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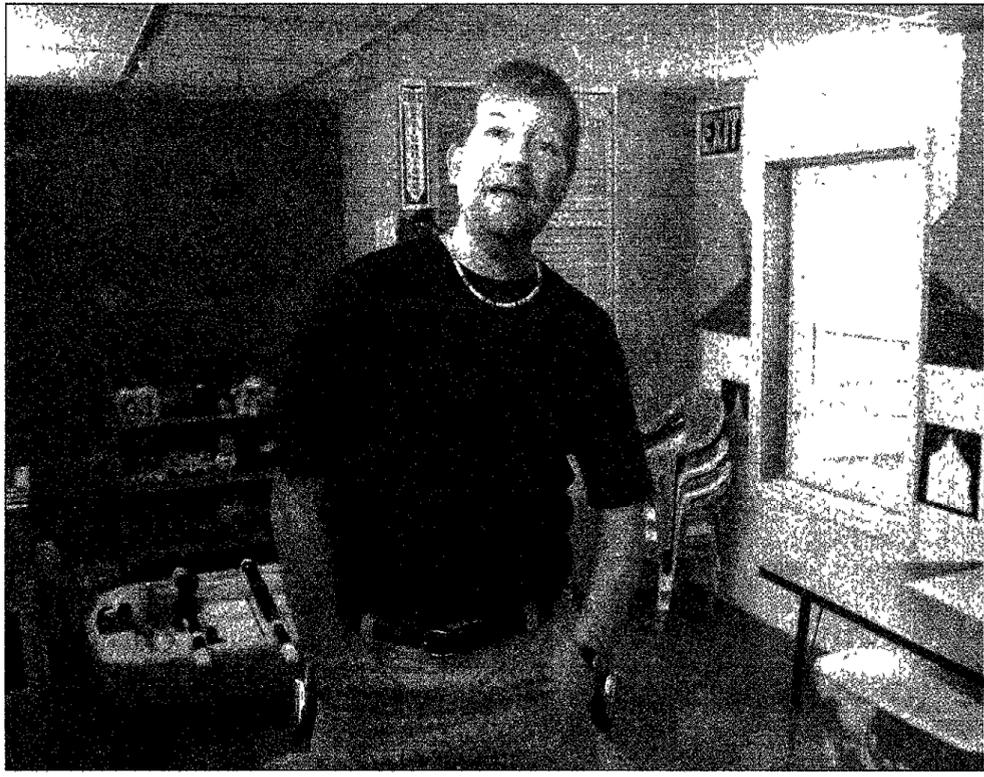
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James Wagar, who just opened Daddy Daycare, is trained, licensed and ready for customers.

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Daddy Daycare

Canton man breaks down gender barrier to provide child care

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

When the door closed on James Wagar's former career, he opened another - the front door of his home. Wagar last week received his license from the state to open a family day care business in his Canton home. "It's something that I thought about for years," Wagar said. "But when I lost my job, I finally decided there was no better time to go ahead and try." Wagar's business, Daddy Daycare, is a very different setting than the place he worked for 19 years. He was a manager at the Kmart Distribution Center in Canton. When that closed



PLEASE SEE DAY CARE, A5 Family, including Wagar's three daughters, helped with decorating.

ACT replaces MEAP as pupil assessment

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Beginning with the Class of 2008, all Michigan 11th-graders will be required to take the American College Test (ACT) and a work skills assessment exam in place of the high school MEAP tests. The switch to the nationally recognized college entrance examination implements a key recommendation of the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, which Gov. Jennifer Granholm has charged to find ways to double the number of college graduates in Michigan. "To compete in a global economy, our students must continue their education beyond high school,"

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A5

Officials get set to vote on 2006 budget, raise for themselves

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township 2006 budget was laid out on the table and will be put to a vote in October.

Overall, at \$27.6 million the 2006 general fund budget (excluding police and fire, which have their own special assessments) is 1.9 percent smaller than it was this year.

"In spite of rising costs, the overall budget is less than it was this year," said township trustee Melissa McLaughlin. "I think that shows some pretty creative man-

agement in terms of getting more for less."

The board will vote on the budget at its regular Oct. 8 meeting, but that doesn't mean the fiscal projections are written in stone. Throughout the budget year, expenditures of more than \$5,000 must be approved when the money is going to be spent. Township projects also must go out for bid, offering another opportunity for review of expenditures and projects.

"There is not a rubber stamp on everything in the budget. It just

PLEASE SEE BOARD, A6

Plymouth High teacher facing third DUI charge

Plymouth High School teacher Dennis Ross is due back in court Friday to face a preliminary hearing after his arraignment on one felony count of driving under the influence.

It's the third offense for Ross in 10 years, which makes it a felony, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. The charge stems from an accident Ross had in May, when he hit a parking curb in the high school parking lot.

No one was injured, but the parking curb was cracked, and there was damage to

Ross's car, Pomorski said. The incident was witnessed by campus security, who reported it to Canton's school resource officer.

Ross was arrested, then released pending the outcome of toxicology tests. Those results came back late last week and showed a high level of Zolpidem, a drug commonly used in sleeping pills, according to Pomorski.

"We called Ross and his attorney and they were very cooperative," Pomorski said. "He turned himself in."

Richard Beemer, a Southfield attorney representing Ross, could not be reached for comment.

Ross was arraigned Thursday before Magistrate Eric Colthurst at 35th District Court in Plymouth. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond pending Friday's preliminary hearing.

Plymouth-Canton school spokesman Frank Ruggirello said the district took disciplinary action against Ross, who has been teaching in the district since 2000, at the time of the accident, but declined to elaborate.

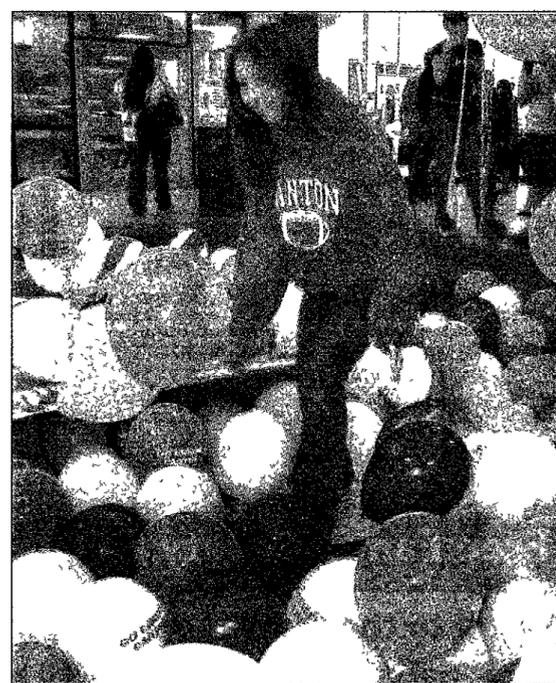
"(Ross) is back to school this fall and is teaching now," Ruggirello said. "We are watching very closely the results of this latest action, and we reserve the right to further disciplinary action as a result."

Pomorski said the charge was warranted despite the fact it involved a sleeping pill rather than alcohol.

"Alcohol, prescription drugs and illegal drugs are all under the same statute," Pomorski said. "People have said that he was using prescription drugs, so it shouldn't be illegal. Alcohol is legal too, but if you use and drive it is against the law. This is the same, as far as the law is concerned."



Ross



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Homecoming happiness

Freshman Alice Reyes runs through the Canton High School pit which parents and students filled with balloons to celebrate the Chiefs' Homecoming game against Wayne Memorial. For the game story, see Page B1.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Watching The Game?



U-M and MSU football teams square off in East Lansing Saturday. Turn to Filter to learn where to catch the action.

A
Priscilla K. Arcure-Eastman
 Arcure-Eastman, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 6.
Marjorie E. Arnold
 Arnold, 96, of Rochester, died Sept. 4.

C
Thelma E. Cameron
 Cameron, 77, of Rochester, died Sept. 8.
June M. Cassidy
 Cassidy, 78, of Shelby Township, died Aug. 31.
Chuck W. Chappell
 Chappell, 68, died Sept. 22.
Floyd "Bud" or "Curly" Curtis
 Curtis, 75, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 27.

D
Kensel DePoy
 DePoy, 81, of Canton, died Sept. 13.

E
Earl "Ray" Eckert
 Eckert, 81, of Madison Heights, died Aug. 28.

F
Alice D. Fuller
 Fuller, 94, of Clarkston, formerly of Rochester, died Sept. 3.

G
Rose Galica
 Galica, 85, of Farmington, died Sept. 9.
James R. Graham
 Graham, 84, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 5.

H
Elizabeth Ann Hansen
 Hansen, of Garden City, died Sept. 12.
Rexford Hoffman
 Hoffman, 99, of Plymouth, died Sept. 15.

J
Deloris Johnson
 Johnson, 78, of Rochester, died Sept. 15.

K
Vitold Kaminskis
 Kaminskis, 86, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 12.
Vera Kompoltowicz
 Kompoltowicz, 99, of Westland, died Sept. 6.

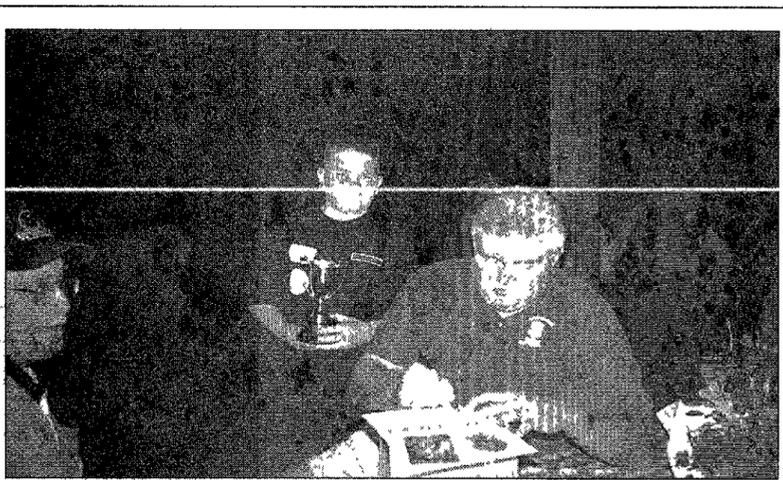
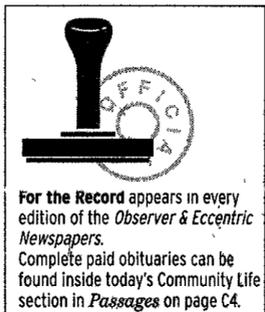
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Peter D. Marrocco
 Marrocco, 49, of Garden City, died Sept. 18.
Gary M. Martin
 Martin, 59, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 29.

N
Michael A. Nael
 Nael, 57, of Whitmore Lake, died Sept. 12.
William F. Newell
 Newell, 70, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 6.

P
Maria G. Pagano
 Pagano, 89, of Royal Oak, died Aug. 27.

S
Giada E. Sartor
 Sartor, 99, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 31.
Richard J. Sullivan Jr.
 Sullivan, 76, died Sept. 20.
Aurelia "Irene" Szumanski
 Szumanski, 94, of Warren, died Sept. 11.

W
Alice Walters
 Walters, 86, of Garden City, died Sept. 2.
Mary Lou Warner
 Warner, 55, of Rochester, died Aug. 24.
Ellen D. Wheeler
 Wheeler, 59, of Rochester, died Aug. 29.
Patricia A. Widmer
 Widmer, of Garden City, died Sept. 5.



A pie-eating legend

A good crowd showed up for State Sen. Bruce Patterson's annual Picnic in the Park, on Sept. 15 at Canton's Heritage Park. A featured event of the picnic is the annual 'Pie Snarfing Contest,' in which participants may not use their hands. This year's winner was Cody Zavodsky, 11, of New Boston. Here, Patterson is autographing the official 'Pie Snarfing Contest Award' certificate, which he presented to Cody. His dad, Dr. Richard Zavodsky, described Cody as 'ecstatic' about winning.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold a special luncheon at noon, Oct. 5 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The chamber will be honoring member businesses celebrating their 10, 25 and 30 year anniversaries as chamber members. The Business Person of the Year and the Ambassador of the Year will also be recognized. The luncheon costs \$15. Reservations must be made by Sept. 30. To reserve a spot, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Fire station grand opening

Canton's newest fire station will open its doors to the public Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. both days. Residents are invited to stop by and tour the new station located at 520 Denton Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road. The open house is being held in conjunction with the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 30, and National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. Residents are reminded that due to the fact that this is a working fire station, firefighters may be out of the building during these open house hours. If you have a group you would like to bring through, please contact the Canton Fire Department administration office to make special arrangements at (734) 394-5455.

88.1 FM salutes the PSO

Radio station 88.1FM, the Escape, is partnering with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on a new program called Salute to the Plymouth Symphony. The one-hour program will debut on 88.1FM at noon on Oct. 5, and will air again at 8 p.m. on Oct. 6. The program will preview the Oct. 8, concert of the Plymouth Symphony, celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Salute to the Plymouth Symphony will feature an interview with Nan Washburn, musical director and conductor, Ariel Toews, conductor of the Celebration Youth Orchestra, and Kristin Kuster, composer. Kuster's piece, Iron Diamond, will premier at the 60th Anniversary Concert at 8 p.m. on Oct. 8, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. The piece honors the significance of Plymouth's railroads. Salute to the Plymouth Symphony will also feature music that will be performed at the 60th Anniversary Concert. The Symphony will be performing selections from Dvorak, Rimsky-Korsakov, Ginastera, and Tchaikovsky. "We're excited to partner with the Plymouth Symphony, especially during such a significant year in their history," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager.

organization designed to acquaint area residents with others in the Canton area, will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 5, at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road (west of Canton Center, between Woodmere and Weatherfield) in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton. The group holds monthly meetings, which include socializing, an activity and/or a speaker of interest on the first Wednesday of each month, September through May. A family picnic is held in June. In addition to monthly meetings, members participate in a variety of social interest groups and Community Relations activities. The upcoming meeting will include a care package drive for a local resident and their battalion in Iraq. Members include life long and new residents from Canton and the surrounding areas. You are welcome to attend one meeting and two social events without an obligation to join. Membership is \$20 for the year and includes 10 newsletters. For more information about the group, call (734) 495-0520 or visit their Web site at <http://newcomers.angelcities.com>.

'Sound of Music'
 The Spotlight Players Community Theater group of Plymouth/Canton will perform *The Sound of Music* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill this weekend and next. The show will run 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. The times are the same for next weekend. Tickets cost \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors/students, and \$13 when there are groups of 15 or more. A \$2 theater charge will be added to all of the above ticket prices. Tickets can be purchased at Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway), Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., or by phone at (734) 394-5460. They will also be on sale one hour prior to performances at the Village Theater ticket office, which is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

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Canton man pleads guilty to trying to pick up 14-year-old girl

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A 68-year-old Canton man pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of illegal use of the Internet and child sexually abusive behavior. When he is sentenced on Nov. 22, he could be facing up to 20 years in prison.



Ellenberger

According to the Wayne County Sheriff Internet crime unit, Harley Ellenberger, a married father of two grown children, tried to solicit sex from a 14-year-old girl with whom he chatted online. But the girl wasn't a girl - she was really Bill Liczbinski, a deputy with the department's Internet crime unit.

Ellenberger was arrested in July and charged, and pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court in Judge Margie Braxton's court.

Although the maximum penalty is 20 years, Wayne County Circuit Court spokeswoman Maria Miller said the minimum is based on a number of factors that are reviewed by the probation department.

"It's based on his prior record, and other factors, and it could be anywhere from a

year to 20 years," she said. "We don't know what's going to happen when he's sentenced. He has no criminal history. There's his age, which is a factor. It's also a factor if he has high likelihood of rehabilitation and could do well in counseling."

But Liczbinski said he hopes the minimum sentence will be a suitable punishment for Ellenberger's illegal actions.

"I'm of the opinion that when I investigate a case my goal is to put them in prison for the maximum amount of time," Liczbinski said of the judge's sentencing decision.

He did, however, add that during the investigation, nothing was found to indicate that Ellenberger had ever tried to solicit minors for sex prior to this incident, and that he has no criminal history. Investigators seized Ellenberger's home computer to examine it for evidence of his chats and any other pertinent information.

Liczbinski said that Ellenberger had chatted online for less than two hours before asking the "girl" to meet him on the eastern side of the county. He had told her he wanted to take her to a nearby motel and have sex with her, according to Liczbinski.

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Fatal motorcycle crash kills Canton man

A 27-year-old Canton man was killed riding his motorcycle in Oakland County's Addison Township on Sept. 21.

According to police reports, Scott Donald Sinagra was driving his 2004 Yamaha motorcycle on Lakeville Road north of Lake George Road Wednesday afternoon. At about 1:40 p.m., the cycle was struck by a 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by a 48-year-old Oakland Township resident.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's accident reconstruction team, the Jeep was turning from northbound

Lake George Road onto westbound Lakeville Road when the crash occurred.

Sinagra was transported to Crittenton Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. The Jeep driver and 41-year-old passenger were treated and cleared at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation. The driver and passenger of the Jeep were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. Sinagra was wearing a helmet. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor, according to investigators.

Braid aid

Bracelets earmarked to help Katrina victims

It was a project that came together even faster than it took for Hurricane Katrina to flatten parts of the Gulf Coast.

But the 19 girls in Brownie Troop 1648 at Isbister Elementary raised more than \$1,800 selling braided bracelets to raise money for hurricane survivors.

"We were really excited because Ford Motor Co. and the *Detroit Free Press* will match our donation to the Red Cross," said troop leader April Santori, a Plymouth Township resident. The total donation will be \$3,400, she added.

The fund-raiser began on Sept. 7 and ended Sept. 9. "They sold the bracelets for \$3 during their lunch period," Santori said. The 500 bracelets were made by Isbister families and sold by the scouts.

"There was an Isbister mom who came up with the idea and made a bunch. It just kind of took off from there," Santori said. "Some of the bracelets had beads and some were thicker and some were thinner. Some were longer and the kids are wearing them as chokers or ankle bracelets."

By Carol Marshall



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Brownie Rachel Duprey shows off her friendship bracelet.



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Charges pile up in pizza delivery robbery cases

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Three defendants now face trial after the plot thickened for two armed Westland robberies that targeted pizza delivery workers.

One defendant also is accused of threatening witnesses and saying he would have killed police officers – if he still had a gun when they came to arrest him, authorities said.

The armed robberies occurred when fake pizza orders were made Aug. 23 at Ravencrest Condominiums, on Newburgh near Marquette, and Aug. 29 in the 400 area of Farmington.

No shots were fired in either incident, but police Sgt. David Heater said that a loaded .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol was used.

"It's a very powerful gun, and

we're very fortunate that no one was hurt," he said.

Three defendants who appeared earlier this month in Westland District Court have waived their preliminary hearings – a move that sent their cases to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial.

Christopher Lee Allen, a 19-year-old Westland man, faces trial for two counts of armed robbery and two counts of felony firearms. He is the accused gunman.

Daniel Garrett, a 21-year-old Canton man, faces trial for the same charges. He is accused of providing the gun and driving the getaway vehicle during both holdups.

Brandon Myers, a 19-year-old Canton man, faces trial only for the Ravencrest robbery. He is charged with one count of armed robbery and one count of felony firearms.

Myers is accused of calling

in the Ravencrest pizza order and of allowing his vehicle to be used. He also is accused of accompanying the gunman to the pizza worker's car.

All three defendants, if convicted, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison. Not-guilty pleas have been entered in court as they await their trials.

In the meantime, Allen is jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond. Myers is jailed on a \$250,000 cash bond.

Garrett has the highest bond at \$500,000, partly because he has a more extensive criminal history and because he made threats to witnesses and to police, Heater has said in court.

"He had made threats that he would have shot police officers if he had had the gun at the time of his arrest," Heater said. "Now, he denies saying that."

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Event introduces kids to Hindu god

There's no more difficult time to be far from home than during the holidays. To bring at least one holiday closer to home, the Hindu Temple in Canton organized its first celebration of Lord Ganesha Puja.

