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Chief judge snubs incumbent in court race

STAFF WRITER

It's been a long-standing tradition that 35th District Court judges don't endorse candidates - either incumbents or challengers - campaigning for six-year terms on the bench.

However, Chief Judge John MacDonald has broken that heritage - and created a firestorm - by announcing he's endorsing Westland attorney Jim Plakas over incumbent Ron Lowe for the judgeship to be decided by voters in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities

MacDonald, who admitted to hav-



Plakas ing discord with Lowe the past 12

"Over the years there have been a number of issues - at the court, among lawyers and employees - and many times I've tried to work them

years, said his decision to speak out

was made after some long thought.

out," MacDonald said. "There have been incidents of employees screaming and hollering at (Lowe), and there's always a negative attitude on his part, questioning what we're doing without any real solutions. I don't see any improvement.

"I feel an obligation to the communities to set the tone for the future," he said. "It wasn't an easy decision to make, but a good one for the future of the court."

Lowe, who confirmed he and MacDonald have co-existed for years with differences, said he wasn't surprised the chief judge is opposing him. However, Lowe was caught somewhat off-guard that MacDonald

"opened a Pandora's box" by publicly endorsing Plakas.

"Ushering in an era where judges start endorsing candidates isn't good for the court," Lowe said. "Putting attorneys in a situation where they may find themselves endorsing a candidate to satisfy one judge or the

"We've had what I would call honest differences, and I thought we were both mature enough to overcome them," he said. "We shouldn't be washing our laundry in the public

other can't be good for the court.

MacDonald noted some of the five communities served by 35th District Court look for revenues from fines to help ease budget constraints, and said Lowe's solution is to boost fines.

"He keeps saying we should just keep raising our fines, but we're in the top quarter of courts around here," MacDonald said. "We're not in the business of bailing the communities out. Plus, it's not fair to the people who come in front of us."

Lowe said he's suggested raising fines, but only to cover the costs of issuing the ticket, which many times

according to Lowe - isn't the case. "I'm not saying we should generate money for the communities," Lowe

said. "It's a situation where the

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It ain't heavy, it's my backpack

Experts warn students about carrying too much weight

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Salem High School junior Sandy Nahra takes inventory of the contents in her backpack, it's amazing the petite high school junior can even carry 15 pounds or more on her back as she walks around the high school park, as well as back and forth to school.

"I have a chemistry book which is this thick," said Nahra 16, holding her index finger and thumb about three inches apart. "I have a Spanish textbook, a world history textbook, a math textbook. I can fit all my books in there, but I normally don't because I always have to carry the binders with

"When I have a lot of textbooks in it, yeah, it's really, really heavy," added Nahra, a 4.0 student who lives in Plymouth Township. "And when I'm walking home, it can get really heavy as I carry my books, plus have my backpack

According to the American Physical Therapy Association,

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Experts say school backpacks, like the one carried by Salem High School junior Sandy Nahra, should weigh no more than 15 percent of the student's body weight.

Major shopping center slated for Michigan and Beck

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It's one of the biggest develop-

ments in development that Canton has seen in years, and Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the impact will be felt throughout the township.

"One of the most exciting trends in Canton is the development of Michigan Avenue," he said at last week's township Board of Trustees meeting, when the board granted special land use approval for a 357,000square-foot shopping center on Michigan Avenue and Beck.

Not only will developments

like this one bring more services to Canton residents, particularly those in the southern part of the township, but it will impact Ford Road positively, Yack said.

"Having services down there will divert traffic from Ford," Yack said. "It will have a positive impact, long-term, on Ford Road."

One resident, Greg Molchen, said he isn't convinced it will be positive for the township, and is concerned that the development will be particularly bad for him.

Molchen lives on Pond Run, directly north of the development, and said such a large development is too close for comfort to his home.

However, the board was not tasked with voting on site plan specifics last week. Instead, they were asked to approve or deny special land use. The Planning Commission had unanimously voted to recommend approval, largely because it's compatible with surrounding properties.

This property was zoned for light industrial use," said Canton attorney Bryan Amann on behalf of Grand Sakwa, the property's developer. "This is an improvement, having a controlled commercial facility rather than industrial."

Yack noted that heavily used

commercial is the ideal use for property along the Michigan Avenue corridor.

"Where else do you expect to find this type of commercial but on Ford Road and Michigan Avenue?" Yack said, "You certainly wouldn't put it on Beck or on Canton Center."

He added that the project would be similar to the one at Canton Canter and Michigan Avenue, where the Kroger and Home Depot are located.

'(Impact on residents near that project) was mitigated very well," he said. "I would expect similar consideration on this project." cmarshall@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700

For survivor, war on cancer has become personal

BY CAROL MARSHALL

During the past couple of years, cancer has come aknockin' on Ginnie Hauck's door. But now, she's

knocking back. Hauck has been selected by the American Cancer

ambassador at next 🕾 week's Celebration on the Hill in Washington, D.C. But while she's there, she doesn't plan on only participating and events. She's meeting with U.S.

in feel-good speeches Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, in hopes of convincing them that they should fight to 🔩

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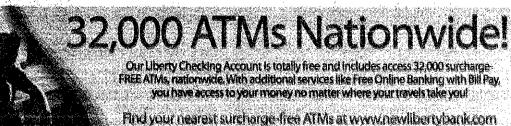
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Autumn celebration

Canton Leisure Services is combining its annual OctoberFest with its Harvest Celebration to make one event -- Fall Family Fest, which will take place on Sept. 30 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Canton's Heritage Park. Drawing from its predecessors, the festival will have fun for the whole family including hayrides, pony rides, a petting farm, inflatable attractions, strolling entertainment, two kid's art tents and concessions for sale. There are also two new features- Alicia and her Talking Donkey/Horse and The Jill Jack Band.

Alicia Dacoba is a ventriloquist who shares the stage with a live donkey/horse Pablito, a Mexican bull fighter named Angel and a spunky African-American girl named Chiquita. Dacoba has opened for Damon Wayans and Donald O'Connor. She has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Sabado Gigante (Univision), Animal Planet, Comedy Central, NBC's The Today Show, and CNN. Dacoba will perform on the amphitheater stage at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30

Jill Jack has been a big player in Detroit's folk/rock scene for the past decade. Jack's newest CD, "Moon and the Morning After," is a collection of Jill's songs to date, which draw musically from folk, country, rock, and gospel roots. It has also become a hit with

fans and critics alike, winning the 2006 Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Recording. Jill Jack will perform from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the amphitheater stage.

On to West Point

Cadet Andrew Guy Knisely, son of Mark and Cassandra Knisely of Canton, has completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy. Andrew was among approximately 1,300 cadet candidates who concluded their training with a 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner to West Point on Aug. 7. New cadets were officially accepted into the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Parade on Aug. 12.

Andrew graduated from Plymouth High School in 2006. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2010 and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Pet birthday celebration

Pet Supplies Plus, located at 43665 Ford Road (just east of Sheldon) in Canton, is hosting an event to benefit the "Critter Connection Rescue League" from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept.

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LaJoy aide to visit

Wendy Larvick, legislative aide for state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will hold office hours from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, in Belleville. Local residents can meet with LaJoy's staff to discuss state government concerns or issues. Larvick will immediately convey any and all concerns to LaJoy. No appointment is nec-

Choir auditions

The Canton Community Youth Choir and the Canton Community Adult Choir will hold upcoming open registration. The choirs rehearse on Monday nights at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill beginning Sept. 18 and ending with a concert on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at The Village Theater. The youth choir is for 5-15 year olds and the adult group is for 16 years and up. Youth meet from 6-7 p.m. and adults meet from 7:30-9 p.m. in the theater's Biltmore Studio. The fee to participate includes music and is \$40 for youth and \$50 for adults. Auditions are not necessary - all singers are wel-

To register please visit the Summit on the Park prior to Sept. 18, or call (734) 394-5460 for directions.

A toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to benefit the Canton Historical Society, Canton Christmas in Action and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, October 27, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Waltonwood at

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is

Cherry Hill.

limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of

Commerce. The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Volunteers needed

The parents of graduating P-CEP seniors have a long history of providing one last chance to share an evening of fun and celebration together. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. If you are interested in helping plan this year's Senior Party for district

seniors, there will be a planning meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Plymouth High School library/media center. If you can not attend but would like to help, please contact Heide Leskun at pcep2007seniorpartv@hotmail.com or (734) 207-0364 or Debbie LaFontaine at lafontaine5wowway.com or (734) 453-6706.

Party organizers are also looking for use of a storage unit, donated gifts/supplies, or monetary contributions by individuals or companies.

Special recycling program

In an effort to spread awareness about preserving the planet's limited natural resources, Cartridge World, which is located at 5924 N. Sheldon Road in Canton, is running a special recycling program around National Teachers Day. Cartridge World Canton will give all K-12 teachers, faculty and staff members a 33 percent discount on inkjet or laser cartridge refills during the week of Sept. 18-24 and a 10 percent discount on inkjet or laser cartridge refills throughout the year with their school identification card at the time of their purchase.

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School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive." Included among the items needed are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs. The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, i s on Main. For information, call (734) 453-5464.

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual scholarship craft and home show will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. For information, call (734) 254-0849.

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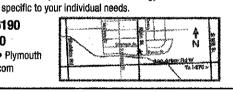
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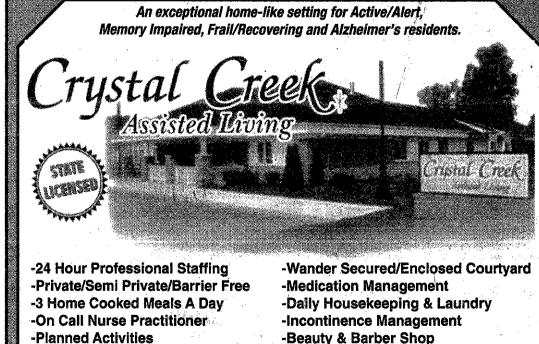
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Not your average school

Grueling SWAT program prepares officers for crisis situations

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Police work is never easy work. Any cop will tell you that. But there are some situations that demand more than your average traffic stop. Hostage situations. Armed gunmen. Even a terrorist attack. To deal with these situations, officers need specialized equipment and intense training. These situations demand only the best of the best among our police officers

That is why the Western Wayne County Chief's Consortium annually conducts SWAT school for officers that want to get SWAT certified in the state. The group, which includes the communities of Canton Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne, has been holding the school since the late 1980s, according to Captain Greg Laurain of the Van Buren Police Department and commander of the school.

Graduates of the school that work for consortium member departments earn placement on the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team.

Laurain said this year's school, which concluded Sept. 8, was a grueling three-week endeavor for students, who trained 12-14 hours a day. Along with daily physical training, students learned the science of ballistics, weapons nomenclature, diversionary devices, chemical agents, tactical rappelling, building searches, and building entry techniques. There was also plenty of work at several shooting ranges with a wide variety of weapons including semi-auto-

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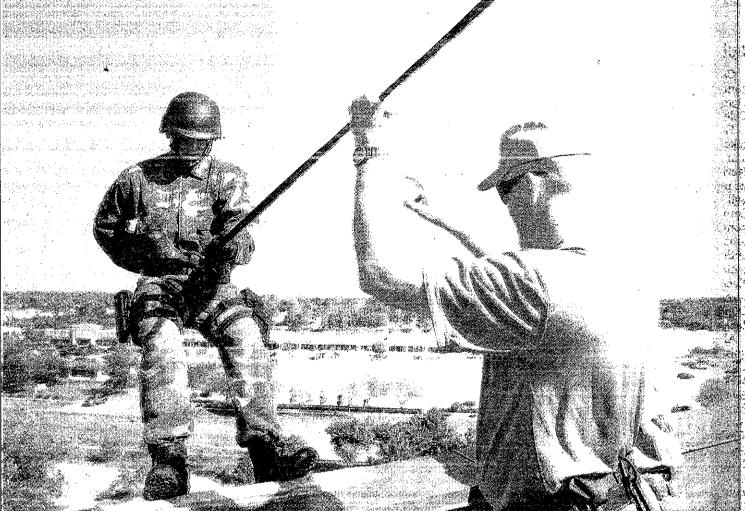
matic pistols, shotguns, AR15's and sniper rifles. Students were also confronted with simulated exercises, including drug raids and hostage situations. All of which the students were quizzed about on written exams.

"This school is very stressful both physically and mentally," said Laurain, who himself is a graduate of the school.

"We try to create an environment that is stressful for them. And that's because in a SWAT situation that's the way it is going to be. So we try to create that stress in real time. We want to make sure these guys meet the challenges and survive a hostile situation."

This year, the graduating class included 17 officers from all over southeast Michigan, including Port Huron, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Livonia and Pontiac. Three officers from consortium departments graduated, including Jessica Lessuise, an officer with the Northville Police Department, who became the first female officer to complete the pro-

ram. Since 1988, Laurain said



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Instructor Scott Pike of the Port Huron Police Department gives Brian Yunkari of the Dearborn Police Department the signal to rappel down the side of the Sheldon Place building on Ford Road.

What do you think about this story? E-mail your responses to kkuban@hometownlife.com.

Canton was been the host agency of the school, and many of the training exercises this year were held at various points in the township. In fact, the SWAT trainees provided quite a spectacle the day they were rappelling off the top of Sheldon Place.

Lt. Bob Kerr of the Canton Police Department said the SWAT school has never been more important, now that we live in a post-9/11 world. While he said the Special Operations Team isn't frequently activated, he believes its value is immeasurable when crisis situations

"Even though they don't get used a whole lot, when they do get used, they provide a vital service," Kerr said.



After a long day of rappel training, the SWAT students march away from Sheldon Place.





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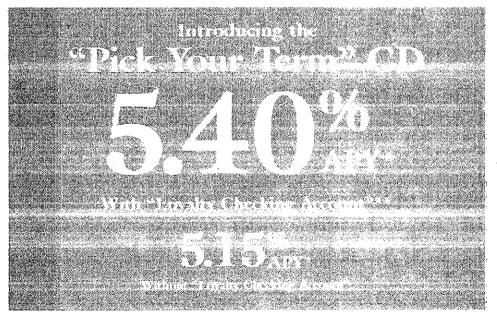
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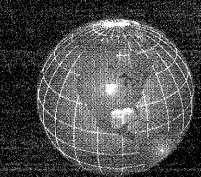
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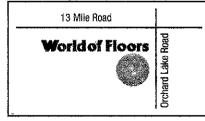
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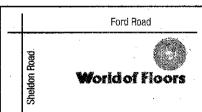
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keep cancer research funding in place, at the very least, or increase spending by 5 percent.

"I'm calling them out," Hauck said. She said that President George W. Bush has cut funding for cancer research, and she wants her representatives to fight to get it back. "We are so close to finding cures - actual cures for cancer - that our grandchildren may never have to hear cancer as a death sentence."

Hauck knows firsthand what it is to get the diagnosis. In 2002, she was struggling with having lost her job, and was feeling sick. When she saw her doctor, he noticed a suspicious looking spot on her forehead.

'Wouldn't you know it? It was melanoma," she said. And it's been an aggressive melanoma. Hauck has

been treated every six months since then, and from time to time she says, "Melanoma will just pop up somewhere on my body."

A longtime participant in Relay for Life, Hauck took her survivor's victory lap at the event in May, with her husband, Al, cheering her on. But the couple was in for another surprise.

"We didn't know at that time that he had lung cancer," Hauck said of her husband.

But later that year as part of a routine physical, the Haucks learned that he did, and he had half of his right lung removed. He's in remission, but

cancer knocked once again on the Haucks' door last year when Hauck's father passed away. "He had brain cancer. It

was something he just couldn't face, but that's what it was," she said.

For Hauck, the war on cancer has become person-

"That's exactly what it is a war," she said. "And we're winning. This is the first year ever where we've had a decrease in the number of cancer deaths. We just have

to keep fighting." She'll be one of 5,000 "soldiers" - Cancer Society Ambassadors - to show up in Washington on Sept. 19.

Hauck is furious, she said, that funding for programs such as mammograms and cervical cancer testing for low-income women are under-funded.

"Only one in five lowincome women will get these tests, just because there isn't enough funding," she said. "That's just not acceptable."

At the same time, she said half of all women and onethird of all men will get cancer at some point in their "I want a cancer-free soci-

ety," Hauck said. "So, you know me - I have to go to Washington and tell them."

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Ryan gives district additional year

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan is in preliminary discussions with the Board of Education to extend his contract an additional year to ease the transition to a new administration.

President Barry Simescu said, "We've talked in generalities, nothing specific," about an extension that would keep Ryan as superintendent until June 30, 2008.

"I've talked to President Simescu and past president (Mark) Slavens about it," Ryan said. "I think there's still work to be done. I think they believe, as do I, that the district and community deserve a positive transition in leadership when my time is finally done."

Ryan was appointed interim superintendent in July 2002, when Kathleen Booher resigned, and was named superintendent six months later by the Board of Education. His annual salary is \$159,000.

Ryan, in his 36th year as an educator and administrator, also served four years as superintendent in Reed City and seven years in

Lansing Waverly before joining Booher's team as assistant superintendent.

Ryan said the additional year would give the Board of Education time to address a number of issues, as well as make a smooth transition to a new administrative team.

The board should do two things this year, focus on the bond issue and on the budget," Ryan said. "With a contract extension, they could focus on the superintendent search in the fall of '07, and select a new superintendent to start July 1, 2008."

Ryan said the additional year would allow him more time to search for a replacement for Barbara Rodenberg, assistant superintendent for instructional

next summer. Simescu said he "doesn't have a timetable" in determining a contract extension for Ryan. "I think he has to decide when it's time, and he's still weighing that out," Simescu said. "I think an orderly transition would make sense for everybody ... the district, employees, students and the community."

The question of a superintendent's search came up at Tuesday's school board meeting, when Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski suggested adding it to the Board of Education goals for the coming year. "Dr. Ryan isn't going to be here forever, and we need to start preparing for it," Ham-Kucharski said. "The sooner we get into that process, the better prepared we will be when we get into a full search."

BACKPACK

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while backpacks are one of the most convenient ways to carry books and school supplies, an overloaded and improperly worn backpack gets a failing grade.

