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Verdict expected in trial of former principal

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

To this day Mark Moore has no idea who forwarded him the e-mails which exposed a sexual relationship between a former principal and student at Agapé Christian Academy in Canton.

The sexual assault trial for Clark Sexton, the former principal at the school, began this week in Wayne County Circuit Court. On Wednesday, both the prosecution and defense attorneys made their closing arguments, and a verdict was expected Thursday morning after this newspaper went to press.

Sexton, 30, of Westland was charged on Feb. 2, 2005, with three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony which alleges penetration, and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor.

Moore, the pastor at Agapé, testified that he had received the e-mails between Sexton and the alleged victim, who is now a college student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, in July, 2004, and it became apparent that the two had an inappropriate relationship. But at the time, no one believed they had a sexual

relationship.

"The e-mails were intimate, but not sexual," he said in court Tuesday. He added that it seemed "so out of character" for both the victim and Sexton.

Moore met the former principal in 1995, when Sexton was hired to teach math and religion at the nondenominational Christian school. That's also the year Sexton met his wife, Gretchen, who was a student at Agapé Christian Academy. She graduated in 1996, and Moore said the two married about a year later. Sexton was promoted to the position of principal in 1999.

"I was never aware of them being a couple" while Gretchen was still a student, Moore said, adding that to the best of his knowledge, the two did not begin dating until after she graduated.

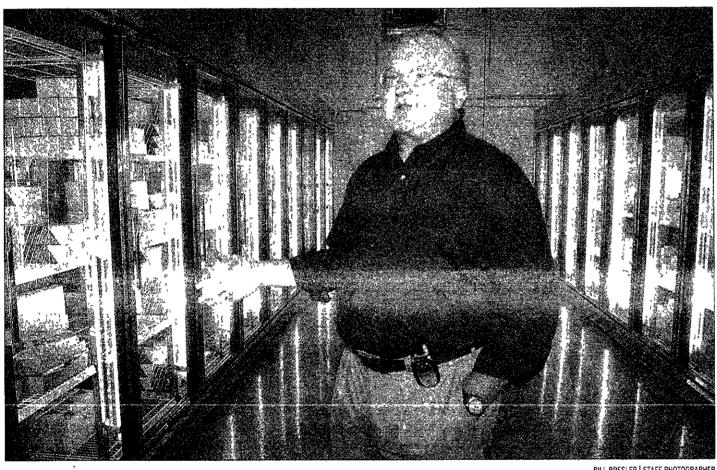
Sexton's attorney, Paul Clark, has not suggested that Sexton and the student did not have a sexual relationship. He's suggested that the girl had reached the age of consent, 16 years old, at the time of the dozen sexual encounters between the two.

"I consider a 16-year-old still a child,"

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Canton's Janusz Szyszko explains the importance of the new equipment at Pointe Scientific, the medical laboratory test supply company he founded in

Canton firm grows with the times

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

At a point in life when most men are considering how they'll spend their retirement years, Janusz Szyszko finally was able to expand his business in a location that cut his commute down to just minutes.

The Canton resident established his business, Pointe Scientific Inc., back in 1981 in Detroit. For a few years, he operated the medical laboratory test supply company downtown before moving it to Lincoln Park. There, he built up the company, which is now a global supplier of medical test kits, and a year ago moved into his brand-new building just off Michigan Avenue in Canton.

"We had always thought that a location in Canton was out of our reach. The price of land is high, and we thought we couldn't do it," he said. "But this land was reasonable, and I am now just seven miles from my house, and that is definitely a factor."

The company employs nearly 30 workers - both production and skilled workers, as well as scientists - and is expected to grow.

"Lipids are big. Everyone wants to know their cholesterol levels. And the diabetes explosion has been good for us, as odd as that sounds," Szyszko

Looking back on nearly three decades of business ownership, Szyszko said if he'd been a better student, he may not have had such a successful business.

He was studying pre-med at Wayne State University, but wasn't a particularly good student and was drafted in 1966 into the United States Air Force, where he became a medic. When he returned home after serving, he enrolled at Wayne State again, where he studied marketing while he worked nights at the laboratory at Garden City Hospital.

"It all came together and I

worked for another company which did what we do now. But I thought it could be done better, so I got a business partner and started my own company," Szyszko said. He laughed and added that he must have been

right about doing it better.

"The other company doesn't exist anymore, but here we are," he said.

The work has taken him around the world - to India and Asia, where health care is booming along with a growing health-conscious middle class.

Shipping all over the world presents some interesting challenges he said, and half of Pointe's customers are outside the United States.

"We watch the news every day to see what's going on in the world so that we know how to get our shipments out," he said. The company recently landed a large contract to supply a hospital in Iraq, but shipments to a country at war are not simple to make.

"We can ship there, but

there's no guarantee that anything will arrive," he said, adding that the company has routed shipments to Jordan.

Szyszko's former facility was 11,000 square feet and his new location is 25,000 square feet. He's been able to add state-of-the art coolers and freezers (some of the products travel to India, where temperatures frequently top 100 degrees, so they must be frozen before shipping), and a giant generator, which will keep \$1 million worth of uninsurable cold inventory safe in the event of power outages.

"We built with an eye toward growth," he said, pointing to the building's high ceilings which will one day accommodate taller machinery and additional storage.

"We're in a big boom right now so I have every reason to believe we'll just keep on growing," Szyszko said.

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'Vest'ed interest

Local police replacing degraded protection

STAFF WRITER

whether a Michigan company sold defective bulletproof vests for President Bush, Plymouth, and Plymouth Township and Canton Township police are in the process of replacing the same type of "protective" vests used for some of its officers.

Federal prosecutors claim Second Chance Body Armor Inc. sold the vests for use by the president and First Lady Laura Bush, despite being told in 1999 the Japanese-made Zylon material was degrading faster than expected, which could allow bullets to penetrate the armor.

Second Chance customers weren't notified until 2003, when a California officer was shot and killed while wearing one of the vests. In 2004,

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Few show interest in advisory group

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The group was much smaller than Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo had anticipated. Just three people showed up Saturday morning at a Canton coffee shop to participate in a citizen's advisory committee he had established.

"I'm a little disappointed because about a dozen people told me they wanted to come," Caccamo said, but added that he believes the group will grow and evolve over time.

Caccamo invited residents to join the group in order to get Canton residents more involved in local government.

Canton currently has 19 boards and commissions and seven ad hoc committees, but Caccamo said at the time he suggested forming the unofficial committee that those boards are full of political "insiders" who are supporters of the township board.

At the first meeting, he offered a crash course in local government, explaining when township board meeting agendas and packets become available, as well as the process for taking action at board meetings.

"I never have known how all this works," said

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Name nominations

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are accepting nominations for the name of its new elementary school being constructed at Cherry Hill and Denton Roads in Canton Township until 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

According to policy, the Board of Education will discuss the nominations at meetings for two full months; board members started at the Sept. 13 and Sept. 27 meetings and will continue at meetings Oct. 11 and Oct. 25.

P-CCS elementary schools are named for past or present significant educational contributors to the district. This includes employees, board members and community members who have made significant contributions to the education of district children. The new elementary school is scheduled to open in fall 2006.

Nominations should be delivered to the P-CCS' Community Relations Office, 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Nominations also are accepted via e-mail using the "Contact Us" button on the district's Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the community relations office at (734) 416-2757.

Fall classes

Spaces are still available for a wide variety of programs offered by Canton's Leisure Services. There is something for everyone from preschoolers to senior adults, and all ages in between. Highlights of this season's schedule include: preschool field trips, astronomy classes,

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cooking programs, a women's expo, various theater performances, as well as programs featuring Canton's newest facility, "The B.L.O.C.K," which caters to teens.

Those interested in register ing can visit the Leisure Services Web site, leisure.canton-mi.org, or stop by the Summit on the Park and register in person.

Grand opening

Canton's Dance Extreme dance studio will hold its grand opening celebration Oct. 1-2 at the studio, which is located at 5536 Research Drive. Los Angeles choreographer Kevin Tokyo" Inouye will be on hand for the grand opening. The studio offers a number of different dance forms, including hip-hop and lyrical. Class tuition is \$25 per class or two classes for \$40.

For more information, call the studio at (734) 485--7985.

Davis concert

Female vocalist Thornetta Davis will play the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 8 p.m., Sept. 29. The

soul and blues singer/songwriter has opened for legendary acts such as Ray Charles, Gladys Knight, and Smokey Robinson. For

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Davis

more than 15 years this multi-talented Detroit native has graced and dominated Michigan's most attended events. She has also won more than 20 Detroit Music Awards.

Tickets for the show are \$15, and can be purchased at the the-

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Station grand opening

Canton's newest fire station will open its doors to the public Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon-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.

Birding basics

Crimboli Nursery, located at 50145 Ford Road in Canton, is hosting 'Bird Feeding Basics" presented by Rick Savino, a wildlife feeding specialist from Birdola Products, at 1 p.m. on Oct. 22. Discover how to achieve the most satisfactory backyard feeding experience. Savino will discuss seed types and the species they will attract, water and cover requirements, various feeder types and what works best for a variety of different wild bird species,

The event is free. Registration is requested to help plan seating arrangements. Call (734) 495-

Expanded services

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Canton will soon begin offering chemotherapy infusion.

The U-M Board of Regents approved a proposal to add a chemotherapy infusion area at the U-M Health System's Canton Health Center, which is

located on N. Canton Center Road, off Interstate-275 near Ford Road. The new space will be 4,300 gross square feet and will include nine infusion treatment chairs, expanded laboratory services and a new CT scanner for imaging scans that indicate whether chemotherapy treatment is working.

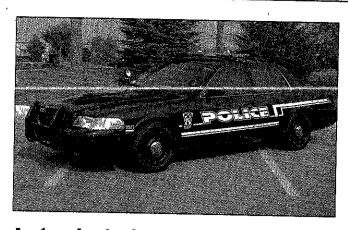
"Approximately 15 percent of our infusion patients come from the I-275 corridor, so we hope this expansion will allow many of them to receive their cancer care closer to home," says Douglas Blayney, M.D., medical director of the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center. "While cancer treatment

is complex, new procedures make it safe to administer chemotherapy at satellite centers. We hope the expansion into Canton will make treatment a little easier on our Detroit area patients and those patients whose primary care doctors already practice at the U-M Canton Health Center."

The Cancer Center has seen 15 percent growth per year in its infusion services from 1998 to 2004. In fiscal year 2004, it performed 34,952 infusion proce-

The Canton infusion center will be staffed by U-M Cancer Center nurses. Cancer outpatient clinical services are not planned at Canton as part of the expansion. Primary care, cardiology and other specialty services will continue as before in Canton. Laboratory services such as blood work will also be available on site. Patients will need a referral from their U-M oncologist to receive infusion at the Canton center.

Blayney expects a range of cancer patients could be treated in Canton, particularly those who require daily infusions. Depending on the type of cancer, chemotherapy may be given anywhere from once a day to



A classic design

Earlier this month the Canton Police Department took third place in the Second Annual Michael Scanlon Memorial Police and Classic Car Show. The department made a design change on their patrol vehicles in 2004. The charity car show was held in Milford, and featured police cars from the metro area. The show is held in memory of fallen Detroit Police Officer Michael Scanlon, who was killed will attempting to apprehend a fleeing traffic violator. Proceeds from the event benefit the Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MI-COPS).

once every two or three weeks. "All the treatments will be started in Ann Arbor, and typically we'll use Canton for followup treatments that don't require a doctor's visit," Blayney says.

The renovations are budgeted at \$4.7 million, primarily for the purchase of new equipment. Funding will come from the U-M Hospitals and Health Centers resources. The Canton infusion area is expected to open in summer 2006.

Neighbors, friends

The Canton Newcomers, a social, civic, and charitable 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 Weathersfield) 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.

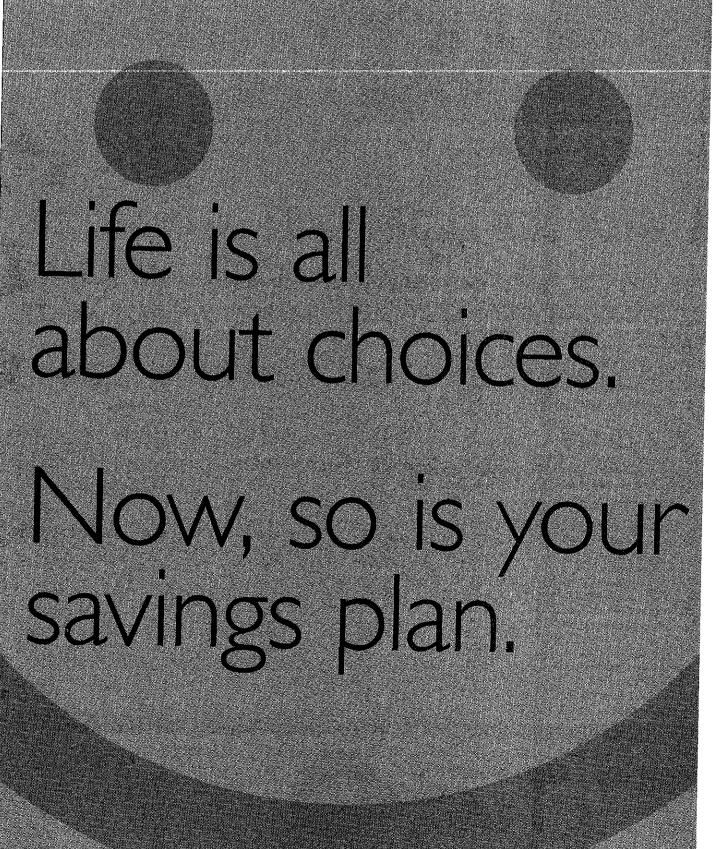
For more information about the group, call (734) 495-0520 or visit their Web site at http://newcomers.angelcities.co





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Area post offices to have extended hours

STAFF WRITER

It's not unusual for patrons of the U.S. Postal Service to use significant amount of their unch hours standing in line at he post office, or leave early rom work in order to drop off nail, packages or buy stamps ust before the doors are locked at 5 p.m. — sharp.

However, the need to run down the street or push the speed limit to make it through the doors before the post office service window closes will soon become a thing of the past — , ust like the Pony Express — as expanded hours are put into effect at the two Plymouth post offices, beginning next week.

"Our customers have been asking for us to be more available for them in order to provide better service," said Dennis Wieczorek, postmaster of the downtown Penniman Avenue post office, and the facility located on Clipper Street in Plymouth Township. 'A lot of people are working 24/7 now, and our hours don't coincide with that. We're trying to make ourselves more available to them so they can come after work, and not have to wait until their days off."

Beginning Monday, Wieczorek said, the Clipper post office will be open 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., which is three hours longer. Saturday hours will also be expanded, with the service window open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Penniman post office will be open an hour later, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will remain the same, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"I imagine for most people who can't get out of work it's good news, like the banks that are keeping later hours," said Jerry Trumpka of Plymouth Township, who was picking up business mail at the Penniman post office. "I think busy with busy schedules, they have to come to people on their terms.

"I guess since they're going to raise the postage, at least we're getting a little something for it," he said.

Wieczorek said the extension of window hours will be done without increasing staff

"We're expanding our window operation with the same amount of people," said Wieczorek. "We'll do it with better focus by our supervisors.'

The Canton post office on

For the first time in history, nine area post offices including the downtown **Plymouth and Canton** facilities - will be open on Columbus Day - Monday, Oct. 10 - which is a legal holiday.

Canton Center Road is also one of the nearly 70 post offices in the metro Detroit area extending hours. Postmaster Chuck Quinn, who is also postmaster for Westland and Wayne, said the Canton window operations on Saturdays were extended 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Aug. 6. The Canton post office began 8 a.m.-8 p.m. weekday hours of operation Sept. 6.

"Our busiest hours used to be 4-5 p. m., but with the extended hours customers are now coming in at six o'clock and later and getting quicker service, with their mail still going out the same day," said Quinn. "Customers will also have greater access to post office boxes, which makes it a much more attractive service."

Laura Eggleston of Canton was picking up mail from her post office box at 6:30 Tuesday evening, and liked the convenience.

"I don't have to rush here after work, or try to come before work or during lunch," said Eggleston. "It's real convenient. I was real excited to find out they are staying open And, for the first time in his-

tory, nine area post offices including the downtown Plymouth and Canton facilities - will be open on Columbus Day - Monday, Oct. 10 - which is a legal holiday. Wieczorek will be celebrat-

ing 30 years with the U.S. Postal Service next month, and said the organization has gone through a lot of changes since he first started.

"Before, it was just a government entity, but now it's a customer driven service," said Wieczorek. "We have to be like that because there's so much competition for what strictly used to be post office business. We've had to change to remain a viable entity."

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Local officials making trip with donated goods to Canton, Miss.

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Several Canton officials will make the journey south to Mississippi so they can add a name and face to the goods that the Canton community has donated to its new sister city, Canton, Miss., which is in the Gulf Coast region impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Supervisor Tom Yack, Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, Public Safety Director John Santomauro, Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks, and Canton Chamber of Commerce Director Dianne Cojei will travel to Mississippi on Oct. 12, and await the arrival of the goods collected through the 'Canton to Canton' hurricane relief project. They are planning to fly down, at their own expense, and present the goods to Canton, Miss. officials on Oct. 13.

Canton is located approximately 20 miles north of the Mississippi capitol city of Jackson. It has been the site of five feature films including "Time To Kill," "My Dog Skip," and "O Brother Where Art Thou." While the town was not directly hit by Hurricane Katrina, it has become a refuge for many victims, as well as a dispatch hub for supplies that are distributed to nearby shelters and smaller communities.

Since they began accepting donations, Conklin said people have given all kinds of supplies, as well as monetary

"We've pretty much filled an entire semi truck. Everything from clothing and pet food, to cleaning supplies and canned goods. You name it, we've received it," she said. "There's just been an outpouring of goodwill by the Canton com-

To help matters, a local firm, M.S.A. Delivery Service



Kathey New, of Memphis, Tenn. (left), and Canton's Chioe Turbin sort through clothing donations at the Canton to Canton drop point at Canton's DPW facility. New is a Red Cross disaster nurse who spent time helping victims in Mississippi, and has recently been staying with her daughter, Kristine New of Canton.

of Canton, has donated the truck, driver and fuel to get the goods down to Mississippi. That will free up some money Canton officials were planning to use to transport the goods. Instead, they will use it to buy more sup-

"We're just fortunate to be able to donate something that can help. A lot of people have donated money and goods. We're in a position to donate transportation services. We're just happy we could help," said Lisa Rozum, whose family owns M.S.A. Delivery Service.

JoAnn Godon, executive director of the Canton, Miss. Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she was just elated when she first received a call from Conklin about the program.

"It was a real blessing. That's what we consider it to be. Canton, Michigán was the first city to step up and offer help," she said.

Gordon said in the aftermath of Katrina, the city shel-



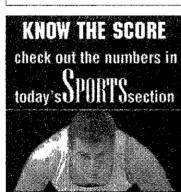
Canton volunteer Mark Roberts carries a box of donated clothing from Charlotte Drake of Belleville for the Canton to Canton program, which will aid Hurricane Katrina victims in Canton, Miss.

tered many evacuees, but most have since left. However, she said the city is now acting as a distributor of goods to those most in need.

"I can promise we will get the goods right into the hands that really need them. They won't be sitting in any warehouse. We will directly distribute them where they need to be distributed," Gordon said.

Conklin said they are still accepting donations, which can be dropped off at Summit on the Park until Oct. 1. She said Canton, Miss. officials have told her they have a real need for cleaning supplies.

For more information on the "Canton to Canton" hurricane relief project, please call the Canton Supervisor's office at (734) 394-5188.



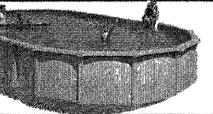




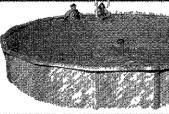
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Singing in the rain

Rain dampens turnout for benefit concert

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Musicians who staged a Westland rock concert to raise money for hurricane relief efforts learned firsthand Sunday that rain can douse even the best-laid plans.

Event manager Dean Boucher estimated that 500-700 people stopped by the 12-hour Musicians for Relief concert in Central City Park. Organizers had hoped to draw thousands.

"The weather put a little hurt on us, but everybody said they would do it again in a heartbeat," said Boucher, a professional stagehand and drummer for Power Source, one of the bands that played. "Hundreds of people stood in the rain. The people that came out were some real troupers."

Boucher estimated that organizers will clear \$6,000 to \$8,000, far less than the \$100,000 they had hoped to raise.

The money will go to a hurricane relief fund established by Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who said the funds will be split between the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army. The city helped sponsor Sunday's concert.

"Considering the weather, I think they were pretty pleased," Cicirelli said of Musicians for Relief. "They were competing against so many other (fund-raising) activities and groups. But, they did a tremendous job. It was so well-organized. It was a nice concert. It's just too bad the weather didn't cooperate."

Rare Earth headlined the event, which featured nine bands, a classic car show and other activities. Organizers managed to get a professional stage and sound system donated for the day.

Livonia resident Joe Sanavage, 49, who works in computer graphic designs, stood near the stage after rock band The Ride finished its set.

"I follow The Ride and Power Source," he said. They play at Chatters (bar in Westland), and I go

Sanavage commended the musicians who volunteered their time to raise money for hurricane relief efforts.

"I think it's what everybody should do if they get a chance," he said. "The more people who do it, the better. They're helping their fellow man."

Don and Holly Gilbeau of Dearborn Heights stood under a tent that organizers erected to help keep the crowd dry. Don Gilbeau, a 50-year-old grocery chain employee, heard about the concert at work.

"I like The Ride, and I thought this was for a good cause," he said.

Michigan Humane Society volunteer Pam Barski of Canton promoted that organization's pet-rescue efforts by setting up a table with Ellen Thomas, who provides foster care for pets at her



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John Lenardon, who plays lead guitar for local band Red Hill, and lead singer Julianne entertain crowds during the 12-hour Musicians for Relief concert Sunday.

Commerce Township home.

"We hope to drum up support for people to realize that, as much as they need to help the people (in hurricane-stricken areas), they also need to help animals that are displaced from their own-

Hungry concert-goers could choose from food ranging from tamales to pizza to hot dogs.

"They really seemed to like the fresh corn on the cob," said Sue Haslacker, who worked a concession stand sponsored by the Westland Summer Festival committee.

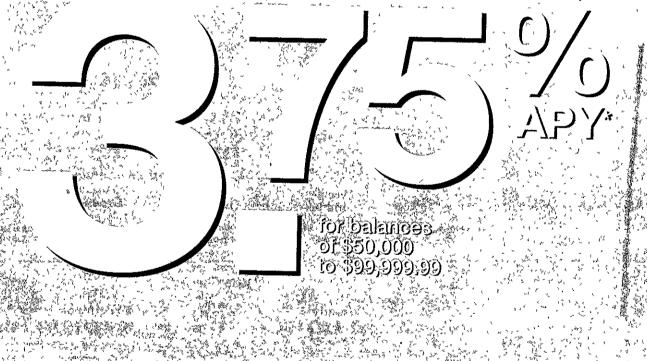
On the stage, musicians seemed to work as hard as they would for an arena-filled crowd. Guitarist Joey Gaydos, Jr. - from the movie School of Rock infused Little Richard's Lucille with some impassioned guitar licks.

Like others, Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski had hoped for a larger

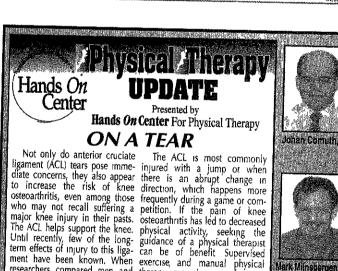
"It's hard to raise money when the weather is like this," he said. "But when people are losing their homes (in the Gulf region), it doesn't hurt to stand out in the rain here and listen to some music for a good cause."

Donations still may be made by making checks payable to City of Westland/Hurricane Help and sending them to Westland City Hall, Finance Department, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI,

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Dispute leads to shots fired

STAFF WRITER

Canton police arrested two men Saturday after they got into an argument over a female, which led one of the men to allegedly fire four shots from a handgun in the parking lot of Lifetime Fitness near Haggerty and Ford roads.

According to Canton Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, a 35-year-old Louisiana resident, who has been residing in Belleville, fired four shots from a 45 caliber semi-automatic Ruger at the car that was being driven by a 25year-old Belleville man. The shots hit the rear

tire and rear wheel well of the car. Both men were arrested, but the 25 year old was released. The Louisiana man was arraigned Sunday on one charge of felonious assault and one charge of felony firearm. His preliminary examination is scheduled for Oct. 7 in 35th District Court.

According to Pomorski, the Belleville man found out that his girlfriend was out with the Louisiana man and confronted them at a local restaurant.

They ended up getting in a car chase, which ended at Lifetime Fitness, where witnesses reported the cars driving recklessly in the parking lot. A Canton officer arrived on the scene, heard the shots and arrested the Belleville man. The Louisiana man fled the scene, but was apprehended a short time later.



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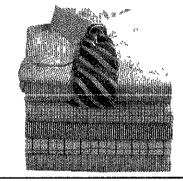
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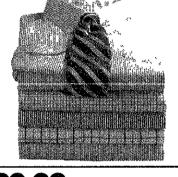
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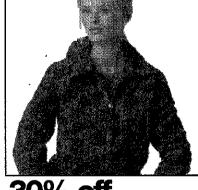
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VEST

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Pennsylvania's attorney general filed a lawsuit against Second Chance accusing the company of withholding information about defects associated with the vests, after an officer was shot in the midsection after a bullet passed through his vest.

Canton Township Public
Safety Director John
Santomauro said he ordered
more than 100 new armored
vests nearly two months ago to
replace those bought from
Second Chance for the 85member police force, plus
reservists.

Santomauro said his department has been purchasing vests from Second Chance for 15 years.

"When we recognized the vests were deficient, we worked immediately to replace them," said Santomauro. "We will use drug forfeiture money to pay for the new vests, so it won't come out of our budget."

The new vests are being purchased from Gator Hawk, which doesn't use Zylon, for \$625 each.

The Canton Township police department is part of the Pennsylvania class action lawsuit. "We're on the list for monetary reimbursement of local police departments, if there is any," said Santomauro. "Even though the company filed for bankruptcy, there is some potential for remuneration."

Santomauro said the vests are vital to police officers, more than just the obvious.

"Most people don't realize the level of protection those vests afford," he said. "They go beyond protection from firearms, including motor vehicle accidents, stabbings and physical assaults."

Plymouth Police Chief
Wayne Carroll said his department is in the process of
replacing a handful of vests
bought from Second Chance,
located in Central Lake, Mich.,
that contain Zylon.

"The vests were breaking down faster than the shelf life, which the manufacturer says is about five years," said Carroll. "They initially sent out some panels for the vests, and then talked about replacement.

"We could join the lawsuit against the company, but it would cost more for taxpayers than what we would get back out of it, so we decided to just replace them," he said.

Carroll said they've gone to another manufacturer, with new vests costing between \$600-\$800 apiece.

"To find out the vests aren't doing the job is scary," added Carroll. "We need to protect our guys now. They don't need to be thinking about that every time they get into a situation."

Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Smith said the township didn't purchase vests for his department's 31 officers from Second Chance, but the administration is in the process of replacing vests that contain Zylon just the same.

"Our vests are newer, but the federal government is coming out with new standards and we're working with our vendor to secure replacements as soon as possible," said Smith. "The Justice Department has a grant program that funds half the cost of the vests, but they are no longer purchasing vests that contain Zylon. We are in the process of applying for additional funding so our vests can be replaced.

"We want our officers to have the best protection possible," he said.

Smith said Plymouth
Township officers currently
wear vests purchased from
Point Blank, which is based in
Florida.

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GROUP

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Nancy Austin, adding that the invitation to get involved was a welcome one.

The other two members of the new group - Dan McCausland and Alfred Brock - are regular council watchers who attend most township meetings. They are also vocal critics of Canton's local government.

The group used the morning to become acquainted and to discuss a few issues, including the township's sign ordinance (which all three believe is too stringent), development, and the IKEA furniture store, which will be open next summer.

The trio agreed that they hope the group will take on a life of its own, separate from the township trustee, though Austin said that she's not all that interested in representing the committee at township board meetings.

"I envisioned discussing issues and then funneling our ideas to (Caccamo) before he votes," she said. "We're all on the same page here or we wouldn't be here."

But Caccamo resisted that idea, stating that the group can't tell him how to vote. He added that in the beginning, he will provide copies of the board packets to the group, but that does not in any way add up to

influence over the informal committee.

Further, he said he just wants to be the catalyst to get the group started, but hopes that residents of various opinions and beliefs will participate.

"I want us to stand as a public group, and not to be tied to Trustee Caccamo," McCausland said.

The group has tentatively agreed to meet every Saturday before regular township board meetings, at 10:30 a.m. at Brand New Day coffee shop on Cherry Hill, just west of Lilley. The next committee gathering will be Oct. 8.

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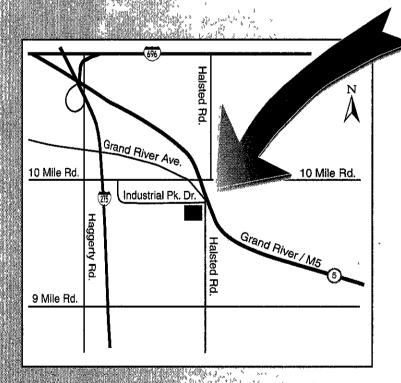
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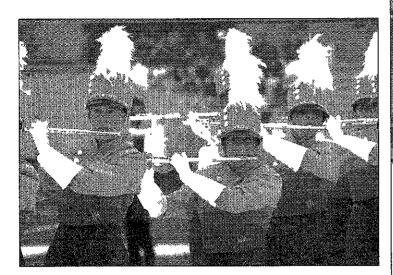
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Alyssa Gudenburr (left), Kelcey Cross and Anna Prudhomme hit the high notes along with fellow flutists during P-CEP's award-winning competition performance at Livonia Franklin High School Sept. 24.

Marchers adding to show, still winning trophies

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

In just the past week new drill and music was added to the still-incomplete Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band's competition show, "Performing Inside-Out," but that didn't stop the 204member team from capturing the Flight I first-place trophy, captions for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect and the highest score of the 16 competing bands at the Livonia Franklin Americana Invitational Saturday.

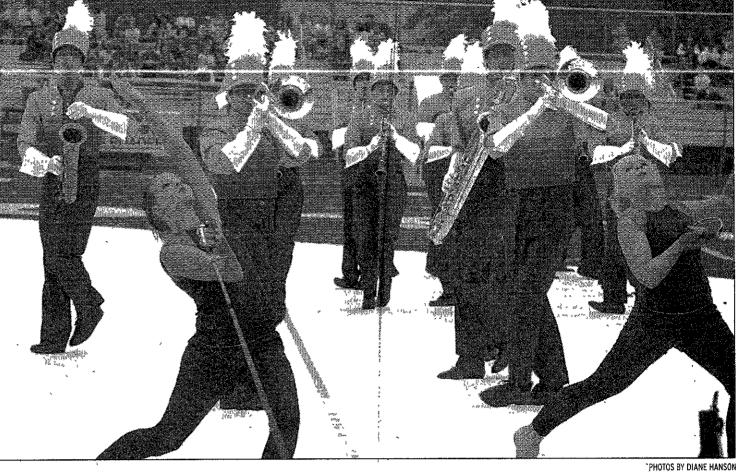
Band Director Mark Whitlock was pleased with his marchers'

performance, but also knows what his band is capable of.

"We have a lot more on the field now, so that's good, but there is a lot still unrefined," said Whitlock. "Our first two productions were stable, but not flowing with emotion and energy, not yet."

He added that the emotion and energy come when the students become more comfortable with their music and the demanding visual maneuvers.

"Once they have that down, then they can go to the next level which is putting more of themselves into it," said Whitlock. "They were performing decently today, but so as not



Toting sabers, color guard members Lyla Ellens (left) and Jessica Eimers stretch into their performance at Livonia Franklin High School followed by (from left) Al Moran on tenor sax; Jordan Krueger on trombone; Sarah Hallinen, Lindsay Gerst and Amy Markey on clarinet; Nick Hendzell on bari sax; Jake Walter on trombone; and Angela Ayoub on the clarinet.

to make mistakes versus performing from the heart to send a message."

That capability is something not lost on the performers.

"I think we have so much potential," said Salem junior Roz Schloemer, one of three drum majors, including Jenna Olexsey and Andy Kokoszka. Schloemer also plays a clarinet solo in one of the movements. "We're working hard and we hope to reach as high as we can possibly get."

That hard work is evident to

anyone within earshot or eveshot of Plymouth High School during the week. The P-CEPers practice three hours each day after school, play for football games on Friday evenings and put in 10-12 hours on Saturdays,

"A lot of people don't like practicing so much right now," admitted Schloemer, "but they appreciate it more toward the end of the season when it all pays off and you finally reach your goals."

including competitions.

And part of those goals are more than the musical and marching experience the students gain according Plymouth junior Kyle Standifer, a mellophone player.

'We learn responsibility and working together as a team," he said. "And I love all the friends you make, going to Nationals and all the (local) performanc-

The next competition performance for the P-CEP marchers is the Bands of America Regionals at the Pontiac Silverdome Oct. 15, followed by the Great Lakes

Invitational on home turf Oct.

Other first-place performers at the American Invitational included Lakeland, Flight II; Madison Heights Lamphere, Flight III; and Durand Area, Flight IV. Other Observer-area bands included Westland John Glenn, third, and Livonia Stevenson, fourth, in Flight I; and Farmington, fourth, in Flight II. Livonia Franklin played in judged exhibition as hosts of the event along with exhibition performances by Livonia Emerson Middle School and Garden City High.

