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# Firefighters delve into 'suspicious' blaze

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

It took Canton Township firefighters about four hours to extinguish what is being called a "suspicious fire" at E&M Auto Parts in the township's southern portion Tuesday night.

"It was an unusual fire in that the cars were stacked in there, and we had to use heavy equipment on the site to move

vehicles in order to get access to the cars that were on fire," said Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "There were no fire hydrants on site, so we had one of our tanker trucks and one support truck from Superior Township to make sure we had enough water."

The blaze was reported by a motorist who saw smoke shortly before 8:30 p.m. However, E&M owner Brian

Johnson said he believes the fire was set nearly two hours earlier, and is certain it was arson.

"It happened in the area where I store old Chevy and Pontiac vehicles, along the railroad tracks," Johnson said. "I've had a lot of problems there lately with cars being vandalized, and a couple were stolen. There seems to be a group

of teenagers that think they're

the first ones to think of going to a junk yard and causing havoc," he said.

Johnson said nearly 60 cars were destroyed, mostly older vehicles with parts that are hard for collectors to find.

"I'm a car collector and I had some early Camaros from 1979 and '80, some Pontiac Fieros and Firebirds," Johnson said. "A lot of collectors come here to get hard-to-find parts.

"In the long run, the fire will cost me about \$50,000 in lost revenue," he said.

Johnson said he once had an overnight security person, but hasn't within the past year.

"I'm going to have to put someone on again before this gets carried away," Johnson said. "I had a guard Wednesday night, and he caught four-five kids in the area where it burned. I wish he had called Canton police to

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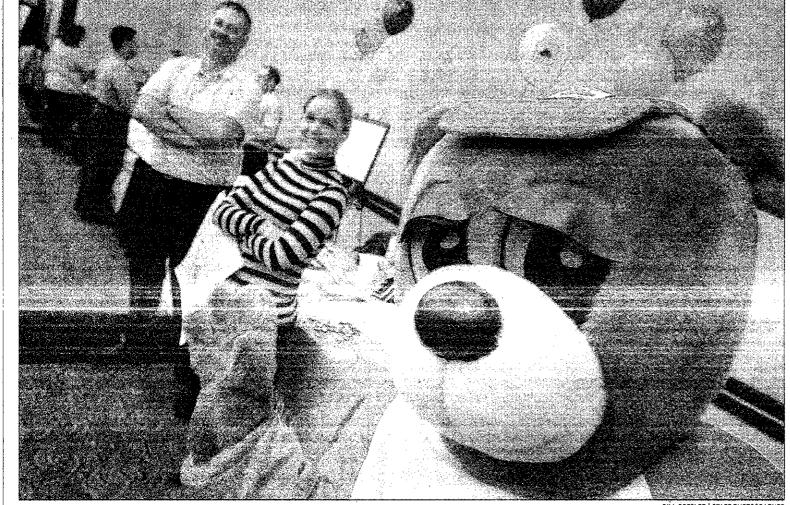
talk to them." Rorabacher said he's confident the fire was set on purpose. "There's no reason for the cars to start on fire where they did," Rorabacher said. "I'm comfortable in calling it a suspicious fire, and we'll conduct a preliminary investigation."

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# Sewer redo on tap, bike trails follow in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Two projects will address two important township issues in Canton Township. One issue is a "must have" – sewer capacity. The other is a "should have" – bike trails.



Good Neighbear represented State Farm Insurance, with Janny Roy sweating in the bear suit and State Farm agent Tom Stahl and Ashley Robb manning the display.

# Networking

# Consumer Expo brings businesses, residents together

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Clarice Killian, a 27-year Canton resident, is past president and membership chair for

the Canton Business and Professional Women. She was among those at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Consumer Expo Thursday at the Summit on the Park.

Killian, who's retired from the college bookstore business, was joined by fellow member Phyllis Werth of Plymouth Township, who works at Comerica on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

'To get our name out there and hopefully generate some interest to get new members," Werth said of BPW's

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# Canton woman hurt in hit-run accident

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A 59-year-old Canton woman remained in critical condition Friday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti after being hit by a passing vehicle while leaving her car on Princess Street shortly before 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

"The woman had just pulled up in front of a house and exited her vehicle to go to a card party

when she was hit by a car," said Canton Township Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "She fell and hit her head, and was transported to St. Joe's, where she was listed in critical condition with head injuries.

'She was hit by a 58-year-old Canton resident who was on his way to work," Pomorski said. "He ran to a nearby house to have someone call police and a rescue unit. There was no indication that speed, drugs or alcohol

played a part in this accident."

As of Friday, Canton police had not released the identity of either person involved.

Pomorski said it was dark at the time of the accident, and the victim was wearing dark clothing. He called it "an unfortunate incident."

Dave Fella, who lives on nearby Kingsway – in the Cherry Hill/Lilley area - said he could tell something serious occurred. "Police had both ends of the

street blocked off," Fella said. "We knew it was bad when the mobile command center came down."

While speed wasn't a factor in this accident, Fella said neighbors have concerns about teens speeding in the subdivision.

Young kids are always tearing through the neighborhood," Fella said. "Just the other day, I was pulling out of the driveway and there was a car going past at 35-40 mph."

The projects include a relief sewer that will run alongside an existing sewer line near the Lower Rouge River. At the same time, a bike trail will be added to that project.

"We did a study about four years ago, and determined what we would need for capacity when the township was all built out, when we're at ultimate capacity," said Bob Belair, Canton Engineering Service Department. "We don't have enough,"

So the sewer line will serve as a relief for the existing line, which was built in 1964.

"What this will do is help keep us from having to ever discharge into the Rouge River, and it will also keep the sewer overflow from discharging into people's basements," Belair said.

At some points, the sewer will run alongside the Rouge, just north of Michigan Avenue between 🚿 Haggerty Road and an electrical transmission corridor about a mile to the west. At others, the sewer will go under the river.

As part of the sewer project, the township will construct access roads so workers can reach manholes and maintain the sewer. At first those roads will be gated for safety and security.

But when the project is completed, a trail made of crushed stone will be constructed where the service roads are, and the land near the Lower Rouge will become a recreational area for cyclists

"There's more than 250 acres there owned by Wayne County, both on the north and south side of the river. It's really a spectacular corridor," said Canton Parks Manager Brad Sharp.

"This will provide the opportunity to have recreation there rather than just passive leisure."

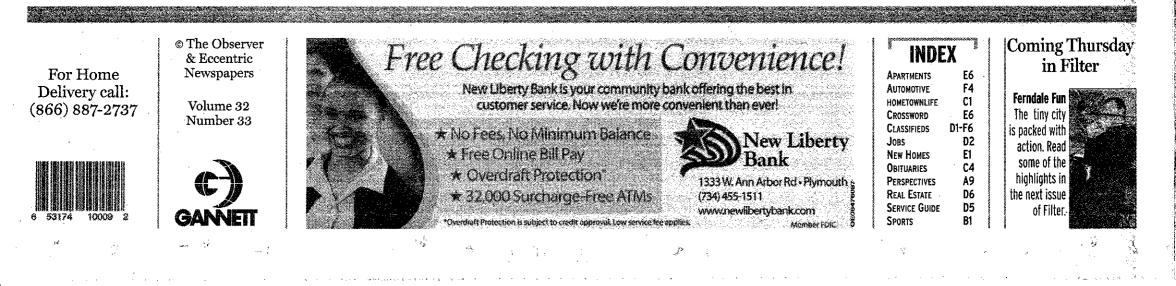
A federal grant of \$440,000 will help pay for the trail construction, Sharp said. The township will eventually have to construct some pedestrian bridges over the river before the trails will be usable.

"I think the use of this will be enormous," Sharp said.

The sewer project is being paid for by Canton Township. There are four phases in the sewer improvement project, and the Rouge project will be approximately \$2 million.

Doing the two projects together will save money,

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### Holiday Extravaganza

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**Direct Selling Women's** Alliance (PCDSWA) invites shoppers to a day of shopping the easy way, where Arbonne, Creative Memories, Daisy Blue Naturals, Lia Sophia, Romance 101, Southern Living at Home and Warm Spirit will  $\bar{\rm V}$ be available.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.

The DSWA promotes a spirit of cooperation, mutual support and respect for each individual's desire for success in a no cross recruitment atmosphere. For more information, go to www.dswa.org or contact the PCDSWA at pcdswa@yahoo.com or call (734) 667-2930.

### Health advisory committee

The Van Buren Public Schools Health Advisory Committee invites parents in the district to participate on the committee. By law, the committee is required to have 51 percent of its membership made up of parents. The Health Advisory Committee reviews and provides input on the sex education curriculum for the elementary schools, the middle schools, and Belleville High School. They are also involved in health and wellness issues for all schools.

The committee meets once a month on a Wednesday evening from 4:30-6 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Dec. 13, 2006.

#### Contact Rill Currie at (734) 697-0700 for more information on this opportunity to be involved in the decision making processes of Van Buren Public Schools.

#### New Year's Eve party

Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m.

The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt).

Tickets are \$50 per person until Dec. 8; \$60 after Dec. 8, and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22.

For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or

#### Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115. Goodfellows project

Saturday, Oct. 28, Goodfellows will be at the Pine Room at the Summit on the Park, to collect any nonperishable food items, new warm clothing in all sizes from infant to adult, new books or new toys, to be distributed to the 500 children the organization will serve this year at Christmas.

Santa Claus has decided to take a day off from the North Pole and come to Canton to help raise funds for the 2006 Christmas Project. He will be there 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to

All proceeds go to the program for the children. Rummage sale

Grace Lutheran Church is having its annual Rummage & Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 46001 Warren (between Canton, Center and Beck) in Canton, All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in oubreach activities

### Chamber Luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its November networking luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert and a guest speaker presentation. This luncheon is open to the public.

The event's guest speaker will be Chuck Gaidica, director of meteorology at WDIV-Channel 4 News. Gaidica is known for his on air weathercast. The topic will be "No one can motivate you but you!"

Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce #1 (734) 458-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

### **Bentley Fall Fun Fest**

From 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Bentley Elementary School at 1100 S. Sheldon Road is having its Fall Fun Fest. There will be games, food, and a haunted house. To kick off the event there

will be a costume parade at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are three for a \$1, will be sold at the door, The event is being sponsored by the Bentley P.T.O.

#### Shopping Extravaganza

**AROUND CANTON** 

**Plymouth First United** Methodist Church Shopping Extravaganza will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Admission is \$1. Vendors/crafters, bake sale, silent auction, prizes and Bob's Sloppy Joes will be featured. Proceeds to benefit the Chancel Choir outreach tour.

### Looking for crafters

Tri-City Christian Center is currently accepting applications for its Annual Craft Fair on Dec. 2, 2006. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road, just north of Michigan Avenue in Canton. For more information, contact Sharon Chefan at (734) 397-1777, Ext. 113, or sharonchefan@tricitychristian.org.

## Sighting-in days

The Western Wayne County **Conservation Association will** hold its annual sighting-in days for firearms deer season seven days a week through Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$8 for up to two guns and 75 cents for extra targets. Sighting-in days are open to the general public. There will be qualified range officers on duty to make sure all shooting is done according to club safety rules. W.W.C.C.A. is located at 6700 Napier Road in Plymouth Township, between North **Territorial and Five Mile.** For more information, call the

#### club at (734) 453-9843. Scholarship winner

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers **Education Foundation has** awarded the E. Wayne Kay High School Scholarship to

Alex M. Mihelick of Canton, who is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan State University.

The foundation provided more than \$380,000 in 2006 scholarships to students pursuing a career in manufacturing engineering and technology. Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2007-08 academic year. Log on to www.sme.org/foundation to review and apply for a scholarship.

#### 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 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

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 variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is 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, call the Canton Chamber of

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#### Family Harvest

Trinity Church invites you to attend their Family Harvest Festival Wednesday, Oct. 25.

A special kid-friendly dinner will begin at 6 p.m. (reservations needed) followed by a presentation of the Jack O Lantern story, fun games, activities, candy and prizes. If you cannot make it for dinner join in at 7 p.m. for the rest of the fun. Wear costumes and bring friends, organizers said.

For reservations or more information call Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth at (734) 459-9550.

### Coping with grief

Heartland Hospice announces a new support group for widows and widowers.

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley in Canton.

The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss.

The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

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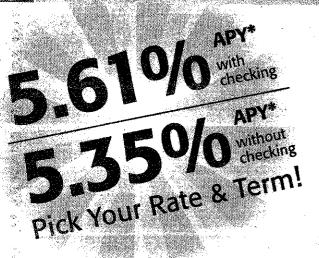
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### LOCAL NEWS

# **Tootsie woes bottom line at Canton Foot Specialists**

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

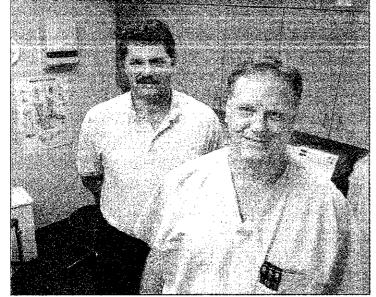
Dr. W. Steven Watson can help you deal with sports injuries of the foot or ankle, or heel pain. If he recommends an orthotic, he will guarantee that it will help your problem. He can assist you with neuropathy of the foot due to diabetes. And before you leave his office, Watson can even help you buy a pair of shoes.

The owner of Canton Foot Specialists on Ford Road has just opened Michigan's first virtual shoe store. Not only will he ensure you are properly fitted, even if your foot is 4 extra wide, he'll find the best price for you, too.

"We go online and we find the best deal for the senior citizen," he said. While looking for close-out sales, "we get a shoe that fits. We custom fit it when it comes in."

The idea for the virtual shoe store came about because many seniors are on a limited income with restricted mobility and are not computer savvy. "It's a real help to them," Watson said.

If this podiatrist sounds like he is all about service, it's also served him well. Canton Foot Specialists has just celebrated its 30th anniversary, in its 31st year, because last year the plan for the party didn't quite work



Drs. Theodore Bens and Steven Watson are two of the partners in Canton Foot Specialists. Not pictured is Dr. James Duncan.

out. About 50 people attended the Sept. 30 gala.

The most frequent problem seen in the clinic Watson shares with three other podiatrists he brought on board to help with the patient load is heel pain. "As time goes on, the soft tissue gets weak," he explained. This results in overpulling of the planta fascia, which leads to excruciating pain.

Watson said that within two weeks he can help these patients get up and walking three miles a week. He uses taping, strapping and orthotics.

For about six years now, Watson has used computerized orthotics in his practice. He has the Footmaxx machine, which measures gait and pressure electronically. Patients with sore feet walk across sensors which read imbalances, and devices are made specifically designed for the problem. Using computerized orthotics is "a whole new philosophy," Watson said. "Some older doctors don't buy into it."

They might not, but patient



Digital X-rays replace the large sheets of X-ray films. Dr. Steven Watson examines a patient's X-ray for problems.

Cindy House, 49, of Romulus does. She heard about Watson from her brother, and about five years ago came to see him because of lower back pain. She used Footmaxx to obtain orthotics and is still wearing them, much to her relief, today. "I can tell when I don't wear them," she said.

Watson stands by his products, offering a guarantee on the orthotics he sells patients, and using them himself. "I play a lot of sports," he said. "I tried out the orthotics." Now 50, Watson has used the orthotics for 10 years. "They work like new," he said.

While Watson sees patients of any age, including youngsters with rotational problems of the feet, he also saw a 100year old man last year. That patient opted for custom-made shoes.

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The practice is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and while people come from all over the country to take care of their tootsies with Watson, Canton Foot Specialists always keep slots open for new patients every day, he said. "We get people back in

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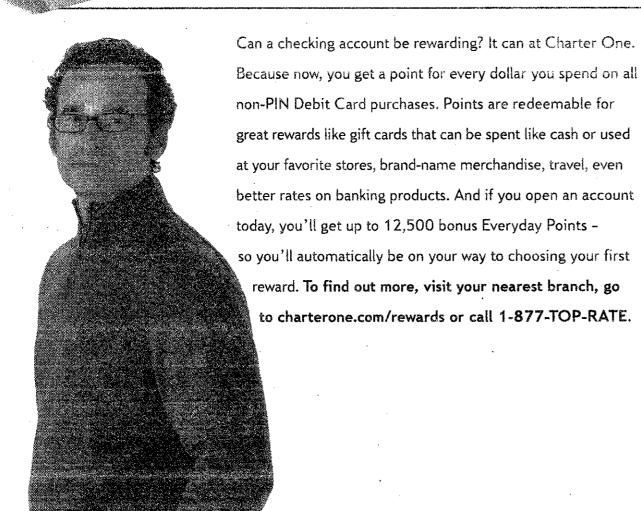
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# Canton accounts for a quarter of the growth in Wayne County

#### BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Despite a deep drop in the number of new home starts in Canton, the township's growing faster than any other in Wayne County.

"We're right about where we thought we would be," in terms of building permits issued in 2006, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "It looks like we'll be at 250 or 260 single family home permits, and about 50 percent of those will be condominiums."

When Canton was in the height of its building boom, the building department issued as many as 1,200 in one year.

Still, because nonresidential activity has remained strong, Canton Township's taxable value has grown more than any other Wayne County community, according to Yack, quoting from the Wayne County Equalization Report. released in late September.

"Our SEV (state equalized value) grew by \$373 million, from \$4.24 billion to \$4.61 billion," Yack said. "We're now fourth in the county and closing in on Dearborn.