"It's a lot of long-term wear and tear on their backs and posture," said Lucy French of Plymouth Township, an outreach physical therapist who services Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts. "Long term, they can end up with weak abs and strained backs and necks. A lot of it has to do with the way we lift, carry and lug things from the time we're small."

French said there's a correlation between how much a person weighs and how much weight should be carried in a backpack.

"Most students should carry no more

than 15 percent of their body weight in the backpack," French said. "Otherwise, with the physics of your body, you tend to want to counterbalance the weight that's pulling you backward.

"Wear it over the strongest part of your back, which is the mid-back muscle," she added. "A lot of backpacks are sagging below the back line, and that gives no support."

Nahra, whose backpack -- with only three books and a few binders - weighs 15 pounds, is way past the recommended weight limit for her.

"My shoulders sometimes hurt," Nahra said. "When I'm walking home, or carrying it at school for a long time, it can French's advice to students is to keep

backpack. "Kids need to be aware that if they wear it on one shoulder, they need to give equal time to the opposite shoul-

der," French said, "or they'll end up with

symmetry and balance when carrying a

inflammation on one side of the body, or one shoulder higher, or one hip higher, because your body will compensate.

"It's repetitive strain that we have to watch out for," she added. "(When putting on a backpack), variety is the spice

Using a backpack appears to be a necessity, especially at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, where many students walk among three high schools for classes.

"I stop at my locker once in the middle of the day, because that's the only time I have," Nahra said. "Most students don't even know where they're locker is, and that's no exaggeration.

"Teachers say to keep the books at home, but I normally like to keep them in my locker," Nahra added. "I never know if I'm going to have homework in the textbook. And if I have time during lunch, I may want to get it done."

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offenders should be paying for the operation of the court, not the taxpayers."

Lowe disputed claims he doesn't get along with employees and attorneys.

"I'm not under the impression that I didn't get along with anyone over there except him," Lowe said. "I've reached out to build a relationship, but it's obvious he doesn't want one."

Lowe said the bottom line is both have differing management styles, which creates a divide between himself and MacDonald.

"He's more reactive, I'm more proactive. He's more hands off, I'm more hands on. He wants to preserve the status quo, I like to explore new ideas to do the job better," said Lowe. "But, in the end, he's the chief judge. And, when it's all done,

I've abided by his decisions."
The 71-year-old MacDonald has presided on the 35th District Court bench for 21 years, and – by law – will retire in two years, at the end of his term. He admits that if Lowe wins, it will be a tough two years at the Plymouth courthouse.

"I'll try to live with him, we try to do the best we can here," MacDonald said. "But, I think his attitude isn't the right one." Lowe said if he wins, he'll consider it status quo the next



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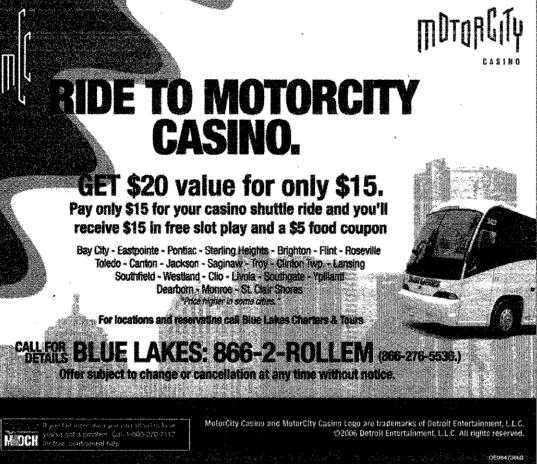
"Fortunately, for John and I, it won't be anything new," Lowe said. "John has made it very clear."

The third 35th District Court judge, Mike Gerou, said he'll remain neutral in the upcoming election, leaving the battle between MacDonald and

"I have a good working relationship with both of them," said Gerou. "I'm not going to

endorse any candidates in the race. I'll work with whomever prevails in November."

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Hitting home: Canton suffers another loss in community block grant funding

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

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A federal program to help some of Canton Township's most economically disadvantaged residents has been cut by 11 percent, and township administrators are expecting further cuts in next year's budget.

Canton will receive this year \$373,707 from the federal Community

Development Block Grant program. The township uses the money to pay for programming for low- to moderate-income residents. Expenditures include

\$320,000 for the First Step shelter and programs for abused women, as well as \$20,000 to help the organization acquire a new building to replace it's crowded and run-down shelter; Growth Works programs for at-risk youth; \$100,000 for an affordable housing contingency, which helps with residential housing rehabilitation; and \$122,910 for Sheldon School improvements.

Program administration accounts for

nearly \$70,000 of the total grant.

"Last year we received close to \$400,000," said Mike Ager, director of community services. "The year before was the highest amount we ever had at \$430,000. So you can see this going down every year, mostly due to federal deficits."

He added that the White House administration had proposed two years ago eliminating the CDBG program and replacing it with something new.

"That didn't fly. The CDBG program has such strong bipartisan support that the legislators were not going to let that happen," Ager said. At the same time the program is facing

cuts, the need for the local projects supported by it is growing. "The Michigan economy is suffering and we've seen a huge increase for need,"

Ager said, noting the housing rehabilitation program's waiting list. "We have a long list now - 12-15 people - the longest it's ever been."

Canton has focused its efforts in the

housing rehabilitation programs in order to not only help those who need help, but to maintain the township's property val-

"Housing rehab is big now," Ager said. "If the housing stock goes down the whole neighborhood could be threatened."

As funding decreases, every program provided by the township must be evaluated, according to Ager.

The amount the township receives is based on a formula which includes factors such as the housing stock, the general population and its demographics and income levels in the community. Canton must apply for the non-competitive grant every year, but because the township has more than 50,000 residents, it's considered an entitlement community, and the funding comes directly to Canton from the department of Housing and Urban

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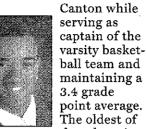
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McDonald's scholarship

Alexander Harvey of Canton is a 2006 recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association.

A 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, he worked at McDonald's in



point average. The oldest of three boys in a single parent household, he

cares for his mother who has been on dialysis for over a decade. He is one of 30 honorees in metro Detroit.

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The Imagine America Foundation has awarded Plymouth High graduate Jessica Pilkiewicz with an Imagine America scholarship. Jessica is attending Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield, and plans to study broadcasting and communication. The Imagine America Foundation is a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to serving America's career college students.



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Madonna offers mini-courses

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Madonna University is offering a series of miniature courses for anyone interested learning more about computers, personal finance, writing or local history.

The school is offering 16 one-day classes this fall as part of a new program coordinated by Madonna's Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. The first round of these new mini-classes begin this week with a Microsoft Power Point course Tuesday and a "You Can Write a Book" course next Saturday.

These are noncredit classes designed for personal enrichment or professional development. They last about two hours and cost no more than

campus on Levan and Schoolcraft.

"We offer programs that give people a chance to gain knowledge they need to improve their work skills, reach personal goals or study for fun and leisure," said office director Joan Stephens. "The finance and computer classes work well for any community college, but we will keep working on ways to be more innovative."

There are courses available to adults and seniors who want to learn how to use the Internet. For more advanced computer interests, there is a course called "Where My Child Goes on the Internet." This course is designed to show parents and educators how teens are using the Internet for networking, games and blogging.

"This is really the main way and communicate with each

other these days," Stephens said. "We feel this class would be helpful to many people."

The new mini-courses, she added, will be offered yeararound and include some courses at Madonna's satellite campus in Southgate.

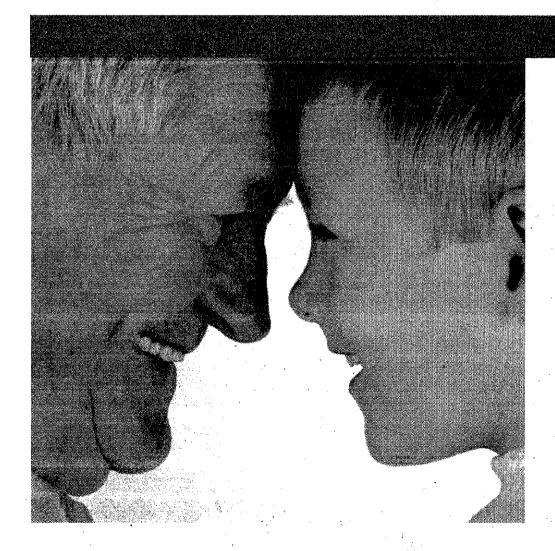
The program includes opportunities for companies to use university resources to customize a training program for employees, and professional update classes designed to help those who need to refresh their nursing and grant-writing skills. Also, there are certification programs for home inspectors, retail and merchandise management and criminal justice.

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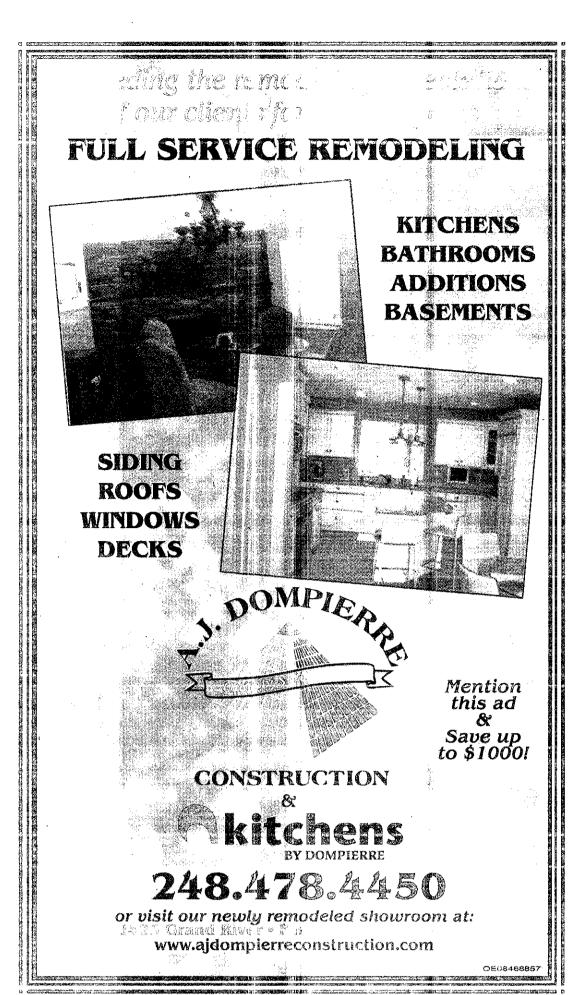
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Blue ribbon winners



Christine Wofford show off the blue ribbons they won at the Michigan State Fair in August. The mother and daughter from Canton have competed in various categories every year since Olivia, now 18, was 10 years old. Olivia won first place in General Education for a project comparing commercial printers to home computer printers, and first place in cookie decorating. Christine won a blue ribbon in package decorating and third place in



Police department promotes two to the rank of sergeant

The Canton Police Department recently promoted police officers Mark Gajeski and Scott Hughesdon to the rank of sergeant. Gajeski and Hughesdon completed an intensive testing process prior to being selected for the promotions. The promotions were necessary to fill vacancies created by command officer retirements this year.

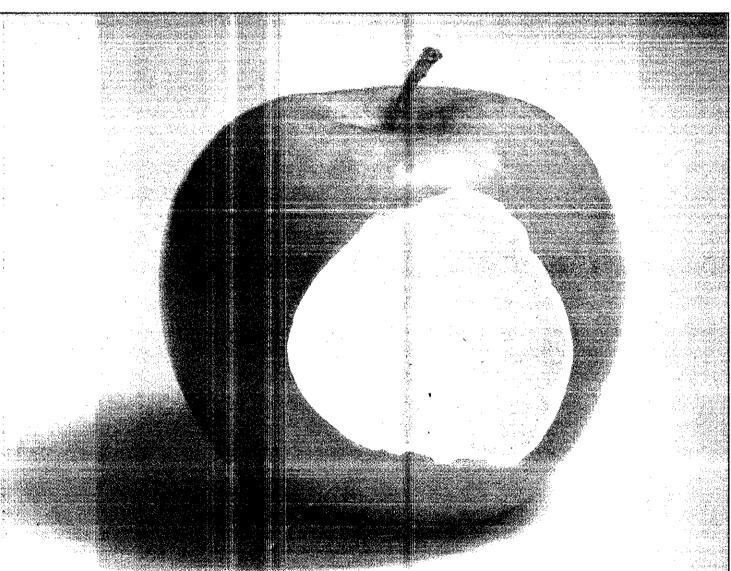
The department hired Gajeski in 1986. He has worked as a patrol officer for the past 20 years. During this time Gajeski has been a field training officer and a member of the Western Wayne Community Response Team, as well as a member of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team for the past 19 years. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State College in 1986. Gajeski is married and has three



Gajeski



daughters, ages 20, 17 and 2. Hughesdon was hired by the department in 1990 and has worked as a patrol officer it for the past 16 years. He has participated in the special enforcement, evidence technician and rapid response units. Hughesdon is also a department range instructor as well as a field training officer. He earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY-Brockport (New York) in 1989. Hughesdon has a 13-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter.



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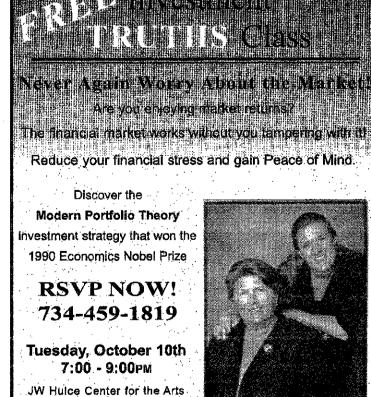


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Movie 'Take the Lead' has lessons for school leaders, community

n a missionary trip to Trinidad, West Indies, in early August, a film was shown that somehow I had not heard of though it was released in April of this year. Take the Lead stars Antonio Banderas as Pierre Dulaine, a former ballroom dancer, now turned ballroom dance



couldn't but help thinking about how certain themes pulsating through the film prompted me to think of young people

McClain and education, especially in the Wayne-Westland

No. 1, sometimes the only thing standing between a depressing statistic and a promising young life is an adult who's willing to invest some time and talent. It could be a parent, an administrator, a teacher, a custodian, a coach, or a parent/volunteer. In the film. Pierre Dulaine uses dance to facilitate the students' rising above tough, dysfunctional circumstances. The principal remarks, "everyone else calls them 'rejects.' They're in (detention) for the rest of the term." Following one of his class sessions, she confronts Dulaine with the statement that "life, for these kids, is like a fight to stay alive and have just enough to make ends

As Douglas B. Reeves, in his book, The Learning Leader -How To Focus School Improvement for Better Results, states, we must "challenge high-achieving students (while we) encourage and coach the lowest performing students." That, I believe, is one of our mandates in public education.

A second theme that pulsates throughout the film is that the values of teamwork, respect and dignity are an important foundation for suc-

cess in any endeavor. Young people must be given the tools to prove to themselves that they have the courage and qualities to break out of their stereotypical roles and/or labels previously attached to them. Again, known as the school's "rejects," the detention kids are a mixed group of street thugs, latchkey kids and lost souls who have been told all their lives that they have no chance of escaping their surroundings. The teachers have basically given up on them.

Near the end of the movie, Dulaine is forced to defend his program before a PTA group gathered by the antagonist, Mean Teacher Mr. Temple. While others are playing the "blame game," he reminds them that at least he is trying to do something to make a difference. "Assigning blame is OK for the moment, but it doesn't make the problems go away," before engaging the principal in a dance demonstration accompanied by an explanation that ballroom dancing teaches a boy to respect his partner, and teaches a girl that she is worthy of respect. This epitomizes Reeves' contention that "... not everything that counts can be counted, not everything that can be expressed in quantitative terms." In the process, he helped the students discover a love for learning they never knew they had.

ability to make choices. No matter where you come from, there are no rejects, only choices to be made, and these choices are up to you. Following a confrontation with the more advanced students at the dance studio, Dulaine's students from John Drake High School revolt because they believe that he has deceived them regarding the upcoming competition. The next day he challenges them to compete and promises that his dance studio will cover the cost for each of them. Upon hearing this, "Rock," a

misunderstood kid from a dys-

functional family who just lost

The third theme involves the

his brother in a gang incident, chimes in, as he enters the scene, "Even for school

rejects?" Dulaine's response is: "That's funny. When I look around this room all I see is choices - choices to be made and not a single reject ...'

It took trust, courage, determination and respect to accomplish, and each knew they must depend on the other, rather than fight each other. Some quotes worth remembering from Take The

The people that get what they want in life are the people who show up to get it."

Belief in yourself is the strongest secret weapon."

■ "Trust must be earned." Incorporating these, along with the aforementioned pulsating themes that resonated with me, will allow us to be what Reeves describes as "architectural leaders in education" (chapter 3). In Wayne-Westland Community Schools we really care for our students' lives in a world of despair.

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Community, take the lead ... As Dulaine attempted to give hope to his students by encouraging them to make good choices, may we take the lead in our respective roles for our children's education by making good choices. Like the waltz, it cannot be done without trust in your partner. At various times, some lead while others follow.

And as Dulaine reminded his students in the film, "To follow takes as much strength as to lead." But when appropriate, take the lead!

Terrance R. McClain is minister of the Annapolis Park Church of Christ in Westland, the vice president of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education and lives in

People in Middle East conflict deserve a peaceful solution

t has been said that the first causality of war is the truth. Anyone watching world events, especially in the Middle East, will come to realize that the truth is lost. In his latest effort to win the midterm election for his party, President Bush has escalated his "war on terror" fight as a war against "Muslim fascists". His mantra now is "we need to fight them in their streets before they come to our streets." Since Sept. 11, 2001, we have become accustomed to the language of war and defense.

We have also become tuned-in to the rhetoric of bravado and disdain toward Arabs and Muslims. We are given daily doses of how well

we are doing in Iraq and how we are defeating the enemies and establishing a crater of democracy that needs to be emulated. As if our fighting words and deeds are not enough, we provided Israel with a green light to invade a sovereign neighbor under the pretense that "Israel has the right to defend itself from terrorists." The list of misguided policies goes on and on, unchecked by the Congress or the public and

perpetuated by a stagnated press. The reality is we are in a quagmire falling into the abyss of violence with no path for escape until we abandon our dogmatic belief that force will secure our freedom and security.