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Sarah Cooper (left). Liz Jadczak and fellow color guardists add intricate choreography to the P-CEP Marching Band's awardperformance at the Livonia Franklin Americana Saturday.

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CROP Walk fights hunger, need in world community

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk's an annual event, and some participants have been involved for the 15 years it's been going.

"Usually we get around 50 to 75" walkers, said Bill Brave of Plymouth, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth and organizer of the event

It will be held Sunday, Oct. 9, this year, with registration at 1:30 p.m. and the walk at 2 p.m.

Walkers will start at St.
John's Episcopal on Sheldon
and choose a two-mile or fourmile route. "It's going to go
through downtown Plymouth
and loop back to St. John's,"
said Brave, whose family has
participated for six years.

The core churches for the local walk are St. John's Episcopal, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth

and Geneva Presbyterian in Canton. Of the money raised, a \$15,000 goal, 25 percent will go to the local Salvation Army and the rest to sponsoring Church World Service.

"They've been actively involved in the devastation relief for Katrina," Brave said including health kits and blankets. CWS works with local churches to help in long-term efforts to develop-sustainable projects in agriculture.

Dave Bunch of Canton is coordinating the CROP Walk from Geneva's end and was busy putting up posters before the early worship service this past Sunday. "Of course, their big focus up until this past month had been tsunami relief," Bunch said of the tsunami that struck Asia late last year.

Now there's an additional focus on hurricane relief in the southern U.S., with Geneva doing school supply kits, also a CWS ministry.

"Geneva's got a history of doing the CROP Walk," said Bunch, who's been involved for the 15 years of the event. Walkers collect pledges for the distance covered.

Other CROP Walks will be held that day, said Brave, who got involved as coordinator through his church's mission outreach efforts.

The Salvation Army will provide refreshments for walk-

Brave cited Doug Koenig and teenage daughter Deanne from the United Methodist Church as key fund-raisers and participants. Church World Service is an antihunger group with worldwide operations.

"They have a lot of different training programs," Brave said. Walkers can register the day of the event, he added, although it's better to sign up in

advance.
For information on walking or pledging, call Brave at (734)

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the alleged victim said from the witness stand Tuesday. "I should not have been worrying about having sex with my principal."

The woman did say that she hadn't had intercourse with Sexton until after her 16th birthday. However, she said that three incidents – one in which she engaged in oral sex with Sexton, and two in which he had touched her on her breasts and genitals – occurred when she was 15 years old.

The woman said at Sexton's preliminary examination in March that the first time he had kissed her she was 14 years old, and the kiss occurred in his red pickup truck. A few months after that, the sexual contact began. However, Clark produced documents from Ford Motor Co. which prove that Sexton had not bought the truck until September of 2000. when the girl was 15. If the rest of the girl's timeline is correct. she would have been 16 at the time of the sexual touching and oral sex, Clark said.

The alleged victim also testified that some of the encounters took place after Sexton sent her e-mails or instant messages. But her e-mail account was not created until the beginning of 2001, when the alleged victim was 16 years old

Further, the school did not have Internet access until sometime after 2001, Moore said. And the girl's family did not have a home computer and Internet access until late in 2000, just after the girl's 16th birthday.

She claimed, however, that she is absolutely certain of her age at the time of the sexual contact. She's sure, she said, because she had participated in a "celebration of purity" ceremony in which students took a vow to remain chaste until

The young woman said that by the time she participated in the ceremony in January 2001, the sexual contact between her and Sexton had already began. She said he watched her throughout the ceremony, and afterward told her that he was glad that he hadn't had sex

with her yet because she may have become very emotional.

Sexton's attorney has suggested the family may have financial motivation to pursue the case. Moore said in court that the victim's family has several times threatened to sue the school and church. The victim's mother was a teacher at the school and in January, when she contacted police nearly six months after the emails were brought to her attention, she had asked the school for leave with pay for the rest of the year.

The school, however, offered her six weeks pay.

Moore added that after she was denied pay, she had sent out a letter to the parishioners

and families of students at

Agapé Christian Academy. He was not allowed, however, to discuss the contents of the letter in court.

Moore said that Sexton's contract was not renewed at the end of the 2003-04 school year, due to "unrelated domestic issues." It was while Sexton's office was being cleaned out that the e-mails were found, he said. According to Sexton's attorney, he is currently unemployed.

Agapé Christian Academy is on Geddes Road, east of Canton Center. It is a nondenominational Christian K-12 school with about 350 students.

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Support group formed for parents of teens and 'tweens'

A new organization targeting parents of middle school and early high school students has been formed in the Canton community. Canton resident Terri Saenz recently founded Parent2Parent Canton, a not-for-profit organization, to promote a positive environment to better understand the needs of parents raising middle school and high school students in the area.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 3 at 9:15 a.m. at Alex's Family Restaurant on Ford and Lilley Roads in Canton.

According to Saenz, who is the mother of two boys attending Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, most elementary schools in the area have a parent organization, but those programs aren't as prevalent when students reach middle school.

The new organization was developed to fill a gap in active parenting organizations.

"Guiding our children to success does not stop because our children reach middle school and high school," Saenz said at the inaugural meeting hosted in early September.

The group welcomes new members to attend meetings hosted the first and third Mondays of every month during the school year. There is no charge to participate. Meetings are designed for networking in a group setting. Parent2Parent discussions are opportunities for better understanding and personal growth of teenagers through knowledgeable and well-informed parents.

"Our relationship changes when our children enter tween and teen years. We become a 'consultant' figure to them. I believe we still need to provide the tools that help them become their best selves and allow them to serve the community in a positive manner," said Saenz, who is also the president of the Erickson Elementary PTO. For more information about Parent2Parent Canton, visit

http://Parent2ParentCanton.home.comcast.net, or call Saenz at (734) 981-6577.



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Craft show funds scholarship program

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Educators in the area are busy with the same planning they've been doing for nearly 20 years now — getting ready for the Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair to help fund student scholarships.

The show is set for 9 a.m.-4 Saturday, Oct. 15 at West My die School in Plymouth Township, The fair offers more than 100 juried crafters, home vendors, an Amish quilt raffle, refreshments and lunch.

Members of Delta Kappa Gamma plan to use the proceeds from the fair to continue scholarship funding. The international society, Delta Kappa Gamma, has more than 60 members in its local Plymouth-Canton chapter.

Since the chapter began in 1982, these women educators "have made efforts to increase educational opportunities for many Plymouth-Canton Community School students by raising money to help fund scholarships," craft show organizers said.

The scholarships are avail-



More than 100 juried crafters will provide the substance for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma craft fair Oct. 15 at West Middle School.

able to Canton, Plymouth, or Salem graduates who are pursuing degrees in education. Students receive yearly awards as long as they maintain the specified grade-point average and are still pursuing an education degree.

Organizers say 12 Canton

and Salem High School graduates are being given \$1,000 a year for up to five years from the profits from this show.

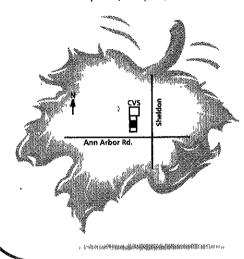
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Navy training

■ Navy Seaman Recruit Derek B. Sanders, son of Kelly L. Sanders of Canton and Donald W. Sanders of St. Louis, Mich., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Sanders completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Sanders is a 2004 graduate of John Glen High School in Westland.

■ Navy Seaman Megan M. Goldschmidt, daughter of Margie and Douglas Goldschmidt of Plymouth, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to her current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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take into account what it means to be a Sailor in today's U.S. Navy.

Goldschmidt is a 2003 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Air Force grads

Air Force Airman Matthew H. Ziemba has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ziemba is the son of Vale Ziemba of Canton.

Air Force Cadet Nick L. Dixon has completed Basic Cadet Training and earned the rank of cadet fourth class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The cadet is one of more than 1,300 men and women who completed the rigorous six-week orientation program. The training prepares cadets to enter their first academic year at the academy.

The cadets completed the training in two phases. Phase one consisted of military and physical preparation which focused on the transition from civilian to military life. Phase two involved three weeks of field training on the academy grounds to participate in activities to extend their physical limitations and build self and

group confidence.

The U.S. Air Force Academy curriculum offers education in the basics, engineering and social sciences, the humanities, and 30 other academic majors. At graduation, the cadet receives a bachelor of science degree and a commission of second lieutenant in the Air

He is the son of Bryce and Betty Dixon of Canton, Mich., and grandson of Lester and Jean Landgraph of Cravens, Silsbee, Texas and Albert and Irene Dixon of Willis, Texas.

Dixon is a 2005 graduate of Salem High School in Canton.

ROTC scholarship

Russell D. Hann received an Army ROTC four-year conditional scholarship to attend Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo.

Cadets selected for ROTC scholarships must meet general eligibility requirements to qualify as a recipient. The Army ROTC program offers college students the opportunity to graduate as officers in the Regular Army, National Guard or Reserve.

At host colleges or universities, students enroll in required academic courses along with ROTC military science and

leadership courses. Cadets who demonstrate the potential to be officers and meet physical and scholastic standards are eligible to be contracted to complete an ROTC advanced course after completing a leadership training course. Scholarship cadets incur an eight-year military service obligation upon satisfying scholarship criteria.

Hann is the son of Kathleen D. Hann of Ripon, Calif., and Andrew Hann IV of Canton.

He is the grandson of Darliene A. and Richard Marks of Ripon. He is the brother of Andrew Hann V of Ripon, and Aimee D. Hann of Millington, Mich., and Robert D. Hann of Caro.

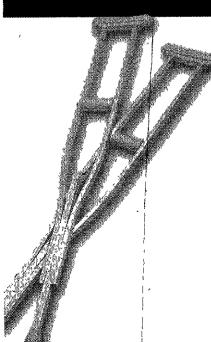
Hann is a 2005 graduate of Ripon High School.





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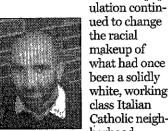
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Author's memoir takes honest look at Detroit

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Paul Clemens was born in 1973, the year Detroit voters elected Coleman A. Young mayor and the city's population began to tilt toward a black

majority. Clemens grew up in the northeast section of the city. During his childhood, his family moved from an area near Six Mile to an area near Seven Mile as the pop-



like growing up a minority in a

black city. As Nathaniel Rich

Times Review of Books, "..

ing memoir, it is one of the

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frankest accounts of race rela-

tions in America in recent years."

Clemens begins with a story

that is at once funny and scary. A

drive-by shooter takes out a win-

dow of the family truck at 3 in

the morning. The 16-year-old

Clemens is frantically roused

to go after his father who has

ers. Together they box in the

sped off in pursuit of the shoot-

vandals on the westbound lanes

of Eight Mile, fortunately only to

median without further violence.

It's a dramatic set piece that

takes us immediately into the

danger, fear and tension that

Detroit had become. For the

people in Clemens' neighbor-

hood it was "us vs. them" and the

brash mayor of Detroit was sym-

bolic of all that was wrong with

At first, Clemens wanted to

turn his experiences into a novel

but several attempts to spin limp

advised him that his real life sto-

fiction from dramatic fact

ries were better.

proved dissatisfying. A friend

"For me I seem to have a

sense of experience as memoir than as a novel," Clemens said in

Clemens' mother, from a

strong Italian family with deep

roots in the city, cleaned houses

greater capacity for making

an interview last week.

the city.

have them slip away across the

from a deep sleep by his mother

wrote in the Sept. 11 New York

besides being a funny and mov-

Paul Clemens

ued to change the racial makeup of what had once been a solidly white, workingclass Italian Catholic neighborhood.

"There is an inverse dynamic here, unlike other cities," In his new, Clemens said. "This was a black well-received book Made in Detroit: A South of city and black controlled. ... There was an inverse of power." 8 Mile Memoir (Doubleday, But as a budding writer, \$23.95), Clemens writes with blunt honesty about what it was

Clemens began to see his situation as fodder for his writing. "I'm thrilled to have grown up in Coleman Young's Detroit. What great material. He's great

quotable material," Clemens

in Grosse Pointe. His father

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Coleman Young, but he also did-

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In many ways Clemens' mem-

Catholic boy in the city. He went

But at the center of it all was

the fact that he and his family

was in the fifth grade he was the

only white kid on a junior foot-

were part of a diminishing

'INVERSE DYNAMIC'

minority in the city. When he

to Catholic schools where he excelled academically. He was

said. For Clemens, the blustering and bullying Young is one pole of the book, his father is the other.

"There is a humorous antagonism between these two 'characters' and I tried to capture that on the page," he said.

Clemens said he felt strongly that his story needed an anchor.

"My father is this profoundly decent man and for the reader you needed him as the anchor," he said. "People who knew my father, I would ask them, did I get this right, is this how pop was when I was growing up. One of the most tense moments was months ago when I showed the book to my father. I was on pins and needles waiting for his response. It was more important than a favorable review in *The* New York Times. It was understated. He said, 'It's good."

But the book is also about Clemens' own struggle to make sense of his past and his negative feelings about Detroit and its black majority.

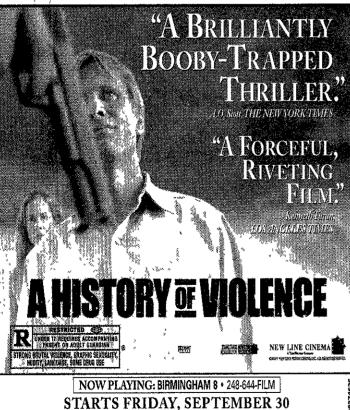
"In a typical dramatic structure you have a protagonist and an antagonist. In a memoir the Eriggle takes place in my head, the push and pull is with myself," he said. "We all have two parts in us, one is progressive, open-

minded, which is good, but we

also have this other part of us." INFLUENCES

As an English major at Grand Valley State University, Clemens



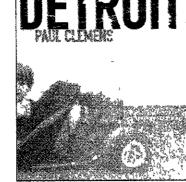


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Paul Clemens' memoir has been receiving good reviews for its honesty and insights.

began extensive reading, particularly works by noted black writers especially Ralph Ellison and James Baldwin. He also read Malcolm X's famous Autobiography. He came upon a sentence in Baldwin's Notes of a Native Son that began to put things in perspective. Baldwin admits to hating and fearing white people, but that did not mean he loved black people. "On the contrary," he wrote, "I despised them because they failed to produce Rembrandt."

"It opened me up to that point of view," Clemens said. "How do you create that bond with readers, an honesty of motive and intellect. With that sentence Baldwin had me in the palm of his hand. It was a literary awakening."

Clemens doesn't like or trust the usual "liberal" defenses and bridles at the notion that black culture and leaders are beyond

In the book he writes, "... my early, playful interaction with

black kids - boxing matches in basements, fall football practices centered around physical contact: violence, supervised and unsupervised. From these early experiences may stem my frequent surprise, later in life, at the belief of many whites that black folks are to be treated with kid gloves - that they are untouchables, basically, about whom there is a great deal that can't be thought or said. In Detroit it was different, with a greater respect given to the black ability to absorb physical and linguistic blows. They hit and you hit back; it's how the game was played. Coleman Young was quite capa-

ble of defending himself." College opened him to other

"There is a natural tendency when one goes away to college from a conservative, Catholic family one becomes more literary. The world is bigger than you think. Though I lived in a black city, all I ever heard was the white point of view. There is another point of view, the black experience. It's a tug of war and there are two sides to every-

thing." But the war is difficult. A potentially deadly carjacking of his father and finding out that his future wife had been raped by a black man test Clemens and bring out some of his most vitriolic writing.

"The idea of living in Detroit is not on the table," said Clemens, who lives with his wife and two children in Grosse Pointe Farms but works in Detroit as an administrator at Wayne State University.

He said he's encouraged by what's happening in parts of the downtown but said there won't be any real improvement until the city stems the tide of diminishing population.

Redford artist Sergio De Giusti created this charcoal and pastel drawing, and

Artists create requiem 3 for victims of Iraq war

STAFF WRITER

Nancy Paton has put together exhibits on social issues before. Her latest gives artists an opportunity to respond to the Iraq war. Through Oct. 2, Redford

sculptor Sergio De Giusti and 21 other artists show emotion wrenching work in War Requiem: A Visual Retrospect of War in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia.

Paton spent nine months planning and inviting artists to create works for the exhibit. She wanted not only to raise awareness but find a way to bring about peace.

"For some of the artists it was a real emotional process because of the topic," said Nancy Paton, a Plymouth resident who teaches introduction to art and music, and art appreciation at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Paton is a 1993 graduate of Madonna University.

"I was angry about the loss of life – Americans and Iraqis. I was horrified. I thought this was a way to respond. There's a lot of sculpture, conceptual works. It's an emotional exhib-

"One artist, Joan Verla, her 🧓 brother was just sent to Iraq so it was a very emotional issue for her."

All of the works are dramatic. Verla places a baby on top of a casket.

De Giusti's Ziggurat at Ur, a charcoal and pastel drawing, features a dark landscape. Best known as a sculptor, De Giusti has created commissions for clients in the U.S. and Europe. His large scale project, Legacy of Labor with David Barr, is on permanent display next to Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit.

Other artists include nationally known painter Georg Vihos, whose work is displayed at Providence Hospital Mission Health Center in Livonia, Doug Semivan, George Booth, Deborah Friedman, Margaret Nowak, Jeanne Poulet, Sharon Simms, Dennis Guastella, and photographer Patricia Izzo.

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Where was all the outrage?

A community is only as good as what its people put into it. So it was a little puzzling that only a handful of people showed up for the first of four scheduled town hall meetings held by Van Buren Schools last week to discuss what the district should do to replace its inadequate, aging high school.

After all, many of the Canton residents who unsuccessfully lobbied the state to remove themselves from the Van Buren district and instead be included in the Plymouth-Canton Schools argued that they were lacking "a sense of community" by having to send their children to Van Buren. If there was anybody at Tuesday's meeting from Canton, they certainly didn't speak up, which is ironic considering some of the district's most vocal critics live in Canton.

Here was the chance to actually play a constructive role in the future of the district, to help decide where a new high school should be built — and nobody bothered to show up.

Supt. Pete Lazaroff and other district officials should be commended for holding the town hall meetings in the first place. They heard the complaints coming from not only Canton, but from residents throughout the district, and they responded by offering an open format where people could voice their opinions in a constructive manner.

They also realize the only way to get voters to approve funding for the new high school is to get them involved in the process. Especially when considering the last request the district made, in 2004, was shot down at the polls by a margin of 4,593 to 2,226.

The district will again ask voters to approve a millage — from 2.55 mills to 3.02 mills, depending on what site they choose to build the new high school. The cheapest option, at \$97 million, is to build the new school on the current site of Belleville High School. If voters approve that project, it would cost residents owning a \$200,000 home in the district about \$255 per year for 30 years.

The other options range in price from \$103 million to nearly \$116 million, and will include constructing a new building and other facilities from scratch.

Fortunately, people still have a couple of opportunities to voice their opinions and get involved. There is another town hall meeting tonight, and the Sept. 22 meeting was postponed until Oct. 4 because the district lost electricity due to the powerful storms that moved through the area. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m. and will take place in the Belleville High School cafeteria. The school is located in Belleville at 555 W. Columbia.

Heed the call: Slow it down on freeways

In the aftermath of the fatal crash Sept. 13 that killed a 23-year-old man on I-275, we heard a plea from police—and it bears repeating: People need to slow down.

Of course, there were plenty of other factors in this accident, as there are in many such crashes. Sometimes it's the weather; sometimes there are distractions; and sometimes a driver's judgment is impaired. But traveling way beyond the posted speed limit in a vehicle always makes these accidents worse.

In this case, police believe a woman in a van clipped the rear of a car, which was forced off the freeway, went flying through the median and up the other side before smashing directly into an oncoming tractortrailer. The man's life was ended and the woman has been charged with two felony charges for failing to stop at the accident scene and a misdemeanor count of negligent homicide. Once the case is adjudicated, we will know whether this woman is at fault in this case. But before that was even close to happening, police made a point of making sure that people knew that, whatever driving errors or judgment issues were involved, the cars are just going too fast on our freeways. Anyone who drives I-696, I-75 or M-14 knows that. Livonia police say drivers regularly get caught doing 100 mph on I-275.

With the price of gasoline and the cost of speeding tickets, we'd think people would choose to lighten up on the gas pedal for the obvious economic advantages. But if that isn't enough, we'd hope that stories like the fatal crash on I-275 should give us all the inspiration we need to slow it down and not become another traffic statistic.



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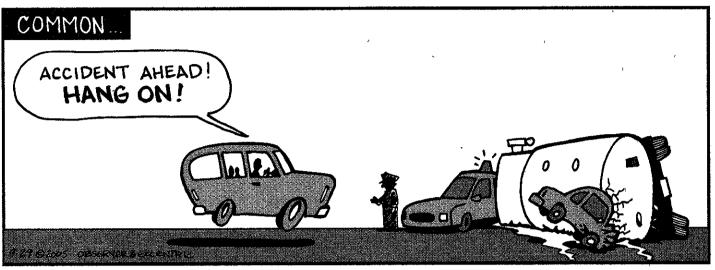
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Sheldon is a mess

Next year, Canton begins a number of major road projects, one being the widening of Canton Center Road to five lanes between Cherry Hill and Palmer. As a homeowner in Nowland Estates Subdivision, I realize that Sheldon Road will be an obvious detour and heavily used during construction.

Anyone living in this area of Canton already knows that Sheldon Road is a bumpy, brain-rattling ride at best, especially the northbound side. This road needed improvement years ago and I hate to think of what kind of shape it will be left in by the time Canton Center is completed.

While many of the major improvements around Canton are important of course, at the same time too many residents are feeling as if the condition of their roads has gone totally unnoticed or forgotten. I would be interested in seeing a schedule for the re-paving of some of Canton's worst roads. While not a "major project," Sheldon is frankly a mess and unacceptable. So, homeowners in Glengarry and other subdivisions off Canton Center, get ready for a horrible ride and be thankful that at least by late next year you'll be smooth sailing.

Kim Garzaniti Canton

Thanks for the story

Thank you for bringing us the story of Sister Karen Donohue (Re: "Peacemaker sister uses nonviolent actions to fight injustices"). My children and I travel to Palestine every summer to visit our family, most of whom still reside in the occupied Palestinian territories. We have witnessed firsthand the brutal and inhumane treatment of the Palestinian people at the hands of their Israeli oppressors, something that is rarely publicized in America's mass media.

These days it is rather "fashionable" to see bumper stickers on people's cars asking the question, "What would Jesus do?" It seems to me that Sister Donohue is one of the few people in this world that knows the answer to that question.

Thanks to Sister Karen Donohue for choosing to light another candle while most continue to curse the darkness.

Mike Odetalla

Canton Change is needed, not patience

I am writing in response to Beth Knoll's letter (Sept. 22). Beth took a rather defensive posture in her letter and I found it unfortunate that she dismissed the concerns of over 200 residents who signed petitions regarding development in the village as mere "issues" that require patience. During the three years that I have volunteered my personal time to support community efforts to improve Cherry Hill Village (CHV), I have learned that "patience" around here is often a code word for minimal action that is taken on the builders'/developer's timeline without timely regard for resi-

dents' concerns. Substantive change, not patience, is what is needed.

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Over two years ago, a group of CHV residents and I met with Tom Yack and brought forward many constructive ideas regarding improvements to the village. We met with Tom precisely because we understood that CHV was a new "concept that many had no prior experience with" and we were looking to leverage our collective understanding to ensure the short- and long-term success of the village. Residents' suggestions, which were all within the control of the township to address, not the association, and required few resources to implement, included reductions in future housing density, improved developer oversight through adherence to established Canton ordinances, and township involvement to help accelerate and promote downtown development.

Isn't it reasonable to assume that some of these substantive ideas proposed by thoughtful and well-intentioned residents might have made a positive difference in the village, and in Canton, had they been implemented with the township's assistance beginning in 2003? When Canton puts its full muscle behind an idea like the Village Theater, it is remarkable how quickly and successfully those projects are executed after planning is completed.

I agree that Tom Yack's administration deserves credit for many things in Canton over the last 17 years. However, there is also significant room for improvement when it comes to township officials heeding constructive suggestions from Canton residents who may differ with the board's or the planning commission's chosen direction.

Proactively addressing resident concerns in a timely manner while providing balanced leadership will go a long way to diminishing the frustration that is often present in the letters submitted to this newspaper. Similarly, continuous improvement and accepting nothing but the highest standards will ultimately separate the good communities from the exceptional ones. And I think we all want to see Canton become an exceptional community.

André Barros Canton

McCotter deserves praise

I have to commend my representative Thaddeus McCotter for voting his conscience in the face of political opposition ("Conservative group attacks McCotter vote to protect gays," Sept. 22).

McCotter, who is opposed to gay marriage, voted to expand protection to gays under the federal hate crime law. The American Family Association of Michigan objected saying his vote threatens their religious free speech rights. They obviously consider physically bashing gays as their Constitutional right under the First Amendment's free speech clause.

I am heartened to see that Republican conservative McCotter has not sank to the level of absolute absurdity represented by so-called Christian groups like the American Family Association of Michigan.

Janusz M. Szyszko ¹ Canton

Excellent article

Thank you for printing the excellent article by Julie Brown about the Women's Equality Day Celebration ("Equal Rights Amendment very much alive for its supporters," *Observer*, Sept. 8) featuring an update on the ongoing struggle for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

In 1992, Congress jump-started the movement when it accepted ratification of the 203-year old Madison Amendment. The Madison Amendment concerns congressional pay raises and is named after President James Madison who first proposed it in 1789.

With legal justification, ERA supporters have concluded that ratification of only three more states are necessary to make the ERA part of our Constitution. The proposed ERA simply states: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied by the United States or any state on account of sex."

An ERA was included in the Japanese constitution following WW II. More recently ERAs are now included in the constitutions of Afghanistan and Iraq. If our government believes that the women of these countries are deserving of an ERA, then it should do no less for the women of this country. In fact, ratification of the ERA is a matter of justice that is long overdue.

There is growing momentum to finish this unfinished business for the Constitution. Much of the activity flies beneath the radar of the mainstream media. Therefore the article is greatly appreciated.

Laura Callow Livonia

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- Mike Bender, director of secondary education, Plymouth-Canton schools, on using the Michigan Merit Exam for student assessment

Recent racial controversies show we haven't come far

uring a public hearing last month about a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter in Livonia, a few in the audience said they were scared of African-American folks coming out into the mostly white suburbs to shop and work. Livonia could become a ghetto, one said.

There are lots of reasons to have concerns about Wal-Mart, but that isn't one. A number of sensible people were quick to condemn these remarks, including Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson, leaders of the Livonia Planning Commission and developer Robert Schostak.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who



has lived in Livonia for years and has considerable support from the black community, was forthright: "We're not going to be a world-class city or region if we have racial barriers standing in the way. We have to make sure there is an intolerance of this type of thing."

What a surprise, then, when **Detroit Mayor Kwame** Kilpatrick jumped in to attack "slurs" that people made in the meeting. The week before, Kilpatrick - who is trailing

challenger Freman Hendrix in the polls asserted without providing any evidence that "In Birmingham, in Bloomfield Hills and all these places they do more meth, they do more ecstasy and they do more acid than all the schools in the city of Detroit put together."

For years, I watched former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young's tirades at the suburbs, understanding they were nothing more than transparent attempts to curry favor with his black

This was more of the same. Kilpatrick's comments were predictable, miserable, boring and the best evidence he's really worried about being turned out of office.

Unfortunately, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who has plunged into citysuburb debates many times in his long political career, couldn't resist slamming Kilpatrick back. As an old political pro, Patterson should have known better. Instead, all he did was extend an embarrassing news story a couple of more days, thereby playing into Kilpatrick's hands.

As to the racist reactions of a minority of Livonians attending the public hearing, they're just as miserable as Kilpatrick's. But morally, they are far worse. So far as I know, none of the people quoted in the news media are fighting for their political lives and hence have anything to gain from race-baiting in public.

The statistics don't lie. Of all the cities in the nation with 100,000 people or more, Livonia is still the whitest, just as Detroit is the country's blackest. And not surprisingly, the U.S. Census Bureau says the Detroit metropolitan area is the nation's most segregated.

But, thank God, times are changing. When I first broke into the community newspaper business nearly 40 years ago, the suburbs in western Wayne County were essentially all white.

The then-dominant community newspaper group we were competing against published the addresses of homes purchased by black families, in effect inviting vandalism and cross burning.

One of the first editorial decisions I made was to treat as a non-story black families moving into the suburbs. Just like anybody else, if they took care of their house and were good neighbors, they were welcome to the benefits of a suburban lifestyle. And according to the U.S. Census, Livonia's African-American population tripled in a decade, rising from 265 to 951, with an additional 1,113 residents identifying themselves as multiracial.

Sadly, there's no doubt that race lurks under many feelings that people have, especially when times are tough and the economy of southeastern Michigan seems to be spiraling down without a pause.

Crises, whether it's a bad economy, a tight election race or the disaster in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, often bring out the worst in people.

The local parallel to Katrina, of course, was the riots that shook Detroit in 1967. As I recall those dark days, it seems that media coverage this year was much more sympathetic to the plight of poor African-Americans than they were to the blacks in Detroit back then.

Back then, black Detroiters - then called Negroes - were portrayed, unfairly or not, as having brought disaster on themselves and their community by looting, burning and attacking the police.

Since 1967, a lot of people of both races have moved out of Detroit into the suburbs. They have done so for the same reasons as an earlier generation of migrants when I first got into this business. They wanted then and want now to live in good communities with good schools and a suburban style of living.

Both the yahoos who said silly things at the public hearing in Livonia and the mayor of Detroit ought to remember that people mostly do what is in the best interests of their families.

We'd all do well to remember that's something we all have in common, regardless of

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Nancy Drew: good role model, kept me reading

ancy Drew was one of my idols growing up, and the years have been kind to the intrepid girl sleuth.

She's perennially 18 and, with friends Bess and George (who always enjoyed her masculine name), hot on the trail of yet another exciting mystery.

Local librarians report that Nancy, whose books my mom read in the 1930s, is still popular with young readers. The Hardy Boys series, recounting the adventures of brothers

Frank and Joe Hardy, still circulate widely as well. Sally Smith, children's librarian at the Canton

Public Library, said the books are "very consistent." "I think it's because partly people have read them as kids" and want to introduce their children to the characters, she said.

Why do these stories con-Brown tinue to do well after so many years and with so much competing for young

readers' time? They tell of friends coming together to help those in need, having great adventures along the way.

Nancy's books, ghostwritten under the Carolyn Keene name, tell more about fashion along with the mystery. The Hardy Boys, under the pen name of Franklin W. Dixon, focus more on food, particularly for friend Chet Morton, who never misses a meal. I always found it interesting that Frank and Joe, students at Bayport High and members of the football team, never had to go to school for more than a day or so. Their adventures took them far and wide, even overseas. .

Nancy and her friends have invited the friendly yet definitely romantic interest of local college students, with Ned Nickerson particularly interested in Nancy. What 10year-old girl could resist such a story?

Granted, Frank and Joe did more than Nancy and her friends in my day. The boys could fly planes, for example, while Nancy's cruising was done in her sporty convertible. Still, for the era in which the books were published, Nancy was quite a formidable protagonist, taking on the bad guys of River Heights and environs with aplomb and determination.

I recall one story where an adversary tossed Nancy down a well, then broke up the wooden ladder and tossed the pieces down at her. Determined, Nancy used a nail to dig toeholds in the side of the well, eventually climbing out. That may sound tame to today's girls who

have a lot of fiction and nonfiction to choose from, but it was heady stuff before the women's movement came along. To be mostly self-sufficient, to need minimal help from Ned and caring attorney father Carson Drew (Nancy's mother had died, leaving her with the loving care of housekeeper Hannah Gruen) showed Nancy could take care of herself.

"I haven't read one for a long time. In my memory, she was pretty independent," Smith

said of Nancy. Smith has three sons and knows the reading habit suits children well for life. "I think anything kids enjoy reading within reason is good." It's probably true that children then move on to more challenging books, she said. "Once they get that habit, it's going to stay with them their whole lives.'

Local libraries stock a lot of other series, including Magic Tree House and the Cam Jansen mysteries for younger kids in second/third grade, she added.

When I outgrew Nancy's stories, I moved on to Agatha Christie and from there to other more challenging books. We recently cut back on our cable so I have more time to read, including The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, our next Contemporary Books selection at the Plymouth District Library. (We'll meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the library in Plymouth for discussion, if you're interested.)

Nancy Drew's made the transition to large and small screen in various permutations through the years. Those are fun, but I still prefer the books, using my imagination and the occasional illustration to develop the story in my mind.

If Nancy could do so well for baby boom girls like me, just think about the generation 😚 before us and the way of life she modeled. Granted, it was genteel with no job or college. responsibilities to speak of, but still Nancy found her way in the world with great dignity. She was always kind.

A quick Web search reveals that Nancy has kept up with the times, enrolling in college and becoming even more the modern heroine. I haven't read these newer editions, only the original blue-covered ones and the later yellow hardcovers.

I hope Nancy has retained her zest for life and ability to move about with dignity. I'm pretty sure that's true, as she always was quite a dynamo.

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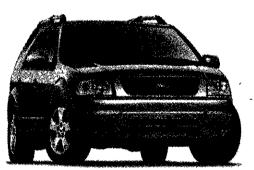


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Ken Abramczyk, editor (734) 953-2107 Fax (734) 591-7279 kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net www.hometownlife.com

Gardeners should clean up branches and leaves in the garden during the fall instead of waiting until spring.



