club, 1685 Big Beaver Road, Troy. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information

visit www.reunion84.com. Livonia Bentley

A 30-year reunion of the Class of 1974 will be held Saturday, Nov. 27, at

information, or notify Kathy (ladipaolo) Jones at (734) 462-9438 or e-mail at

meandmrsjones11@hotmail.com or Dave Marlowe at (734) 462-2465 or email 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: aprif santori@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Stevenson High School

Class of 1984 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 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. 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 Rendziperis Munder at nrmunder@hotmail.com or

visit www.seaholm94.com. Southgate Aguinas

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 (Saez) Tylutki at (734) 676-

1957 or QNorth1957@aol.com. St. Damian School

An Alumni Mass and Complimentary Reception is being held 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at St. Damian Church and Community Room in Westland. St. Damian will be celebrating 50 years in 2005, alumni@stdamian.com.

St. Florian School

St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail

gkowalski@ameritech.net. St. Mary's of Redford

Class of 1969 A 35-year reunion is planned for Nov. 13, 2004, at Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Livonia. For more informa-John Coldani Mark Coulter at (724)

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Fiddles duo of Angie Watt and Carrie Reitz, adjudicated artist of the Michigan Arts and Humanities Touring Arts. The folk duo perform harmonious ballads spotlighting hammered dulcimer and guitar.

Cast members from Paper Bag Productions will bring characters from the Wizard of Oz life.

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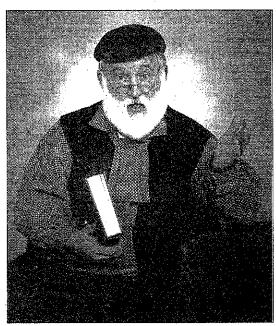
Tickets are \$2 per person, \$5 per family with all proceeds going to the Livonia Youth Theatre. For more information, call (586) 344-7774.



Cast members from Paper Bag Productions share stories through characters from the Wizard of Oz.



Angie Watt and Carrie Reitz are members of the folk duo The Dusty Fiddles.



Ralph C. Morrison tells stories during the Toad Hollow Tellabration at Theatre Livonia in the Livonia Mall on Nov.

Benefit raises funds for Angela Hospice

Nearly 600 people turned out last week to show their support for the work of Angela Hospice. Founded in 1985 in Livonia, Angela Hospice has helped thousands of families across Southeast Michigan.

The 17th annual Light Up a Life Benefit, held Oct. 24, at Laurel Manor, raised \$170,000 for programs that support terminally ill individuals and their families.

"I am so pleased with the success of this event," said Angela Hospice president and CEO, Sister Mary Giovanni. "The generosity of our hosts, George and Dolores Riley, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the support of our loyal benefactors all helped to make this possible."

Guests at the event enjoyed a full evening, with live and silent auctions, a cocktail reception, dinner, and three musical acts.

Fanchon Stinger of Fox-2
Detroit was the evening's auctioneer. Stinger helped to bring in over \$10,000 on the live auction, where heavy bidding ensued on items such as a Hawaii condo stay, and a behind-the-scenes trip to the set of Law & Order Special Victims Unit. A four-piece family room set from Livonia's Chris Furniture was another hot item.

"The feedback from our guests has been wonderful," said Alice Barringer, Angela Hospice's Development Manager. "We're so happy that so many people came out to support our hospice, and they seemed to have a really enjoyable evening."

Raffle drawings added to the evening's excitement, with the top prize for the \$1 "Either/OR" Raffle going to Beulah White, a



Fran Fields of Livonia holds a pair of ruby earrings she won in the 'Pick & Gem' raffle to benefit Angela Hospice.

nurses aide in Angela Hospice's home care program.

"Many times people don't realize how important it is to support organizations like Angela Hospice," said Barringer. "But we couldn't run our programs on insurance reimbursement alone, because many of the services we provide are not covered by insurance. It's the support of our community donors and our fabulous volunteers that enable Angela Hospice to provide such personalized, compassionate care."

Angela Hospice's next fundraiser will be the annual Tree of Life, which will open at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, at Laurel Park Place, with a performance by the Angela Hospice Choir. The Tree of Life will be on display next to the Von Maur entrance throughout the holiday season, for individuals who want to place an angel ornament on the tree with the name of their love one.

For more information about Angela Hospice's services or events, call 734-HOSPICE, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

Book draws on Biblical, Greek stories to help counselors

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER

Biblical Stories for Psychotherapy and Counseling was written for counselors, but it has wisdom that can help others too, says its Southfield coauthor.

"It's not a deep or complicated book," said Matthew Schwartz, Ph.D. "It's a type of wisdom that I think the average person can understand."

Schwartz is one of 20 local authors who will appear at the ninth annual local author fair of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit's 53rd Annual Jewish Book Fair, happening now through Nov. 14.

The local authors' fair is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sunday, Nov. 7, in Handleman Hall West at the JCC's West Bloomfield campus.

Patrons will have the opportunity to meet the authors and buy autographed copies of their

Schwartz wrote the book with Wayne State University colleague Dr. Kalman Kaplan. Schwartz, a history instructor there, and Kaplan, a psychology instructor, have worked together over 20 years looking at "the roots of literature, going back to the Bible."

They realized that a major difference between Greek literature and Biblical stories is that the Bible is life affirming.

"You could kind of say the Bible is 'pro-life."