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As a Palestinian-American who sees beyond killing for a solution, I am often told by my wellmeaning friends that the Middle East crisis is an inherited and ingrained conflict conducted by people who are hell-bent on revenge. They believe that this war is without a solution that will protect both sides of the conflict. This shortsighted and erroneous belief will bring nothing to the table but more death and destruction.

The people in the Middle East on both sides of the conflict deserve better. No one deserves to see their children, brothers, and sisters dead, injured or imprisoned just because they happen to be Palestinian, Israelis, Iraqis, Lebanese or American. The people in the Middle East like the people in the United States, deserve keen leaders who believe that war and weapons are not the answer. For years we have been sold on the idea that force is the only solution to the Middle East crises. With the exception of President Jimmy Carter, we have given lip service to a negotiated solution to the Palestinian-Israeli issue. With the current administration, the United States even abandoned the lip service, choosing to perpetuate violence as the means to seek revenge and gain power.

And what did these new policies net us? In six years we have managed to mobilize millions of people who view us as an oppressor that needs to be stopped. Osama bin Laden and his likes were awkward individual zealots with very little respect and support in the Muslim world until

we started justifying the killing of innocent Muslim children while they were sleeping. His vile message of war and destruction is now resonating in the minds of those who believe that they are being killed because they are Muslims. Just like we believe that we are targeted because we are American and considered Christians.

The rhetoric of war is cheap, however its cost is very expensive. Our soldiers on the front line are paying with their lives, just like the Palestinians, Israelis, Iraqis and Lebanese. The cost is unrecoverable, with everyone paying the price. How many people are denied health care in this country so we can continue to build our defense stockpile that must be guarded with our lives, hence it may fall in the wrong hands? How many promises were made by President Bush that "No Child Left Behind Act" would be fully funded, but now, six years later, those promises were left unfunded. Regardless of who started the war? It is time for it to end.

The policy of defense and revenge will only work for the moment. Let us look at the history of our enemies: Japan, Russia and Germany. "The former evil empires" are now our good allies. If we knew then what we know now about our former enemies, we could have spared their families and ours the agony of pain.

If nothing else, we should learn from our mistakes. War never conquers. It may conquer land but it never conquers the heart. If we in the United States want to remain the superpower we profess to be, we must lead the world into an era of peace and prosperity. When we lift the world from the rot of hunger and pain, we will have gained their loyalty and respect for our kindness. If we want to stay the superpower, we can lead the people into following our values by working honestly to resolve conflicts instead of creating more conflicts with our unbalanced

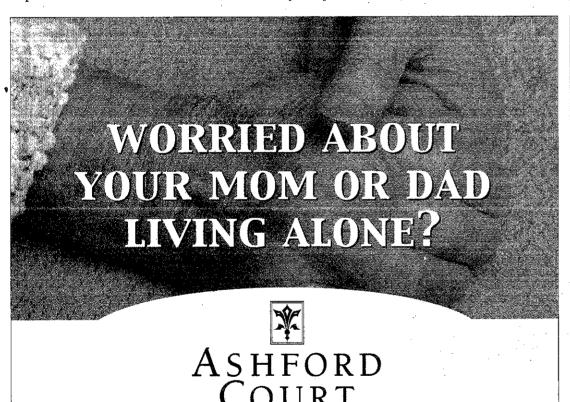
We in the United States have a lot to offer the world. In the past, our global leadership, with programs like the Peace Corp, Fulbright and U.S. AID, have made us an idol in the minds of many recipients for our generosity.

Our past diplomacy created a safer world for us and others who may not even have adhered to our standard of governing.

With our compassionate actions we gained the respect of the world. Sadly to say that those in power choose military might over diplomacy and courage a price for which we are all paying. Osama, Hizzaballah, Hamas, Ariel Sharon, Olmart were a small group of zealots until it was decided force is the only course of action to settle grievances. How many innocent lives must be lost before we choose peace over war, compassion over weapons, respect over disfranchis-

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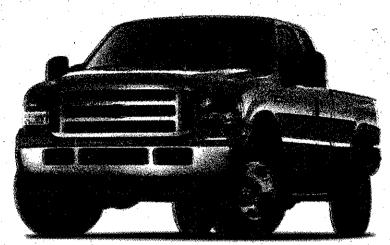
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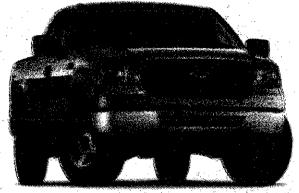
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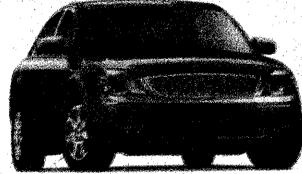


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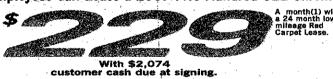




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On Thursday afternoon, Alaya Mitchell and Ja'nee Morton sat next to each other in an advanced composition class.

A few hours later, they helped write the script in the latest chapter of the classic Salem-Canton girls basketball story.

Playing with a broken nose, Salem's Mitchell broke the Chiefs' hearts by scoring 13 points in the Rocks' intense, down-to-the-wire 36-34 victory in the Salem gymnasium. Morton also turned in a star-like performance, netting 17 points and seven rebounds.

The win boosted Salem's record to 3-1 while Canton slipped to 2-2.

How big was the victory, in Mitchell's estimation?

"Beating Canton was soooo important" because I have Ja'nee in two classes, so we see each other everywhere," the junior point guard said, flashing a huge smile. "So it gives us bragging rights, at least for a little while."

Mitchell said her facial injury, which she suf-fered in a preseason serimmage, hasn't slowed

her down on the basketball court.

"I've decided to wait justil after the season to have surgery," she said: "I may wear one of those masks like (Detroit Piston) Rip Hamilton, but we're still looking into it."

The game was tight throughout as neither team led by more than four points.

Canton built a four-point cushion mid-way

banked in a lay-up. The Rocks' only 4-point margin came with 15.9 seconds left in the game when Taylor Langham drained one free throw.

Langham's free throw seemed to put the game on ice, but Canton's Becci Houdek responded by nailing a fall-away triple six feet behind the arc with 5.7 ticks left to cut Salem's advantage to

Following the ensuing in-bounds pass, Salem's Teresa Coppiellie was fouled immediately and made the first of her two free throws. When she missed the second, a wild scramble ensued and Rock Lauren Kurtz secured the loose ball and flipped it to Langham, who was fouled with 0.8 seconds left. She missed the attempt, but the buzzer sounded before the

Chiefs could launch a desperation, full-court heave.

"I thought it was a great game," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "I have to give them credit - they made all their free throws, or at least the majority of them, down the stretch. The one opportunity we had was when there were five seconds to go and we couldn't go and get the rebound when they missed the free throw. That was huge. If we get block-out and get the rebound, at least we have a chance to get the ball up court and try to get a shot off. We

didn't get the opportunity, though, because we

didn't check-out and rebound.'

PLEASE SEE CLASSIC, B3



And they're off

Runners battle for position during the first 50 yards of Thursday's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park City Meet, which was held at the Park. Plymouth won for the first time in the four year history of the event. For the story and more photos, please see page B5.

Canton, Northville tie one on

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys soccer team was less than three minutes away from a spectacular victory at Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville Thursday afternoon.

The Chiefs were also at least three spectacular Parker Laabs saves from a crushing defeat.

In the end, the two factors evened out as Canton and Northville walked off the Mustangs' field with an entertaining 2-2 draw.

"It was a back and forth bruiser," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team now stands at 8-1-1 over-

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B2

Pats outrun Wildcats, 24-7

STAFF WRITER

Cole Kelly provided the

lightning.
David Fortin produced

the thunder. And Livonia Franklin's quick, mobile defense reigned over Plymouth's normally potent offense Friday night in the Patriots' crucial 24-7 victory at the P-CEP varsity football field.

The win was all-important to Franklin, which takes on Canton on Friday at 7 p.m. for sole possession of first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division.

The Pats improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division while the host Wildcats dropped to 1-3 and 0-2, respectively.

The speedy Kelly accumulated 103 yards on 10



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Plymouth quarterback C.J. Gregory turns the corner on a keeper during Friday night's 24-7 loss to Livonia Franklin.

efforts of 54 and 28 yards.

Fortin, a converted soph-

carries, including individual omore linebacker, ran hard

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B8

Win: Chiefs' 'D' dominates Warriors

STAFF WRITER

Call it the "Red Swarm," the "Red Storm" or the "Red Wave."

Whatever nickname you slap on the Canton defense these days, it's making opposing offenses look red-iculous.

On Friday, playing in their first official home game of the season, the Chiefs humbled Walled Lake Western, 28-0, in a 4:30 p.m. game at the P-CEP varsity football stadium.

Canton has already recorded two shutouts in four games. The triumph vaulted the Chiefs' record to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The usually potent Warriors slipped to 2-2 and

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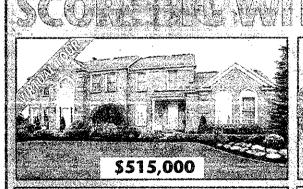
1-1, respectively.

So far in 2006, Canton has outscored its opponents 140-27 while yielding just two offensive touchdowns.

From 5-foot-8, 165-pound cornerback Chris Woudstra to 6-3, 290-pound defensive lineman Donnie Laramie, the Canton defenders pursue and attack with the best of them. Against Western, the Chiefs even received a well-timed interception from defensive lineman Jay Bailey - 10 yards

downfield. "Their defense looks better than it did last year, and that's saying something," said Walled Lake Western coach

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on the trail

Women's pro bowling is returning to the airwaves CANTON

o you remember when the Professional Women Bowlers Tour was on a

regularly televised schedule? It was dropped a few years ago for lack of sponsorship, but there is good news for bowling

Women's bowling will make its return to prime time TV 9:30 p.m. Monday on ESPN 2 as it airs the first episode of the five-part U.S. Bowling Congress Women's Challenge.

For anyone who misses the original broadcast, a replay will be shown at 12:30 a.m. Thursday (EDT), one of five second showing of the installments.

The made-for-TV event, which was filmed on Aug. 30-31, was contested on a single lane that was specially installed at the Fashion Show Mall in Las Vegas. It featured 16 of the most talented and marketable women bowlers in the world.

Prior to the competition, all 16 competitors were given the star treatment at the Jose Eber Las Vegas Salon and received personal consultations from salon artistic director Yoav Tauber.



Harrison

They then received beauty packages that included hairstyling and coloring, makeup, manicure and pedicure.

Most recently, Tauber designed the hairstyles for the 12 finalists of American Idol.

"This was a lot of fun and the atmosphere was really exciting," said Lynda Barnes, a former pro and two-time U.S. Amateur champion. "The whole point of this is to put on a good show and promote women's bowling since there hasn't been a professional stage for the ladies to compete on since 2003 when the PWBA

"Any chance we get to showcase women's bowling is a victory for all of us."

n Mildred "Millie" Anderson of Rochester Hills was acknowledged recently with a special plaque commemorating her 50th appearance at the

U.S. Bowling Congress Women's Championships presented by the Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus.

Anderson, 87, accepted the plaque from David Biber, tournament manager for the USBC Women's Championships, which opened in Reno's National Bowling Stadium earlier this year.

A late bloomer, Anderson first began bowling at age 34, and competed in her first national tournament in 1953 in Detroit. She brings a 151 average to the competition.

Anderson said: "I think it's wonderful. I'm so happy I could be here. I have a pinched nerve and I wasn't sure. But I just couldn't miss this. Bowling has been very good to me." In making the presentation, Biber credited much of the

Upon receiving her plaque,

success for women's bowling in the U.S. to the "love and dedication to the sport shown by women such as Millie Anderson." He called her a "walking, talking testimonial to those

finest things women's bowling has to offer." The first woman to bowl at

700 series (715) in Oakland County, Anderson continues to use a 16-pound ball, unusually heavy for a senior bowler.

"I have to use a heavier ball," she said, "because I've got a mean hook.

Her mean hook earned her games of 123, 167 and 134 in team competition on Sept. 7.

She bowled 421 the next morning in doubles, but couldn't continue due to her pinched nerve.

Anderson, however, plans to be back next year in Charlotte,

Ron Bartoszek, 64, of

Taylor became the first 300 bowler of the season last Wednesday in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic. Bartoszek's games were 215-

300-184 with a 699 series. The third game qualified

Ron for the infamous Jack Dahlstrom Award, in which a bowler goes 100 pins or more lower than his previous game.

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Kyle Gring nearly broke the scoring ice six minutes later, but Northville defenseman Justin Kemp re-directed the

all and 4-0-1 in the WLAA's

Western Division. Northville is

8-0-2 and 3-0-2, respectively.

"When it was over, it felt like a

tie. I don't feel real good about

The Chiefs set themselves up

"We had several opportuni-

ties to score in the second half,

dropped back into a defensive

shell, which wasn't necessarily

planned, and they scored with

about three minutes to play."

enough praise on the play of

Laabs, his senior goal-keeper

who record 13 saves, many

"There are no words to

himself. "He kept us in the

game. Some of the saves he

the line."

minder.

made, the balls were right on

It was Canton that supplied

the early offensive pressure in

the first 10 minutes of the con-

test, but Northville goalie Evan

Clough answered with a series

of sterling saves. The first Chief

opportunity came at the 38:05

Mustangs' talented senior net-

mark when Matt Epelman's

header in front off a corner

kick was snagged by the

describe how well he played,"

said Tomasso, a former keeper

from point-blank range.

Tomasso couldn't heap

but we didn't," he said. "The

last 15 minutes or so we

it, but it was a dead-even

to score during the final 40

minutes, but couldn't finish,

Tomasso lamented.

game."

missile-like shot. Northville grabbed a 1-0 lead p first half when Alex Wood

with 23:15 remaining in the found the net off a crossing pass from Alex Rickett. Four minutes later, Canton

junior Mark Edwards evened - 2 the score when he beat Clough from 10 yards in front after 3000 stealing the ball from a Mustang defender at 19:13. 🗥 🎉

The Chiefs took a 2-1 lead 63 ticks later when Edwards assisted Gring's goal. The play : 15 was set up on Tim Belcher's 🐪 👍 rush up the right side.

"Mark Edwards played and di unbelievable game for us," said . *** Tomasso. "He did a great job getting open, putting us in goal-scoring situations. But it wasn't just one person. Guys 💎 🤲 were playing well everywhere."

Canton's lead lasted 55 min-rest utes before former Canton resident Chris Leonetti scored from in front of the net to make it 2-2.

With a half-game lead over. the Mustangs, the Chiefs hold their destiny in the own hands, est in the race for the WLAA Western Division championship. Their next challenge comes Monday when they take on Plymouth in a 7 p.m. clash at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

Canton and Northville will square off again on Wednesday, ್ Oct. 4 at Canton.

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Road Runner Classic is Sept. 30

The Road Runner Classic, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, Sept. 30, at Maybury State Park, located at the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck Road (motor vehicle permit required).

The event, starting at 9 a.m. with the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Maybury History Trail, will benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan and Friends of Maybury State Park.

The Road Runner Classic features a 1-mile fun run-walk and 5kilometer history trail walk at 9:30 a.m. followed by the 8K run on a dirt and paved trail at 10 a.m.

The Classic also includes kids activities including story hour and face painting, along with food, music, raffle and awards to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

Pre-registration fees, Sept. 1-26, are \$15 (8K and history walk) and \$4 (1-mile fun run-walk), while race day fees are \$20 and \$5, respectively.

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Thursday at Tecumseh 200-yard medley relay: 1. Tecumseh (Nisan Ilciz, Megan Heath, Tori Merritt, Leah Corby), 2:02.21; 2. Plymouth (Stephanie Goulet, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Alyssa Liakos), 2:07.81; 3. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Sarah Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk, Emily Clanton), 2:10.14. 200 freestyle: 1. Nisan Ilciz (T), 2:09.36; 2.

Maricat Eggenberger (P), 2:16.16; 3. Sarah Borton (T), 2:18.06. 200 IM: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:23.89; 2. Leah Corby (T), 2:30.94; 3. Lauren Masiyk (P),

50 freestyle: 1. Tori Merritt (T), 26.23; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 27.59; 3. Ellen Palczynski

2, Kri ...in Music (T), 164.65; 3. Morgan ...кег (Т), 155.93. 100 butterfly: 1. Tori Merritt (T), 1:02.85; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.50; 3. Diana Brown (T),

1-meter diving: 1. Kerri Coffman (T), 165.55;

100 freestyle: 1. Leah Corby (T), 59.66; 2.

Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:01.43; 3. Mellisa McKinstry (P), 1:02.20. 500 freestyle: 1. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 5:59.83; 2. Sarah Borton (T), 6:07.75; 3. Beth McReynolds (P), 6:16.21. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Emily Clanton, Ellen Palczynski, Mellisa McKinstry, Alyssa Liakos), 1:50.00; 2. Tecumseh (Kirsten Clark, Diana Brown, Amelia Hissong, Tori Merritt), 1:50.10; 3. Plymouth (Maricat Eggenberger, Stephanie Goulet, Chelsea Frid, Molly McKinstry),

100 backstroke: 1. Nisan Ilciz (T), 1:06.88; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:10.58; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.89. 100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P). 1:18.13; 2. Megan Heath (T), 1:20.44; 3. Brianna Iddings (T), 1:20.94.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Leah Corby, Diana Brown, Kirsten Clark, Nisan liciz), 3:57.68; 2. Plymouth (Lauren Masiyk Stephanie Goulet, Nicole Ambrose, Maricat Eggenberger), 4:15.25; 3. Tecumseh (Sarah Borton, Megan Harsh, Jamie Koepfle, Danielle Koepfle), 4:31.46.