A FEW FALL FACTS

Know your plants and what should be pruned in the fall.

Cleaning up leaves from plants is important, especially if you have diseases on the leaves.

All vegetable branches and stems should be removed and not composted.

Soils can be amended or improved in flower gardens at this time of year.

Raking it all in



Get your rakes ready - it's that time of year again. Gardeners recommend cleaning up in the fall to prepare your yard and garden for spring.

Take time to clean up

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

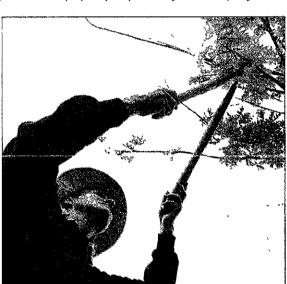
s fall arrived last week and you prepare your yard and garden for winter, you should think spring. That's what George Papadelis, owner of Tellys Greenhouse in Troy, thinks gardeners should do now before temperatures start dipping into the 30-degree range.

"It's the only time you can plant the perennial spring-blooming bulbs," said Papadelis. That includes hyacinths, daffodils and tulips.

A GOOD COOL TIME

Fall is a great time for lawn repair and planting grass seed in bare spots. "You should dig up any tender bulbs, such as dahlias and caladiums and store them for

PLEASE SEE RAKING, B4



Know your plants and what should be pruned in the fall. The only exception would be azaleas, rhododendron and some species of hydrangea.

Event designer has fun with celebrations

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

"I'm not one of these people that think less is more. I believe more is better," Preston Bailey told an audience last week at The Community House in Birmingham.

And Bailey – an event designer who has planned celebrations for Oprah Winfrey, Donald and Melania Trump and many other celebrities, as well as a royal wedding with 2,000 women in the Middle East – practices what he

He has erected a conservatory inside a tent, hung candles from a ceiling, and made two giant swords out of Hershey Kisses for a centerpiece at the party of a young fencing

"The reaction that I work for is 'Oh, my God," Bailey said.

Bailey, of Preston Bailey Entertainment Designs of New York, was in the area as part of the 2005 Community House

Birmingham House Tour.

He was the special guest at the preview party and spoke at two brunches at The Community
House the morning of the tour. (A second brunch with Bailey was added because demand was so great.)

"I think all of us have the capability to be inspired and inspire

ourselves," Bailey said.
Bailey's first book, Design for
Entertaining, is in its fifth printing. His second, Fantasy

Weddings, came out in November.

He has appeared on TV, including frequently on The Oprah
Winfrey Show, and in publications.

PLEASE SEE BAILEY, B2



Bailey

Revisiting media centers, Internet phones, high-speed wireless



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida t's time for another follow-up column. I've got more news to share concerning SunRocket, mediacenter PCs, and Verizon Wireless.

I recently traded in my landline phone service for SunRocket (www.sunrocket.com), an inexpensive Internet-based alternative. At the outset, I was thoroughly enamored by its low price (a flat \$199 per year for unlimited local and long-

distance calling) and great features. Lately, quite a bit of dew has fallen off the lily.

On many calls I hear my own voice echoing – very distracting. Sometimes calls go right to voice mail, without the phone even ring-

ing. Sometimes the phone rings, but I can't answer it. And earlier this month, SunRocket experienced a weekend-long outage – no service at

Compounding all this, Comcast has had outages of its own, including one that's happening as I write this. That not only tanks my Internet access, but my phone service as well.

Needless to say, Internet-phone reliability stinks. I think SunRocket will iron out these problems, as it's no doubt experiencing growing pains, but when you add Comcast to the mix, it's like playing Russian roulette with two bullets in the chamber instead of one.

MEDIA CENTER MADNESS

A while back I wrote about media-center PCs, which I generally love for their TiVo-like TV recording capabilities, MP3 jukeboxes, and photo-slideshow players.

The dew's off that lily as well.

I've been using the ABS Ultimate E2, a stereo component-style media center that can, among other things, record two shows at once (which my beloved Replay DVR can't).

Problem is, the thing crashes constantly. Sometimes it reboots while I'm watching TV or listening to music. Other times it fails to "wake

up" or loses track of the time (thereby screwing up scheduled TV

recordings).

These are difficult problems to troubleshoot, which further validates my fears about putting Windows in charge of the TV. For the record, though, other media centers I've tested worked much more reliably.

PAY LESS FOR WIRELESS

Recently I told you about BroadbandAccess, Verizon's new high-speed wireless Internet service for notebook users. It's better than

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Garden spotlight

The garden of Julie and Pete Dawson of Birmingham will be featured on Rebecca's Garden in December.

Rebecca's Garden airs nationally. Locally it is on WXYZ-TV 6:30 a.m. Sundays. The Dawson garden was one of seven on the National Garden Conservancy Open Days Program in July. The gardens were in Beverly Hills, Birmingham and Bloomfield.

Also featured on Open Days were auction items given by local artists and garden merchants.

In all, 7,000 visits were made to the gardens, and some gardens alone had almost 400 visits, according to Erin Plimley, Open Days director all the Garden Conservally.

The event raised \$8,500 for the conservancy's work of preserving nationally selected gardens into perpetuity. "Congratulations to all who made this Oakla

County program the most

years," Plimley said.
"The Open Days
Program's mission is to
introduce the public to
examples of the best private gardens in America.
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"Erasers can clean small electrical contacts; too, like those on door bells or on the base and handsets of cordless phones.

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HOME CALENDAR

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Decorating class

Take the guesswork out of decorating your home while learning the basics of good interior design, with a new seminar presented by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with The Design Spirit of Oakland

Builders Institute. The seminar, Decorate Like a Designer, will take place 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Oct. 6-27, at the Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$95, plus \$3 materials fee to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Tuesday, Oct. 4. To sign up, call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Eearn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and blacement, as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes. Hands-on exercises will include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper, and finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Bring a small pair of scissors to class. The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure

2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Designer showhouse The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council Designer Showhouse and Gardens at Cranbrook will be open to the public Oct. 8-30 at 945 Cranbrook Road, west of Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills. Tour rooms and grounds refurbished and furnished by area designers and landscape architects. A sale of items offered by designers from their stu-

and current schedule, call (800) 940-

dios, and a shop with unusual yard and garden ornaments and accessories, will also be featured. Proceeds will benefit the education and outreach programs of the DSO. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Last entry one-half hour before house closes. Parking is at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads in Bloomfield Hills, with free shuttle service to the showhouse. Parking isn't permitted at the showhouse. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$15 each for groups of 15 or more bought together. Ticket outlets are at Blossoms, 33866 Woodward at Adams, and La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple, in Birmingham; Franklin Grill, 32760 Franklin Road in Franklin; all Bordine Nursery locations; all English Gardens locations; the DSO Box Office in Detroit: Dearborn Music, 22000 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn; Something Special, 97 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms; and Wild Birds Unlimited in 28588 Woodward in Royal Oak. The Preview Party will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at the Cranbrook School Dining Hall, with shuttle service to view the showhouse 6-8 p.m. The party will feature cocktails, dinner, and performance by members of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. Enter the Cranbrook campus at the Woodward Avenue entrance, south of Long Lake Road, and follow signs to the valet parking area. Tickets are \$425 (Benefactor), \$300 (Patron), \$175 (Donor).

Call the showhouse information line at

(313) 576-5477, or the Volunteer

Event to benefit Cranbrook Herb Garden

The Southern Michigan unit of the Herb Society of America will present a special event/fund-raiser, The Herbal Harvest for Use and Delight, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

The event will take place at Trevarrow Inc., 1295 N. Opdyke Road in Auburn Hills. It will feature two guest

speakers, an herbal boutique, a book signing, a raffle and samplings of herbal confections.

Proceeds will help maintain the Herb Garden at Historic Cranbrook House and Gardens in Bloomfield Hills. The Southern Michigan unit has maintained the garden for more than 30 years.

Tickets are \$30. The public

may attend. For more information and tickets, call Sheila Mohr at (248) 851-6691.

Deanna House and Gloria Rodammer will be the guest speakers.

House is a teacher, writer and author of five cookbooks. She will share her fabulous recipes and funny stories about life in the kitchen.

from Herbally Yours in Millington, will demonstrate how to use fresh and dried garden herbs to deco-



FROM PAGE B1

Recently he started a new endeavor with Sandals Resorts: Preston Bailey Packages, which include setting and decor elements.

HAVE FUN

"What is not to love?" Bailey said about his work. "You're helping people celebrate that one day they will remember their whole lives."

Bailey shared advice. "Entertaining for me is about fun. Don't take yourself too seriously when you're entertaining.

"I always try to do one statement that people are so awed

With his events, he likes to set things up so that every 15 minutes something develops. This could be guests discovering something new in another

room, or being surprised.
Among his "unexpected statements" was hundreds of peonies floating in a pool. For different events, he made flowers into a giant pineapple, a dog and an elephant (the latter for a party for Joan Rivers).

"Bringing nature in is such a great element for me," Bailey

He decorated with white

With his events, Preston Bailey likes to set things up so that every 15 minutes something develops. This could be quests discovering something new in another room, or being surprised.

birch trees for the wedding of Melissa Rivers, the daughter of Joan Rivers, to make a Russian winter wonderland theme that Joan Rivers requested.

Bailey's "space transformations" include the time he put down large black and white squares over carpeting and brought in Art Deco style furniture. The party was for a person who liked Art Deco.

A grand entrance sets the tone for a party, and immediately gives guests a feeling of excitement, Bailey said.

For example, he arranged bouquets of flowers in frames along the walls of an entryway, creating a gallery of flowers down the hall.

Bailey doesn't have a warehouse, he said.

"Real estate (in New York) is so expensive.

"I usually try to give (the decor) away to the client."

He has staffers on hand to help the client and guests take the decor apart and package the features for them.

BACKGROUND

Bailey, who became a U.S. citizen this month, grew up in Panama.

He got into the event designing business in 1980, when he "desperately needed a job" and a friend suggested he make weekly flower deliveries to a client.

"It has been incredible," Bailey said.

"The first 10 years was a nightmare ... I would get calls like 'Preston, my flowers are

dead!' "I was not born with a busi-

ness gene." Bailey said he realized three important elements: to have a product different from that of anyone else, to get publicity, and - most important - to be consistent with a good prod-

"Eight years ago when her daughter got married, Joan Rivers took a chance with me," he said. "She is not only a client but also a friend.

He asks clients to write down what they like, and talks to them about such things as their favorite colors.

"It could be the beginning of some kind of concept (for a

theme)," he said.

"Listen to (women) and give them what they want," he said to a burst of applause.

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and please your palate.

"I try not to get into what's in at the moment. Whatever the client likes, that is in for her."

About lighting, Bailey said, "Get a lot of candles. Everyone looks wonderful (by candlelight)."

About the budget: Realize you can't have it all, he said. Decide what is most important

and focus on that. Asked by a member of the audience what his average

budget is, Bailey replied, "It's a He pleasantly declined to give a specific amount. When

another audience member asked, "Do you have a range?" Bailey replied, "Half a million or so."

Bailey enjoyed his visit to Birmingham.

"It's really been a blast being here," he said.

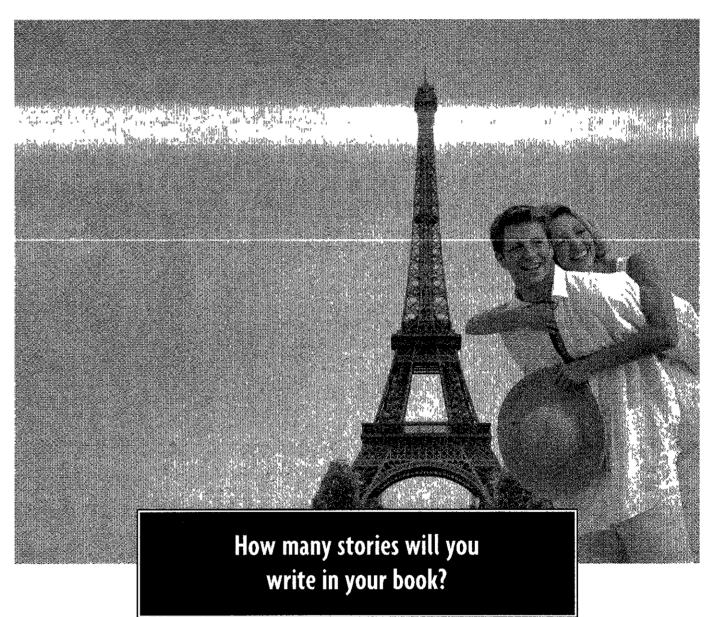
Bailey said the house of Allan Gilmour and Eric Jirgens, the site of the preview party, was "really incredible," and commended Jacqueline Carney, of the Jacqueline Carney Floral Studio of Birmingham, for the centerpieces at the brunch.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers a variety of gardening classes. The schedule includes Lawn Care Basics, Monday, Oct. 3 (fee is \$67); and Forcing Bulbs for Winter Beauty, Wednesday, Oct. 12 (\$39). Registration is required. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Hardy Plant Society The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7

p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Cranbrook Road at Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads in Bloomfield

Michael Saint of Goodearth Landscape Inc. will speak on Spring Bulbs. The public may attend. Guest fee \$3. For more information, call (248) 589-2286 or e-mail mzbj@sbcglobal.net. Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Della Haydon, an accredited flower show judge and president of the Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild, will give a presentation on the art of bonsai.

Visitors are welcome.

Roses West Roses West will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. Lois Wier will present the program, Arrangements. The public may attend.

Global ReLeaf Go 'Mongo' with Global ReLeaf of Michigan.

An event at bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Novi will help Global ReLeaf of Michigan replant trees throughout the state.

Gardening celebrity Janet Mancunovich, Michigan State University Extension specialists Dave Roberts and Dave Smitley, and Global ReLeaf board members will be "guest grillers" at the restaurant Wednesday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$16, which includes meal, soup and salad bar, and beverage. Requested donation of \$10 per person to Global ReLeaf.

Choose a 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. seating. The restaurant is at 43155 Main, Suite 200, in the Market Street Plaza east of Novi Road. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 7, to Gail at the

Global ReLeaf office, (800) 642-7353.

Floral arranging English Gardens hosts seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Royal Oak/Troy

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(phone (734) 332-7900)

Hands-on Fresh Floral Arranging will be the topic Oct. 5. Fee is \$30. Call the nearest store to register. Learn how to make floral arrangements from the pros and take home two floral arrangements. The program is packed with inspiration and design basics. Fall is for Planting will be the topic Oct. 12. Admission is free. It's a great time to plant trees, shrubs, perennials and spring-flowering bulbs and get a head start on next spring. The seminar will present an overview of what to plant now, including tips for winter

Winterizing roses

survival.

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of free programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a flver.

Winterizing Roses, a popular garden demonstration by the Lindleys of techniques to ensure winter survival of all roses, even the most tender, will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3; 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9; and 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10).

Bird Walks

This fall, bird expert Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited will lead the popular Bird Walks at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The walks will take place 8 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. Cost is \$6 per person.

For tickets, call (313) 884-4222. The walks give visitors the chance to search for and observe the more than 170 species of birds that can be found on the grounds of Ford House, while getting exercise out in the crisp fall air. Kovalcik has been giving the tours for eight years at Ford House. The house is in a migratory pathway for birds, which is so many different species can be seen. For more information about Ford

House, call (313) 884-4222 or visit www.fordhouse.org. If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe homecomm net

Don't wing it when it comes to pet bird Sheehy, a veterinarian who has a choice." lmost every amusement special interest in birds at park that features animals has some sort of bird show.

Most of the shows are similar, with a crane named Frasier, a hawk that snatches a treat out of the air, a Seriema that smashes a rubber snake, and a bald eagle that appears with a crescendo of patriotic music.

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About **Animals**

Dr. Brad

Davis ing "four" when asked, "What's seven minus three? The good shows will explain

that the bird really doesn't have a calculator for a brain, and that the bird really doesn't understand the question. Simply put, the cue of hearing

the "E" sound in "three" makes the bird say "four." Simple conditioned response, not mathematical genius. Either way, the birds immedi-

ately bring smiles to everyone in the audience. People giggle and sing along, enjoying the antics, and marveling at the beautifully colored animals.

At a bird show in Walt Disney World a few years ago, the host of the show asked how many people would like one as a pet. Just about every hand extended in excitement, thinking about how much fun having a macaw would be.

Think again, the host said, claiming they were more work than you'd think, and had intellect levels very similar to a 2year-old human.

My wife owns a blue and gold macaw named Cosmo, which makes me think the host was wrong. They really are more like a 2-year-old with an air horn.

At any moment they can unleash a shriek that rattles windows and straightens your

"(Macaws) definitely are not for everyone," said Dr. Sharon

Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia. "The noise and the mess can be a real problem for some people.

"Many times, people assume birds know how to be a good pet," she added. "They require interaction with the owner, at least 30-60 minutes a day, to become really good pets.

That, along with cleaning and feeding needs, means they can be a large time demand."

Along with time, people also need to understand the costs they face when they decide to get a pet bird. The cost depends a lot on the size of the bird, Sheehy said.

"A budgie, complete with a cage and toys would cost about \$100," she said. "A large macaw and cage could easily cost anywhere from \$3,000-\$5,000. People spending that kind of money usually do some research before getting into owning a

Sheehy suggests a good starter bird would be a budgie or a cockatiel, one of those vellow and gray birds with the feathers straight up on the head, looking like a birdie version of Alfalfa.

If you are looking for a larger bird, she suggests listings in the magazine Birds USA, or talking with a member of the

Association of Avian Veterinarians. Just remember that birds aren't a short-term commitment. Getting a bird can be a decision for the rest of your

"Budgies live seven to 10 years, and cockatiels 15-20 years," Sheehy said. "An African Grey, an Amazon, or a macaw can live anywhere from 50-70 years. A bird you buy at 20 can outlive you with a normal life

"That's why you need to take the decision to get a bird very seriously. It's a long-term

All the negativity might make you wonder why anyone would ever want to own a bird.

"Birds really are wonderful pets," Sheehy said. "They're beautiful, fascinating animals, very intelligent and interactive with people.

"They have great personalities and even have a sense of humor, learning that certain things are funny, and doing them over

"They are charming, intelligent, funny creatures!'

CARE

When looking to get a bird, make sure not to get an unweaned baby. Go to a good bird breeder, again someone your bird vet would likely be able to help you find. Vets like to help make sure you get a quality pet, no matter the species, as healthy pets have happier own-

That veterinarian can also help make sure you are doing things the right way.

"Husbandry issues are all too common," Sheehy said. "We often see issues with the bird's diet, making them weak or develop conditions we don't want to see."

You should also make sure to stimulate your bird's mental health.

'Change the cage around regularly to prevent boredom and behavioral problems," Sheehy said. "Having the environment change stimulates their mind, and keeps them interested, hence less time for screaming or feather destruction.

"In the forest they wouldn't sit in the same tree all day every

Large rain forests being their natural home, the birds communicate with the loud, ear-ravaging squeals that cause us nonbird people to cringe and complain, but that bird lovers seem to enjoy. This difference comes close in antagonism to smokers vs. non-smokers.

Some companies sell zoo-like eq housing, which helps to dampen the sound One company said many people decided against this type of cage, as they found, they missed the noise. (I can't di explain that even a little bit.)

Health care for your pet involves an annual exam and 🗼 blood work, with an immediate exam if your pet has a decrease in activity, or loses appetite, Sheehy said.

It's better to check something, right away and have it be noth ing than to wait, because a bird's condition can decline to near death very quickly.

CONSIDERATION

When thinking about taking a bird as a pet, you should follow, the same guidelines as when you are deciding about any other animal.

Weigh the positives and the ... negatives. Decide if the animal. will be right for you emotionally and financially, and if you have the time the pet will require for proper care.

The last thing you want to do is spend thousands of dollars, 3 and a bunch of time and emotion, caring for a bird, then realizing the situation just isn't for .- 3

Do the appropriate research, both reading and talking to the right people. Call a veterinarian who deals with birds in your

(Not every vet sees birds. An example of one who doesn't would be me.) Never ever

impulse buy any new pet. With apologies to B.B. King, you don't want to get rid of your parrot someday while happily singing "The shrill is gone."

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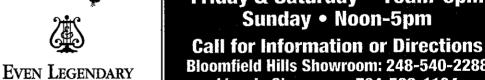
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Shortly after I filed my column, Verizon lowered the monthly rate from \$80 to \$60. At that price, BroadbandAccess costs only a little more than Comcast's broadband service (which, admittedly, is much faster), but gives you the freedom to get online just about anywhere.

Thus, it's not only for business folk anymore – consumers should check it out as well.

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This alert service is available from most other carriers as well. I urge every phone user to sign up for it.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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winter," Papadelis said. They should be stored in a paper bag or cardboard box with sawdust or Canadian peat moss.

"It's a good idea to clean up the garden," Papadelis said. "You should discard leaves of plants that might carry diseases, such as roses."

Beth Liskiewicz, co-owner of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills also has advice for homeowners: Keep watering.

Just because it is cooler in the fall doesn't mean your conifers don't need watering.

"The unfortunate thing for most plants is once September hits, people think they can stop watering," Liskiewicz said. "But it's important that these plants are well-hydrated to prevent winter damage. It is most important that conifers be well watered throughout the fall."

Liskiewicz recommends that gardeners should clean up in the fall. "There's less to do," she said. "In the spring people might be busy, they have their kid's soccer game, but in the fall, it's a little more laid back."

It also helps with weed prevention. "The new growth doesn't accelerate like it does in the spring," Liskiewicz said. "The timing in the fall is really good. There's less airborne (diseases) in the fall. By trimming in the spring, you're opening up the wood to diseases."

Know your plants and what should be pruned in the fall. "Most deciduous trees should be pruned late in the fall after the leaves fall," Liskiewicz said. The only exception would be azaleas, rhododendron and some species of hydrangeas, which have buds already growing for next year's bloom.

Cleaning up leaves from plants is important in the fall, especially if you have diseases growing on the leaves, Liskiewicz said. "If you leave the leaves there, and they have spores on them, the rains in the spring and warm temperatures will make them come around again," she said.

CLEAN IT ALL UP

When gardeners leave branches and leaves in the garden, they create areas of refuge for voles and mice. "It gives them a hiding spot," Liskiewicz said.

Liskiewicz discourages gardeners from using the dead leaves from diseased plants for placing in composting bins at this time of year because it still can spread disease from the dead plants. "Leaves don't break down anyway in the bins at this time of year, because the compost doesn't get hot enough," Liskiewicz said. "All you're doing is re-starting the diseases."

Educate yourself about plants, too, she said. Plants in heavy clay soil will respond if the soil is aerated and amended with compost. "To improve the oxygen, a pitchfork is adequate," Liskiewicz said.

All vegetable branches and stems should be removed. Many plants like tomatoes, cucumbers and squash have a higher risk of carrying diseases, so you should not com-

post these items, according to Sue Zimmerman, a nursery manager at Panetta's Landscape Supplies in Westland.

Shrubs can still be planted in October "as long as you can get a shovel into the ground," Zimmerman said. "The cold won't hurt them as the roots are somewhat insulated. Give the shrubs three inches of mulch to protect the area around them." The base (trunk) should not be covered with the three-inch layer, Zimmerman said.

Soils can be amended or improved in flower gardens at this time of year. "You can spread in composting materials or Canadian peat to get it ready for next spring by letting it meld together in the winter," Zimmerman said.

Papadelis said to check the dirt on the plant and mulch around all the plants.

"You might want to check your plants and see if soil has washed off of the crown of the plant. Mulch should be 10 to 12 inches thick over the crowns of the woody stemmed plants like roses, buddleia and caryopteris. They need protection in the winter.

Gardeners need to keep weeds out at this time of year, too, Papadelis added. "It's also a good time to amend the soil," he said.

Peonies, hostas and lillies can be split and divided for more plants at this time of year. "You can also repair that lawn edging or fence or look for erosion and add soil to correct it," he said.

Be sure to feed bulbs, too, if it's been a few years, using Bulbtone or Holland Bulb Food. Wiltproof can be used to feed boxwood, holly, azaleas or rhododendron.

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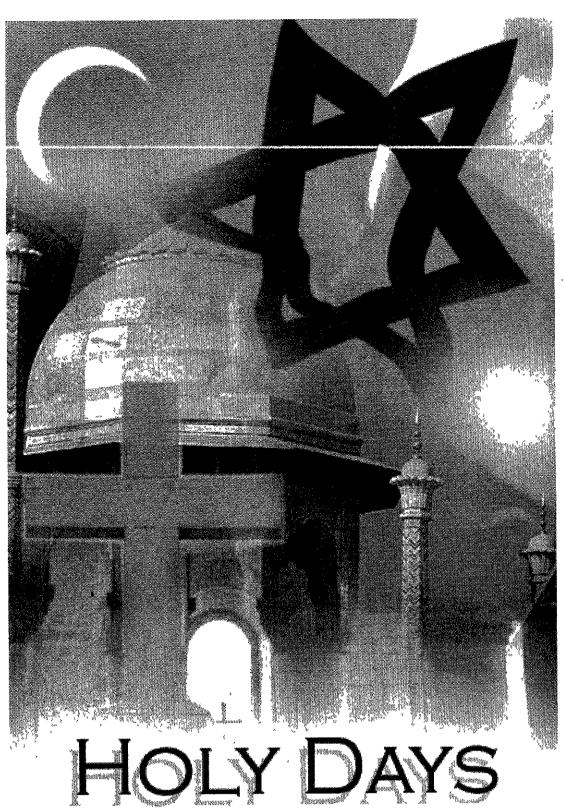
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Religions unite to promote understanding

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Rev. William Gepford looked at the calendar and knew he couldn't let the convergence of Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy days pass without notice. Across the country, the rare occurrence is being referred to as God's October Surprise.

It might be years before religious communities have the opportunity to use the occasion to promote understanding between faiths.

area Interfaith Partners is marking the religious holidays by educating, sharing services, presenting speakers, and holding a panel discussion. Preparing for the Holy: An Interfaith Worship Experience begins 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at Temple Emanu-El (14450 West 10 Mile) in Oak Park with a Shabbat (Sabbath) service and Rabbi Joseph Klein speaking on "Preparing for the Holy" days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. At 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, Imam Hassan Qazwini presents the same topic from the Muslim viewpoint as Ramadan approaches at the Islamic Center of America (19500 Ford) in Dearborn. The sharing continues 6:30 p.m. on World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday, Oct. 2, with a panel discussion on "Ways Our Holy Days Prepare Us to Seek a World of Peace, Wholeness and Reconciliation" at Fort Street Presbyterian Church (631 West Fort Street) Detroit.

"In the Christian community Catholics are celebrating St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4)," said Gepford, interfaith adviser to the Presbytery of Detroit and a Livonia resident. "We're trying to build community based on our concept of holiness and respect for all human life. As a consultant for the presbytery, I try to promote understanding with programs, workshops, seminars for all different Christian groups."

Gepford was introduced to Islam while on a teaching mission in Lebanon for 10 years.

"Islamic religion can teach us spirituality, of always being cognizant of God in one's life. It teaches everything in moderation and teaches modesty not only in dress but the way we speak and relate to one another. It can teach us how to live together.

We're inviting the community to the services. I think it's important at the time we live

in, as a global community of

diversity, to come together in our social life. We need to understand each other to prevent conflict. I think this wouldn't have happened even 10 or 15 years ago. It just didn't happen overnight. We're not interested in converting people, but informing people, educating people."

Rabbi Joseph Klein is plan-

ning on teaching the community about the upcoming Jewish holiday season, Tishrei, that begins Oct. 3 with Rosh Hashanah, the New Year. Like Ramadan, it lasts one month and involves fasting during Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Five days later Sukkot, a Thanksgiving festival recognizes the gift of God's bounty of nature. The celebration lasts another 8 days. "The first 10 days begin with

Rosh Hashanah and end with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement," said Rabbi Joseph Klein, a Birmingham resident. "It's a time for personal reflection and community solidarity, as individuals and community are bidden to search within ourselves, reflecting on behavior and actions of the year past as we might do better. It's an opportunity for a new beginning and personal reflection as we endeavor to clear ourselves with each other, seek forgiveness and reconciliation. "When I was approached by

Bill Gepford I thought if there's anything we can do to build an appreciation and understanding across faith lines, to build bridges, is in the short and long run healthy for the community. We're not interested in preaching but rather teaching. Whatever we can do to help us understand can only be helpful in improving our community." Dr. Muzammil Ahmed is

looking forward as well to working with Jewish and Christian communities during the three days that culminate with a day of fasting, prayer and charity on Oct. 14. Contributions to local and global hunger relief organizations are encouraged.

Ahmed serves on the board of the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, a mosque in Canton. He is a board member of Interfaith Partners, which was founded after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, to promote a dialogue on understanding. It is a program of the National Conference for Community and Justice, a human relations organization formed in 1927 to eliminate bigotry and racism.

"Ramadan (which begins Oct. 4) is a month of reflection and self sacrifice. We do not eat or drink from sunrise to

sunset during the 30 days. We use that opportunity to reflect on our relationship to God and commitment to religion. Many try to improve their character," said Dr. Muzammil Ahmed, a urologist with offices in Westland. "The holidays are occurring

at the same time out of coincidence, based on the lunar calendar which moves back 10 days every year. It's a great opportunity where three great events are occurring at the same time to emphasize underlying similarities of our reli-

Kate Thoresen, like Gepford, wasn't about to let the convergence go unrecognized. A Presbyterian pastor for 20 years, she's excited about organizing the activities. "Each one of these faiths will

be extending hospitality for all of us in the Detroit metropolitan community," said Thoresen, a Troy resident and former interim associate pastor at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. "On Peacemaking Sunday all three religious leaders will be participating followed by a panel discussion. The Fort Street pastor has a vase with the words peace. It's cracked and broken and symbolic. We'll gather around that and say where's the hope." Motoko Huthwaite believes

the three days of celebration and education can only lead to peace as "the congregations learn about each other and share a way to find peace." The Pontiac resident is coordinating the event at Fort Street Presbyterian Church where she serves as chairperson of the peace and justice committee. "On Saturday we're invited to

the new mosque and the Sunday school director is teaching children to follow Islamic dress, for women to cover their hair with a Hijab head cover or scarves to cover the hair and neck, and to cover the arms and legs," said Motoko Huthwaite, a Fort Street church member since 1969. "Oct. 2, we'll begin with a Taize ecumenical service which began in France with emphasis on meditation. The Muslim imam will have prayers in their language, then the rabbi, then Pastor Keely leads in the St. Francis of Assisi prayer followed by a panel discussion. I'm very excited. I think it's very positive."

For more information about Interfaith Partners, call Steve Spreitzer at (313) 567-6225.

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SEPTEMBER

Rummage sale

5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 (admission at 2 per adult), big sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 1 (admission free). at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Saturday everything is half price. Lifelong learning forum

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, offers 6 weekly Thursday adult education classes on a variety of topics, 7:30-9 PM. Drop-in. Public welcome. Free with free childcare. Refreshments and social gathering at 7 p.m. Call (248) 478-7272. Oct. 6 Coming Out Stories; Unsolved Mysteries in Science: Implications for Religion: The Secret to Feeling Happy. Women of the Word

The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, began Tuesday, Sept. 13, 9:30-11:15 a.m. and 7-8:20 p.m., to study the Book of Philippians, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare for children. through age 5 will be available in morning, Call (248) 348-7600.

Table talks

A four-week growth experience with Ted Brassfield continues 7 p.m. Wednesday to Oct. 5, Brassfield coaches through the use of meditation, visualization and action steps that will help you create the next level of goal achievement in your life at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Call (734) 421-1760 for information. Caring for aging parents

The series of classes began 7-8 p.m.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 14 and runs for 10weeks, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial. For more information, call Linda Bynum at (734) 453-5280.

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (4 miles

south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner & childcare. Call (734) 699-3361.

UPCOMING

Pancake breakfast

9 a.m. and plant swap 9:45-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, Free, No money trades hands for plants or breakfast. I you have nothing to trade, come anyway. Gardeners are generous people and many will share their plants and knowledge.

Blessing of animals 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Episcopal

Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. After the service snacks will be had by all. Come, bring your pets, alive or stuffed and bring your friends along with their pets. All are welcome. **Animal blessing**

St.Francis Celebration. Bring your pets

to have them blessed 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. East parking lot. Call (734) 699-3361. Christian comedy Kerri Pomarolli and Ron McGehee take

center stage 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at

Faith Covenant Church, 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington Hills, Tickets are \$10 at the door, Call (248) 515-5750. Are you ready to have some serious fun? Laugh and learn as recently married comedians, McGehee and Pomarolli have you doubled over in laughter with their effervescence and energy. They have been seen on Last Comic Standing2, Comedy Central, The Tonight Show, ABC, NBC, TBN's comedy show Bananas, CBN and more. Both deliver strong messages of how they both gave God control of their lives and Hollywood careers and now

are working full time with Jesus as their manager and loving every minute 49 of it.

Hurricane relief lunch

Benefit spaghetti lunch noon to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 2, at The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, Donation is \$10. All proceeds go 40) to the American Red Cross. Call (734) 422-0010.

Red Cross blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at St. Thomas A Becket Church, 555 Lilley, -- 905 south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call Marion 1259 at (734) 981-3433 or Peggy at (734) 397-7 8495 for an appointment. The National 7.4 Bone Marrow Donor Program will be at the drive. Donors must be between 18 1 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 reg-. > Ister. The fee will be waived for Spanish, -Asian and African Americans. Only a finger prick drop of blood is needed. **Bet Chaverim**

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JEANETTE ERWIN of Waterford, formerly

Birmingham for 55 years. September 26, 2005. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Pixley Funeral Home Godhardt-Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor (248) 682-0200

GARY L. INNES.