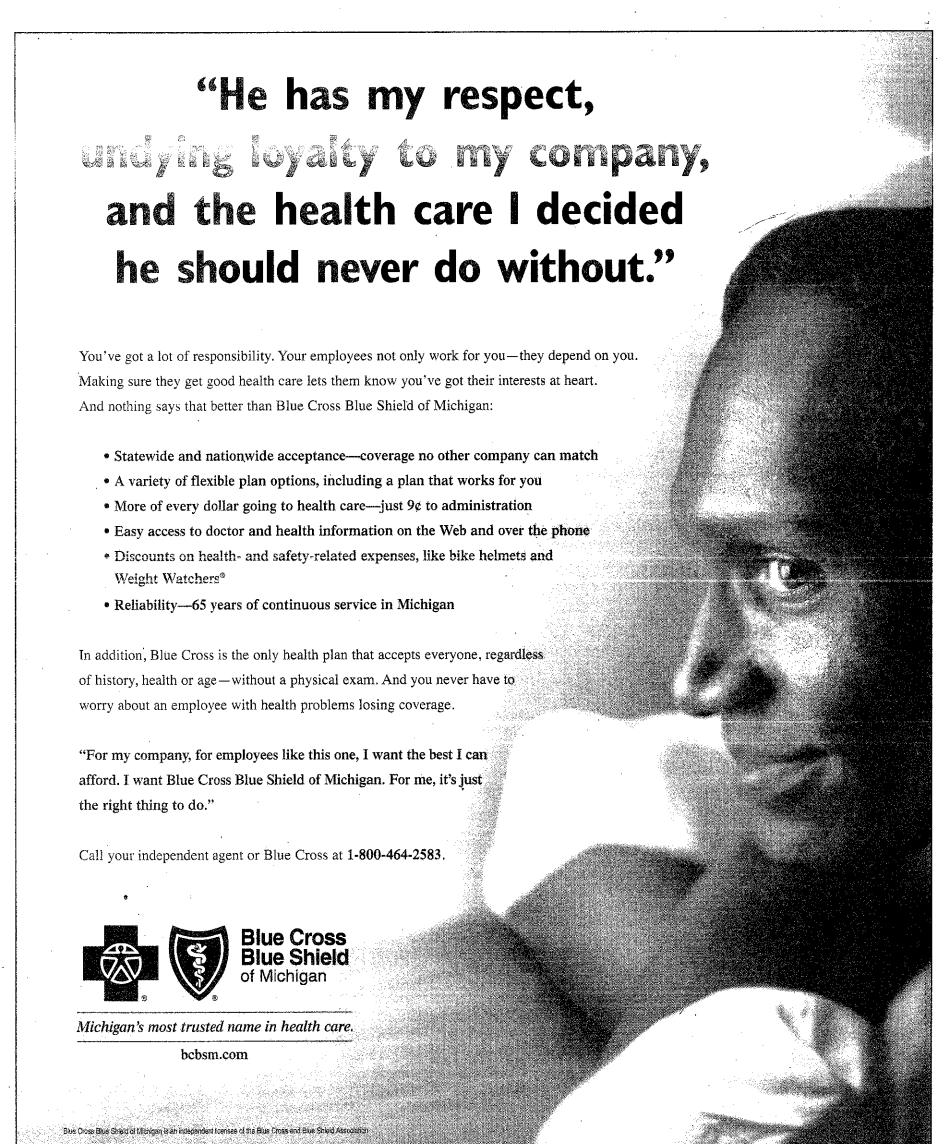
Bible is 'pro-life."
In contrast, suicide was common for the ancient Greeks. One mythological example used in the book is that of Narcissus, an unhappy young man who fell in love with his own reflection in a pond. "He looked at his own image and was so unable to deal with himself, that he had no recourse but suicide."

"If Adam in the book of Genesis had looked in the pond at his reflection, he would have said, I am created in the image of God, therefore, I am something very important."

It's Schwartz first time at the book fair, but he has written previous books.

The book was published earlier this year by Haworth and the first printing sold out, he said.

He said it's available at Amazon.com, direct from the publisher, and at Barnes and Noble, in soft and hard cover.



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wery year many of us lose family and friends to colorectal cancer, breast cancer, lymphoma and other forms of the disease. Now I believe that death is a part of life, but that doesn't make these losses any easier.

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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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Speech impairment afflicts thousands

Dysphonia often misunderstood

BY DAVID AGUILAR NORTHVILLE RECORD

Barb Meteyer knows communication is key when it comes to informing people about spasmodic dyspho-

But like 50,000 others nationwide who suffer from the neurological affliction, she also knows that's nearly impossible when you're rendered near mute, left with a half-broken voice and capable of mouthing only breathy, sometimes suffocating, sentences.

Many mistake the disorder for stuttering. Or even mental incapacity.

In truth, it affects only a person's vocal ability and appears unannounced between the ages of 30 and 50. At first it sounds like laryngitis, or a sore throat scratchy and irritated. But a proper diagnosis typically reveals one of two dysphonia forms: adductor or

Adductor results in a strained, choking-like voice; abductor in a breathy tone.

Meteyer is the wife of Northville High School biology teacher and girls soccer coach Ron Meteyer. She is also a Farmington Hills special education teacher who for three years has watched her voice wane.

She was 52 when she self-diagnosed herself via the dysphonia Web site (www.dysphonia.org). Since then, she's watched public misperceptions — about dysphonia and herself - grow exponentially.