Belhart's goal streak continues with 2-1 win

Salem senior forward Brooks Belhart scored his 16th goal of the season Wednesday night to lead the Rocks to a 2-1 victory over Livonia Churchill. The victory improved

Salem to 9-3-1. Belhart's goal, which was assisted by Tom Bennett,

Churchill scored first to go up, 1-0, however, Tom Bennett struck back quickly

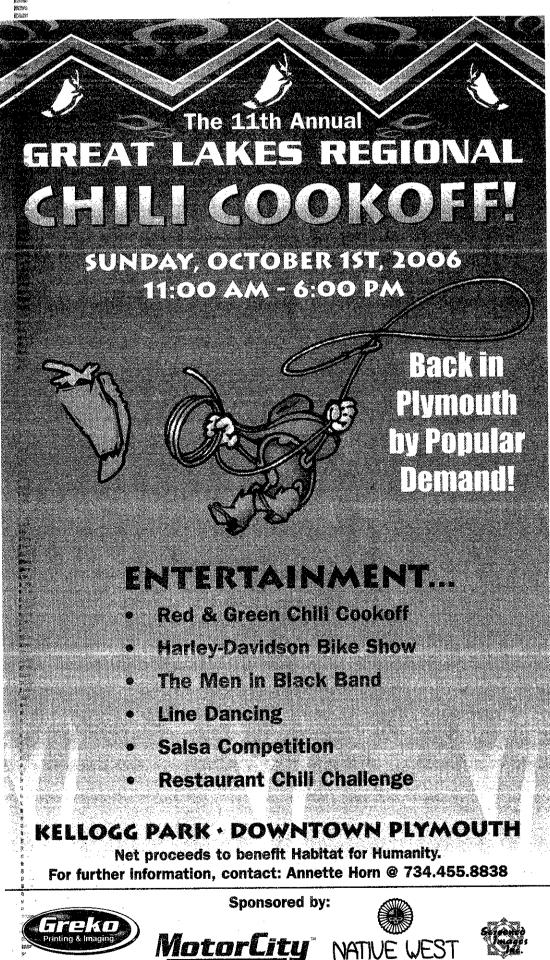
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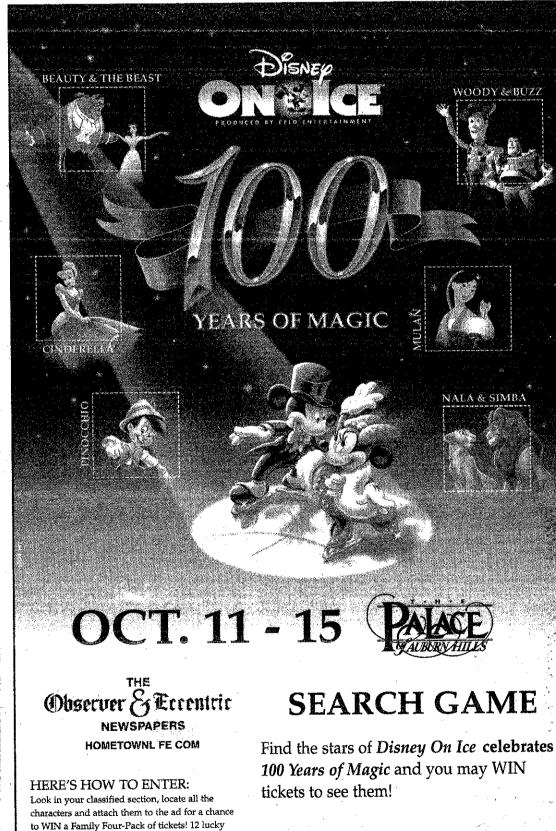
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Putting the ball in the basket for both teams in the first quarter proved to be about as challenging as finding a parking spot in the Salem parking lot before the game. A parent-teacher open house was the cause of the parking dilemma. Good interior defense and early-game jitters accounted for the offense-challenged first quarter, which ended with the Rocks clinging to a 5-4 lead.

"That's been the nature of this rivalry," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, referring to the defense-dominated start. "Last year we played Canton the first game of the year and it was a carbon copy of this one.

"Tonight's game was a hardfought, highly competitive basketball game between two very, very good teams."

Canton grabbed a 13-11 halftime lead on Morton's pair of free throws with 15 seconds remaining.

The Chiefs led the entire third quarter until a Coppiellie jumper with two minutes left gave the Rocks a 24-23-advantage.

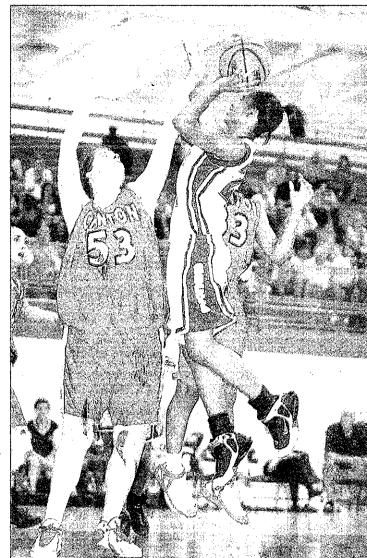
Salem went into a clock-devouring stall starting with 1:27 left and a 32-31 led. About 30 seconds later, Mitchell was fouled and sent to the line with tension thicker than a loaf of bread.

"I'm a little weird in this way, but I like those types of situations," she said. "The pressure clears my mind."

Mitchell drained both free tosses to put the Rocks ahead 34-31.

Most of Mitchell's game-high 17 points were the result of her constant, off-the-ball movement and the unselfishness of her teammates, Samulski said.

"Ja'nee is a very gifted player around the rim, but a lot of the credit for her easy baskets has to go to her teammates, namely



ANDV DURE

Salem's Taylor Langham elevates for a shot over Canton's Baylee Hollowell during Thursday's exciting 36-34 Rock victory.

Marie, Baylee and Del (Delapaz), who are all doing a great job of screening for Ja'nee and Becci. Becci also has great vision to see her when she cuts open."

Coppiellie complemented Mitchell with 11 points While Langham added eight, five of which game in the pivotal fourth quarter.

Sophomore forward Chelsea Davis led all rebounders with nine. Delapaz ripped down six boards for Canton.

W.L. CENTRAL 36, PLYMOUTH 29: Led by Brittany Burkhardt, the Vikings surged to a 23-15 halftime advantage and were never really threatened after that.

Burkhardt finished with 14 points. Kelsi Robinson led Plymouth with 14 points, 12 of which came on four 3's. Central led 14-7 after one quarter, 23-17 at the half and 30-25 with eight minutes to play.

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CHIEFS

FROM PAGE B1

Mike Zdebski, whose team managed to churn out just 100 total yards against the Chiefs.

"Their front seven is extremely tough to move."
Canton coach Tim Baechler said the defense is compensating for some of the offense's earlygame straggles.

"This is the fourth straight week our offense has struggled early in the game," he said.

The Chiefs appeared to create the first break on the Warriors' first possession when Billy Turner blocked a Western punt and it was recovered by Canton on the Warrior 30. However, three plays and a negative two yards later, quarterback Steve Paye punted the ball back to the visitors.

before Chief junior strong safety Adam Powers tipped a Jim Tesorero pass into the air and it was picked off by the 6-3, 280-pound Bailey at

the Canton 20.
Following another Canton three-and-out,
Western moved the ball to their own 46, where
they faced a critical 4-and-1. The Chiefs
defense stacked up running back Matt Wozny
behind the line of scrimmage, giving the

offense golden field position.

Canton grabbed a 7-0 lead on its next possession when Nick Moores sliced into the end for a 2-yard score to make it 6-0. Colin
O'Shaunessy followed with the first of his four

extra points to make it 7-0.

"At halftime, we got the chalkboard out and made some offensive adjustments, and after that they seemed to get it better," said Baechler. "Sometimes it seems like they need to see it on the heard for it to sink in."

the board for it to sink in."

The Chiefs surged out of the locker room and found the end zone on their next two drives, which were capped by Deshon McClendon's 41-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Chris Woudstra hauls down Walled Lake Western's Glenn Carreathers during the fourth quarter of Friday's 28-0 Chief victory.

yard run and a 34-yard pass from Steve Paye to

Nick Moores.

Moores tacked on the final TD as well on a

2-yard run with 10:50 left in the game. Canton more than doubled the Warriors in total yards, 213-100. The ground-gainer was McClendon, who churned out 63 yards on 10 attempts. Woudstra, who was filling in for the

attempts. Woudstra, who was filling in for the injured Dalton Walser, picked up 38 on eight carries and Moores finished with 20 on 10 rushes and an additional 51 receiving yards on two catches.

Antwaun Hawkins played well in a reserve

Antwaun Hawkins played well in a reserve role for the Chiefs, accumulating 20 yards on five late carries.

Tesorero connected on 4-of-12 passes for 40 yards. Western's top runner was Wozny, who picked up 39 yards on eight attempts.

Paye completed 3-of-5 passes for 56 yards.



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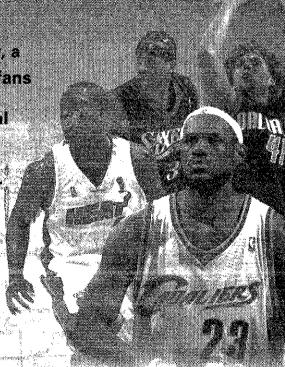
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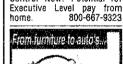
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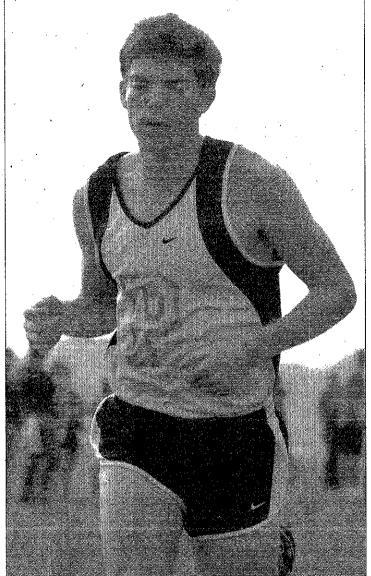
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Salem's Hannah Cavicchio was the first girls finisher at Thursday's P-CEP City Meet at Plymouth High School.



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First-place finisher Justin Scarparo looks comfortable heading into the homestretch of Thursday's City Meet.

City cross country meet: Rock girls still on top; 'Cat boys win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The winning beat went on for the Salem girls cross country team at Thursday's P-CEP City Meet, which was held under overcast skies on a 5.000-meter, rain-soaked course laid out behind Salem and Plymouth high schools.

The Plymouth boys contingent can only hope their first victory at the annual meet turns into a similar type streak.

The Rock girls captured first place for the fourth consecutive year by accumulating 36 points, three fewer than runner-up Plymouth. Canton brought up the rear with 46 points.

To no one's surprise, Salem was paced by All-State performer Hannah Cavicchio, who covered the course in 20:06, 47 seconds ahead of Canton's Sarah Thomas (20:53). Plymouth's duo of Beth Heldmeyer and Pam Bhullar crossed in the third and fourth

respectively, but they both needed to beat Thomas for the Wildcats to have a chance to win, said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin.

The key to Salem's triumph was the fact that three other runners joined Cavicchio in the Top 10 finishers.: Kelley Determan (sixth in 22:07), Lauren Olson (seventh in 22:09) and Kortney Marsh (ninth in 22:22).

The Wildcat boys were sparked by the effort of senior Anthony Scaparo, who covered the hilly track in 17:38. He was complemented by the performance of Derek Lax (second in 17:47), Justin Huey (sixth in 18:14) and Cristian Chagas (seventh in 18:25).

"We went into the meet just trying to win our first City Meet," said race organizer and Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "We didn't have great races, but the boys did enough to win."

Shaw said the times were a little higher than normal due to soggy conditions.

"It was a little muddy from all the rain we've had the past week, plus the grass was kind of long, which resulted in the

slower times," he said. Salem's boys, which won the event last year, were paced by iunior standout Kevin deBear, who finished third in 17:55, Rob Curtis (fourth in 18:05) and Andrew Cassidy (5th in

"The nice thing about this meet is that it's fun for the kids to run against their friends from the other schools," said

Baker. "I always want to win it - it means quite a bit.

"Our plan is to just get better and better as the year goes on. We didn't run well today, so we'll just have to go back to the drawing board."

Canton's top runners were held out of the event because they had a meet in Ludington on Saturday.

The Chiefs' top finisher was Matt Eimers, who placed 12th in 19:05.

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P-CEP CITY CROSS **COUNTRY MEET** Thursday at Plymouth H.S. BOYS FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 24; Salem, 35; Canton 82. INDIVIDUAL TEAM RESULTS

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Cowing, 18:47; 13. J. Smith, 19:07; 16. Justin Kane, 19:33;17. M. Korovesis, 19:35; 21. M. Devey, 19:59; 22. A. Volstromer, 20:05; 23. N. Jones, 20:41; 32. B. Kmuila, 21:11; 33. M. Patel, 21:15; 37. A. Long, 21:22; 40. C Rowley, 21:35; 41. V. Domin, 22:12; 42. M. Rowley, 22:45; 45. J. Bills, 23:28; 46. R. Cowing, 23:40; 47. R. Hayes, 24:11; D. Gubry, 24:22; S. Sonnage, 24:27; J.

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CANTON: 2. Sarah Thomas, 20:53; 8. Paula Schubatis, 22:17; 10. Annie Murphy, 22:27; 12. Katy Galm, 22:44; 14. Melanie Kulczycki, 22:57.6; 15. Katelin DAvid, 22:57.8; 19. Katie Rymond, 23:57.

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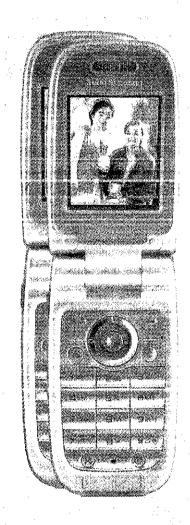
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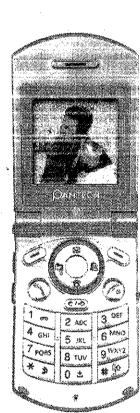
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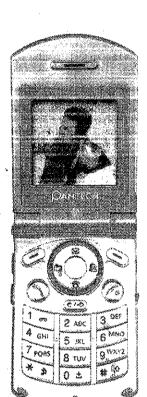
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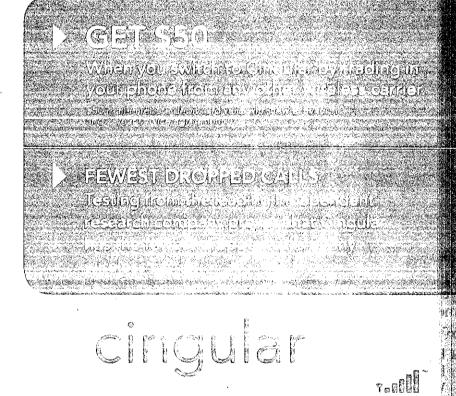
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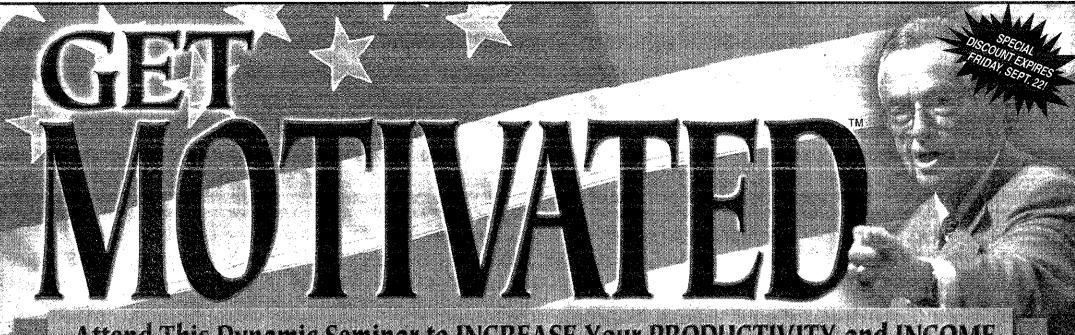
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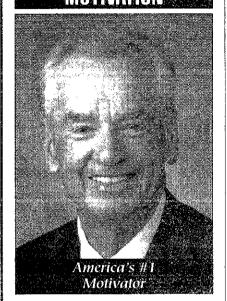
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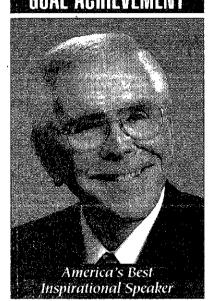


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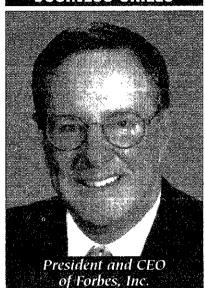


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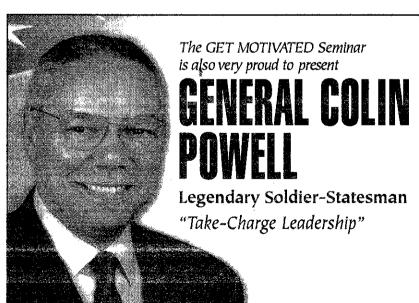


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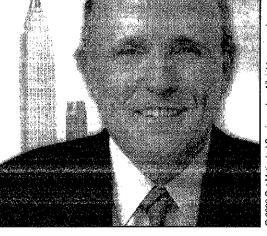
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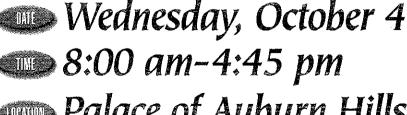
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WILDCATS

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between the tackles, picking up 145 yards on 22 carries.

The defense yielded just 150 total yards to a Plymouth team which has already taken on the likes of 2005 defending state runners-up Hudsonville and Canton, as well as a Franklin team that - based on Friday night's effort - could be headed to lofty places this season.

"The last couple of weeks prior to tonight we weren't doing a good job of shutting down quarterbacks," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert. "Tonight, we seemed to get back on track defensively.

"We're very, very young on defense, with only three senior starters, so we're still improving. The kids are still learning how to play at this level. All the guys up front played well as a group. To stop the kind of team we played tonight, you have to have a total team effort."