The Hindu religion recognizes Lord Ganesha as the god of wisdom, and worships him before starting any important task or event. Though the celebration is common in India, temples in southeast Michigan haven't hosted such events.

The response was overwhelming, according to temple president Shri Sureshji.

"This was the first time the temple hosted such an event and I think we did great," he said, adding that it's the kind of event Hindus have had to miss, being so far from their mother country. He said there is a need to have more of such events.



Volunteer Vikas Ponnuru told the children about Lord Ganesha at the Hindu Temple's event last weekend.

About 450 people attended the family event, which was designed to appeal to the children in the community, according to Sureshji.

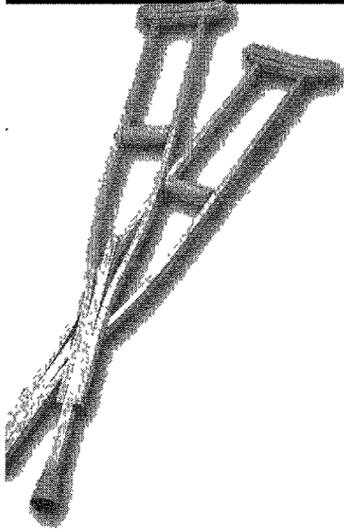
Children were engrossed in the presentation which told a fascinating story about the

birth of Lord Ganesha and enlightened them by telling the facts about the form of Lord Ganesha, which embodies wisdom and power, he said. After worship, children offered fruits to Lord Ganesha.



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said Granholm. "To make this expectation a reality, we must give students the tools they need to succeed, including the opportunity to take a college entrance exam."

The Michigan Merit Exam will be administered during a two-day period each spring. The first day will have students taking the ACT, with a second day devoted to WorkKeys, a work skills assessment program, with additional assessment tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies.

"The fact is we've built our curriculums around Michigan state benchmarks. The ACT does, in some cases, an even better job of addressing the benchmarks than the MEAP does," said Bill Zolkowski, principal of Thurston High School in the South Redford school district. "Once we get over the difficulty of change, I think it's going to end up being even better."

Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, believes using the Michigan Merit Exam, which includes the ACT, will streamline the student assessment process. "Being able to use the Michigan Merit Exam for more than one purpose is a plus," said Bender. "It will be used as a students' college entrance exam as well as for the state exam. We will also be able to use it to meet Adequate Yearly Progress standards."

The new assessments still need approval from the U.S. Department of Education to be used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law.

The change in tests is mandated by Granholm, but not all administrators are ready to get on the bandwagon. Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said the process hasn't been

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well thought out.

"Conceptually, it might work in some districts and some schools, but it's not a good fit for Wayne-Westland," said Baracy. "We want to be accountable, we want to raise the standards and we want to do right by our students, but they all have different learning styles. We need the resources to deal with a differentiated instruction for thousands of students."

Garden City Superintendent Richard Witkowski was a bit more cautious.

"We don't have a lot of information on it, but we'll do what we have to do and administer what they give us," said Witkowski. "I'm holding my breath to see what we have to pay, if anything. If they require it, it seems Headlee should kick in and the state would have to pay for it."

The state is expected to pick up the tab for all the tests, as well as a one re-test for each student. Currently, high school students pay \$70 to take the college entrance examination on a Saturday.

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa said while there are still many unanswered questions, his district is attempting to be proactive.

"We're trying to work with what the state has come up," said Liepa. "We're looking at (instituting) a ninth- and

10th-grade ACT-type assessment. The goal is to consolidate some of the testing time."

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"We'll give the results to the ninth grade teachers, who will interpret them and help those individual students who need help," said Cyndi Burnstein, Salem High School English teacher. "We should be able to track the students and curriculum over time and make necessary improvements."

"The students will benefit from the exploratory tests, which will make them more prepared for the ACT in their junior year," she said.

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DAY CARE

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in March, he and his colleagues were left wondering: What now?

"I knew I didn't want to go back to working in a warehouse setting," he said.

What he did want was to have children involved in the next chapter of his life. Wagar has three daughters - ages 14, 12 and 7 - and loves parenting. He came from a large family - nine siblings in all - and has always coached children's sports, and saw children as his calling. A former colleague at Kmart encouraged him to finally pursue the career of his choice, and open the in-home day care.

"I just love working with children, so that's what I wanted to do," said the middle-aged Wagar. "I'm not getting any younger. Now is the

time to do this."

He attended classes and fulfilled the state requirements to get his license. He shopped online and trekked to Target to gather the cots, furniture, toys and games he would need to keep children engaged and comfortable.

"There's a lot more to it than you think. Your home is inspected, and you have to have a criminal background check and a health examination. You have to be certified in first aid and CPR," Wagar said.

Last week, the state gave him the green light to open up shop.

"It's a lot more than just baby-sitting. You are working to develop this child and what they'll become in the future," he said.

He provides healthy snacks and meals at the day care, as well as a daily schedule, which includes structured and unstructured play time

and games.

The next hurdle - and Wagar said he knows it's a tall one - is attracting clients.

"I know a lot of guys don't do this kind of thing," he said. "My own mother even commented on the gender issue. I'm not naive and I know some people would have concerns, but I just have to prove myself to the parents, and the rest will take care of itself."

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 means that we tentatively agree with the overall plan for next year. And as each project comes up we review them again," McLaughlin said.
 One line item which may knock the upcoming budget off balance is the rising cost of energy.
 "We as an entire organization will have to prioritize some things like high energy and gas costs. We see what has happened with the hurricanes and the whole energy issue is more complex than that. It's just that the hurricanes brought it all to a head," McLaughlin said.
 Township Supervisor Tom Yack agreed that the budget showed a high level of fiscal restraint, while still enabling the township to afford the same level of service as it has. The total millage rate went down by .2, from 8.85 to 8.65 mills.
 Some of the capital improve-

ments - such as a proposed \$1 million parks maintenance building - would be paid for with money from the community improvement fund.
 "The community improvement fund comes from royalties from the landfill and disposal fees which the township would be paying but are not, due to the agreement with the landfill," Yack said. "Those dollars are not to be used for general operations. But as the budget gets tighter, there is a tendency to not want to spend much of that and keep it as a safety valve. But we've resisted that."
 The fund has helped to pay for the Summit on the Park, parks, and part of the Village Theater.
 Yack said that he will in October and through the year champion two projects. One is the parks maintenance building, and the other is a proposed splash park at Flodin Park.
 "I will fully support that, but only if the lion's share of the money comes from the Wayne County parks millage, with

Canton paying a small match," he said.
 While trustee Todd Caccamo also agreed that the budget for next year reflects that the township is on the right track, he disagreed with some of the expenditures.
 "I do give credit where credit is due. The general government budget is down. But I believe government should provide services, including basic recreation services," he said.
 But the township is providing far more than basic leisure services, Caccamo said.
 "While these amenities are valuable, I don't know what place government has in providing them," he said. "Leisure Services is a very well-run operation, but I just disagree about the level of recreation we need to pay for."
 In 2006, Canton residents will contribute an average of \$143 per household to the Leisure Services budget, compared to \$147 per year last year (based on a home value of \$240,000), according to Leisure Services Director Ann

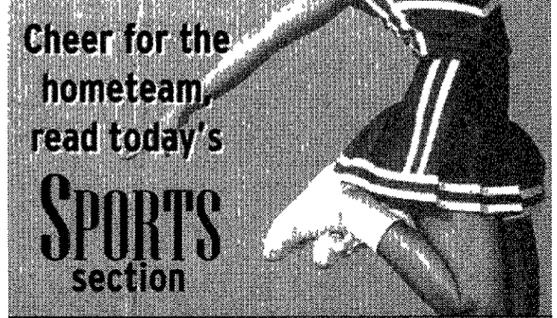
Conklin. The Leisure Services budget receives approximately 13 percent of the Canton Township portion of the average property tax bill.
 The Leisure Services 2006 budget will be approximately \$11.8 million, compared to \$11.6 million in 2005, and will receive a general fund contribution of \$4.8 million, she added.
 Caccamo also took issue with what he called a generous raise for the township supervisor and full-time elected officials, as well as himself.
 He said Yack's salary of \$116,290 will raise to \$123,394, which is more than an 8 percent increase. The township clerk's salary will increase from \$89,600 to \$95,000, a 6 percent increase.
 "And I got a 3 percent raise. We are some of the highest paid officials in Wayne County," Caccamo said of his \$11,000 per year wages for service on the board.
 "Our full-time electeds are entitled to a cost of living raise. But an 8 percent raise for Tom Yack and 6 percent for the clerk sends the wrong message," he said, adding that most township employees receive a 3 percent cost of living raise. "On it's face it just doesn't look good. I learned in the Marines that you take care of the troops first. Privates eat before officers. The people in the trenches get 3 percent. Why are the generals getting 8 percent?"

Storm knocks out power to 300 homes

First came the rain. Then came the thunder. And Friday morning, residents in 300 Canton homes woke up in the dark. There were a total of 1,300 residents in Wayne County who lost power during Thursday night's strong thunderstorms, according to Municipal Services Director Tim Faas.
 "DTE Energy told me the outage affects about 300 Canton customers, mostly in the south end of the township, south of Geddes Road. The bulk of the 1,300 people out are in Van Buren Township and Belleville," Faas said.
 Thursday night marked the second time this year that

Canton residents lost power due to the weather, Faas said, though there had been several outages and brown-outs during the summer, due to DTE circuit issues.
 "Detroit Edison has requested us to direct any calls to the DTE emergency number which is (800) 477-4747. It is important that residents and businesses report any loss of power to DTE so that their staff can correct the problems," Faas said.
 According to the Canton Fire Department, there were no major troubles during the night.

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Some suburban residents yearn for small town life

When the dust finally settles on the controversial Wonderland Village development in Livonia, we can begin taking a look at the fundamental question - what kind of communities do we want.

Several residents of the Middlebelt and Plymouth Road area told city leaders that the development proposed by Bob Schostak doesn't "fit" in their neighborhood. The plan calls for a super Wal-Mart, a large Target, a third large store and a collection of small "village" stores. It would replace an indoor shopping center, a slightly smaller Target and a closed Kmart (on an adjacent site that is still to be developed).



Hugh Gallagher

The objections to the proposed site development are not without merit, but it is hard to see how this development significantly changes the commercial area near these neighborhoods.

We have a variety of community styles in our area. Plymouth, Northville and Farmington have traditional town centers all developed in the 1800s and early 1900s with modest residential areas developed at the same time and within walking distance of the town. When they were first built, they served farm communities and the commercial district supplied the necessities - a grocery, a drugstore, a clothing store, a hardware store, a doctor or two, a dentist, a lawyer, a funeral home, a blacksmith/stable (later a gas station/garage), a restaurant and tavern. Farmers came in on a Saturday to stock up and meet with neighbors. During the week, the townspeople could walk wherever they needed to go.

When people got an itching for the big city, there was an interurban to take them to Detroit. In the city they could go to Hudson's and gawk at the window displays and buy some special piece of clothing or appliances, see a vaudeville show or a movie, catch a ballgame at Bennett Park (later Briggs Stadium), hear live music at a nightclub, see masterpieces at the DIA or do research at the library.

Over time the gaps between the city and those towns began to fill. After World War II, a housing explosion took off. Builders began throwing up subdivisions with bigger houses, bigger lots, often no sidewalks and little concern about walking into "town" because "town" didn't exist. The quaint town squares were replaced by strip malls along the main drags and subregional shopping centers with national brand stores. You needed an automobile to get where you had to go.

One community blended into another. For many, Livonia was the ideal suburb. The subdivisions were attractive, the yards were large and green. Unlike other "bedroom" communities, Livonia created a strong economic base. An industrial park was created between Schoolcraft and Plymouth Road. Livonia was strategically connected by freeways and the railroad. The major through roads were wide and perfect for commercial strip development. When people began moving from west side Detroit and Dearborn, Livonia was often the first choice.

But we are beginning to see a nostalgia for a way of life that most suburban residents have never lived. The town has been making a comeback. People are beginning to see that there is something to be said for a town center where people can gather at a coffeehouse or walk the baby past store windows or walk to the library, the doctor, the dentist, the drugstore in a place that's pleasant and close.

We've watched the revival of Royal Oak as a model for creating an urban version of the town.

But, of course, those pleasant towns have gone through a transition. Plymouth, Northville and Farmington are not the primary shopping areas for their communities. They provide specialty shops and entertainment restaurants rather than the necessities. For those, people go to the outer edges of the community, to big box stores or to a closed mall.

The Royal Oaks, Ann Arbors and Birminghams have become entertainment venues rather than primary shopping places.

Now some of those around Plymouth and Middlebelt would like something "more like a town." They'd like someplace they can walk around and greet their neighbors, though that's never been a part of the Livonia experience.

In the long run, Livonia has to consider what it wants to be and what it can be. Unfortunately, city planning often takes a back seat to private development (property rights, you know). And sometimes, places like Livonia, Canton and Westland just grow too quickly, trying to meet a demand for housing that runs faster than careful city planning can handle.

But it's never too late to take another look, invite the community to talk about what they want and discuss the best ways to achieve it.

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Banned Books Week good time to visit your library

recently reread *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, a high school English class favorite that was still a good read, 30 years later. The story of Holden Caulfield's adolescent angst remains a perennial target of those who seek to ban books, the impetus for Banned Book Week, observed Sept. 24 to Oct. 1 this year.

The American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom received a total of 547 challenges last year. A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness. According to Judith F. Krug, director of that office, the number of challenges reflects only incidents reported.

The ALA Web site quotes its president, Carol Brey-Casiano, as concerned about removal of books like *Bless Me Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya from schools: "Not every book is right for every person, but providing a wide range of reading choices is vital for learning, exploration and imagination. The abilities to read, speak, think and express ourselves freely are core American values."

Anaya's award-winning book was banned from the curriculum in Norwood High School, Colo., for offensive language. Young adult novelist Chris Crutcher's books also have come under fire, including in Michigan.

Concerns about banning are found among local librarians as well. "Banned Books Week is to really let people know how important freedom of expression is," said Cathy Lichtman, teen services librarian at the Plymouth District Library. "I think we're fortunate to have access to information."

In addition to the ALA, sponsors are the American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, American Society of Journalists and Authors, Association of American Publishers and National Association of College Stores.

Lichtman hasn't seen big issues with book banning, but has had objections to materials in the library. "We deal with those on a case by case basis. One group or another finds them uncomfortable."

She noted the presence of classics, such as *Catcher in the Rye*, and added such books help students develop critical thinking skills and their place in the world. "I think it's absolutely important to be exposed to different ideas."

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, reference librarian Bridget Sturdy has seen a few concerns raised about graphic novels and other young adult materials, which the staff takes seriously.

"I think it's very important to bring to people's attention there still are so many books people are trying to keep off the shelves. They don't really realize some parents would like to talk to their chil-

dren about these ideas," Sturdy said.

She's found books can help young people cope with body changes, and realize they're not alone in what they're going through.

The Canton Public Library also has had several challenges, said Jean Tabor, director, and has a procedure to handle those. "We take each challenge very seriously."

Materials are rarely withdrawn, she said, although they have been moved to another area in the library. She and colleagues urge parents to monitor what their children are reading and viewing. "They're really the ones who should be in charge," Tabor said. "We have a diverse community of wide varying tastes."

Three of the 10 books on the ALA "Ten Most Challenged Books of 2004" were cited for homosexual themes - the highest number in a decade. Sexual content and offensive language remain the most frequent reasons for seeking removal of books from schools and public libraries.

The books, in order of most frequently challenged, are:

■ *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier for sexual content, offensive language, religious viewpoint, being unsuited to age group and violence

■ *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers, for racism, offensive language and violence

■ *Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture* by Michael A. Bellesiles, for inaccuracy and political viewpoint

■ *Captain Underpants* series by Dav Pilkey, for offensive language and modeling bad behavior

■ *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky, for homosexuality, sexual content and offensive language

■ *What My Mother Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones, for sexual content and offensive language

■ *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak, for nudity and offensive language

■ *King & King* by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland, for homosexuality

■ *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, for racism, homosexuality, sexual content, offensive language and unsuited to age group

■ *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, for racism, offensive language and violence.

Off the list this year, but on for several years past, are the *Alice* series of books by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, *Go Ask Alice* by Anonymous, *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie Harris and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

Certainly parents have the right to know what their children, especially young children, are reading. At the same time, it's important not to impose those decisions on others - or to discourage young people from reading in the first place. Books, even or especially banned ones, open new worlds to readers of all ages.

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New group warns about cost of illegal immigration

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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The Michigan Citizens for Immigration Reform wants something made clear when they discuss the issue of illegal immigration: The word illegal.

The group, just a month old, was the guest of the North Oakland Republican Club at an informational meeting at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston Thursday night. A crowd of about 60 came to the meeting to talk with them and the president of a national immigration reform group to discuss the situation.

MCFIR got its start after Farmington Hills resident Herbert Sherbin wrote a letter to the Farmington Observer bemoaning the effect illegal immigration was having on Michigan. The effect he mentioned specifically was generated in California.

"The 2000 census gave California three more representatives in Congress and because there are only 435 members, Michigan, Indiana and Mississippi lost representatives," he said. "The census counted illegals. It's a perversion of representative democracy."

Of course, there's a lot of inertia against true immigration reform. Perhaps one of the greatest sources of that inertia is the low cost of produce which is subsidized by illegal immigrant pickers working below the minimum wage. MCFIR Co-Founder Peg Robichaud of Canton said prices can be higher if there are people earning money at a legal wage.

"You can afford \$5 for lettuce if you're working," she said. "If you're not, you can't afford it for \$1."

What the low wage/low cost argument misses, she said, is the hidden costs illegal immigration imposes on the nation as a whole. Consumers might pay less for fruits and vegetables, but that savings is negated by the costs to hospitals and the education system which must deal with the immigrants every day.

Dan Stine, national president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform and the evening's featured speaker, has been active in immigration issues since 1982.

"There's a growing national consensus that it's time for reform," he said. "25 years ago I was talking in the woods. Today, people are starting to wake up."

He said the issue is central to national security and at the heart of terrorist attacks in this country.

"In 1986, President Reagan signed an amnesty that started a massive abuse of asylum laws. There were supposed to be employment sanctions and deportation sanctions but by 1990 no one cared," he said. "That allowed the World Trade Center bombing and, later, 9-11."

He said immigration is the most important issue facing the country, affecting public education, crime, environmental protections, congestion and labor equity. He said both political parties have failed the nation and there were powerful interests perpetuating the problem.

"Illegal immigration is lining a lot of pockets. From Fannie Mae to Wells Fargo, they're looking at illegals as the next housing market," Stine said. They're privatizing the profits while they're commonizing the costs."

MCFIR Co-Founder Edith Simmons of Southfield said the organization wants to use political pressure to get Washington to start dealing with the issue seriously.

"We're going to bombard representatives in Washington about the problem," she said. "We're going to demand they do their duty to protect the country's borders. We want workable laws that don't include amnesty."

They would also like to see an end of families using "anchor babies" — children of illegals born in the U.S. creating de facto citizenship for parents — chain migration of entire families and the free issuing of worker visas.

McCotter supports using 'God' in the Pledge

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, introduced a resolution Wednesday reaffirming Congress' support for the Pledge of Allegiance, in

response to a San Francisco federal judge striking down the recitation of the Pledge by California school children. McCotter said the ruling by

Judge Lawrence Karlton contradicts the clear implication of the holdings in various Supreme Court cases and the spirit of numerous other

Supreme Court cases in which the court has stated the voluntary recitation of the Pledge is consistent with the First Amendment.

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Bills aim to give local government flexibility

Following a series of hearings held across the state earlier this year, the Michigan Senate Republican leadership will be introducing legislation intended to give local officials more flexibility in managing their resources, announced.

"We have traveled all around the state holding hearings and everywhere we went we heard ways the Legislature could make things more efficient for local governments," said Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia. "The legislation we're working on will help simplify the administrative processes and relieve some of the obstacles that local units of government face."

The Government Flexibility package will give local government more authority and control of services in their units of government. The legislation is designed to remove cumbersome red tape and help to streamline the operation of local governments.