65, of Livonia, MI, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 at Heritage Hospital, Taylor, MI. Born in Fargo ND, he was the son of the late Donald C. Innes. Gary is survived by three daughters, Jennifer B. Innes (Howard) Northampton MA, Julie A. O'Guinn Leonard) Plymouth MI, Jill M. Innes. Kirkland, WA. Six grandchildren; Jason O'Guinn, Shannon O'Guinn & Casey O'Guinn, Sarah Innes-Gold, Annie Innes-Gold & Robert Innes-Gold. Mother; Margaret M. Innes, Lenior City, TN. Two Sisters; Dawn S. Whitney (John), Foxboro, MA Margaret A. Sowers (Cloyd), Lenois City, TN. Dear Friend: Wendy Given Kirkland, WA. There will be no call ing hours. A private burial service will be held at the convenience of the family with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Tonawanda, NY.

DELORES MARY TRAIN September 28, 2005 September 28, 2005 Age 72 Daughter of the late Gordon L. and

Lillian M. Train. Cousin of Barbara (Dan), Helene Brang Kathleen Brang, Danie Brang (Kelly) and Lori Ross (Jeff) Dear friend of Nancy Heilinen, Emily & David Pierce and Patricia Hernlun Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3:00-8:00pm. Funeral Mass Friday 10:00am at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 9:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Holy Name School, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, MI 48009 or BASCC, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, MI 48009 View obituary and share memories a

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MICHAEL A. BACON

September 23, 2005, age 55 of Canton. Beloved father of Jennifer (Timothy) Schiefer and Kimberly (Douglas) Dickson. Dear son of Constance and the late Walter Bacon Brother of Walter, Patrick and Nelson Bacon. Loving grandfather of Faith and Hope Schiefer and Blake Morgan, Émma and Zachary Dickson Services, Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family requests memorials to Angela Hospice or Michigan Humane Society. Please visit and post tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

ESTHER E. MARCOTTE

It has pleased Almighty God to call unto Himself the soul of Esther Elsie Marcotte. Esther died on September 25, 2005, in South Lyon, Michigan. Esther was born on July 28, 1914, the eldest daughter of William and Elsa (Himmelieich) Long She was married to Charles H Marcotte on September 10, 1938. They were happily married until Chuck's death on July 29, 1978 To this union were born two children, Sharon (Elton) Braun and Roger (Sandra) Marcotte. Esther is survived her children and their spouses. She was the beloved grandmother of six grandchildren. They are Erik (Marianne) Braun of LaCrescent, MN; Roger (Denise) Marcotte of Rapid City, Monica (James) McInnis of Ypsilanti, Michelle (Johnny) Rivera of Howell, Matthew Marcotte of Howell, and Sean Paul Marcotte, who predeceased her on December 8, 1990 Esther was the loving great-grandmother of Jake, Luke, and Zack Marcotte; Monica, Mikayla, Mateo. and Maria Rivera; and Jesse and Dane Schultz. She also leaves to mourn her passing many loving brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. Services were held September 27, 2005, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Westland, with Pastor Guy officiating. Service Committal and Interment was held at Silver Lake Cemetery, Wolverine, MI, where Esther's earthly remains will rest next to those of her beloved husband, Chuck. Arrangements entrusted

to The Uht Funeral Home of Westland.

DENNIS MICHAEL EHRHART

September

passed away Saturday, 24, 2005 at MidMichigan Medical Center-Clare. Regional Dennis was born December 18, 1945 in Aurora, Illinois, the son of William and Tressie (Knisley) Ehrhart. Dennis was united in marriage to Linda Marschall on August 10, 1968 in Westland, Michigan. Mr. Ehrhart was a member of the Harrison Eagles Club, Harrison Moose Lodge Post 2235, VFW of Northville and Vietnam Veterans of America of Dearborn, Dennis was a natural when it came to playing Santa Clause for the UAW Children's Hospital, Boy Scouts of America and all of his children and grandchildren. Dennis also enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his grandchildren. Surviving Dennis is his wife Linda, one son; Bill and wife Kim Ehrhart of Garden City, MI, one daughter; Jennifer Ehrhart of Garden-City, MI, five grandchildren; Billy, Jimmy, Lindsey, Jessica and Kaitlyn, all of Garden City. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents. In following Mr. Ehrhart's wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service Friday, September 30, 2005 at 11:00 am at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135, with Pastor Wayne Parker officiating. To share an on-line condolence in memory of Mr. Ehrhart, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com Arrangements were entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison.

RAYMOND G. BROCKMAN Age 80, of Tecumseh, died September

27. 2005. He was retired from General Motors Company, Hydra-Matic, Ypsilanti, MI. with 44 of loyal years of service. He is survived by six children and 17 grandchildren A memorial will be held at 11:00 a m Friday, September 30, 2005, at St Catholic Tecumseh, with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler officiating. Immediately following the funeral service, interment of ashes will follow at the Brookside Cemetery Mausoleum. Visitation will be Thursday from 5-8p.m. at Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

Condolences can be offered at: pursefuneralhome.com

EVELYN G. McFADDEN

Age 74, passed away on September 24, 2005. She was a resident of Bloomfield Hills, MI. She was born in Detroit, MI on July 23, 1931. She battled a one year fight against cancer She excelled at all she did and was a successful manager of a law office, a real estate sales person, and a real estate appraiser. She returned to college and earned a B.A. from Oakland University in Art History & a M.A. from U of M in Library and Information Science in her 60's. She worked as a Reference Librarian at Walsh College and at OCC, where she also taught Library Science. A lover of music and art, she sang, played piano and drew sketches. She shared her enthusiasm with her children and grandchildren and was a gracious and kind lady. She is the daughter of the late Hristo and Penka Gotzeff. She is survived by her husband William "Bill" McFadden, children; Kimberly Claudia and Allison, her sisters in law Annie, Alice, Catherine, Eleanor and Charlotte, sons in law, John K, Thomas and John S., grandchildren, Nicholas, Atticus, Sophia, and Ava. Services were held at the family residence. Arrangements by William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home. 705 W. J. Mile (4) blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI Memorials suggested to Detroit Institute of Arts. On line info: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

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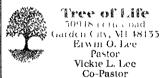
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Anselmi revolt issues in new Italian wine era

oberto Anselmi is a pioneering force behind what is widely regarded as one of Italy's leading white wine producing regions -Soave.

For far too long, Soave from Veneto in northeast Italy, has had a commodity, boring and neutral wine reputation. Frustrated by low quality and general lack of ambition shown by producers in the Soave region in 2000, Anselmi abandoned the appellation Soave DOC and began labeling his wines as IGT Veneto. A revolt of sorts.

Not to get you caught up in acronyms, IGT stands for Indicazione Geographica Tipica in Italian and is a category with appellations drawn in 1995. What it allows producers to do is move away from archaic laws requiring certain grape varieties and mandatory percentages in their wines.

Essentially, Anselmi parted ways with many of the traditional winegrowing and winemaking practices that have historically defined the Soave district. In order to have absolute and unqualified authority over his winemaking practices. Anselmi chose to label his wines as IGT Veneto, rather than working within the periphery of Soave DOC.

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The Anselmi winery was founded in 1948 by Roberto Anselmi's father. A native of the area, Anselmi, who began administrating the family property in the 1980s, felt an emotional as well as professional commitment to advancing the unrealized pótential of wine he knew from his youth.

Over the past 10 years, he has been quietly revolutionizing the way Anselmi Soave is made, changing it from an OK, simple, easy-drinking white wine into a premium white, comparable in some aspects to fine French chablis.

Anselmi did this by purchasing hilltop vineyards, employing dense planting of scrupulously selected grape clones in his vineyards and using modern training and trellising systems instead of the traditional pergola that overproduces. He insisted on low yields to reverse overproduction that led to mediocre quality.

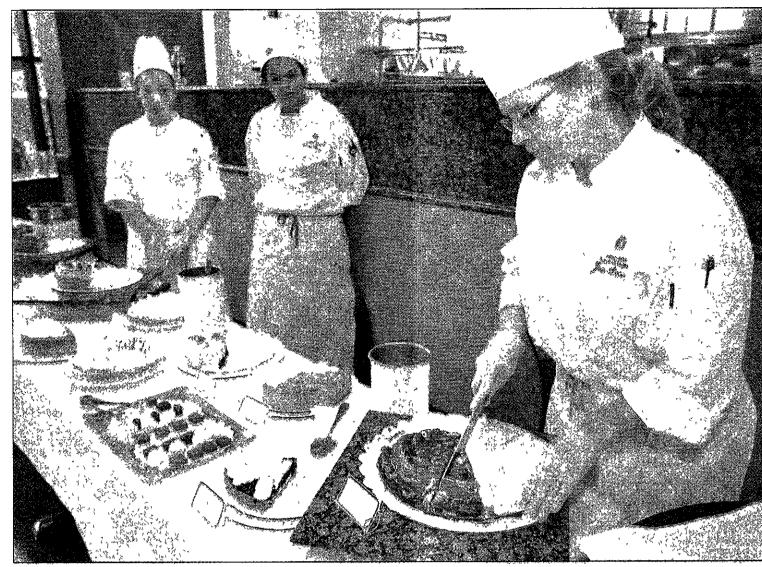
Though controversial, yet now considered "smart," experimentation with small French-style oak barrels and his decrease of annual production to approximately 25,000 cases, Anselmi has unleashed Soave's potential and elevated Soave's ordinary white wine into an exciting new international arena where complexity is the name of the game.

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Joan Donnay, a student in the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College, cuts an apple upside-down pie with caramel fudge sauce and whole cashews at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday. Heather Flynn and Kristyn Laconis (in background) also served desserts inside the American Harvest Restaurant.



Guests feast on fine foods at Schoolcraft

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza is an annual ritual for Christie Gajor of Livonia.

"I attend every single year to support Schoolcraft's culinary program," Gajor said. "It's one of the best programs in the nation and it's local."

For Gajor and an estimated 1,200 guests, the culinary extravaganza Sunday featured many signature dishes from 46 food and wine vendors, many of which include the Detroit area's top restaurants, including Tribute, Five Lakes Grill, Loving Spoonful and Seldom Blues, along with American Harvest Restaurant, Schoolcraft's restaurant supervised by culinary instructors and staffed by students. Money raised from the event contributes to the Schoolcraft College Scholarship

Fund. This year's event was spread out into two rooms at the VisTaTech Center and the Waterman Wing of the college. That gave patrons more room to sample dishes, wines and other foods from vendors.

Conway Jeffress, the college's president, has worked at Schoolcraft for 25 years. Inside the American Harvest Restaurant, he was asked what he thought about the culinary program and the college throwing

such an event inside the VisTaTech facility. "The things you see now were dreams back then," Jeffress said, pointing to the instructional kitchens and restaurant, remembering the earlier years and plans for the facility. "It was all conceptual, you ask where you can find the money, and you have all these questions, and to see it come to fruition, is a real accomplishment and a sense of achievement."

Randy Emert, certified executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester and Schoolcraft culinary graduate, thinks it is important for the college to be supported by restaurants. He spoke about the event

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLCRAFT, B8



Culinary students Adam Starnes and Steven Tironi prepare the classic New Orleans beignet with a twist; a chocolate truffle center covered with a summer berry compote.



Schoolcraft culinary arts student Meredith Angyan explains the selection of cheeses, breads and dips to Jennifer Jobin of Windsor, Ont. and Shannon Begosa of Livonia.

Chili served

The 10th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff continues its fall tradition Saturday at its new home.

The event has now moved from Kellogg Park in Plymouth to the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds on Ann Arbor-Saline Road, three miles south of I-94 (exit 175).

The cookoff will be combined with the first Annual Friends of Saline Fire Department's Chili Cookoff, The Saline cookoff is a renegade cookoff, meaning competitors can use any foods, including beans, in their chili. The Great Lakes Cookoff is sanctioned by the International Chili Society, meaning that no beans are allowed.

Winners get trophies. Winners of the Great Lakes cookoff in the traditional red chili, chili verde or green chili and salsa advance to the 2006 World Championship Chili Cookoff.

Other activities include a motorcycle bike show, live entertainment, an eggdrop competition and children's activities.

Admission includes samples of the competitors' chili. Admission is \$8 for a single ticket in advance and \$10 at the gate; a family ticket is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate; tickets for children under 12 is

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m, or call (734) 455-8838.

Helping out Mitchell's Fish Market restaurants in Birmingham and Livonia and Cameron's Steakhouse in Birmingham helped Cameron Mitchell Restaurants raise over \$115,000 Sept. 19 for the **American Red Cross**

Fund. On that day, the company donated profits from all 26 restaurants throughout the Midwest to the **American Red Cross** Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. The fund will provide food, shelter, counseling and other assistance to

Hurricane Katrina Relief

victims of the hurricane. Each Cameron Mitchell restaurant encouraged guests to make donations as well during the fundraiser. For every \$100 donation to the American Red Cross, the company provided guests with a \$25 Cameron Mitchell gift card valid towards any food purchase on their next visit. In addition, the company asked its 2,000 Cameron Mitcheli associates to contribute to the fund.

In Detroit, Cameron Mitchell Restaurants operates two Mitchell's Fish Markets locations in Livonia and Birmingham as well as Cameron's Steakhouse at The Willits. The Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia is located at 17600 Haggerty Road and the restaurant's phone number is (734) 464-FOOD. In Birmingham, Cameron's Steakhouse is located at 115 Willits Street and the phone number is # (248) 723-1700. Mitchell's Fish Market is also in The: Willits at 117 Willits Street? To reach the restaurant, call (248) 646-3663.

Apples are back on the table

Apples are ready to take over from the fruits of summer.

The average U.S. consumer eats about 19 pounds of fresh apples a year – about one apple per week, according to the Washington State Apple Commission. Apples provide about 7 to 8 percent of the recommended amount of vitamin C, but they offer much more than that.

One study shows that apples are the most concentrated food source of flavonoids, a group of phytochemicals, natural substances found only in plantbased foods. Flavonoids are believed to protect against cancer, heart disease and other serious health problems.

Current nutrition guidelines have increased the emphasis on eating a lot of fruits and vegetables each day for maxi-

mum health benefits. No fruit or vegetable has everything we need, but together they offer a wide range of health benefits.

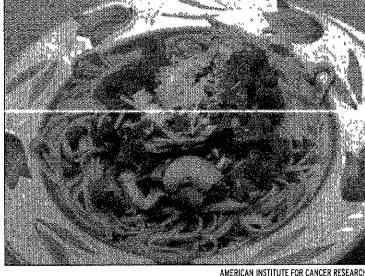
The American Institute for Cancer Research has been campaigning for years to get Americans to adopt what AICR calls The New American Plate. They urge people to fill at least two-thirds of the plate with a variety of plant foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans, and leave the remaining one-third of the plate (or less) for animal protein.

This approach remodels meals so they are higher in fiber and lower in saturated fat and calories than the traditional American meal.

This apple and pork stir fry with ginger is one way to add some fruits and vegetables to your dinner.

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- 2 tablespoons peach jam, preferably sweetened with fruit
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons water ½ teaspoon cornstarch
- 11/2 teaspoons dark toasted sesame oil
- 8 ounces pork tenderloin, cut into thin strips 1 tablespoon finely minced fresh
- ginger root 1/2 teaspoons canola oil



This apple and pork stir fry adds fruits and vegetables to your meal.

1 cup chopped red bell pepper 1 cup chopped green bell pepper 1 cup chopped yellow bell pepper 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, rinsed and drained

2 firm apples, such as Fuji or Gala, cut into 1-inch pieces 1/2 cup scallions, thinly sliced Freshly ground black pepper, to

2 cups steamed brown rice or whole-wheat angel hair pasta

In a small bowl, combine jam, soy sauce, water and cornstarch. Set aside. In a large non-stick skillet, heat sesame oil over medium high heat. Add pork and ginger and stir-fry until pork is browned and just cooked through, about 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer pork and ginger to a bowl with a slotted

spoon. Add canola oil to skillet. Stir-fry peppers, water chestnuts, and apples until peppers are crisp tender, about 3 minutes. Add pork back to skillet along with scallions. Stir-fry 30 seconds. Stir jam mixture to recombine, then blend into stir-fry. Continue to stir-fry 30 seconds to one minute, or until sauce thickens. Season to taste with black pepper. Serve over brown rice or whole-wheat pasta.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 351 calories, 8 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 54 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 10 g. dietary fiber, 346 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Stay-healthy tips not always be visible, they

🐃 erms are all around us. Even though they may are present everywhere. While there are some good germs and bacteria that reside in our intestines and probiotics that can be found in your favorite yogurt that help keep us healthy, there are countless others that can make us sick.

In order to stay healthy and germ-free, follow these sugges-

■ Listen to mom. You've been hearing it all your life, but it's worth hearing again . . .wash your hands! Hand washing is the single most important thing that you can do to prevent the spread of bacteria.

It's important to wash after using the bathroom, before meals, after touching raw meat or eggs, and after playing with or feeding animals. Wash for 20 seconds using warm water and soap and be sure to clean both sides of hands, between fingers and under the nails.

Stay out of the "danger zone." The temperature range of 40-140 degrees F is called the "food danger zone," and for good reason. Between these temperatures bacteria in food can grow and multiply at a fast rate.

It is important that hot food stays hot and cold food stays cold. Any food that sits at temperatures in this range for two or more hours needs to be discarded to avoid food poisoning.

Kiss the sponge goodbye. Kitchen sponges are a perfect breeding ground for harmful bacteria due to the moist environment. Sponges are cheap to buy so stock up and replace your sponge weekly, and in between run the sponge through the dishwasher each time you run it.

■ Hide the toothbrush. When you flush the toilet, tons of germs and bacteria are sprayed into the air and can land on anything, even your toothbrush! It is best to keep your toothbrush away from

■ Sinks stink...when it comes to cleanliness, that is. Sinks are some of the germiest places in the house and because germs from your hands can be transferred to



Economist

Lois Thieleke

the faucet handles and sinks, they need to be cleaned regularly. Wipe up sinks and counters after each use, and disinfect once a

Make it color-coded. Help prevent cross-contamination of food by using a different color cutting board for different foods. For example, get a red cutting board for red meat and poultry, a blue one for seafoods and a green one for produce. Doing so allows you to keep na ready-to-eat foods such as salads and veggies away from raw meat and seafood that still needs to be cooked.

■ Step away from the phone. A telephone is a perfect place to harbor bacteria. Everytime, you make a call you pick up the receiver (are your hands clean?), dial the numbers, and place your mouth extremely close to the receiver (who else has put their mouth on that phone?). Clean phones using a cotton ball soaked in rubbing alcohol every two weeks, more often if someone in the house

(or you) has been sick. ■ Disinfect that doorknob. Since doorknobs are good places for bacteria to be transferred from one person to the next, it is important to keep ans them clean, especially in the dan bathroom. Disinfect at least once a month using rubbing 04 alcohol or a disinfectant spray38

Think twice about that mid, night snack. The refrigerator is a ... great place to pick up germs. It is, important to make sure that spills are cleaned up immediately to prevent the growth and spread of bacteria. Also be sure to wipe $_{ij}$ down the outside of the refrigerator door including the handle with a non-abrasive all-purpose: cleaning product.

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SCHOOLCRAFT

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while serving small bowls of duck with pork ragout and fennel sausage and spaghetti sguash. "Schoolcraft was good for me, and it's a chance for me to return the favor to help raise money for scholarships," Emert

Emert was asked what he thought of the facility as opposed to what he had at the college. He smiled and said: "It's not fair," and laughed. "I teach here part time, and it's a great facility. It's better than any restaurant you go to. It has state of the art equipment. It's unbelievable how far they've grown."

Steve Singleton of West Bloomfield walked through the food vendors, sampling different dishes. He is a general manager of Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia, one of the sponsors and food vendors at the extravaganza.

"It's important for Mitchell's to give back to the hospitality industry and to Schoolcraft," Singleton said. "The restaurant has only been open for seven months, so this is our first year. Giving back is a big part of being part of the community and it's important to help raise money for Schoolcraft."

Singleton said the event had great participation from the restaurants. "It's extraordinary," he said. "Just look at what they're putting out."

There were scallops with a corn relish from The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin, mussels from Mitchell's, Piedmontese beef tenderloin from La Bistecca in Livonia,

crab and lobster cakes from Seldom Blues in Detroit and California sushi rolls and jalapeno rolls from Shiro in

Gajor enjoyed the beef tenderloin from La Bistecca, the "bumpy" cake from Back Home Bakery in Canton and scallops from the The Farm Restaurant.

Gajor, who is a counselor at Stevenson High School in Livonia, said about 160 or 180 students from that high school start college at Schoolcraft. "A lot of them aren't ready for the transition to a four-year institution," she said. "It's really their first stepping stone."

The event helps contribute to scholarships for all college students at Schoolcraft, not just culinary students. "Community colleges are a good financial bargain, but for a lot of students who have families and other obligations, they can't afford this level of tuition," Jeffress said. "They couldn't make it without the scholarships."

Jeffress believes the former students who return to serve food from their restaurants and contribute to the extravaganza are part of what he called Schoolcraft's "legacy."

When you see a former student who comes in (to the Extravaganza) and owns a restaurant or works at one of the finer restaurants, that is an excellent testament to the quality of this institution," Jeffress said. "When you see them mentioned in newspapers and they are praised in food articles, it says you are doing things right."

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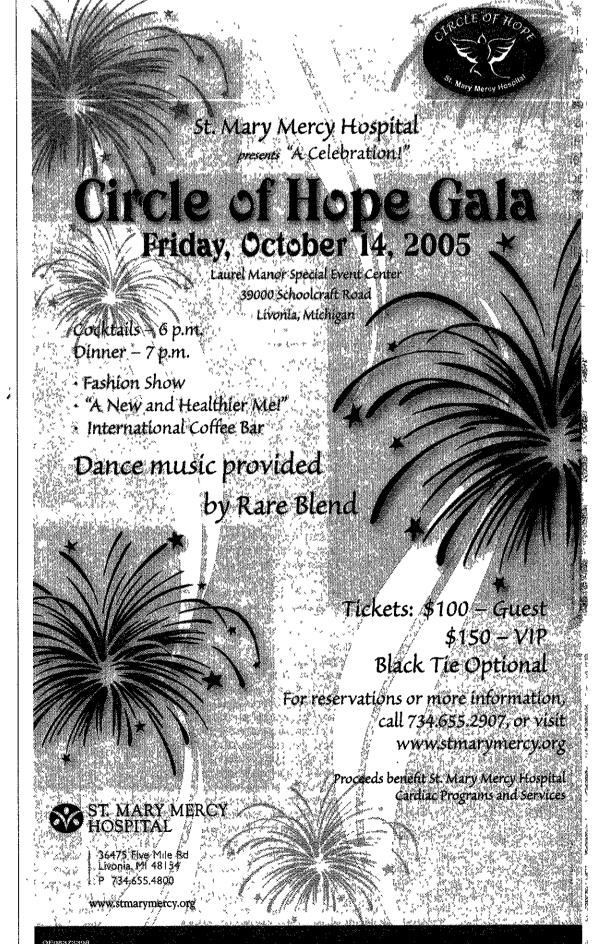
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WINE CALENDAR

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a Wine **Exploration Series on Wednesday** nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communitvhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the

instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment.

Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited

nay and Soave trebbiano. Fresh

and crisp with slight mineral

chablis) atop apple and citrus

notes (reminiscent of a fine

notes. It matches well with

smoked or grilled fish, shell-

fish, lobster and roast chicken.

■ 2004 Anselmi Capitel

80 percent garganega stepped

up by 20 percent chardonnay,

than San Vincenzo with floral

and honey accents and bright

lime-citrus. Serve it with your

Sticking with an Italian theme this week, the following are

2003 Baglio di Pianetto "Ficiligno" \$18 is an extraordinary

2004 Rapitala Casali \$11, a blend of cataract and chardonnay

■ 2004 Dezzani "Il Gavi" \$15 has vibrant fresh pear aromas

■ 2000 Amarone della Valpolicella DOC Classico "Storica" \$37

■ 2000 Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG \$17

All wines mentioned are available in the Detroit area. If a

retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered

is made using the apassimento technique where grapes are

left to dry in a temperature-controlled facility before being fermented. This wine showcases richness and concentration

blend of inzolia and viognier from Sicily. Pair it with grilled

flavors of apples, peach and

other Italian wines we like:

seafood or Asian-inspired dishes.

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and flavors. Try it with whitefish or sea bass.

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WINE PICKS

White wines:

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wine regions in Europe and North

Classes are:

More about French Wines, Oct. 5 (\$26). Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do.

■ Italian Wines, Oct. 26 (\$26). Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine-producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed.

■ The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Nov. 9 (\$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.

Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Nov. 16 (\$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

■ 2003 Anselmi I Capitelli

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special-ordered for you by a

retailer. Select bunches of gar-

ganega grapes are allowed to

to be infected by botrytis, a

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This lush dessert wine is the

dry on mates for three months

noble rot that concentrates the

favorite risotto.

Taste the juicy crunch of grapes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Easy-going menus for summer can be a breeze, with a wealth of fruit and produce available to help make short work of meal preparation.

Here's a trio of ideas for making the most of grapes, which need little "cooking" and combine well with both sweet and savory items. The recipes provide a simple but stylish breakfast dish, a juicy salad to accompany lunch or dinner, and a versatile cheese-grape special that would work as an appetizer or dessert.

Breakfast Parfait

1 cup halved seedless grapes 1 cup lowfat vanilla yogurt, or other flavor of your choice ½ cup crushed almond biscotti (about 3 large biscotti)

In a parfait glass, layer 2 mounded tablespoons grapes, 2 mounded tablespoons yogurt and 2 tablespoons crushed biscotti. Repeat layers. Top with 2 tablespoons each yogurt and

Makes 2 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 299 cal., 8 g pro., 8 g fat, 49 g carbo., 50 mg chol., 2 g dietary fiber, 174 g sodium.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SALAD

11/2 cups halved seedless grapes 1½ cups sliced radishes 3/4 cup coarsely shredded carrots ½ cup thinly sliced red onion Spicy Lemon Dressing (recipe follows)

1 large orange

Lightly toss grapes, radishes, carrots and onion with Spicy Lemon Dressing. Peel and thinly slice orange. Serve salad on sliced orange. Makes 4 servings.

Spicy Lemon Dressing:

3 tablespoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 tablespoon chopped parsley 1 teaspoon honey ¾ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon ½ teaspoon lemon peel 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper 1/2 teaspoon bottled not sauce

Combine all ingredients and mix well.

Makes about //3 cup.

Nutrition information per serving: 129 cal., 1 g pro., 7 g fat, 18 g carbo., 0 mg chol., 2 g fiber, 420 mg sodium.

GRAPES AND BAKED CHEESE

8 ounces fresh goat-cheese log 2 tablespoons flour 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed 3 tablespoons melted butter 3/3 cup chopped pecans or almonds 1 pound seedless grapes

Slice cheese log into\/-inch rounds. Combine flour and basil. Dredge each slice of cheese in flour mixture. Dip slices in butter then coat with chopped nuts; press nuts lightly into cheese. Place cheese on a plate or small tray and refrigerate 1 hour or until completely chilled.

Place on a nonstick baking sheet (line the baking sheet with parchment paper if it does not have a nonstick surface). Bake at 400° F for 6 to 8 minutes, or until nuts are crisp and cheese is warm. Cut grapes into clusters of 6 to 8 grapes. Serve cheese with grapes as an appetizer or dessert. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 217 cal., 8 g pro., 15 g fat, 13 g carbo., 32 mg chol., 2 g fiber, 175 mg sodium.

Recipes developed for AP by the California Table Grape Commission.

VEGETARIAN CLASSES

Healthy Cooking Classes

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef, Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Upcoming

classes include: Fail 2005 two-week series on Oct. 19 and 26, fee \$60 (\$30 each class); and a Beginning Series on Oct. 4 (\$30). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

Hands-On

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequi-

site of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others. International Breads, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6; Cooking with an Asian Flair, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11; Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22; Chowder and Bisque Soup Workshop, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3; Pasta Recipes, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; Garde Manger 101- Cold Food Preparation, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30. The Community House

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www.communityhouse.com. ■ Heavenly Vegetarian Curries is scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, in Room 114 at Derby Middle School, 1300 Derby in Birmingham. 🎜 Journey through various regions of India. Prepare four different curries* from beans, fresh cheese, vegetables 🗗 and yogurt, including restaurant style dishes like Matar Paneer. Perfectly - 75 cooked Basmati rice will accompany. 15 the meal. Bring a dish towel. Material 👊 fee of \$13 payable to instructor at 157 class. The fee is \$39 for Birmingham 37 4 residents and \$44 for others.

■ So You Went to the Cider Mill and- * Bought a Bushel of Apples, Now What? is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 11. This seasonal fall delight will thrill the apple lover. Start with baby salad greens > drizzled with fresh apple vinaigrette. Your entrée will be chicken breast stuffed with apples, brie and sun-dried * 57 cherries in an apple brandy sauce with ac wild rice. And for the piece de resistance,c enjoy a baked caramel apple purse. Instructor Peter Engelhardt is the executive chef at The Community

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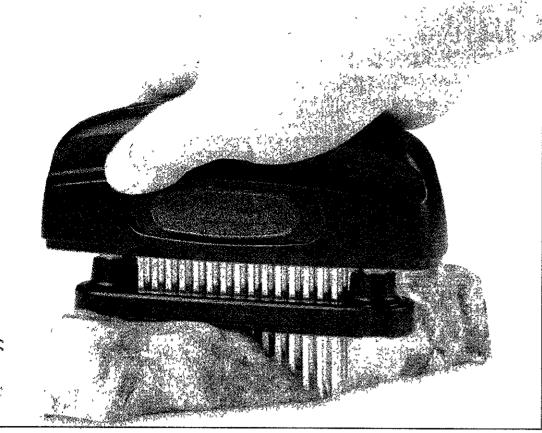
(In Sunday's Observer Newspaper)

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 Pubic Works Manager at (734) 453-

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For more information, go to www.jaccard.com or call (716) 825-3814.

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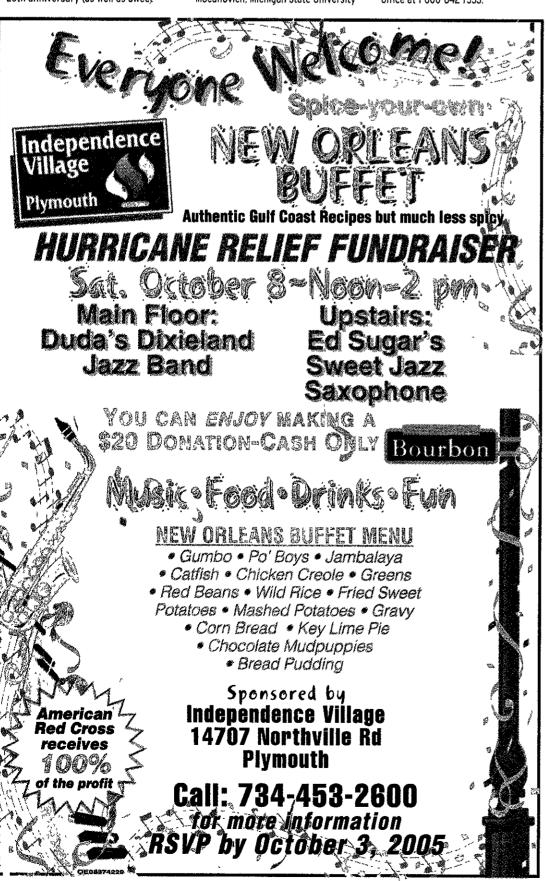
AREA FOOD EVENTS

Sweet Lorraine's In honor of National Organic Harvest Month all three Sweet Lorraine's locations in Southfield, Detroit and Livonia will be featuring organic specials and events throughout the month of September.

There will be organic wines to enhance the culinary experience. In addition, Sweet Lorraine's will host an organic cooking demonstration at each location featuring Maple Creek vegetables - making a small donation to Farm Aid to commemorate their 20th anniversary (as well as Sweet

Lorraine's 20th anniversary). Sweet Lorraine's will also be hosting a drawing to win a trip to Yale, Mich., to Maple Creek's organic farm. For more information call Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar, 29101 Greenfield in Southfield, (248) 559-5985; Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 223-3933; and Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 953-7480).

bd's Mongolian Barbeque Gardening columnist Janet Macunovich, Michigan State University and Dave Smitley and Global ReLeaf board members will be guest grillers at bd's Mongolian Barbeque 43155 Main St Suite 200 Novi, Michigan in the Market Street Plaza Seatings are at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12. This fundraiser will help Global ReLeaf of Michigan replant trees throughout the state. The \$16 includes a meal, soup. salad bar and beverage. Organizers are asking for a suggested donation of \$10 per person to Global ReLeaf. RSVP by Oct. 7 to the Global ReLeaf office at 1-800-642-7353.







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New pro grid league targets Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT

Have you always wanted to own a professional sports team only to be blown away by the several-million-dollar price

tag?

If the answer is yes, then the Great
Lakes Indoor Football League has a deal

The GLIFL, which is set to kick off its inaugural season in April of 2006, would like Plymouth to be the site of one of its franchises, but first the league's founders must find a potential owner who is willing to invest an annual franchise fee of \$15,000 along with the costs of players'

salaries, arena rental and all other expenses that go along with pro sports owner-

ship.