Kelbert added that his team's lack of huge, sizable players is overcome with a valuable

'We're not bulky, but these kids have been working their tails off ever since I've been here," he said. "They're just hard-working kids, and it shows.

Franklin set the tone early on both sides of the ball. The Patriots' defense forced a three-and-out punting situation for the Wildcats on the hosts' opening drive. They then built a lead they'd never relinquish on their opening touch when Fortin exploded for a 43yard TD with 7:13 left in the opening quarter.

The Patriots nearly doubled their advantage in the final minute of the first half, but Plymouth's Mo Hakkani recovered a fumble on the Wildcat 14 with 32 seconds left.

The pivotal play that indirectly led to the Patriots' second TD came when a Franklin punt was down at the Plymouth 1 with 8:52 left in the third quarter. The Wildcats were forced to punt from their 2 and the Patriots returned it to the 32. Eight plays later,

Franklin quarterback Jesse Carpenter snuck over from a yard out to make it 14-0.

Franklin applied a stranglehold on the outcome when Carpenter snuck in from the 1 with 0:17 left in the third quarter. The play was set up by Kelly's 54-yard sprint on the previous play.

Plymouth got back into the game momentarily when quarterback C.J. Gregory sprinted 29 yards to paydirt to make it 21-7. However, Franklin sealed the deal with a 20-yard field goal by Sean Sciba with 3:39 left to close out the scoring.

Carpenter was extremely efficient, completing 9-of-12 passes for 85 yards. Fortin hauled in four of Carpenter's aerials for 34.

Gregory was Plymouth's top vardage compiler with 61 yards rushing (seven carries) and 49 yards through the air. Sam Jones secured three passes for

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Plymouth's Chris Sanchez looks for additional yards after catching a pass in Friday's game at against Livonia Frankling

North, Mercy girls are basketball winners

North Farmington headed into a 12-day break from competition on a winning note Thursday with a 64-29 victory over Birmingham Seaholm in girls basketball.

The Raiders improved to 4-1 overall and will begin Oakland Activities Association Division III action Sept. 26 against Rochester Stoney Creek (4-

"Now we get into league play, and we want to compete for the division title," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "Hopefully, this start will help us in that direction."

The Raiders led 21-6 at the end of one quarter against Seaholm and 42-15 at halftime.

Junior Cassie Beller had an allround, balanced performance to lead North with 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

She was complemented by the play of freshman Lyndsey Booker and Jenna Bachrouche with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Rachel Cash added seven points and five blocks, and Caroline Ambrose contributed seven rebounds.

Anya Cekauskas was high scorer for the Maples (2-3) of the OAA Division IV with 14 points.

Marlins trounce Lions

Everybody played for Farmington Hills Mercy as the Marlins rolled over winless South Lyon in a non-league

game Thursday, 65-31. Mercy (4-2) used a pressing defense to take a 22-8 lead after one quarter, and the Marlins extended it to 48-18 at halftime.

We came out focused and ready to play," Mercy coach Gary Morris said.

We took care of business. "It was a nice game in that we haven't had a game like this so far. We were able to get everybody

some extended minutes." Jordan Mueller and Tracy Whalen scored 11 points apiece for the Marlins, Kristina Bell and Bianca Jiddou 10 apiece, Shannon Landsberg and Alyssa Risk six each.

Nine of 11 players scored for Mercy, which made 10 of 20 free throws. Danielle Gotham was the leading scorer for South Lyon (0-5) with 12

GOLF

W.L. CENTRAL 154 **CANTON 159** Friday at Brentwood C.C. **CANTON'S** SCORES: Derek Trosper, 36; Zack

Conrad, 40; Andrew Rickerman, 41; Jeremy Lindlbauer, 42; Mike Haar, 45; Clark Albers, 46.

CANTON'S RECORD: 1-2



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Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.n W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m. Calvary at PCA, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 Oakland Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER Monday, Sept. 18 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22 PCA at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 DeLaSalle Collegiate at Salem, 5:30 p.m. Agape at PCA, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 Salem at Jackson Varsity invite at Sharp Park, 10 a.m. **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** Saturday, Sept. 23 Varsity Invite at Sharp Park, 10 a.m

GIRLS TENNIS Monday, Sept. 18 W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.r Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m Wednesday, Sept. 20 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.

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BOYS GOLF Monday, Sept. 18 Salem at Adrian Invite, at Lenawee G.C., 10 a.m. Salem at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Northern at Brentwood G.C., 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

PCA at Macomb Christian, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 W.L. Northern at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Canton at Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m. Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 Salem at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.: Wayne Memorial at Canton

at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western at Bay Pointe G.C., 3 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Sept. 21 Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Plymouth at Wayne Memorial Invite, 4 p. Saturday, Sept. 23 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial Invite, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 19 Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 Friday Sept. 22 Madonna at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.), TBA. Saturday, Sept. 23 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Quad, 11 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 20 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 Madonna at Siena Heights, 2 p.m. Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m.

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Saturday, Sept. 23 Schoolcraft at Phoenix College (Ariz.), 7 p.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF** Tuesday, Sept. 19 WHAC Jamboree (No. 4) at Concordia (Polo Fields), TBA. Saturday, Sept. 23 WHAC Jamboree (No. 5)

at Madonna (Fellows Creek), TBA. WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF Tuesday, Sept. 19 MU at Bethel College (Ind.) Tourney at Knollwood Country Club, 5 p.m. **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Friday, Sept. 22 S'craft at Ferris St. Invitational, TBA TBA - time to be announced.

GIRLS TENNIS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Sept. 15 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Nicole Whitney, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Sarah Collins, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Kaylyn Bothell, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Dana

Anderson (S) def. Stacey Sparks, 6-3, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Sara Schroeder-Mary Bruce, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S) def. Kasheena Martin-Megan Walker, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Jaclyn Hoover-Amanda Emmons (S) def. Samantha Giles-Louisa Villaroman, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Emma Van Hoof-Lopa Patel (S) def. Ashley Hewson-Chardae Champagne, 6-2, 6-2.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; John Glenn, 1-6 overall,

Sept. 14 at Stevens No. 1 singles: Christina Ruiz (N) defeated Ashlev Moccia, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Chelsea Johnston (N) def. Corinne Pasley, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) def. Haley Johnston, 6-2/6-1; No. 4: Sarah Koupal (N) def. Paige McNamara, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Julie Francisco-Laura Sims (LS) def. Alicia Weber-Jonnie Powers, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Laura Taylor-Kelsey Thomas (N) def. Amelia Lepping-Courtney Bunna, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Ursula Cauffiel-Kristin Randall (N) def. Laura Delude-Rachel Simari, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Samantha Doud-Abby Grajer (N) def. Katey Roberts-Katherine Morse, 6-3, 6-2.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall,53-1



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Clancy Callahan in one of his quieter moments as a 9-month old

puppy.



Celebrate Clancy's birthday

lancy, our big blond Irish Wolfhound, turns one year old in a couple of days. In years past my sister, Gwen, and I celebrated our wolfhounds' birthdays by inviting a few co-workers to picnic in the park.

Celebrating a pet's birthday is not unusual according to the American Animal Hospital Association. Nearly 60 percent of owners mark their four-footed friend's special day so when Kelly Shariak, Pet Supplies "Plus" public relations person, asked us to help kick off the stores' new Pet Birthday Club and support the Critter Connection rescue group we jumped at

From noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23,



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we're inviting everyone to Pet Supplies "Plus" on Ford Road, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, in Canton. Clancy Callahan doesn't know it but Gwen and I are requesting that instead of presents, people adopt a homeless dog or cat, or bring a donation of money or items for the Critter Connection, a nonprofit devoted to finding homes for animals less fortunate than

Clancy. There will be a birthday cake for dogs thanks to the Doggie Deli in Clinton Township who will also donate 100 doggie goodie bags. Canton store manager Ted Linden has also ordered a cake for the owners who can enroll in the Pet Birthday Club and receive a \$5 coupon from Pet Supplies "Plus."

"We'll have lots of contests and prizes," said Linden. "Pet photographer Tom Names will be offering picture packages and a certified pet instructor will talk about behavioral issues and resolutions.

Bring in a stainless steel bowl, no slip collar, blankets and towels, pressure mount gates, medium folding crate, puppy exercise pen, and receive a free dog or cat toy, but more importantly you'll be helping neglected ad abused animals.

Critter Connection founder Claudia Peeken says smaller dogs and puppies are easy to place. It's the older dogs who have trouble finding a home.

Raising a puppy is no bed of roses so an adult dog might be a better choice. Clancy has left more than a dozen craters in the back yard where grass, vegetables and flowers used to grow. That's just one of the reasons my sister and I gladly celebrate his first birthday. Although we probably have 18 months of puppyhood still ahead of us, he is starting to

"Puppies go but the older dogs are harder to place. It's sad because the mommas are left behind," said Peeken who founded Critter Connection in 1996. "They're kept in foster homes until volunteers bring them to adoption events at the 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Pet Supplies "Plus" and Canton store."

The adoption fee includes neutering, heartworm check, vaccines, and microchipping, and runs from \$175 up. Three dogs this year tested heartworm positive so their cost will be higher. Peeken says the group's Visa bill can run \$3,500 a month for animal health care.

In the last three weeks, the group placed about 20 dogs at the Canton store thanks to Carrie Marsh who came up with the idea to show dogs there. On Sept. 23 she expects to have 30 dogs to adopt. Marsh began rescuing dogs about 15-years ago from the Detroit streets she patrolled as a police officer.

"We also have cats and kittens and we really need temporary foster homes," said Marsh of

Farmington Hills resident Kathie Brown is grateful not only to the Canton store, but her husband Don, sons Dominic, 12, Dustin, 10, and granddaughter Matea Brown, 6, who volunteer every Saturday. They start the day about 10 a.m. and don't return home until 6

Brown frequently finds homeless dogs on www.petfinder.com. She's rescued puppies and mothers who were about to be gassed in Ohio and Kentucky shelters. One of her favorites is Tori Sue, a boxer/American bulldog mix found on Detroit streets. Tori's required two eye surgeries, one of which was paid for with a generous \$1,000 donation from a Canton store cus-

For more information on Critter Connection visit www.petfinder.org then click on rescue groups in Wixom.

Linda Chomin is health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

75 years of faith



Bishop Michael Gallagher (left), the Rev. John Contway, Henry Shelden, B. Bagozzi, C.W. Erickson, and H.E. Hees celebrate the laying of the corner stone at St. Michael's church in Livonia on Oct. 21, 1931. Shelden Land Company donated a sixacre plot for the church.

St. Michael's celebrates history of parish, school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Progress is just fine with Charles Morris, at least when it comes to his parish, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia. The 81-year-old man remembers having to carry chairs up from the basement for Sunday Mass when functions were held downstairs on Saturdays.

Furnishings were sparse in the original building which was dedicated on Oct. 21, 1931, but Morris, then age 7, and his family didn't mind. It was the Depression and the 10 families who were members found solace in the church. This year the parish is observing its 75th anniversary of service to the community with events ranging from a Mass concelebrated with Adam Cardinal Maida last February to a picnic for former and present day parishioners and school alumni on Sept. 23.

"We moved in spring of 1932 to Livonia Township," said Morris who still lives in Livonia and walks to St. Michael's nearly every day to serve Mass as an altar server. "The only homes were in Rosedale Gardens where I lived in one of three homes on Cranston across the street from the church. I walked through the field to church which was the first floor of what is now the school and not quite as large as that.

"There was nothing but farms and a half square mile of homes. My granddad owned the home we lived in. My father always said he could buy land for \$1 a foot back then, but no one had a dol-

The school was only a vision of the Rev. John Contway when Morris was in his elementary years. Bishop Michael Gallagher had appointed the founding pastor to establish a "mother" church for Livonia. Years later



The Rev. William Tindall has been St.



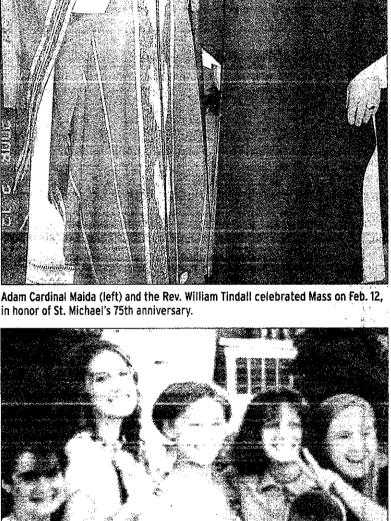
Laura Martin Michalak made her First is the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Morris's nine-children would graduate from the K-8 grade school. St. Michael's current pastor, William Tindall, credits





Communion in May of 1976. To her left





Kai Denski (center) made her Confirmation at St. Michael's church.

Contway with having the foresight to educate future generations in the faith by inviting the Felician Sisters to implement his plan.

"Father Contway was a big believer in Catholic education. He opened a school in 1941," said Tindall, pastor since 2003. "Father Contway was here until 1951. The last thing he did was build the rectory. Today there are 1,688 families, 818 students in the K-8 grade school.

"We couldn't have a better 🦫 👶 principal than Sister Carolyn Rutkowski. To her credit MEAP scores are some of the highest in the area. The Felician Sisters have made a tremendous contribution to the education of the children. In certain ways they

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Author takes a peek at life from infant's view

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Jeffrey Von Glahn believes mothers suspect their infant children are more aware and more sensitive than experts believe.

After getting the chance to study a patient named Jessica, who during therapy recalled events as early as birth, Von Glahn is convinced of it, and has now written a book on the subject.

Von Glahn, a former Plymouth resident whose parents, William and Florence, have lived in Plymouth since 1960, has penned Jessica: The autobiography of an infant, about Jessica's catharsis, her expressing emotions associated with events from her past.

In her therapy, Von Glahn explained, Jessica recalled "a number of events from birth to early



Jeffrey Von Glahn

Glahn, is "critical." "If a psychologically hurtful event occurs and there's no opportunity to talk about it, it stays in a frozen

infancy that had

had quite a trau-

matic effect on her."

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Jessica's recall,

state," said Von Glahn, who owns a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. "In (Jessica's) therapy, the psychological healing process picked up from that frozen state, and she expressed what she had experienced at the time."

According to Von Glahn, who earned his Ph.D. from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, watching Jessica experience those events again was the same as it might have been watching her go through it for the first time.

"Listening to her re-experience those early events was the same as listening to an infant if that infant could talk, describe and explain what's happening at the time," Von Glahn said. "It's that real."

Von Glahn met Jessica when she was a 23-year-old patient in 1977. He started writing the book five years later, listening to 250 hours of tapes, intending only to transcribe segments of the tapes he deemed pertinent to the book.

"I was only going to use maybe 10-15 percent of what was on the tapes," he said with a laugh. "But I still had to listen to all of them. It's a complicated story to tell. I had a lot of difficulty finding the right

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sequence."

It took him seven years to finish the first version — "I have tremendous empathy for anyone who's trying to write a book," he said, smiling - and the book was finally published in 2005.

But Von Glahn, who also owns a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's in education from Eastern Michigan University, said he simply couldn't give up on the project.

'This was a window into a dimension of human life that mainstream psychological (experts) thought didn't exist," Von Glahn said. "It was a far too fascinating experience not to write about it."

Von Glahn will sign copies of his book from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Book Cellar & Café on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

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www.plymouthlibrary.org **FICTION**

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- 2. "Judge & Jury," James
- Patterson 3. "Ricochet," Sandra
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- 5. "The Emperor's Children," Claire Messud

NON-FICTION

1. "I Feel Bad About My

Neck," Nora Ephron 2. "Marley & Me," John

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3. "State of Emergency," Patrick J. Buchanan 4. "Fiasco," Thomas E.

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- Small," Sara O'Leary 3. "Road Trip," Roger
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- Lion," Barbara Abercrombie

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were pioneers in education. We owe tĥem a lot. Education is so important. This is really where you give a young person their start in life, whether public or parochial school, to give them that tool for the wonderful future they can have."

Tindall believes the reason St. Michael's is still around after 75 years when other churches are closing is because of the dedication of parents.

"It was the folks throughout the history of the school who not only supported the church financially but the concept of Catholic education," said Tindall. "That may stem from their European immigrant history. They realized the importance of having a Catholic education - not only academic, but passing on the faith.

We have a specific mission of teaching values and morals, the formation of study habits. When you have a school the parish has a life. There's a uniqueness about the life and energy that's here."

Although St. Michael's physically has no room to expand, Tindall is developing programming to appeal to youth as well as adults. He recently brought Bernadette Menard on board to minister to junior and senior high school age students. Pastoral associate Sharon William is assisting in maintaining and developing Bible studies begun almost two years

"We're doing a lot of things because I believe this is what gives life to a parish," said Tindall, who sits behind a desk in his office which was once the rectory living room. "People are looking to find that relationship with God. You can tell people to go to church, but

people are educated. They want to know why these things are important. They want to learn and be able to discern for themselves.

A spiritual program developed for men is especially important to Alan Waukenhut, his wife Launa said. Alan converted to the Catholic religion about seven years ago.

"I'm excited to belong to St. Michael's, especially right now because there's really some exciting things going on," said Launa Waukenhut, a member of the church since 1978.

Waukenhut served on the 75th anniversary committee, not only planning events but putting together a publication to tell the history. Patrick Twomey was in charge of the print project that included sorting through a box of vintage photographs. Many of the black and white images were faded by time.

For the 75th each event has had a real special flavor," said Waukenhut. "On balance the biggest thing it's done is it's united the parish even more and gave a sense of community and belonging. I have two grown girls who went to catechism there. It was important for them to have that sense of belonging."

Lottie Vanzo became a parishioner in 1941 after moving to Livonia from Dearborn. The 93-year-old woman still lives in Livonia and attends St. Michael's church.

"Back then I thought the church is close by and convenient and we'll see it grow," said Lottie Vanzo whose three children graduated from St. Michael's school.

There were about 50 students in Gordon Vanzo's 8th grade graduating class in 1955.

"The classes were full." said Gordon Vanzo. "We had a bus most of the time that took us to school. When I was smaller I had to walk about 1 1/2 miles. The classrooms and sanctuary were all in one building. We had a red barn out in back for the bus. The church eventually got rich and got a barn and a bus."