As chair of the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs, Toy held four hearings throughout the state. The committee heard testimony from more than 40 local officials.

According to Toy, legislation planned for introduction this fall will:

- Give local governments more flexibility in the administration of local tax laws by removing roadblocks that inhibit tax collection;
- Remove requirements for

city tax roll printing when the information is available on a computer database;

■ Promote pooled investment programs so local governments can combine investments with county funds to obtain the best possible rate of return;

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■ Authorize the Michigan Department of Transportation to permit the use of trunkline rights of way in downtown areas for things such as sidewalk displays and cafes; and

■ Allow local governments to use revenue collected on delinquent property taxes on other government services.

"Having served on the Livonia City Council and as city treasurer, I have faith that local governments know best how to run their communities," Toy said. "We need to do everything in our power to help them do their jobs more effectively so they can serve their residents to the best of their ability. This much needed legislation will result in a more efficient delivery of services and savings for taxpayers."

The Senate Local, Urban and State Affairs Committee remains open to receiving more information and ideas in the future, but previous efforts canvassing the state have proven that reforms are needed now.

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Stevenson freshman sinks Rocks' title hopes

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

He's too young to drive, but Livonia Stevenson freshman Adrian Fylonenko was instrumental in steering the Spartans into the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division fast lane Wednesday night.

The 14-year-old Fylonenko drilled a low, turf-skimming shot past Salem goal-keeper Brian Field with 37:26 left in the game to break a scoreless tie and lead Stevenson to a 3-0 home victory over the Rocks.

The win improved the No. 1-ranked Spartans to 9-0 overall and 1-0 in the division. Salem slipped to 7-3-1 and 3-1, respectively.

As Field fished the ball out of the net,

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Fylonenko sprinted in the direction of the Stevenson fans, holding out the "Spartans" that was printed on his jersey. It was Fylonenko's third game since getting promoted from the junior-varsity squad, and his first career varsity start.

"I had to go to the crowd and show them some Spartan spirit," Fylonenko said, describing his post-goal theatrics. "I was kind of tense at the beginning of the game because I was playing with the big guys. On the goal, I got the ball around the 35 (yard line), pushed it up a little, then took the shot. When I saw it hit the inside of the net, I was pretty excited."

Scoring the first goal was huge for his

team, Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

"It was very important," Richters said. "(Salem coach) Ed McCarthy is a fantastic coach and I know that if they had taken the lead, it would have been difficult to play from behind.

"Adrian was doing well at the junior-varsity level and we knew he was the type of player who would help the varsity at some point. He proved it tonight. His goal was a purely individual play. I'm just happy he had the courage to take that shot."

The freshman's goal seemed to energize the Spartans, who doubled their lead less than two minutes later when junior mid-fielder Luke Knochel won possession of the ball 25 yards from the net and ripped a missile past Field to

make it 2-0. Chris Mulcahy was credited with an assist on the goal.

Stevenson nearly made it 3-0 at the 27-minute mark, but Mulcahy's shot hit the cross-bar and bounced harmlessly away.

"On Adrian's goal, we had an opportunity to clear the ball, but he knocked it down and made a good decision to shoot it right away," McCarthy said. "He struck it well and surprised us. That goal seemed to set the tone for the entire second half. Goals are extremely hard to come by in soccer and we were not able to rebound."

The Spartans' final tally came with 17 seconds left when Corey Matson scored after securing the rebound from Roberto Muradian's attempt.

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Pitching in

As usual, the Canton Girls Swim Team Booster Club held a 50/50 raffle during its meet with Salem Tuesday. This raffle was special as 100 percent of the \$236 pot was donated to the Red Cross to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.

The booster club usually keeps half of the money collected and puts it toward team-related expenses. However, the club decided to give its half to the Red Cross.

The unexpected part came when the winner of the 50/50, Ed Lindow, donated his \$118 in winnings to the Red Cross as well.

"We also collected donations as the crowd departed," said booster club member Kay Kane. "Altogether, we were able to collect \$315."

Steelers results

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football team won two of three games Sept. 18 against the Belleville Cougars. Led by Brent Pilligian, Kyle Topper, Kyle Cameron and Josh Dennard, the Steeler freshmen upended the Cougars, 19-7. The Steelers received strong line play from Alex Calles and Brian Schmid.

The Steelers JV squad pounded Belleville, 33-0, to improve to 2-0. Leading the way were Tony Rhodes, Tyler Kelley, Scott Devine and Jeff Heuer. Tyler Goble and Ben Merbler played well defensively for the winners.

The varsity contingent fell to the Cougars, 44-20. Zach Guy and Davon Mullins played well for the Steelers' offensive unit while Josh Taylor and Tyler Russin paced the defense.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Dave Valdivia aced the 110-yard eighth hole at the Links of Novi Sunday afternoon. Valdivia, who is the owner of Dario's Italian Eatery in Garden City, used a sand wedge to complete his first hole-in-one in 20 years of golf. Valdivia fired a round of 39.

Baseball tryouts

The newly formed 9U Canton Cardinals will be holding tryouts for the 2006 season today and again on Oct. 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Park off Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Players who live or attend school in Plymouth or Canton are eligible. Players are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early to register. For more information, contact Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446.

Plymouth openings

The Plymouth High School athletic department has openings for the following positions: assistant wrestling coach, head hockey coach and head girls soccer coach. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Pushin' it Canton cagers turn to fastbreak to down Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following a shaky nine-point first half, Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski asked his team for a break during the intermission of Thursday night's home game against Salem.

A fast-break.

The Chiefs responded, rallying from a 14-9 half-time hole to a 33-28 victory over their cross-campus rivals. The victory improved Canton's record to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem dropped to 4-2 and 0-1, respectively.

"We weren't pushing the ball in the first half like we needed to do against Salem," Samulski said. "Salem plays great half-court defense, so I wanted our girls to get out on the break before Salem could set up their defense. About half-way through the third quarter we finally started running."

With its running game in high gear, the Chiefs turned a 24-20 deficit into a 29-24 lead during the opening 4:30 minutes of the fourth quarter. Four different players contributed points during the run, including junior forward Ja'nee Morton, whose lay-up with 4:45 left gave the Chiefs their first lead of the contest, 26-24. Canton never trailed again.

"Brian is always talking about effort, effort, effort," said Canton point guard Becci Houdek, whose 10 points paced a balanced Chief scoring attack. "We didn't play with enough intensity in the first half. We were playing kind of lazy

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Canton's Lisa Ealy drives to the basket with Salem's Teresa Coppiellie in hot pursuit during Thursday night's game at Canton. Ealy scored nine points in the Chiefs' 33-28 victory.

Plymouth gridders win in OT

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

It was high school football at its finest Friday night as visiting Plymouth claimed a thrilling, overtime victory from state-ranked Walled Lake Western, 38-35.

It was the biggest win in Plymouth's brief history and kept the Wildcats in the running for the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division championship.

Both teams are 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Western can create a three-way tie for the lead with a victory Friday at division-leading and unbeaten Livonia Franklin (5-0).

"We need a little help, but we had to win this one," Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said. "It was the biggest game in our four-year history. We let one slide with Franklin, so we had to win tonight."

After the Wildcats had stopped the Warriors first in overtime, Jeff Lucco's 18-yard field goal on fourth down won it for the Wildcats.

His game-winner capped an exciting 48 minutes of football in which Plymouth twice led by three touchdowns in the first half only to have Western rally to tie the score at 35 with a minute remain-

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Happy Homecoming for Canton

Back on track: Chiefs bury Wayne, 55-6

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial's football team got bulldozed Friday night by Canton in one of the more physical games of hide-and-seek you'll ever see.

The Zebras' football-seeking defense was baffled most of the night by the Chiefs' powerful hide-the-ball offense, which led to Canton's 55-6 homecoming night victory.

Even when the Wayne defenders knew Canton running back Deshon McClendon had the ball, they had a hard time bringing him to the artificial turf as the junior churned out 134 yards on just seven carries and three TD's.

The win, which improved Canton to 3-2 overall and 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, marked the return of Chief three-year starting quarterback Shawn Little, who had missed the previous three games — two of them losses — with a ruptured esophagus. Little played only the first half due to the lopsided score, completing 3-of-5 five passes for 25 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 36 yards on two carries.

"Little hides the ball so well, it's very difficult for the defense to tell who has it," said Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk, whose team dropped to 1-4 (0-3). "When we couldn't see the ball, we started playing a guessing game, and we lost. To stop their offense, you have to be very disciplined and read the guards and the tight ends.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton junior running back Deshon McClendon had a big night against Wayne Memorial Friday, rushing for 134 yards and three touchdowns in the Chiefs' 55-6 triumph.

QB Little returns from scary injury

Shawn Little had a difficult time suppressing a smile when he joined the Canton football team's huddle for the first time in over three weeks Friday night.



Ed Wright

told the guys, 'Let's go!' and I called the play." Go, the Chiefs did, dazzling the Zebras with a series of gut-busting runs between the tackles.

PLEASE SEE LITTLE, B3

Whalers open with 7-2 win

The Plymouth Whalers' bus trip to Saginaw to open the 2005-06 season Wednesday afternoon started with a good omen.

Faced with major road construction on U.S. 23, Plymouth defenseman Ryan McGinnis — a native of nearby Fenton — gave the Whalers' traveling party a quick and efficient way through his hometown in order to avoid the construction. The transition to Saginaw continued smoothly without a hitch.

The Whalers were even better in transition on the ice as they defeated Saginaw, 7-2, before a crowd of 4,603 at the Saginaw County Event Center on the opening night of the Ontario Hockey League sea-

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son. If the OHL's new rules proved anything during the opening game, it is that speed, transition and good special teams are the formula for victory. That's the formula the Whalers used.

Dan Collins recorded three goals and three assists to lead the Plymouth attack. John Vigilante also added six points with a goal and five assists. Mike Letizia, James Neal and McGinnis also notched goals for the winners, who led 4-1 after one period and 6-2 after 40 minutes.

Patrick MacNeil and Michal Bimer tallied goals for Saginaw. Referees Brad Beer and

Marty Kirwin called 22 power play penalties, with Plymouth winning the battle of special teams.

The Whalers went 4-for-10 on the power play; Saginaw was 2-for-12.

Plymouth outshot Saginaw, 41-27. Justin Garay — who played well in goal during the preseason for Plymouth — got the start and continued his strong play, stopping 25 of 27 shots.

After Vigilante opened the scoring at 9:16 of the first period, Plymouth struck for three consecutive power-play goals, two by Collins one minute apart to increase the Whalers' advantage to 3-0. Neal scored 48 seconds later at 13:39 to give the Whalers a 4-0 lead.

Tiger gridders notch 1st win

It took five weeks, but Belleville's football team entered the win column Friday night thanks to a 25-20 victory at Taylor Kennedy. The victory put the Tigers at 1-4 overall and 1-3 in the Mega Red Division. The Eagles dropped to 1-4 and 0-4.

Carlos Clark was the primary weapon for Belleville, rushing for 143 yards on 18 carries and three touchdowns. Dajuan Roberts also had a productive night for the Tigers, picking up 89 yards on 10 attempts.

Clark sprinted in from 25 yards out mid-way through the second quarter to break a scoreless tie. Belleville kicker

Jacob D'onofrio booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Tigers' lead was padded to 9-0 moments later when a Kennedy snap sailed through the end zone on a punt.

The hosts rebounded nicely in the second half garnered a 13-9 lead on a pair of short runs.

Belleville regained the advantage for good a few minutes into the fourth quarter when Clark rambled 14 yards to paydirt.

The Tigers recorded their second safety of the night when defensive end Waseem El Awaadi sacked the Kennedy quarterback in the end zone to

put them up 18-13.

On the ensuing free kick, Belleville recovered an onside kick. The Tigers capitalized a few plays later when Clark scampered 21 yards for his third TD to make it 25-13.

Kennedy scored a meaningless touchdown in the game's waning moments.

Belleville quarterback Josh Lemons turned in a solid effort, completing 4-of-8 passes for 66 yards. The Tigers racked up 312 total yards.

The Tigers return to action Friday night when they host Trenton in a homecoming night battle. Kick-off is slated for 7 p.m.

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ing in the fourth quarter.

"It was two different halves," Western coach Mike Zdebski said. "In the first half, they steamrolled us; in the second half, we steamrolled them."

"It was a matter of adjusting to the speed of their kids and what they were doing. We went inside at halftime and fixed it, and the kids did a great job in the second half."

The Wildcats dominated the first-quarter yardage and clock.

Quarterback Brent Jones, who rushed for 181 yards on 18 carries, capped a pair of drives with scoring runs of 5 and 19 yards.

Plymouth recovered a fumble at the Western 4-yard line early in the second quarter, and Jeffrey Harrison scored on a first down for a 21-0 lead.

After the Warriors answered with a long scoring drive and a 7-yard TD run by Steve Nagrant, Jones dashed 71 yards through the middle on the first play for a third TD.

Western cut the deficit in half when Randy Wright returned a fumble 48 yards for a touchdown that made the

halftime score 28-14.

"The kids said at halftime, 'It's a 48-minute game; that was only 24,'" Zdebski said. "It really came down to the kids executing their assignments in the second half."

The Warriors scored on their first two possessions of the third quarter to tie the score.

Travis Maxey's 35-yard pass to Nick Coram set up a 5-yard scoring run by Henry Ford, and Maxey hit Coram on the run for a 51-yard touchdown pass.

"We made a few mental mistakes," Blaylock said. "We shot ourselves in the foot and let them back in the game. You can't do that against a good team. It's a credit to (the Warriors). They played hard and came back at us."

Plymouth regained the lead when Labrodric Caldwell scooped a fumble and ran 25 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter.

The Wildcats stopped the Warriors on fourth-and-goal at the Plymouth 3 late in the fourth.

But the Wildcats gave the ball back with a fumble at their 24, and the Warriors capitalized on it for the tying touchdown. Nagrant plunged the final 2 yards, and Andy Omiatek made it 35-all when

he kicked the extra point.

Plymouth missed a field goal from 36 yards with 8.8 seconds left in the fourth quarter, and Caldwell blocked a Western field goal attempt on fourth down in overtime.

"I said before overtime, 'We deserve to win this game,'" Blaylock said. "I felt we outplayed them and slugged it out in the fourth quarter."

"It's a credit to our kids. They could have folded but kept fighting the whole way through. They didn't hang their heads at any point. Because we platoon, our kids were fresh and still in the game."

Western had a 384-344 edge in total yards. Maxey was 8-of-16 passing for 141 yards, and Nagrant rushed for 21 times for 119 yards.

Plymouth outgained Western in the first half, 242-136, and had 231 of its 316 rushing total before halftime. Anthony Green carried 19 times for 94 yards and Harrison seven for 38.

"I'm happy about how the kids played four quarters," Zdebski said. "We'll regroup, learn from tonight and set a game plan for next week."

"It was a fun game to watch as a fan. That was a great high school football game."

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Salem surprises John Glenn, 34-7 CHIEFS

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Plymouth Salem took a page right out of Westland John Glenn's book - the one that says run, run, run.

The Rocks took the football and ran it right down the Rockets' throat Friday night for a one-sided 34-7 victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association game.

"We did what we thought we could do all year long," Salem coach Bob Cummings said after his team used three time-consuming scoring drives to sew up the game. "We did what we've done a lot in practice. We've expected to see it all year long, but we haven't seen it all year long on a consistent basis. We just didn't run it on the field."

Quarterback Kevin Bradley ran the ball 24 times for 116 yards and four touchdowns, while running back Mo Saaidi had 23 carries for 96 yards. Bradley also threw seven times, completing four for 92 yards including a 23-yard scoring strike to Matt Kenison.

Salem (2-3, 1-2) set the tone when it took the game's opening kickoff and drove 75 yards in 14 clock-eating plays, with Bradley following his center over for a 1-yard TD run. The drive took 7:16 off the clock.

Glenn, trailing 21-7 at the half, took the second half kickoff and made one first down

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before punting.

The Rocks proceeded to steamroll their way down the field, a 16-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Bradley's 4-yard scoring run and a 28-7 lead. The drive took the rest of the third quarter with the touchdown coming on the first play of the final period.

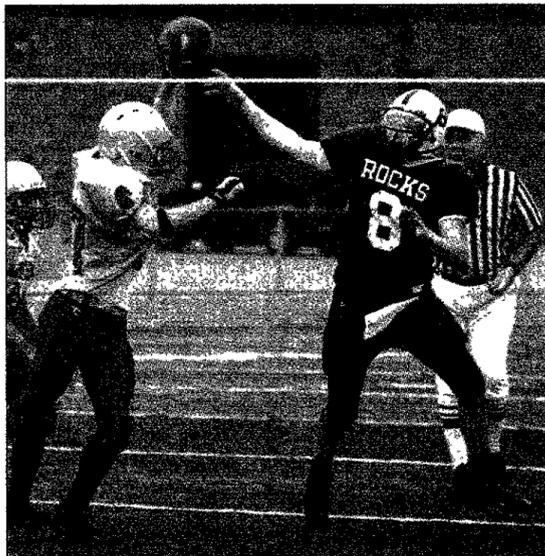
The game-sealer came when Salem held John Glenn (3-2, 2-2) to three plays, got the ball back with 10:13 to play and drove 72 yards in 13 plays. Bradley scored on a 7-yard run and the game was over.

In the first half, the Rocks followed their game-opening drive for a touchdown by blocking a Rockets punt. Bradley hit Kenison with a 23-yard scoring pass and a 14-0 lead. Bradley scored on another 1-yard run to make it 21-0 with 3:39 left in the half.

Glenn then mounted its lone sustained drive of the game, 65 yards in seven plays with Brandon Pratt running two yards to score with 29 seconds left in the half.

"Our offensive line did a great job," Cummings said. "We didn't want them to touch the ball after watching that drive they had at the end of the first half. That scared me."

The long Salem drive at the start of the second half was like looking into a crystal ball for



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem quarterback Kevin Bradley (right) played an instrumental role in the Rocks' 34-7 victory over Westland John Glenn Friday night.

Glenn. It could see the end coming.

Pratt gained 52 yards with 13 runs, but overall Glenn was able to net just 52 yards rushing on 17 carries.

Salem gained 244 yards on the ground, running the ball 58 times.

"We've had a hard time moving the ball all season," Glenn coach Todd DeLuca said. "We

made some changes last week, now we'll take a look and see if the changes can help us at all.

"We need to have a push at the point of attack on a more consistent basis. On both sides of the ball, we couldn't stop them."

"We get things right once in a while," Cummings said. "But it's far in between for us."

first half came on Little's two-yard hook-up with Andy Rossow, less than two minutes into the second quarter, a 60-yard jaunt by McClendon with 5:50 left and sophomore Dalton Walsers' two-yard run.

Walsers set up his TD three plays earlier when he zigged and zagged 49 yards on a punt return, taking the ball to the Wayne 11.

The lone blemish for Canton in the first half came on a botched extra-point attempt following the final TD.

The Chiefs' second-half scores came on Bill Turner's 52-yard fumble return and Devin Murphy's 34-yard run with 4:07 to play. Junior Blaine Paden drilled the final two extra points.

Wayne's lone touchdown came with 7:43 to play when back-up quarterback David Freeman turned a broken play into a 48-yard scoring run.

The Zebras were hampered by the loss of running back Blaine Simmons, who suffered a broken ankle on Wayne's game-opening drive.

"I think that was a pretty big let-down for the rest of the team when Blaine got hurt," Hnatuk said.

Among the players who turned in jarring tackles for the Chiefs' defense were Matt Sweda, Jeff Piper, Chris Hasse and Rossow.

LITTLE

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BIG SHOES TO FILL

Although Canton's back-up quarterback, senior Corey Nicoloff, played commendably during Little's three-game absence, it's hard to fill the shoes of someone who has won 21 of 23 games under center since hitting the varsity scene in 2003.

Wayne head coach Craig Hnatuk said he wasn't surprised to see Little sprint onto the field for the Chiefs' opening drive Friday night.

Nor was he disappointed. "If we were going to pull off an upset tonight," Hnatuk said, "I wanted it to be with him in there. If we were going to win, I wanted Canton to be at their best. Their offense picks it up a beat with Little in there."