"We're still very normal," she said, sitting at dinner alongside four other women who share the incurable affliction. All five women found each other via an Internet billboard, one of the few ways those suffering from dysphonia can effectively communicate. For some, sign language offers relief.

Telephone communication is useless. Too often it leaves those on the other end stepping between broken words, splayed along a roadway of dead-end sen-

"We hate talking on the phone," Meteyer said. "No on understands what we are saying most of the time. Other times, they think we are just pulling some prank."

What is spasmodic dysphonia?

The cause of spasmodic dysphonia remains unknown. And though since 1989 Botox injections -\$1,000-2,000 each, straight into the throat — have been FDA-approved, the relief such treatments offer



Shirley Prather, Donna Collins, Barb Meteyer and Holly Barnett walk through downtown Northville.

is temporary and alleviates only the symptoms, not the disorder itself.

Vocal chord surgery offers longer-lasting relief, but still provides no long-term cure. Nothing eliminates public misperceptions.

"People mistakenly feel you're nervous. They think you're uncomfortable talking in public," said Bronzie Dabney, a 47-year-old former high school teacher who has been battling the affliction since she was 24. She was working as an office assistant when her voice splintered in half the first time. A year later, she was

Between those two moments, the precise cause of her suddenly breathy voice — a vocal balloon constantly losing air — was a mystery.

"People would call and think I was just playing on the phone," she said. "I would try to tell them ... sometimes they would just hang up."

Holly Barnett, of Farmington Hills, was diagnosed in 2001. The international flight attendant worried a 38-year career was headed for a crash landing. Suddenly she had to contemplate ways to effectively pass along pre-flight instructions.

Looking back, she said symptoms were apparent 10

"I traveled to all these places, but I never really enjoyed walking through the streets with my coworkers because I could never really participate in the conversations," Barnett said. "I didn't want to draw attention to my voice,"

What she gave up were her own personal opinions

inner thoughts defining her as a person: religion, politics, pop culture. Every topic suddenly became offlimits because to speak was to draw unwanted atten-

Even participating in restaurant conversations became nearly impossible. Background noise drowned out the sound of her nimble voice.

I just wanted to have a voice in the world," Barnett said. "But that was taken away from me."

Hope arrives begrudgingly. "I'd rather not speak than not walk," she said with a Botox-enhanced voice. "But it's still very hard sometimes." Shirley Prather, a retired insurance industry work-

er and fledgling author who lives in Farmington Hills, said she has given up hope a cure will be found.
"I don't have hope," she said. "I've had this 40 years, and the research has been minimal. People automati-

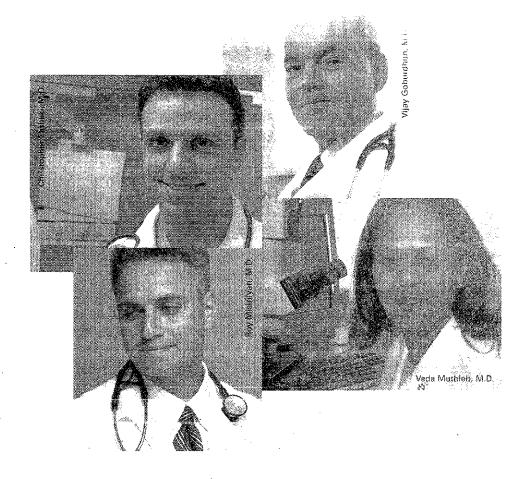
cally think you have a handicap." She said her own senior citizen peer group can sometimes be harsh.

"Some of my friends don't hear very well," she said. "Sometimes they'll just say, 'I can't hear you' and just walk away."

Donna Collins' outlook is a more pragmatic. "We are trying to educate the public, even doctors, about what spasmodic dysphonia is," she said. "That's not always easy because people immediately think

Collins said relief comes with diagnosis: "Just find-

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Doctors: Lots of options for pain relief

The recent announcement that the drug Vioxx was being pulled from pharmacy shelves because of heart and stroke risks left a lot of pain patients stunned, confused and worried. Some are even wondering if they should abandon medications in the same family as Vioxx.

But doctors from the University of Michigan Health System say there are plenty of options to relieve pain and arthritis symptoms, and that patients should talk with their own doctors about what medication or combination of medications is right for them.

The choice may come down to letting your heart or your gut decide. Patients should be treated with medications based in part on their individual risks for heart disease and stomach problems, said Mark Fendrick, M.D., a U-M professor of internal medicine who has studied the use of the family of medicines that includes Vioxx, known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or NSAIDs.

In 2002, he co-created a pain-medication guideline for doctors that was published in Pharmacy and Therapeutics and adopted by the Michigan Quality

ImprovementConsortium. It took into account early evidence that Vioxx and its cousins might raise the risk of a heart attack.

"Every patient is different, but there are clear options even in the wake of the Vioxx situation," said Fendrick. "Patients should work with their clinicians to determine the best combination for them, and to persist until they get relief. No one should

have to live with pain and other symptoms that interfere with their daily life."