Steve Courtney remembers St. Michael's School fondly. He was 4 years old when his parents moved to Livonia 42 years ago. Today, Courtney's son Trevor, 12, is in the seventh grade at Emerson but plays football at St. Michael's.

"I went through grades one to eight at St. Michael's. It was an amazing experience," said Courtney, the weekday morning sportscaster for WJR. Courtney also appears on WDIV's sports final edition on Sunday night.

"I formed friendships that last to this day. I got a great education, played football, baseball and basketball. Ed Day the athletic director was certainly a force in my life. Hank Johnson was eighth grade football coach. They were two great men who took the time to direct this sometimes wayward youngster in the right direction.

"I still go to church at St. Michael's. My mom Kay is very active. She coached basketball and volleyball. I was married there. My children were baptized there. There's a certain comfort level. It's very much like a family. I'll run into people at mass that I went to grade school with or who lived in the neighborhood. Each and every Sunday has the potential of being a reunion."

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Mothers of Preschoolers meet at church

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth.

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Artist delves into soul to create work

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

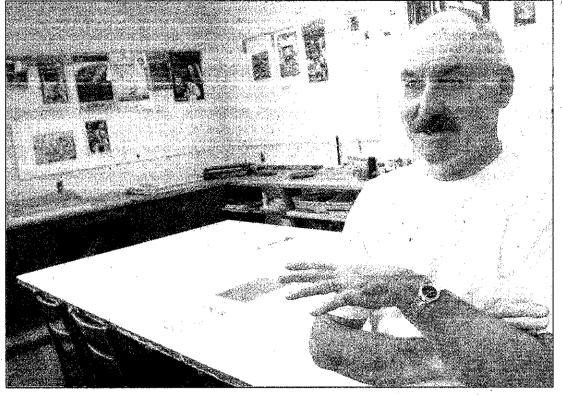
Doug Semivan sees nothing unusual about not having exhibited at Madonna University since 1990. The department chairman's been busy not only expanding the graphic and fine arts programs there, but creating paintings and prints to display nationally when he's not serving as artistin-residence and coordinating the visual arts program at the European-American Center for International Education in Pontlevoy, France.

Semiyan did take a sabbatical in the winter of 2005 so he could spend time reflecting. Contemplation is key to the Royal Oak artist's work as evidenced in his new show of more than a dozen abstract pieces in "How Long is a Moment." At 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, Semivan discusses the paintings and prints at an opening reception in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the Library Wing at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. The sabbatical exhibition continues to Oct. 14.

"Every day I go into the studio with my cup of coffee and turn the lights on," said Semivan. "The studio is awakened. Teaching allows me one to two days in the studio. If I'm teaching I then return to the studio before dinner and after to renew the relationship with

the painting.
"I sit and look at it for a long time, make one stroke and then another."

Jeanne Moore asked Semivan to show in the gallery because he is a working artist as well as a professor and chairman of the art department.



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Douglas Semivan speaks about his current and upcoming role in the Madonna University art department of which he is chairman.

"His work is beautiful," said Moore, who teaches art history and serves as director of the Madonna University Exhibit Gallery. "I like the theme he has going on. Sailing is one of his passions."

In his artist's statement, Semivan reveals that late one evening while exploring the night sky on Lake St. Clair he noticed the deep color achieved when the full moon back-lit the clouds. That moment turned into two of his blue paintings, "Deep August (blue)" and "Gondola," both of which are now in the collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Although Semivan says his thought process goes deeper than sailboats to paint the

abstractions, there's no denying the motif is present. It's also apparent that frequently a composition flows into the next painting. Semivan refers to himself as a miner digging certain elements out of one work to birth another.

In fact, some of the work in his sabbatical exhibition evolved from art that first took form in 1996. So he asks, How Long is a Moment? The decade since then seems like a long time, but in some ways it is only a moment.

As Semivan looks back at the 16 years since he first came to teach at Madonna University, time has literally flown by. Today, the Madonna University art program counts 50 fine art

majors and 50 graphic art majors, double the amount in 1990. Semivan thinks that's because he brought in "topnotch" adjunct faculty from College for Creative Studies, Cranbrook Academy of Art, and Wayne State University to attract students.

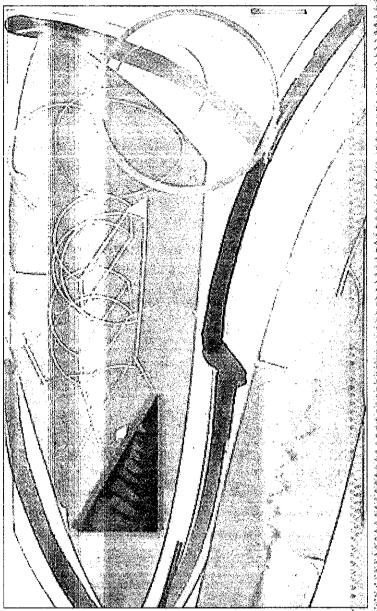
"I'm pleased that I've been able to do what I have," said Semivan, who earned his master of fine arts degree from. Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills.

What gives me the most pleasure is making things happen for other people. That's why I enjoy teaching so much."

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Semivan calls this red, black and white painting Fullmoon (daylight). It is one of the abstractions in his current show, How Long is a Moment.





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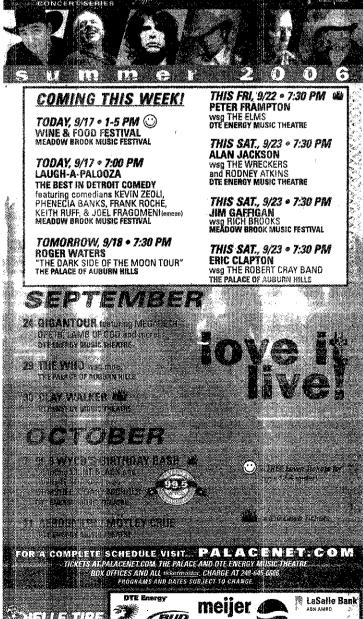
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenhardt-Burns

Stephen Lenhardt and Kathryn Burns were married Sept 23, 2006, by Pastor Kenneth Bracken at the 1st United Methodist Church in Garden City. The reception was held at the VFW Post 3323 in Westland.

Parents of the Groom are Michael and Kathleen Lenhardt of Livonia. Parents of the Bride are Mark and Jacquelyn Burns of Plymouth.

Steve graduated from Churchill High School in 2002 and is employed as a tree trimmer by Asplundh.

Katie graduated from Churchill High School in 2004 and is employed as a childcare

Attending the bride were: Ashley Burns, maid of honor and cousin of the bride, and bridesmaids: Laura Harlin, sister of the bride; Lynn Facione sister of the bride; Jessika Adam, niece of the bride; Brittnay Shires friend of the bride; Elizabeth Abajay friend of the bride; and Jessica McDonnell, friend of the bride.

Flower girls were: Aylssa Facione niece of the bride;



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Gabrielle Harlin, niece of the bride; and Grace Facione, niece of the bride.

Best Man was Mark Burns, brother of the bride. Groomsmen were: Christopher Lenhardt, brother of the groom; Jeff Webberman, friend of the groom; Chad Lemmon, friend of the groom; Jordan Webb, friend of the groom; Shane Brazziel, friend of the groom; and Jared Tingley, friend of the groom.

The bride and groom just purchased a home in Westland

Nieset-Stout

Michele Erin Stout and Douglas Lawrence Nieset were married June 10 at the St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth with the Rev. Gary Michalik officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Michael Dean and Kathleen Mary Stout of Livonia. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy and is employed as an occupational therapist.

The groom of Waterford Township is the son of Robert Lawrence and Barbara June Nieset of Fremont, Ohio. He is a University of Akron graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering and is employed as a mechanical engineer.

The bride was attended by Brittany Danhoff, maid of honor and cousin of the bride; Kelly Tonks, friend; Danielle Piergentili, friend; Emily Nieset, sister of the groom; Josie Piergentili, daughter of the bridesmaid; and Matthew Sudekum, cousin of the bride.



The groom was attended by Philip Nieset, best man and brother of the groom; Jeffrey Stout, brother of the bride; P.J. Keating, friend of the groom; and Eric Hartenstein, friend of the groom.

A reception was held at Burton Manor. The couple honeymooned in Maui.

The couple are making their home in Waterford Township.

Eddington-Charron

Mr. and Mrs. David Eddington of Brush Creek, Tenn., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Lea Eddington, to Matthew Marc Charron.

Bonnie is the granddaughter of Bob and Marilyn Eddington of Brush Creek, Tenn., and Edward and Flora Schomberger of Plymouth.

Matthew is the son of Tim and Claire Boudrieau of Jaffrey, N.H., George Charron of Bedias, Texas. Matthew is the grandson of Hector and Eveline Letourneau of Winchester, Mass., Ginnie Boudrieau and the late Tom Boudrieau of Bellows Falls, Vt., and the late Henry and Ellen

DiMassa-Melville Mr. Blaine DiMassa of Spring

Hill, Florida and Mrs. Patricia

DiMassa of Brighton, announce

the engagement of their daughter Rachel DiMassa, to Michael

Northville. The bride-elect is a

1997 graduate of South Lyon

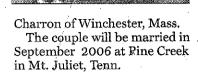
High School, a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and teaches 9th and 12th grade English at Clearwater High

School in Clearwater, Fla. The groom is a 1996 graduate of South Lyon High School, a

2001 graduate of Western Michigan University and is currently employed by SCC Soft

Melville, the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Tom Melville of





The wedding will be held in



June 2007 at Plymouth Church of Christ in Plymouth.

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ANNA (MARCUCCILLI) VISCOGLIOSI age 66, of Vernon, Connecticut. Beloved wife of the late Giovanni Viscogliosi, entered into Eternal Life on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Anna was born on April 20, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan daughter of the late Gaetano and Marianna Marcuccilli of Santo Padre, Italy. Anna was an amazingly caring, loving mother and grand-mother. She lived her life filled with laughter, dignity and grace. She had a very quick wit and always a good story to tell. She was everyone's counselor imparting timeless wisdom, while striving for peace and good humor. Blessed with God's grace, her ability to relate to people on their terms was extraordinary. Her greatest joys in life were her husband, children, and grand-children. The virtues she taught her loved ones were those of family unity, unconditional love, optimism, peace-Anna's love, wisdom and compassion bestowed upon her a graciousness which was rare and beautiful. She was a member of the Manchester Historical society, the Italian American Club of LIvonia, Michigan, and a communi-cant of Sacred Heart Parish of Vernon. Anna owned and operated Ann's Pub in Wayne, Michigan for 18 years with her late husband Giovanni. Anna is survived by her daughter Lori Calabrese and her husband Andrea of Vernon; three sons Tony Viscogliosi, and his fiance' Deborah Bocchicchio Marc Viscogliosi and his wife Paola Andrea all of New York; her loye surrounds forever her grandchildren Angelica, Arianna, Giovanni and Francesco Calabrese and Isabella Viscogliosi. She is also survived by her brother, Tony Marcelli and his wife Cynthia and their children Jennifer and Marc; a nephew Elio Viscogliosi, as well as many nieces and nephews in Italy. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 12-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, September 16 2006. The family will also receive relatives and friends from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at the

Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St.
Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, In
Memory of Anna Viscogliosi; or
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, CT 06611, In Memory of Ann Viscogliosi; or Sacred Heart Church, 550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066, In Memory of Anna Viscogliosi. For online condoences or directions please visit smallandpietrasfuneralhome.com

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Elm Street, Vernon-Rockville to

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Turnpike, Vernon for a Mass of Christian Burial to be held at 11:00

a.m.. Anna will be entombed beside

her late husband in Mount Saint

Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT.

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age 40 of Redford. Survived by her children Nicholas, Alexander, Helena & their father, Rick Pascua. Daughter of Thomas & the late Bonnie. Sister of Jim. Dave & Steve Michalak & Keera Franko, Aunt of many. Visitation Sunday 1:00-7:00 p.m. at Charles R. Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (btwn. 6 & 7 Mile Rd.). Contributions to her children appreciated.

DORIS JOANNE GERVAIS COLLING (nee Palmer)

Passed away September 6, 2006. Doris was born in Lansing, MI, on March 24, 1933. She is survived by her Husband, Emerson Colling; her sister, Joyce Grubaugh; her brother, Milton Palmer; daughters Suzette Phillips and Christine Doty; and son, Robert Gervais; sons-in-law Donald Phillips and Daniel Doty; daughter-in-law, Gervais; grandchildren Phillips, Jennifer Doty, Marin, Matthew Doty, Jennifer Adrienne Danielle Gervais and Nicholas ervais. Doris lived for many years in Livonia, MI and Northville, MI, and for the last seven years in Sun Lakes, AZ. Doris was active in many political and neighborhood activities and in the lives of her family and many, many friends. Private services have been held. Burial will be September 15, 2006, at the Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery in Chandler, National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



MARGARET E. "Peg" MOORE

Recently of Brighton, MI, died September 13, 2006. Peg was born in ssex, Ontario, Canada, on December 24, 1914. Beloved wife of the late Albert "Bert" Balsom (1938-1954) and the late George Moore (1962-1992). Loving mother of Lynne Reardon and Barbara Denton. Cherished grandmother of Tracy Reardon (Jenn), Chad Denton (Valerie), Adam Denton, and Taylor Denton. Dear sister of Edie, Elsie, Barbara, Bill, Donna, Doug, and he late James (Bess), Ruby, and Vi. Juneral services were held Saturday at Thaver-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the charity of your choice. www.thayer-rock.com

MARY JANE CARLAND

Age 86, of Beulah, MI. Passed away September 12, 2006. She was born in Bay City, Michigan and raised in Corunna, Michigan where she started teaching elementary school after University. She married and raised her own family in Birmingham, Michigan where she touched the lives of many students over the 28 years she was a teacher in the Birmingham Public School system. She enjoyed her family, music, needlepoint, knitting and taking people for a ride in her classic century boat during the summers up north. Her real passion was watching football. She was a long time member of St. James Church in Birmingham, Alpha Z sorority, Crystal Lake Association, AAUW, and various other organizations. Beloved wife of the late Michael M. Dear mother of Michael (Pat) of Charlevoix and Susan (William) Lauppe of Grosse Point. Dear grandmother of Andrew Lauppe Philadelphia and Steven and Lindsey Carland of Charlevoix. Memorial may be made to Angela Hospice or Humane Society. Graveside service, Friday, 11:30am, September 22, 2006, at Pine Tree Cemetery, Corunna, Michigan, with the Reverend Rusty Merrill officiating. Luncheon and fellowship to follow graveside service at the Owosso Country Club.

MARGARET E. MARR

East Lansing, MI. Age 90, died September 13, 2006. She was born in Detroit, MI on April 9, 1916 and was formerly a resident of Birmingham, MI and Waterford, MI. Mardie attended Miss Newman's School in Detroit and Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. She served in the U.S. Navy W.A.V.E.S. from 1944-1946. She was employed as a secretary at her brother's firm, Marr & Marr Architects. She was a longtime member of the Village Club. Mardie loved to travel and spent many summers at Portage Pointe in Onekama, MI. She enjoyed the company of her many long time friends. She was greatly loved by her family and will be remembered forever. Margaret was preceded in death by her father, Richard H. Marr, a Detroit architect, her mother, Irma B. Marr, brother, Carl B. Marr, also an architect and her sister-in-law, Coralie Marr. Margaret is survived by nephews, Dr. Marr (partner, Barbara Coats) of Traverse City, MI and David (Cathy) Marr of DeWitt, MI; niece, Janet Adolphsen of Boise, ID; greatniece, Elizabeth (Joseph) Casaletto; great-nephews, Richard (Liana) Marr, Ryan (Ellen) Marr, and Peter Adolphsen; great-great-nieces, Olivia Heron, Veronica Marr, and Brooke Casaletto and great-great-nephew, Wesley Casaletto. The family wishes to thank the staff at Burcham Hills Retirement Center and Hospice Advantage of Lansing for their concerned care of Mardie. Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 16, 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, 1600 W. Maple, Birmingham MI. Private Interment will be held. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing, MI.





MICHAEL KOSKO

Age 77, September 7, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Patricia. Loving father of Jeffrey M. Kosko, Kathleen E. Gemuend-Kosko, and the late Bradley L. Kosko. Cherished grandfather of Jessica and Ashley. Michael was employed by Ford Motor Company for 38 years as a systems methods analyst, retiring in 1992. Donations to the family will be put owards the DMC Huron Valley- Sinai Liver Cancer Research Fund. Private funeral services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thaver-rock.com

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RICK CHAVEY Passed away, at age 57, on September 15, 2006. Husband to Ewa, son of Margaret A. Chavey. Brother to Sue and Tom (Jenean), uncle to Tom and AJ Carr, and friend of many. A celebration of Rick's life will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Contact the Chavey family members for details.

STEFFANI FEDORYSHYN ELLMAN

of Birmingham died last Saturday, week before her 89th birthday, of pancreatic cancer. Born in Detroit of Ukrainian-speaking parents she attended public schools in Dearborn and the University of Michigan, graduating from Wayne State University. During World War II she taught in a Dearborn elementary school and when her children were older, she taught English at the Highland Park High School. She worked in Washington, D.C. for UNRRA, the predecessor of the United Nations; but for the last two decades has been a Birmingham resident. She is survived by Erwin, her husband, of more than 61 years, her son Michael of Boston, her daughter Barbara Ellmann McEiroy of Manhattan and two grandsons, Christopher Ellmann and James Boone McElroy of New York. A woman of wide interests, good nature and wit, Ms. Ellmann was known for her volunteer services in the orchid section of the Cranbrook greenhouse

WILLARD L. JEFFRIES

Age 83, of Canton passed away on September 13, 2006 at home. Willard was a Veteran of WWII where he also served as a paramedic. Loving father of Philip (Irene), Timothy (Karen) and Sheryl; dear grandfather to Sophia, Alexandra, Lambrose Phil Antonia, Eric and Kara; brother to Dorothy of West Virginia; greatgrandfather to Christina and Elizabeth. His wife, Alberta, his parents, Troy and Rosa Mae Jeffries and sisters, Delta, Elnora, Lorine, and Regina precede Willard in death. A visitation will be held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at the R.O.C. -Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Becl Road, Northville, MI from 6-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held at a later date in Elkin, N.C. Arrangements entrusted to the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, 734 663 3375.