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

On the night of Aug. 31, five days after leading the Chiefs to a resounding 42-12 season-opening victory over Ann Arbor



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Canton quarterback Shawn Little, pictured above during a 2004 game, returned to action Friday night after missing three games with a ruptured esophagus.

Pioneer, Little became ill after returning home from a team-related spaghetti dinner.

"About nine o'clock, I started coughing a lot, then when I

threw up, there was blood in it," Little said. "I went to bed, then I woke up about 5 a.m. and the same thing was happening, so my parents rushed me into the emergency room."

"The doctors said that I threw up so hard that my esophagus ruptured. (The esophagus is the tube through which food passes from the pharynx to the stomach.) They knocked me out, sprayed some medicine (on the injury) and did surgery. It was definitely the scariest thing I've ever been through."

CHIEF CONCERN

While recuperating at home, Little found it difficult to get his mind off football.

"I borrowed the tape of the Walled Lake Central game and watched it," he said, referring to the first game he missed during his stellar high school career.

During his recovery period, Little said his spirits were lifted by repeated visits and calls to his home by teammates, coaches and friends.

"They were all great," Little

said. "Without them, I wouldn't have had the strength to get back as soon as I did."

Although he feels a whole lot better than he did two weeks ago, Little is still not completely back to his pre-trauma form.

"I've only had a couple of days to run and get back in shape, so I'm only about 90 percent right now," he said. "But considering everything I've been through, I feel pretty good."

As he walked off the field and toward the locker room Friday night, Little smiled.

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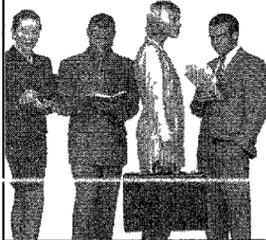
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PREP SWIM RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 114
W.L. NORTHERN 72**
Wednesday at Salem H.S. pool
(Following are places and times
for Plymouth swimmers.)

200 Medley Relay: 1. Plymouth
(Elaine Lafayet, Sarah Palczynski,
Stephanie Goulet, Melissa
McKinstry), 2:06.79; 2. Plymouth
(Danielle McLeay, Cassie White,
Chelsea Frid, Nicole Ambrose),
2:13.24.

200 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos,
2:16.59; 3. Jordan Morris, 2:20.61;
200 IM: 3. Melissa McKinstry,
2:41.10.

50 freestyle: 1. Sarah Palczynski,
28.51; 2. Caitlyn Kolesar, 28.68.
Diving: 2. Andrea Fleming,
153.00.

100 butterfly: 1. Elaine Lafayet,
1:08.84; 3. Ashley Bezelko, 1:16.73.
100 freestyle: 2. Caitlyn Kolesar,
1:03.33; 3. Sarah Palczynski,
1:03.61.

500 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos,
6:13.64; 2. Melissa McKinstry,
6:14.65.

200 free relay: 1. Plymouth (Beah
Knisely, Jordan Morris, Elle
Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos), 1:52.76; 3.
Plymouth (Ashle Bezelko, Lauren
Maslyk, Caitlyn Kolesar, Chelsea
Frid), 1:54.08.

100 backstroke: 1. Elaine
Lafayette, 1:08.53; 2. Stephanie
Goulet, 1:12.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Elle
Palczynski, 1:16.93 (school record).

400 freestyle: 1. Plymouth, (Elaine
Lafayette, Sarah Palczynski, Maricat
Eggenberger, Alyssa Liakos), 4:12.43;
3. Plymouth (Melissa McKinstry,
Caitlyn Kolesar, Nicole Ambrose,
Stephanie Goulet), 4:20.17.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following
results are reprinted from Thursday's
Observer. The final score was mistak-
enly transposed in the original ver-
sion.)

**SALEM 103
CANTON 83**

Tuesday at Canton

200 medley relay: Salem (Kelsey
Lincoln, Kim Heaney, Katie Downey,
Ally Stencel), 1:58.61; 2. Canton
(Alyssa Johnson, Ali Lindow, Allison
Schmitt, Laura Landis), 1:59.08; 3.
Canton, 2:06.92.

200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt
(C), 2:01.44; 2. Monica Blaesser (C),
2:04.11; 3. Katie Gorman (S),
2:05.01.

200 IM: 1. Kelsey Lincoln (S),
2:19.04; 2. Alyssa Johnson (C),
2:25.92; 3. Kim Heaney (S), 2:31.03.

50 freestyle: 1. Kate Musson (S),
26.87; 2. Ally Stencel (S), 27.09; 3.
Izabela Paszkowska (C), 27.25.

Diving: 1. Chelsea Seldon (C),
167.75; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 126.30;
3. Janelle Hudak (C), 118.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Monica Blaesser
(C), 1:05.98; Emily Bair (S), 1:12.37;
3. Katie Downey (S), 1:12.85.

100 freestyle: 1. Kate Musson (S),
58.51; 2. Laura Landis (C), 1:00.16;
3. Stacy Yee (S), 1:00.23.

500 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt
(C), 5:15.09; 2. Whitney Aumiller
(S), 5:43.16; 3. Katie Gorman (S),
5:43.51.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton
(Monica Blaesser, Laura Landis,
Alissa Vermeulen, Allison Schmitt),
1:47.06; 2. Salem (Kate Musson,
Stacy Yee, Ally Stencel, Katie
Gorman), 1:47.74; 3. Canton, 1:54.84.

100 backstroke: 1. Kelsey Lincoln
(S), 1:03.25; 2. Alyssa Johnson (C),
1:06.48; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S),
1:09.03.

100 breaststroke: 1. Kim Heaney
(S), 1:13.36; 2. Ali Lindow (C),
1:18.49; 3. Ashley McClellan (C),
1:20.73.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Kate
Musson, Katie Gorman, Stacy Yee,
Kelsey Lincoln), 3:54.78; 2. Canton
(Monica Blaesser, Izabela
Paszkowska, Molly Dowd, Alyssa
Johnson), 4:02.93; 3. Salem,
4:14.02.

Canton kickers blank Zebras

On Wednesday, Canton (7-1-3, 3-0) cruised to a 5-0 WLAA-Western Division triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial (1-8, 1-2) as five different players scored.

Paul Newall (39:20) and Matt Kulczycki (29:06) tallied unassisted goals, while Matt Epelman (from Jon Somercik) added another at 24:24 to make it 3-0 for Canton at intermission.

Logan McGraw scored on a penalty kick with 18:33 left in the match to make it 4-0 and Eric Wilt completed the scoring with 4:30 remaining on another unassisted effort.

Matt Revers was in goal for the Chiefs.

PLYMOUTH 3, W.L.

WESTERN 1: The Wildcats won their first division game of the season thanks to second-half goals from Justin Sheridan, Tyler Floyd and Sean Dillon.

The win improved the Wildcats to 8-4-1 overall.

The game was scoreless until eight minutes into the second half when Colin Rolfe threaded a centering pass to Sheridan, who deposited the ball in the back of the net. Floyd's goal came approximately one minute later off a feed from Nick Plescia.

Goalie Nick Siekirk was credited with an assist on Dillon's tally.

NOTICE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HILLTOP GOLF COURSE

The Charter Township of Plymouth has prepared a written Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lease/Management of Hilltop Golf Course located at 47000 Powell Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The Hilltop Golf Course is an 18-hole course with a clubhouse. The course will be available for lease/management as of January 1, 2006.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan during regular business hours. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall-Board Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road with a golf course inspection to follow. All proposals must be received in the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2005.

If you have any questions, call Clerk Marilyn Massengill at (734) 354-3224 or Tony Hollis the Public Works Manager at (734) 453-8131.

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P-CEP soccer to mark 25 years

The 25th season of boys high school soccer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 8, with an Alumni Day Celebration.

The special day will kick off with an alumni game that is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity soccer stadium.

Pre-game announcements will begin at about 4:15 p.m. Following the alumni match, the 2005 Canton and Salem junior-varsity squads will square off. The day will be capped by a showdown between the Chiefs and Rocks varsity teams.

Prior to the varsity game, seniors from both teams will be

recognized.

"This promises to be a thrilling match for all alumni players, and it is hoped that the community will join in the excitement as well," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

Any youth soccer player wearing his or her team uniform will be admitted free.

Any Canton alumni interested in participating in the event should contact George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290. Salem alums should contact either McCarthy at (248) 561-2846; John Truskowski at (248) 207-1139; or Scott Duhl at (734) 891-6272.

All former players are encouraged to contact the above-listed individuals as soon as possible.

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Wildcat cagers run past Central, 48-34

Plymouth's girls basketball team opened its Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division schedule Thursday night with an impressive 48-34 victory at Walled Lake Central.

Senior forward Kim Olech was the catalyst for the win, scoring a career-high 21 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Junior guard Val Klemmer also had a career-best night, adding 11 points, while senior forward Jeanine Moise contributed nine points and 12 boards.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 5-2 overall. The Vikings slipped to 3-4.

"Jeanine played in the high post for us tonight and she did a good job moving the ball when they sagged on her," said Plymouth coach Richelle

Reilly. "She also did a good job holding their top player (Brittany Burkhardt) to only six points.

"Val had a good overall game, too. She hit a couple of big three's for us."

The game was tied 17-17 at the half before the visiting Wildcats jumped to a 30-25 lead after three quarters. Plymouth outscored Central, 18-9, over the final eight minutes.

Reilly also praised the play of freshman guard Jalesa Moise, who chipped in with six points, including an important triple during the team's momentum-seizing run in the third quarter.

Plymouth drained 11-of-17 free throws while Central was 5-of-12 from the charity stripe.

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in the first half and at the start of the third quarter, but we started playing better once we started pushing the ball."

Morton and senior forward Lisa Ealy both finished with nine points. Ealy also pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

Salem's offense was led by three players with six points: Alaya Mitchell, Lauren Kurtz and Teresa Coppiellie. Kurtz was strong in the paint, yanking down 10 rebounds; Coppiellie finished with seven. Point-guard Brianna Clarin swished both of her field-goal attempts (one a trey) and netted five points.

The most entertaining match-up of the night was Coppiellie vs. Ealy, who battled relentlessly for position, points and rebounds at both ends of the court.

There was plenty of effort and hustle to go around from

both teams. The best example of this was a 20-second span late in the third quarter when eight of the 10 players on the court hit the court in pursuit of a loose ball.

"It was a typical, low-scoring Salem-Canton game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I thought Canton picked up its defensive pressure in the second half and we looked a little tired.

"Our biggest problem was that we didn't capitalize on several scoring opportunities we had in the first half."

Salem's biggest lead came with six minutes left in the third when a baseline jumper from Kurtz put the Rocks ahead, 17-9. Salem led 24-20 one minute into the fourth quarter thanks to a long three-pointer from Clarin. The hosts retaliated by scoring the next nine — the final two coming off a hustle steal by Ealy, who dished the ball to Houdek for a lay-up at the other end.

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TENNIS WRAP

SALEM 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
Sept. 21 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Becky Sikola, 6-0, 6-1, No. 2: Mio Bohr (S) def. Jessica Novack, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Katie Girsksis (S) def. Crystal Beaver, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Chi Chi Nkwocha, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Burton-Shobha Narasimhan (S) def. Chelsea Cooney-Kristie Homer, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Dana Anderson-Claire Madill (S) def. Aisha Muta-Jessie Harris, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ariel Rojo-Linda Ling (S) def. Sara Michael-Sylvia Hipke, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Adrienne Cercone-Lopa Patel (S) def. Carissa Butler-Kimberly Chan, 6-1, 6-0.

Salem's dual meet record: 5-1-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 159 SALEM 165
Sept. 23 at St. John's

Franklin scorers: Ryan Leidal, 38; Alex Chisholm and Austin Stillman, 40 each; Justin Adams and Steve South, 41 each; Justin Weigand, 44.

Salem scorers: Adam Grady, Matt Smith and Jeremy Henderson, 40 each; Jeff Sroka and Eddie Mazorwicz, 45 each; Adam Grady, 48.

Franklin's dual meet record: 7-3 overall, 6-3 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 152 WAYNE MEMORIAL 195
Sept. 23 at Hickory Creek

Plymouth scorers: Mike Gerisch, 36 (medalist); Matt Talbot, 37; Nick Tagge, 39; Jimmy Vlcek, 40; Justin Allen, 41; Jeff Selasky, 50.

Wayne scorers: Justin Ables, 42; Andrew Zimmerman, 47; Andrew

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Ponican, 52; Michael Green, 54; Jack Zimmerman, 59.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 5-3 WLAA; Wayne, 2-8 overall; 1-8 WLAA.

CANTON 148 NORTHVILLE 163
Sept. 22 at Tanglewood

Canton scorers: Brandon Eggesfield, 34; Derek Trospen, 36; Patrick Gallagher, 38; Joey Underwood, 40; Ben Underwood, 43; Justin Pierce, 43.

Northville scorers: Phil Snow, 36; Chase Dehne, 36; Peter Curran, 40; Wes Gates, 41; Alex Dobref, 41; Richard Allen, 41.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 150 PLYMOUTH 159
Sept. 21 at Idyl Wyld

Franklin scorers: Steve South, 34 (medalist); Justin Adams, 37; Alex

Chisholm, 39; Austin Stillman, 40; Ryan Leidal, 41; Justin Weigand, 43.

Plymouth scorers: Mike Gerisch, 39; Ryan Hoeman, Matt Talbot and Jim Vlcek, 40 each; Jeff Selasky, 41; Ben Kosmalski, 43.

Franklin's dual meet record: 6-3 overall, 5-3 WLAA.

CANTON 158 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 174
Sept. 21 at Hilltop

Canton scorers: Brandon Eggesfield, 37 (medalist); Patrick Gallagher, 38; Ben Underwood, 41; Joey Underwood, 42; Derek Trospen, 43; Justin Pierce, 47.

John Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 41; Dan Tamarogio and Jon Lada, 44 each; Corey Strauss, 45; Jim Wood, 47; Jamel Chokr, 49.

Dual meet records: Canton, 5-3 WLAA; John Glenn, 0-6.

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 - Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
 - Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
 - Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4:30 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Tuesday, Sept. 27
- PCA at Birmingham Roper, 8 p.m.
 - Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
 - Plymouth at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 - W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
 - Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 29**
- Belleville at Inkster, 7 p.m.
 - Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 - Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 - W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30**
- PCA at Oakland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 - Huron Valley at Canton Agape at United Christian, 6 p.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**
Monday, Sept. 26
- Woodhaven at Belleville, 4 p.m.
 - Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at
- PCEP turf field, 7 p.m.**
- Canton at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 - W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27**
- PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28**
- Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
 - Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
 - Salem at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 29**
- Weshtenaw Christian at Canton Agape at Independence Park #7, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30**
- PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
 - Canton Agape at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1**
- Canton at Troy, 2 p.m.
- BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**
Thursday, Sept. 29
- Plymouth and Canton at WLAA Western Division meet at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 - Salem at Lakes Division Jamboree at Richardson Center Park, 4:15 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1**
- Plymouth at Divine Child Invite, 9:40 a.m.
 - Canton at Haslett Invitational, 9 a.m.

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Terry Wilamowski

Daughter should stay at school

My 6-year-old has just begun first grade. She loved kindergarten, but has had a difficult time getting used to going to school all day. She tells her teacher that she has a stomach ache and has tried to come home every day for the past week. The first three times this happened, I went to get her, but she felt fine once we were home. After that, I refused to go to get her. Now, I feel guilty and worry. What should I do?

Lisa, Plymouth

The transition from a half-day kindergarten to a full-day first grade is challenging for most children. In the first week or two of the new school year, the children are getting used to being away from home and their loved ones for so long. It sounds like your daughter is experiencing this type of separation anxiety. Once she is home, her separation is ended and so is the anxiety. This solves the problem for her, but creates a new one for you.

You have done the right thing by making her stay at school. As difficult as this is, it is the only way for her to develop comfort and security in the school environment. When she learns that she has to stay in school all day, she will begin to think about coming home less. This will allow her to become familiar with her teacher, her classmates and the length of the day. As a result, her anxiety will fade. In the meantime, reassure her that you love her and that she is safe at school. You can also read the book *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn with her. This is a wonderful book that deals with this exact subject. If the anxiety persists, ask the teacher and school staff for some help.

I am the mother of an 8-year-old son. Because it is just the two of us, we spend lots of time together and are very close. Sometimes I feel that we are too close. We argue all the time and he tries to tell me what to do. He does not sleep in his own bed. What can I do to fix this situation?

Ashley, Redford

The behaviors you report indicate that your son does not recognize you as an authority figure. The line between the roles of parent and child has been blurred to the point that there is no distinction. Your son seems to see himself as your peer and will not submit to your rules or position. You may be having some difficulties in this area as well.

It is essential that you re-establish the lines between the two of you. You are the parent, not his playmate. Do not argue with him or allow him to be the boss. This only confuses the matter more. You set the rules and he follows them. He can have some input, but the final say must be yours.

To be effective, you must select appropriate consequences and employ them with firmness and consistency. If a rule is broken, a consequence must follow. You will have succeeded in establishing your authority and reinforcing your comfort with the parental role. After you have remained consistent for a period of time, your son will begin to recognize your authority and respect the limits that you have set. If, after all your efforts, you are still uncertain, you may find it helpful to enroll in a parenting class such as Love and Logic.

Terry Wilamowski is a therapist specializing in the treatment of children and families at Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills. Questions can be sent to parents@daviscounseling.com.

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On a brighter note

Symphony begins season in new hall

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A contagious excitement swept through the rehearsal room on Monday night. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra has a new home and with that comes a new sound.

Over the years, legendary musicians such as Harry James blew some of their best concerts as part of the jazz series in the Louis Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. Jim Poe expects nothing less of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra which opens its 2005-2006 season Saturday, Oct. 1.

The Farmington Hills bassoon player along with conductor Volodymyr Sheshiuk and a revamped music committee selected a long list of classical, light-classical, Broadway, and pop hits.

Concert No. 1 roars into the new hall with fanfares and overtures from Shostakovich, Wagner, Brahms, Rossini, Dukas, Beethoven, and Copland. In the meantime, the orchestra continues to practice at its former venue in Churchill High School in Livonia.

Clarenceville High School is located on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile.

'EXCITED'

"I'm excited to show off the orchestra in a different way," said Poe, who's been a member of the LSO since



Above, second violin Lisa Cotter is a resident of Canton. Top, the many faces of conductor Volodymyr Sheshiuk as he puts the Livonia Symphony Orchestra through its paces at a recent rehearsal.

1991. "We redid the music committee to involve more musicians. It's important to choose what's pleasing and enjoyable for the audience and what we like to play. If you get these two together, it will be a successful season."

"We chose a different theme for the opener. It shows off the orchestra. There's the fanfare of the beginning of the season, the excitement of the first season in our new home. The acoustics are great. You can hear each other better, play better."

Sheshiuk hopes the new hall will be "a magical music box" for the orchestra which has struggled in recent years. He recently visited Clarenceville's auditorium to determine how to arrange the orchestra for the fullest sound.



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Trumpet players Dave Toepler, Doug Bayne and Brian Moon practice. Toepler and Bayne carpool in from Rochester Hills. Moon is from Bloomfield Township.

PLEASE SEE SYMPHONY, C5

Doctors step into spotlight for Circle of Hope Gala

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Susan Lininger's a little nervous about parading down a runway in front of colleagues. The Birmingham anesthesiologist realizes one wrong step and she could fall, but she volunteered anyway. This year, the Circle of Hope Gala raises money for cardiac services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia where she works.

The ivory jacket, trimmed in tweed and topped with a glass bead necklace, is dressier than the scrubs she usually wears so she's especially looking forward to the gala including the fashion show Friday, Oct. 14, at the Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia.

The Doncaster outfit is one of two she selected to model.

"There's always a chance you can trip, but it sounded like a good cause and a fun night for people," said Lininger, a Birmingham resident who's modeling with her partner Dr. Khalil Dirani. "I don't get dressed up that often. It makes it fun to get dressed up for a while."