The only communities in Wayne County with taxable value higher than Canton's were Detroit, with an SEV of \$13.6 billion (an increase of \$42 million over the previous year), Livonia with an SEV of \$6 billion (a \$156 million

increase), and Dearborn with an SEV of roughly \$5 billion. Dearborn's SEV decreased from 2005 to 2006 by \$75 million.

The report also stated that Northville's SEV grew by \$202 million, Westland grew by \$110 million and Plymouth Township grew by \$98 million, Yack said.

Yack also noted that Canton alone accounted for 27 percent of all growth in Wayne County.

Though most of Canton's property taxes come from residential properties, it's nonresidential that right now accounts for much of Canton's growth. The total value of **Canton residential properties** is \$3.5 billion, Yack said.

Commercial is valued at \$650 million and industrial is \$270 million.

But because Canton has room for industrial businesses, the industrial real estate market in Canton has remained solid, including two businesses which were recently granted abatements on their local property taxes.

Yack said the community's fiscal stability is the result of having high-end housing, and from most of the property taxes coming from residential property, rather than from commercial and industrial. Sixty-one percent of Canton's \$25 million general fund is generated from property tax.

"Our housing tends to be higher end housing," Yack

said. "When you have higher end housing it's less important to be reliant on nonhousing SEV."

And residential properties tend to be more stable than commercial.

"If a house goes someone will buy it," Yack said. "If a factory goes, who knows?"

However, encouraging nonresidential development in Canton is wise, even if it doesn't lift much of the tax burden from home owners.

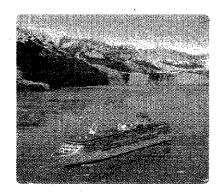
'We are supportive of noncommercial development, particularly of those companies which are job creators," Yack said.

Finance director Rick Eva said bedroom communities and communities which have a lot of their SEV in nonresidential properties each have strengths and weaknesses.

"It's basically all about what you want in the community," Eva said. "For sure, if you have big auto company paying a fair amount of taxes. there are advantages to the homeowners because they pay less in taxes. But then the value of your homes may not be what they are in a bedroom community. All you have to do is look down the I-275 corridor and you see that other communities like Northville and Novi that may not have a high level of commercialism have higher home values than you may have in more industrial and commercial communities Downriver."

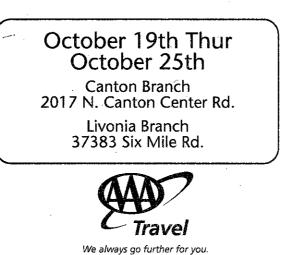
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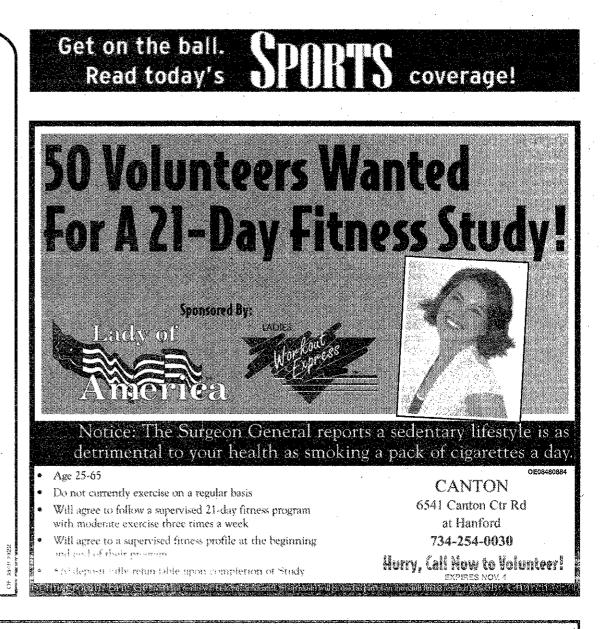


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participation in the twiceyearly event, also presented by the Downtown Development Association. The BPW has 23 members and meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Palermo's, 44938 Ford in Canton.

"A lot of groups have really lost a lot of members," said Killian, adding BPW has done well keeping members. "Last year, we got two members from this, two good members."

The women were taking turns covering the booth. "I know a lot of these people because I'm active in the chamber," Killian said of the more than 50 businesses and

Canton BPW was founded

she said of the Reality Store. "Our first group is in college

Bailey attended "to meet more of the community, show ing with other businesses.



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be repeated in February. "We said. "It's nice when you partner with the township. It just makes it stronger."

Cojei noted more residents are now attending the event, ness to business. The expo was

# Man gets injury in local restaurant

A 27-year-old man told Canton police he was hit by a glass Oct. 14 at Buffalo Wild Wings on Ford Road. Police responding saw three men run behind the Zap Zone but lost them.

The Canton man had a cut on the side of his head.

#### Car gone

On Oct. 16, a resident on Addison reported his car gone.

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He told police he is up to date: on payments, and his son who? is away at Michigan State University is the only other person with access to keys. The man told police nothing of value was inside the Chrysler Cirrus.

He heard no noise and police found no broken glass.

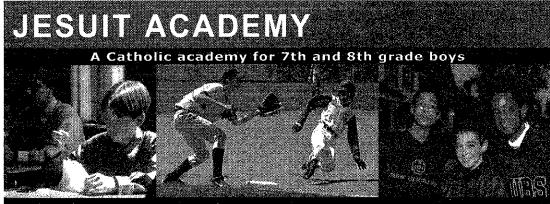




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# Local mom receives a new heart



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sherry Johnson and her husband, Tim Jook over some old newspaper clippings about her mother's heart transplant in 1981. Sherry was admitted into the University of Michigan Hospital on Oct. 12 and she received a new heart on Oct. 16.

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#### BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

It was a gift that came sooner than anyone expected maybe even sooner than anyone had prayed.

Sherry Johnson, the Farmington Hills woman we wrote about last month who has a heart condition known as cardiomyopathy, has received a new heart and is recovering at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The 35-year-old mother of two sons, ages 4 and 6, who grew up in Livonia, was admitted into the hospital on Thursday, Oct. 12 and was placed on numerous medications. Her heart was failing and her condition was elevated to the top of the transplant waiting list. Before she went to the hospital, she was so weak, she could barely pull the covers over herself while laying on the couch, said Christine Rhines, her sisterin-law.

Then, the call came. A heart was donated by the family of an unknown person who had died.

"She called me at 3:44 a.m. on Monday," said Rhines, of Livonia. "It is an unbelievable blessing."

Rhines was married to Johnson's brother, Jim Jahns, of Livonia, who also had cardiomyopathy, the gradual enlarging and weakening of the heart. He had a heart transplant, which allowed him nine more years to spend with his family. He died three years ago at age 35.

Sherry Johnson and Jim Jahns' mother, Sharon Jahns, was one of the first successful heart transplant patients at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., in 1981. The surgery was considered experimental at that time. She died at age 32, one year after the heart transplant.

Johnson is doing well, according to daily email updates from her husband, Tim.

"The doctors have no concerns with her right now," wrote Tim Johnson on Tuesday. "They feel she is progressing fine and her 'new' heart function looks good." Rhines is thrilled how

things have worked out for her

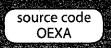


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sister-in-law and she knows first-hand how much it means.

"On Oct. 16, Sherry started a new life," she said.

"And, her husband, her boys, her family their lives were all changed on that day, too. In my prayers, I ask God to bless the donor family."

Tim Johnson said he is still waiting for it to seem real.

"The enormity of this whole thing is still sinking in," he said.

"Nothing in my life will ever match this gift."

To find out information about organ donation, contact the Gift of Life of Michigan Organ and Tissue Donation Program at (800) 482-4881 or visit on line at

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The family said it's so important for people to let their loved ones know if they would like their organs to be donated upon their death. Making that decision for the family ahead of time is critical, they said.

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James Mach was surprised to see his classmate, Morgan Fichtner, wearing a bracelet honoring his cousin; Nathan E. Stahl.

# Bracelet brings cousin's memory back to life

#### **BY CAROL MARSHALL** STAFF WRITER

James Mach and his cousin, Nathan Stahl, were close as cousins could be, considering their ages were six years apart, and Stahl grew up in Indiana, a good day's drive from Mach's home in Canton.

But Stahl was born to be a soldier – he knew it when he was a kid - and sometimes soldiers don't come home. While serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, 20-year-old Stahl was killed Sept. 21, 2004, when his vehicle was struck by an explosive device.

"It really affected Jamie because they were so close and he was so young and they were so close in age," said Mach's grandmother, Judy Volker. But James,

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'This definitely brought Nathan's memory to life for me.' James Mach Canton resident

along with the rest of his family, eventually moved on and had learned to accept the loss.

"Eventually I only thought of him a few times a year and when we would go visit his grave in Indiana," Mach said.

That changed earlier this school year when one of Mach's classmates, Morgan Fichtner, waved to get his attention in their English composition class.

On Fichtner's wrist is a black metal bracelet which bears the name of a soldier who died while serving. That soldier is Pvt. First Class

#### Nathan Stahl. "I asked her what the bracelet was and she took it off and tossed it to me," Mach said. The classmates were dumbfounded.

"I didn't believe that the guy on my bracelet was his cousin. I told him he better bring me pictures before I'd believe him," Fichtner said. So Mach did just that. And Fichtner believed him.

"It was really weird to me. I always wondered what he looked like because I always have him on my wrist," Fichtner said. "I wear this bracelet every day so that I can pray for Nathan's family, and can keep his family in my thoughts. It's just weird that I know his family."

For Mach, the coincidence has brought back his cousin. "This definitely brought

Nathan's memory to life for me," Mach said.

# Make trick or treat time safe for the kids

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Canton's been a safe place in Halloweens past, and hopes are that will continue.

"I can't remember any time in the recent past where we've had any major problems," said Lt. Scott Hilden of the Canton Police Department.

Hilden recommends that trick or treaters carry a flashlight or other lighted device to help light the way and make themselves visible. Costumes that are light-colored or reflective, rather than a dark Ninja look, also boost visibility and safety.

"Everybody trick or treating

should trick or treat in a group," the lieutenant said. Younger children should have an adult guardian with them, and it's best if they go out before dark.

"A mask can be dangerous, especially if it restricts your vision," Hilden said. Makeup's a better choice for safety reasons.

He also recommends trick or treating only at homes of neighbors and friends you know. Drivers need to be extra careful come Halloween as well, and should slow down.

"I would also suggest they have their high beams on." Kids should cross at corners, he added, rather than darting out into roads.

For those who prefer not to

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go door to door, Canton Leisure Services will hold its annual Halloween Trick or Treat Parade 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at Summit on the Park.

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Kids are encouraged to attend in costume and follow the path from room to room, each filled with surprises and goodies. The "parade" will begin at the recreation/facilities entrance at the west end of the Summit, the township Web site notes.

The Oct. 30 event is limited to Canton residents only. Registration isn't required.

Hilden's confident this Halloween Will be sate. Halloween will be safe. "As long a slightly snowy Oct. 12 morning.

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#### I hear a lot of talk about the flu season, but I don't really know what that means. Is that the only time I can get the flu?

This is a great question. In the United States, the flu season peaks from December through March. This means that these are the months when the influenza virus (commonly called the flue) is spread the most. While you can get the flu anytime, you are more likely to be infected with the virus during these months.

#### How is the virus spread?

The influenza virus is spread from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus is spread by touching a contaminated surface. An adult can spread the infection one day before symptoms occur and up to seven days after symptoms occur. How do I know if I have the flu?

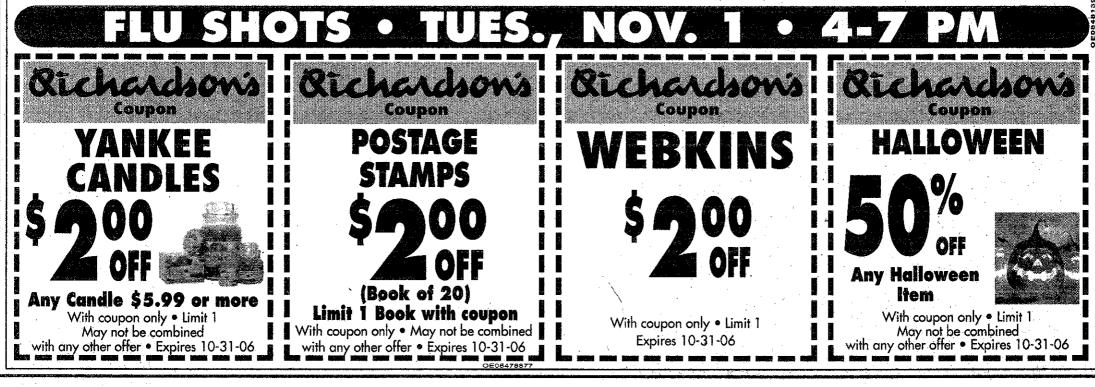
Symptoms usually occur within one to four days after a person is infected. Symptoms include: fever, dry cough, sore throat, fatigue, muscle ache, headaches, runny nose and chills. These symptoms usually come on suddenly, and are severe. However, because other respiratory viruses have some of the same or similar symptoms, it is impossible to confirm a diagnosis of the influenza virus without laboratory testing.

#### Is the flu dangerous?

For most people who are healthy, influenza represents a few days of discomfort and few if any complications. However, for people with chronic illnesses, and those ages 65 and older, serious complications can occur that can require hospitalization and possible cause death. Will antibiotics cure the flu?

Influenza is a specific virus. It is not a bacterial infection. Antibiotics like penicillin cure bacterial infections but will not cure any virus. There is currently no cure for the influenza virus,

but vaccines are available.
How can I avoid getting the flu?
Frequent hand-washing with warm soapy water for 15-20 seconds or using alcohol based hand rubs can help prevent the spread of the virus.
Teaching your family to cover their mouths and noses when the cough and sneeze will also reduce the spread of the disease. Get a fly shot in October or November (before the peak season arrives.) Flu shots are especially important for people over 65 years in age, who are pregnant, or who have a chronic illness. Flu shots will prevent most people from getting the flu for one year. If you do get the flu, your symptoms should be milder.



## LOCAL NEWS

# UAW Local's Coats for Kids has men and women on a mission

#### BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

For at least a dozen years now, 20 to 30 kids in Wayne and Washtenaw counties, referred through social service agencies, have endured the cold winter a lot more comfortably.

That's because every year, the United Auto Workers Local 845 in Canton has made it their mission to run Coats for Kids.

The program, which will be held Oct. 22 this year, pairs volunteers with a child who will be outfitted with mittens, hats, a coat, and boots at Meijer on Ford road.

The Union collects money a few weeks before the event. "We started doing gate collections three weeks ago," said UAW Local 845 president Ed Honsinger Jr. "Last year, \$5,000 was collected."

While the unionized workers are generous, so is Meijer, which gives the do-gooders a hefty discount. Honsinger said. "At the end of the day, they take 50 percent off. Meijer has

been fantastic.

Honsinger said he gets a list of needy kids from Wayne County Children's Services or the Salvation Army. On the day of the event, the volunteers meet with the parents and children at Meijer, and share hot chocolate and doughnuts. The parents are then left to relax while a volunteer and a child shop for winter outerwear.

There is a limit of about \$100 per child, Honsinger said, but there is no particular limit as to the age of the child. Infants to teenagers have been recipients of the winter wear.

Mike Lambert of Clinton, a former Ford employee, has been involved with donating and volunteering since the program's inception.

He was on the community services committee of the union when they decided they wanted to run a program that would help children.

"I only missed one year" which was last year, because of a mix-up with the date, Lambert said. "I get enjoyment out of watching the kids shop and knowing the kids will be helped for

one more year.

About 20 to 30 people volunteer at the event each year, said Honsinger, including people who hear about the program and are not related to the union but just want to help out.

As soon as the Coats for Kids event is completed, the union starts collecting for another project; supplying holiday food baskets for the needy.

As many as 300 baskets comprised of a turkey, side fixings, fruit and dessert are delivered to the needy on Dec. 22, he said. "We buy all our stuff at Meijer. Again, at the end of the day, they take 50 percent off."

Betty Stratford of Livonia has received a basket for the past two years. The 65-year-old, who is disabled, doesn't know how she got on the list, but is grateful to be there. "It is so nice and thoughtful of them," she said.

Disability doesn't go very far, she explained. The basket is very nice, and provides a whole meal for 14 to 15 people, she said. "I appreciate it so much. I don't know what I'd do without the UAW."

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Belair said.

"Certainly there will be some efficiencies there," he said.

But Connie Chicky, one of the more than 200 residents who live near the proposed bike path, doesn't want the trails at any price. And she's not all that enthusiastic about the sewer project.

Chicky doesn't want the trails so close to her home in Canton Hills, just north of the project.

"It has been established that it's a 100-year flood plain. Why they're building this trail there, I don't understand. It seems it would just get washed away," she said.

What has her most concerned is the environment. She said the sewer project and the trails will be disruptive to the wildlife that have been pushed into the area by rapid development throughout the township.

"I'm also worried about crime and vagrants," she said.

Belair assured that the trail does not encroach on residents' properties.

will keep it far as possible from people's homes. The closest one is

about 200 feet from someone's house, through the woods. The majority of people won't see it unless they want to go down there," Belair said.

As for the sewer, there is no choice.

"The sanitary sewer is going in, no matter what. We're an agreement with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that it has to go in. Once you recognize a deficiency you can notify them, or you can let them find out, which is not as nice. We're being proactive and solving the problem before it becomes a problem," Belair said.