"If the owners do
things right, they
can make some
money on this—
maybe not right
away, but in the long

run," said Canton, Ohio resident Eric Spitaleri, who co-founded the GLIFL along with his brother, Jeff, and friend Cory Trapp. "The franchise fee is not big, especially when you compare it Arena Football 2, which is \$1 million to get a team. If they sell out their arena, get sponsors and add concessions and merchandise sales, an owner could bring in close to \$200,000 a year, which would more than cover salaries, the

initial cost of putting in

turf and travel expenses.

They're not going to become millionaires, but they'll do all right.

"Our goal is to keep the ownership local. We don't want someone from California owning a team in Plymouth because they don't know the area, they don't know the people."

The GLIFL has already secured six fran-

chises for its first season: Port Huron; Battle Creek; Marion, Ohio; Bethlehem, Pa.; Rochester, N.Y.; and New York/New Jersey.

"We'd like to have anywhere from eight to 12 teams the first year, but we'll start with six if we have to," Spitaleri said.

Spitaleri contacted management representatives of the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township about the possibility of that facility serving as the home of a GLIFL franchise.

"The concept is appealing because their season runs opposite the (Ontario Hockey League's) Plymouth Whalers' season," said

PLEASE SEE **LEAGUE**, **C2**

Fast and 'furry'ous

Local 'Rodent Racers' compete in drag race

BY ED WRIGHT

What were three P-CEP auto mechanics instructors doing in the heart of downtown Detroit on Sept. 10 dressed as 6-foot hamsters?

Answer: Having the time of their

lives.

The teachers — Mike Duff, Jim
O'Connor and Steve Seidel — teamed
up with Canton High School graduate
Kyle Price and former P-CEP employ-

ee Joe Camelleri to form the "Rodent Racers," one of 32 teams competing in the inaugural Red Bull Dragsterday competition. Duff and Price are Canton residents, Seidel is a Livonian, O'Connor resides in Belleville and

Camelleri is a resident of South Lyon.

PLEASE SEE RACE, C4



Pictured above is the "Rodent Racer" vehicle along with the five men who built it. Standing from left, are Steve Seidel, Jim O'Connor, Joe Camelleri and Kyle Price. Kneeling is Mike Duff. The vehicle won the "People's Choice" award at the inaugural Red Bull Dragsterday Sept. 10 in downtown Detroit.

Prep gridiron battles increase in intensity

elieve it or not, October is right around the corner. It's a month featuring cool apple cider, splendid fall colors, jack-o'-lanterns

and lots and lots of football.

And meaningful foot-

And meaningful football, too. Many high school teams are still in the playoff hunt as Week 6 kicks off Friday night.

We have a showdown in the West Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association as Walled Lake Western visits unbeaten Livonia

Franklin. But even the

team that loses likely will still have playoff aspirations, provided they don't slip on too many pumpkin seeds later in the month.

Watching with great interest will be another West Division team, Plymouth, which entering this weekend is tied with Western for second place. The upstart Wildcats seemingly have another win well within their reach (against struggling Wayne Memorial), but what's great about high school football is that even Zebras can change their stripes.

Friday provides another example that autumn is back: Plymouth, Garden City and Redford Union are playing their homecoming games.

If the Panthers can hold off winless Mega White rival Wyandotte Roosevelt, they could be one step closer to a different kind of crown.

Of course, Observerland sports editors are chasing their own prize. Unfortunately for me, the dawn of autumn put a considerable chill on what had been somewhat of a prognostication hot streak. I managed a paltry 6-5 mark, to drop back to third place at 42-15.

Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons and Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright each finished Week 5 with 8-3 records to improve their season totals to 45-12 and 43-14, respectively.

But not all is lost in the game of guesswork. That's because a couple of fumbles

PLEASE SEE GRID PICKS, C2

Move to forward nice for Sheridan

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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When Plymouth soccer player Justin Sheridan was shifted from mid-field to forward early this season, it was like letting a bear loose in a honey factory.

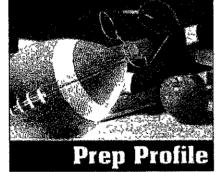
The results of Sheridan's move closer to the net have been nothing short of sweet for the Wildcats, who were cruising along with a 9-4-1 record as of Monday.

Sheridan's not complaining either after spending the first three years of his high school career trying to win battles closer to the mid-field stripe.

"I like the fact that I'm getting more scoring opportunities now," admitted Sheridan, who had racked up seven goals and six assists in the Wildcats' first 14 games. "It's fun, too, getting to pass to guys that are more involved in the play."

CONFIDENT LEADER

Two words pop into Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich's mind when he talks about Sheridan — actually four if you count "goals" and

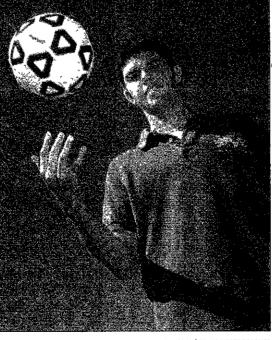


"assists."

"Justin brings leadership and confidence to this team," said Neschich. "When our leading scorer from last year, Andrew Koet, got injured, we had to move up Justin from the mid-field, and he's really stepped up. He's improved so much over the past four years. Justin's one of the leaders of this team right now."

A substantial portion of Sheridan's improvement can be attributed to his training regimen and employment this past summer

PLEASE SEE SHERIDAN, C2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Justin Sheridan is an accomplished soccer and in-line hockey player. During the summer, the senior worked with young soccer players at High Velocity Sports in Canton

Sarnia OT goal sinks Whalers

Chad Painchaud's power-play goal at 2:32 of overtime gave the Sarnia Sting a 2-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in the Whalers' home opener Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The game, which drew 2,487 fans, marked the beginning of the Whalers' 10th year at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. It also featured good flow and outstanding goal-tending from Sarnia's Jeff

HOCKEY

MacDougald and Plymouth's Ryan Nie. MacDougald stopped 32 of 33 shots while Nie turned away 34 of 35.

Plymouth grabbed a 1-0 lead on Andrew Fournier's first goal of the season at 13:20 of the first period. Dan Collins set up the play, going wide right wing in the Sarnia zone before feathering a pass to Fournier, who beat MacDougald at the leftwing door step of the net.

Sarnia tied the game at I-1 at 1:46 of the third period when Sting defenseman Nick Tuzzolino carried the puck deep in the Plymouth zone, went to the right-wing corner before jamming the puck toward the Whalers' goal. Rookie Danny Anger scored his first Ontario Hockey League goal from the left crease.

That set the stage for Painchaud's game-winner on a Sarnia power play in overtime. Painchaud was set at the top of the right circle in the Plymouth zone on Mark Katic's pass from the high slot. Painchaud's one-timer beat Nie cleanly.

The decision left both teams with identical 1-0-1-0 records.
Plymouth hosts Sault Ste. Marie

Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Rock netters 2nd

The Salem girls tennis team finished second in the eight-team Essexville-Garber Tennis Tournament Saturday. Flint Carmen-Ainsworth won the event with 15 points, one more than the Rocks.

Finalists for Salem were Alex Ware (No. 1 singles), Katie Girskis (No. 3 singles), and the No. 4 doubles team of Kait McKinley and Liz McKinley. Salem's No. 2 singles player Mo Bohr was a consolation winner while No. 4 singles player Tracy Lytle and the No. 2 doubles team of Dana Anderson and Claire Madill all finished third in their respective flights.

Canton harriers 1st

The Canton girls cross country team won the Ludington Invitational Sept. 17 in Ludington. All seven Chief varsity runners finished in the top 25 to earn medals.

Scoring for the Chiefs were: Becky McCormack (first in 21:21), Katy Galm (third in 21:31), Sarah Thomas (fourth in 21:37), Katelin David (12th in 22:15), Anne Murphy (13th in 22:23), Lisa Clinton (16th in 22:43) and Jennifer Thomas (23rd in 23:31).

Canton's junior-varsity squad also took first led by Kristin Ward (second place) and Rachel Stoney (fourth place).

Wildcat boosters

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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. Contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Pancake dinner

The Salem football team will be hosting a homecoming pancake dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 5 p.m. 7 p.m. in the Salem High School cafeteria.

School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$5 per person and \$3 for children who are under the age of 10. All attendees should notify Linda Sorensen no later than Oct. 3 by calling her at (734) 476-3903 or by e-mailing her at sorensenfamily@comcast.net.

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SHERIDAN

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when he spent countless hours as an employee at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

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"I helped run soccer clinics for young kids this past summer, so having a ball at my feet all the time really helped me improve my skills a lot," he said. "It was nice, too, because I enjoyed working with the kids, helping them get better."

HE SKATES, TOO

Fortunately for the Plymouth soccer team, there's no fall high school in-line hockey team, otherwise, Neschich may have had to look elsewhere for Koet's replacement. Sheridan's talents on the soccer field are matched - if not surpassed — by his in-line hockey skills.

"My dad taught me how to play in-line hockey when I was really young, and I've played it ever since," said Sheridan, who didn't join an organized soccer league until he was 11. "I'd probably say I like hockey best, but my senior season in soccer has been a lot of fun."

Sheridan has played in-line hockey the past few winters for Team Mission Detroit, a premier squad that competes in tournaments at least every other weekend. The team has finished as high as second in national tournaments.

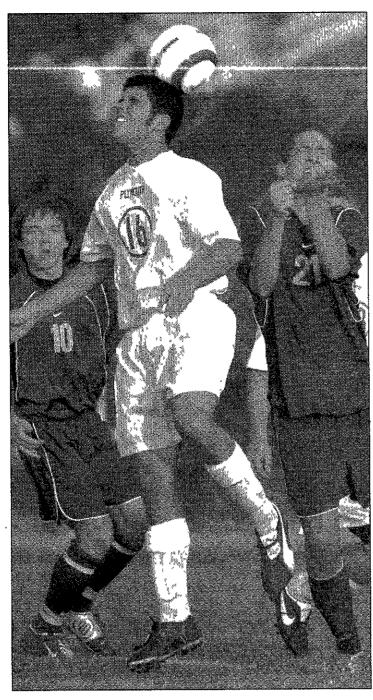
TWO OF A KIND

Sheridan said both the sports he excels at complement each other to some degree.

"The biggest thing is the endurance I've been able to build up by playing both sports," he said. "This year, when soccer started, my endurance was already good thanks to hockey."

Being a member of the first graduating class at Plymouth is something Sheridan wouldn't trade for anything.

"It has given all of us an opportunity to start positive traditions for the students and



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Justin Sheridan wins a 50/50 during a match against Ann Arbor Huron earlier this year. The senior has tallied seven goals and six assists this season.

teams that will follow us," he said. "The second and third years of sports were kind of difficult because we didn't have four classes to get athletes from, but it made us stronger."

Sheridan is an outstanding student, having earned a 3.7 grade-point average heading

into his senior campaign at Plymouth.

He has applied to the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Wherever he goes, he hopes to earn a degree in business.

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LEAGUE

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Compuware Sports Arena General Manager Matt Blazy. "It would have to be the right setup for us. We told them once they get an owner, we'll sit down with them and go over everything."

Each team will be allowed to carry 23 players on its roster, but only 18 will be activated for each game, Spitaleri said. Salaries for players will range from \$100 to \$300 per game.

"We're talking about having two leaguewide tryouts, one east and one west," Spitaleri said. 'We want each team's roster to be filled with as many local players as possible, hopefully, as much as 60 to 70 percent. This way, if the team has some former high school stars or players who graduated from the area's colleges, the community will be able to identify more with the

INSIDE ACTION

The founders of the Great Lakes Indoor Football League want to make Plymouth home for one of their franchises when the league kicks off next spring. Here are some facts and figures regarding the GLIFL:

- The six teams who have secured franchises are: Port Huron; Battle Creek; Marion, Ohio; Bethlehem, Pa.; Rochester, N.Y.; and New York/New Jersey.
- Each team will have a roster of 23 players; 18 players can be activated for each game.
- Players will earn anywhere from \$100 to \$300 per game.
- The game will be played in hockey or basketball arenas; the fields will be 50 yards in length and 28 yards wide.

Unlike the popular Arena Football League, the GLIFL will be seven-on-seven, not eight-oneight. Additionally, players will not be required to play both offense and defense like the AFL, Spitaleri said.

"We have some different rules

that make our league more like the outside game," he said.

For more information on owning a GLIFL franchise, contact Spitaleri at (330) 313-0335; or visit the league's Web site at www.GLIFL.com.

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GRID PICKS

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of the crystal ball by my colleagues might be all I need to restore parity to the sports desk.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all 7 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Stevenson (4-1, 3-0) at Salem (2-3, 1-2), 4:30 p.m.:

The Spartans picked up a key Lakes Division victory last week over Walled Lake Central, 24-21, thanks to the pinpoint passing of senior QB Chad Casey. The Spartans can wrap up the title with a win over Salem, which stunned John Glenn last week, 34-7. This game doesn't appear to be a 'gimme' anymore for the Spartans. PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright

(Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson). Liv. Churchill (0-5, 0-3) at Walled Lake Central (2-3, 2-1): Churchill has scored only 44 points in five games with 33 coming in a loss to Stevenson. Central nearly had the Lakes Division title in its grip last week before Stevenson pulled out a 24-21 win. PICKS: Emons (Central); Wright (Central); Smith (Central).

Walled Lake Western (4-1, 2-1) at Livonia Franklin (5-0, 3-0): \mathbf{A} \mathbf{win} by Franklin would give the Patriots their first-ever Western Division title. The Patriots lost in overtime last year to the Warriors, so this should be a dandy. Western was stateranked until being knocked off last week in overtime by Plymouth, 38-35. PICKS: Emons (Franklin); Wright (Western); Smith (Franklin).

W.L. Northern (2-3, 2-1) at Westland Glenn (3-2, 1-2): Glenn is uncharacteristically out of the Lakes Division race and now must play spoiler. The Rockets' offense must get untracked

quickly because Northern is riding high after winning two straight in the Lakes. PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Northern); Smith (Glenn).

Liv. Clarenceville (3-2, 3-2) at Madison Hts. Lamphere (4-1, 3-1): The Trojans, on a three-game winning streak, appear to have found their groove under firstyear coach Ryan Irish after dropping their first two games of the season. Lamphere, a member of the Macomb Area Conference's Silver Division, is coming off a 28-14 win over St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, a team that lost 23-0 to Metro Conference co-leader Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. The Rams' lone loss is to Silver Division leader Madison Heights Madison, 26-21. PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Wright

Luth. Westland (3-2, 3-1) at Macomb Luth. North (4-1, 4-1): The Warriors muffed their chance to take over sole possession of first place in the Metro after falling last Saturday at home to Clawson, 34-21. The Mustangs are coming off a 26-12 win over Cranbrook and should be geared up for their homecoming. PICKS: Emons (North); Wright (North); Smith (North).

(Lamphere); Smith (Lamphere).

Canton (3-2, 1-2) at Northville (1-4, 1-2): Following two weeks of below-par offensive production, the Chiefs' point machine was in peak condition last week when it put up a 55-spot on Wayne. With starting quarterba Shawn Little back at the helm, the struggling Mustangs will have their hands full. PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

Red. Thurston (4-1, 2-1) at D.H. Crestwood (3-2, 2-1): The Eagles will be looking to bounce back into the victory column after a tough loss against Gibraltar

Carlson, but the Chargers won't be a pushover. PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Thurston).

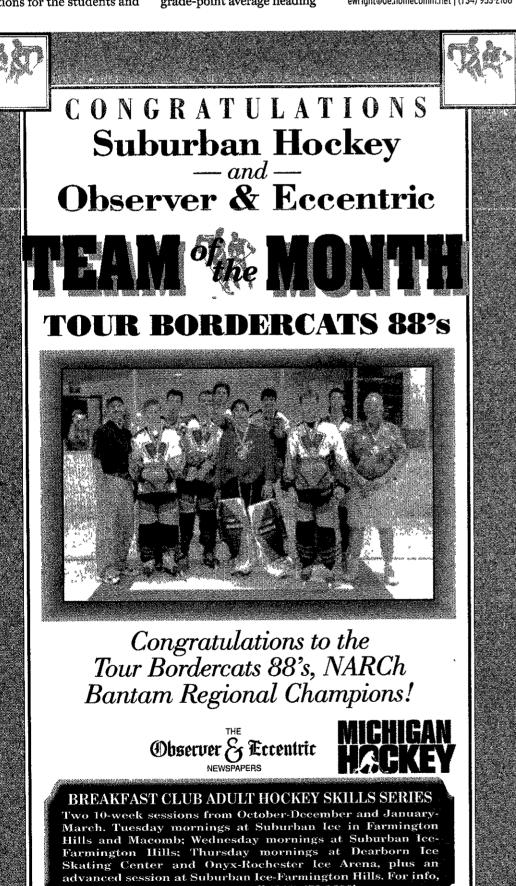
Melvindale (5-0, 4-0) at Garden **City (2-3, 2-2):** Garden City's offense, led by senior fullback Dustin Mattson, looks to get the jump on the Cardinals, who are undefeated in the lowest rung of the Mega Conference. PICKS: Smith (Garden City); Emons (Garden City); Wright (Garden

Wyandotte (0-5, 0-4) at Redford Union (4-1, 3-1): This year's homecoming game promises to be fun for the Panthers and their faithful fans, with the RU running game too much for the Bears. PICKS: Emons (RU); Smith (RU); Wright (RU).

Trenton (4-1, 4-0) at Belleville (1-4, 1-3): The Tigers are hoping an energetic homecoming crowd can help push them past the Trojans, who are sitting atop the Mega White. Both teams got steamrolled by Allen Park this season, but everybody gets flattened by the Jaguars these days. PICKS: Wright (Trenton); Smith (Trenton); Emons (Belleville).

Wayne (1-4, 0-3) vs. Plymouth (4-1, 2-1), 7:30 p.m. at CEP: The Wildcats remain in the hunt for the WLAA-Western Division crown after scoring a huge 38-35 overtime win last Friday over state-ranked Walled Lake Western. Wayne lost its top running back, Blaine Simmons, to a broken leg in a 55-6 loss last (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

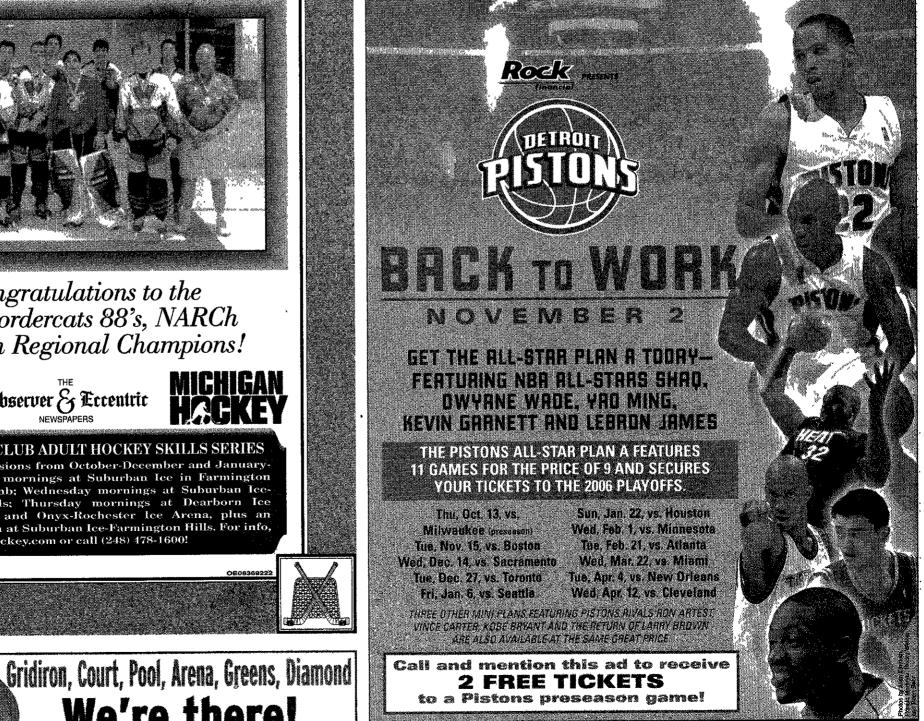
Red. Covenant (0-3) at Britton-Macon (0-5, 0-3): Something's got to give in this one. Both teams are winless and have given up a boatload of points. PICKS: Emons (Britton-Macon); Smith (Britton-Macon); Wright (Britton-Macon).



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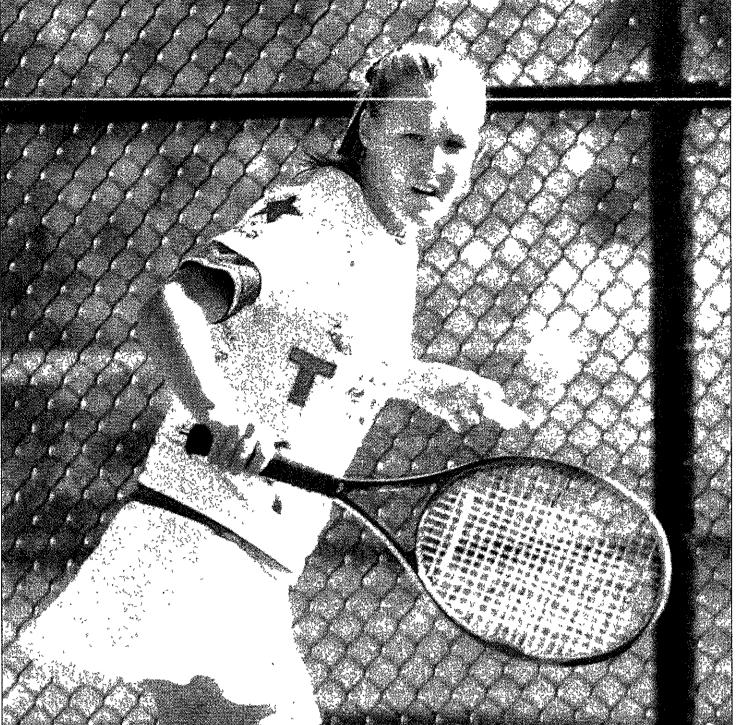
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem No. 2 singles player Mo Bohr lost a competitive, three-set match to Canton's Emily Hoernschemeyer Tuesday afternoon.

Tennis, anyone?

Local teams wrap up regular season by squaring off

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls tennis team was victorious in a pair of matches against cross campus rivals Canton and Plymouth on Monday and Tuesday.

The Rocks out-lasted the Chiefs, 5-3, on Tuesday. Salem jumped out to a 3-1 advantage following the singles matches thanks to wins from Alex

All three local teams will be in action Saturday at Livonia Stevenson.

Ware, Katie Girskis and Tracy Lytle. Emily Hoernschemeyer was the lone Canton singles player to win.

The teams split the four doubles matches. Notching victories for Salem were the No. 1

duo of Laura Burton and Shobha Narasimhan, and the No. 4 tandem of Kait McKinley and Liz McKinley.

Lisa Chin and Gunjan Malhotra won at No. 2 doubles for the Chiefs while Janelle Burdiss and Janelle Karinemi were victorious at No. 3.

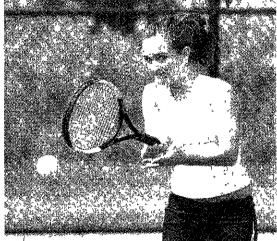
The Rocks upended the Wildcats, 7-1, on Monday. The lone victory for Plymouth came from its No. 2 doubles

team of Katie Hughes and Kinari Patel. Winning for Salem were singles players Ware, Mo Bohr, Girskis and Lytle; and the doubles duo of Burton/Narasımhan, Shailee Patel/Stephanie Simowski and Kait and Liz McKinley.

All three local teams will be in action Saturday at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet at Livonia Stevenson.



Canton's No. 2 singles player Emily Hoernschemeyer returns a serve from Salem's Mo Bohr during Tuesday cross-campus match at Salem. Hoernschemeyer won in a three-set thriller, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.



Plymouth's No. 4 singles player and captain Natalie Maurer dropped an exciting threematch decision to Salem's Tracy Lytle Monday afternoon. The Rocks won the cross-campus showdown, 7-1.

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 5 CANTON 3 Sept. 27 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) def. Katie Bedard, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Emily Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Mo Bohr, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; **No. 3**: Katie Girskis (S) def. Ashley Madau, 6-1, 6-7(4), 6-1; No. 4: Tracy Lytle (S) def. A.K. Leiting, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Burton/Shobha Narasimhan (S) def. Johanna Alexander/Nicole Burdiss, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Lisa Chin/Gunjan Malhotra (C) def. Dana Anderson/Claire Madill, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; No. 3: Janelle Burdiss/Janelle Karinemi (C) def. Shailee Patel/Stephanie Simowski, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Kait McKinley/Liz McKinley (S) def. Amy Provost/Emily Misko, 7-6(0), 7-6(3).

Salem's dual meet record: 7-2-2. LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 CANTON 0 Sept. 26 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Amanda Moccia (LS) defeated Katie Bedard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Emily Hoernschemeyer, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Amanda Khoury (LS) def. Ashley Madau, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Lindsay Hostetter (LS) def. Ann Katherine Leiting, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Sims-Julie

Francisco (LS) def. Nicole Burdiss-Johanna Alexander, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 2:** Laura Dulude-Danielle Villaire (LS) def. Lisa Chin-Gunjan-Malhotra, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (8-6); **No. 3:** Amelia Lepping-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Janelle Karinemi-Janelle Burdiss, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Paige McNamara-Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Emily

ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Misko-Amy Provost, 6-4, 7-5. Stevenson's dual meet record: 9-2 overall, 9-1 WLAA.

SALEM 7 PLYMOUTH 1 Sept. 26 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) def. Sarah Hillegond, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Mo Bohr (S) def. Kelly Armbruster, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Katie Girskis (S) def. Stephanie Hagen, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Natalie Maurer, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Burton/Shobha Narasimhan (S) def. Chelsea Woodruff/Amanda Hastings, 6-1, 6-1, No. 2: Kittle Hughes/Kinari Patel (P) def. Dana Anderson/Claire Madıll, 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-4; No. 3: Shailee Patel/Stephanie Simowski (S) def. Noha Backa/Emily Sinnott, 6-3, 7-6(5); **No. 4:** Kait McKinley/Liz McKinley det. Kristin Schroeder/Laura Strahm, 6-2, 6-1.

Dual meet records: Salem, 6-2-2 in WLAA.





RACE

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The event, which was held on a closed-off 1/8-mile stretch of Woodward Avenue in Detroit, featured an internationally flavored roster of teams that designed and raced

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their own human-powered dragsters.

Half the battle, according to Duff, was getting accepted to compete in the unique race, which carried the motto, "Creative genius

required...strong calf muscles won't hurt either."

"All of the entrants — from what I understand there were over 100 — had to come up with a unique design theme," Duff explained. "They only accepted 32, so we wanted to come up with something different. We came up with a dragster with a giant hamster wheel in the back, and all of us wore hamster tails and ears during the race." Two of the rodents, er, team

members, powered the vehicle by riding bikes that were mounted at the rear of the dragster. Two others pushed and the fifth steered. 'We didn't do real well in the

race," Duff said, "but we had a great time and we won the People's Choice' award, which went to the zaniest design. There were a couple other unique designs, including one car made of bread dough. It worked well until it hit a wall, then it kind of fell a part."

Duff estimated that he and his colleagues spent over 1,000 hours constructing their drag-

\$1,100 to build.

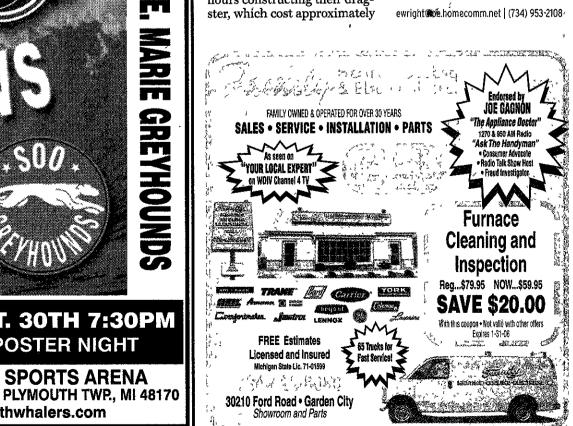
"Radio station 89X paid for all of the building costs, so that helped a lot," he said. "Even though we didn't do well, we all had an absolute blast. They said there were 18,000 people there, but it looked like a lot more than that.

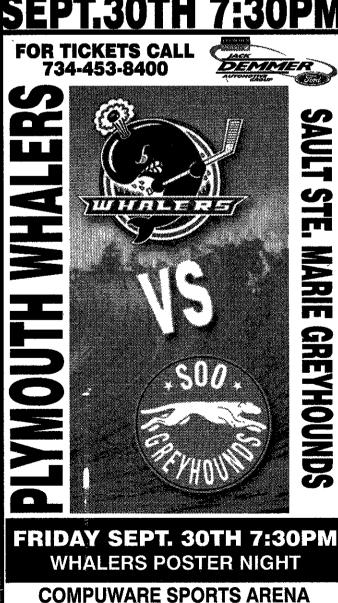
We got it up to 18 miles an , hour, which wasn't as fast as we went in practice. We were slower because the course was bowl-shaped, so you had to go uphill at the end."

Despite the relatively slow speed, the local dragsters rigged their car so that a spring-propelled parachute shot out after it crossed the finish line.

The winning dragster's team of designers pocketed \$7,500, then immediately donated it all to a hurricane relief fund. Duff said.

The event was taped by ESPN for a future show.





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Kurtz is the '1' for Salem cagers

STAFF WRITER

Salem's Lauren Kurtz isn't a point guard, but she played like one Tuesday night against Livonia Churchill.

The junior forward compiled a stat line that would make most '1' guards envious - four points, six assists and eight rebounds to help lead the Rocks to a 47-24 victory over the Chargers.

"Lauren had a real solid game for us tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose team improved to 5-2 overall, 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

The host Chargers dropped to 2-6 (0-2) with the setback.

"We had a couple of decent runs," said Churchill coach Keith McDonald. "Salem shot the ball well from everywhere."

Junior forward Teresa Coppiellie was productive in the paint for the Rocks, racking up 16 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard Keiyanna Arnold buried three triples for nine points, Tayler Langham added six and Becky Ward netted five. Stephanie Bradshaw led the

Chargers with 10 points and

eight rebounds. Salem pulled out leads of 12-6 after one quarter and 26-14 at the half. The Rocks led 34-20 after three before burying Churchill with a 13-4 run in the

fourth quarter. Both teams struggled at the line: Salem canned just 3-of-9 free throws while Churchill was successful on 2-of-6.

"Churchill came out and played hard, but our kids responded," Thomann said. "We had a little bit more size than them an we handled the ball a little better. Churchill had trouble scoring, but they didn't lack



Canton point guard Becci Houdek, pictured above in last week's win over Salem, had a solid game against Walled Lake Central Tuesday night, tallying 11 points, five rebounds, two steals and two blocks.

PLYMOUTH 41, JOHN

GLENN 26: The Wildcats clawed back from a 19-16 halftime deficit to defuse the Rockets. The victory improved Plymouth to 6-2 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA. John Glenn stumbled to 4-4 and 1-1, respec-

"We were down 19-16 at the half, but we came out with an awesome effort from our tandem post players in the second half," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "Colleen Flaherty had a big second half for us, scoring seven points and hitting a big three."

Jeanine Moise led the Wildcats with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Kim Olech also turned in a strong game, tallying

12 points and eight boards.

Plymouth led 12-9 after one quarter before getting outscored 10-4 in the second stanza. The Wildcats took control of the game in the fourth quarter when they outscored the Rockets, 13-2.

Three John Glenn players scored six points: Shanel Payne, Brittany Brown and Brittany Holbrook.

CANTON 50, W.L. CEN-TRAL 42: Senior forward Lisa Ealy led the Chiefs with 13 points, five rebounds, three steals and five assists. The triumph boosted Canton's record to 6-2 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA. Central fell to 3-5 and 0-2, respectively.

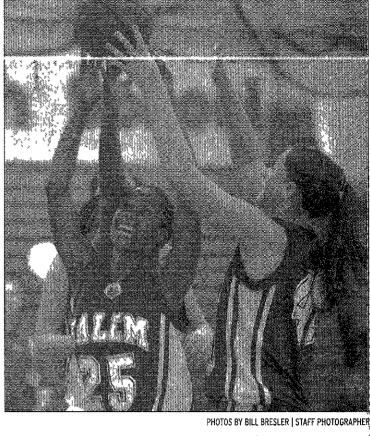
Also making significant con-

tributions for the Chiefs were Becci Houdek (11 points, five rebounds, two steals and two blocks), Leslie Olech (10 points and four rebounds) and Kelsy Zemanski (six points).

The Vikings were paced by returning All-WLAA performer Brittany Burkhardt, who twined

"Burkhardt's a very good player, and she came out and had 13 in the first half," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We did a much better job defending her in the second half as she only had four. Lisa Ealy and Ja'nell Morton did a good job defending her."

Ealy was the hub of the Chiefs' wheel Tuesday night. "They played a zone, so Lisa



Salem's Taylor Langham (left) and Lauren Kurtz both played key roles in the Rocks' 47-24 victory over Livonia Churchill Tuesday night. Langham had six points while Kurtz chipped in with four points, eight rebounds and six assists.

played up top. We fed her the ball, then she did a good job of feeding Olech, Zemanski and Houdek, who all did a good job of knocking down shots. Later in the game, Ealy was able to get her own shots because Central was giving more attention to our other players.

"I thought Lauren Delapaz gave us good minutes tonight off the bench."