Fendrick's guide for treating patients' pain takes into account risk for heart disease and risk for gastrointestinal problems caused by NSAIDs. It's based on research showing that Vioxx and similar prescription drugs, a subset of NSAIDs called Cox-II inhibitors or "superaspirins", can ease pain just as well as other NSAIDs. But Cox-II inhibitors may carry a lower risk of ulcers or of bleeding in the digestive tract than the more traditional NSAIDs, such as ibuprofen or naproxen. Traditional NSAIDs are available both by prescription and over-the-counter in stores. But either way, they're much less expensive than Cox-II inhibitors.

Fendrick's guide also takes into account the fact many people take another NSAID, aspirin, every day to reduce their risk of a heart attack. Taking aspirin with any other NSAID, including Cox-II inhibitors, creates a combined effect that markedly increases the risk of gastrointestinal complication including ulcers and bleeding.

"Most patients and many clinicians are unaware of the fact that adding aspirin to a Cox II inhibitor takes away a great deal, if not all, of the gastrointestinal safety benefit," said Fendrick. "In fact, a recent national study showed. that over 50 percent of Cox II users also take aspirin, and are therefore putting themselves at risk for ulcers and gastrointestinal bleeding."

Add to that the added heart risk that Cox-II inhibitors appear to carry, and it turns

out that people who have suffered heart attacks, chest pains or strokes, or have a high risk for them, probably shouldn't take Cox II drugs at all. In fact, a warning to that effect was placed on Vioxx years ago.

But many patients who take NSAIDs may get benefit by adding a stomach-protecting drug called an acid blocker, or proton pump inhibitor. These are available by prescription under the names Nexium and Prevacid or over the counter Prilosec.

"So, the bottom line is,

patients should talk with their clinicians about their pain, their heart risk, and their risk factors for gastrointestinal complication from NSAIDs," said Fendrick. "Don't assume that what works for one person will work for you, or that risks or side effects are the same for everyone,. And no matter what, be frank with your doctor about pain that you're feeling, because in the end you should be able to get relief."

ALL patients should talk to their clinicians about these general guidelines to decide what drugs are right for them and what dose to take. If you have pain, and if you are under 60, have never had ulcers or gastrointestinal bleeding, and aren't taking a blood thinner or oral steroid. and if you are over 60, have ever had ulcers or gastrointestinal bleeding, or take a blood thinner or an oral steroid, and your heart risk is low and you don't need to take aspirin regularly, consider a traditional NSAID such as ibuprofen or naproxen. These are available as prescription drugs or over the counter as brand name drugs (Advil, Aleve, Motrin, Nuprin) or as less-expensive store brands that contain the same drug and are just as effective. Acetaminophen (Tylenol or store brand) might also work.

It's all right to switch to a Cox-II inhibitor other than Vioxx, such as Celebrex or Bextra. Or, you could take a traditional NSAID (such as ibuprofen or naproxen, prescription or over-the-counter), together with a proton pump inhibitor drug (Nexium, Prevacid or Prilosec) to protect your stomach.

If you have risk factors for heart disease (history of heart attack, stroke or chest pain, or smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or family history of heart disease, try a traditional NSAID, such as ibuprofen or naproxen (prescription or over-thecounter). If you're taking aspirin to protect your heart, you may want to add a proton pump inhibitor drug (Nexium, Prevacid or Prilosec) because of the added gastrointestinal risk that comes from taking aspirin and another NSAID. If you're not on aspirin, ask your doctor if you should be.

You need to combine an NSAID (such as ibuprofen or naproxen, prescription or over the counter) with a proton pump inhibitor drug (Nexium, Prevacid or Prilosec) to protect your stomach. Or, ask your doctor if you should take acetaminophen or a low-dose non-NSAID painkiller. If you're not on aspirin, ask your doctor if you should be.

Facts about dysphonia

What is spasmodic dysphonia? Basically, it's a neurological disorder affecting about 50,000 people nationwide. Those afflicted often lose their voice. No cause has been identified

Who else has been diagnosed? Among those diagnosed: Chuck Hannah, speed boat racer; Robert F. Kennedy Jr.; Diane Rehm, National Public Radio.

Can it be cured?

No cure yet. Botox injections and vocal chord surgery offer temporary symptomatic relief. How do those afflicted deal with it? Internet billboards have become increasingly popular. Also, sign language and support groups. How to find out if you have it? Visit the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association Web site at www.dysphonia.org where audible examples of the

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ing that there is a name for this is a big relief. It's not cancer. You're still an intelligent person. Your emotions are still normal, despite how people suddenly view you."

All five women said the Internet has helped bridge what until now has been an anonymous divide filled with silent suffering. This Saturday, they will join others in Troy for a special support meeting. The goal: increase public awareness and understanding and lend support to those who need it

"It's very important to know you don't have to go through something like this alone," Meteyer said. "The five of us are very fortunate to have found each other."

She and Barnett began their

disorder are available.

Internet billboard posting: "I live in a small Michigan town called Farmington Hills ..." Barnett originally wrote. "I replied, 'I do, too," Meteyer said. "Sometimes

that's all you need to get you

through, one personal connec-

friendship via a simple

tion." David Aguilar can be reached at (248) 349-1700, Ext. 102. Or by e-mail at

daguilar@ht.homecomm.net.

Grant deadline approaches

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are issuing a reminder that the Nov. 8 application deadline is approaching for grant proposals to develop programs that educate senior citizens and their caregivers about depression and how to access help.