Dr. Sanjeev Vaishampayan not only thinks the evening will be an exciting



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Susan Lininger tries on some clothes with a little help from Doncaster wardrobe consultant Pam Szmazdzinski as she gets ready to model for the crowd at the upcoming Circle of Hope Gala for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's cardiac services.

experience, he's flattered to be chosen to model the men's outfits from Manno Clothing and Tailoring of Dearborn. As a cardiologist, he has a vested interest in the gala to raise funds for his area of expertise. On Tuesday, he met with architects for the new cardiac services

suites to open in November 2006 at the hospital.

"It's near and dear to my heart," said Vaishampayan, director of noninvasive cardiac services. Dr. Roy Misirliyan, his partner at Michigan Heart in the hospital's Marion Pavilion, is also model-

ing. "We have several new services in the last three years. In January, we started offering primary angioplasty for patients suffering acute heart attacks, and electrophysiology services to manage irregular heart rhythms by implanting defibrillators in patients."

"I'm proud the hospital has always striven to be at the forefront of technological advances. Additionally we're upgrading all equipment. I'm especially pleased the hospital is redoing all cardiology services with new state of the art equipment."

Sherri Fletcher hopes to raise \$200,000 to \$250,000 for the effort as well as to celebrate the hospital's 45 years of providing medical care to Livonia and the surrounding communities. As usual the director of fund development has spent months planning the evening for 800 guests with a committee chaired by Laura Kloiber. The festivities for the 13th annual event kick off when doors open at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a 7 p.m. gourmet dinner. The fashion show and dancing to music by the Livonia-based band Rare Blend follows.

PLEASE SEE HOPE, C5

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 at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

- Thomas Friedman
 2. "1776," David McCullough
 3. "100 People Who Are Screwing Up America," Bernard Goldberg
 4. "FairTax Book," Neal Bortz
 5. "Bait and Switch," Barbara Ehrenreich

FICTION

1. "Polar Shift," Clive Cussler
 2. "Chill Factor," Sandra Brown
 3. "The Historian," Elizabeth Kostova
 4. "Slow Burn," Julie Garwood
 5. "Point Blank," Catherine Coulter

NON-FICTION

1. "The World is Flat,"

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Grandpa Loves," Rebecca Dotlich
 2. "Dinosnores," Kelly DiPucchio
 3. "Daniel and His Walking Stick," Wendy McCormick
 4. "Daisy Gets Dressed," Clare Beaton
 5. "Chickerella," Mary Jane Auch

Author to sign book on vanishing Michigan villages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Gene Scott signs copies of his new book, *Michigan Shadow Towns: A Study of Vanishing and Vibrant Villages* 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. The book compiles the histories of 128 small communities in 64 counties. Scott tells about towns at the end of less-traveled roads and ghost towns that are still alive. Many readers have never heard of - Disco, Paris, Lum, Argyle. Some are so small they have less than 50 residents.

Scott, a Livonia resident, gives a book presentation at 7:15 p.m. to tell how the book was done and thanks Livonia and Redford historical societies for their backing.

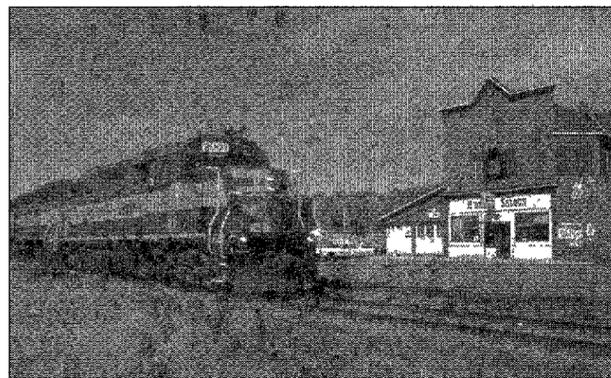
The book was partially funded by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Livonia Historical Society and Redford Township Historical and Genealogical Society.

The book is Scott's third on the history of Michigan towns. "I started working on this many years ago when I was doing a greenhorn effort on centennial towns and my interest was propelled by my second book on Detroit's earlier villages," said Gene Scott. "My wife Barb did a lot of work and drove while I took notes. We drove all over the state doing research."

To RSVP, call (248) 477-7375. lchomin@oe.hometownlife.com (734) 953-2145



Built in 1858, this home and wayside inn is located on M-81 in Watrousville, Tuscola County. It is a restoration project of the local historical society.



A Wisconsin Central Railroad train passes by the remains of the old downtown part of Champion in western Marquette County.

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Teens can learn from Katrina

My contacts as a former academic include a list serve operated by a professor at Southern Illinois University (www.HEDIR.org). One professor who has donated her expertise to Katrina survivors in Dallas is Dr. Shari Julian who teaches social science forensic classes, victimology and ethics, and gender study courses at the University of Texas, Arlington. She has a doctorate in public administration and a postdoctorate in clinical counseling, master's in marriage and the family, and is a diplomat and fellow in forensic expertise.

Teens approaching voting age need to be thinking about how they would govern our country. Julian's reflections below will help this thinking.

"There are so many words that come to mind. As a scholar, I am thinking Diaspora, social displacement, systemic disruption, mass trauma, pandemic and unbelievable chaos. As a clinician, I am looking at something that we have never been trained to handle in this country - a level of victimization and its resultant psychosocial ripples that mandate a whole new field of clinical practice - mass victimology. Katrina kicked the top off of a racist and social termite's nest that has been growing beneath the ground since Reconstruction. These were deeply religious people who have lost God and for that matter, faith and hope. Hope has been replaced by magical thinking that augurs a second and more terrible level of social disruption and anger not far down the road.

"Over and over, I kept hearing a framing of self that puzzled me until I realized that this is how it must have been for blacks after Reconstruction. Over and over, people said, 'everyone has been so wonderful, thank you, thank you.' When I said, 'there is no need to thank us, you are our fellow citizens and we want to help you - American to American,' there would be a long pause as if the idea of being the same never struck them before.

"They are angry and it is growing. The system failed



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

them. For that matter, there is no system because all the safeguards and preparations that we thought were in place aren't there. I have been begging anyone who would listen over the past two years for a program in mass victimology to prepare for the next tragedy after 9/11. Now it is here and the lack of organization, science, and preparation are going to result in terrible consequences for us as a nation.

"Imagine sending people who have been assimilated into the most stable demographic population in America into cities and towns all over the U.S. who are as unprepared as the victims to understand their sense of dislocation and their support needs. The lower Gulf states have a language, a history, a social dynamic, a faith, a societal structure, and a ritual system unlike any other in America. These people have lived in and been acculturated to this system for generations. When the dust settles and the mud dries, we are going to see all over America, a nation that will lose patience with the needs of a foreign refugee population. Abandoned once again, the fury and the trauma that have been momentarily quieted by the outpouring of empathy and support post-crisis, will arise larger and more terrible than we have been equipped as a nation to handle ...

"The people that survived this tragedy and the people who help them all know one truth. The help and the love and the care that has been extended to them have been on a citizen-to-citizen basis. The churches, doctors, therapists, and ordinary citizens who are giving all they can in time and resources are managing to Band-aid at the most elementary level - neighbor to neighbor.

The government has failed. We are more vulnerable now

'Katrina kicked the top off of a racist and social termite's nest that has been growing beneath the ground since Reconstruction.'

Dr. Shari Julian
Victimology and ethics instructor

than before 9/11 because faith in the system is gone. No system can sustain itself as a viable entity when the citizenry are the walking wounded. Victims implode a system from within and expose its decay. This is the beginning of the end unless we can get a drastic change of philosophy and restore the government to a system 'by the people for the people.' Right now nobody down here believes we have that."

Resources

Close Encounter of the Human Kind by Abraham Verghese, M.D., *The New York Times Magazine* (p. 191) on Sept. 18, 2005.

Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to my address at the *Observer & Eccentric* for a full text by Julian.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers are on www.bridge-comm.com.

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Chocolate extravaganza will benefit First Step

A Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step, the Wayne County shelter for domestic violence, and hosted by the Elizabeth Fagan Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and available by calling Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Peggy at (248) 824-7839.

Guests will sample chocolate delights from a variety of Southeast Michigan restaurants, confectioners and caterers as they help support the fight against domestic violence. Among the special offerings will be a chocolate fountain from Awesome Fountains of South Lyon

and outstanding treats from Pastry Palace; The Irish Baker, Tastefully Simple, Avalon Bakery, Zak Catering, Cold Stone Creamery of Canton, and Schokolad.

The event has also received support from Rocky's of Northville, Emily's Restaurant and Godiva Laurel Park.

First Step offers shelter, safety, counseling, and hope to families in 35 western Wayne County and Downriver communities who have experienced the horror of domestic violence or sexual abuse. In 2004, the shelter offered a safe haven to 243 adults and 384 children.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is an organization of Catholic women of Irish descent. United by its motto -

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Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity - these women promote Irish history and culture and raise funds to support a variety of charities.

The Elizabeth Fagan Division, which meets monthly at St. Thomas a Becket Church in Canton, have supported Relay for Life, St. Patrick's Senior Center and Habitat for Humanity among other charities since its founding in January 2005.

Members, ranging in age from 19 to over 80, have fun socializing and working together to support worthy causes.

New members are welcome. For information, call Barb at (734) 453-1459.

NEW VOICES

Andrew and Julie Fowler of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Nolan Andrew**, on Sept. 8, 2005. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 20-1/4 inches long. Nolan's grandparents are Tom and Elaine Fowler of Plymouth, and Ron and Pat Diugowski of Marysville.



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■ The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Sunday, Nov. 27. For information contact Sue or Paul at 734-844-3128.

Livonia Youth Philharmonic

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is looking for student musicians ages 5-18 to join one of its five concert groups. Rehearsals are held Saturday mornings at Churchill High School in Livonia. Wind ensemble, string orchestras, flute choir and full Philharmonic orchestra spots are available. For more information, e-mail auditions@lypm.org or call (248) 476-6341 or (734) 464-8704.

Women in transition

The University of Michigan Integrative Medicine Clinic presents "Women in Transition," from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township. Topics include optimizing nutrition, hormone replacement options, integrative medicine approaches and restorative guided imagery experience. Admission is \$100, which includes lunch. For more information, e-mail Laura Baker at lbaker@med.umich.edu or call (734) 998-6649.

ABWA craft fair

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletics Teams co-host the 18th-annual Holiday Art & Craft Festival, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. The event features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for scholarships for local college students and to Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

Facing Alzheimer's

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a two-part workshop on Alzheimer's disease, co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. The first session, "Family Dynamics," is set for Tuesday, Oct. 4, with the second session, "Advanced Dementia: Quality of Life," set for Tuesday, Oct. 11. Both sessions take place 7-9 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950 or (800) 337-3827

Quilt show

More than 30 quilts will be on display at the Northville Art House Oct. 8-9. Styles will range from antique to contemporary, designed by local artists and include quilts made by renowned quilt artist and teacher Kaye Whittington. Hours for the exhibit are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 8, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 9. The Art House is located at 215 Cady in downtown Northville. Admission is \$3. For more information, call (248) 374-3995.

Grief series

BraveHeart Grief Services has announced its Fall grief support groups for the local area. All support groups are open to all members in the community who have suffered the loss of someone close to them. Advance registration is required. The Adult Loss Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 11-Nov. 29, and the Loss of an Adult Sibling group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct.

19-Dec. 14. Both groups meet at the Arbor Hospice & Home Care Northville location, 331 Center in Northville. To register or for more information, call Sandy Van Koeveing, (248) 348-4980.

AAUW meeting

The AAUW District 7 & 8 hosts its fall meeting to hear from speakers and update member on equality issues from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. Cost is \$25 and includes a buffet luncheon. Register with Sally Fedus, (734) 455-2093. The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is co-sponsor.

Used book sale

Friends of the Northville District Library host its largest fund-raiser, a "Used Book Sale," Sept. 29-Oct. 2 at the library, located at 212 W. Cady in Northville. The sale runs 7-9 p.m. Sept. 29 for members only, and then 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 1 and 1-3 p.m. Oct. 2. For more information, call (9248) 349-3020.

Diabetes prevention

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a diabetes presentation, "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile. The seminar is designed to help make appropriate lifestyle changes to help reduce the risk of developing diabetes. There is a \$15 fee. For more information, or to register, call (734) 655-8950.

Civil War re-enactment

Visitors of all ages are invited to witness the portrayal of Civil War life on in Marshall Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25 when the "City of Hospitality" hosts a Civil War Encampment at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. There will be re-enactors portraying Union and Confederate soldiers busy with daily assignments, maneuvers and engaging the enemy in a "Battle for Beverly Road." The battle for this reenactment begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 and another battle is held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. The cost for this event is \$5 per person per day; children under 5 are free. Gates are open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Dave McKee at (269) 781-8921 or the Calhoun County Fair grounds at (269) 781-8161.

Art show and sale

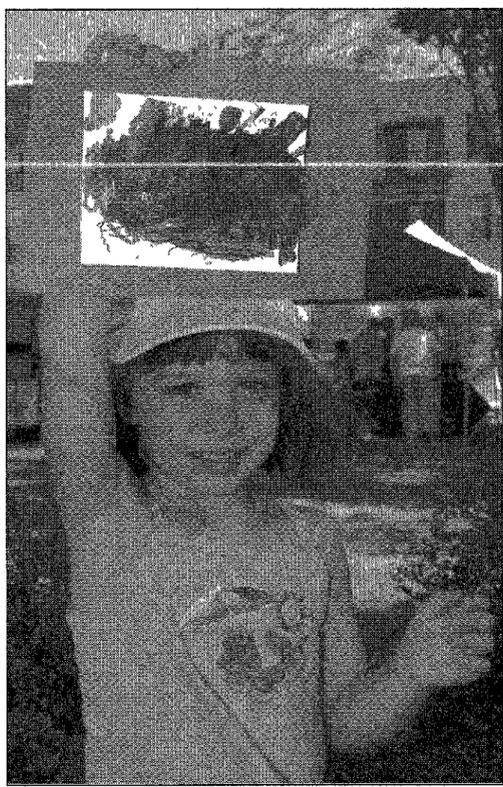
Beverly Hall Smith, assistant professor of Art History at Marygrove College, is the juror for the 13th-annual "Sharing the Gift" art show and sale Oct. 1-7 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. The show runs 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 1, noon-9 p.m. Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 3-4 and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 5-7. Smith will give a gallery talk at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the church, located at 200 E. Main in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0551.

Western Wayne genealogy

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Dianne Ostund will speak on "Mistakes in Vital Records." There's a 6:30 p.m. session on "Family Tree Maker video." Meetings and classes are open to the public free of charge. For details, call (734) 425-3079.

Hospice benefit

Tickets are now on sale for Arbor Hospice & Home Care's 14th-annual charity benefit, "Up, Up & Away!" set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at the Morris Lawrence Atrium at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor. The event will include a tribute to retiring CEO Markey Butler. Proceeds from the annual fundraiser will benefit The



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Painting a picture

Isabella Cone, 3-1/2, shows off the painting she made in the kid's workshop at the second-annual Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair. Dozens of professional artists displayed their work at the juried fair, which took place at the historic Cherry Hill Schoolhouse in Cherry Hill Village. Photographer Larry Diggs won Best of Show, earning him \$500. Melissa Darby, also a photographer, earned Best 2-D and \$400, while McFall took home Best 3-D and \$400. Six other artists earned \$100 each.

Arbor Hospice Foundation which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care. Guests will be treated to gourmet food items donated by area restaurants and caterers, a silent auction, a live auction and special entertainment. A wine sampling will take place compliments of Whole Foods Market. Local radio celebrity Todd Mundt will serve as Master of Ceremonies with Betty Stremich as auctioneer. The Community High School Jazz Ensemble will also return to provide background music and ambiance. Benefactor tickets are \$150 each and Patron tickets are \$100 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999 ext 152, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhospice.org

Wiz auditions

Auditions for Henry Ford Community College's production of "The Wiz" take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 and Sept. 28 in the Adray Auditorium of the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center. Student actors from high school freshmen upward are eligible. Performances are April 21-30. Call (313) 845-9817 for more information.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 to discuss "Using familysearch.org. It's the second of two presentations relating to family history library research. There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive in Brighton. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.

Lawrence Tech open house

Lawrence Technological University launches its popular Weekend Master of Business Administration (MBA) program Sept. 21 on the Schoolcraft College campus. Classes will meet in the VistaTech Center, a new award-winning \$27 million building on the north side of Schoolcraft's campus. To learn more about Lawrence Tech's program, interested students are encouraged to attend a special open houses from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Strategic Bay Room (VT425), Schoolcraft College VistaTech Center. To RSVP for the open house call 1-800-CALL-LTU and press 1 for the Office of Admissions.

Ann Arbor women

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 22nd-annual Holiday Art & Craft festival 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at the ASWCC, 1830 Washtenaw between Devonshire and Hill. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and younger admitted free (no strollers). For information, e-mail Sylvia Stetz at stetzpinckney@aol.com or call (734) 878-9044.

Sally Ride Festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for a day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The festival features a street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to world famous ocean explorer, Sylvia Earle; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. The festival will take place in the Pierpont Commons Building (North Campus). The day begins at 11:00 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration is required. Teachers, parents and students can register, and learn more about the festival by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

Solo exhibition

Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale hosts a solo exhibition, "Linda Sterns Journeys," through Oct. 1. Included in the mixed-media solo show will be watercolor paintings and collages. For more information, call the gallery, (248) 544-0394 during gallery hours, noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward, Suite A in Ferndale.

Outstanding women

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking for nominations for its 14th-annual YWCA Women of Achievement luncheon, scheduled for Oct. 27 at the Dearborn Inn. The luncheon recognizes outstanding women throughout western Wayne County. Keynote speaker is 2005 Woman of the Year Kathleen Ligocki, president and CEO of Tower Automotive. Women will be honored in the following categories: arts/communications, business/industry, government/law, professions, senior woman, volunteer service and young woman. Nominations are accepted by calling the YWCA Women of Achievement Department, (313) 561-4110. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 30. Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 per person.

Wine event

The wine event "Taste Michigan" takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Metro Detroit. The Royal Park Hotel at 600 E. University Drive, Rochester, will host the Annual "Taste Michigan" - A Wine Event with hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment and silent auction. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes tasting of several different wines from Michigan wineries. Tasteful and creative hors d'oeuvres will be provided by The Royal Park Hotel, along with musical entertainment by Dr. Dave Bauer. This event also features an impressive silent auction, which will feature items from the tasting and other items. Sponsorships are still available at several levels from \$500 to \$5,000. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships should call Jill Katynski at the CF Foundation (248) 269-8759.

Hospice volunteers

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces volunteer training for anyone interested in providing care and companionship to patients and families facing the end-of-life. Volunteer classes will be held on five consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at the Ann Arbor office. Through this training course, volunteers are educated in providing comfort and support to families facing end-of-life issues. Attendees gain valuable knowledge and expertise including a basic understanding of hospice and palliative care, improved communication skills, active listening, identifying and respecting cultural differences, spirituality, as well as understanding the grief and healing process. Training takes place Sept. 13-Oct. 11 (five weeks). The Ann Arbor office is located at 2366 Oak Valley Drive. To volunteer or for further information, contact Kappy Pennington, Director of Volunteer Services, at (734) 662-5999, Ext. 143 or via e-mail at kpennington@arborhospice.org.

Stars Guitars

Tickets are on sale for Stars Guitars, a rock-and-roll evening to benefit the Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Program at William Beaumont Hospital. The event takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Shriners Auditorium and Conference Center, 24350 Southfield Road in Southfield. Admission is \$75 per person. Dress is business casual and the public is invited. For tickets and general and sponsorship information, visit the Stars Guitars Web site at www.starsguitars.org or call Melissa Downey, (248) 541-4388.

'Pooh' on stage

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Pooh and Friends" live on stage through Sept. 25. Performances are scheduled Tuesdays through Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all performances are \$750 each, the theatre requests no children under 3 years old attend. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call (248) 349-8110. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in downtown Northville.

Grief support series

Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many of us. Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," from 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 22 through Oct. 27. The series will be held at Heartland Healthcare Center in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145.