A public meeting to discuss a sanitary relief sewer project and construction of a recreation trial along the Lower Rouge River has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Cherry Hill School House, on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Representatives from Canton Municipal Services, Leisure Services, and Public Safety Departments will be available to answer questions. In addition, a representative from Michigan Green Trailway Initiative Project will be there.

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### OUR VIEWS

# **Vote no on well- intentioned Prop 1**

State Proposal 1 on the Nov. 7 ballot is a proposed constitutional amendment to protect several Department of Natural Resources funds.

The amendment would add sections to the constitution that would shift several restricted DNR funds by combining them into one large fund, the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, and places the fund within the state Constitution.

The proposal has the admirable intent of preventing the state Legislature from raiding funding that is intended for the protection of the state's natural resources and the recreational use of state land. By moving the funds from state statute to the constitution, the governor or state Legislature would not be able to use the money for other purposes.

These funds come from hunting and fishing licenses, recreational vehicle registration fees, portions of the gasoline tax, contracts and fees for use of state lands, snowmobile trail user fees, state park fees and permits, watercraft licenses and other water sport fees, and those wildlife license plates. In the past, voters have voted to protect the Natural Resources Trust Fund and the State Park Endowment Fund within the constitution.

Under statute, these funds could certainly be subject to legislative diversion to balance the state budget. Diverting these funds would be a disservice to the programs they are intended to support and would constitute an extra tax on those who pay these fees with the understanding that they will support DNR activities.

We agree that these funds should not be raided.

But we also believe that an addition to the state constitution is not the best way to proceed. Altering the amendment in the future would require another statewide vote. Putting the funds in the constitution would restrict the Legislature during a time of economic crisis.

Yes, DNR funding should be protected. Any use of those funds for other purposes must be only in the most dire circumstances. But the Legislature needs to have that flexibility.

We support a no vote on Proposal 1.

# We urge no vote on eminent domain

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Kelo vs. City of New London*. that a government body could use its eminent domain authority to promote economic development and transfer property from one private entity to another. The 5-4 decision was controversial and drew strong negative reaction from both conservative and liberal groups. But the decision left open to each state the opportunity to set limits on the legislative powers of its Legislature and municipalities in defining the proper use of eminent domain.

The majority cited the 2004 Michigan Supreme Court decision County of Wayne vs. Hathcock as an example of setting limits on eminent domain. In that decision, the Michigan court ruled against the county using its eminent domain power to acquire additional land for the proposed Pinnacle Aeropark development.

The state Legislature has placed a constitutional amendment on the November ballot, Proposal 4, that builds on the Hathcock decision in

setting limits on eminent domain. It provides that government compensate owners at 125 percent of market value when the property is a principal residence, restricts taking public property for transfer to a private entity, shifts the burden of proof on defining public use to the government and protects against future legislative or judicial actions that

would jeopardize property rights. We understand the concern about overreaching government and the misuse of eminent domain. But we also know that there are times when eminent domain is necessary for economic development.

The Wayne vs. Hathcock decision, which is now law in Michigan, goes a long way toward protecting private property rights without overstepping and limiting a necessary government prerogative for the general welfare. The proposed amendment would create barriers to eminent domain that could have serious consequences for future urban development.

We urge a no vote on Proposal 4.

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### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **Vote Corriveau**

Marc Corriveau is the best choice for the Michigan House of Representatives. As a retired public school teacher, I believe Marc has the right ideas for strengthening our public schools, which educate nearly 90 percent of Michigan's children. Corriveau understands the need for stable, equitable and adequate funding. He supports a strong academic core curriculum, highly qualified and certified teachers, and accountability to parents and taxpayers for the investment made in our young people.

On the other hand, his opponent supports vouchers, tax credits for homeschooling and increasing the number of unproven charter schools in Michigan. All drain scarce funding dollars away from traditional public schools.

As state representative, Marc Corriveau will fight to ensure that we have quality public schools. Marc is endorsed and supported by many parents, grandparents, and retired and current school employees, including the Michigan Education Association and The Michigan Federation of Teachers.

Marc Corriveau is the best choice for state representative in the 20th House District – the Northvilles, the Plymouths, Canton, and the City of Wayne. Our children can count on Marc Corriveau.

Martha A. Trafford Canton

#### Lowe's involved

I've been a resident of Plymouth for 17 years, and have known Judge Lowe for the last 12 years. In that time I have seen Judge Ron Lowe actively involved in this community. He takes the time to teach our children about the law, participates in community events, and gives of his time generously to the Rotary and other organizations. He's earned my respect.

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My question is, what has his challenger Plakas done for our community? Before I give my vote to a person who has only lived here a couple years, and works elsewhere, I'd like to see some involvement in and commitment to the community.

My vote is for Lowe. Kathy Schroeter Plymouth

#### Abbo credentials

All legitimate, licensed CPAs in Michigan are required to complete continuing professional education courses every two years in order to practice public accounting. Thousands routinely do so. Yet, Mark Abbo, Republican candidate for state representative, allowed his license to lapse in 1997. He is no longer qualified to be a licensed CPA practicing public accounting. Yet, his campaign brochures clearly imply he is. That is unethical and in violation of Article 7 of the Michigan Occupational Code which applies to CPAs. Section 339.734 specifically prohibits conduct such as deceit, dishonesty, fraud, etc.

According to the Michigan Board of Accountancy, Mark Abbo was once a licensed CPA but that license expired almost a decade ago! Every piece of campaign material I've seen of his implies he is a licensed CPA. He isn't and he should not be elected to a position which requires high ethics and demonstrated qualifications.

I'm not voting for him and I hope none of your readers do either.

> Sally Fedus Plymouth

# Cox makes case for re-election as Attorney General

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When Mike Cox ran for attorney general four years ago, he emphasized the role of the attorney general as the leader of county prosecutors and, essentially, top cop in Michigan.

This year, he's emphasizing his role in continuing the tradition of his Democratic predecessors Frank Kelley and Jennifer Granholm as a watchdog for consumer protection. It is his Democratic opponent, Grosse Pointe attorney Amos Williams, who is vowing to take a leadership position in fighting crime.

Though Cox touts the role the attorney general's office has had in some high profile criminal cases, it is consumer protection, fighting utility costs, policing prescription drug pricing, protecting seniors and a campaign to go after child support money that top his list of accomplishments.

It's been a rough time for Cox. Last year an investigation into campaign advertising erupted into a confrontation with flamboyant attorney Geoffrey Fieger. Cox called a press conference to admit to an extramarital affair, claiming that Fieger was attempting to blackmail him in an effort to end the investigation.

Cox says that the controversy did not affect the operations of the attorney general's office and it appears so.

We have some concerns about Mike Cox. We disagree with his active support for the anti-affirmative action ballot issue and his refusal of the governor's 2003 request for an amicus brief in support of the University of Michigan on behalf of their affirmative action programs.

Amos Williams is a passionate supporter for civil rights and, as a former police officer, has a solid background in both law enforcement and the law.

But, on balance, Cox makes a compelling argument that he has worked hard for Michigan residents on consumer protection, child support, utility costs and support for county prosecutors on criminal investigations.

For these reasons, we support the reelection of Republican **Mike Cox** for Michigan Attorney General on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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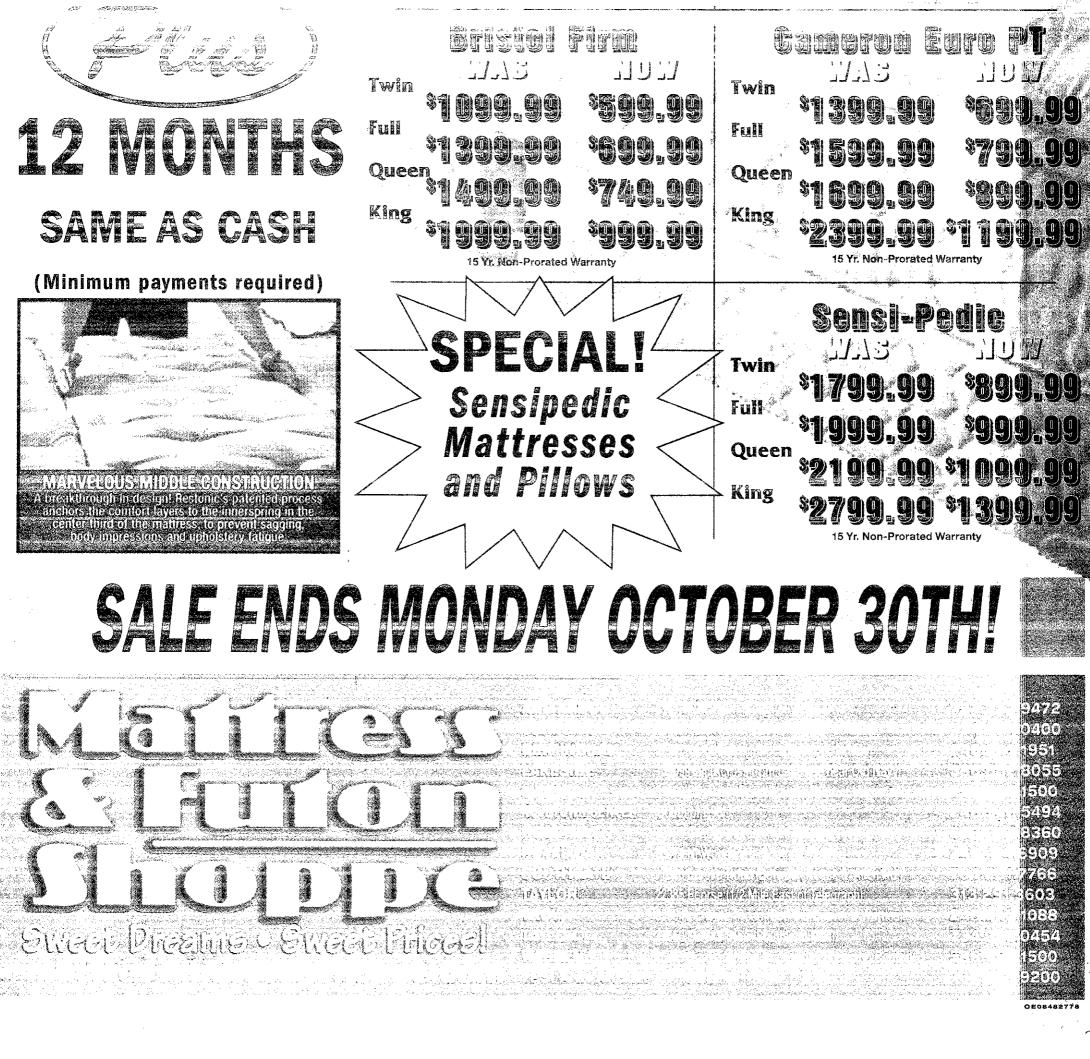
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# Chiefs 9-0 after rolling over Rocks, 42-13

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

To some degree, Canton football coach Tim Baechler can relate to the weekly struggles Salem coach Parker Salowich endured this season.

Salowich hopes it won't be too long before he can relate to what Baechler's been going through the past seven years. Both teams' regular seasons were capped Friday night with the Chiefs' convincing 42-13 victory over the Rocks. The triumph left Canton at 9-0 heading into next week's first round of the Division 1 state playoffs.

On the flipside, the Rocks concluded their first season under Salowich at 0-9. "I know how hard it is to build a pro-

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gram like he's trying to do," said Baechler, whose first two teams at Canton finished 3-6 and 4-5 before striking playoff gold in each of the next seven seasons. "You have to change the attitudes and try to change the work ethic. It's like building a house - you have to tear it down then start all over again if you want it to be your program. It gets worse before it gets better."

Those are comforting words for Salowich, who had an opportunity to speak with Baechler for a short time during Thursday night's junior-varsity contest between the two schools.

The thing you get out of playing a great team like Canton is that you get a real measure of where you're at," said Salowich. "I know Tim had some hardships at the beginning of his career at Canton, so knowing how they turned it around gives us hope.

"Truthfully, what happened this year is nothing I didn't expect, but I'm excited about our future. We have great kids and great parents, and when you have a mix like that it makes me confident that we can turn this thing around.

"I told the kids after the game that as they get older, by the time they remember this season, heck, they'll be telling people they were 4-5 or 5-4," Salowich

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### ★ SELECTION SUNDAY ★

Fans of the Canton high school football team can find out the Chiefs' first-round opponent by tuning into Fox Sports Network Sunday at 6:30 p.m. for the network's high school playoff selection show. Hosted by Mickey York, the half-hour show will run down all of the brackets for the" upcoming prep grid playoffs - from Division 1 through Division 8. The playoffs kick off Friday and will run through Nov. 24-25 with the finals at Ford Field - the site of the Chiefs' final game last season.

# WLAA Conference Cross Country Meet





The picturesque 5,000-meter Willow Metropark course was lined by golden-colored trees as shown in this photo of the girls race, which was won by Churchill. See Page B3.



Scaparo-led Plymouth wins boys title



## State meet golf

A pair of local golfers fared well at the Division 1 and Division 4 MHSAA high school state tournaments on Friday afternoon.

Canton junior Clark Albers carded an 81 on the challenging Eagle Crest layout, which is located on the grounds of Eastern Michigan University.

**Plymouth Christian** Academy junior Ross Gerulis also shined, firing a 79 in the Division 4 event at The Meadows course on the campus of **Grand Valley State** University.

Heading into Saturday's second and final round, Gerulis was just three shots behind a pair of golfers - Traverse City St. Francis's Tony **Casciano and Suttons** Bay's Drew Palmer.

### Wildcats fall

Plymouth's football team closed its season out at 3-6 following a 38-8 setback to Mount Pleasant (7-2) Friday night. Details of the game were not reported to the Observer.



#### PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anthony Scaparo's third-place finish led Plymouth to its first WLAA conference crown. The Wildcats placed five runners in the top 17 to outpace runner-up Churchill by nine points.

Please see story on girls meet on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It's hard to ignore the parallels between the 2006 Plymouth boys cross country team and the 2006 Detroit Tigers.

In 2003, the Tigers set a record for Major League futility, losing 119 games. Now, they're knocking on the door of a World Series title.

In 2003, the Wildcats were in dead-last place at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet. On Friday, coach Lee Shaw's harriers knocked down the championship door, winning the WLAA meet by nine points over runner-up Livonia Churchill in a race held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"Our senior class this year finished last their freshman season, so we've made a big turnaround," said Shaw, whose team compiled 55

#### PLEASE SEE 'CATS, B2

### **ALEX WARE'S** FAVORITE ... Pro tennis player

- Roger Federer; TV show -"Grey's Anatomy"; Class in school -(tie) English and psychology; Movie - "Dirty Dancing - Havana Nights"; Ecereal - Lucky Charms; and Song - "Put Your Hands Up"

# Early start gave Ware jump on net success

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Alex Ware was taller than a tennis racquet the first time she picked one up and started honing what would evolve into a smooth and productive forehand shot. But just barely.

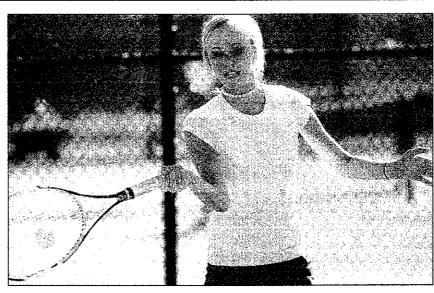
Ware, who recently completed her unprecedented fourth consecutive year as Salem's No. 1 singles player, began whacking green, fuzzy tennis balls over

nets at an age when most kids are more focused on watching "Barney.

"When I was 3, my parents put me in a tennis class called 'Ankle Biters,' " remembered Ware. "My best friend was in the class, too, and I remember we had a lot of fun."

Ware's early tennis upbringing

PLEASE SEE WARE, B5



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Alex Ware broke new ground at Salem when she served as the Rocks' No. 1 singles player all four years of her high school career. Ware, who has her sights on playing collegiate tennis, racked up a 30-14 career record in WLAA matches.

### programs

'Y' pre-school

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of preschool sports programs, the focus of which will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. The programs include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball.

The programs, which are for children between the ages 3 to 5, run the weeks of Nov. 30 and Dec. 11.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

### Wrestling registration

Sign-ups for the Salem Wrestling Club for kids between the 1st and 8th grades will continue through the first practice, which is Nov. 14. The Salem Wrestling Club/Team Chippewa will be participating in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY), which begins in January. Call (734) 239-2922.



## LOCAL SPORTS

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# 'Senior Night' a hit for Plymouth cagers

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

The Plymouth girls basketball team recorded a significant two-for-one comeback victory over visiting Walled Lake Western Thursday night.

The Wildcats' 38-32 triumph over the Warriors not only bolstered their chances of earning a berth in the Western Lakes Activities Association's post-season tournament, but it gave five final-year players a "Senior Night" to remember.

While the pre-game attention was reserved for the seniors — Amber Davis, Val Klemmer, Chelsey Quinlan, Chrystien Guyton and Trisha Watkins — freshman Stacey Klonowski stole the late-game spotlight when she buried all four of her free throw attempts in the final minute to seal the victory. Sophomore guard Megan Davis also drained a pair of clutch shots from the stripe with 8.4 seconds left.

"Winning tonight was very special for our five seniors, but it was also critical for our position in the Western Division," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly, whose squad improved to 4-4 in the division and 6-9 overall.

Plymouth entered the night in the middle of a logjam of four teams, each of which is battling to earn one of three Western Division playoffs spots still up for grabs. Canton, which is unbeaten in league play, has already clinched a spot, but Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Western and Northville entered Thursday night with either 3-4 or 4-3 ledgers.