Of the nearly 35 million Americans age 65 and older, an estimated 2 million have a depressive illness. Mental diseases can lead to or negatively

affect other physical conditions, reduce the ability of the elderly to care for themselves or to obtain social support, and impair physiological functions. This ultimately reduces the quality of life. In addition, older Americans are disproportionately more likely to die by sui-

To request an application, call Carolyn Wiener at (248) 448-5026.

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Medication education day Held by students from the nursing program at University of Detroit Mercy 9 a.m. to noon. Friday, Nov. 12 an open to families and Villa Marie residents at 15131 Newburgh, Livonia For information, call Lisa Gillary at (734) 464-9494. No charge.

Depression screening day

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Family Center for Psychological Services, 36700 Woodward, Suite 40, Bloomfield Hills. No charge for written self test for depression, screening interview with a psychotherapist, no -appointment necessary. If you're experiencing feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness, change in sleeping and eating patterns, inability to concentrate and memory problems, fatigue or loss of energy, unexplained aches and pains, thoughts of suicide or death or unexplained crying episodes, the center offers hope. Call (248) 642-8042.

Dance for Life Exercise to Prevent Diabetes will be held 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Alkebulan Village, 7701 Harper at the corner of Van Dyke on Detroit's east side. No charge. Fast Freddy, one of the most popular Metro Detroit dancers for more than three decades, will teach the Hustle, while Bobby Green will give Salsa lessons. Ballroom, Chicago Step and Hip Hop aerobics also will be taught. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's Movement for Life initiative is providing music for the event. Snacks and prizes also will be provided.

Dance for Life! Exercise to Prevent Diabetes shows people with diabetes or at risk for the disease simple

things they can do to improve their health or manage the disease. A number of agencies and organizations, including the Southeast Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network, the Institute on Multi-Cultural Health's AIM H. program and the America... Diabetes Association, will be on hand to give information on diabetes awareness, prevention, management and programs.

For information, call (313) 874-7215 MCS Friends

The nonprofit support group for the chemically sensitive, their families and friends meets 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Good Food Company West, 42615 Ford Road in the Canton Center Shopping Mall, at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley. Guest speaker is chiropractor, Dr. Potter and his nurse Kathy. They have helped a number of MCS patients and will talk to us about their experiences. They will use muscle testing for each attendee privately to learn what could be of benefit to their health.

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Natural hormone replacement Seminar conducted by Pamela W. Smith, M.D., a nationally known specialist on bio-identical hormone replacement, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at MSU Management Educational Center, 811 W. Square Lake, Troy. To reserve a seat, call (248) 267-5002.



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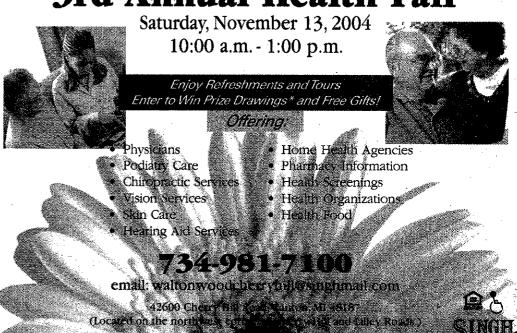
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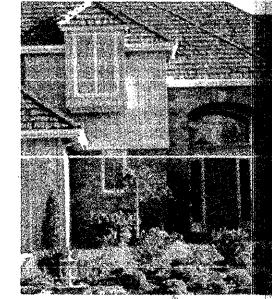
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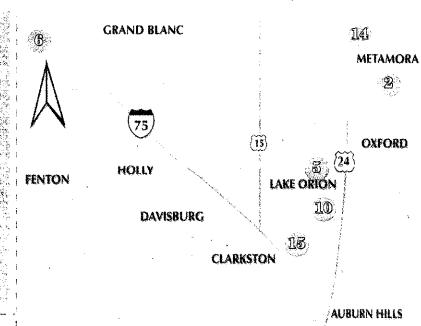
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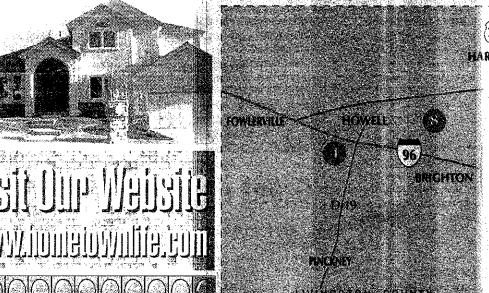


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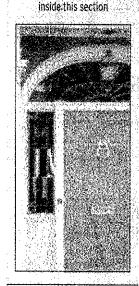
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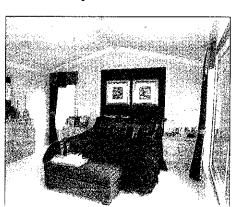
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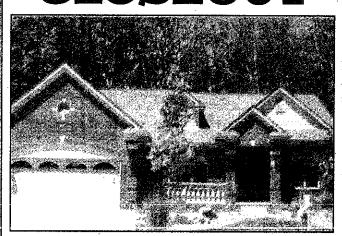
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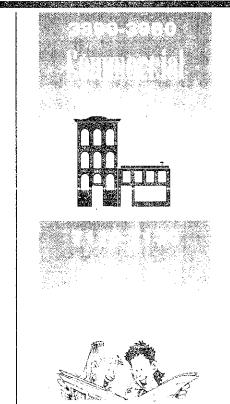