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Munday-Snell

Melissa Munday of Livonia and Matthew Snell of Naubinway are engaged to married. The bride-to-be is the daugh-

ter of George and Pam Munday of Livonia and Jim and Cheryl Turovaara of Livonia. She is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and works with Livonia Public schools.

The prospective groom is the son of Thomas and Christine Snell of Whitmore Lake and Mark and Cheryl Tryon of Naubinway. He is a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University and works with Thomson Medstat in Ann

Brevick-Rogers

John and Linda Brevick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Lyn Brevick, to David Scot Rogers of Milford.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in biopsychology. She is employed as a research associate technician for the UM Medical School.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Mary Lou Rogers of Milford. He is a 2001 graduate of Milford High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in athletic training. He

is also employed as a research associate technician for the UM

An April 2007 wedding is

Catholic Church in Livonia.

planned for St. Maurice

Medical school.

An October wedding is planned for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Yoo-Sweeton

Jim and Archina Yoo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Jane Yoo, of Livonia to David Mathew Sweeton of Chelsea. The bride-to-be is a 1996

graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and attended the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, for both her bachelor of science and her master of science in information. Currently, Rebecca is working as webmaster for Thomson Creative Solutions in Dexter.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary Lou Sweeton of Manchester. Currently, Dave

Wong-Martin

Patricia Lin Wong of Northville Township and Paul Savio Martin of Dearborn were married July 15 in an outdoor celebration at the home of the bride's family officiated by the Rev. Curt Roeloff.

The bride is the daughter of Gordon and Patty Wong of Northville Township. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is employed by Trader Joe's. She was attended by Angela Wong, sister of the bride, and Elizabeth Gutierrez, sister of the groom.

The groom is the son of Edward Martin of Dearborn and Pamela Martin, also of Dearborn. Paul is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn.



is self-employed as a contract software engineer and owns his own company, Wintermute Software LLC.

A small, family wedding is planned for October 2006.



and a graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Apple Computers. He was attended by Billy Fraser, friend of the groom, and David Gaggos, friend of the groom.

The couple make their home

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Grochowskis mark

60th anniversary

Raymond and Mildred (Hoover)

Grochowski of Livonia will cele-

brate their 60th

wedding anniver-

The couple was married Sept. 28,

1946, at St. Frances

de Sales Church in Detroit. They have

lived in Livonia for

Stanley (Priscilla)

and Daniel (Robin)

Grochowski of Tacoma, Wash.

Grochowski of Albuquerque,

N.M. They have seven grand-

Raymond has been retired 24 years as a Detroit firefighter.

Mildred is retired 12 years from

27 years.

children.

sary Sept. 28.

Simkows mark

50th anniversary

Stefan and Carol (Smith) Simkow of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 22.

The Simkows were married Sept. 22, 1956, at St. Agnes Church in Detroit. They have resided in Westland for 49

years. Their children are the late Cynthia Simkow,

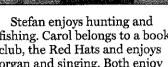
Tina Marie Simkow of Westland and Mark Simkow of Garden City.

They have grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

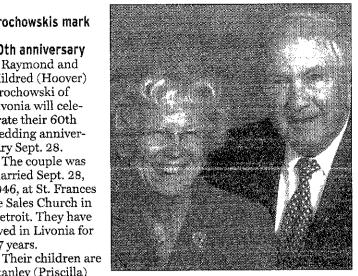
Carol has been retired for 10 years from Annapolis Oakwood Hospital. Stefan has been retired for 13 years from Kroger

Stefan enjoys hunting and fishing. Carol belongs to a book club, the Red Hats and enjoys organ and singing. Both enjoy getaways to Cheboygan.

couple at 9 a.m. Sept. 22 at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church. Family and friends are



A Mass will be celebrated for

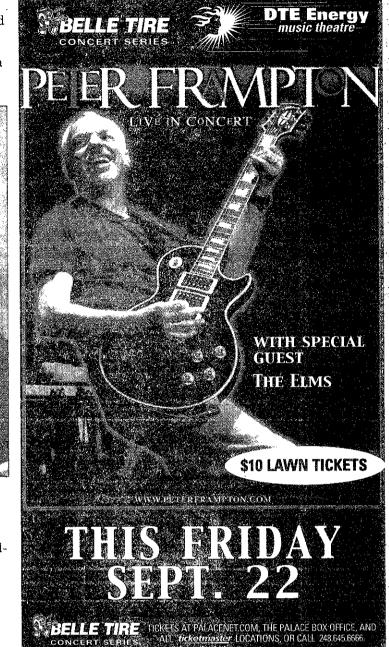


an accounting job.

They enjoy travel, gold and bowling. Raymond is dedicated Tiger fan.

They had two celebrations, one in Albuquerque and one in





Cranfords mark

50th anniversary Ilar and Arlene Cranford of Gladwin, Mich., formerly longtime Plymouth residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

July 21. The Cranfords were married July 21, 1956, at First Methodist Church

in Plymouth. Their children are son Curt (Maryanne) Cranford of Northville and daughter Brenda (Brian) Beck of

Plymouth. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A vow renewal party was held July 21at Burton Manor in Livonia for 80 friends and family members attending. Ilar's



brother, Norval, and Arlene's sister Betty Childress attended. Ilar is retired 10 years from

General Motors. Arlene is retired nine years from Kroger. They are enjoying their retirement in Gladwin, Mich.

Barbalases celebrate 50th anniversary

Andrew and Mary Barbalas, formerly of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15.

Their children are Lee Barbalas, Officer Susan Barbalases Joseph Barbalas, Donna Shiemke and Barb Novak. Six grandchildren; Eric, Angela and Mark Shiemke; John and Kia Novak and Brianne Barbalas.

Andrew and Mary are retired and live in Onaway, Mich. on Black Lake.

They celebrated their anniversary with family.

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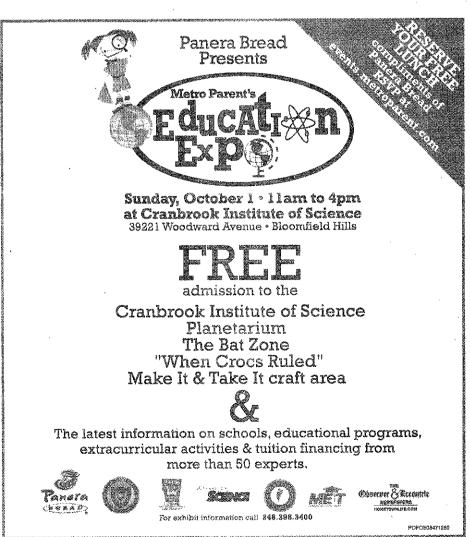
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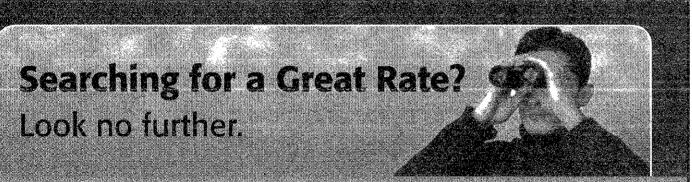
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AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk

Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K noncompetitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30, at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

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mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu Snow White auditions

Auditions for children 8-15 years old for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" take place at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main in downtown Northville, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Children must sing "Do-Re-Mi" from ... "Sound of Music." An accompanist will be provided. Auditioners should also. prepare a comic monologue. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

Lupus walk

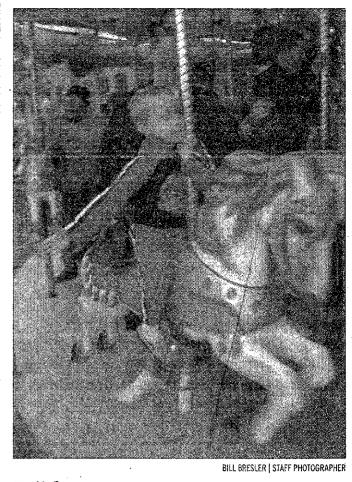
The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan-Indiana Affiliate sponsors the 12th-annual Metro Beach Walk for Lupus 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Metro Beach Metro Park, 31330 Metro Parkway in Harrison Township. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free Tshirt. Lunch provided. Raffle tickets available. Contact the Lupus Alliance, (800) 705-6677, e-mail info@milupus.org or visit the Alliance Web site at www.milupus.org

CC Rummage Sale

The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River and west of Wixom Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.

Charity golf

The Mulligan Masters Charity Golf Outing, hosted by Oliver/Hatcher Charities, sponsored by Oliver/Hatcher Construction, takes place 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, located at 40941 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville, Registration to golf, which includes golf, BBQ lunch and sit-down



Fall fun

Four-year-old Cayden Maki took this spin on the carousel with his aunt, Sheila Kazanowski, during last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival. While rain and cool temperatures kept crowds down, organizers are still calling the annual ritual, which features the Rotary Chicken Barbecue, a great success.

dinner, is \$300 while dinner only is \$100. Guest speaker Frank Beckmann will conclude the event with a speech at 7:30 p.m. A silent auction will also take place. Proceeds from the event and auction will benefit Child and Family Life at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. For more information or to register, please contact, Event Coordinator, Joanne Sweetman at 248.669.4500 or isweetman@oliverhatcher.com.

Hospice series

Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many. Heartland Hospice is offering a sixweek series, "Loss of a Spouse," 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor, 3840 'Packard, and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 973-1145 or toll-free (888) 975-1145.

Genealogical meetings

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 18 at the Livonia Senior Center. 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. At 6:30 p.m., there will be the video "Finding a Maiden Name" and, at 7:30 p.m., the program will be "Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities," with Ceil Jensen as the keynote speaker. Further information can be found on the society's Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwegs/ or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050. Meeting, class and program are free of charge and open to the public. Guests are welcome.

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan will talk about "Genealogy and Adoption Research." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Call (810) 227-7745 for details.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can

register and learn more about the festivals by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

Bariatric seminar

St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

Art/craft festival The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-

mail pennyhomalley@aol.com Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and mate rials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

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

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Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and

Chronic Fatique Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information, call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768.

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Equal opportunity killer

HIV/AIDS infect all segments of population

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

HIV/AIDS isn't a disease that infects only gays and intravenous drug users anymore. Dr. Christopher Carpenter says "a good proportion" of his patient population at William Beaumont Hospital is heterosexual.

"It can hit just about anybody who is sexually active. I have patients who are moms and grandmoms, professionals. It's hitting every pocket of society," said Carpenter, a medical doctor in the Division of Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine
Department, at the Royal Oak hospi-

Having HIV (human immunodeficieny virus) is not the same as having AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), but HIV does become AIDS when the immune system is seriously damaged after HIV targets the cells that defend against infections

Carpenter thinks the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recent recommendation for more universal testing helps physicians diagnose and treat the disease earlier. The Troy resident has been seeing HIV/AIDS patients since the early 1990s when the disease was terminal. Since the introduction of protease inhibitors in 1996 and diagnostics to measure the amount of virus in the blood, HIV/AIDS has become a chronic condition if detected in time.

PROGRESS MADE

"When they came out with potent medications, protease inhibitors, you had to take dozens of pills every day but recently the FDA approved Atripla (July 2006). It's one pill, once a day and has three medications inside of it," said Carpenter. "We're now able to suppress the virus for

years. At one point we had early hopes for a cure but a cure is still a long time off."

Raising awareness has been key to battling the virus since the first patient was diagnosed in 1981. In 1983, a group of gays founded Wellness Networks which eventually became AIDS Partnership Michigan. The organization helped those with the disease to cope physically and mentally. The work continues through the Partnership Michigan AIDS hotline, case management, education programs, and HIV testing at sites in Detroit, Pontiac, and Affirmations gay community center in Ferndale.

From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Belle Isle Nature Zoo, the 5K AIDS Walk Michigan-Detroit will raise money for health and prevention services at Sinai Grace Hospital, Detroit Medical Center, Visiting Nurse Association, Simon House for women with AIDS, Taylor Teen Health Center, Project Hope at Goodwill Industries, to name a few. AIDS Partnership Michigan co-sponsors the event with the Community Health Awareness Group. For more information, visit www.aidswalkmichigan.org and click on City of Detroit, or call (313) 446-9809. The walk takes place in Ann Arbor, Bay City, Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Traverse City as well. Since the early 1980s, HIV/AIDS has killed more than 34 million people around the world.

"We have prevention programs targeting specific populations particularly young, gay African American men," said Barbara Murray, executive director of AIDS Partnership Michigan since 1989. "High risk heterosexuals is one of the fastest growing populations especially African American women who may be having sex with



Approximately 1,200 people walked last year in 5K AIDS Walk Michigan-Detroit co-sponsored by AIDS Partnership Michigan and the Community Health Awareness Group. There are 16,200 estimated cases of HIV in Michigan, 1,810 in Oakland County, 1,600 in Wayne County not including the City of Detroit which is estimated to have nearly 7,000 cases.

partners who have also had sex with infected men or are intravenous drug

"It's estimated there are 16,200 people living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan, 9,300 are actually diagnosed. A good number don't even know they have the disease (and could be infecting other people). Almost 9,000 Michiganians have died from the first reportings in 1981. The first two cases both people died within six months."

DAYS OF FEAR

Kathy Kustowski remembers the fear that ran rampant 25 years ago

when she and staff at the Visiting Nurse Association were the first home health care organization to care for persons with HIV/AIDS. Today, Kustowski is manager of VNA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS funding program, but back then she was a social worker providing direct service. Congress created the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990, funding a series of grant programs to cover treatment services. White was a teen who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion and died as a result.

"It was a frenzy. We didn't know what it was," said Kustowski. "It was called GRID, gay related immune disorder, and hit the gay population and IV drug users who share needles. People were basically dying. There were no medications, treatment. Because of the fear they were basically kicked out of their homes. There were some grassroots gay organizations who provided food and support. Churches would not get involved. People were not welcome in the churches. We're still dealing somewhat with that because of the way it's A contracted. Till this day there is still some fear. I think the fear is more probably a judgment because of the way HIV is contacted through blood on contact, sexual contact or sharing needles."

Women comprised about 7-8 percent of the HIV/AIDS patients 25 years ago, said Kustowski. Today, the number has risen to 28-30 percent

"In women HIV/AIDS is contracted mainly through heterosexual (relations) because people aren't faithful to each other. The husband may be having sex with other men and then with their wife and women may not even know it," said Kustowski. "Because it's sex you don't even talk about it, not just HIV but STD (sexually transmitted diseases). This particular disease is preventable."

Murray couldn't agree more.

"As long as this virus exists on our planet, we know pretty clearly how to prevent the transmission. We need to reinforce that particularly with our young people," said Murray. "Let's be real. Kids do have sex. Abstinence is an excellent message, but I don't believe it should be the only message. As a gambler, I wouldn't want to take a chance that my child only knew the abstinence message."

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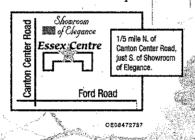
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Events to raise funds for HIV/AIDS programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Sept. 17, two separate events will help AIDS patients like Carlos Zamora

AIDS Walk Detroit and the Tony Caputo 5K Run begins with registration at 8 a.m. followed by a 9 a.m. run, opening ceremony for the NAMES Project Memorial AIDS Quilt at 9:30 a.m., and walk at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Royal Oak. Proceeds go to HIV/AIDS programs including the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency which provides inhome support services including transportation for Oakland County residents, Deaf Community Advocacy Network, Henry Ford Hospital Infectious Diseases, and Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP), to name a

"The walk and run is an opportunity for everyone to obtain information on awareness, prevention and services for HIV/AIDS," said AIDS Walk Detroit program director Charlotte Paul. "Last year we raised over \$280,000. This is

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our 16th year. Since our inception we've granted out over \$2.5 million."

Zamora was initially diagnosed in 1984 as HIV positive at age 23.

They basically sent me home to handle my affairs and die," said Zamora, who in the past has received home health care from the Visiting Nurse Association. In 1999, the VNA told him there was a need for a support group in Macomb County so he founded Positive Influences.

"I went for a number of years waiting to die then I began to read articles that said people with HIV were living longer. One day I said it looks like you have a future, you better start planning for it and started my own photography business."

Zamora, 44, says today he's healthy, but that can change quickly. Last year, he was unable to work due to complications and the resulting depression. Over the years, he's suffered with side effects from the medications such as neuropathy, incontinence and diarrhea, but that doesn't stop him from volunteering with the Southeast Michigan

HIV/AIDS Council, a nationwide organization which distributes Ryan White funding in eligible metropolitan areas.

"I credit a lot to positive thinking, eating right, adhering to meds if you're on them, exercising three-four times a week," said Zamora, who learned in 1988 that he has AIDS. "It has not been easy, but it's not a death sentence like it used to be. It's manageable, but I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. In group we talk about ways of reducing stress. When first diagnosed people feel very isolated. They're afraid to mention it to anybody."

ART WORKS FOR LIFE

Carl Demeulenaere knows several people like Zamora who continue to live and struggle with AIDS, and others who have died. He is co-chairing Art Works For Life, the annual Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) auction being held at 5 p.m. today, at The Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. Demeulenaere along with Redford sculptor Sergio De Giusti, Anne Fracassa, Eric Mesko, Claudia Shephard,

Stephen Magsig, and many more artists have donated work. The live and silent auctions feature more than 300

Demeulenaere refers to himself as a gay installation artist who faced his own homosexuality shortly before his mother died of cancer in 1990. He whole-heartedly supports the work of MAPP.

"I hope we can reach at least one person, motivating them into making wiser decisions about their relationships, how to protect themselves physically and mentally. Talking about HIV and AIDS is important. People need to know people don't have insurance. Numbers in the black female community have risen and continue to rise. It's not just about gay issues."

For information about the AIDS Detroit walk and run, visit www.aidswalkdetroit.org or call (248) 399-WALK.

For details on the art auction to benefit MAPP, call (248) 545-1435 or visit www.artworksforlife.org. Reservations are \$85.