Canton led 14-11 after one quarter and 26-21 at the intermission. It extended the lead to 39-31 after three and was never seriously threatened over the final eight minutes.

CANTON AGAPE 48, FRANKLIN RD. 28: The Wolverines exploded to a 25-13 halftime lead and never looked back against host Franklin Rd.

Junior center Brianna Chrenko was nearly unstoppable around the basket for the winners, netting 20 points and 12 rebounds. Other key contributors for the Wolves included Katie Lambert (14 points), Nichole Nicholson (seven points, nine rebounds and seven steals) and Madison

Miller (five points). Senior guard Melissa Hale paced Franklin Rd. with 10

points. Agape, which drained 6-of-13 free throws, led 35-21 after three quarters.

The win improved Agape to 3-4 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Franklin Rd. slipped to 1-2 and 0-2, respectively. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

Plymouth girls 3rd at swimming invite

The Plymouth girls swim team firished third at this pass week end's Wayne Memorial Swim Invitational. The Wildcats earned 263 points, 33 behind champion Westland John Glenn and seven fewer than Livonia Ladywood.

The point total was the highest for the Wildcats since they started competing in the event four years ago. Plymouth notched 41 personal records during the two-day meet, including diver Andrea Fleming's school record of 258.45 points in 11 dives. Elle Palczynski also broke her own 100-yard breaststroke record with

The Wildcats' 200 medley relay foursome of Elaine Lafayette, Elle Palczynski, Sarah Palczynski and Alyssa Liakos broke the school record with a clocking of 2:05.34.

Another notable performance for Plymouth was Lafayette's first-place showing in the 500 freestyle. It was the fourth consecutive year the senior has won the event.

Also scoring for Plymouth were: Lafayette (second in the 200 freestyle in 2:08.95); 200 freestyle relay team of Melissa McKinstry, Emily Clanton, Palczynski, and Laura Maslyk (second place in 1:52.06); Palczynski (third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.36); and the 400 freestyle relay team of Lafayette, Liakos, Stephanie Goulet and Caitlyn Kolesar (third in 4:06.91).

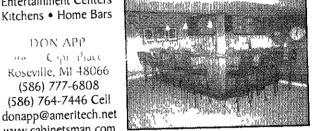
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SWIM STATISTICS

WAYNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL **GIRLS SWIM MEET**

Sept. 23-24 at Wayne
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 300 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 270; 3. Plymouth, 263; 4. Livonia Churchill, 253; 5. Wayne Memorial, 106; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 38; 7. Garden City, 14.

FINAL RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Brittany

Hazlett, Jili Peterson, Ashley Selis, Jamie Schirmer), 2:02.03; 2. Churchill, 2:03.23; 3. Plymouth, 2:05.34; 4. Ladywood, 2:08.92; 5. Wayne, 2:13.71; 6. Garden City, disqualified. 200 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 2:00.96; 2. Elaine Lafayette (P), 2:08.95; 3, Samantha Santeiu (LL), 2:10.92; 4. Amanda Timson (LC), 2:13.77; 5. Stacee Britt (WJG), 2:16.39; 6. Whitney Sonak (WJG), 2:20;87; B final: 7. Liz Jagenow (LC), 2:17.28; 8. (tie) Maricat Eggenberger (P) and Caitiyn Kolesar (P), 2:18.98

each; 10. Olivia LaFortune (WM), 2:22.42; 11.

Molly McKinstry (P), 2:24.91; 12. Emily Leathley

(LC), 2:25.95. 200 individual medley: 1. Mary Shereda (LC), 2:18.34; 2. Sells (WJG), 2:18.83; 3. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:30.5; 4. Megan Hodges (LL), "2:30.65; 5. Sarah Palczynski (P), 2:32.61; 6. Nieri Avenessian (LC), 2:33.03; **B finel**: 7. Chelsea Randles (WM), 2:34.46; 8. Hazlett (WJG), 2:37.65; 9. Stephanie Goulet (P), 2:38.26; 10. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:39.72; 11. Lorie Avenessian (LC), 2:44,22; 12. Alyssa Wagner (LL), 2:46.94.

50 freestyle: 1. Mandy Nameth (LL), 26.96; 2. Jaciyn Burgess (WJG), 27.4; 3. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 28.02; 4. Kelsey Drennen (WM), 28.2; 5. Alyssa Liakos (P), 28.21; 6. McKinstry (P), 29.03; B final: 7. Rachel Elery (LC), 28.37; 8. Lauren Taylor (LL), 28.64: 9. Schirmer (WJG). 28.7; 10. Emily Clanton (P), 28.76; 11. Emily Rozanski (LL), 28.8; 12. Natasha Falkiewicz (WJG), 28.84.

Diving: 1. Andrea Fleming (P), 258.45 points; 2. Mikayla Armbruster (LL), 228.5; 3. Allison Spitzlev (Lt), 183,60: 4. Jackie Misco (LL). 181.20; 5. Tori Beeler (P), 176.90; 6. Heather Ennis (WJG), 171.05; 7. Carolyn Musatils (LC), 100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:02.46; 2. Kelley

Hodges (LL), 1:06.8; 3. Randles (WM), 1:09.83; 4. N. Avenessian (LC), 1:10.3; 5. Emily Hiser (LC), 1:10.46; 6. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:11.8; B final: 7. Jagenow (LC), 1:13.58; 8. Jessica McHugh (WJG), 1:14.67; 9. Chelsea Frid (P), 1:16.51; 10. Ashley Becsziko (P), 1:17.87; 11. Sadie Earnest (WM), 1:18.44; 12. Schirmer (WJG),

100 freestyle: 1. Nameth (LL), 58.88; 2. Jaciyn Burgess (WJG), 59.81; 3. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 59.97; 4. Taylor (LL), 1:02.02; 5. Sonak (WJG), 1:02.47; 6. Rozanski (LL), 1:03.24; B finai: 7. Clanton (P), 1:03.32; 8. Madelynn Bevill (WM), 1:03.82; 9. Erica Tomassi (LC), 1:03.91; 10. Liakos (P), 1:04.16; 11. Leathley (LC), 1:04.83; 12. McKinstry (P), 1:21.67.

500 freestyle: 1. Lafayette (P), 5:46.35; 2. Santeiu (LL), 5:47.44; 3. M. Hodges (LL), 5:48.9; 4. Amanda Foulds (LC), 5:49.29; 5. Timson (LC), 5:56.18; 6. Ennis (WJG), 6:03.16; B final: 7. Eggenberger (P), 6:03.73; 8. Samantha Reid (LC), 6:09.2; 9. Britt (WJG), 6:09.53; 10. Kolesar (P), 6:16.27; 11. Alyssa Bacckus (DHA), 6:21.83; 12. Elizabeth McReynolds (P), 6:23.9. 200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Jaclyn

Burgess, Schirmer, Selfs, Jordan Burgess),

1:49.97; 2. Plymouth, 1:52.06; 3. Ladywood,

1:52.36; 4. Wayne, 1:52.45; 5. Churchill, 1:53.5; 6. Annapolis, 2:07.53. 100 backstroke: 1. Shereda (LC), 1:04.19: 2. K. Hodges (LL), 1:08.28; 3. Sara Blaharski (LC), 1:10.44; 4. Falkiewicz (WJG), 1:12.2; 5. Maslyk (P), 1:14.3: 6. Hazlett (WJG), 1:15.38: B final: 7. Jordan Morris (P), 1:10.5; 8. Danielle McLeary (P), 1:11,63; 9. Hiser (LC), 1:13.12; 10. Goulet (P),

1:14.02; 11. LaFortune (WM), 1:15.49; 12. Bevill 100 breaststroke: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:10.79; 2. Foulds (LC), 1:14.66; 3. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:17.36; 4. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:17.59; 5. Calley Ryckman (LL), 1:21.03; 6. Lynne Darga (LL), 1:22.44; **8 final**: 7. Beah Knisley (P), 1:22.5; 8. Brittney Morgan (LC), 1:22.52; 9. Kim Raley (WJG), 1:22.54; 10. Rebecca Larsen (LC), 1:23.72; 11. Katy Harris (WJG), 1:24.52; 12. Drennen (WM),

400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Jaclyn Burgess, Sonak, Jordan Burgess, Peterson), 3:58.07; 2. Ladywood, 4:00.81; 3. Plymouth, 4:06.91; 4. Churchill, 4:08.93; 5. Wayne, 4:18.54;



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Lions vs. Buccaneers: Sunday's ma

acation for most of us means time away, relaxation and leaving your work issues where they belong, at work. Not so for Lions head coach Steve Mariucci, who probably spent this bye week obsessing about the most important game of his coaching career.

True, Mariucci has been in the postseason and even led the 49ers to the NFC championship game in his first year as an NFL head coach. Why then is a seemingly meaningless Week 4 matchup with the Buccaneers such a crucial test? Because Steve Mariucci is at a crossroads in Detroit.

Another ugly effort to follow up the Bears debacle, and his fate will be sealed with Lions fans and perhaps Lions brass. He'll be seen much like Wayne Fontes was. Good guy. Decent coach. No discipline.

FREE PASS

Since Mariucci took over two seasons ago,



Jamie Sämulesen

he's had a free pass. Whenever the I ions struggled, one of two names was mentioned, Joey Harrington or Matt Millen. It was always one of those two guys' fault. Either Millen had screwed up in putting this team together or Harrington was simply the wrong guy to run the offense. While those two

seen a new culprit begin to emerge. The coming out party was, strangely enough, a preseason game against St. Louis. The Lions were beaten so soundly in every facet of the Rams game that fans started to wonder, "Does this guy know

worries remain frighteningly strong, we've

what he's doing?" The other major event of the preseason that cemented Mariucci as the primary source of the fane' wrath had nothing to do with him. It was the Fords' decision to extend Millen's contract for five more years. Mariucci had to look at that move and say to himself, "The owners think we have the talent here to win."

QUARTERBACK WOES

Whether or not Mariucci agrees with that is a different debate altogether. It's one of the worst-kept secrets in Detroit that the coach isn't exactly enamored with his starting quarterback. But the bottom line was that the Millen watch was extended and the watch on Mooch was ticking. And the fans seem to have tuned into this.

As the 2005 season has begun, the critiques of the Lions center more and more. on the head coach. Why is the offense so







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tchup is key for Mariucci's future

predictable? Why don't they give Kevin Jones more carries? Why don't they blitz a rookie quarterback playing in his second NFL game?

These are all fair questions which put the Lions head man more and more on the defensive. But the question at the heart of it all and the one that is at the crux of this week's game in Tampa is simple. Why did this team quit so easily against the Bears?

We will all be watching closely Sunday to see how the Lions respond. Any good coach who has two weeks and a crushing loss to use as a motivation tool will have his team ready to explode by kickoff.

TEST FOR MOOCH

Would you expect anything less than total motivation by the Patriots or the Eagles two weeks after an embarrassing loss? Wouldn't Bill Parcells have his

team's complete attention following such an effort? That is the test for Mariucci. What does he get out of his team? How do these guys respond?

In some ways, Sunday is more like a preseason game. The final score to me is not nearly as important as the road taken to get there. The Bucs may have more talent than Detroit. They clearly have a better defense and are playing better together right now as a team. So this is not to suggest Sunday is a must-win. Instead, it's more of a must-try. How sad is that?

We're demanding effort from a professional sports team. But after what we saw in Chicago, isn't that a fair request?

If the Lions show us what we need and what we want this week, then the Bears game is put in the past and a very winnable NFC North looms as the major storyline. If the Bears game is repeated,

then 2005 is officially in crisis mode and Mariucci has leapt past Minnesota's Mike Tice and Houston's Dom Capers and into the hottest seat in the NFL.

The Lions may not have the talent to contend in the NFC. We hear all about their potential, but have yet to see it on the field other than in brief flashes.

This Sunday is not about talent, it's about effort. It's about a three-hour display as to whether or not a coach is reaching his players after a mind-numbing loss. If Mariucci still has his team, then he may still have the fans. But if Sunday is Chicago Part 2, then fans will be burning up the phone lines Monday speculating on who will be the third head coach that Matt Millen gets to hire in five years.

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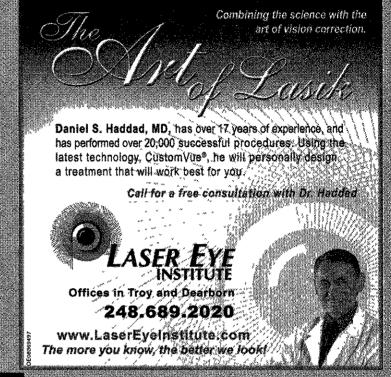
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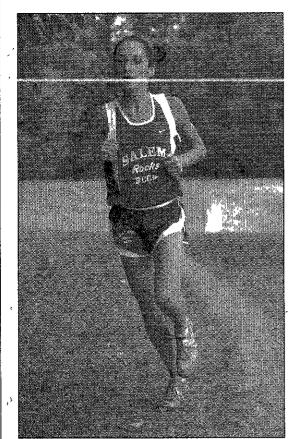
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Salem cross country runner Hannah Cavicchio finished sixth at Saturday's Jackson Invitational at Ella Sharp Park with a time of 19:11.2. Cavicchio's strong showing helped the Rocks to a fifth-place finish (166 points).

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

CATHOLIC CENTRAL INVITATIONAL

Sept. 24 at Royal Oak Kimpali GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1. Livonia Stevenson, 30 points; 2. Rochester Adams, 82; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 150; 4. Milford, 166; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 176; 6. Lake Orion, 185; 7. Utica Eisenhower, 212; 8. West Bloomfield, 215; 9. Farmington Hills Mercy, 224; 10. Dearborn, 227; 11. Plymouth, 288; 12. Farmington, 299; 13. Walled Lake Western, 303; 14. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 330; 15. North Farmington, 333; 16. Walled Lake Central, 437; 17. L'Anse Creuse North, 492; 18.

Individual winner: Kristen Frey (Stevenson), 19 minutes, 07 seconds (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 23. Beth Heldmeyer, 21:12; 42. Pem

Bhullar, 21:52; 59. Molly Slavens, 22:38; 79. Tiffany Burns, 23:41; 85. Marcella Mester, 23:55; 105. Morgan Benson, 25:16;

109. Kaylle McLeay, 25:54.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1. Lake Orion, 81 points;
2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 147; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 168; 4. Plymouth, 169; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 171; 6. Walled Lake Central, 172; 7. L'Anse Creuse North, 182; 8. Rochester Adams, 186; 9. Utica Eisenhower, 252; 10. Walled Lake Northern, 256; 11. Dearborn, 265; 12. Walled Lake Western, 268; 13. Livonia Stevenson, 296; 14. West Bloomfield, 396; 15. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 407; 16. Redford Union, 429; 17. Salem, 444; 18. North Farmington, 485; 19. Milford, 498; 20. Center Line, no team score.

Individual winner: Dave Demres (Adams), 16:34 (5,000 Catholic Central finishers: 11. Jason Morad, 17:15: 19. Zachary

Oleski, 17:43; 33. David Champine, 17:59; 38. Alex Toloff, 18:09; 46. Adam Gasior, 18:23; 49. A.J. Huber, 18:30. Plymouth finishers: 5. Anthony Scaparo, 16:53; 17. Pat Slavens, 17:37; 42. Derek Lax, 18:15; 52. John Magill, 18:34; 53. Cristian Chagas, 18:35; 58. Justin Huey, 18:42.

Salem finishers: 61. Colin McGorey, 18:46; 91. Matt Shirey, 19:49; 92. Trevor Rice, 19:51; 94. Matt Korovesis, 19:56; 106. Drew Furbacher, 20:17; 108. Chris Rowley, 20:29; 128. Tom

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BUYS IEAM STANDINGS (Division J-17 schools): I. PINCKNEY, 69 points; 2. A.A. Pioneer, 76; 3. Warren De La Salle, 107 points: 4. Lakeland, 160; 5. Howell, 162; 6. Portage Northern, 177; 7. Salem, 191.

individual winner: Peter Christmas, 15:58. Salem finishers: 6. Dan Kapadia, 16:20; 17. Jimmy Walsh, 16:53; 55. Kevin DeBear, 17:52; 57. Craig Cowing, 17:54; 59. Andrew Cassidy, 17:57; 68. Cameron Loftus, 18:02; 83. Justin

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I-18 schools): 1. Clarkston, 48 points; 2. Saline, 72; 3. Livonia Churchill, 76; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 137; 5. Salem, 166; 6. Jackson, 180.

Individual winner: Jenny Morgan (Clarkston), 18:21.7. Salem finishers: 6. Hannah Cavicchio, 19:11.2; 16. Marisa Carpinelli, 19:43.6; 39. Allie Vraniak, 20:31.4; 40. Allison Janda, 20:32.0; 65. Kristen Dondzila, 21:27.0; 66. Alli York, 21:27.3; 74. Rachel Gizicki, 21:49.9.

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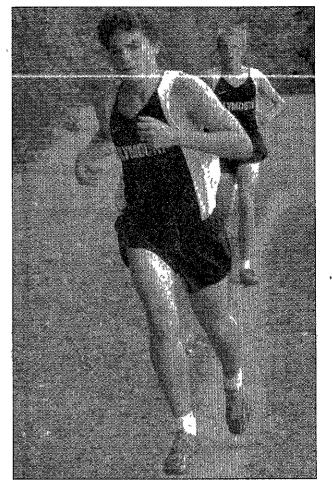
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1. Livonia Churchill, 43 points; 2. Monroe, 95; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 115; 4. Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 119; 5. Saline, 147; 6. Canton, 147; 7. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 185; 8. Belleville, 218; 9. Lincoln Park, 235; 10. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 261; 11. Livonia Franklin, 295; 12. Wayne Memorial, 312; 13. Taylor Kennedy, 335; 14. Southgate Anderson, 346; 15. Romulus, 436.

Individual winner: Cole Sanseverino (Monroe), 16:04 (5,000

Canton finishers: 8. Trey Wolfe, 17:40; 16. Kyle Clinton, 17:57; 38. Duncan Spitz, 18:31; 42. Evan Shepard, 18:33; 43. Derek Hoerman, 18:36; 56. Greg Reed, 19:07; 68. Aaron McClellan,

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1, Amherst Steele (Ohio), 57 points; 2. Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 61; 3. Monroe, 63; 4. Canton, 122; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 124; 6. Saline, 128; 7. Livonia Churchill (B), 230; 8. Salem (B), 257; 9. Livonia Franklin, 260; 10. Southgate Anderson, 280; 11. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 293; 12. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 343; 13. Belleville, 357; 14. Wayne Memorial, 385; 15. Lincoln Park, 385.

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Chiefs thump John Glenn, 7-0 PREP SOCCER

Canton prepped for Wednesday's key Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division showdown with Northville by knocking off Westland John Glenn, 7-0, Monday afternoon at Glenn. The victory boosted the Chiefs" record to 9-1-3 overall and 6-0-1 in the WLAA. The Rockets slipped to 3-5-1.

Canton raced to a 2-0 halftime lead on Jon Somercik's penalty kick with 6:39 left in the half and Keith Campbell's goal a little more than two minutes later. Campbell was assisted by Ryan Dugan and Erik McKee

Paul Newall provided the Chiefs with some insurance early in the second half when he scored a pair of goals three minutes apart to make it 4-0. He was assisted by Garrett Fishaw and Eric Zech.

The Chiefs' final three tallies came from Andy Huang. Justin Biega and Matt Epelman, who also scored on a penalty kick. Huang and Zech added second-half assists.

Junior Parker Laabs played the first half in goal for Canton while sophomore Matt Revers shutout the Rockets over the final 40 minutes.

SALEM 4, W.L. NORTH-ERN 0: On Monday, the Rocks improved to 10-3-2 overall and 5-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division with a decisive victory over the Knights. Brian Field earned the shutout in goal for Salem. Northern dropped to 2-7-2 overall and 1-4-1 in the division.

The Rocks received first-half goals from Jake Bennett, Alex Lumley and Ryan Rowe. They were assisted by Brooks Belhart (two) and Kevin Cope.

Josh Hulet scored the game's only second-half goal. He was assisted by Chris Lidster.

PLYMOUTH 2, LIVONIA FRANKLIN O: Justin Sheridan and Sean Dillon scored goals for the Wildcats, who improved to 9-4-1 overall and

2-0 in the WLAA. "Franklin is a very tough team that plays hard," said Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich. "We had to play smart soccer to beat them, and we did." Nick Siekirk earned the vic-

tory in net for the Wildcats." **ČANTON 4, W.L. NORTH-**ERN 0: The Chiefs raised their WLAA Western Division record to 5-0-1 with the victory Saturday as all four goals came in the second half.

Eric Piwowar, Andy Huang, Keith Campbell and Jon Somercik tallied goals for the winners. Garrett Fishaw, Matt Epelman, Eric Wilt and Ben Krause were credited with

Parker Laabs earned the shutout in net for the Chiefs. SALEM 2, SAGINAW HER-ITAGE 0: Alex Lumley broke a scoreless tie with a goal from 20 yards out early in the second half for the Rocks. He was assisted by Ryan Rowe.

Salem couldn't rest easy until Jake Bennett added an insurance goal after receiving a brilliant assist from Jon Gibson off a re-start.

Gibson headed the ball to Bennett, who drilled the ball into the back of the net.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 5. PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 1: Three different players scored in Oakland Christian's victory Tuesday over Plymouth Christian. Senior Tom Jablonski and junior Justin Sellers posted two goals and an assist each.

Nick Steigerwald had a goal and an assist, while freshman Jacob Stanko and Noah Nelson contributed an assist. Oakland Christian is 10-0-1 on the season, including a 3-0-1 record in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division. Plymouth is 0-5-0 in the division.

Lions split games with Farmington

The Canton Lions juniorvarsity squad dropped its first game of the season Sunday afternoon, 6-0, to the Farmington Rockets. The game was scoreless until mid-way through the fourth quarter when a Farmington defensive player recovered a fumble and raced into the end zone.

The Lions' offense received good efforts from Eric Jipping, Zach Salvaggio, and William Askew. The defense was paced

by Brad Trublowski, Miles Clifton and Jack Slater.

The freshmen Lions got back on the winning track with a 19-6 win over the Rockets. The Lions' defense received strong performances from Weston Price, Kenneth Arnold, Lucas Bunting and Travis McCall. Offensively, Malcolm Hollingsworth scored twice for the Lions and Eric Thomas had a 49-yard scamper to account for the final touchdown.



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Salem sophomore Tyler Jeleniewski fired a 38 in Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association victory over Wayne Memorial.

GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 151 WAYNE MEMORIAL 179 Sept. 26 Fellows Creek (West)

Salem scorers: Joel Cheesman, 35 (medalist); Adam Grody, 37; Tyler Jeleniewski, 38; Jeremy Henderson, 41; Matt Smith, 43; Jeff Sroka, 53.

Wayne scorers: Justin Ables, 42; Adam Beyer, 45; Andrew Ponican, 45; Andrew Zimmerman, 47; Michael Green, 48; Brett Rexin, 54.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-7 WLAA; Wayne, 2-8 overall; 1-8 WLAA.

W.L. NORTHERN 160

CANTON 165

Monday at Hilltop G.C.
Canton scorers: Joey Underwood, 40; Derek Trosper, 40; Michael Haar,
42; Brandon Egglesfield, 43; Ben Underwood, 45; Patrick Gallagher, 46.
W.L. Northern scorers: Matt Smith, 38; Mike Lemanski, 39; John
McMahon, 41; Greg Smith, 42; Derek Trzos, 42; Adam Schmaltz, 45.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 30 Trenton at Belleville, 7 p.m Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4:30 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** 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** Thursday, Sept. 29

Washtenaw 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 Pichardean Conter Park, 4:15 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 1
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Canton at Haslett Invitational, 9 a.m.
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Saturday, Oct. 1
Canton and Salem at Rock Mauer Invitational

GIRLS SWIMMING

at Salem H.S. pool, noon **BOYS GOLF** Thursday, Sept. 29 PCA at Division 4 district tournament, TBD Believille at Division 1 district tournament, 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30 Salem at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. Livonia Stevenson at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Salem at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. **GIRLS TENNIS** Saturday, Oct. 1 WLAA meet, TBA

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MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 29

Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1

Madonna vs. Indiana Tech
at Livonia's Greenmead field, 2:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 2

Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland CC (Ohio)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 1
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.
(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)
Schoolcraft vs. Loyola (II.) (Jub, 11 a.m.
Olivet JV vs. Coll. of Lake Col (III.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 2

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Thursday, Sept. 29
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Crusader Classic at Madohna, TBA.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Sept. 29
Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.
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MU alumni game pits old vs. new

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Despite rainy skies, the Madonna University softball program enjoyed a day in the sun.

It was the annual softball game pitting the current MU squad against an alumni team comprised of players such as Dawn (Shaffer) Leonard. The alums came from behind to win 4-2, although the game was called after five innings.

"I love it Leona out every

"I love it, I come out every year," said Leonard, who played in 1996-97. "It's fun to see everybody that we played with and to see what kind of team they have this year and to get back into the Madonna spirit."

A short while later, one of her former coaches, Al White, lent enthusiastic support as she stepped up to the plate against sophomore pitcher Liz Ballinger. "Shaffer, Shaffer, hit one out!" exclaimed White, pointing toward the fence at Madonná Field.

Ballinger, however, smoked one past Dawn, who shook her head and walked away from the plate with an almost embarrassed grin on her face.

"I'm much slower at the plate these days (laughs), but it's fun to be out here," Leonard said. "That's why we're out here, it's not about how we truly play."

Among other alums to suit up for the game were Jamie Bobrowski (2001-04), Jill (Burt) Joyce (1992-94), Emily Cunningham (2000-04), Kathy Day (2000-05), Vicki Malkowski (1997-2000), Angie VanDoorn (1995-98), Mary Warchuck (2002-05), Krystle Shina (2002-05) and Tanya Liske (1999-2000).

Two other alums watched from the sidelines, already looking forward to the 2006

game

One was Livonia resident Ann Bagazinski, who played in 1996-97 for then-head coach Jerry Abraham and White, who at the time was an assistant.

"I just came out to support it," Bagazinski said. "It's nice to meet up with your peers and see where they are in life and enjoy playing the game of softball."

Next to her was Jamie (Cook) Giordano, a 1999 graduate who played four seasons with the Crusaders. She brought her 19-month-old daughter, Briana, to the game.

"I think it's great," Giordano said. "I just wished more people would come out. A lot of people miss it, playing competitively and seeing their teammates. This is a way of catching up."

The whole day was a memorable one for White, who said the women he has coached over the years are like family to

"It's just to stay in touch with great friends," White said.
"Some of these girls are just like your daughter. And now they are married, they've got kids. That's why a couple of them sitting over there (on the

white also said the alumni game should serve as a reminder to the current players about how college goes by in a flash. In other words, before they know it, they "" be on the alumni team.

"When they come in that first year, I tell them it goes by quick," White noted. "They don't realize it until their last game and they have tears in their eyes and they say 'Coach, this is my last game.'

"That's how quick it goes, this is the best time of their life and they don't even know it."

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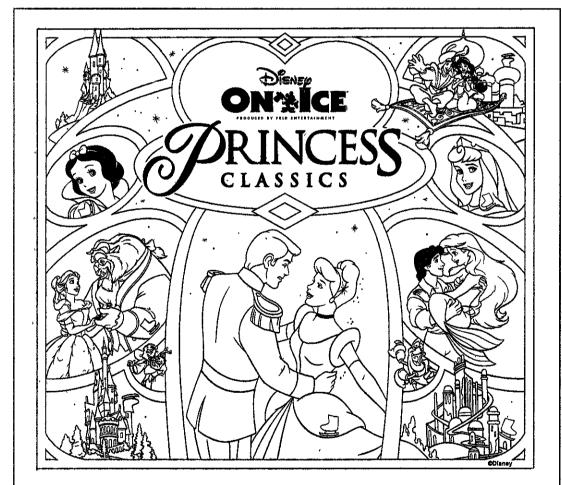


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Relaxed Madonna spikers bump Cornerstone in match

It took until Tuesday's third game before Madonna University's volleyball team relaxed and started clicking like a top-ranked squad.

The Crusaders and visiting Cornerstone University were deadlocked after two games, with MU losing 30-27 to the Golden Eagles in Game 2.

But Madonna took a collective deep breath and starting playing with white-hot intensity, slamming Cornerstone 30-21 and 30-19 in Games 3-4 to take the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

MU (ranked No. 4) improved to 23-0 (3-0 in the WHAC) to tie the 2003 Elite Eight Crusaders for the best start in school history.

"We just weren't relaxed (at the start Tuesday), and we didn't run the kind of offense that we normally run," said Crusaders head coach Jerry Abraham. "They (Golden Eagles) kept coming after us. They attack very well, they block very well and so we lost sync a little bit in that second

"We regrouped before Game 3, we came out with a little more passion and a little more sense of urgency."

One of the players leading the revival was freshman and Livonia Churchill graduate Kelsey Mack. The 6-1 outside hitter totaled 24 kills, second only to the 26 racked up by lefthanded senior outside hitter Natalja Tinina, as MU rang up 96 kills compared to No. 21 Cornerstone's 45.

"I think the key (to the victory) was we had intensity and played confidently," Mack said. We brought it."

According to Abraham, the aggressive Mack is "going to get better with every match, she's still learning the speed of the collegiate game."

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Livonia Ladywood alum and Redford Twp. resident Amy Szymanski helped the cause down the stretch of Game 4, with a three-point service run - including an ace that put MU up 21-12.

"Amy came in, has a real nice float serve and really gave us a lot of momentum in that Game 4," noted Abraham. "It was a point in the match where we needed to take charge, and to get a little distance in our lead and she did that.

She gave us a couple really nice serves and gave us a little lift off the bench."

Other Crusaders to make big contributions included junior middle hitter Caryn Inman (17 kills, four blocks), senior setter Ashley Frost (65 assists, 11 defensive digs, five blocks), senior middle hitter Laura Lesko (14 kills, four blocks), sophomore outside hitter and Churchill alum Jacqui Gatt (14 defensive digs) and junior defensive specialist Becci Crane (21 defensive digs).

Leading Cornerstone were senior setter Holly Punches (37 assists) and senior outside hitter Allison Park (13 kills, 24

defensive digs). In the important third game, Cornerstone took a 7-3 lead

before MU started to come to

Mack and Inman registered two points each with solid hits at the net to make it a 9-9 game and the Crusaders finally took the lead 10-9 on a point

On the clinching point, Frost deftly set up Inman, who tipped the ball into an open area on the Cornerstone side.

A 6-2 run in Game 4 helped the Crusaders break open a close game and take a commanding 15-9 lead. Registering two points each during that stretch with solid net play were Lesko and Mack.

Szymanski's mini-run gave MU even more of a comfort zone (21-12) and Mack provided fitting closure to the win with a powerful spike to cap the scoring.

DAYS AT THE BEACH

Abraham said one reason for the team's start against Cornerstone (17-7, 2-1 in the WHAC) was adjusting from last weekend's Pepsi Bash at the Beach at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. Madonna took five three-game victories over the two-days, culminating with victories Saturday over Embry Riddle and the host squad. it was the fourth tourney title of the season for MU.

Senior setter Ashley Frost was named tournament MVP.

"This past weekend we played one of our best tournaments of the year," the coach said. "We played five matches and played very, very loose and very, very fast. And tonight, I felt we played more tight and not quite as fast as the weekend.

"We rely on playing with a lot of speed in attacking the ball and passing the ball. Although I think we played well tonight, it wasn't our best performance of the year."

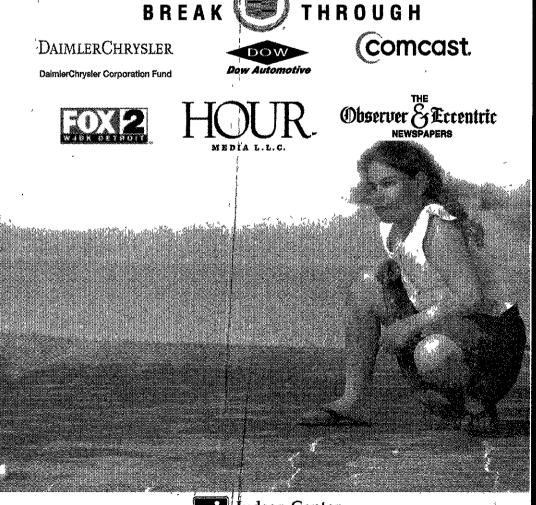
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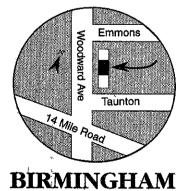
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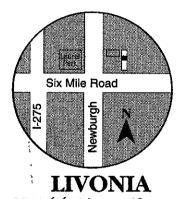
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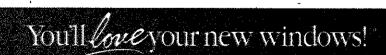




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ally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. 22408635 ARE U OUT THERE Native American female, 50s, animal lover, enjoys reading, swimming, trav-

el, more. Seeking romantic, active, child-friendly man who appreciates the same. 2779060 **VERY CARING**

AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive, active, very independent, loving, down-toearth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, and traveling. Seeking W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate. 2:609537

WORKIN' HARD SWF, 29, 5'4", 150lbs, short brown/ brown, Libra, N/S, single mom, seeks BM, 29-35, smoker, employed, self-sufficient, and independent. 2800860

HELLO OUT THERE Attractive SBF, 36, intelligent, H/W proportionate seeks special man, for possible LTR. You won't be disappointed. 2804983

MAKE IT HAPPEN SBF, 39, Libra, N/S, seeks man, 30-50, N/S, for friendship, possible rom-

LIFE IS BEST SHARED

Compassionate, honest family-oriented SF, 42, dark blonde/blue, full-figured, mother of 2, w/autistic son, enjoys picnics, weekend getaways, simple times. Seeking understanding, child-friendly man who loves life and having fun. \$\alpha\$776587

MOTHER OF TWO SWF, early 40s, easy to get along with, looking for a man, 43-50, N/S, who likes playing cards, bowling, animals, biking, going to movies \$782843

HOPE YOU CALL SWF. 49, marriage-minded, N/S, works in the mortgage business, has 3 dogs, seeks nice SWM, 45-61, N/S, to be a good companion and friend.