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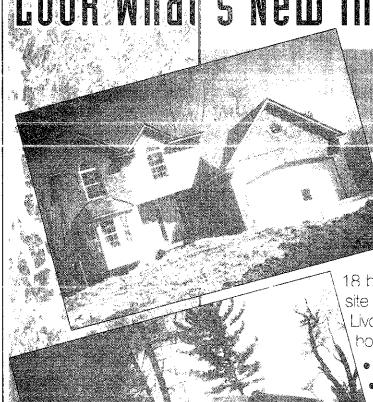
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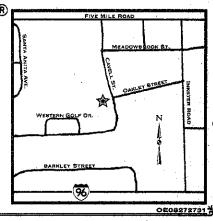
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With 1,389 square feet of living area, the Willowdell has an open, spacious feeling to it. The entry opens into the large living room. A large set of windows face the street and two others are on the side. With this many windows, the room is bright and full of sunlight. A twoway fireplace sets between the living room and the nook.

KITCHEN

The nook has a patio door opening onto a rear deck as well as windows down the side. The kitchen is "C" shaped with dual sinks and an eating bar. In the corner is a pantry for those extra supplies.

Behind the kitchen, adjacent to the garage is the utility room with a washer and dryer. A bench on the outside is ideal for removing muddy shoes or wet clothes. Across the hall is a half bath. Stairs to the unfinished optional basement are located on this side and the stairs to the second floor are around the corner near the entrance.

Upstairs is the sleeping area. It has two regular bedrooms, one with a wall closet and one



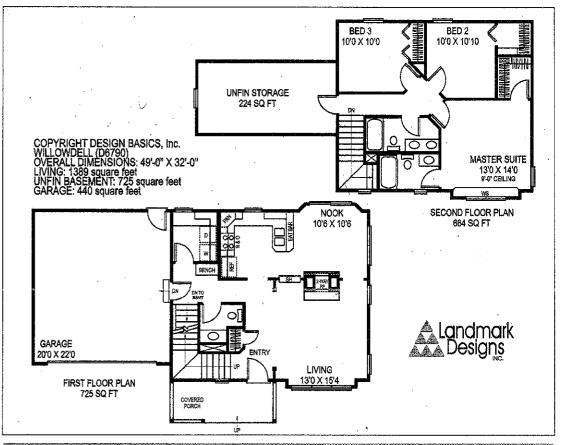
walk-in closet. The full bath with dual sinks and a tub is across the hall and adjacent to

the master suite. The master suite has 9-foot ceilings with a long window seat. With the light from the large window, the window seat is ideal for reading on a lazy afternoon. In the far corner is the walk-in closet. The master bath has a tub and one sink.

At the end of the hall upstairs is an unfinished storage area that could be used for many purposes. It could be a game room, play room, craft room, sewing room, or even a spare bedroom.

With the two unfinished areas (storage area and basement), the Willowdell could potentially be made larger as a family expands. With this extra bonus space, it also increases resale possibilities for this traditional home.

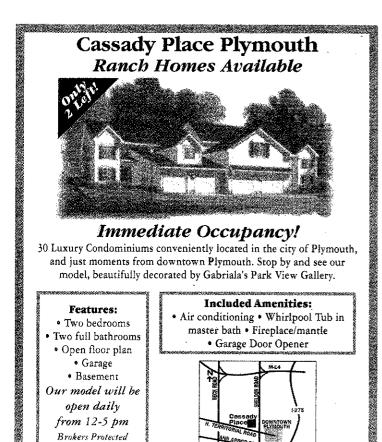
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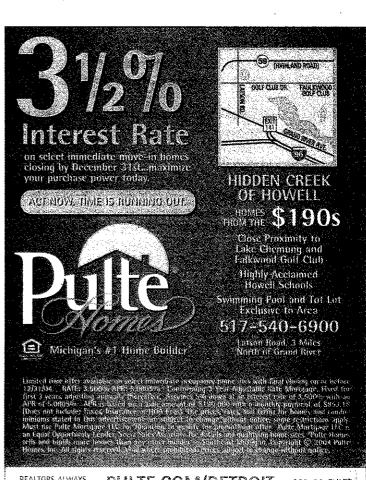
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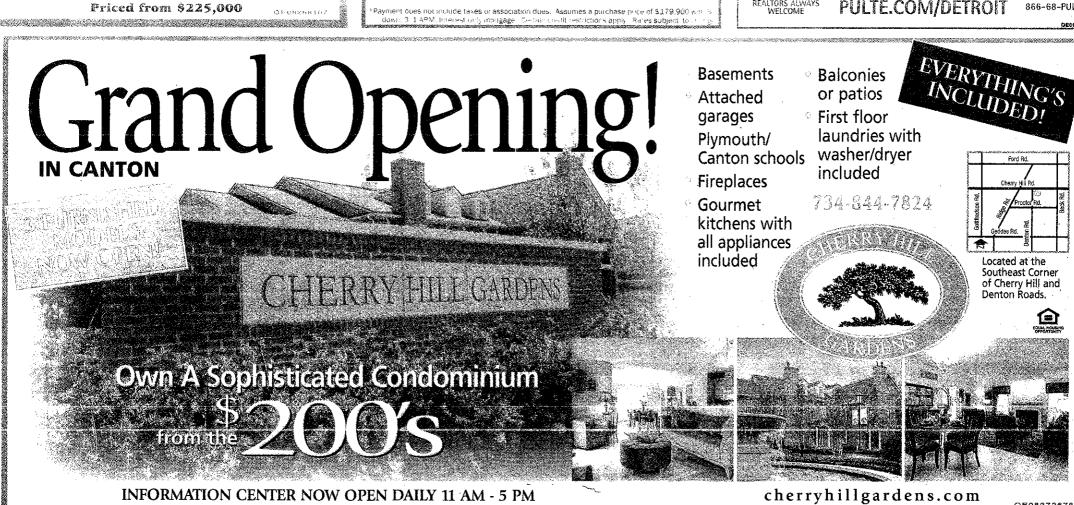
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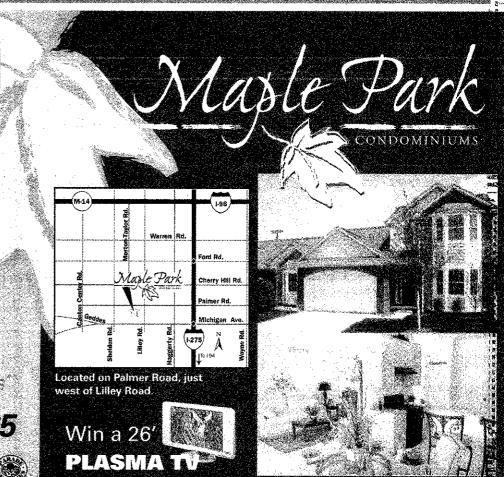
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The number of bedrooms is a significant factor affecting home value. All other things being equal, a four bedroom is worth more than a three bedroom home. The location of bedrooms can also be important. Many custom homes will have the master bedroom on the main level with all other bedrooms upstairs. The size and features of the master bedroom can make or break a sale. Most buyers want a large master bedroom with walk-in closets and wellappointed private bath.