The game resembled a topsy-turvy rollercoaster ride for the Wildcats, who led 9-2 in the early going and trailed 21-13 late in the second quarter before storming back to seize the win with an inspired second half.

"In the first half, we got passive and we weren't playing aggressively on defense," said Reilly. "Offensively, we weren't up-tempo enough. All those things together just had us in a lull.

"In the second half, we came out with more energy and we went after them more at both ends of the court. Western is a tough team to defend because they cut a lot and they have players who can attack the basket. If you don't pressure them, they're going to keep running their offense."

Sophomore center Shaakira Haywood paced the Wildcats with 11 points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots. Klonowski finished with seven points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Plymouth dominated in the rebounding department - 39-13.

Junior guard Melanie Wilkinson was the lone Warrior to hit double-figures, netting 14 points and three steals. Plymouth's first lead in the second half came with 5.9 seconds left in the third when Kelsi Robinson swished a long triple from the right corner to give her team a 26-24 advantage. The Wildcats never trailed again as they went 6for-6 from the line in the final 32 seconds to seal it.

Both teams struggled from the floor as Plymouth hit 11-of-34 shots (32 percent) while Western connected on 12-of-40 (30 percent). The Wildcats were 12-of-17 from the line (70.5) and Western hit 6-of-9 (66.0).

SALEM 56, W.L. CENTRAL 49: On Thursday, the Rocks clinched a top seed in the WLAA conference tournament and at least a share of the Lakes Division crown.

The victory, Salem's 10th straight, improved the winners' record to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the division. Central slipped 11-4 and 6-2, respectively.

"We had great balance tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was a rough, physical game. They set their defense up to stop Teresa Coppiellie because she hurt them the last time we played, but everybody else stepped up."

Particularly, senior forward Tayler Langham, who netted 18 points to lead Salem. Also making major contributions were Lauren Kurtz (12 points, 10 rebounds), Alaya Mitchell (11 points, six assists), Chelsea Davis (11 points) and Coppiellie (four points, nine rebounds).

Brittany Burkhardt led the Vikings with 20 points. Kelly Costello added 14.

Central led 14-12 after one quarter and 26-24 at the half. Salem knotted the game at 37all after three before taking control by winning the final eight minutes, 19-12.

"The key point in the game was the second quarter when we were able to cut an eightpoint deficit down to two," Thomann said. "I was happy with how we were able to weather the storm. "We were up five or six

points in the third quarter and they came back and tied it. It was a very good high school basketball game." Salem hit 16-of-22 free

throws (72 percent). The Rocks can win the Lakes Division outright by sweeping Westland John Glenn on Tuesday and Livonia Churchill on Thursday. The WLAA tourney tips-off Oct. 31.

CANTON 48, WAYNE 29: On Thursday at home, the Chiefs rode strong offensive efforts from Ja'nee Morton (19 points and eight rebounds) and Baylee Hollowell (10 points and 14 rebounds), and a stellar defensive effort by Lauren Delapaz, who held Zebras' leading scorer Treina Barbee to just four points. Delapaz also contributed on the offensive end, chipping in with seven points. The win clinched the WLAA Western Division crown for the Chiefs, who improved to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the division. Wayne dropped to 1-14 and 0-8, respectively.

Canton played without starting point guard Becci Houdek, who suffered an ankle injury in Tuesday night's win over Walled Lake Western.

"Becci usually handles the ball 98 percent of the time for us, so it was good for some of the other kids to get a chance to run the offense. Lauren Delapaz and Ja'nee Morton played the point for us and I thought they really stepped up and did a great job."

The victory was especially sweet considering it was "Senior Night."

"It's always nice for the seniors to win on 'Seniors Night," said Samulski, referring to Houdek, Morton and Delapaz. "Becci is a four-year player, Lauren's a third and Ja'nee is a second-year varsity player, and all three have really worked hard throughout their careers here. It was a nice honor to get a win tonight."

Canton led 15-8 after one quarter, 25-13 at the half and 36-18 after three quarters.

Samulski praised the play of reserve Kaylie Martin, who contributed six points during an otherwise sluggish stretch for the Chiefs in the second quarter.

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Plymouth's Val Klemmer, pictured above in a game earlier this season, tallied three points, two rebounds and three assists in Thursday night's 38-32 victory over Walled Lake Western.

**CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS** 

#### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 36 points; 2. Northville, 101 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Stevenson, 101; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 114; 5. Plymouth, 131; 6. Canton, 158; 7. Salem, 176; 8. Livonia Franklin, 185; 9. Westland John Gienn, 198; 10. Walled Lake Western, 211; 11. Walled Lake Central, 335; 12. Wayne Memorial, 360. Individual winner: Megan Maceratini (Churchill), 18 minutes, 39 seconds (5.000 meters).

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Churchill (36): 1. Megan Maceratini, 18:39; 4. Sara Kroll, 18:55.95; 5. Rachel McFarlane, 19:59.02; 6. Alyssa Mira, 19:11.85; 20. Lindsey Marlow, 20:17.82; 21. Lindsay McMullen, 20:21.73; 44. Hannah Otto, 21:25.92. Northville (101): 11. Lindsay Hagan, 19:34.97; 12. Mary Sprader, 10:42.21; 25. Molly Slavens, 20:37.1; 26. Keisey Katynski, 20:38.81; 28. Karina Puskorius, 20:40.29; 29. Anna Hardenburgh, 20:42.69; 61. Julia Bawden, 22:24.09.

Stevenson (101): 3. Courtney Calka, 18:49.1; 8. Kristen Frey, 19:29.5; 17. Stephanie Perez, 20:09.9; 22. Dense Meier, 20:25.71; 51: Victoria Saferian, 21:55.12; 52. Stephanie Kraft, 21:55.69; 60. Megan Muzzell, 22:18.7.

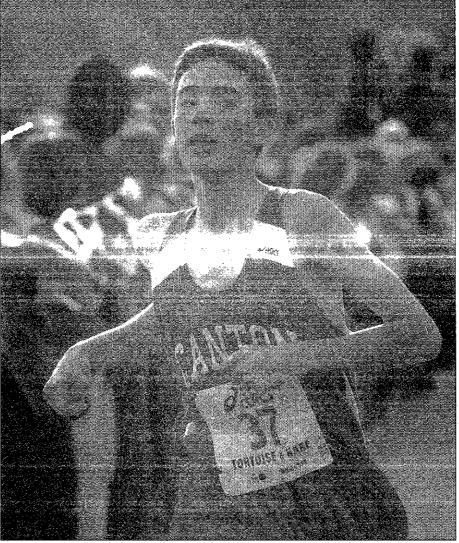
W.L. Northern (114): 7. Rachel Quaintance, 19:20.68; 10. Ashton Williams, 19:33.87; 27. Lauren Quaintance, 20:39.5; 30. Kristen Olsen, 20:44.14; 40. Stephanie Baugher, 21:12.42; 42. Jourdon Kopec, 21:17.31; 43. Kelli Waters, 21:21.03.

Plymouth (131): 15. Beth Heldmeyer, 19:50.19; 16. Pam Bhullar, 20:03.31;



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Duncan Spitz saved his personal-best time of 16:36.79 for a good time – Friday's WLAA conference meet at Willow Metro Park. The sophomore's effort was good enough for fifth place.

# 'CATS

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points. "We had a couple of guys who were a little sick, so their legs were a little heavy because they cut back on the miles this week. But I thought everybody ran well. I'm pleased.

"That said, I think we can run even better next week at the Regional meet. We'll be going up against Novi, which is one of the top teams in the state, so we'll see how we line up against them."

The 'Cats clinched the top spot by placing five runners in the top 17. Senior Anthony Scaparo led the charge with a third-place showing in 16:27.25. Also contributing to the winning cause were Derek Lax (7th), Patrick Slavens (13th), Justin Huey (15th) and Cristian Chagas (17th).

"My coach told me to run second if I could and let somebody else block the wind," said Scaparo, discussing his prerace strategy. "I stuck to that for quite a while until there was about a half-mile to go, then I started to hurt."

Charger coach John McGreevy had slightly mixed emotions — mostly positive — about his team's runner-up performance.

"I thought we ran very well, but I was a little disappointed because you always want to come in first," he said. "But Plymouth was the better team today.

"I was very proud of our boys' effort. Our goal was to be in the top three, so I was happy with that."

McGreevy praised the effort of junior Brandon Grysko, whose fourth-place finish propelled the Chargers. "Brandon ran very well," McGreevy said. "The three guys that finished ahead of him are top-notch runners. Brandon is a late-season runner, so I'm looking for big things from him next week and, hopefully, at the state meet."

Possibly the most incredible performance Friday afternoon was turned in by Canton sophomore Duncan Spitz, who placed fifth while bettering his previous personal-best time by over 20 seconds.

"I ran a lot different today than I ever did before," said Spitz, who covered the 5,000-mete. course in 16:36.79. "I went out harder than I ever have before. I ran a 5:10 first mile and I've never done that. I warmed up the same way I always do. I just tried to stay with the leaders."

Canton coach Bill Boyd said Spitz's Top 5 finish was the result of a dedicated off-season by his 15-year-old ace.

"Duncan was our No. 1 mileage guy this summer and we always preach to the kids that they have to get the mileage in if they're going to do well," Boyd said. "He beat everybody else on our team mileage-wise this summer. He's one of those kids who goes out and works hard every day in practice, and it's paying off for him."

Salem coach Geoff Baker said he was disappointed in his team's eighth-place finish one year after the Rocks placed second behind champion Churchill.

"We just didn't run well," Baker said. "We were a little down today. Hopefully, we bounce back for next week's Regional."

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Salem (176): 2. Hannah Cavicchio, 18:42.63; 32. Kelley Determan, 20:47.55; 35. Kortney Marsh, 20:58.98; 50. Lauren Olson, 21:54.58; 57. Allison York, 22:11.38; 58. Sabrina Burcroff, 22:13.09; 66. Emily Rossman, 22:54.27.

Franklin (185): 13. Meghan Horgan, 19:48.88; 18. Kelly Roulier, 20:11.6; 34. Kari Saarela, 20:54.41; 53. Devan Walley, 21:56.18; 67. Victoria Church, 22:57.29; 69. Kelsey Kaplan, 23:27.62; 70. Laura Marshall, 23:43.34.

John Glenn (198): 19. Ashiey Bailey, 20:14.77; 31. Stacey Richardson, 20:45.93; 45. Danielle Levy, 21:40.09; 49. Megan Nikula, 21:54.0; 54. Joslyn DeGroot, 21:57.44; 72. Michelle Levy, 23:44.25; 77. Amy Selewski, 24:15.15.

W.L. Western (211): 14. Rachel Wessel, 19:49.42; 23. Lindsay Doherty, 20:28.64; 47. Kelsey Young, 21:50.15; 62. Chelsea Burke, 22:31.39; 65. Dasha Dokshina, 22:45.05; 74. Annie Walton, 23:51.74; 76. Amy Williams, 24:05.09.

W.L. Central (335): 48. Brigid Nash, 21:51.94; 68. Bianca Butler, 23:19.52; 71. Stephanie Walden, 23:43.77; 73. Cimone Safilian, 23:49.77; 75. Ashley Slemer, 24:04.59; 80. Amanda David, 25:10.28; 82. Brunilda Lumaj, 25;59.75.

Wayne (360): 59. Melissa Smith, 22:13.75; 63. Claire Moro, 22:36.12; 78. Esmeralda Rivera, 24:31.1; 79. Kathryn Trudeau, 24:46.25; 81. Chelsea. Gilbert, 25:52.79.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 55; 2. Livonia Churchill, 64; 3. Northville, 129; 4. W.L. Western, 137; 5. W.L. Central, 137; 6. Canton, 147; 7. W.L. Northern, 166; 8. Salem, 167; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 183; 10. Livonia Franklin, 249; 11. Wayne Memorial, 251; 12. Westland John Glenn, 364.

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Northville (129): Jasen Turnbull, 16:18.69; 24. Nicholas Kolbow, 17:22.30; 25. Frank Griffiths, 17:23.15; 38. Erik Peterson, 17:51.74; 41. Jacob Myers, 17:54.67; 48. Jon Zurek, 18:07.06; 55. Nitin Jacob, 18:25.92.

W.L. Western (137): 6. Todd Bowmar, 16:46.33; 19. Christia Schnaible, 17:15.95; 28. Jason Mahakian, 17:25.66; 39. Kousei Yajima, 17:52.36; 45. Brian Cheadle, 18:00.84; 51. Jon Rhodes, 18:09.99; 66. Trevor D'Silva, 18:46.51.

W.L. Central (137): 2. Jacob Hill, 16:22.56; 8. Kyle Roche, 16:52.02; 16. Anthony Sanfillippo, 17:10.76; 43. Chad Norton, 17:56.90; 68. Drew Prueter, 18:59.23; 76. Jason Russell, 19:51.87; 79. Eric Nodge, 20:06.75. Canton (147): 5. Duncan Spitz, 16:36.79; 26. Kyle Clinton, 17:24.12; 29. Zachary Spreitzer, 17:33.34; 35. Greg Reed, 17:40.92; 52. Derek Hoerman, 18:10.55; 61. Joshua Osinski, 18:36.50; 78. Mike Eimers, 19:56.98.

W.L. Northern (166): 22. Mihkey Maves, 17:19.04; 23. Chris Platt, 17:21.63; 30. Corey Brown, 17:34.40; 33. Brian Carter, 17:39.99; 58. Andrew Roeser, 18:32.51; 65. Peter woodcox, 18:45.92; 69. Dan Stecher, 19:01.77.

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Westland John Glenn: 60. Tim Boes, 18:35.82; 72. Mike Gardner, 19:31.58; 75. Shawn Long, 19:47.50; 77. Jeffrey Adkins, 19:53.83; 80. Ryan Lockhart, 20:15.37; 83. Eric Mlynar, 21:49.40; 84. Gary Lawrence, 22:58.93.

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# Chargers run away with girls WLAA cross country crown

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Talk about a runaway. Livonia Churchill captured last year's Western Lakes Activities Association girls cross country meet over rival Livonia Stevenson by a mere four points. An aggregate five seconds separated the two rivals.

Friday afternoon's WLAA meet at Willow Metropark featured no such drama as the Chargers, bolstered by senior Megan Maceratini first-place finish, took four of the first six places to beat Northville and Stevenson by 65 each. See complete results.

Churchill's 36 points earned coach Sue Tatro her fourth WLAA crown since 2000.

"I'm a very proud coach today," said Tatro, whose Chargers are ranked No. 2 statewide in Division I. "We have a conference championship, a conference champion (Maceratini) and a host of personal bests. My girls continue to work hard and improve their times."

After being injured as a freshman and suffering mononucleosis as a sophomore, Maceratini appears to hitting stride during her senior year as she ran a personal best 18 minutes, 39 seconds over the 5,000-meter course.

In the final mile, the senior overhauled defending champion Courtney Calka of Stevenson, who wound up third in 18:49.1; and runnerup Hannah Cavicchio of Salem, who clocked an 18:42.63.

"This is my senior year, I started training a little earlier because I wanted to do my best," said Maceratini, who eclipsed her time of 18:57 two weeks ago at the Wayne



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Hannah (Caviechio) and I ran

After I passed her (Calka), I

together almost the entire race.

Plymouth's Pam Bhullar had a strong race in Friday's WLAA conference meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

County Meet. "I felt really good today. I just tried to run even splits and don't go out too fast. just wanted to keep moving. I assumed she would come back on me, so I tried my best to keep going."

Maceratini had plenty of company as freshman teammate Sara Kroll took fourth in 18:55.95.

Junior Rachel McFarlane and sophomore Alyssa Mira placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in 18:59.02 and 19:11.85. The Chargers' fifth scorer was 20th-place finisher Lindsey Marlow (20:17.82). Teammate Lindsay McMullen was right behind in 21st (20:21.73). "Megan ran a top-notch race

today, she ran a smart race and finished strong," Tatro said. "And her senior leadership continues to shine.

"And for a freshman, Sara (Kroll) shows tremendous promise. She continues to run with the top runners and races like a seasoned veteran. And as always, both Rachel (McFarlane) and Alyssa (Mira) continue to be solid performers and key components to our team."

Cavicchio, meanwhile, matched her performance of 18:43 at the Wayne County Meet.