Holiday craft show

The 19th-annual Holiday Magic Craft Show at Leonard Elementary, 4401 Tallman in Troy (north of Wattles, west of Rochester Road) is set for Saturday, Nov. 5. Admission is \$2. The family oriented, juried show is seeking crafters and artists, but doesn't need jewelers. Cost is \$50 per space, food is available. Contact Pat Larson via e-mail at patlarson@bcglobal.net or call (248) 689-6944.

Circle of Hope

The Circle of Hope Gala benefiting cardiac services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia takes place Friday, Oct. 14 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The gala includes dinner, a fashion show and dancing to the music of Rare Blend. Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails, dinner is at 7 p.m. The fashion show, dancing and entertainment run 8:30 p.m.-midnight. Guest tickets are \$75 per person until Sept. 15, after which they cost \$100 per person. VIP tickets are \$150, and tables of 10 are available. For more information, call (734) 655-2907.

Senior screening

Everyone is at risk for falling, but for more than one older adult every hour, the results are deadly. In 2001, more than 11,600 people age 65 and older died from fall-related injuries. To help seniors stay healthy at home, the Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services is offering "FALLS FREE," a complimentary in-home falls prevention program to individuals age 65 and older who are residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. "FALLS FREE" examines the key areas that put individuals at risk for falls. The program includes an hour-long visit by a registered nurse who will examine factors that may put you at risk for falls including home environment, vision, muscle strength and medications. A sedentary lifestyle, multiple

medications, visual impairment or an unsafe home environment can increase the likelihood of falling by 78 percent. To reduce your risk for falling, call Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services today for your appointment at (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8755

Walk for Diabetes

Help the ADA take an important step in beating diabetes as part of America's Walk for Diabetes. America's Walk is the premier event of the American Diabetes Association and will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 at Belle Isle and Stony Creek Metropark, and Sunday, Sept. 25 at Kensington and Lake Erie metroparks. Funds raised are used toward diabetes research, advocacy, programs and events. For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Host families needed

Learn about a foreign culture without leaving home. Host families are needed for high school students arriving in Michigan from all parts of the world. Your family can be the key to giving an American experience to an outstanding young person who is very excited about coming to the United States. If you would like more information or have any questions, call Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599.

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.

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 Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at tim@phillipsq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children newborn-kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

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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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 1000 F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

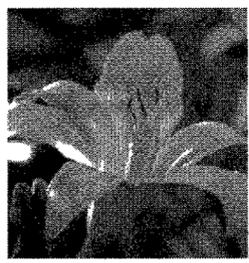
Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com



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CHUCK W. CHAPPELL

Age 68. September 22, 2005. Loving husband of Barbara for 45 years. Father of Pamela (Rick) Smith, Wesley (Christine), and Kelly (Paul) Reinhart. Grandfather of 7. Visitation Sunday 6:30pm-9pm and Monday 2pm-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Service Tuesday 11am at the funeral home. Memorials suggested to the American Heart Association.



RICHARD J. SULLIVAN JR.

September 20, 2005 Age 76 Darling husband of Donna (nee. Darin) for 49 years. Beloved father of Richard, III (Sakuntala), Anne Keltner, Daniel, James, Michael (Susan) and Matthew. Dear grandfather of Rory, Megan, Louis, Marlee and Jacqueline. Brother of Jeannett Redfield, Elaine Schmutte, Paul and Donald. Brother-in-law of Dennis Darin, Jr. and John Darin. Funeral Mass was held Saturday Sept 24 at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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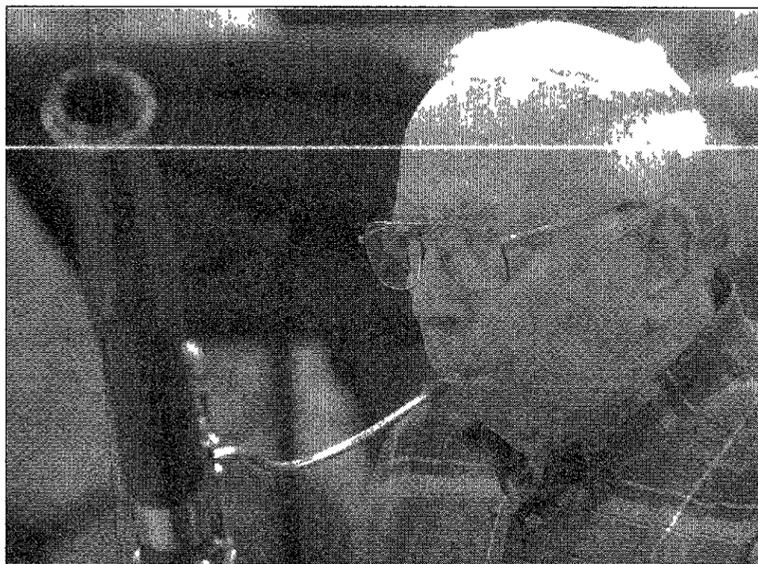
"We want to invite not only Livonia but Farmington to join us," said Shcsiuk, a Garden City resident. "The Beethoven overture mirrors the orchestra's journey to building a larger audience base. It goes from darkness to light. I'm really happy to be there in the new hall and respect the musicians. A musician is not just a musician but a magician."

MUSIC TO THEIR EARS

Tom Bjorklund had to pull a few tricks out of his hat since taking on the job of president for the Livonia Symphony Society, the orchestra's fundraising organization. A Save Our Symphony drive to raise money proved successful. This year, they should have no problem meeting the budget of more than \$100,000 thanks to donations which include \$15,000 from the Livonia Town Hall lecture series.

"I'm excited about the move," said Bjorklund. "To a certain extent it's going to expand our base because Clarenceville schools draws students from Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia. We're opening up areas geographically of people who are interested in our music. We've signed a one-year agreement with Clarenceville. We'll reassess at the end of that time but we're confident it's going to work very well."

The Nov. 18 benefit, an evening of water-theme music, dinner and a silent auction at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia, is a fun way to support the orchestra. Tickets are



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bassoon player Jim Poe is from Farmington Hills.

\$45 before Oct. 1, \$50 after. Call (734) 421-1111.

Outreach efforts should also spread the word about the

orchestra now entering its 33rd season. A new newsletter

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734-453-3869
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on 9/30/05 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following:

1995 Mazda	626	1YVGE22C0S5329865
1996 Chevrolet	Corsica	1G1LD55M1TY252431

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to State Law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, on the date and time listed below:

Wednesday, September 28th, 2005, 05:30 p.m.

VEHICLE(S): YEAR/MAKE/STYLE/MODEL	ID NUMBER	CASE NUMBER
1990 Geo 2D Tracker	2CNEBJ18U5L6228442	05-3207
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Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Brian Walker, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 734-453-1234 Ext. 532.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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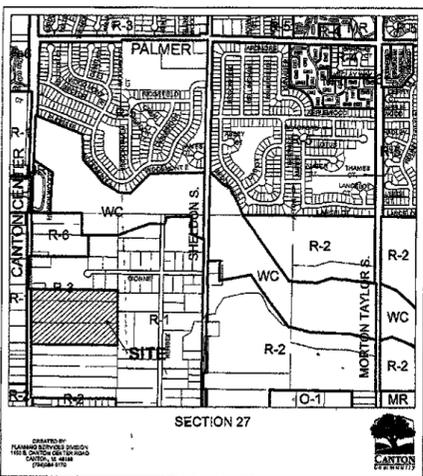
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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 17, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WINDING CREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 107 99 0006 002, 107 99 0007 000 AND 107 99 0008 000. Property is located east of Canton Center and south of Palmer Road. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 13, 2005 in order to be included in the materials and submitted for review.

vic Gustafson, Chairman

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informs patrons of upcoming concerts spotlighting holiday music on Dec. 3; Mozart, Jan. 21; English composers, Feb. 18, and Tchaikovsky, March 25, in addition to providing information on programs such as a petting zoo conducted by orchestra members. In July, more than 150 children learned about classical music as musicians introduced their instruments at the three Livonia libraries.

"We're getting in place extensive outreach in the community," said Bjorklund. "At least 15 musicians have volunteered to go into the schools and explain the function of their instruments."

Education is key to building future audiences. Assistant conductor Carl Karoub is coor-

inating pre-concert discussions so young and old can learn more about the music.

To attract more families, the orchestra lowered the price of youth tickets from \$8 to \$5. Ticket prices for adults are \$17 and available by calling (734) 421-1111.

"We need to get to the point where we have paid staff," said Bjorklund. "It's very difficult to rely on volunteers to be doing all the work. For the LSO to stay viable as one of the jewels of Livonia, we have to raise our budget."

"We're still looking for volunteers for grant writing or to serve on the board. We currently have about 25 members, but we can have up to 50."

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**Canton Police
Public Auction at Budget Towing
876 Railroad, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
October 04th, 2005, 10:00 AM**

- 1989 Chevy Wagon 1GBEG25ZK7154815
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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

- Z 05-14 511 N. Holbrook Non-Use Variance Requested
Front Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Patricia Huddas
- Z 05-15 1463 Sheridan Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Pine Building Company, Inc.
- Z 05-16 993 N. Holbrook Use Variance - Music Studio in
Former Church Building
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Douglas Moore

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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HOPE

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Once again, a special presentation will recognize this year's recipient of the Sister Mary Modesta Achievement Award for support and commitment to the hospital.

Tickets are \$100 per person, VIP tickets \$150. For more information, call (734) 655-2907 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

"We're going back to our roots. Before it became the Circle of Hope the first Hollywood Nights was a fashion show but didn't include physicians. We have great doctors and nurses in our own back yard and really want to celebrate them," said Fletcher, a Canton resident.

"We hope everyone makes an effort to attend. It's a celebration like none we have ever done. We want to celebrate as

'We'll have clothes from the fall and holiday lines, everything from blue jeans to suiting and dressy. You can order a 6 top and 8 bottom that can't be bought at the mall.'

Pam Szmazdzinski
Doncaster wardrobe consultant

many wonderful things about the hospital as we could, the doctors by having them in a fashion show. It shows their commitment to the hospital, too."

Doncaster wardrobe consultant Pam Szmazdzinski and Manno Clothing and Tailoring are showing their support by donating a percentage of the clothing sales that night.

Szmazdzinski shows the latest Doncaster fashions four times a year in her Northville home. Designed in New York for sizes 2 to 24, the line features an array of materials imported from Italy and England.

"I'll be in the background tweaking and polishing," said Szmazdzinski during a fitting of Lininger. "We'll have clothes from the fall and holiday lines, everything from blue jeans to suiting and dressy. You can order a 6 top and 8 bottom that can't be bought at the mall."

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Lack of sleep adds pounds

Dan from Trenton has been hearing that healthy sleep patterns help promote weight loss and e-mails asking for more information. Dan, for the last two decades Americans have been getting less and less sleep. Research now shows that lack of sleep is making the nation fatter and that those getting the least amount of sleep have the highest body mass index. Interrupted sleep activities activate the body's appetite control centers, making you more likely to grab a late-night snack. In addition, sleep deprivation is also closely related to a decrease in physical and mental performance. Here are some suggestions on how to avoid the pound-adding perils of not getting enough sleep: Take a 20-minute nap or take time to exercise in the late afternoon. Try to hit the sack at the same time every night to help establish healthy sleep patterns. You should definitely see a sleep disorder specialist if the problem persists. In this case, not getting 40 winks could land you with 40 extra pounds of unwanted fat!

Jill from Oak Park is eating a diet rich in simple carbohydrates. She e-mails asking for the health pros and cons to this.

Jill, simple-carb diets can open up some complex problems when it comes to proper diet and nutrition. The body loves to use carbs as fuel instead of fat, but eating a meal rich in simple carbs can trigger a high output of insulin in the body. High insulin levels are linked to a laundry list of serious health problems such as high blood pressure, increased abdominal fat, clotting problems and even hardening of the arteries. Research shows that postmenopausal women, eating a diet focusing on simple carbs, could have an increased risk of heart disease over time. The best strategy is to take in a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean meat. Fish, healthy oils, and non-dairy fats are also a big plus. It's a solution to one of the most complex weight loss problems! E-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Planning ahead

Receive good long-term care without going broke

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Don't sell the house. Attorney Mark Accettura says that's the biggest mistake people make when trying to pay for long-term nursing home care.

"The biggest mistake is not knowing they can do something," said Samuel Hurwitz, Accettura's partner at their Elderly Law Institute of Michigan practice in Farmington Hills.

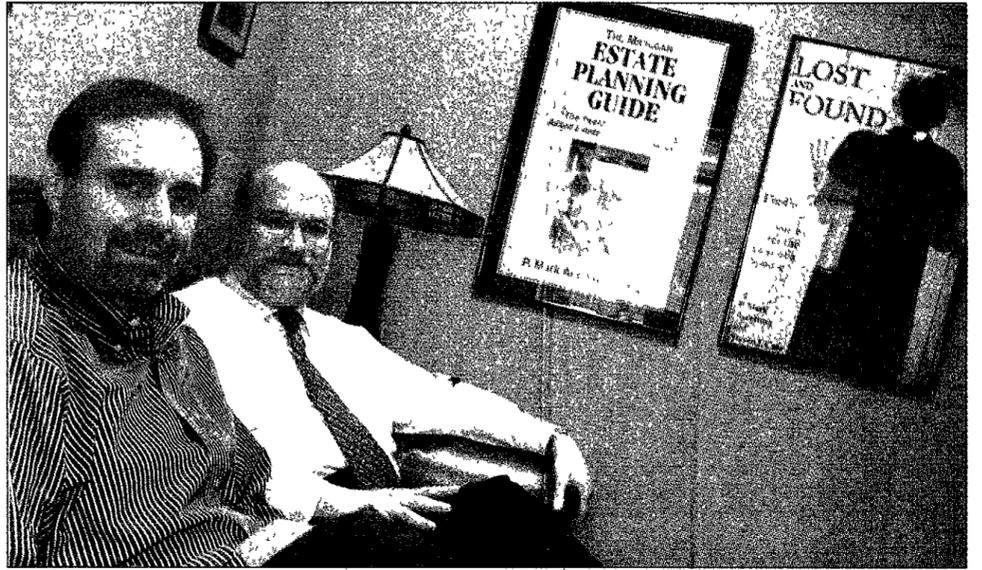
"Planning ahead is important with the cost of long-term care and lack of resources available. If you have heart disease, Medicare pays for care. If you have Alzheimer's the average cost of nursing home care is \$64,000 a year."

Both attorneys agree planning is key to eliminating financial worries for the patient and spouse. Their new book, *Medicaid and Long-Term Care in Michigan: Getting Good Care Without Going Broke* (Collinwood Press, 2005), answers questions about qualifying for Medicaid, the government program that pays for long-term nursing care.

"The house is exempt. The state doesn't come back after the death of a person to claim the house," said Accettura.

EXEMPTIONS

The principal residence, no matter the value, and an automobile are exempt from the \$2,000 countable



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Accettura (left) and Samuel Hurwitz sit in the lobby of their Farmington Hills office where the two spent many hours collaborating on their recent book about Medicaid and long-term care. In the background are the covers from Accettura's first two books.

assets limit. The book lists detailed information on exempt assets on page 67 along with information on a ladybird deed. The deed allows the patient to be treated as the owner of the property under the law for such purposes as deductions for income tax. If the owner goes into a nursing home, the principal residence is exempt from Medicaid. After death, the property passes to the named successors.

Accettura and Hurwitz cover all of this information in addition to explaining the difference between general, Medicaid and health care durable powers of attorney. While it took Accettura only three months to

write the book, they relied on years of experience in estate planning, trust and estate administration and Medicaid planning to write about guardianship and conservatorship, independent living, gifting, annuities, and the fact that the cost of long-term care is the responsibility of the patient after Medicare benefits are exhausted, if they were eligible in the first place. Individuals must pay privately until exhausting assets to be eligible for Medicaid.

'UNDERS'ANDABLE'

"I tried to write in terms understandable to the general public," said Accettura, the tax attorney who put

the words on paper after interviewing sources such as the Area Agency on Aging. He and Hurwitz work as a team.

"I'm the communicator. Sam is the idea guy and researcher. We both made an equal contribution."

There are plenty of good-natured exchanges between the two until they begin discussing long-term care. During 50 years of collective practice, they've observed their estate planning clients aging and in need of advice on navigating the long-term care delivery system.

"There's lots of myths and misun-

PLEASE SEE **PLANNING, C7**

Walk is making strides against breast cancer

Eating a low-fat diet is known to help the heart, but now there's evidence it may also have a positive effect on certain types of breast cancer.

In a new study reported at the American Society for Clinical Oncology annual meeting, researchers found that women who had been treated for breast cancer who then followed a low fat diet reduced their risk of breast cancer returning.

For the study, lead researcher Dr. Rowan Chlebowski of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and his colleagues recruited approximately 2,500 postmenopausal women (ages 48-79) who were treated for early-stage breast cancer with surgery and standard follow up care (such as radiation, tamoxifen, or chemotherapy). They

then randomly assigned 975 women in this group to eat a low-fat diet of about 33 grams of fat daily.

No particular brand of diet was assigned or advocated, the only requirement was for it to be low in fat intake.

The remaining 1,462 women followed their normal diet with only brief counseling about getting adequate nutrition. On average, these women consume 51 grams of fat daily. The diet did not significantly lower the risk of recurrence in women with ER-positive tumors.

Women and men across metro Detroit will continue Making Strides Against Breast Cancer by raising additional funds to support new research, as well as advocacy, education and services for breast cancer survivors during the American Cancer Society's 8th annual Making Strides Against Breast

Cancer walk 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Belle Isle in Detroit.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is the American Cancer Society's rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer since 1993. In that time, nearly 2.5 million walkers have raised more than \$160 million through Making Strides.

Registration for the 3.5 mile noncompetitive walk begins at 7:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating in the walk as a walker or a volunteer, is encouraged to contact the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353. Donations may also be made online at www.acevents.org/strides/mi/detroit.

For more information, call toll free (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.walker.org.

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CCA Welcomes Dr. Antonio P. Carrillo

Dr. Antonio P. Carrillo, is a cardiologist and graduate from the prestigious Cayetano Heredia University in his native city of Lima, Peru. His post graduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases was done at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

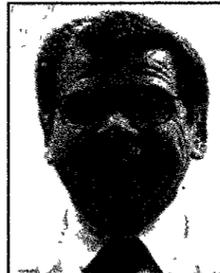
He has been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases and also has Board Certification in Nuclear Cardiology.

After completing his postgraduate training, Dr. Carrillo returned to Peru, working at his medical school and a local hospital for 7 years. Returning to the USA, he worked in Alpena, in northern Michigan being the first cardiologist in the region. Dr. Carrillo helped organize the Cardiology Service at Alpena General Hospital. Subsequently, he worked in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he also acquired training in coronary angioplasty and nuclear cardiology.

Since 1996, Dr. Carrillo has been in Detroit, initially at Grace Hospital-Wayne State University where he was Director of the Coronary Care Unit and responsible for the cardiology training of the residents. He was named Chief of Cardiology of Sinai-Grace Hospital after the merger of these institutions. Dr. Carrillo was instrumental in starting the programs of coronary interventions as well as cardiac surgery. After accomplishing this goal, he is now dedicated to the care of his patients.

Dr. Carrillo is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine, has been the recipient of the Teacher Award at Sinai Grace Hospital and also named in the list of Top Doctors for cardiologists in southeast Michigan. He was recently elected Councilor for District 6 of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Carrillo will be seeing patients at the office in the Farmbrook Medical Building on Telegraph Road at Twelve Mile Road as well as in the following hospitals; William Beaumont-Royal Oak, Providence-Southfield, and Sinai-Grace-Detroit. For more information check out the CCA website at www.heartrdrs.com. To schedule an appointment please call 248-799-2600.



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Beginning cooking series

Learn to cook whole grains, beans, tortu, tempeh, vegetables and sugar-free desserts. Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Oct. 4, in Garden City. Recipes include miso soup, sushi, vegetable stew and more. Classes are \$30 each. Call (734) 261-2856. Recipes with millet, squash, chick peas and apples to nurture your body with earth energy foods 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 (\$30).

Divorce support

Attorney Jessica Wolf presents an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443. The firm Wolf & Wolf specializes in family law.