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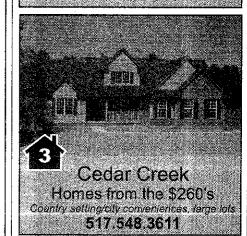


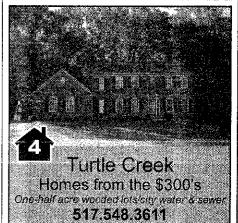
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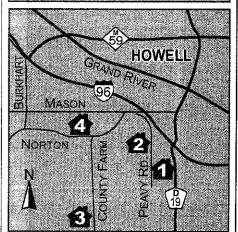
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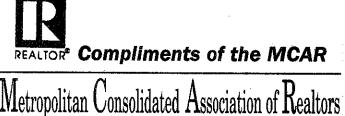
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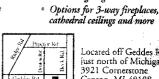
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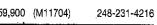
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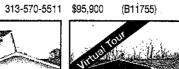


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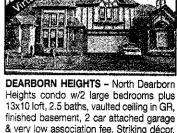
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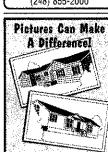
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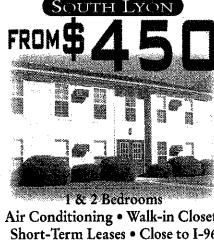
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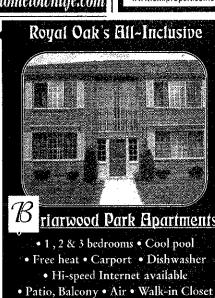
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WORKWISE In September, 1977, car rental clerk Claudette Harris of West Milford, W. Va., was earning

minimum wage at the airport. About 20 travelers stranded by flight cancellations swamped the car rental booths. Inspired, she persuaded two strangers to drive together to Pittsburgh, splitting the \$167 cost. A highly successful entrepreneur was born, helped by an aunt,

who cashed a \$10,000 CD to back her. Within 11 months, her husband, Jeff, quit his job as a full-time truck

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per year. Does it take a trapeze artist to open what becomes a successful business?

Not guite. The Shuttle Rose service is just one example. Cindy Rowe of Harrisburg, Pa., an R.N. for 13 years, also felt ready for a change.

Twenty-five years ago, "someone showed me an ad in an auto-truck magazine," she

recalls. "It said, 'Repair windshields; be your own boss.' It sounded pretty wild, but I decided I'd call." Shortly thereafter, she was in Minneapolis for three days' training in repairing stonechips in windshields. Nursing



remained her fall-back. With \$2,500 capital paying for the training, repair kit and office supplies for her mobile office, she drove a 1975 tan Vega for eight years, "a three-speed that never let me down," she says affectionately. In 1985 Rowe married Dave. One year later, he abandoned his 23-year retail career for good. In 1987, they acquired an existing business for a second service -- auto glass replacement -which he was charged with learning while she traveled, continuing to open accounts and train technicians.

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Blanke affirms that "the real thrill in life is not in the landing -- it's in the flying," which you cannot do unless you "let go of the need to know." Flyers "have a sense of levity," she writes, "an intuitive understanding that it's all just a game."

Wait a minute.

"I never felt that way," Rowe states. "But I understand about the adventure. If you have everything lined up, it's not an adventure. I think I felt grounded. I loved what I was doing." Harris is of the same mind, saying, "We wanted to be a little bit more sound than a trapeze artist." Earning a living isn't just a game for either person. If you absolutely can't get yourself off the dime, reading the book might help you break free. But be careful. The book's subtitle, "Flying

into a New Life with the Greatest of Ease" implies a level of risk-taking that isn't suitable for everyone.