"The course is flat and it's scenic," the Salem senior said. "I passed her (Calka) after the last hill. It was exciting because she finished fifth in the state (last year) and she's pretty much untouchable. I thought I'd never catch her. "The girl that beat me

(Maceratini) just ran awesome. I'm so proud of her. I just gave it what I got. I still feel I can get under this time (18:42.63)." Other top area individual finishers included Stevenson's

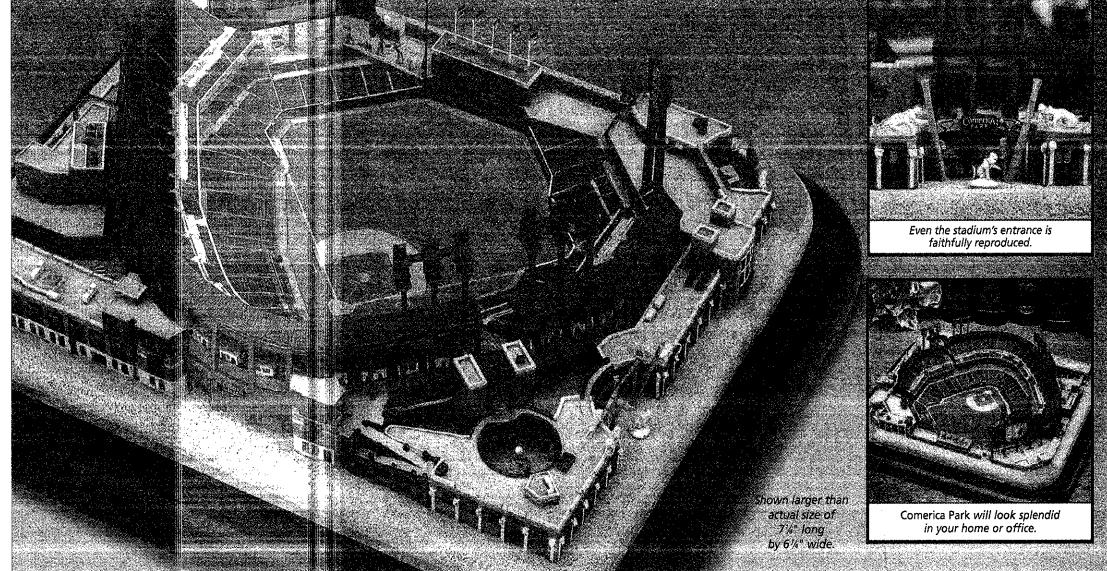
finishers included Stevenson's Kristen Frey (eighth), Canton's Sarah Thomas (ninth), Livonia Franklin's Meghan Horgan (13th) and Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer (15th).



Salem's Hannah Cavicchio placed second in Friday's WLAA conference meet at Willow Metropark.



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# CHIEFS

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added, in his good-natured way. "You get better with age."

As expected, the Chiefs took control of Friday's contest early, scoring on their first five possessions to take a 35-0 bulge into the intermission. Senior running back Nick Moores accounted for three of the TD's on runs of 11, 20 and 15 yards. The other two scores came on Antwaun Hawkins' 2-yard plunge and a 10-yard scamper by senior Devin Murphy.

Canton's final points came on junior fullback Jordan Raiford's 21-yard dash to paydirt in the third quarter.

Salem struck twice in the second half against the Chiefs' defensive reserves when sophomore Anthony Mullins reeled off TD runs of 27 and 64 yards.

Besides the victory, the best news for Canton was that quarterback Steve Paye was able to see his first action since suffering a knee injury against Livonia Franklin on Sept. 22. On a more

#### disheartening note, junior running back Dalton Walser also returned after missing six games, however, he appeared to re-injure his leg on just his third carry of the night.

"That was very unfortunate for Dalton because he's such a special player and such a big part of our team," said Baechler. "We wanted to test him tonight and see where he was, and he wanted to get back out there, too. The only good news is that he has a year left.

"Now, we need to get Deshon McClendon back and playing both ways for us. He's such a dynamic playmaker and we'll need him for the playoffs." The Chiefs did not throw a

pass on a night when 12 players recorded at least one carry. Moores led the parade with 95 yards on seven runs. Others joining the 40 yards-plus club were Hawkins (65), Murphy (63) and Raiford (43).

Baechler said he gave a welldeserved start to Murphy, a senior, who responded with flying colors. "We wanted to start Devin because he's been such a great kid for our program the last four years," Baechler said. "I was glad we were able to get him a lot of carries (11) and a touchdown."

In large part to the two long scoring efforts, Mullins had an outstanding game, finishing with 108 yards on 15 carries. Sophomore quarterback Heath Parling had his moments, too, completing 7-of-15 passes for 51 yards. Four of his aerials were hauled in by junior Jesse Pointer.

Jon Wilson and Jeremy Epley recovered fumbles for the Rocks. "Unfortunately, the score

tonight seemed to be a common score for us this season," said Salowich. "But, again, the kids didn't quit. And when we got all of our seniors in the game, they played their butts off.

"This attitude is what's important to our program. We're trying to build a team of kids that want to play for one another rather than themselves, and I think that showed tonight." ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

#### PLYMOUTH 115 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 71 Thursday at Salem 200-yard mediay relay: 1. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Sijia Hao, Stephanie Goulet, Michelle Chang), 2:05.24; 2. Plymouth, 2:05.69; 3. W.L. Western, 2:06.92. 200 freestyle: 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 2:04.69; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:11.35; 3. Beth McReynolds (P), 2:16.22. 200 IN: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:23.26; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 2:32.48; 3. Sarah Krueger

(WLW), 2:32.53. **50 freestyle:** 1. Alexia Fregonara (WLW), 26.79; 2. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.45; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 27.85. **i-meter diving:** 1. Sophie Daughtry (WLW), 158.90; 2. Allie Karagozian (WLW), 148.10; 3. Tori Beeler (P), 143.90. **100 butterfly:** 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 1:00.95; 2. Stophanie Gouldt (P), 111 96; 3. Lauren

 Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:11.96; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.01.
 100 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:00.17; 2. Emily Clanton (P), 1:00.77; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:01.31.
 200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Western (Alexia Fregonara, Amanda McCristal, Mai Funasaki,

Fregonara, Amanda McCristal, Mai Funasaki, Adina Bohr), 1:48.51; 2. Plymouth, 1:49.12; 3. Plymouth, 1:56.09. 100 backstroke: 1. Alexia Fregonara (WLW), 1:07.44; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:08.96; 3.

Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.89. **100 breaststroke:** 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:15.11; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:15.96; 3. Sarah Krueger (WLW), 1:17.19. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. W.L. Western (Adina Bohr, Sarah Krueger, Mai Funasaki, Alexia Fregonara), 4:01.64; 2. Plymouth, 4:03.56;

3. Plymouth, 4:17.79. PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: 6-1 overall, 5-0 in WLAA Western Division.

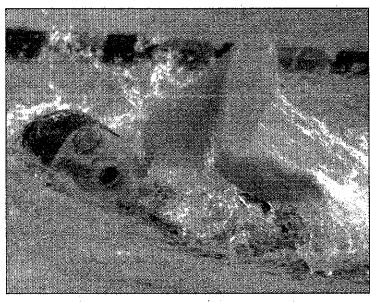
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200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Madelynn Bevili, Kelsey Drennen, Chelsea Randles, Sadie Earnest), 2:08.20; 2. Canton, 1:57.78; 3. Canton. 2:23.89. 200 freestyle: 1. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:19.08; 2. Olivia LaFortune (WM), 2:17.58; 3. Kara Windsor (WM), 2:25.73. 200 IM: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:21.16; 2. Chelsea Randles (WM), 2:31.03; 3. Ashley McClellan (C), 2:40.68. 50 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 24.32; 2. Madelynn Bevill (WM), 27.72; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 28.75. 1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 191.25 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 146.75. 100 butterfly: 1. Chelsea Randles (WM), 1:06.36; 2. Laura Landis (C), 1:08.29; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:11.84. 100 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 52.01: 2. Madelynn Bevill (WM), 1:00.35; 3. Meghan

#### **STEELERS TAKE 2**

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team upended the Farmington Rockets, 28-13, to improve to 5-1. Enrique Pardo led the offensive effort while Tony Rhodes, Samuel Scott and Andrew Thomas also played well. The defense was paced by Mark Wallath, Jack Vida and Jeff Huerer.

### **SWIM RESULTS**



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Emily Bair (S), 2:26.24; 3. Madi Sewell

Rachael Dalian (WLC), 27.43; 3. Caitlin

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192.60; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 187.85; 3.

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Brittany Buchanan (WLC), 1:16.55.

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Plymouth's Melissa McKinstry churns through the water during the 100-yard freestyle event Thursday night. McKinstry helped the Wildcats upend Walled Lake Western to improve their record 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the WLAA Western Division

500 freestyle: 1. Maddy McDuff (C), 5:50.36; 2. Oliva LaFortune (WM), 6:16.81; 3. Julie 200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Madelynn Bevill, Chelsea Randles, Sadie Earnest, Olivia LaFortune), 1:53.05; 2. Canton, 2:01.58; 3. Wayne, 2:07.51. 100 backstroke: 1. Monica Blaesser (C). 1:07.50; 2. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:11.05; 3. Kaylee Artman (WM), 1:18.30. 100 breaststroke: 1. Meghan Sears (C), 1:24.03; 2. Lucy O'Neill (C), 1:29.46; 3. Kara Windsor (WM), 1:30.39. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Laura Landis. Maddy McDuff, Britney Sheeler, Paige Solo), 4:14.74; 2. Canton, 3:47.53; 3. Wayne, 4:39.00.

#### SALEM 109 W.L. CENTRAL 76 Tuesday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Jennifer Grodus, Katie Gorman, Ally Stencel), 2:01.92; 2. W.L. Central, 2:03.11; 3. Salem, 2:07.59. 200 freestyle: 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:06.19; 2. Jordan Daykin (WLC), 2:08.99; 3. Allison Burke (S), 2:11.06. 200 IM: 1. Abby Pavelko (WLC), 2:21.11; 2.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

The Steelers' JV unit was edged by the Rockets, 27-6, despite strong efforts from Chris Mattei, Mathew Walsh and Josh Kuhn.

The Steelers' freshmen continued to shine, improving to 6-0 with a 28-12 triumph. Defensively, Devon Cameron, Christian Mayberry and Anthony Coluluca led the way while Matt Ramey had a fine day on the offensive line.

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is not surprising considering the sport is etched into her family's DNA. Her dad, Mike, is a former professional player and current teaching pro at Ann Arbor's Huron Valley Tennis Club; her brother, Michael, plays collegiately at Denison University in Ohio; and her mom, Lin, is the Rocks' head tennis coach.

"Tennis was the thing to do in my family and I really enjoyed it," Ware said. "Growing up, my friends and I would travel all over the place for tournaments.

"My dad would always tell me, 'Now, if you win three matches, I'll take you to get your nails done," she added, smiling.

Thanks to a strong arsenal of shots, plenty of poise and confidence to match, Ware earned plenty of manicures when she was younger. Her most significant victory came at the age of 9 when she won a 10-and-under Future Qualifier, a tournament that attracted most of the top young players in the state. "I played just about every day in the summer growing up," she said. "I loved it. Then when I was 13, I decided I needed a break from tennis, so I focused on other sports, like soccer and softball."

Following a year off, Ware instantly earned the No. 1 singles role at Salem with her accomplished skills and unwavering confidence.

And if you think the 14-yearold freshman was intimidated playing against 18-year-old seniors, think again.

"Actually, I was pretty cocky when I came in my first year," Ware said. "My teammates used to tell me I was intimidating, but once they got to know me, they knew that wasn't the case."

Among her four-year accomplishments at Salem are a sterling 30-14 record against many of the top No. 1 singles players in the metropolitan Detroit area and an unbeaten record against P-CEP rivals Canton and Plymouth.

"Tennis is a family affair in

our family and Alex always seemed to have her dad's genes when it came to her ability," said Lin Ware. "Alex always had a big forehand and could finish points off with it.

"The biggest thing about her senior year was that she never gave up on matches. Against Canton, she was down 5-1 in the second set, but she battled back to win 7-5. Earlier in her career, when she'd get down like that, she had a tendency to tank it."

A 3.1 student, Ware is contemplating continuing her competitive tennis career in college. Among her options are Denison, the Division III school her brother attends, and a couple other small schools that have expressed interest in her net skills.

"I'd like a career in which I could work with disabled kids, or something in neurology or psychology," she said. "No matter what I do, I think I'll always keep playing tennis."

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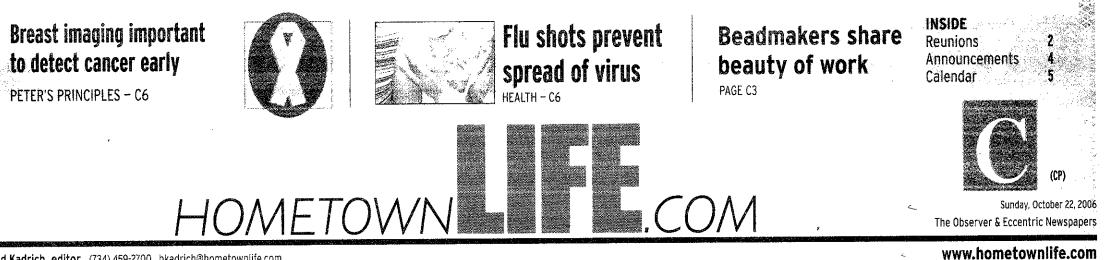
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What should I do when older men talk to me in an inappropriate way, and put me in an uncomfortable situation at work? Worried Worker

#### **Garden City** It sounds like you're a little frightened

by what is happening at work and I'm very concerned about you. If these men are talking to you in a sexual manner, or referencing sexual things in their conversations with you, you need to tell an adult at work you can trust. You should not be expected to accept this type of behavior. What these men are doing is completely inappropriate and can be considered sexual harassment. It is not OK for an older man to talk about your body, or joke about sexual things with you! This type of behavior might lead to something much more dangerous. Ask your employer that you not be left alone at the work site-that you always work with an older, trusted adult. When an older man



Teen Talk Monica Fulton

walk away, if you can. Saying something as simple as, "I don't appreciate the way you're talking to me" can be very effective when it's said firmly,

starts to talk to you in

an inappropriate way,

and tell him you don't

he's talking to you and

look him in the eye

appreciate the way

directly, and without hesitation. If you can't walk away, call for a co-worker to assist you. It's very important that you set firm boundaries; if you laugh at what these men are saying as a way to avoid conflict, they may think you like being talked to like that Being older, they have your best interest at heart. Please take steps to make sure you keep your best interest at heart.

# **Ghost stories** Urban legends of local haunted places

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Janice Hirt is not afraid of ghosts. Even when a leaded candle holder flew from the upstairs of a Westland house and smashed against the wall, she wasn't scared. As a medium, Hirt visits haunted homes to remove unwelcome spirits. Several children died in a fire in the Westland house.

"It's not frightening because we're used to it," said Hirt, a tarot card reader and medium at Mystiques-West in Westland where public seances are held 7 p.m. every Monday to contact dead loved ones.

"On Stark Road in Livonia there's a house over 200 years old surrounded by factories. I saw shadows and heard voices and messages from different people. We go in and try to contact the spirit, do smudging or burning with white sage to clear negative energy."

Mystiques-West Psychic Reading and Metaphysical Center specializes in spiritual counseling, but offers ghost busting services as well. In the spirit of the Halloween season, Hirt is taking part in I'm Not Afraid of Ghosts, a hunt that leaves Mystiques-West, 36356 Ford Road, between Newburgh and Wayne, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The public is invited to join Hirt for a brief discussion before traveling to local haunted places. The cost is \$15 per person. Participants are encouraged to bring their ghost hunting equipment including cameras, flashlights and tape recorders. For more information, call (888) 367-8653.

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guish fires to make their homes cold and undesirable. They would dress in scary costumes then parade through the streets trying to scare spirits away.

The belief in ghosts or spirits continues to this day. Stories about sightings in buildings such as Eloise, a former mental hospital and poor house in Westland, are published in Ghost Stories of Michigan by Dan Asfar.

"There are cemeteries in this area that there have been sightings," said Hirt. "One of my favorite cemeteries is at Ridge and Gyde roads. It's very active, a lot of energy there. Even people who don't believe have gone in there and seen orbs (or spirits) and heard things."

Brian Golden has psychically sensitive friends who avoid Farmington Road at Shiawassee because of the bad vibrations.

Golden is especially knowledgeable about the lore and history of Farmington. He is president of the Farmington Historical Society, a commissioner with the Oakland County Historical Commission, and director of Pastways, a nonprofit corporation that educates the community about historic topics and produces videos for Public Access Television. Golden has published five local history books through Pastways.

"It's a location in Farmington referred to as Botsford Hill on Farmington Road as you head south from 10 mile to Shiawassee," said Golden. "There is story about a boy who was trying to retrieve a ball and got hit by a car. To this day people have reported going down the hill at night or on a foggy day and seeing a vision of a boy standing near the road. When they get closer he's not there.

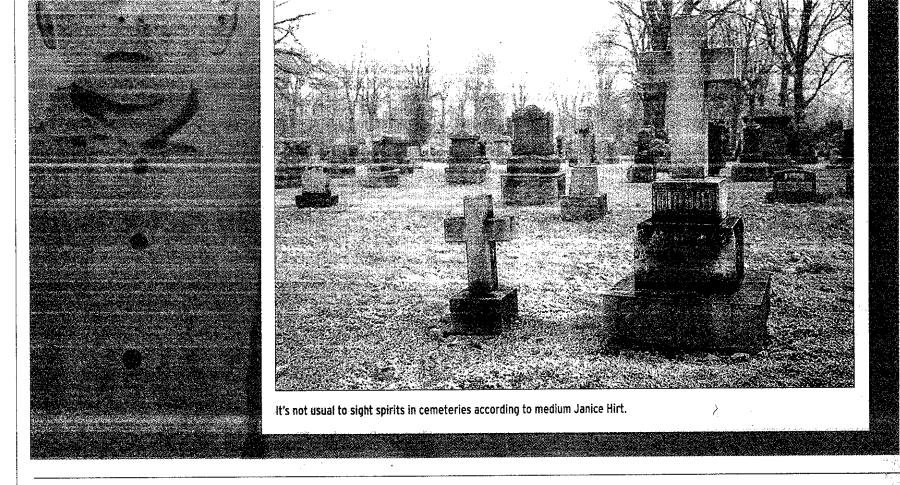
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#### a family. Should I do something about it? Dinner for One Garden City

Having dinner together as a family can be very important to family relationships. It can also be very difficult to do on a regular basis. With both parents working (sometimes two jobs) and kids participating in sports, clubs, dance, etc., the family dinner can become extinct. Eating together gives everybody time to catch up on what's been happening in our daily lives, it allows the opportunity to discuss upcoming activities, and it can be a time to participate in family plans. I, personally, feel that it's important to have dinner as a family more days than not. I think most of the "experts" agree on this too. So, if having dinner with your family is important to you, make it happen! Offer to cook/prepare dinner one night each week, as long as all family members attend the meal. Your mom and dad might be relieved that someone else is responsible for cooking! And, it might lead to other family members joining in on the action. Hopefully, the family dinner can make a comeback at your house!