Yoga

An interactive yoga program for mom and infant/toddler and toddler led by Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and yoga teacher, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, crawling to 24 months, at Congregation Beth Shalom, Oak Park. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$25 for mom and baby. Bring a mat and towel to practice yoga, and dress comfortably. For more information, call Beverly Price at (248) 390-4150 or visit www.prazamana.com.

Recovery Inc.

The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, the group meets every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

Seminar

Sick of being sick? Discover natural solutions for over 50 specific diseases such as acid reflux, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and arthritis. Learn the truth about organic foods, vitamins, food labels, sugar substitutes, bottled water and anti-aging products at a seminar with speaker Dr. Tanya DeJunkhorn 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Troy Sports Center, Big Beaver and John R. \$10 registration fee, complimentary snacks & beverages. Call (248) 524-2223. Attendees will be entered to win New York Times bestseller "Natural Cures" by Kevin Trudeau.

Sharing & Caring

Society Anxiety and isolation among survivor with Donna Rockwell, clinical psychologist 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. To learn more, call (248) 551-8585

Volunteers needed

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor is looking for volunteers to work at its Healthy Hearts program. The position involves basic pre-program set-up and working with students every other Tuesday 9-11:30 a.m. from September through June. Volunteers are also needed in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Health Information Library. Volunteers assist library patrons in searching for information. Shifts available Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (734) 712-4159.

Train to end stroke

The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is recruiting local residents to join Train To End Stroke - a team marathon training and fundraising program sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Participants can choose to walk or run a full or half marathon in the P.F. Chang's® Rock 'n' Roll Arizona™ Marathon on Jan. 15 or Miami Tropical Marathon on Jan. 29. For the five-month period leading up to the event, participants will be matched with a prominent professional coach. The coaches will develop a training plan for each individual and make themselves available once a week for those who want to train together as a team. While training, team members will also raise funds for local stroke research and educational efforts in the area. For those who reach the training and fund-raising goals, the American Stroke Association will provide airfare, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, marathon entry fee and celebration dinners. For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit the American Stroke

Association Web site at www.strokeassociation.org/ttes.

UPCOMING

Parenting classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents parenting classes at the Marian Women Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Registration required. Call Mary Jane Peck at (734) 655-1100 or send e-mail to peckm@trinity-health.org. Classes for Preteens & Teens 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, and Children with Special Needs 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 am - 12:30 p.m. the cost is \$15 per person, \$20 per couple. New is a class Parent & Teenagers, "Talking & Thinking Together about School, Chores & Money" 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 (\$20 per family), and a refresher class Time Out for Parents: Time to Think, Rest and to Plan 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, and Dec. 14 (\$10 per family). Individual consultations are also available at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Cost is \$35 per hour.

Red Cross blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at St. Thomas A Becket Church, 555 Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call Marion at (734) 981-3433 or Peggy at (734) 397-8495 for an appointment. The National Bone Marrow Donor Program will be at the drive. donors must be between 18 and 60 years of age and in general good health with no history of cancer, diabetes, heart disease or heart attack. There is a \$25 tax deductible fee to register. The fee will be waived for Spanish, Asian and African Americans. Only a finger prick drop of blood is needed.

Memorial service

For those who have experienced a pregnancy or newborn loss a memorial service will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, in the chapel at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 East Huron River Drive. The non-denominational service provides a setting where family and friends, including siblings, can gather to remember their infants who were lost through newborn death or pregnancy losses such as ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage or stillbirth. The service provides a time for healing, praying and sharing with others who have experienced similar losses. Registration not required. For more information, call (734) 712-0344.

Alzheimer's workshops

Co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a two-part workshop on Alzheimer's 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, on Family Dynamics, and Tuesday, Oct. 11, on Advanced Dementia: Quality of Life, in the hospital's Auditorium, 34675 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Pre-registration required for this free

workshop. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950 or 1-800-337-3827.

Senior health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, free blood pressure and hearing tests, blood sugar screening, bone density tests, Medicare prescription advising, and sampling of chiropractic massage, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, includes lunch. Call (734) 453-5280. Flu shots will be available for \$29 or free with Medicare Plan B. The church is looking for nurses to volunteer to administer the shots.

Caregiver support group

Meets 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, meets regularly the second Thursday of the month, at The Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Respite services provided for free during the session. For more information call Linda Peak at (313) 843-2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387-2788.

Circle of Hope Gala

To benefit cardiac services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and fashion show, dancing to the music of Rare Blend 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 14, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Tickets \$75 until Sept. 15, after \$100, VIP \$150. Call (734) 655-2907.

Bariatric seminar

Free education seminar on bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at the new Bariatric Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Speakers are surgeon Tallal Zeni, MD, director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. Call (734) 655-2692 to register for the free seminar. The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Bariatric Center is at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2692 or (800) 686-9940. For more information or for a physician referral, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Wellness seminar

A program for weight loss is offered 3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Providence Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh, Livonia. The program combines the power of hypnosis with behavior modification. Participants learn to lose weight without feelings of deprivation or denial in one convenient session. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program they pay a one-time fee of \$69. Save \$10 by registering at the Web site www.easywillpower.com. No reservations required. For more information, call 1-800-848-2822. There will be additional seminars to stop smoking 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 29, and to lose weight 1-

3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, 1101 West University Drive, Rochester (Main Entrance, 2nd floor).

ONGOING

Group fitness classes

Start thinking about your fall fitness plan. The Center Fitness Club at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield offers senior fitness, water exercise, yoga, Pilates, step, spinning, and back care classes at convenient times year-round. For more information, call Marni Stone at (248) 432-5427 or the membership office at (248) 432-5404.

Lite fitness classes

Senior Fitness Specialist Marni Stone and the Sports Club of West Bloomfield are starting a fitness program for beginners, mature adults and people struggling with illness or injury 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at 6343 Farmington Road. Call (248) 626-9880, Ext. 4050.

Arthritis classes

Begin in September in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Westland and other locations throughout Michigan. For more information about locations, schedules and fees, call the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter at (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org. Classes include a warm-water exercise program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a 6-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Arthritis Foundation programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthritis in its more than 100 different forms. The exercise programs also present a wonderful option for people who are seeking a gentle exercise alternative, and people who are new to exercise.

Therapy choir

Of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc. located in Farmington Hills is opening membership to volunteers from our community. The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries. Volunteers with or without disabilities are welcome as singers or helpers. Good singing ability not required. Call (248) 474-BROE for details.

Meningitis vaccinations

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering meningitis vaccinations by appointment at its Ann Arbor office. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (734) 677-0020

PLANNING

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understandings," said Accettura. But Hurwitz adds once again that there is help to plan for the inevitable.

"There are available solutions to the problem of paying for long term care that are perfectly legal and don't involve fraud or hiding assets," said Hurwitz, who's also a certified public accountant with a certificate in financial planning. "The ideal client is one with limited resources. Those with \$1 million of assets or more can private pay. The other people are likely to outlive their assets."

"It's no different than doing income tax or estate planning," said Accettura. "You work within the rules."

As attorneys, Accettura and Hurwitz ease the worries of clients about obtaining good long-term care while not going broke. Typically, it is the children who come to them for help on paying for long-term care.

"Statistically the oldest daughter does the planning. I had one come in this morning," said Accettura. "I tell them plan early. Get advice. Don't try to go it alone. The problem with the sandwich generation is they're trying to raise their kids. They don't have time to care for their parents or become an expert in nursing homes. The parent will be better off if you do get help."

NURSING HOME SEARCH

Accettura and Hurwitz recommend outside geriatric care managers to find the appropriate facility while advising clients how to pay for a nursing home.

"When choosing a nursing home, you want to find one that's not only private pay, but one that accepts Medicaid and private pay," said Accettura. "That way when you run out of money you'll already be there."

"The information in the book is hard to come by because everybody has a vested interest in telling you part of the story. The nursing home, hospital have an agenda. The biggest mistake is not planning early

'People are typically a wreck when they come in. They may have had a parent living with them four to five months in their home or have fallen and gone to the hospital. A man may have Alzheimer's and wanders all night and the wife suffers a lot of stress.'

Mark Accettura
author/attorney

enough, the earlier the better." "But it's never too late even when someone is in the nursing home," added Hurwitz. Accettura wondered when writing the book if he was replacing himself and concluded, no, people still need legal help.

"People are typically a wreck when they come in," said Accettura. "They may have had a parent living with them four to five months in their home or have fallen and gone to the hospital. A man may have Alzheimer's and wanders all night and the wife suffers a lot of stress. We work with them so they won't be destitute if he goes into a nursing home."

"Married folks don't need to do much, but if single they need to start earlier."

Accettura's first two books, *The Michigan Estate Planning Guide* and *Lost and Found: Finding Self-Reliance After the Loss of a Spouse* with Steven Case, Dorothy Deremo and Thomas Lynch) together with the newest book guides readers through decisions about disability, death and taxes. The first two are available on www.amazon.com, the newest at Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores.

For more information, visit www.agplc.com or call (248) 848-9409.

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Back Pain?

Westland, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 1-888-744-2225. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

Arthritis Today

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FLARES

Patients with arthritis experience flares. Usually the person is active, able to accommodate the arthritis to activities and recreation, sleeping well and feeling sound. You could say the individual is in a stable state. Then, without warning, the equilibrium leaves. Aching and swelling occur in the hands and knees, or intense pain begins in the neck, low back, and hips. The individual feels fatigued. At the same time, because of pain, he cannot obtain relief with rest, or obtain restorative sleep. As the pain continues without ceasing and the days of pain continue without end, the person develops depression. That only makes the pain worse and adds an element of desperation to the moment. Usually, the individual delays in seeing a doctor. The feeling is: "I will feel better tomorrow," or, "in the past such episodes have gone away in 2-3 days." When the person in a flare reaches a doctor's office he has both an aggravation of arthritis and the initiation of a state of tension and depression. The physician's job at such times is to separate the physical findings from the emotional ones and treat each individually. History and examination will usually pinpoint the joint areas involved with arthritis. If only one or two joints are flaring, then steroid injection may resolve the flare. If more joints are swollen than a change in medical therapy is in order. Often this response suffices to alleviate the emotional crisis.

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Industry is in need of professional truck drivers

(NAPSI) — While many industries are experiencing layoffs, the trucking industry is dealing with a shortage of drivers. Over the next few years, trucking companies will need to hire 100,000 new drivers across the United States. This comes on the heels of an upswing in the economy as manufacturers ramp up production of goods for consumption domestically and abroad.

To attract and retain drivers, some trucking companies are offering free training, increased wages and competitive benefits. New drivers at trucking companies such as Schneider National, North America's largest truckload carrier, typically earn \$30,500 to \$40,500 in their first year. Experienced drivers earn \$43,500 to \$55,500 per year.

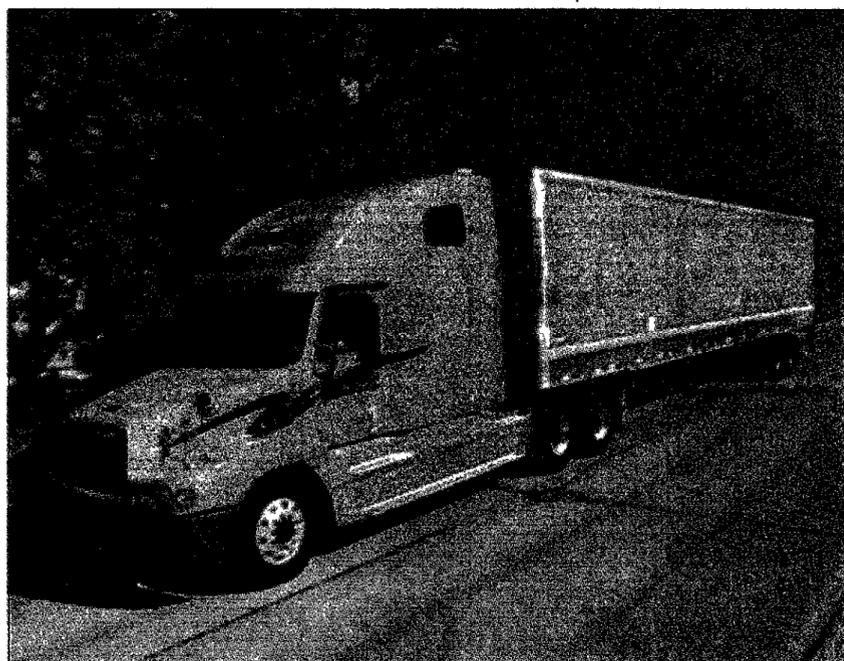
There are many other factors that make truck driving an attractive career. Regional and dedicated opportunities enable drivers to enjoy more time at home on a daily or weekly basis, new tools increase comfort

while on the road and others make it easy to stay in touch with family and friends via the Internet. In addition, truck driving is a stable career that is virtually immune to many of the issues plaguing the American work force, including outsourcing and loss of jobs due to technology improvements. Other benefits include the variety of work and the opportunity to work independently outside an office or factory environment.

BECOMING A TRUCK DRIVER

The best way to begin a career as a professional driver is by enrolling in a training program. Programs are available in most parts of the country and some trucking companies, such as Schneider National, offer company-paid training as well as meals, lodging and transportation to training centers.

"The driver training program prepared me for what I needed to know about becoming a professional truck driver and, most



Today's professional truck drivers enjoy more time at home, increased comfort on the road.

importantly, safety," said Mike Neph, a driver who began training with Schneider National earlier this year. Neph is now driving on his own, enjoying the freedom of the open road and earning a great living. "I spent the last 10 years in an

office working with computers. Now that I'm out here on my own, I know I'll never go back to that."

Some drivers do make the choice to transition into management, maintenance, instruction or expand their knowledge and skills by

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WHY A DOMESTIC USED CAR IS TODAY'S BEST BUY

Many factors contribute to current, record-low prices

by G. Moore

Farmington Hills, MI. - Imports, such as Honda, Toyota, and Nissan have enjoyed excellent resale values over the years. They have fared far better than domestics. But there eventually comes a time when the pendulum swings too far, and today, that time has come.

Because for about the same price the current Kelley Blue Book suggests you pay for a base model, out-of-warranty 2003 Toyota Corolla with 40-50,000 miles, you can purchase either a 2005 Malibu Maxx or Pontiac Grand Am for thousands less. Both with remaining factory warranty, and loaded with options such as air conditioning, power windows, locks, tilt-steering, remote keys fobs, AM/FM w/CD and much, much more. The Malibu sold new for \$23,265, the Grand Am for \$23,650 and the Civic about \$17,988. What's wrong with this picture?

With the sales of domestic cars sluggish, manufacturers have been forced to put more and more of their production in national rental fleets. And whenever a car goes into service, one must come out. So these rentals are being turned around at a much faster pace than in days past. So there is a temporary "glut" of these rental "program" vehicles.

To complicate matters even further, manufacturers are currently offering huge rebates on their new vehicles - A move which has had a direct, negative impact on the values returning from rental service. This has resulted in drastically distorted, record-low prices in the

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over 1,000 GM program vehicles. Just \$11,980 buys a 2005 Malibu Maxx, \$11,205 gets you a 2005 Grand Am, and a mere \$12,225 gets you a 2005 Century. Or fool your friends and steal a Cadillac DeVille that originally listed for \$45,620 for just \$22,340. This is a small sampling of the unbelievable bargains that abound today in the pre-owned, program car marketplace. Bob Saks Buick also stocks a wide array of other 2005 GM program vehicles at a fraction of their "sticker" price.

Eventually, the market will adjust. The manufacturers cannot afford to keep losing new car business to used car buyers, as is happening today. Unfortunately, it takes several months for factories to adjust production to sales rates.

Without a doubt, today's true used car bargains are to be found in the domestic lines. Before you spring for that used import that you might currently think is the best buy, it's worth your time to go and see how much car your dollar will buy at the giant Bob Saks Buick used car superstore in Farmington Hills - For

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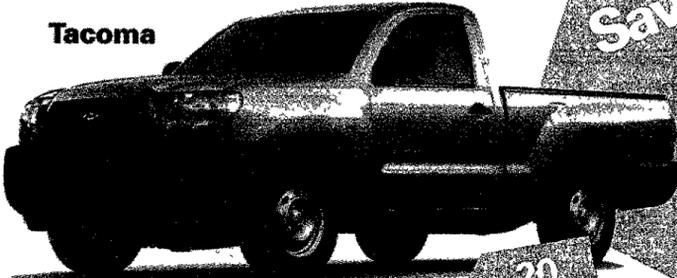
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Rivers Edge debuts as Canton's latest development

Despite the state's lagging economy, the residential building boom in Canton Township shows little sign of cooling off with last week's opening of the first phase of Rivers Edge at Cherry Hill Village.

The collection of brick-clad, single family homes and classical, duet-style condominiums is being developed as a partnership between Auburn Hills-based Mocerri Companies and

Sterling Heights-based Palazzolo Brothers. Located south of Cherry Hill, just west of Ridge Road in Wayne County's fastest growing community, the first phase of Rivers Edge offers a variety of ranch, one-and-a-half story and colonial single family plans, ranging from nearly 1,900 square feet to more than 3,000 square feet.

Single-family home models

start in the \$300,000 range and feature three or four bedrooms including main floor master suites, up to three and a half baths, and wraparound front porches.

Also included in the price is a Kenmore appliance package and complete landscaping with sod and sprinkler system.

Spacious two-level condominiums starting at more than \$240,000 offer more than 2,300 square feet and include full basements and attached two-car garages.

"Given its wide selection of distinctive homes, meticulous construction quality and prime location in one of southeast Michigan's most preferred communities, Rivers Edge emerges as a truly remarkable value for a range of discerning buyers," said Sam Palazzolo.

The development encompasses 338 acres along the lower Rouge River with winding streets, sidewalks, parks and natural preservation areas. Home sites back to wooded



Single family homes in Rivers Edge feature brick exteriors and a variety of design options including this colonial-style floor plan.

areas or fully-landscaped common space.

Phase I features 74 single-family homes and 30 condominiums. Three new models

are decorated by Troy's Designer Interiors by Mary Olk, to provide prospective homebuyers with a sense of the opportunities available.

For more information on Rivers Edge, contact the community sales center at (734) 495-0145 or visit www.palazzolobrothers.com



Georgetown-style condominiums feature floor plans with a main floor master suite, large lofts and private patios.

Pricing your house to get the most money when it's time to sell

I would like to ask for my house significantly more money than its market value in the hope that I will have more room to negotiate. What do you think?

That is a dangerous strategy, especially in our slower market. There are a lot of homes for sale and sometimes they are taking awhile to sell. Some of the problems that could occur if you overprice your house are:

■ You are helping to sell your neighbor's house. If buyers see similar houses, and



Ask the Realtor

Michael Aldouby

your house is priced significantly more than the other homes, then what you are really doing is helping to sell the other homes. If you were the buyer why would you pay significantly more for a similar house, if you didn't have to?

■ Buyers may be looking at a certain price range. If you move your house out of their price range, chances are they aren't even going to see your home. It's almost like you are looking for clothing at a certain size in a clothing rack in a retail store, and someone takes out a piece of clothing and puts that garment in another rack with a different size. You most likely will never look at the rack that isn't your size.

■ The longer your house is on the market, the more the

market value goes down. Buyers perceive that there is something wrong with the house, and that you now have more urgency to sell your home. It's similar to selling bread. Bread that is made the same day may sell for \$2, the second day, two days later, its value may be \$1.50, and a few days later it may be worth only \$1. Houses too get stale and the longer they are on the market, the less they are worth in the eyes of buyers.

There is a lot of competi-

tion out there. It's very critical now to price your house or condo within the market range. Otherwise you will, most likely, have a house that will take a very long time to get sold and usually time is against you, especially now as we start heading into the winter months.

The way your house should be priced should be based mainly on three things: The prices of similar houses that recently sold; the prices of comparable houses that are on the market today, and

looking at similar houses that expired, in other words those houses that are no longer on the market. This data will let you know what not to do.