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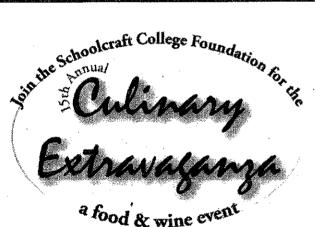
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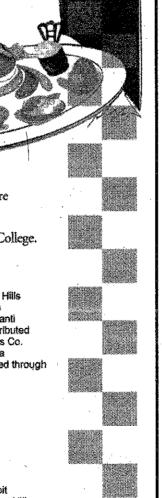
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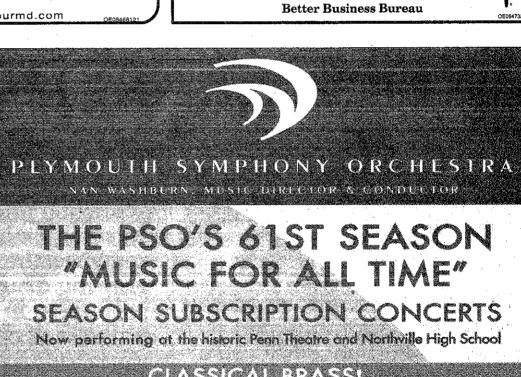
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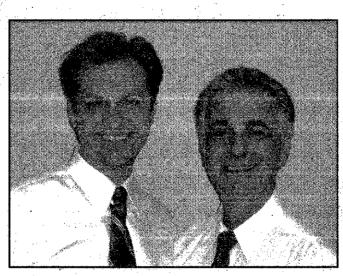
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On the move: Auto technician field has growing demand, good pay

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Dan Kavalar, 17, a senior at Westland John Glenn High School, plans to attend a fouryear university next fall to study mechanical engineering. These days, he's taking auto tech classes at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and working at Ralph Thayer Automotive in Livonia.

"I would say it's a good field to go into," said Kavalar. "Now it takes a lot more knowledge and a lot more patience." He's learning in his auto tech classes such things as engine repair and work on brakes.

Principal Ginny Kowalski was busy recently on the first day of school at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, but took a few minutes to talk about the growing need for auto technicians.

"Oh, absolutely," the Wayne-Westland school administrator said of job demand in that field. "Cars are computers now on wheels. They are truly now high-skilled technicians."

According to the U.S.

JOB TRENDS

Department of Labor, there will be 35,000 automotive service technician positions to fill each year through the end of this decade in order to keep up with demand.

Technicians typically earn between \$30,000 and \$60,000 a year in metro areas and work with modern computer systems and diagnostic equipment.

Wayne-Westland is among school districts working with Automotive Youth Educational System, or AYES. "We are very involved with that national initiative" from auto dealers, said Cynthia Candela, job placement coordinator at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland. The local educators also work closely with the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

At the Ford center, there are 75-100 students per year in the program. Up to 15 are trained for AYES with 10 placed.

"That is the top of the line program," said Candela, explaining educators work with auto dealers and such independents as tire shops and lube and oil businesses.

At Ralph Thayer Automotive, Kavalar works in the service department, doing appointment coordinating and driving the courtesy shuttle. He's found some customers of a certain age are surprised that cars have gone high tech.

"People do get a little surprised when we say there's something wrong with that part. It's a lot more computeroriented than it used to be," Kavalar said of what's under the hood.

The summer between their junior and senior years, the AYES students work 40 hours a week at an auto business, and do co-op work during the school year. They often go on to community college to earn a two-year associate's degree, which is encouraged, and like Kavalar some go to four-year schools.

"The manufacturers are also heavily involved in this," said Candela, adding manufacturers do much training.

There are young women who

finish AYES now, but Candela notes it's still challenging to face female technicians in the

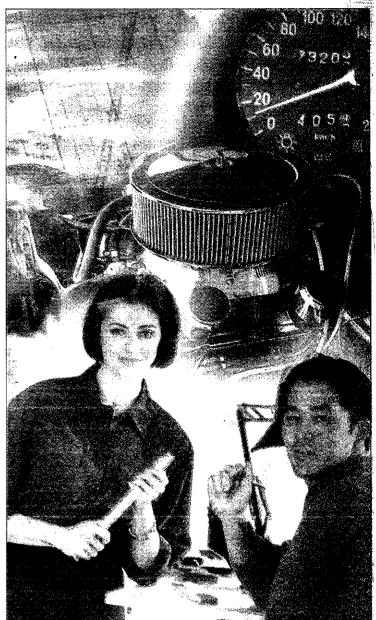
"There is no greasy technician, anything like that anymore," she said. "It is mostly diagnostics." Students need to be adept with the computer and have strong math skills.

The Ford center students also compete in Skills USA and other competitions to troubleshoot automotive problems. State certification testing is given at the center in Westland twice a year, Candela added.

Employers give the Ford center program high marks. "One of the best mechanics we ever had came from the voc-tech," said Margaret Harlow, coowner of Harlow Tire in Westland. He's since moved to a job closer to home.

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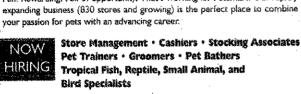
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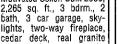




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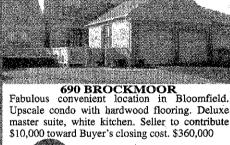
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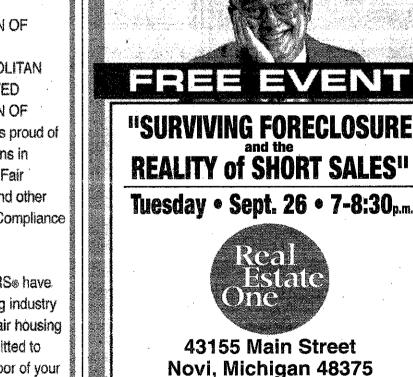
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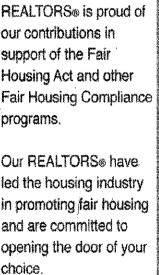
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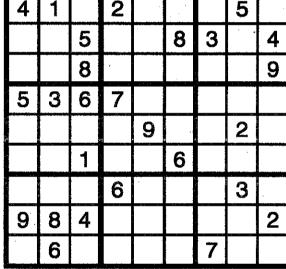
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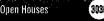
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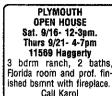
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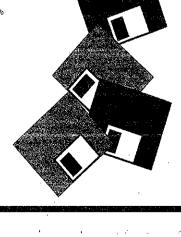
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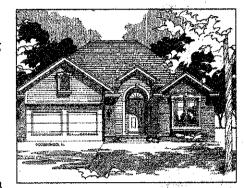
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The façade of the Dover (D2376) is very appealing. It has three gabled roofs that accent the classic lines of the home. The garage has a slight overhang above the garage door, the entry has an arch with a half moon window overhead, and the window has a distinct frame casing.

Once inside the home, the great room is straight ahead and the stairs to the optional unfinished basement are on the right. The Dover has only two bedrooms, both on the right side. The second bedroom is located in front with a window facing the front on the home, and a wall closet on the left. The bathroom for the home is just off bedroom two along with a large linen closet.

The master suite door is located on the other side of the basement stairs. It has a coffered ceiling and a large window facing the back yard. The master bath has dual sinks and a walk-in closet, separated from the rest of the bathroom by a door. It also contains a spa tub, as well as an oversized shower.

With a fireplace at one end, the fami-



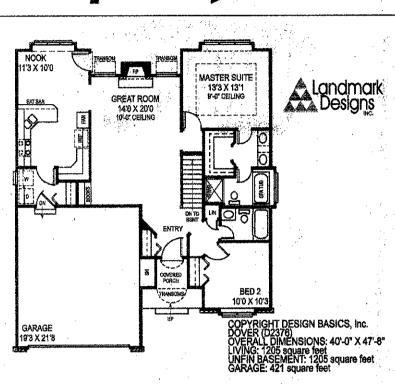
ly room appears elongated. Transoms over the windows on each side of the fireplace adds character to the outside of the home. High ceilings of 10 foot add the feeling of spaciousness to this great room.

The nook and kitchen are on the left side of the Dover, along with a utility room that opens into the two-car garage. The nook has a large set of windows that provide light for those early morning coffee breaks. There is a door that opens to the back yard. As an ideal place for kids to eat, an eating bar has been added along the counter facing

This kitchen has been designed in a 'C" shape with twin sinks in the corner. A pantry on the opposite wall is close for putting groceries away. A large amount of counter space has specifically been added to the kitchen to make the preparation of food easier.

The Dover has 1,205 square feet of open living space. This home would be a great starter home or a home for empty nesters. Being compact, it would fit on today's diminutive lots and leave some space for flowers and yard.

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Mason Run, a residential redevelopment of a brownfield site in Monroe, and Visteon Village in Van Buren Township have won 2006 Impact Awards from the Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women. The annual CREW-Detroit Impact Awards recognize two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that made significant positive impacts on their communities

The fifth annual competition was open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006. Each project must have involved at least one firm with a CREW

member, said Laura Agabashian of WorkSquared in Novi, the award committee cochair. Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology.

The winners will receive awards at a Sept. 21 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Mason Run, the \$90-million residential redevelopment of a 45-acre abandoned paper mill, won in the redevelopment category. The project team - environmental consultant and CREW-Detroit member Soil and Materials Engineers of

Shelby Township, Crosswinds Communities of Novi and the city of Monroe - worked for six years to transform a contaminated, dangerous site on the River Raisin into a "new urbanism" neighborhood of up to 500 single-family homes. They secured more than \$6.5 million in brownfield financing for environmental response activities, and developed innovative solutions that saved more than \$2.5 million in response costs, making the project economically viable. More than two feet of cinder and ash wastes covered more than 37 acres - or 82 percent - of the project, which had to be removed from home sites. Rather than trucking the con-

taminated dirt excavated from future home sites to another location, planners encapsulated it as inert fill beneath pavement or beneath clean fill under roads, right-of-ways and parks. For this and other innovations, Mason Run was one of several Midwestern projects honored by the EPA for outstanding brownfield redevelop-

The development provides needed housing to attract middle-income residents, and creates a new neighborhood that maintains the character of nearby neighborhoods within walking distance of Monroe's urban core. Judges cited its success in "creating a whole

new subcommunity for Monroe and a new class of housing," and the project's positive social, economic and environmental impact. They also praised developer Crosswinds Communities' leadership in redeveloping urban sites into new housing. SME submitted this entry.

Visteon Village, the 265-acre headquarters of global automotive supplier Visteon, won in the new construction category. It features a total of 882,000 square feet in nine buildings fronting a 37-acre lake and 40 acres of wooded wetlands.

Visteon Village submitted Campbell/Manix, Inc. and

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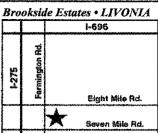


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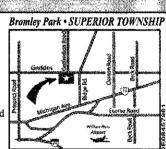
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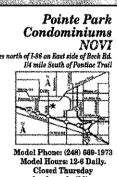
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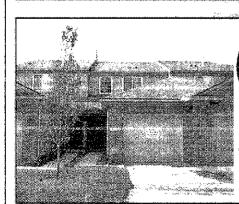
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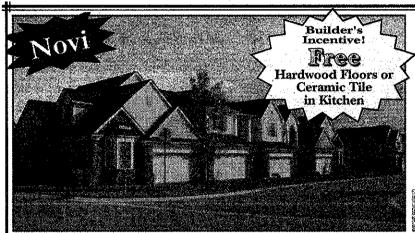
■ The escrow amount. In the purchase agreement, you can state how long you want to stay in the house after close. This is called possession. Usually, it's about 30 days, but everything is negotiable. The buyer's mortgage starts at the day of close. You, therefore, need to pay the buyer for each day you are occupying the house after close.

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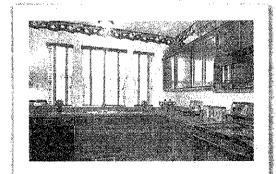
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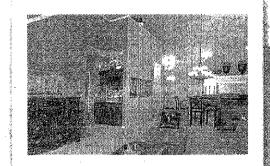
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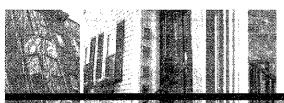
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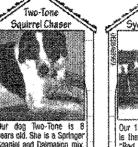
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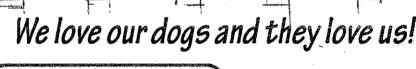
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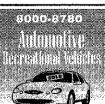
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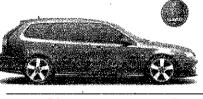
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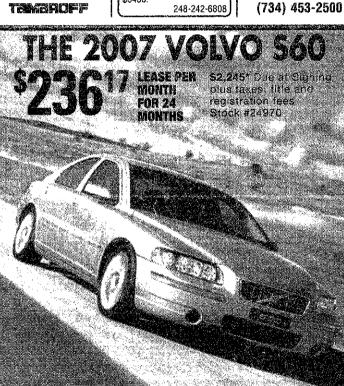
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I can always tell when I m driving a buzz car, my term for a car that people really want to talk about. With the price of gas these days, anything with a hybrid label naturally becomes a buzz car, and the 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid is certainly no exception.

The first day I had it, I stopped at a sandwich shop, and no sooner had I gotten out of the Camry Hybrid then the man parked next to me asked, So how many miles a gallon is that thing supposed to get? And that scene repeated itself twice more -that day.

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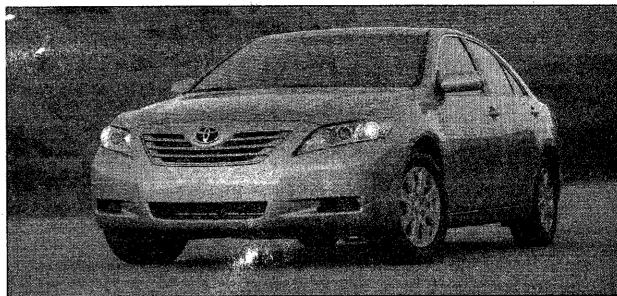
To answer the man's question—and yours, too, probably —the Camry Hybrid is EPA rated at 40 mpg in city driving and 38 on the highway. That s not a misprint.

When stopped at a light, or waiting in a parking lot, the gas engine shuts down and the electric engine takes over until you accelerate. That saves you a bit of gas over highway driving, when the gas engine has to work a little more. This, of course, is the opposite of conventional engines, where idling in traffic wastes countless gallons of gas, and is just one of the things different about the Camry Hybrid.

The hybrid system consists of a 2.4L four-cylinder 2AZ-FXE Atkinson-cycle gasoline engine, which generates 147 horsepower and is coupled to a continuously variable transmission. The second half of the system consists of a small, specially developed electric drive motor that produces 40 horsepower, an ultra-small inverter with a specially designed compact battery and a transaxle to give you a combined horsepower rating of 187 hp and 138 lb.-ft. of torque.

The system is mated with an electronic controlled continuously variable automatic transmission. Shifting was smooth, although there is a bit of a hitch when you first step on the gas from a dead stop, not unusual for a hybrid as the gas engine takes over.

The Camry line, including the Hybrid, got a makeover for 2007. The wheelbase has been increased by more than 2 inches, but the overall length is the same. The track is a bit wider, and 16-inch wheels are now standard, instead of the 15-inch wheels its predecessor



2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid. Vehicle class: Mid-size cr. Mileage: 40 city/38 highway. Where built: Japan (Hybrid production will shift to Kentucky later this year). Base price: \$25,900. Price as tested: \$27,735.

The Camry looks a little longer and leaner than it used to. You can still tell it's a Camry, but it's a bit more modern-looking. A chrome exhaust tip is standard, as are color-keyed outside heated mirrors, and automatic headlamps.

Inside, if you liked the previous Camry, you ll like this one, too. While not spectacular, this interior is very nice for a family sedan. The key feature of the newly designed interior seems to be bigger.

The instrument panel features larger instruments with easier-to-read numbers. There s a driver information center display which can give you average speed, fuel consumption and cruising range. The Hybrid version also features an analog gauge that gives you instant miles-pergallon information, with an electronic display that will average it all out for you when you shut down the engine.

As you would expect in a family sedan, there s plenty of storage, including a center console that features a 12-volt power outlet and an auxiliary audio jack -you supply the cord.

The cabin is roomier than previous Camrys, and the seats themselves are a bit wider -bowing to the reality that we, as a society, are getting wider, too.

There s plenty of legroom. The Camry will realistically handle four adults; the rear seating area is roomy enough

The seats are cloth -leather trimmed, heated seats are available as an option -and they re comfortable, with good support. The driver's seat is eight-way poweradjustable while the passenger seat adjusts manually.

The Camry Hybrid comes with power windows and locks, a Homelink garage door opener, dual-zone automatic climate control with pollen filter, and cruise control. The standard audio system in the Hybrid and the XLE (optional on other Camry models) is a JBL AM/FM/ six-disc CD changer, with Bluetooth, eight speakers and 440 watts of power. For \$1,200, you can add a premium system that adds a voice-activated DVD navigation system. The integrated system display is very well done, intuitive to use, and attractively lit.

The Camry Hybrid provides a nice ride, too. The suspension system is an independent MacPherson strut system with stabilizer bar, and in the rear, it s a dual-link system with stabilizer bar.

There s nothing jarring about the ride —it smoothes out most bumps pretty well without sacrificing needed road feedback. And it s a fairly quiet ride, too, although feeling the gas engine shut down at every stop takes some getting

The power-assisted rack-and-pinion is very responsive, and the smaller turning radius makes the Camry easy to maneuver. The brakes are excellent.

The Hybrid version of the Camry starts at close to \$26,000. Compare that to the MSRP of a base Camry of about \$18,300. On the other hand, the top-of-the-line XLE starts at about \$24,500 for a four-cylinder and about \$27,500 for a six-cylinder version, so the Hybrid is a pretty good value, particularly when you factor in few trips to the gas pump.

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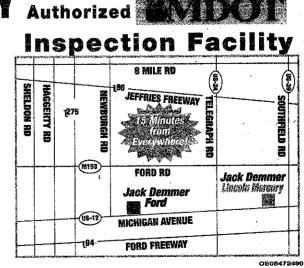


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