WHERE ARE YOU? Looking for a emotionally and financially stable man, who is kind, generous, honest, communicative, for friendship first, possible marriage. Me: SWCF, 5'5", brown/blue, good

person, gentle lady. 2779434 SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's

talk! 27794040 **QUALITY TIME** SWF, 48, 5', 115lbs, petite, dark/dark, N/S, seeks easygoing WPM, 45-50, N/S, who enjoys dining in/out, movies, travel, concerts, plays, and ball

games. 27670169 HAS ZEST FOR LIFE Youthful blonde, 60, 5'2", with family values, shapely, medium build, professional, N/S, light drinker, enjoys travel, theater, dining out and much more. Seeking well-groomed, financially secure gentleman, 55-68, simi-

lar characteristics. 22697194 WITTY IN WAYNE Italian SWF, 41, 5'3", 150lbs, dark/dark, N/S, seeks WM, 45-70, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. 2734502

SINGLE FEMALE IN. search of her first and last. Single, attractive African-American female, 39, in search of a marriage-minded man who is ready to take that next level. Race is definitely unimportant.

☎742971 YOU MIGHT BETHE ONE SBF, 44, N/S, looking for an honest guy SWM, 35-44, N/S, 6'-6'2", HPTW, who likes walks, movies, simple things. 2742085

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE Active, sociable SWF, 44, 5'4", size 10. auburn/green, mother, home/ business owner, enjoys horror, for-eign films, Middle-Eastern cuisine, the beach, reading, dancing, cycling. Seeking romantic, sociable, happy

man open to life/love. 2746704 I WON'T GO BREAKING.. your heart. SWF, 19, 5'7", long blonde hair, N/S, loves baseball. Seeking WM, 19-22, N/S, also into sports, to hang out with. 75757592

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SWF, 50, 5'7", auburn/blue, 195lbs, nurses assistant, likes mystery and action films, dancing, concerts, bowling, romance. Looking for an easygoing, under-standing man to share friendship and possibly more. 785414

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH? Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. 2962703

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend getaways, \$208051

GOOD MAN WANTED

6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. 2692032

MR. RIGHT

Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun, let's share life together. 2443339

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. 22481293

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks

and watch them fly. 2639272 LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. \$\frac{1}{2}759316

A KIND HEART SBF, 56, mother, enjoys dining in/out, swimming, horseback riding, camping, picnics. Seeking sociable, honest, fun, employed man, N/S, to share happiness, friendship and possible LTR. \$780769

TALL BRUNETTE SWF, 51, marriage-minded, N/S, has a great smile, likes romantic comedies, music, plays, outdoors, seeks SWM, 49-60, N/S, for LTR. 2790785

HAPPY & SECURE DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/ brown, N/S, N/D, with positive atti-tude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. 25669606

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. \$\overline{x}589875\$ **GOOD LOOKER**

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTP. \$772601 times and LTR. 2725001

MOTHER OF TWO Separated WF, 34, would like to meet a man, 32-43, to spend time with. Friendship first. \$779775

ZEST FOR LIFE SJF, 60, 5'2", attractive, intelligent, sincere, outgoing, easygoing, downto-earth, romantic, spontaneous, sensitive, with great SOH, loves to laugh/smile, enjoys music, plays, concerts. Seeking compassionate, communicative, caring, quality SWJM, 50-70. 24444319

GORGEOUS SBF, 31, 5'1", petite, athletic build, big brown eyes, N/S, enjoys music, art, and good conversation. Seeking kindhearted, intelligent, down-to-earth WM, 29-39, N/S. \$\frac{1}{2}757791

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty, charming SWF, successful kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. \$592074 WILDFLOWER

N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense

of humor, for friendship, possible romance. 2720594

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Refined, full of life, easygoing, welldressed, professionally employed, affectionate, romantic, kind, early very youthful 60s, 5'3", feminine, shapely, fit, enjoys dining, travel, music, theatre, dancing, family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated, college graduate gentleman, over 50s, N/S, with a youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. 2652360

CUTE AND CLASSY SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. \$\pi 574342\$

MUST LOVE ANIMALS WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, likes travel, fine dining, shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, slow dancing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals. 2501692

GREAT COMPANION SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm wei traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. 2633527

SEMI-RETIRED SBF, 61, 5'8", 165lbs, very care-free, loyal, honest, enjoys reading, flea markets, antiques, long walks and travel. Seeking BM, 58-61, with similar interests. 2649333

WHY NOT CALL? Employed SAF, 49, 5'3", 110lbs, mother, likes outdoor sports, park walks, movies and more. Seeking easygoing, child-friendly fun-loving man to share life and it's simple pleasures. 2690621

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. \$\frac{1}{2}548938

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68. N/S. 25672174

CALL ME Attractive, charming ex-business woman, 60, loves movies, plays, concerts, dining, dancing, traveling, financially comfortable, gourmet. 2743556 KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. 2742466

HAPPY WITH LIFE! SWF, 70, attractive, recently wid-owed, who likes fun enjoys life. Seeking to meet like-minded male 65-75, to share movies, travel, music, laughter and quiet sunsets. Prefer N/S. 2777271

Ready to meet great new people?

SOCIABLE SENIOR Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5' SWPF, 84, Leo, N/S, enjoys dining out, casinos. Seeking a fun-loving elder, a WM, 60+, N/S, who can lead the walker. \$\mathbf{2}755240\$

SLIM AND PETITE Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. \$271793

THICK AND HEALTHY SBF, 30, 55", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. \$\infty\$534802

HOMEBODY
SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. **5**553674

LOOKING!!! SWF, smart, fun, easy to be with, success, attractive, petite, looking for a soulmate; SWM, N/S, 55-67, S.Oakland area. \$\frac{1}{2}738822

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

COULD IT BE YOU? SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, home-

owner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heelstennis shoes 7798519

A GENTLEMAN SWM, 39, N/S, works in the construction business, interested in sports, art, likes to have a lot of laughs, seeks

SWF, 27-37. 2808365 **OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING** Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. \$\infty\$547524

WORTH A SHOT Employed, commitment-minded DWM, 45, 6'4", 260lbs, brown/brown, Scorpio, affectionate, loving enjoys country music, bowling, fishing, travel. Seeking loving, fun, easygoing, honest woman to share the good things in life. ☎695811

MUSCULAR & FRIENDLY SWM, 45, 6'2", 209lbs, N/S, enjoys conversations, college football and new activities. Seeking a down-to-earth SF. Age/area open. 2982364

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. 2266345

COULD WE MEET? and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. \$\frac{\pi}{2}764071\$

VERY FIT WM, 29, 6', 170lbs, light brown/hazel, athletic build, looking for a SF, 18-35, for dating. Race unimportant. \$\infty 769924\$ LOOKING FOR SEXY WOMAN

SBM, 33, 185lbs, 5'10", slim to medium build, no kids, N/S, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited, sponta-neous, open-minded, sexy SBF for fun, friendship. \$\infty\$804331 WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180 lbs, medium build, employed, selfreliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. 27597126 LOOKING FOR A GIRL

SWM, 25, smoker, black/brown, likes hip-hop, R&B, and rock music, wants to meet single woman, 20-32. Possible LTR. 2742655 EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. ☎259844

IS SHETHE ONE Loving, fun, happy European gentle-man, 43, seeks affectionate SF, 25-30, to share talks dates, snuggling, romance and possible LTR. ☎804805 **TAKE A CHANCE**

BM, 39, 6', 189lbs, slim build, likes skat-ing, movies, quiet evenings at home. Looking for an honest, serious person to get to know. 26-42. 75810432 SEEKING MUSIC LOVER

Good-looking SM, 47, 5'8", 146lbs, college graduate, outgoing, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive SF, who enjoys cyder mills, concerts, movies, dining out, art, theater, symphony long walks, and romance. 2331159 LET'S TRY IT OUT

Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humorous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. 2513284

TALL DWM. 47. 6'5", 215lbs, likes music, camping, jazz, cooking, sports, brown/ brown, seeking a woman with SOH, compassion, honesty. 2765375

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 2269646

TAKE A CHANCE I'm 50 years old. DWM, 5'7", 170lbs, N/S, Sagitarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner. Seeking pretty female, 45-51, N/S, for LTR. **25**812505

JOIN ME SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer, likes the outdoors, square dancing, camping, nature walks. Seeking easygoing, active, spontaneous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, proportionate, N/S, to enjoy travel, talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? 25634440

PATIENTLY WAITING SBM, 37, 185lbs, 5'8", no kids, never married. Seeking caring, attractive SF, no kids, never married, for great relationship #710917 **GIVE ME A CALL**

SWM, 40, good-humored, N/S, 6', 200lbs, handyman type, outgoing, good cook, enjoys festivals, concerts, dining, music, rollerblading, park walks. Seeking compatible woman, 25-35, HPTW, to share the good times. LTR. 2736923

IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL DM, 43, 5'9", N/S, single father, factory worker, enjoys country music. Seeking woman, 26-35, N/S, for friendship, possible romance, ideally leading to marriage. \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$796232

LONELY TOO LONG HM, 46, Taurus, seeks H/WF, 40-55, marriage-minded a+, interested in dating and friendship, leading to something greater \$\frac{1}{2}798766

COFFEE PALS SWM, 50, 5'11", H/W proportionate, former teacher, no care giver, seeks casual friendship, possible LTR with non-materialistic, affectionate SWF.

☎802698 LOOKING 4 A GOOD WOMAN SBM, 25, 5'11", 215lbs, muscular build, dark complexion, shaved-head/ goatee, fun and down-to-earth, enjoys the outdoors, dining, movies, dancing. ISO easygoing, affectionate woman to share life and love. 2807622

SWM DESIRES SBF Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180 lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. 2777324

LET'S TALK SM, 56, hard-working, 5'5", 150lbs, looking to meet a nice woman who likes going out and just having simple fun anything from sports to theater. Friendship first, maybe more. \$\infty\$797443 WHY NOT CALL???

Your sweetheart is waiting! Good-looking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has a plan if he's your man, so why not call??? 2358502 I REALLY BELIEVE.. Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to,

active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. 2686509 ROMANCE AND YOU... over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY SWPM, 49, tall, dark/dark, NDrugs, N/S, seeks attractive, sensitive, kind-hearted, good-natured SF, 42-52, N/S, N/Drugs, who enjoys home-cooked meals, nights on the town or home, for dating, possible LTR. 2765893

you really happy. 2799032

NEED 2 BE TREATED LIKE. lady? I'm your man. DWM, 49, 6', 190lbs, easygoing, fun-loving, seeks romance with 30-50-year-old woman. Don't miss your opportunity to be treated the way you deserve. \$781311

CUTE & CUDDLY Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else, would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. 27478746

HAPPY DAD Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cookng and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. 7715711 **MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC** SWM, 46 6'2" 209lbs, brown/blue,

outdoors workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely,

independent and know what you want in life. 25692418 MAN WITH PIZZAZ. Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural

events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. 2517123 NICE GUY SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and

summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. 2708126 **NEW DREAM TEAM?** Spend some time with this bright. enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. \$\oldsymbol{2}550046

ATHLETIC & OUTGOING SWM, 41, 5'9", N/S, steak lover, into weight training and body building, loves comedy and mystery movies. Seeking woman, 25-50, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 2719915

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. 2642092 I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M..

looking for. SWM, 62, smoker, seeks a respectful and respectable WF, 58-62, close to 300lbs, who loves Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit. 5734503 **GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL**

Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. **2**210772 ARE YOU OUTDOORSY?

SM, 35, 6', 180lbs, athletic build, enjoys biking, rollerblading and more outdoor activities. Looking for a female, 30-40, H/W proportionate, for dating. 7750433

WEST SIDE GUY Easygoing SWPM, 46, brown/ brown, tall, slim, enjoys arts, museums, outdoors, more. Seeking slim WF, 35-47, for summertime fun and LTR. 27749445

ROMANTIC BIKER SWM, 40, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/hazel, N/S, loves the beach, shooting guns, and dining out. Seeking woman, 18-45, for friendship, possibly leading to more. 2758605

HI'YA DOIN'?! Very nice SWM, 41, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/brown. Loves friends, family, fun, music, life. Seeking SF, 25-45, similar interests, for some fun, maybe more. I'll keep you amused. **☎**595394

AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure

SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who

enjoys being romantic, dining out,

movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR. 2862812

WORTH A CALL BM, 42, 5'1", likes playing sports, danc-ing, computer games karaoke and having fun. Looking for a fun-loving

woman who is adventurous. 2745377 SOUND LIKE YOU? SM, 19, physical therapist assistant, seeks goal-oriented, easygoing SBF 18-30, genuine, fun, cute and sexy, to

share good times, talks and more. NO COUCH POTATOES Male, 23, 6'3", 195lbs, dark/green, very active, Taurus, N/S, enjoys working out. Seeking woman, 18-38, who enjoys keeping active. #799935

THE BASICS
SAM, 26, 5'10", N/S, average build,
Sagittarius, marriage-minded, works
in home improvement, Seeking slim, beautiful AF, 18-25, family-oriented. **22800046**

PRINCESS WANTED SM, 65, good-looking slim, intelligent, considerate, seeks the company of a woman 35-52, for dating, boating, travel friendship and more. 2802203

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SM, 31, father, nice eyes, enjoys home-cooked meals, family time, out-door activities. Seeking fun woman with a zest for life, for friendship, possibly more. 2803623

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. 2760359

JUST PLAIN TALK A strong shoulder to lean on Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend.

I'LL HELP YOU... finding true love. Cynical, yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, for caring relationship. \$\pi568641\$ JUST SAY WHEN...

Willing to go anywhere in the tri-county area. SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, dancing and romancing. Seeks sincere lady companion. 2604683 STARTING ANEW WITH.. just me and you! Sociable, gentle-manly SWM, 40, likes to go to inter-

esting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. \$260062 **FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA** Handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/daughter age

11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! \$\overline{\pi}\$711245 I PREFER KINDHEARTED... with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks good friend and true partner. Looks and age not that important. I just want

someone real! \$783752 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age and height open , who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading to LTR. #837750

degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys Realistic, respectful SWM, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry Seeks a special SWF sweetheart. 2878507 **BORED AND RESTLESS** This blind date can be very interest-

JUMP START YOUR LOVE

ing. Call me. A good guy! SWM, 40s, seeks SWF. 2891601 THE QUIET STORM SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, works out on a regular basis, seeks single woman, 22-35, N/S. 2740487

MAKE IT HAPPEN SBM, 26, Aries, N/S, seeks woman, 20-45, for friendship, possible romance. 7793113 LIFE'S A CABARET

Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. 2480718 LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, happy, good sense of humor, with similar interests, for possible LTR. \$\pi\chan{2}{17}\$619803

ANTIQUES LOVER BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63. 2 628249

ONE-WOMAN MAN

SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/ brown, employed, homeowner, no children, looking for attractive woman, 35-50, to build life-long relationship. ☎663251 STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into

loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art.

wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. 2548455 MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open-minded, fairly articulate, some-what intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. 2114862

youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. 2730508 **GREET AND MEET**

PICK A WINNER

SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking

SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, lighthearted SWF, age open. 2241526 ALL ABOUT ME

SWM, 70, 5'8", 145lbs, employed N/S, social drinker, seeks SW/AF, 61 68, N/S. I like to work outside, trave inside the country. 7739963 SEEKING NORMAL WOMAN Charming, blue-eyed gentleman, 54, slim build, likes music, antiques, good

conversation and laughter, seeks woman, 45-54, who is still chasing her dreams, for LTR. 2620599 JUST WANT TO BE HAPPY How about you? BM, 51, 5'8", 190lbs, looking for BF, 42-53, for dating, pos-

sibly more. 2674290

WANT TO BE MY SWEETHEART? SWM, 49, fit, healthy, nice-looking, with good attitude, seeks charming, cheerful SWF, 39-59, for dating and relating. 2956021

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs- No Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

Lady Ocelot spikers sweep OCC

CORRESPONDENT

The Schoolcraft Lady Ocelots volleyball team recorded its 12th victory of the season Tuesday night as it cruised past visiting Oakland Community College 30-21, 30-20, and 30-

The victory pushes the Ocelots' record to 5-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's (MCCAA) Eastern Conference, and 12-4-0 overall.

The story of the night was how Schoolcraft's power hitters dominated the middle of the court. Freshman Amy Golem and sophomore Teneika Fellows were too much for the Lady Raiders to handle. The two of them combined for 36 kills to lead Schoolcraft.

Teneika and Amy are our two best hitters, and they can hit from any position on the floor," said Lady Ocelots head coach Tom Teeters.

Golem is a 5-foot-10 outside hitter and a volleyball coach's prototype player.

"Amy is just a great allaround athlete, and she really uses her wide wingspan to her advantage when she's on the floor," said Teeters.

Golem is currently leading in just about every statistical category on her team thus far.

"We always have so much fun together as a team that it really helps us on the court to just relax and play better," said Golem.

Fellows on the other hand



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Schoolcraft College's Liz Primeau (left) keeps the ball alive against Oakland Community College's Danielle Sergison during Tuesday nights Ocelot sweep.

may only be 5-5, but she makes up for that with her impressive vertical jump and powerful

"Teneika has really emerged as one of leaders this season, and she's worked extremely hard at being a more versatile player and I think it's starting to pay off," added the Schoolcraft head coach.

Teeters also talked about

how his team had to serve the ball better if they were going to be successful.

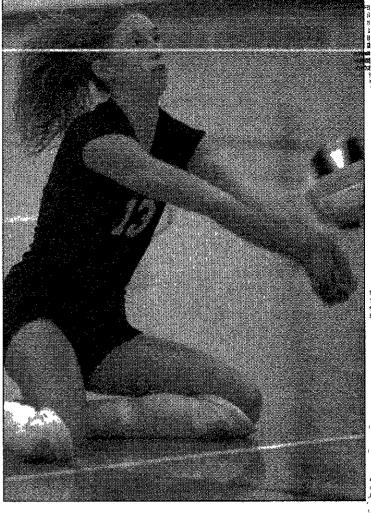
"I really think our serve game took a big step forward tonight," said the 25 year veteran coach. His players responded by recording 14 aces against the Lady Raiders.

OCC first-year head coach John Groves said he knew what to expect heading into

Tuesday's game.

"I coached a lot of those girls on the Schoolcraft team in AAU volleyball before, but they executed well, and Schoolcraft is a very good team," Groves said.

The loss drops the Lady Raiders league record to 2-3, and 3-8 overall. Valerie Neff led the Lady Raiders with eight kills, and Jessica



Schoolcraft College's Amy Golem hits the floor to complete a bump during Tuesday night's three-set victory over Oakland Community College.

Jacobson added three kills and 13 assists.

Finally, Teeters and his staff hope that his inexperienced roster will continue to get better as the season approaches the halfway point.

"We're real young right now, we're not a tall team, and we

don't have any returning starters," said Teeters.

His roster is made up of 11 freshmen and just two sopho-

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION CITY OF PLYMOUTH ELECTORS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

Please take notice that a General City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005, IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 4:30 IN THE EVENING ON OCTOBER 11, 2005. ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your County or City Clerk's Office. Persons planning to register with the respective County or City Clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the Clerk's Office is open for registration.

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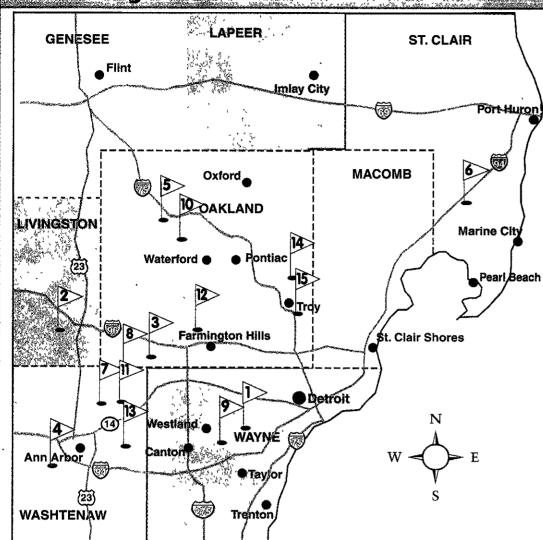
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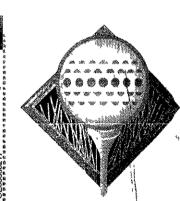
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Love, second marriage often mean home decision time

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

When Denise Mogos of Plymouth Township and Bill Semion of Canton get married next spring, they'll move into

'We know we're going to go to my house," said Mogos, 50, public relations officer for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. We didn't want to disrupt my son's school and his friends."

Her son Greg, 13, is an eighth-grader at Central Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton district. Their new home will also be convenient for her commute, as well as his to Detroit for work as a communications specialist for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

"We are giving up his inground pool. That was the sacrifice," said Mogos, whose home at some 1,700 feet is comparable to her 58-year-old fiance's four-bedroom home. She has more closet space.

when they married and ended up with seven sons between them. "We're not combining kids, which makes a difference," Mogos said. She and Bill may move at some point within the school district, although if they wait five years until Greg graduates they'll have more flexibility.

"Our neighborhood, it's an ideal location for kids to grow up in," she said.

Realtor Sharon Brockman of Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke in Birmingham has had such clients occasionally. "Each case is different," she said. "You just try to counsel them. It's usually better to sell them both and start out fresh."

There can be something special about one home, Brockman said, or a move may not be practical due to children or elderly parents the couple cares for: "That's a different situation. You want to keep the kids as stable as possible."

the wedding to sell their homes. "It just depends on the personalities involved," she said. Brockman, who's had friends go through the experience, finds that for many it's enjoyable to go house shopping.

Some couples who marry later in life will wait until after

once shared with a former spouse.

"It depends on where they are economically and where they are in their life," said Miller, whose agency currently operates in Plymouth and will open at a new site on Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road next March. Economics, ownership interest, tax ramifications and which property has the best chance of selling are all considerations.

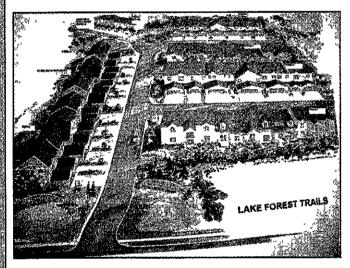
Miller's father-in-law is getting remarried and both he and his fiancee own homes. "They are making the decision where they're going to call home." They decided to keep both, renting one and living in the other.

"Economically it made sense for them." Most couples can't afford to keep both homes, Miller said, and with a combined income can often buy a nicer home that will suit them through retirement.

"There's not a one style fits all approach" to combining famferent situations, and works to help them make sound deci-

ilies, he said. In some cases, one spouse is still working while "They're finding something that works for both of them," the other is retired. He sees clients in all age brackets and dif-A friend of hers and her new husband sold their homes she said. "It's just easier, I think, from what I've seen." Jason Miller, broker/owner of RE/MAX Home Sale Services of Plymouth, also sees people who are remarrying or "Financially, it may not be in their best interest" to sell, recently divorced. Some don't want to live in the home they Miller added.

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paid expenses and reserve items that normally include prorated property taxes and prepaid interest on the new loan. They are expenses that the borrowers would incur one way or the other, but since the lender might not be collecting a first payment for perhaps 60 days after closing, they collect those funds up

Finally, there's the down payment. Granted, there are some great "zero down" deals out there, but categorically, borrowers get the best deals if they have at least a little of their own money into the transaction.

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Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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■ 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 -"Contact/Time Management" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 4 — Super Leasing Extravaganza seminar at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, or 6-9 p.m. Nov. 10 and 17 and Dec. 1 and 8 -Builder's License Preparation Course at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$200. (248) 862-1033. noon to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9

"Building the Dry Basement" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. Bring your own bag lunch.

■ 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — "Land Acquisition and Development in a Changing Market," at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10 - Seminar on "Essential Closing Strategies" at Charter One Bank, 1250 W. 14 Mile, Troy. Registration fees are \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and \$180 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 — General Membership meeting and discussion at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests.

noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 Roundtable discussion featuring 2005 Remodeler of the Year and industry veteran, Robert Johnson of Johnson Building Company, BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is free to Remodelors Council Members and \$15 for guests. (248) 862-1008.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 - "Filling the Sales Pipeline" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan and \$40 for guests. (248) 362-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 — "Insurance Reconstruction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelors Council Members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov. 22 -"Budget Management and Cost Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033. Randazzo named real estate analyst

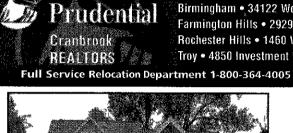
Sarah Randazzo has been named a real estate analyst in the acquisition and development department at Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., a commercial, residential and industrial property management and development company in Birmingham.

Randazzo had been a real estate analyst with Stout Risius Ross in Farmington Hills, A resident of Rochester Hills, she earned a master's in business administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Oakland University. Randazzo is a licensed real estate agent and licensed limited real estate appraiser in Michigan, and a member of the Financial Management Association.

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GARDEN CITY BRICK RANCH, 2 car gar w/3rd door all on a dbl fenced lot. 3 BRs, bathroom updated, kit w/cak cabs & wood firs, whole house has hardwd under carpet. Windows replaced, furnace & pool 4 yrs old (BAR26) \$159,500



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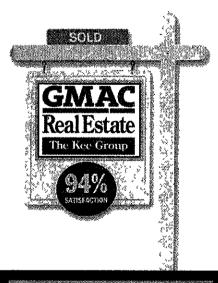


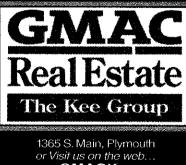
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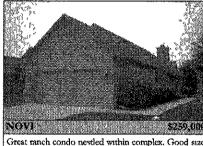
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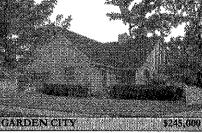
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country French 4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 lay colonial. Outstanding renovated kitchen leading to deck and screened gazebo. Finished basement. So much more!



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48481 Bridge	\$46,000	497
42488 Castle	\$225,000	1359
7464 Charrington	\$338,000	1007
4041 Cornerstone	\$46,000	2641
41950 Coventry	\$240,000	9120
44285 Fair Oaks	\$205,000	1769
43741 Gatehouse	\$115,000	1864
44387 Hanford	\$120,000	1550
50103 Harding	\$199,000	1003
7928 Kaiser	\$180,000	1436
42471 Lilley Pointe	\$126,000	1825
1681 Longfellow	\$206,000	
6682 Marshall	\$280,000	1913 204
1995 Morrison	\$222,000	1553
270 N Village	\$40,000	9013
48636 Oak Bridge	\$52,000	
1623 Orchard	\$118,000	1216 204
2070 Preserve	\$237,000	
2086 Preserve	\$232,000	1314
251 S Village	\$40,000	9217
41414 Simcoe	\$198,000	308
43606 Stuart	\$190,000	3812
8212 Trafford	\$316,000	7370
6147 Willow Creek	\$233,000	7370
2343 Woodmont	\$218,000	
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43716 Yorktown	\$203,000	156 t 7298
Garden City		
28983 Birchlawn	\$95,000	1830
33148 Pierce	\$163,000	340
1412 Raiph	\$137,000	3550
6605 Sunset	\$138,000	1923
6909 Whitby	\$122,000	305
Livonia		2974
20533 Chestnut	\$140,000	855
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Bells, whistles win out over locale in Chi-town

I am aware of at least a dozen condo buildings being marketed or planned for Chicago's Streetville neighborhood. Are all these condos, in your opinion, going to affect the downtown market, especially at the high end?

Based upon my recent visit to Chicago and attendant investigation, there are many upper bracket houses, condos and co-ops from Lincoln Park to the South Loop, including the Gold Coast. It would appear from my investigation that amenities, including those found in new construction, are winning out over location. Thus, it appears that the wealthy buyer of condo downtown property wants everything there without renovation. Apparently the same is the case with respect to



the single family market, particularly in the Lincoln Park area. It would appear that the resale market is reasonably saturated. There is a market for new and planned condos with all the "bells and whistles." You're best advised to consult with a Realtor familiar with the area before making any business and/or real estate decisions. I have heard recently about a lawsuit brought against a Co-op concerning failure to provide

reasonable accommodations. Do you have any information regarding

that? I believe you are referring to a recent case in the Eastern District of Michigan where the plaintiff received the judgment in excess of \$300,000 against a Cooperative and its agents because the co-op had allegedly failed to make reasonable accommodations for the member's disability; by refusing to allow her to purchase and keep a dog to help her cope with her disability, and, therefore, enjoy an equal housing opportunity. The co-op, which had a "no pet" policy, argued the animal was a "pet" and the co-op had no legal duty to make a reasonable accommodation.

However, the jury disagreed,

which also confirmed a similar result in another contest made against the Cooperative for refusing to make a reasonable accommodation for another disabled person who needed a dog as a service providing animal. The lesson here, of course, is to be very careful when restricting dogs in **Community Associations** where there is some alleged reasonable basis on the part of the pet owner to maintain the dog.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation*: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner associates.com.

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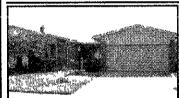


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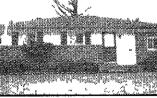




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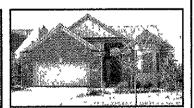
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Study: Competition considerable for real estate brokerages

Despite substantial growth of the real estate business in recent years, competition for customers among real estate brokerages in local markets across the nation is fierce, according to a study of 12 residential real estate markets by researchers at Pennsylvania State University.

Although patterns of competitive activity vary from market to market, competition is strikingly high in all of the

markets included in the survey. In most markets, the market share held by top firms is shrinking. In seven of the 12 markets, and four of the six largest, franchised firms have a larger percentage share of the market than do the other locally owned firms.

All markets are growing, but growth is greater and competition is more intense in larger markets. No single firm dominates any of the 12 markets;

there are changes in relative market share of the top firms in each of the 12 markets. market entry of new firms, and market exit of existing firms.

"What we find is that selling real estate is intensely competitive," said Steve Sawyer, a professor at Penn State's School of Information Sciences & Technology. "Consumers have more information, they demand more services, and they have more agents and

business models to choose from than ever before. Agents are responding by providing an ever-widening range of servic-

The study suggests that increased consumer access to online real estate information is redefining how consumers engage real estate services and may be contributing to growth of real estate markets and a high level of competition. Potential sellers are more

knowledgeable about property values, alternatives, and service options. Access to multiple listing service data may be creating consumers who demand more of their real estate practitioners and other value-adding service providers.

The study found evidence that national online access to local MLS data may be a critical factor in the surge in property values by acting as a "market-maker" - allowing sellers and buyers in each local real estate market to better access locally relevant information.

"We note that even with the substantial growth in real estate based on the number of units sold and dollar volume, agents still report that competition is even more intense," Sawyer said. "This is surprising because we expected that such growth would lead to a less, not more, competitive environment. The increased competition seems to be due, in part, to consumers' increasing access to information (probably including via the Internet)."

NAR Chief Economist David Lereah says the study reveals big news for consumers. "Home sellers and buyers are in the driver's seat today when

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it comes to finding real estate services on attractive terms," he said. "This is a great time to look for a Realtor who will deliver the best service and the best price."

The Penn State researchers found no numerical evidence of discount brokerage or forsale-by-owner sales increasing, even in the fastest growing of the 12 local markets studied. Discount brokerages involved in these areas account for less than 1 percent of the total market share.

Markets included in the study were St. Louis; Tampa, Fla.; Columbus, Ohio; Madison, Wis.; Lima, Ohio; Baltimore, Md.; Culpepper, Va.; Cumberland, Md.; Charlotte, N.C.; Easton, Md.; Hagerstown, Md.; and Wilmington, N.C.

The study is believed to be the largest of its kind using data from local multiple listing services as well as information from interviews and other secondary sources. The study was funded by a grant from the National Center for Real Estate Research of the National Association of Realtors.