#### Lately, my mom has been getting mad very easily. How do I find out what's causing it? Concerned and Curious Westland

The simple answer is, just ask her. But, how you ask her is very important. Your mom might be experiencing a lot of stress right now, which can lead to difficulty in dealing with frustration. First, let your mom know that you've noticed she seems angry a lot lately. Ask her if there's anything you can do to help. If she seems open to it, ask her what's bothering her and if you can do anything to help take some of the load off her. However, sometimes there are things that parents need to deal with by themselves. You can help her without needing to know exactly what is going on. Do this by finishing your chores, picking up after yourself, doing your laundry, or helping with dinner. Sometimes just that little bit of extra effort where it's least expected can make a world of difference. Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net



# 'Giving Hope' effort focuses on local women, girls

#### BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Last May, some 40 influential women from the Canton-Plymouth community met to discuss community needs. Of that group, there's now a steering committee of 14 which kicked off the "Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle" endeavor Wednesday at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

"We have about 125 women coming," Canton Community Foundation Development Director Loren Wadington said Wednesday morning. The women hope to address issues for women and girls in the community that aren't being met.

Wadington, a Canton resident, cited a body imaging class for teen girls as one possibility. Following a good diet's another possibility, along with such projects as wigs for low-income chemotherapy patients or clothing kits for women

who've been raped to wear home from the emergency room.

'We don't know exactly what is out there," said Wadington, who noted budget cuts at First Step, the local domestic violence shelter, as one possible helping point for the new group.

Canton Community Foundation staffers get calls from those needing help, she said, particularly as social service programs are being cut. Organizers of the giving circle hope to get women engaged in philanthropy and see their dollars used in their own community.

"They're all wonderful organizations," Wadington said of the many groups that seek funds from donors, but added it's hard to know just how much of an impact a donation has.

She hopes to see something like 100 women giving \$1,000: "Then you can make an impact."



Shahnez Broucek, Katie Robiakek, Joan Noricks, Linda Radtke, Loren Wadington, Martha Snow and Nancy Eggenberger are among those who have formed 'Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle.'

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#### 0320 Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. Livonia Stevenson

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A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., foodentertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

#### **Redford Union High School** Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734)787-9954.

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709, Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

#### Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Montana's in Westland, Contact Kathy Mimnaugh Story at alandkathys@yahoo.com or by phone at (734) 483-9201.

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gious ed students and CYO athletes. tickets are \$25.00 per person includes dinner, dancing, dj, cash bar. (21 and over). 4:30 p.m. alumni Mass, 7 p.m. dinner-dance, Nov. 25. Please contact

stdamianalumni@aol.com or call the parish at 734-421-6130 or the alumni page at www.stdamian.com for more info.

#### Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison

at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com St. Mary of Redford High School class of 1956

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#### Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Troy Embassy Suites. \$50 includes buffet, cash bar, Troy High School Jazz Band playing music from the 50s. For information, contact Ingrid Bjornstad Vernier (248-853-1167. idvernier@glis.net or Bill Swinson at (248)879-9780. Utica High School

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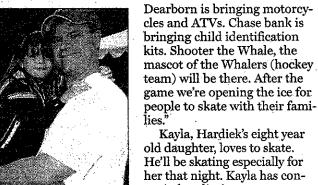
#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Scott Hardiek is lacing up his skates for a very special hockey game Friday, Nov. 3. He's always excited to be on the ice whether it's as part of an adult team at Compuware Sports Arena or the Ford Motor Co. hockey league. The Nov. 3 game is special because it raises money for Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Dr. Susan Young's Program for Exceptional Families at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn – plus he'll have

against some of the best hockey players ever. Hardiek and his Ford Motor Co. team face off against Detroit Red Wings alumni at 7 p.m. in Compuware Sports Arena, Plymouth. Doors open at 6

p.m. During half time, ticket holders will be treated to a performance by the Hockettes (www.hockettes.com). Founded at the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club in 1956, the synchronized skating team first performed at a University of Michigan hockey game. Since then the team has medaled at the U.S. National Championships junior division for the last nine years and won the national championship in 2005.

Ticket/donations are \$10 adults, \$5 children, \$25 for



genital scoliosis. The game is dedicated to Kayla and Catherine Hein, who has cerebral palsy. Marion Hein is co-chairing the event with Hardiek. Catherine is a patient of Dr. Susan Young, Hardiek calls Young's Program for **Exceptional Families** "one stop shopping for all medical, physical and emotional needs for children with disabilities and their families." Money from a raffle will go to the program. "I'm doing it for my daughter," said Hardiek. "One of her favorite things to do is ice skating and there's ice skating afterwards, and Kayla's been seen at Mott's.'

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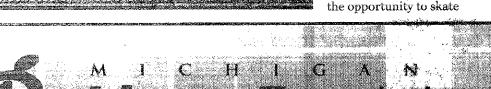




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Globe Trotters they put on a show when they play," said Hardiek who grew up in the Rochester-Troy area. "It's a really family oriented event. One of the Jack Demmer dealerships is bringing temporary tattoos of the Ford oval, also vehicles, probably the new (crossover utility vehicle) Ford Edge. Rosenau Power Sports of

Scott Hardiek is playing in a Nov. 3

hockey game to benefit children like

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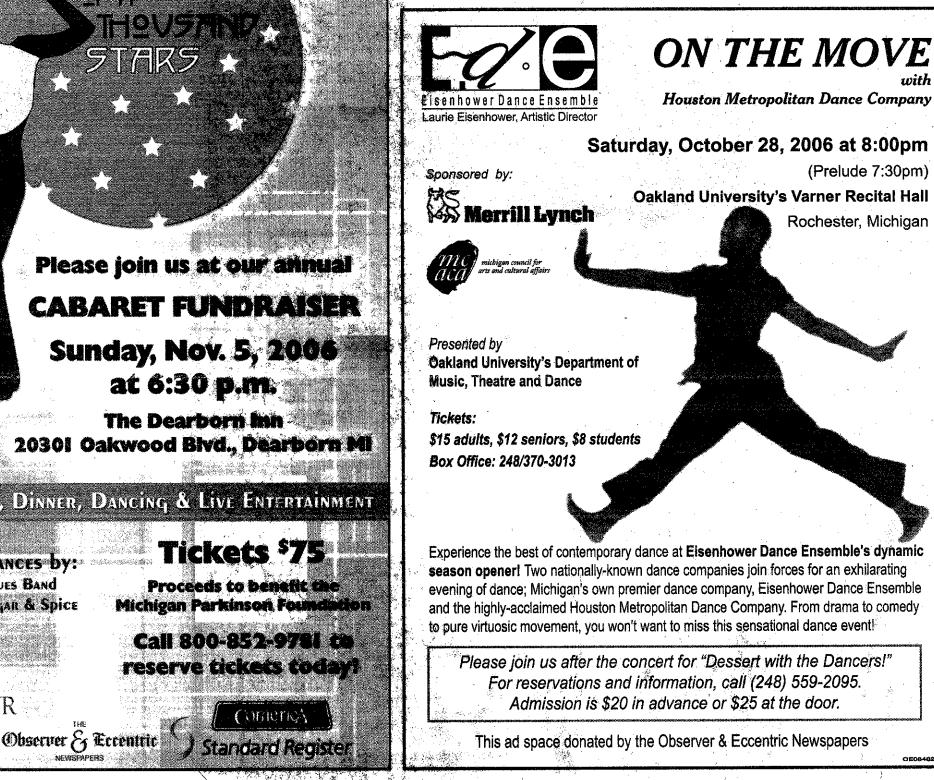
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# Glass act

# Beadmakers hot for molten materials

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Anne Sheppard has been hooked on beads ever since her father bought her a loom at age 3. Today, the retired educator still enjoys playing with the spherical objects crafted from hot glass.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Sheppard joins nearly two dozen artists in spotlighting their handmade jewelry, ornaments, fused tiles, sculptural and blown glass work at the Winter Wonders Glass Show Holiday Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward at Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. All are members of the Southeast Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild named Glass Act.

Sheppard founded the Guild in 2000 with Don Miller, a Livonia resident who teaches chemistry and lampworking at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. It is the metro Detroit area's local chapter of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers and includes artists from Canton, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Saline, Westland, the Toledo area, Traverse City and Ann Arbor.

Throughout the day, Glass Act members will demonstrate the techniques used to lampwork hot glass into a final product. Sheppard is one of several artists who create beads from glass rods over a propane torch. She took her first lampworking class at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson then went on to study with Miller. She even traveled to France to take classes but insists glass beadmaking is just a hobby. Since retiring from teaching in Pontiac and Berkley schools, Sheppard spends her summers in the garden, her winters working over the torch making beads.

"One of the nice things about lampworking is you don't have to have a furnace," said Sheppard, who creates the beads in her Livonia home. "For a couple thousand dollars or less you can set up a studio."

Denise Billups-Walker took her first lampworking class with a friend eight years ago fascinating as her students. "It's fun," said Billups-Walker, a retired Detroit teacher. "Now I get other people hooked.

"Anything to do with glass you probably can find there," said Billups-Walker. "We have some really unique gifts, jewelry, wine stoppers, serving trays that are fused."

Joy Cichewicz signed up for her first lampworking class with Miller before "glass was cool." The Brighton librarian is chair of the show. She is showing her work as part of a twoperson exhibit sponsored by the Brighton Art Guild at the library. She'll be bringing "lots of animal figures that are humanized – diva hippos, a belly dancing tiger, giraffe ballerinas" available for preshow viewing at www.worksofjoy.com. "These are all people who

"These are all people who work with glass," said Cichewicz of Belleville. "Many do fusing glass in kilns. Mark Vandenberg is a glassblower for Greenfield Village."

Veronica Parrottino fell in love with glass beadmaking while visiting a Florida shop. At first she thought the bracelet she was admiring was costume jewelry but was surprised to learn it was art. Excited about the discovery she invited her husband to see the creations. He promptly bought her a bracelet for Valentine's Day.

Five years later, the Bloomfield Village woman shows her own glass beads at the show on Nov. 4. She has

#### taken classes in North Carolina, Colorado, and at U-M Dearborn with Don Miller.

"It felt so good on my hand I bought two of them (bracelets) after that," said Parrottino, 70. "I'll be bringing beads and

bracelets, brights and pastels, black and white. Some are very colorful. If I have a garment I like I'll take those colors and make beads out of them. I've literally sold them off my wrist."

Show prices will range from \$10 to \$300. For information, call (734) 461-2854 or visit www.glassact.org.

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Lampworking allows Billups-Walker to create glass

have a good time. She

beads just about anywhere and

describes the work as whimsical. Expect to see lots of pen-

guins, cat and dog beads at the

show. She says, friends call her

the Queen of Cute. Billups-

ations so much she teaches

Walker loves crafting the cre-

beginning bead making at the

Berkley Burning Bead Studio. She is especially hoping that

show visitors find the art as

with the torch."

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She had always thought about blowing glass but knew it required physical strength and a furnace.

"My friend quit but I kept going," said Billups-Walker, president of Glass Act of the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild and a Troy resident. "To me it's seductive, something very Zen-like. You

# GIVING HOPE

The endeavor's a joint Plymouth-Canton venture. "We hope to be doing some granting after the first of the year," Wadington said. Those who would like to become involved can contact Wadington at the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200. Her e-mail is lwadington@cantonfoundation.org.

Betty Bloch of Plymouth Township is among the founders for the giving circle. She's employed as supervisor for Community Education for the Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I think the perception is that we don't have such needs," Bloch said. She's found the community is more diverse than many people realize.

The group hopes to meet immediate and long-term needs of people, Bloch said.

"I know that the charitable donations I give will be used in my own community," she said.

Things need to unfold at this point as to specific projects and committees, Bloch said.

"I'm actually very excited about it," said Bloch, who's met a lot of women who want to help.

"Most of the women I talk to are very positive about it," Bloch said. She and others don't want to burden members with bureaucracy, and to keep work simple.

"It's important for people to realize there's not a huge time commitment here," she added.

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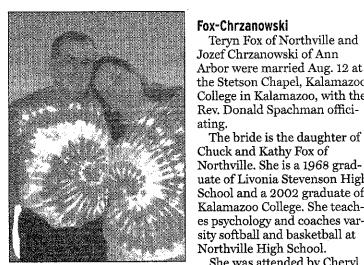
#### **Rheinschmidt-Voss**

Sandra Rheinschmidt and Robert Voss were married on July 15 in a private ceremony held in their home on Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys.

Sandra is the daughter of Delight and the late Donald Rheinschmidt of Mosinee. Wisconsin. Robert is the son of the late Harold and Dolores Voss of Canton, Michigan.

The event was witnessed by close friends of the couple, Ken and Mary Anne Lubinski of Hobe Sound, Florida. Also in attendance were Marty Baird, cousin to the groom, Rosie Ladrie and Sandy Waite. The ceremony was officiated by Anna Baird.

Robert recently retired as a sergeant from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Sandra



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is self-employed with a sewing and quilting business.

The couple will reside at their new home in the panhandle of Florida.

### SINGLES **MISC. SINGLES**

#### Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Women - date-style clothes, men - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

#### **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

#### Monthly dance

8-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 4, St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Call Diane K. for information (734) 261-5716.

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Fox, maid of honor and sister

of the bride and bridesmaids,

the groom; Kristy Levinson,

Mueller, friend of the bride. The groom is the son of Mike

and Lina Chrzanowski of Shepherd, Mich. He is a 1996

graduate of Shepherd High

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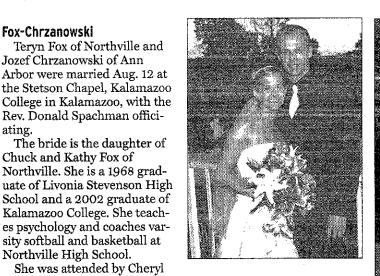
Kalamazoo College. He

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Amanda Chrzanowski, sister of

cousin of the bride; Lori Good,

cousin of the bride; and Jessica



America in Canton.

He was attended by best man Michael Chrzanowski, father of the groom and groomsmen, Walter (Adam) Berry, friend of the groom; Benk Brock, friend of the groom, Eric Gerwin, friend of the groom; Chad Root, friend of the groom, and ushers Ryan Hartman and Kurt Root, friends of the groom.

A reception was held at the Kalamazoo Country Club. The couple make their home in Northville.



#### Sochackis celebrate 50th

Leo and Sylvia Sochacki, residents of Plymouth Township since 1959, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Leo and Sylvia were married

Oct. 13, 1956, at Transfiguration Church in Detroit by the Rev. Simon Kilar. To celebrate their lasting nuptials, the couple had their

vows renewed Oct. 15 by the Rev. Thomas Belczak of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. Following Mass, they were guests of honor at a luncheon at Steak & Ale with their family.

Their three children, with their spouses and seven grandchildren, congratulate Leo and Sylvia for 50 years together.



#### Cahill-Satchell

**Courtney Francis Xavier** Cahill and Lindsay Kristine Satchell were married at the Lazy J Ranch in Milford, Mich., on Sept. 30, 2006. Courtney is the son of Frank and Christine Cahill, of Farmington Hills, and Funks celebrated 50th anniversary Lindsay is the daughter of Terry and Kay Satchell, of Hendersonville, N.C. Courtney is co-owner of Three Leaf Vendo graenices in Ovente and Findsay is pursuing a master's of fine arts degree at Wavne State University. They will be honeymooning in Hawaii and will reside in Livonia.



Robert and Joan Funk of Westland are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

They were married Nov. 10, 1956 in the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

They have five children: Timothy, Carl, Donald, Robert and Susanna They also have six grandchildren.

The Funks have lived in Westland for 10 years. Robert is a retired truck driver. Joan has been employed as a medical transcriptionist for Labcorp of America for 12 years.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

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#### JOSEPHINE P. **De LORENZO** "A Woman of Great Kindness"

Age 91, of Bloomfield Village (since 1959), October 15, 2006. Born December 7, 1914 in Madison, Wisconsin. Beloved wife of the late Anthony G. "Tony" De Lorenzo (deceased May 15, 1993). Survived by children Annette De Lorenzo, Jo De Lorenzo, and Tony (Kathy) De Lorenzo; and grandchildren, Joe, Nina, and Maria. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, October 19, 2006, at Holy Name Chapel, Birmingham, with Reverend Eugene Simon officiating. Private interment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan. Memorial tributes may be made to, charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors, Troy, MI. Share memories a obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

Paying ribute to the Life of Your Loved One

MARY JANE HENDERSON Age 87 of Lee's Summit, MO passed away on October 15, 2006 in Ashland, NE. Survived by son, Scott Henderson of Omaha, NE. Mary Jane was a resident of Birmingham from 1952-1967 and was active in several civic organizations including Charter Member of The Sheffield Estates Homeowner's Association and The League of Women Voters. She was a member of the congregation of The First Church of Christian Science, Birmingham, and employed at Birmingham Furniture in the early 1960's. Mary Jane moved to Utica in 1967 and then to Lee's Summit in 1975. She moved to Omaha to be closer to her son when she became ill in 2001. Her loving son will disseminate Mary Jane's ashes to the places Mary Jane loved during her tenure on Earth at a date yet to be determined. Mary Jane's ex-husband Francis Philip Henderson of Bloomfield Hills preceded her in death in 1998. Visit www.bramanmortuary.com to leave a condolence.