Note that Rowe and Harris both selected basic services that many

people need. Rowe developed contracts with The United States Marine Corps that spared marines driving recruits to and from the processing center in town. With the (free) help of the Small Business Administration and one of SCORE's retired executives in Fairmont. West Va. (www.score.org), she spent three weeks developing a business plan, which she'd never done, to qualify fora contract. The Shuttle Rose also. needed insurance. When a severe snowstorm collapsed the Marine Corps' recruiting station, a state of emergency was declared. The Shuttle Rose was expedited through the Department of Defense, thanks to the Marine Corps's sponsorship by getting a waiver for the

one-year-in-operation clause. The Shuttle Rose has since diversified its revenue streams, with contracts with the Air Force and Air Force Reserves and small group trips to amusement parks, such as Atlantic City.

Blanke, the author, is confusing when she advocates "defin(ing) ourselves by the moments when we fly -- the time when we got the job, nailed the report . . . " This isn't flying. It's grabbing the next

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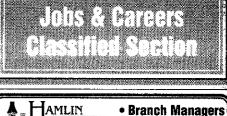
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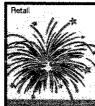
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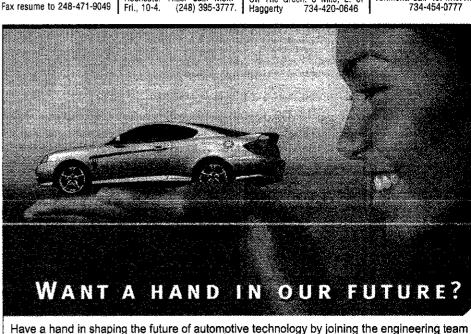
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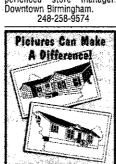
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"Mom," Francesca asked, "Why can't we view cable networks on the cars that have televisions?"

My answer? "You realize you need a cable for cable TV, right?

"Well, it would be a really long cable to get just about anywhere, wouldn't it?" I answered. Proud of myself for being so witty, we went home, did

homework and nothing more was said. OK, fine. But my smugness was premature. Enter KVH

Industries in Middletown, R.I., which is making me choke on my previous words. Ît was only a matter of time, I said to myself, shaking my

head. They've invented the TracVision A5, a revolutionary ultra-

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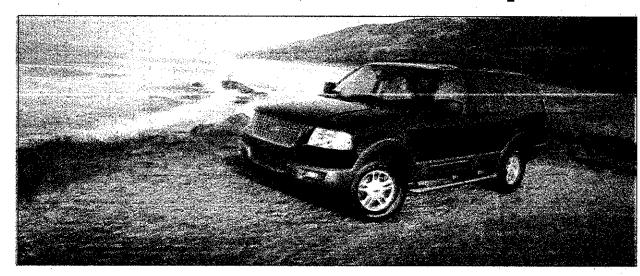
video systems — it's one of the hottest-selling electronic accessory on the market today -- this company promises premium, static-free, digital satellite TV programming.

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"People love to watch TV and not just at home," said Jim Dodez, KVH's vice president of marketing. "The exploding popularity of rear-seat video entertainment systems confirms that. Satellite radio, for all its variety, is still just audio enter-

Dodez estimates more than 600,000 people have subscribed to various satellite radio services, quoting industry data that estimates more than 1 million systems were sold in 2002. That number is certain to grow as more listeners want continuous music commercial-free.

"Those passengers in these vehicle are going to want something to watch," he said. "Satellite TV, with more than 300



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TracVision A5 and live satellite TV in the car," Dodez said.

"Families with small children, emergency and law enforce-

ment agencies and business travelers all recognize that live TV can offer a level of information and entertainment that radio can't match.' KVH began sales of the TracVision A5 in June. More information can be obtained by going to www.TracVision.com.

Here is a question-and-answer sampling from the Web site. Hope this gives you a nice taste of high technology that's available right now.

Q. What is the TracVision A5 in-motion satellite TV anten-

for SUVs, minivans and luxury automobiles equipped with passenger video entertainment systems. Now, travelers on open roads throughout the continental United States will be able to leave the DVDs and videos at home and instead enjoy 300 or more channels of DIRECTV satellite TV entertainment, news, sports, movies and business updates as well as more than 50 channels of commercial-free music. TracVision will also be expandable in the future to provide access to mobile, high-speed Internet access via satellite.

Q. I have two or more video screens/TVs on my vehicle or boat. Using a TracVision antenna, can we watch different channels on each one?

A. Yes. Like your home satellite TV antenna, a single TracVision antenna can support multiple video screens/TVs. If each screen has its own receiver, you can watch different channels on each screen. However, if you have a single receiver, all of the TV screens will show the same programming.

Q. Are there any driving limitations when I have TracVision A5 installed on my vehicle?

A. Not from a technical perspective. TracVision was designed specifically for automotive installation and the rigors of driving. However, KVH recommends people use TracVision and all onboard entertainment systems safely and responsibly. It is unsafe for a video screen to be mounted in such as positionthat the driver can watch TV. Be sure that the driver pays attention to the road and gets you to and from your destination safely.

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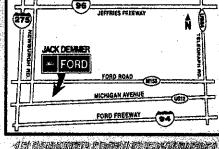
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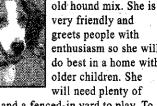
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