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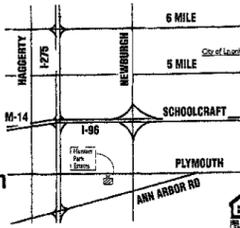


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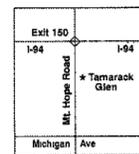
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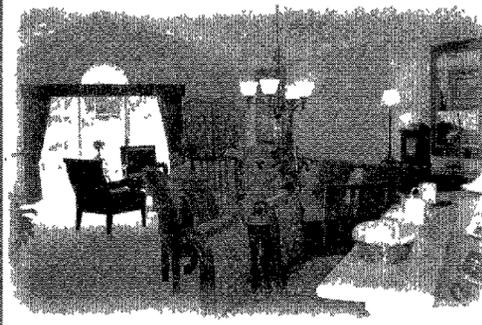
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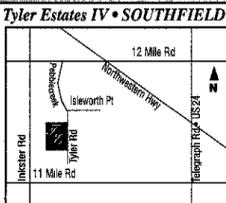
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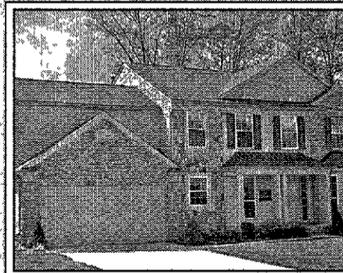
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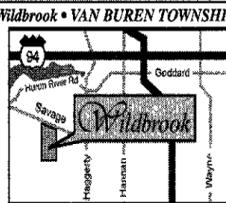
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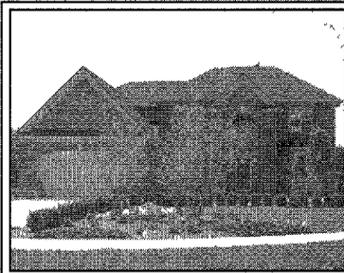
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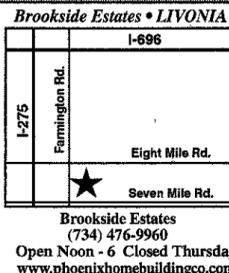
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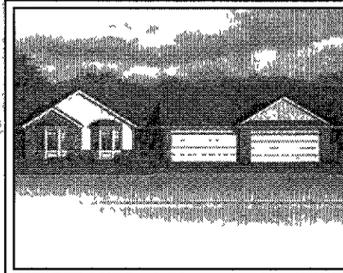
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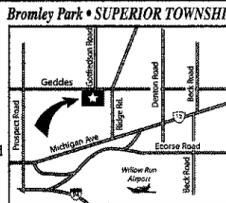
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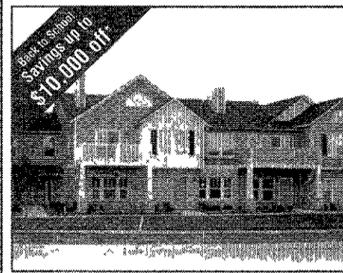
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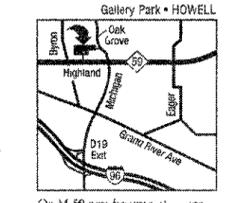
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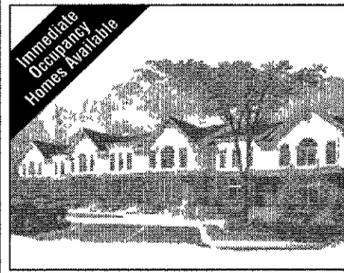
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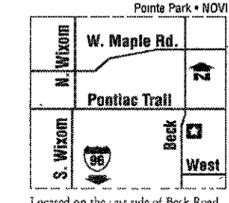
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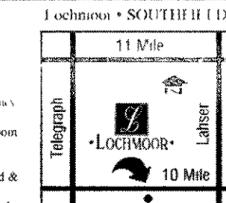
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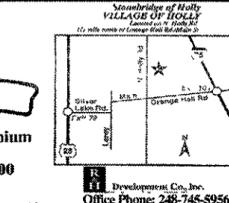
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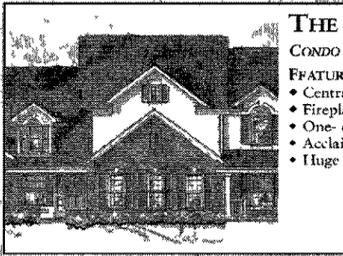
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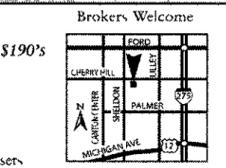
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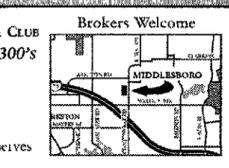
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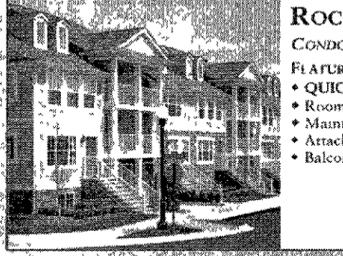
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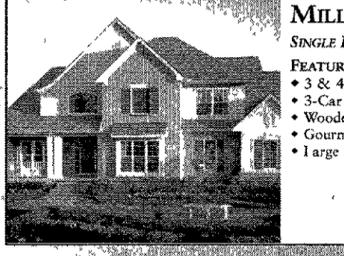
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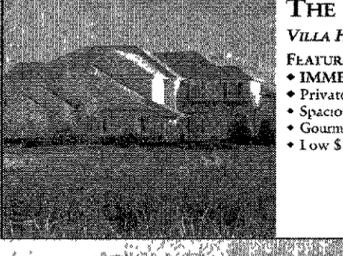
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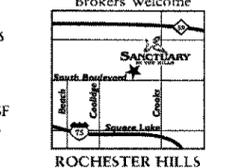
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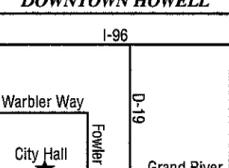
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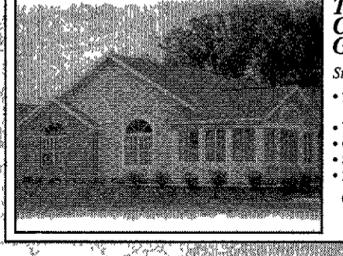
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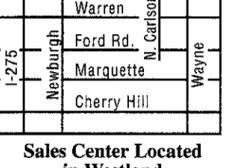
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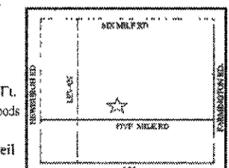
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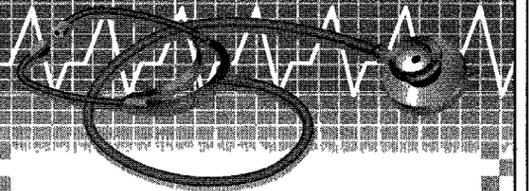
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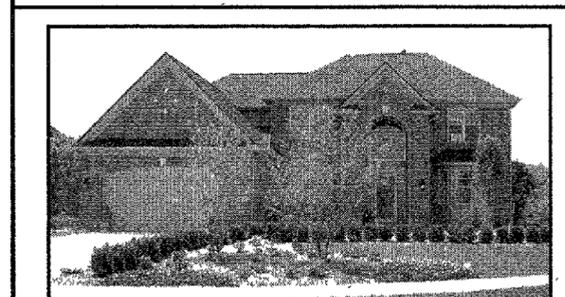
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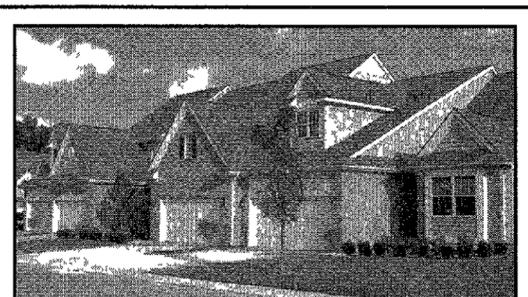


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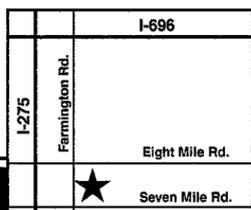


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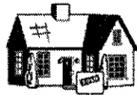
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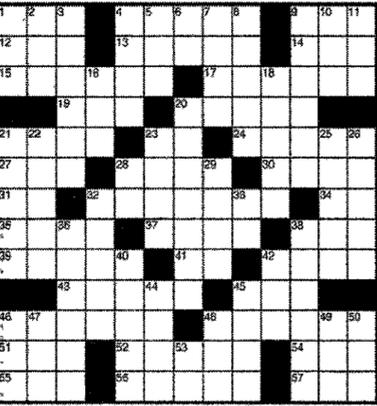
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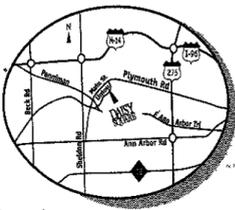


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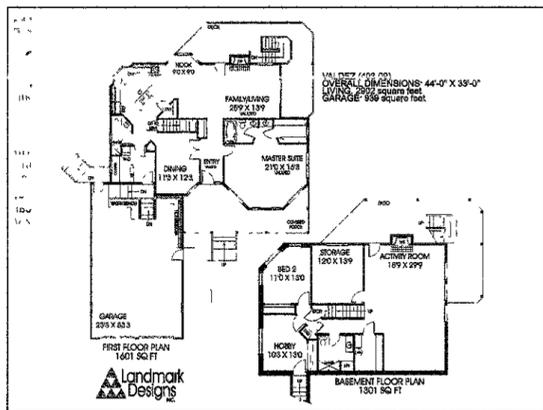
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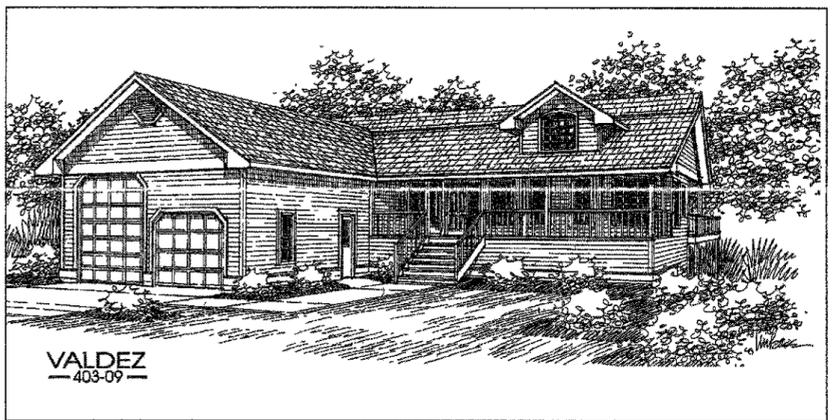
This Valdez is no shipwreck



The do-it-yourself person in your household will surely appreciate the advantages offered by the Valdez (403-09) floor design. Over 900 square feet of garage space, including a built-in workbench, provides enough room for a complete shop set-up.

There are many other features incorporated into the two levels of the 2,902 square foot Valdez that will please the entire family.

A huge covered front porch is a welcome sight to visitors. It will soon become a favorite spot to sit and relax on warm summer evenings. Step inside the vaulted entry and the openness of the main floor becomes evident. The vaulted family/living room, kept cozy by a well-situated fireplace, is the primary gathering place on this level.



will want to put your feet up after dinner and catch the news on television. If the weather is agreeable, open the sliding glass door and set a lounge chair on the wrap-around wooden deck.

The walk-through kitchen has been thoughtfully arranged, with the spacious breakfast nook on one side and

the formal dining room on the opposite. This configuration permits the cook in the house to serve a multi-course meal or quick snack with ease. Kitchen features include an island cook top, garden window, double ovens and handy walk-in pantry.

The isolated master suite provides complete privacy in

an attractive atmosphere. Plenty of windows give you a great view, and the whole room brightens when you pull back the drapes. In addition to a large sleeping area, the amenities here include a walk-in closet and private bathroom with twin basins and spa tub.

The basement level begins with an enormous activity room. There is enough space here for a pool or Ping-Pong table, big screen television, a couple of couches, etc. There is also a corner hobby room with direct access to the garage.

There are two separate storage areas. One an ample walk-in closet, and the other a good-sized room that can be easily converted for use as a home office. Completing the floor plan on this level are a second bedroom and full bathroom.

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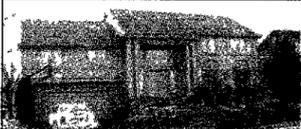
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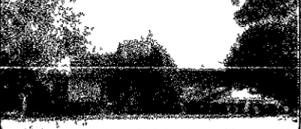
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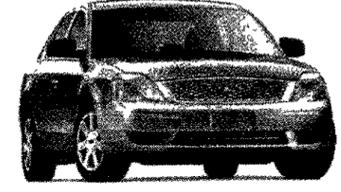
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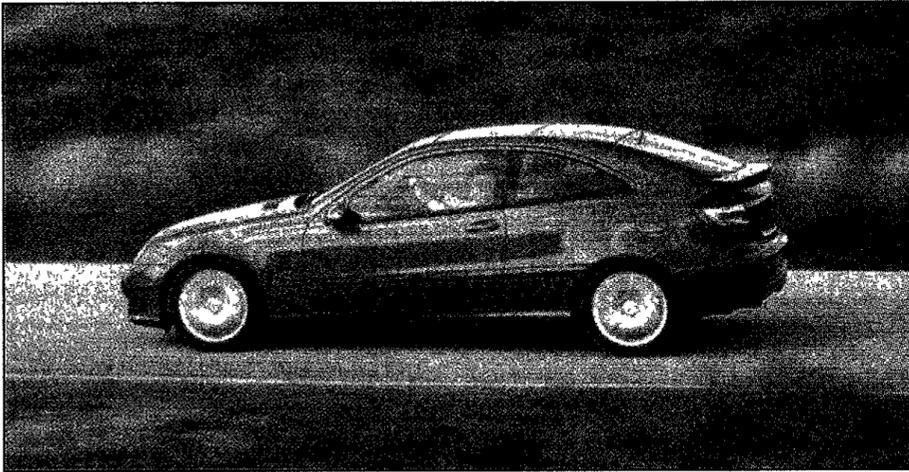
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Avanti News Features

Avanti News Features Editor Anne Fracassa is on temporary medical leave and is in the hospital. Send get-well wishes via the Internet to afracassa@aol.com or send cards and letters to her at 29106 Palomino, Warren, MI 48093-3505. This week's column is written by Dave Menard of the Avanti staff.



2005 Mercedes-Benz C320 Sport Coupe. Vehicle class: Compact. EPA:17/24. Base price: \$28,250. Price as tested: \$30,780

The 2005 Mercedes-Benz C320 provides me with an interesting dilemma. The C320 comes with a host of standard features, is powerful and fun to drive, and looks great in my driveway. On the other hand, its one main drawback, to me anyway, is that it's not easy to get in and out of for tall drivers. Once I'm in the car, it's great, but it's not the kind of car I'd buy for running errands around town; the constant getting in and out wears me out. I had considered the idea that I'm just getting old (as my daughter nods in agreement), but since that can't possibly be true, it must be the car.

On the off-chance that it might, indeed, be my problem, let's take a look at the many things to like about the C320 Sport Coupe, and we'll start with the way it looks in your driveway. The 2005 version of the Sport Coupe has been given staggered-width wheels, redesigned clear headlamps, new tail lamps and a redesigned grille. It's a more aggressive look, yet you can tell it's a Mercedes. A sunroof pack is a \$1390 option.

The C320 Sport Coupe is fun to drive. It's powered by a 90-degree 3.2-liter 215 hp V6 with a 229 lb.-ft. of torque @ 3,000-4600 rpm. With a curb weight of 3250 lbs., it doesn't take much to move

it, and move it this engine does. It's mated with a standard six-speed manual transmission (a five-speed automatic with Touch Shift is available), and can go 0-60 in 6.8 seconds. It's cool going through the gears (the gear throws are 20 percent shorter than 2004) and the low-end torque gets you up to speed quickly.

The C320 gives a sporty ride at low speeds, while cruising comfortably at highway speeds. The front suspension combines two separate lower links with a strut, coil springs, twin-tube gas shocks and a stabilizer bar. In the rear, the suspension is an independent five-arm multi-link with coil springs, gas-charged shocks and stabilizer bar. The rack-and-pinion steering system allows for sharp handling and easy maneuvering.

Stopping the car is not a problem; the four-wheel ABS brake system stops the car quickly and smoothly.

Inside, the C320 Sport Coupe features plenty of room up front, although it is tight in the rear. The 10-way manually adjustable seats give good support and getting a good driving position is easy. The rear seats are split fold down seats for more cargo room.

The interior now sports aluminum accents and a leather steering wheel. The dash has been redesigned and features a new four-gauge instrument cluster. Other standard features include dual-zone climate control, cruise control, automatic headlamps, power windows, keyless entry, anti-theft alarm, and a trip computer.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/Weatherband/single-CD system, and it sounds great. A six-disc-changer is optional, as is SIRIUS satellite radio service. The \$679 price tag for the satellite radio option does include 14 months of service (normally \$12.95 a month).

The 2005 Mercedes-Benz C320 Sport Coupe starts at about \$28,000. Add the sunroof package and the six-CD changer system and you're looking at about \$30,000. Looks, performance, features - there's a lot to like about the C320 Sport Coupe. Getting in and out it just isn't one of them. Then again, my daughter might be right - maybe I'm just getting old.

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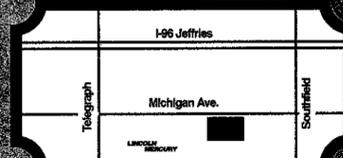
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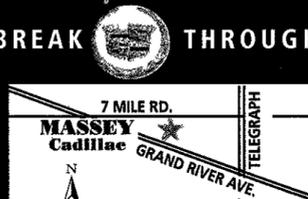
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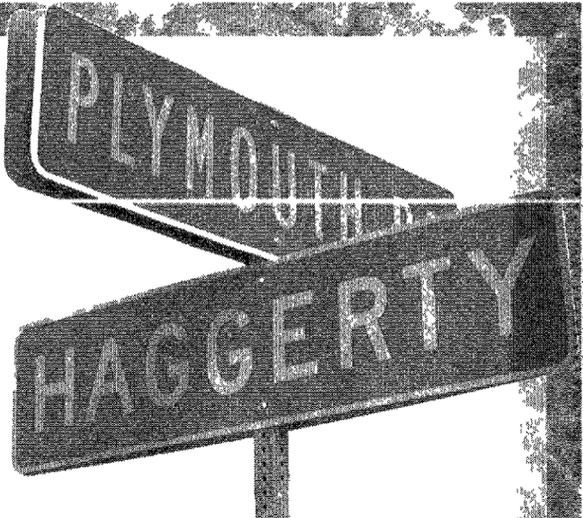
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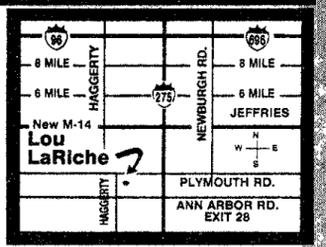
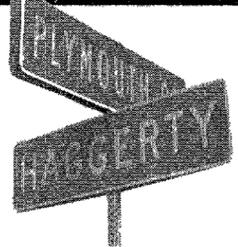
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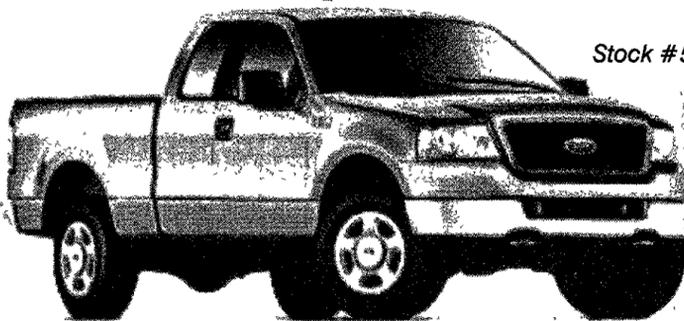
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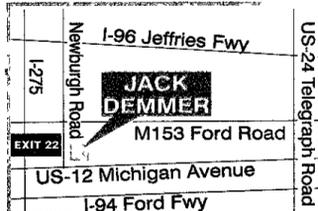


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