#### NANCY WALTON HUDSON

a long-time Birmingham resident, died, October 18, 2006. She had been a patient at Medilodge of Rochester Hills on Walton Blvd, not far from where the old Walton family farm had stood for many years. Mrs. Hudson was born to Hiram and Lela Callow Walton of Detroit and Lake Angelus on September 10, 1912. She had a sister, Jane Walton O'Neil, and a brother Charles Walton. Mrs. Hudson married Arthur Scott Hudson in 1935, who predeceased her in 1993. Mr. Hudson's ancestor, Roswell T. Merrill was a founder of Birmingham, Michigan. The couple had three children, Nancy Jane Hudson of Sanibel Island Florida and Plymouth, Michigan; Mary Hudson of Tucson, Arizona and Durango, Colorado; and Elaine Hudson of Troy, Michigan. She is also survived by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren who have always known her as "NoNo". Mrs. Hudson was known for her skills as a gourment cook, her needlework and a quirky sense of humor. She was a lover of small animals and over the years took in many stray cats. Committal Service, Monday, 3 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham. For additional information, please call

Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors. (248) 435-0660 LYLA DOLORES

### (SHAVER) ISELY

Age 71. Resident of Waterford, MI for 21/2 years. Former resident of Redford, Arizona, Garden City, and Troy, MI. Died October 17, 2006, at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI. She was born September 1935 in Detroit, MI and was married to Hans Isely in August, 1968 in Garden City, MI. He preceded her in death on December 8, 1998. She is survived by her children, Rochelle McLaren (Richard Winstead) of Waterford, MI; Johannes "YoYo" Isely (Dar Williams); and Rodney "Rocky" Isely (Lori) of Wichita Falls, TX. She is also survived by her sis-Glenda McNeil (Kenneth) of ter, Madison Heights, MI, and sisters-in law Arline Shaver and Lee Shaver as well as 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lyla was a homemaker and member of the Central United Methodist Church in Waterford. She was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie #2265, Redford, MI. She was a big Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings fan. She loved bowling and played on various leagues. Funeral arrangements: Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd, Troy, 248-689-0700. Interment was held at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society. American Cancer Society. www.pricefuneralhome.net

DAVID A. O'NEIL

Age 47, October 18, 2006. Beloved son of James and Elaine. Loving brother of Mark. Dear uncle of Tim and Melanie and great uncle of Ethan Dave was a Ford Motor Co. employ-ee. Former member of Livonia Spree committee and Livonia Symphony Board. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R 15451 Home, Harris Funeral Farmington Road, Livonia, Sunday from 1:00 PM until time of funeral service at 5:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of your choice. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com



#### SANDRA J. WILSON, MSW, ACSW

Age 56 of Cincinnati OH, formerly of Livonia. Dear daughter of Cecile and the late Woodrow Wilson. Dear sister of the late Linda Wilson, and the late James Wilson. Dear aunt of Cynthia (Dale) Fisher, Stephanie (Mike) Jackson, and Dennis (Cookie) Wilson. Dear friend of Mike Martinez and Ann McElaney. Also leaves 10 greatnieces and great-nephews. Sandy retired last year as Chief of Social Work at the VA Hospital in Detroit. Funeral service 10:30 AM Tuesday October 24 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Monday 5-9 PM and Tuesday 9:00 AM until time of service. Interment Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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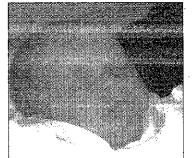
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### **NEW VOICES**



#### Cahill

Sean and Carrie Cahill of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Ann. She was born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on Sept. 17, 2006. Erin weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her sister, Meagan, 4 years old, and brother, Cameron, 2 years old, are thrilled to have their new baby sister.

Erin Ann is the granddaughter of Sally and Steve Miller of Farmington and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills and the great-granddaughter of Peter and Clara Miller of Troy.

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### Johnson-Battle

Penny and Matthew Johnson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Ann Johnson, to Matthew Shane Battle of Valdosta, Ga.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as a fire and theft investigator for Progressive Insurance.

The prospective groom is the son of Sally and David Battle of Beverly Hills. He is a 2000 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and a 2005 graduate of the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. He is a sec- Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

#### Sherron-Showman

Richard and Carol Sherron of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Katie Ann Sherron of Tallahassee, Fla., to Brian Michael Showman of Tallahassee. The bride-to-be is attends the

University of Florida and is working on a doctorate in economics.

The prospective groom is the son of Michael and Ann Showman of Granville, Ohio. He is a 2005 graduate of Florida State Law School and is employed with Mainline Information Systems.

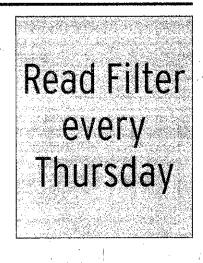


ond lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force engaged in pilot training in Valdosta.

A December wedding is planned for St. Paul's



A May 2007 wedding is planned for Cape San Blas, Fla.



#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### **Olivet scholarship**

Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship, The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to chose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or email admissions@olivetcollege.edu

#### **Republican Women**

The Suburban Republican Women's Club holds a dinner/meeting at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile, in Livonia, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. The speaker will be Rep. John .Pastor on the topic, "Identity Theft." Cost for the dinner - choice between Blackened Chicken Salad, Grilled Marinated Salmon Filet Salad, Honey BBQ Chicken Salad or Reuben with swiss and sauerkraut - is \$15 per person, \$10 for students. Visitors and guests welcome. Call (248) 320-5473.

#### Teen conference

The Merrill-Palmer Institute at Wayne State University is hosting its 23rd annual Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Student Center Ballroom on the main campus in Detroit. The conference will host 300 ninth- and 10th-graders from more than 50 schools and organizations in metro Detroit. Andrew Humphrey, weekend WDIV Channel 4 meteorologist, will be the keynote speaker. The theme of this year's Metro Teen Conference is 'Take a Giant Step." The purpose of the conference is to bring metro Detroit teenagers together from diverse backgrounds to spend the day discovering what they have in common. The diversity is not limited to race, but also includes economic background, inner-city, suburban and those from public and private schools. The students will be put in small groups of six to eight people for topical discussions. For further information about

the Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference, call (313) 872-1790; e-mail mpi@wayne.edu; or visit

#### www.mpi.wayne.edu Marguis Theatre

The Marguis Theatre in downtown Northville presents a new Halloween tale, "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Saturday, Oct. 28, at-11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, at 2:30 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for all performances. For reservations and group rates, call the Marquis Theatre, (248) 349-8110 or visit the theatre's Web site at www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

#### Stamp show

Stamps for all levels of collectors will be available at sales tables during the Ann Arbor Stamp Club's 32nd-annual Stamp Show Nov. 4-5 in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, just east of Ann Arbor near the U.S. 23 exit at Geddes. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5. Twenty-nine dealers from nine states and the province of Ontario, Canada, will operate the sales tables. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call Dottie and Harry Winter, (734) 761-5859 or write to the Ann Arbor Stamp Club. P.O. Box 2012, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

#### **Genealogical society**

I On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Finding Your Irish in the Canada/U.S. Border Crossing Records," with Jan Zaleski, the author of "Guide to Records of Border Crossings Between the United States and Canada 1895-1954." The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., (four blocks west of Tiger Stadium). Fencedin parking is available behind the building. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. For more information, call Michael Brautigan, (734) 454-3495.

#### Sommelier Dinner

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th-annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor, Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty; Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, "The Ride"; Charles Crone, Comerica: Clay Johnson, Technical Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology: Jim Jong, Key Bank;

Barbara Kaye, Dykema Gossett PLLC; Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks: together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lumm, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise • to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101. Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128.

#### ABWA craft show

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th "Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor. The fair features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Admission is \$2. children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking is free. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for Scholarships and Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

#### Ann Arbor Art Center

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

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. Literacy Council tutors

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

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 materials, 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 arieving 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.

#### CLUBS

#### Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

#### 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 robertplusianet@aol.com

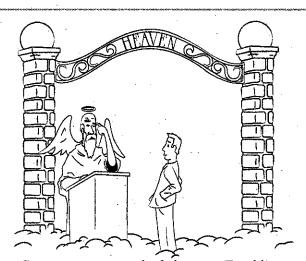
Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a quest

#### speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small dona, tion will be accepted. For information, call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768. MOPS meet

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

#### Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of as mothering. It presents speakers on: child and family issues, has small- 🚙 group discussion time, crafts and interbrunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church. 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact 🖅 Resha at (734) 207-0658. 1.4



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# Paroled Felon Attempts to Rob Plumber's Truck and Tools to Start Own Business!

A convicted felon on parole, after committing a home invasion, called Burton's Plumbing & Heating and requested emergency service.

When Thomas Burton of Burton's Plumbing & Heating arrived at the home, he was met at the front door by the felon who introduced himself as the homeowner.

Once in the basement, Thomas found himself trapped by the felon who suddenly revealed he had a shotgun.

"He demanded that I give him my truck and wallet," said Burton. "He had the shotgun right at my chest."

But the felon in question did not count on Burton having marshall arts training. "I was able to rush him. We fought for about five minutes and I was able to pull the gun away from him."

"He ran upstairs and said he was going to get another gun to kill me. I was able to get outside and waited for him to come out."

When the felon finally came out of the house he could see

that Thomas was out there, still holding the shotgun, so the felon chose to escape into the woods.

Burton called 911 and the Canton police used their police dogs to find the felon in the woods.

"We were later informed that this individual had been trained in the prison system as a plumber. Plumbing is the number one trade taught in prison as a rehabilitation tool. Second is heating and air conditioning," Thomas said.

"We were also astonished to find out that there are thousands of convicted felons working in the plumbing, heating and handyman industry in the United States."

The felon told police that he needed Burton's truck to get away and would either sell the tools or use them to get a job in the plumbing trade that he had learned while in prison.

"This guy could be working for my competition," said Burton. "People would not even know that they invited (a felon) into their home by calling (a business) that does

not do background checks on their staff."

Burton's Plumbing and Heating recently joined a national organization that insists on a 7-year background check, random drug testing, personality testing and continuous training of all its staff members.

"We are trying to make sure that our customers get a technician of impeccable quality when they call our shop," said Thomas. "I do not know of many plumbing & heating companies around that do any type of background or drug tests "

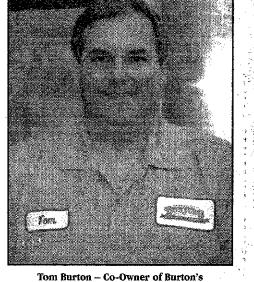
This incident points out the fact that a person of questionable integrity could be inadvertently invited into a person's home by the home owner!

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# Maintaining public health Flu shots prevent

spread of virus

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Medical assistants at the University of Michigan Livonia Health Center are calling every patient over age 65 to remind them to get a flu shot. Dr. Denise Zao says the staff is trying to improve vaccination rates so this season is as mild as the last.

The good news is that Zao hasn't heard of any vaccine shortages and waiting lines won't be as long as in 2005. Clinics are being held in a variety of locations including the U-M Livonia Health Center. Homebound service is also available through the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Southeast Michigan. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. For weekly listings, call the VNA Flu-Busters hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit vna.org.

The University of Michigan VNA will be giving the shots by appointment only Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11, and Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Livonia Health Center. Call (248) 888-9000 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other health center clinics.

In addition to those age 65 and older, health care workers and children and adults with chronic medical conditions, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending for a first time this year that children ages 6 months to 59 months receive the influenza vaccine to not only prevent complications but the muscle aches, high fever and fatigue associated with the virus.

"With more education for vaccinating early it prevents the spread of flu. The more people are vaccinated the less rapid the spread," said Denise Zao, in internal medicine at the U-M Livonia Health Center. "We're vaccinating everyone who requests it or is at high risk, definitely 65 and older. There are higher hospitalization and death rates for those who are older or have asthma, diabetes, heart disease. The flu shot prevents complications such as pneumonia, dehydration, ear infection, serious infections."

According to Dr. Howard Markel, 35,000 Americans die during a regular flu season, half a million people around the world. At 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, the U-M medical historian will talk



Dr. Denise Zao gets her flu vaccine from U-M Livonia Health Center medical assistant (MA) Lonna Woolford. The center's MAs will be busy from now through January. They're expecting to immunize 600-800 people.

about how we can learn from history to prepare ourselves for another flu pandemic, if or when it occurs. He says it's important to get into the habit of practicing prevention by washing hands often, eating healthy, exercising, getting a good night's sleep, and staying home if you have a cold or flu to avoid spreading germs.

Markel is currently working on a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to construct a worst-case scenario for the pandemic and a containment strategy. He and his team have created the largest database of information ever assembled on the 1918-1920 pandemic that is devoted to nonpharmaceutical interventions since it can take up to six months to develop a preventive vaccine. Less severe flu pandemics spread rapidly in 1957 and 1968, "but didn't seem to kill more people than during a regular flu season," Markel said. The question is why? A team of historians including Markel looked at 45 cities that experienced extremely low rates of influenza during the 1918-1920 pandemic.

Contemplating Pandemics: The Role of Historical Inquiry in Developing Migration Strategies in the 21st Century, the annual Waggoner Lecture on Ethics and Values in Medicine at the U-M Health System, takes place in the Biomedical Science Research Building Auditorium, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 647-8762.

"Every 30 to 40 years something changes in the circulating flu virus that makes it more pathogenic to human beings. We don't know when, what or why it occurs. While a pandemic doesn't look likely for next year, in the next five years I'm not as certain. Ten years I'm less certain," said Markel, a professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases at U-M. "It's going to happen but we don't know when."

Markel is cautioning the public not to panic. The director of the Center for History of Medicine at the University of Michigan says because of the center's long-standing interest in epidemics, they've already been thinking about alternatives strategies to contain the spread of the virus. Markel himself has been advising the White House and CDC on what non-pharmaceuticals were effective in the 1918-1920 Spanish Flu pandemic in the U.S.

Denying entry into the country, imposing quarantines, and closing schools and public gatherings such as baseball and football games could slow the spread of the virus, but probably wouldn't eradicate it. He explains why globalization prevents this from being effective in his book When Germs Travel: Six Major Epidemics That Have Invaded America and the Fears They Have Unleashed, published by Vintage, a division of Random House.

"I think it is incumbent upon the health community to see what to do, what not to do," Markel said. "History shows those who prepare in advance of an epidemic do better."

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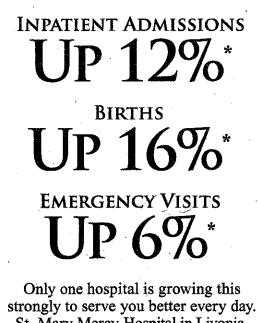
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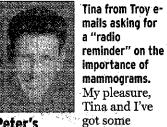
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Breast cancer events

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doctors found that women who get regular mammograms cut their risk of dying from breast cancer by 28 percent! Mammograms are good for detecting the presence of breast cancer but it's important to remember they're not

perfect. The test can be less effective for women with denser breast mass (this is a condition that affects about two-thirds of post-menopausal women).

Talk to your doctor about a high contrast ultrasound, along with your mammogram, to make your chances of detecting possible trouble even better!

Michelle from Southfield e-mails for tips on protecting her eyesight. Michelle, in this case, carrots can be worth their weight in gold! They're chock-full of beta carotene, zinc, and Vitamin C. And, all of these can help slow macular degeneration which is the leading cause of blindness in folks over the age of 55. **Researchers** followed

thousands of subjects over the course of several years. Those getting above-average amounts of beta carotene were 35 percent less likely to suffer from macular degeneration. The disease has also been linked to stress (which some antioxidants can help relieve). While carrots are great, there are some other vegetables you should keep an "eye" on. Sweet potatoes and green leafy vegetables, such as spinach and kale, are also excellent. Talk to a nutritionist for a complete list of vegetables that can keep you seeing 20/20!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

# Breakfast meeting kicks off Go Red campaign

### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Red was the color to be seen wearing Friday, Oct. 13, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. An early morning breakfast meeting kicked off the Metro Detroit Chapter of the American Heart Association Go Red for Women campaign. Begun in 2004, the initiative is now a national movement to raise awareness about heart disease in women. This year the campaign is counting on everyone's support for the Go Red for Women Luncheon Feb. 15, at the Marriott Renaissance Center to raise funds for education and research.

Debbie Dingell, chairperson of the AHA Metro Detroit Executive Leadership Team, opened the meeting with a startling fact – Heart disease is the number one killer of women.

"As women we have to start paying attention," said Dingell. "Part of its education, talking about it, doing something about it.

Dingell revealed a second alarming fact – Twenty years ago women were not included in National Institutes of Health studies. Although research is being done on women and heart disease Dr. Pamela Marcovitz told the

crowd only about 22 percent of studies published in the last 10 years included women. Marcovitz is medical chairwoman of the Go Red for Women campaign locally and directs the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"Many women are still in the dark about heart disease," said Marcovitz. "Heart disease is the number one killer of women over age 45."