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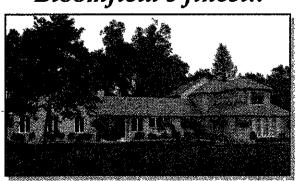
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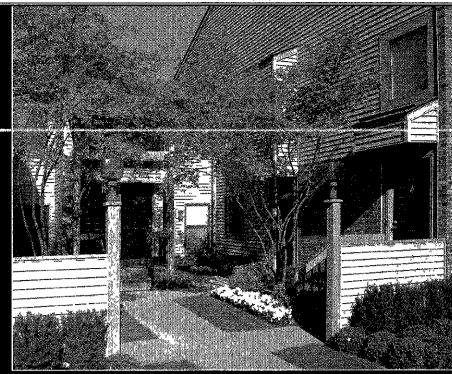


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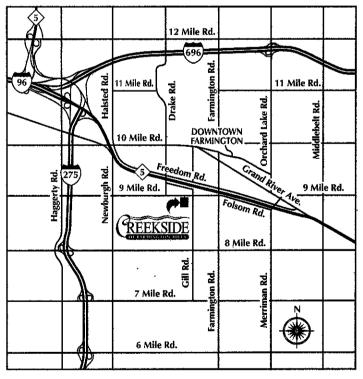
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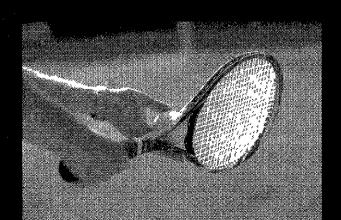
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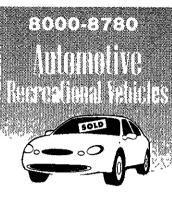
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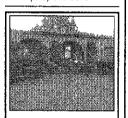
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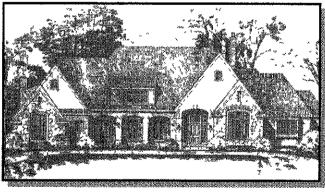
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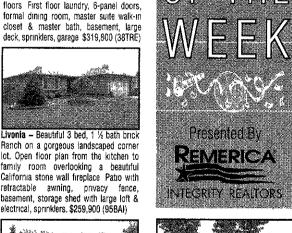
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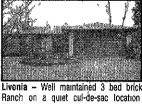
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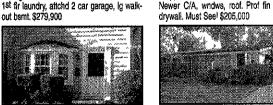
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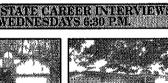
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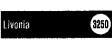
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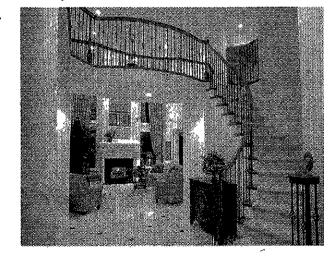
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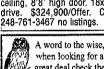
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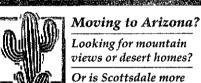
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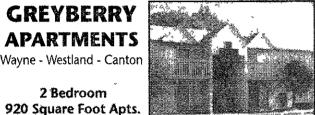
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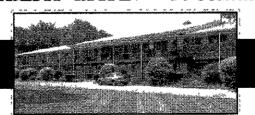
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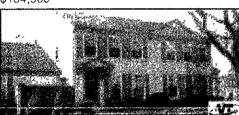
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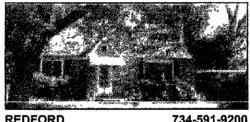
SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430 SPECIAL HM-PRETTY AS A PICTURE Remodeled col, stone frplc in DR, charming kit, lovely LR, oak firs, crown molding, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, covered front porch, side porch, stone patio, 349-6200 (25064225) \$219,900



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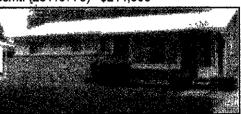
SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430 ADULT CO-OP WALKOUT W/POND VIEW Bring an offer! 1 bdrm, 2 bath, bdrm in bsmt could be finished. All appl stay. Part fin bsmt. Vaulted ceiling. Priced to sell. 349-6200 (25081762) \$80,000



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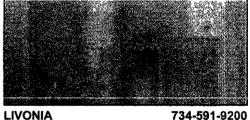
Well maintained 5 BR, 3 full bath, home in Westland Mother in-law apartment upstairs w/2 BR & 1 BA. Lrg home offers newer roof, newer wndws, hdwd firs, Irg eat-in kit, Part fin bsmt. (25119773) \$214,900



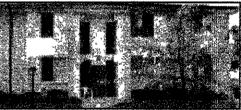
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000 CLEAN AS A WHISTLE! 3BR, 1.5 BA. Updates: oak kit cabs. roof, furnace, vinyl windows, C/A. Built-in pool. 2-car gar. Unfinished bsmt. Great Ply Twp location. Walk to Farrand Elementary. (23R41206) \$194,900



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CANTON 734-591-9200 LIVONIA

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access.349-6200 (25129270) \$339,900

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25077374 \$236,900

CANTON 734-591-9200 LIVONIA 734-591-9200 PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000 Contemorary home features 2 story GR 1st flr mstr Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 3 bedroom brick ranch, backs to Hines Park. BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED AND UPDATED ste, 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath, stunning landscaping and 2,448 sq ft, 2 car att garage & basement detatched Screened in porch, fenced yard, C/A, full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction. Att 2 car gar & full bsmt, 2 Spacious 3 BR home in affordable Twin Arbors with deck. 2004 construction.

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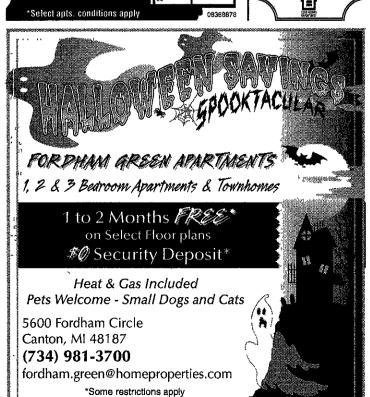
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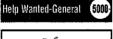
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WORKWISE Relocating, then starting a new job always brings a range of challenges, not Mildred L. the least of Culp which is the question of permanence.

How heightened is this situation for hurricane evacuees and their bosses?

Uncertainty reigns at Sappington International Farmers Market, the St. Louis leader in wholesale and retail groceries, with 80 employees, and food and produce from 16 countries. Its president, Tessa Greenspan, is one of 900 business owners with sales exceeding \$2 million in the Women Presidents' Organization, which was developing initiatives to hire evacuees.

Greenspan didn't need encouragement. "The produce manager came to me and said, We have someone from Katrina," she explains. "Can we make a place?"

"Of course," she replied. She also mentions that everyone there felt that "if he'd needed anything -- clothes, money, they would have given it to him.'

Clay Kuykendall, with five other people, had staved on in the apartment-like second floor of the Bourbon Street souvenir gift shop he'd been managing at the request of his boss, who wanted him to assess the hurricane damage. Wind damaged it and his own apartment, also on Bourbon Street. The day after, he evacuated with a friend who'd also stayed back for his boss, then spent two nights at the Baton Rouge home

of a relative of his manager. He then flew to St. Louis (one-way) on the first day out. "I wanted to get my mind together and be with family," he states. He is a receiver in the Produce Department at Sappington's, thanks to the produce manager, a friend of his father.

"It's like one big family," Kuykendall comments. "It's not like I'm an outsider. They made me feel right at home. I'm looking at this as a very strong possible career move. There's the opportunity to advance."

Greenspan is adamant about embracing the risk of short duration. "Then so be it," she remarks. "It's a good possibility. No one can know. Your life is in flux. They can't even know themselves. They don't know what's in their future. He's a hard worker. He's going to make the best of the situation and we will, too."

Carl Contadini tells another story. He is president of Waterbury Companies in Waterbury, Conn., a manufacturer since 1812 of specialty chemicals for the professional pest and janitorial businesses. It distributes to 70 countries. He relates the story of an employee from his plant in Independence, La., about 45 miles north of New Orleans. She, her husband and daughter evacuated to grandparents in Miami. The week before, her husband had lost his job.

"In my career," Contadini observes, "I've learned that the best medicine for anyone is to get back into a work environment as quickly as possible."

The company set up a home office for the employee in Miami, where she telecommutes, supervising others in Independence. There is no limit to this

arrangement. "We want to make sure she's engaged," Contadina mentions. "Staying there will get more difficult over time. She'll eventually have to make trips back and forth. She doesn't want to leave her daughter, who became very unstable during evacuation and is using EAP resources. That's the dilemma we have. We have a very good employee. We'll continue until she has a change of mind about returning." He adds, "We'll do whatever we

have to do.'

Dayatra Rogers, however, is on a three-month assignment. While housed in the Austin, Tex., Convention Center, she received an introduction to Robert Kepple through Martha Jedinak, employment coordinator at the city's Goodwill Industries of Central Texas. The company was scheduled to co-sponsor a job fair with WorkSource, a publicly-funded employment agency. Kepple is executive director of Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA), an almost 500-member trade association for prosecutors statewide. He needed a receptionist -- "right now," he told Jedinak -but couldn't attend the fair.

Rogers had been the office manager at Orthodontic Centers of America in Metairie, La. "I handled all vendors, purchasing and accounting, the phone system and insurance for our 265 offices," she says. Kepple knew that putting her on the phones was a recipe for boredom, but she concedes, sincerely, "I just thank God that I was able to get a job.'

People made her "feel so at home," she remarks. The 14 employees described their jobs to her. She refers to one as "the angel I work closest with." Another located

Clay Kuykendall

daycare for Rogers' four-year-old so that Rogers could work while her husband job hunted. "They've been wonderful here," Rogers states. "TDCAA as a whole is a great company to have an opportunity to work for. I thank God for each of them and what they have done for me."

What will the future bring? Kepple isn't certain, but he'd like Rogers to become permanent. "She is that eager and skilled," he mentions. "She will be going to our database training soon . . . (We are assessing) where we can best use her talents. Everyone's been bugging me about making sure that we hire her." Ultimately, a board decides.

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Oct 1, 7am-noon. Books, clothes, much more misc. **BEVERLY HILLS** Sat & Sun., 8am-5pm. 21930 E. Valley Woods Dr., btwn 13

& 14 Mile, E off Lahser BIRMINGHAM Fri. & Sat. 9/30-10/1, 9-4. 2658 Heathfield off Middlebury near Lincoln, W of Seaholm High school Beds, Bedding furniture, loft, lamps, dishes, crystal, luggage, books, toys, exercise bike, antiques.

BIRMINGHAM Henrietta, Sept 30 & Oct 1, 9-5pm. No early birds 5pm. No early birds. Household, personal, holiday, antique items. Women's clothing, art, treadmill.

BIRMINGHAM

4 Family - Home, garden kids. S/W radio, HP printer kids. S/W radio, HP printer, dolls, fitness bench, furniture, decorative objects & more 739 Westchester Way, S. of Maple, E. of Cranbrook, N. of Lincoln. Thurs-Fri, Oct 29-30 9-5pm & Sat, Oct 1, 9-1pm.

BIRMINGHAM Fri. 8:30-2:308 Sat , 9:00-3:00 pm. 1155 Henrietta, 1 blk. W. of Pierce, 3 houses S of Lincoln Bikes household items and more

BIRMINGHAM- Sat., Oct. 1st 9-3pm 1592 Washington, N/E of 14 Mile & Southfield. Furniture, bikes & racks, girls clothes & shoes, books, toys & household goods.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fri & Sat , 9-4pm. 5275 Brookdale

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 9am-5pm NO EARLY BIRDS! Antiques old cottage wicker, shabby chic, misc. (If rain, next week) 5192 Iron Gate, 4 blocks N of Big Beaver off Kensington.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Huge sale! Loveseat, double bed. tables, antiques, golf clubs, jewelry, & more! Thurs.-Fri., 8-5p. 830 Thorntree Ct. BLOOMFIELD HILLS TWP

Stillmeadow Garage Sale, Thurs-Fri-Sat. Sept. 29-30, Oct 1, 9-4pm N off Long Lake, W/ Lahser, follow signs. **BLOOMFIELD HILLS:** LARGE HOUSEHOLD SALE! Fri. & Sat., only! 922 N

Reading Rd , S of Square, of

of Squirrel.

CANTON 45415 Glengarry Blvd., Sat Oct 1, 9-3 All pro-ceeds to go the Make A Wish Foundation of Mi. Fairway Pines at Pheasant Run Sub, off Canton Ctr & Cherry HIII Rds. CANTON Huge sale with furni-

ture, antiques, & sports cards. 42621 Somerset, Thurs.-Sun. CANTON- Multi family. Sat & Sun 10-6pm, 47036 Michigan Ave. Near Beck. Kid's books, furniture, toys, clothes, household, antiques, etc.

CANTON: JUST MARRIED! HOMES BECOMING ONE! Furniture, dishes, yard items, etc. Sat., noon; & Sun., 8am, 44580 Dionne.

CLARKSTON Yard sale. Sat Oct. 1 only 10am-5pm, 9548 Dolores Off of Susan Lane. at Homegoods, baby & toddler clothing & toys, baby equipment and woodworking machinery.

CLARKSTON LONGABERGER TENT SALE. Sat , 10-2pm. Retired baskets & Pottery. 5830 Chicadee Lane, btwn. Sashabaw & Dixie off Maybee.

CLAWSON Garage/Estate sale.

Furniture & household items, some antiques. Sat. & Sun.

only, 9-5pm. 603 Redruth, Main St. & 14 Mile CLAWSON 613 Shenandoah, N 14 Mile/E Crooks. Sat-Sun., 9-

4pm, Maple Bunk Beds. Camping/Hunting Supplies Partylite Candles, Tools.

CLAWSON Estate Sale, Oct. 1 & 2, 10-4, 262 Highland, N of 14, W of Main. Jewelry, old records, household items, something for everyone!

CLAWSON: Huge Charity Garage Sale. Sat. Oct. 1 only. 9-? Antiques & misc. 518 S Chocolay - S. 14, E Crooks, follow yellow signs.

Commerce Twp Thur & Fri 9/29 & 30, 9am-5pm, & Sat 10/1, 9am-1pm. 1542 Roc Dr (off of Welch, S. of Pontiac Lots of kids stuff some misc items & clothes

DEARBORN HTS. - Sept 30 & Oct 1, 8am-4pm. Shop-a-holid cleans house! Huge Garage Sale. New & slightly used household goods, small appli inces, computers, make-up jewelry, exercise equipment, books & much, MUCH MORE! 26304 Doxtator, 1 blk S. of Ford Road, across from the leights Shopping Center.

FARMINGTON 21438 Chestnut, E. of Farmington N of 8 Mile, Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun., 9 till dusk. Fabrics, trims, furniture, clothes, misc

FARMINGTON HILLS Fri. & Sat , 8-4, 30215 Stockton, S of 10 Mile, W of Middlebelt Baby equip, vending machines, household. 248-471-6879.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Moving after 27 yrs. Children's books, toys, clothes, costumes. Baby tems, furniture, art, exercise equip, tools & lumber. 34222 Glouster Circle, N. of 13, W. of Farmington Rd. SEPT 30 & OCT 1 9-4 nm

FARMINGTON HILLS -Huge! Furniture, lighting, household, home decor, electronics, home decor, electronics, sports cards, kids items, women clothing, tools. 9/30-10/1 9-5pm. 26261 Holly Hill Dr N. off 11, W. of Orchard Lk. **FARMINGTON HILLS** Corner of Quaker Town & Old Homestead Many items, incl.

some restaurant equip. Oct. FARMINGTON HILLS , 22490 Karen Ct., 1 blk E of Middle-belt, off 9. Sat., 9am-6pm. Early Childhood, teacher, & daycare materials, books & blg books, aquariums, & misc. FARMINGTON- Large antique furniture, priced to sell. Variety of baskets, household items & much more! Moving. Fri.-Sun. 9-4pm. 23274 Violet, 3 blks N. of Grand River, 1 blk

E. of Orchard Lk. FRANKLIN 13 Mile, btwn Telegraph & Franklin on Oakleaf. Thurs.-Sat , 8am. Antiques, oriental rugs, Antiques, oriental rugs designer clothes, & more!!!

GARDEN CITY - Garage Sale, Fri, Sept 30 & Sat, Oct 1, 9-5pm Furniture, clothes, silver-ware, candles, baskets, stuffed animals, carving tools record albums, much more! Free piano. 32545 Kathryn. enter Leona off Venoy.

GARDEN CITY 30084 Bock, Sept. 29-30-Oct. 1, 9-5pm. Household, furniture and 76 Trumph motorcycie, etc.

GARDEN CITY-Oct. 1 & 2, 9am-5pm. Tools, mens clothing, misc. household, toys. 30022 Rossiya.

LAKE ORION 2 Family Moving Sale. 2 sets of washer dryer, Honda lawn mower, tools, twin bed, lawn furniture, pontoon boat, paddle boat, row boat, misc items. 9am-3pm, Sept 29-Oct 1, 100 Shorewood Court, Indianwood to Central to end of Shorewood Court, E. of Joslyn.

LAKE ORION: Subdivision Sale, Furniture & appliances Sept. 29th, 30th & Oct. 1st. 9-4pm. Long Lake Woods Sub. M24 & Indian Lake Rd. LATHRUP VILLAGE Multi-Family Garage Sale -Redwood Ave, S. of 12 Mile, W off Southfield Rd. Thur.,

9/29 - Sun , 10/2 LIVONIA Yard Sale. 10041 Garvett, Plymouth @ Harrison, S. to El Mira. Oct. 1-2, 9-5pm. Books, tapes, collectibles, & misc. Priced to sell! LIVONIA

Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1, 9-5pm, 39119 Grennada. S/of 5 mile

& Eckles Household and sea-

7140 Garage Sales

LIVONIA MULTI FAMILY Yard Sale Home furnishings, arts & crafts no reasonable offers Kindergarten Teachers refused! 9601 Arcola. Oct 1st & 2nd, 9am-5pm

> Artist's paint & canvasses, girls clothes, toys, baby items, antique coffee table. 15023 Norman, Thurs-Sat., 9-5pm. LIVONIA DON'T MISS THIS MULTI-FAMILY SALE! Fri.-Sun., 10-6pm. 9364 Butwell St, W of Newburgh, S. of Ann Arbor Rd Antiques, Collectibles Avon, Barbie, Possible Dreams. Electronics, Wittens doller tower Lingel.

LIVONIA 4 FAMILY SALE

vintage dolls, toys: Lionel, Playskool, Fisher Price. Women's clothing, furniture, home & seasonal decore misc & much, much more! LIVONIA Sept. 29 - Oct. 4, 9-5, multi-family. 15760 Green Lane. 5 and Inkster. New & used misc. housewares. Wedding decorations, adult interature and more

LIVONIA Yard Sale Sept 30 & Oct 1 - 10000 Levan Road, south 0 F Plymouth Road LIVONIA Thurs -Sun., 9-5pm.

34723 Fairfax Dr., W. of Gill. btwn 7 & 8 Mile Rd. Baby items, toys, furniture, house wares, and much more!!! LIVONIA Fri & Sat., 10-4pm. 37538 Kingsburn Dr., S. of 7 Mile, W. of Newburgh. Couch & Chair, kitchen set, TV stand,

some crafts & more LIVONIA MOVING SALE Antiques, toys, baby items, lots of stuff, Fri. & Sat. only, 9-4pm. 19453 Southampton,

E. of Gill, N. of 7 Mile. NORTHVILLE Huge 3 family sale, 9-29-10-1, 8am-4pm 43501 Cottisford, Just N of 9 mi. off Novi Rd. Tons of quality kids clothes, toys & gear Sport equip., books, movies music, homegoods, luggage & furniture.

NORTHVILLE: HUGE 3 FAMI LY SALE! Years of accumula tion! Jazzi (motorized power chair), some antiques, tools brand name junior girls/ womens clothing, new cross stitch kits, housewares, wash er, dryer, sports equip., computers, old 45s, toys, games, misc. galore! Don't miss this one! Fri , Sat., 44277 Deep Hollow Circle in the Ravines of Northville.

NOVI UPSCALE SALE Antiques: 150 year walnut din-ing table/leaves, porcelain table/chairs, birds eye maple dressing table/chair, 1850's chest, Drexel dining room table, small furniture, kitchen items, floor lamps, linens, chenille spreads, Red Riding Hood cookie jar, Hull, Roseville, Stangl, art, & much more! Collectibles, useful everyday items, men's tools - no junk Thurs, 12-6pm, Fri., 9-5; Sat, 9-noon N off 9 Mile, W. of Nov Rd, Plalsance, then right on Midway, 44489 Midway Dr.

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> PING PONG TABLE Wood patio urniture w/cushions, Victorian dresser Brass, Queen head-734-420-2471

PLEASANT RIDGE Antiques,

Furniture, Refrigerator, Toy Train, Lawn Mower and much more Sat., 9-4pm. 18 Oakland Park. No early sales! PLYMOUTH lots of antiques Fri., Sept 30, 9am-4pm, Sat., Oct 1, 9am-2pm, 190 Hamilton, Holiday decorations, purses, pet cages & carriers, bird houses & feeders, dropleaf table, movie screen, bread

box, electric typewriter,

books, 2 bikes, Chiminea, out-door Bistro set, much more! NO EARLY BIRDS! PLYMOUTH Yard sale, Sat. Oct 1, 9am-5pm., 425 W Ann Arbor Trail. Furniture, glass-

stools. Christmas tree stand.

ware, clothing, Conga, Djemba drum and misc. items. PLYMOUTH Sept. 29-30, 9-5pm. 9002 Morrison, btwn. ily & Main St. Patio furni-

home accessories.

household misc. PLYMOUTH Fri. & Sat , 9-5pm, 47815 Powell, off Beck btwn. Ann Arborn Rd. & N Territorial. Antiques, col-lectibles, home decor, furniture, linens, clothing, men s tools, table saw, snow blower. Numerous book & videos baby items, toys, garden, hol-

ture.

sale. Don't Miss! REDFORD 2 to 3 FAMILIES Household items, books, CDs, lots of stuff! etc, etc, Sept. 30 & Oct 1, 10am-5pm, 17221 Brady

REDFORD Sept 30-Oct. 1, 9-6pm. 9063 Seminole, 1 bik. E. of Inkster, N of Joy Rd Christmas decor, household items, clothes, & toys. REDFORD

Antiques, collectibles, old toys, glass, books, furniture, doors, household, etc. 19400 Woodworth, btwn inkster & Beech, 2 blocks N of 7 Mile. Thurs., Fri , Sat., 10am-4pm,. Multi-Family REDFORD

Mediti-Family
Garage Sale. Frt, 9/30 thru
Sun., 10/2. 10-4pm 26136
Jennifer, N of Joy & W of
Beech Daly. Furniture, toys,
stereo equipment, office
equipment and morel REDFORD 13022 Soulx, E. of Inkster, S. of Jeffreys 9/29-30,10/1, also 10/6-7-8. Tools, fishing equip., sewing machine, clothes, bikes, toys.

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Thurs & Frs. 14910 Seneca, 5 Mile & Inskter. REDFORD TWP- Massive Sale! 9255 Louis, E of Beech Daly, S. of W. Chicago Sept. 15-17 & 22-24th, Sept. 29-Oct. 1; 10-4pm. 50 yrs. accumulation!

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REDFORD- Huge Estate /Garage Sale. Fri. 2-7, Sat 8-6, Sun 12-6 26018 Dover, off Beech Daly, just N of Joy Furniture, clothes, col restaurant equip lectibles.

REDFORD: Thurs. Frl. Sat., 9-5, 15949 Denby btwn Beech & Inskter, S of Puritan Lots of old stuff, cups & saucers, porcelain & glass items, boxes of car magazines, lots of useable things! ROCHESTER Sept. 30-Oct. 2 3.30-7pm. 215 Oak St., W. o

new couch, furniture, books tapes, household items, etc. SAMAGE ROCHESTER HILLS Huge 4 Family Sale 104 Stonetree Circle

Main, btwn 2nd & 3rd Brand

Antiques, old lace, jewelry, dolls, bears, furniture, designer clothing - all sizes, DVD's, household items, etc. W. of Adams, N. of Walton. Thurs.-Frr, 9-5pm & Sat, 10-2pm. **ROCHESTER HILLS Furniture** mirrors, books & home decor. Sept 30 & Oct. 1, 9-4pm 675 McGill, E. of Cambridge, off Adams, N. of Avon Rd.

ROYAL OAK Great Garage Sale Fri-Sat 9-4, 300 N. Kenwood (off 11 Mile btwn/175 & Campbell) 3 Families, unique items, great deals.

ROYAL OAK 2 antique oak much more. Quality dressers, maple & brass beds, cocktail table, dishes, pots, pans, baking, serving, table cloths, leather jackets, microwave, quilting frames & books, lots more. 1216 N Blair, Oct. 1 & 2, 9-4pm.

> ROYAL OAK 3316 Hunter, blk S. of Normandy, 1 blk. E. of Woodward. Sat. & Sun , 10-5pm. Furniture, videos Disney Beanles, & more!! SOUTHFIELD - Fri.-Sat., Oct 1

2. 10am-4pm. New items daily Multiple family sale. Furniture, women's plus size, men's & children's clothing. Bedding & household items. Lawn tractor & more! 21773 Berg Road, S. of 9 Mile, E. of Telegraph. **SOUTHFIELD** Semi-Block Sale Sat. Only, Oct. 1st, 9-4pm. Jeanette St., N. of 10 Mile, btwn. 10 & 696, off Southfield

Rd. Designer furniture,

Thayer Coggin curved sofas, designer clothing, lots of misc.

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STERLING HEIGHTS Sat., Oc

1, 9am-4pm, 38131 Chatham Ct., Ryan btwn 16 & 17, Gloucester/ Coronation/ Chatham. Pine desk, TV, large entertainment center, novelties, computer parts, more. TROY - Moving - Lots to Sell! Furniture, fitness & sports equipment, bumper pool, antique oak desk, chair, file cabinet. Tobaggon, more! Oct 1-2, 9-4pm. 1296 Boyd.

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Calvert. Quality furniture, antiques, household items and more TROY Sat , Oct. 1, 9am-2pm 4085 Walnut Hill, Adams & 17 Mile Christmas collectibles &

WALLED LAKE HUGE YARD SALE, Sep 30-Oct 2, 9-5, 119 Welfare, 2 blocks N of 14 Mile, off East Walled Lake Dr. Home furnishings, furniture clothes, toys, tools,& more

more!

WATERFORD Moving Sale. Sat. Only. 9-5pm. Everything must go! 2554 Silverside, 1 mile N. of Telegraph & Dixie Hwy WATERFORD Sept. 30-Oct. 1

9am-? Shop on the beach Sub Sale. Top quality items Porcelain statues, purses beautiful jewelry, much more On Cass Elizabeth Lk. Rd. otwn. Cass Lk Rd. and Coole Lk Rd. watch for balloons on road Don't Miss!

WAYNE 5 Family garage sale. 5019 Newberry St., Fri.-Sept. 30, Sat. Oct. 1, 9-4pm All kinds of jewelry and house-hold furniture & Suzuki 80-ATV and much much more. WEST BLOOMFIELD Thurs. Sat., 9/29-10/1. Huge sale! Furniture, appliances, clothing, automobile, accessories, & much more Stonebridge

side of Maple btwr

WEST BLOOMFIELD 4578 Pine Village Dr., S off Lone Pine, E of Orchard Lake Dishes, cook & bakeware clothing, furnishings, electronics. Fri.-Sun , Sept. 30-Oct. 2 WEST BLOOMFIELD Thurs.

Drake & Farmington Rds.

Sat., 9am-4pm, 2925 Moon Lake Dr. Antiques, silver, china, doll collection, misc. WEST BLOOMFIELD Garage Sale - Kids' Stuff, Saturday Oct 1, 9-3 - 5524 North

Piccadilly Circle, Near Walnut

West Bicomfleid Household items, incl. dishes, shoes, & clothes. Hours: Sat.-Sun, 10-5pm. 6416 Aspen Ridge Blvd. Orchard Lake & 15 Mile.

Lake and Drake

WESTLAND Huge 4 Family Sale! Fri.-Sun., 9:30-6pm. 5727 Dowling, btwn. Ford Rd. & Newburgh. Anything & everything you can think of! WESTLAND Moving & Sub-Wide Sale - 225 Farmington S of Cherry Hill. Multi-Family Lots of household and craft Items. Good Stuff! Thurs.

WESTLAND One day only! Everything

Sat., 9-5pm.

must go! 8055 Danna. 9-4nm YPSILANTI Sat., Oct. 1, 8am-5pm, 3265 GOTFREDSON, Household items, garage items, tools, microwave, freezer, misc. items

BLOOMFIELD - Furniture, dishes, rugs, tools, clothing, sports display cases, workout equipment Sat, Oct 1st & Oct 8th, 9-4pm 6790

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE 876 W. Glengarry Circle, antiques, household and furniture. Oct. 7 & 8, 9-4pm

DETROIT 1879 3 Story Victorian House & Moving sale Sept. 30 thru Oct 9, 10-6pm Antiques, Art, Victorian furniture. Herman Miller, Knoll, Mission Arts 8 Crafts, Oak, Chrome and Modern furniture. Lamps Depression Glass, Pottery Victrolla, housewares and so much more. Everything goes including the Beautiful Victorian Home. A must for Collecters of all Time Periods. Collectors of all Time Periods

River. FARMINGTON HILLS- 22820 Lisa Ct. N. side of 9 btwn Halstead & Drake in Greenhills Woods. Furniture, garden tools & outdoor furniture. Sat & Sun. 9-5pm

FARMINGTON HILLS- MOV items, small appliances. FARMINGTON HILLS

Thurs-Fri -Sat, 9-5pm 23766 Newell Circle. Old Farm Colony toys, bikes, few tools, etc. GARDEN CITY 1 day only. Sat Oct. 1, 9-3pm. Stackable apartment washer/dryer. & other misc 30037 Bock, S of Ford Rd., W of Middlebelt.

LAKE ORION 2 Family Moving Sale, 2 sets of washer dryer, Honda lawn mower, tools, twin bed, lawn furniture, pontoon boat, paddle boat, row boat, misc it 9am-3pm, Sept 29-Oct 1, 100 Shorewood Court, Indianwood to Central to end of Shorewood Court, E. of Joslyn.

LIVONIA - 9/29-10/1, 9am-4pm. Washed oak curio cabi-net, square & 3 end tables patio set, pictures, misc furni-ture, toys, Christmas items, Bunton 60° zero-turn lawnmower, tool chest with tools 15853 Auburndale, 1 bik W. of Merriman, 1 blk N. of 5 Mile

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purses Craft tems, Christmas, hand painted juvenile furniture, complete garage, ordinary household. Everything must gol No early sales. Fri.-Sat., 10-5pm 16103 Kirkshire, Beverly Hills (1 blk S. of 14 Mile, W. off Greenfield).

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Oct 1-2, 9-5pm. Maple Run Estates, S. of Maple, E. of Haggerty, 6893 Arlington Dr.

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The 2005 Toyota RAV4

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BY DALE BUSS

Toyota Motor Co. excited lots of automotive journalists and some European consumers with the debut of its newest version of the RAV4 compact sport-utility vehicle at the Frankfurt Auto Show recently. At the rough European equivalent of our North American International Auto Show that's held each January here in Detroit, Toyota showed off a new 2006 RAV4 that featured dramatic new exterior lines – including a downswept rear end – a roomier interior, more amenities and, the automaker said, improved performance.

Among the other reported improvements in the 2006 RAV4 is the model's first six-cylinder engine. In the United States, we won't get to see the new RAV4, reportedly, until an auto show in Las Vegas in November. But in the meantime, the 2005 model RAV4 is plenty capable of satisfying most consumers' needs for a sprite, compact sport-utility vehicle with sufficient performance, amenities and cargo room. And the fact that it's being phased out in favor of the 2006 model soon means that - even though it's a Toyota - you might be able to get a good deal on one.

Toyota introduced the RAV4 in 1996, showing America the wonders of a car-based SUV. They could get the benefits of SUV cargo room and ride height along with the road manners and fuel economy of a family car. An entire wave of competing vehicles followed, such as Honda's CR-V, and soon Toyota's luxury-car division was bringing out an upscale companion of the RAV4 called RX 330.

Having defined the category, within five years, Toyota was introducing the second generation of RAV4, which stayed true to the original concept but which brought more refinement and power, as the compact-SUV segment became populated with competing models. After a significant freshening inside and out for 2004, Toyota's 2005 model RAV4 came out nearly unchanged. Minor tweaks came only in



The 2005 RAV4 gets 27 mpg on the highway and 22 mpg in the city.

the Sport package, including a new metal-mesh grille, silver sport pedals and available fog lamps.

The RAV4 is a sharp design, very angular and rugged-looking, but still in the mode of Toyota's rather utilitarian approach to looks. Its L version t has body-colored mirrors, door handles, bumpers and side moldings that replaced unpainted black and gray plastic. The L version that I drove also has a full body-colored hard-shell spare tire cover to replace the combination soft/hard cover on base models.

Performance-wise, it's understandable why Toyota wanted to make a more powerful engine available in the 2006 RAV4: While it's understandable that RAV4 began with a four-cylinder engine and still relies on that as its primary powerplant, the vehicles feels a bit underpowered. The 2.4-liter engine in the 2005 RAV4 generates just 161 horsepower. And while that may be more adequate in propelling a two-wheel-drive version, the 4x4 version that I drove weights 200 to 300 pounds more, and that is enough to make the vehicle's relative lack of punch noticeable.

However, you won't be disappointed with the 2005 RAV4 when you pull up to the increasingly pricey gas pump: Mileage is 27 mpg on the highway and even 22 in the city.

And when it comes to handling, RAV4 proved

extremely nimble and easy to command, like pretty much all Toyota and Lexis vehicles. It has a low center of gravity, carlike construction, and firm damping - which suppresses roll and allows for fairly aggressive cornering. It feels sporty and agile. Over rough payment, however, you might want to be in another vehicle: RAV4 can get a little choppy.

RAV4 is more than five inches shorter than the Honda CR-V, and it is about four inches less in height than a Ford Escape. Those dimensions presented Toyota with some interior design challenges, but the company addressed them well in the 2005 RAV4. It boasts more front head- and legroom than Escape, CRV, the Hyundai Santa Fe or the Kia Sportage. However, rear legroom is significantly reduced when the front seats are pushed all the way back.

In the cargo hold, despite its pinched proportion, RAV4 comes through with up to 29.2 cubic feet of gear with the rear seats in and 68.3 cubic feet with them removed, pretty even with the capacity of Ford

Amenities include six-speaker CD stereo, power windows, cruise control and air conditioning in the base version. For a list price of about \$20,700 - and probably soft as the 2005 version nears the end of its retailing life - the 2005 version of the RAV4 could be tempting to many buyers. OE08373448

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