Dr. Joan Crawford, a cardiologist at St. John Health, followed Marcovitz on the podium to say heart disease knows no boundaries and affects women of all ages. Patient Michelle Levell was 25-years old when diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Today, at age 39 she is a registered nurse working on the cardiac floor at St. John Oakland Hospital. Levell had heart problems but never realized it. Since having an automatic defibrillator implanted this summer, she is able to walk her dog daily. Advances in technological devices and treatment are keeping Levell alive.

"If we don't take time to take care of ourselves, we won't be there to take care of others," Dingell told the crowd in closing. "Go Red is about change,

changing perceptions about women and heart disease. Each can help bring changes about."

The Go Red for Women Luncheon begins at 9 a.m. on Feb. 15, with educational sessions, health screenings, massages, and a continental breakfast. At noon a Red Dress Fashion Show takes to the stage during lunch.

St. John Health is joining the Go Red for Women Campaign by partnering with the American Heart Association. The year long endeavor will educate Metro Detroit women about heart disease. St. John Health has developed Metro Detroit Goes Red kits available to women interested in learning how to take care of their heart. For more information about the Metro Detroit Goes Red for Women campaign or to obtain a kit, visit

www.realmedicine.org.gored. All women can do their part in making the campaign a success by participating in Wear Red Day on Feb. 2, and attending the luncheon on Feb. 15. For more information, call (248) 827-4214.

For more information about heart disease, visit www.americanheart.org.

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Flu shots

From the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses, cost is \$33 for flu shots, \$82 for pneumonia shots. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare Part B, M-Care, CareChoices and HAP, all of which cover the entire cost of the flu shot. Clinics are open to the public and most clinics are limited to people 18 and older. For a weekly listing of flu clinics, call MVN's flu hotline at (888) 547-7295 or visit www.umvn.org. Clinics are scheduled 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Michigan Visiting Nurses, 2850 S. Industrial Hwy, #75, Ann Arbor; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Busch's, 3188 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Adult flu shot clinic 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at

Plymouth Independent Village, 14707<sup>th</sup> ac Northville Road, Plymouth, hosted by Oakwood Healthcare System. Without a Medicare care, the cost is \$25 for a flu shot, \$35 for pneumonia vaccination. For more information, call (313) 586-5492 or visit www.oakwood.org. Flu shots

Administered by Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25. at City of Berkley Recreation, 2400 Robina; 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25. at Independence Twp. Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston, and VG's, 20 east Walton, Pontjac; 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 26, at VG's, 7300 Highland Road, Waterford; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Waltonwood Carriage Park-Community 2250 Canton Center, Canton; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 28, at Waltonwood University-Community, 3250 Walton, Rochester, and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Holiday Market Canton, 520 S. Lilley. Homebound service is also available through VNA of Southeast Michigan. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. For weekly listings, call the VNA Flu-Busters hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit vna.org. 2 着筋

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5. "Marley & Me," John Grogan

### **PARENT'S CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

1. "Little Monkey's One Safe Place," Richard Edwards 2. "See You Later, Mom!" Jennifer Northway 3. "How To Be," Lisa Brown 4. "Ella Setts the Stage," Carmela D'Amico 5. "Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First," Alethea Kontis

# Fellowships offered to women

Zonta International is now taking applications for their 2007 Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Applications can be found at the organization's Web site at www.zonta.org or can be obtained from Martha Belfour, Zonta International, District 15 Amelia Earhart coordinator, mhb635@hotmail.com.

Deadline for application is Nov. 15. The 2007 awards will be announced in June.

Zonta Fellowships are awarded annually to women pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace-related science and engineering. Over 1,100 fellowships worth over six million dollars have been awarded since 1938. Fellowships are funded through annual contributions to the Zonta International Foundation.

Zonta's 2006 Amelia Earhart Fellowships were awarded to 35 women pursuing a doctorate in aerospace related sciences and engineering, and include women from Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain/ Colombia, India, Iran, Japan, China, Romania, Spain, Taiwan, The Netherlands, and U.S.

Zonta International District 15 will honor Sonca Nguyen at their Fall Conference, Status of Women Luncheon Oct. 21. 2006 at the Courtyard By Marriott Hotel in Detroit. Nguyen is a doctoral student in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

# Showing talent: Idol Contest goes to The Max

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra holds its annual DSO Idol Contest 7-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in Allesee Hall as part of Macy's Day of Music at the Max. The winner receives DSO concert tickets, a Macy's gift card, and a twohour professional recording session in which to create a demo CD.

Contestants can be any age and sing any genre of music. To participate, mail an audition CD to DSO Idol Contest, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201. Deadline for receipt is Oct. 25. Audition CD must include contestant's name, age, address, e-mail, and phone number.

Finalists will be asked to bring a CD of accompanying music (cassette tapes not permitted) or sheet music for the piano accompanist provided by the DSO. Contestants will not be allowed to compete without accompaniment nor will contestants be allowed to bring their own pianist. The contest audience will select the winner by secret ballot and the winner will be announced immediately after ballots are counted. All contestants will receive DSO concert tickets and Macy's gift packs.

Macy's Day of Music at The Max is a free 12-hour music festival featuring more than 24 music acts of all genres from noon to midnight Saturday, Nov. 4 on five stages in The Max. For more information, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitsymphony.com.

**Public Notice** City of Plymouth **Northville Parks and Recreation Bids for Recreation Software Purchase** 

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan and Northville Parks and Recreation, a shared service of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 17, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud for the following:

**RECREATION REGISTRATION SOFTWARE PURCHASE** 

Bid opening will take place at: City of Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170.

Specifications and bid documents are available at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, or Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville during normal business hours. Electronic access of the bid document is also available at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or http://www.ci.northville.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth and Northville Parks and Recreation reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and ' to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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Dianne Massa, CMC City Clerk City of Northville

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 06-04** 

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING VARIOUS SECTIONS RELATED TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TAX INCREMENT

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item: 1. Z 05-11 680 Deer Non-Use Variance Extension Extension of Variance Request for: Driveway Width, Parking Setback

& Front Yard Setback Zoned: O-1, Office Applicant: Mark Savitskie

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** 

MEETING NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH.

MICHIGAN

(734) 453-1234

2. Z 06-16 769 N. Holbrook Non-Use Variance Requested Lot Area & Lot Width Variance for Lot Split Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: David Pachia

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE OILY OF PLENOULH, COUVER OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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Notice is hereby given that the:

ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Alliance of Rouge Communities will accept sealed proposals from individuals, organizations or consultants up to 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2006 for the following:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES

The purpose of this proposal is to provide support services for the full ARC, its Executive Committee, ARC standing and Ad-Hoc committees, and the seven Sub-watershed Advisory Groups (SWAGs). This project consists of but not limited to the following:

Promote the ARC as an advocate for the Rouge River Watershed. Serve as the primary spokesperson for the ARC, respond to requests for information, and seek opportunities to promote the ARC awareness. Coordinate all of the ARC membership meetings.

Provide administrative oversight of the ARC day-to-day activities, staff, consultants and contractors, and external relationships with other agencies, organizations, and individuals to meet the goals of the ARC

Obtain and administer grants on behalf of the ARC.

- Comply with the bylaws of the Alliance of Rouge Communities as well as assuring compliance with State and Federal laws.
- 1 Proposal forms may be downloaded from <u>www.canton-</u>
- mi.org or <u>www.rougeriver.com/alliance</u>. You may contact Mike Sheppard at mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org for information regarding RFP compliance and Jack Bails at jbails@pseinc.com for 2 information regarding "scope of work/services." All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope
- clearly marked as outlined in the RFP, with the proposal utile, company name, address, telephone number and date and time of bid opening to 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. The envelope must be addressed to The Office of The Clerk.
- The Alliance of Rouge Communities reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Alliance of Rouge Communities does not discriminate on the basis of

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#### FINANCING PLAN.

#### Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 30 in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

#### Section 2 Add Section 30-24 - Purpose

The City, in 1983, pursuant to Act 197, Public Act of Michigan, 1975 as amended (the "Act") adopted a Tax Increment Finance Plan and formed the Downtown Development Authority to help spur development in the declining Downtown business district. In 2006, the City Commission determined that while many goals of the original plan have been accomplished, there are numerous challenges still remaining and the development area still must have significant development activity in order to stimulate the business climate and avoid further decline. The Downtown Development Authority has invested in long-term infrastructure development and it is determined that the public interests would be served by continuing these investments and to maintain the existing infrastructure, as well as participating with events, marketing, promotions, retention and recruitment activities. The Downtown Development Authority Plan, as amended (including the 2006 Plan Amendments) has been reviewed and adopted by the City Commission and the Downtown Development Authority Board and they have determined that the Plan meets the requirements of what is commonly known as the DDA Act.

#### Section 3 Add Section 30-25 - Determination

The City Commission has reviewed and adopted the Tax Increment, Financing Plan that is included in the Development Plan (as amended) and has determined that the Tax Increment Financing Plan is feasible to carry out the Development Plan and that the DDA has the ability to arrange for financing of major capital projects.

#### Section 4 Modify Section 30-27

The Development Plan as amended by the city commission is hereby approved and adopted. The duration of the plan shall be 20 years from the date of issuance of the last series of bends pursuant to the development plan now be extended to December 31, 2033 or until such time as the last series of bond pursuant to the development plan are paid, except as it may be extended by subsequent amendment of the plan and this article. A copy of the plan and all amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the city clerk's office and cross-indexed to this article.

#### Section 5 Add Section 30-63 Determination of Accord

The City Commission of the City of Plymouth hereby determines that the Development Plan is in reasonable accord with the Master Plan of the City. Further, the City Commission has determined that any changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections and utilities, if any, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the municipality.

#### Section 6 Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

#### Section 7 Ordinances Repealed

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

#### Section 8 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced	October 22, 2006	
Enacted	October 16, 2006	
Effective	October 23, 2006	
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#### GENERAL ELECTION

Will be held in the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

From 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, at which time voters will be asked to vote on the following:

Governor and Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative - (Vote 1), State Board of Education - (Vote 2), University of Michigan Regent -(Vote 2), Michigan State University Trustee - (Vote 2), Wayne State University Governor - (Vote 2), County Executive, County Commissioner - (Vote 1), Justices of Supreme Court • (Vote 2), Judges of Court of Appeals - (Vote 2), Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position - (Vote 1), Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions Partial Term - (Vote 4), Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions - (Vote 19), Judges of Probate Court, (Vote 2), Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position - (Vote 1), Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term - (Vote 1), Judges of District Court, 35th District, (Vote 1), Detroit Judges for Local Court.

In addition, voters will be asked to vote on the following five (5) statewide proposals as follows:

Proposal 06-1: A proposed constitutional amendment to require that money held in conservation and recreation funds can only be used for their intended purposes.

Proposal 06-2: A proposal to amend the State Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

Proposal 06-3: A referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004 - an Act to allow the establishment of a hunting season for mourning doves.

Proposal 06-4: A proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

Proposal 06-5: A legislative initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels.

#### All proposals require a yes or no vote.

You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows:

#### PRECINCTS AND LOCATION

Precinct #01, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street Precinct #02, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street Precinct #03, Central Middle School, 650 West Church Street Precinct #04, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, or by calling 734-453-1234, extension 225 or 234. Absentee ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person in the Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2006. On Monday, November 6, 2006 qualified voters can receive their ballots in person and vote them in the Clerk's office until 4:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and HAVA (Help America Vote Act), all precincts will be equipped with the new ES&S Auto Mark voting system so that individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations will be able to vote independently. Other interested individuals are encouraged to try the new Auto Mark system.

DATED: CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER City Clerk

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- John and Ann Blassic, 120 Roseland Drive, Canton, MI 48187 for residential property located at same address, north side of Cherry Hill Road between Sheldon and Lilley Roads, appealing Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-131, 4, b, fence variance. Zone R-5 Parcel 056-03-0106-000 (Building)
- $\mathbf{2}$ . Charter Township of Canton of Public Works Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 for Fire Station No. 2 property located at 41500 Warren road (Fire Station No. 2), north side of Warren Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 3.00, Section 3.04, to allow an expansion of the existing communications tower from 60 feet to 80 feet in height to accomodate a wireless communications antennae. Zone R-5

Parcel 041-99-0008-701 (Planning)

Randy Penner of Community Financial Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for vacant 3. property located on Michigan Avenue, south side of Michigan Ave. between Beck and Belleville Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24, C, setback from the center line of a watercourse. Zone C-3

Parcel 128-99-0007-002 (Planning)

Approval of the October 12, 2006 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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# **Stormy weather: St. Michael's first** parish picnic saved by 'Plan B'

`The morning of Sept. 23 dawned gray and overcast, threatening thunderstorms and high winds. And many parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia were afraid that months and months of hard work and planning for their first annual Parish Picnic at Rotary Park were about to be blown away as well.

Quick thinking, cooperation, and ingenuity, however, helped to save the day - and the picnic.

Dozens of parishioners from various picnic committees, under the chairmanship of Mark Orosz of Livonia, came up with a Plan B, moving the entire picnic - barbecue grills, food, games, and all - into St. Michael's school

gymnasium and cafeteria. Gym floors were covered, grills and inflatable bouncers were redirected to the school, and parking staff was sent to Rotary Park to post signs directing picnickers to the school.

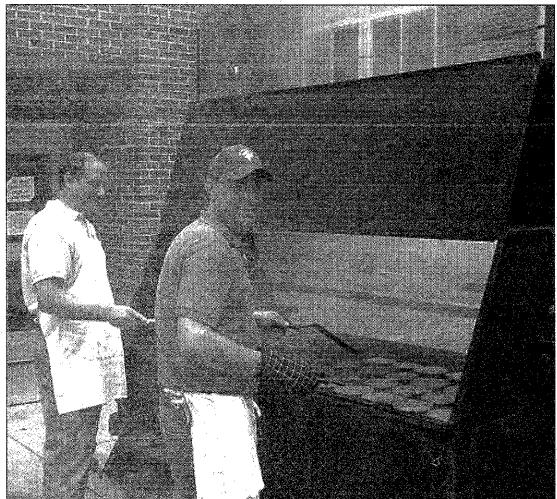
Games and booths for tattoo and face-painting were quickly reconfigured to fit new, tighter quarters. Phone chains sprang to life and many of the nearly 1,000 parishioners who had purchased tickets for the event were contacted and told of the change in plans.

"It was an interesting and challenging test of our adaptability and we surely would have preferred to have used the park," Orosz said, "but the folks at St. Michael's

are a dedicated and hardworking bunch who know how to pull together and get the job done, regardless of circumstances."

Orosz estimates that at least 500-600 people shared the fun, food and games in . the congenial, family-friendly environs of the re-outfitted school from noon to 5 p.m. that afternoon. Some have suggested that the kids would still be there playing games, eating and bouncing if they'd been allowed.

All of the food for the picnic was donated by Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland Market on Plymouth Road. The picnic was begun as part of the parish's 75th anniversary celebration year.



Norb Nalecz (left) and Duane Anderson (right) tend to a few of the more than 600 hamburgers fixed on a hastilyrerouted charcoal grill outside the St. Michael's School kitchen.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will sell at public auction by competitive bidding. Sales are cash only. Removal within 24 hrs., for sale and storage unit in which rent and fees are past due.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 30300 Plymouth Rd., Livonia Michigan, 48150 734-522-2274 on 11-2-06 at 9:30am; Per below in the matter of:

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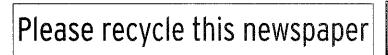
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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 12900 Newburgh Rd., Livonia Michigan, 48150. 734-591-6447 on 11-2-06 at10:00am; Personal property described below in the matter of:

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Face painting was one of the most popular activities at the picnic. The woman doing the face painting is Beth Audia, her 'canvas' is Bridget Folk. Julia VanGilder is in the striped blouse looking on.



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

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



A packed gym held a picnic-friendly combination of chatting adults, game booths, and two of three inflatable bouncers.

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# Food for thought: Culinary arts graduates are in demand

#### **BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

Bruce Konowalow is quick to cite Department of Labor Statistics showing growth in the hospitality/restaurant industry.

"There is a high demand. It is an occupation that allows people a lot of movement," said Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Graduates of programs like Schoolcraft's can work worldwide.

"And it's a very gratifying occupation," added Konowalow. "You get a lot of self-satisfaction.

Susan Baier, program coordinator for the Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College, also finds her field rewarding. "I've felt fortunate because I always knew I loved to cook," said Baier, whose program is based at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. "I find it very fulfilling.

The work is creative and uses business and people skills, she said.

Some Schoolcraft culinary arts students are professionals returning to school for a degree or certification. The college offers a two-year associate's

degree in culinary arts, and also and offering more fine dining has a one-year certificate baking and pastry program. (Those graduates go into restaurants and bakeries to work.)

Recent Schoolcraft grads generally need to work a while to take their training as a competent cook to the chef level. "They will become a chef," he said.

Schoolcraft has a total of 400 students in culinary arts, 200plus in the kitchens and the others taking their prerequisites and such general courses as English and math. The school operates an American Harvest restaurant during the school year, serving lunch Tuesday through Friday.

"They need the practical experience," Konowalow said. "This provides them with practical experience because it's a full-service restaurant." Schoolcraft faculty can monitor what students learn at American Harvest, which is now also serving evening meals Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

"Here we know exactly what they're learning," he said.

OCC has two operating restaurants, the Ridgewood Cafe open Tuesday and Wednesday and the Reflections restaurant, also open for lunch

on Thursday. Reflections is open 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays for dinner through Dec. 6 and is on the fourth floor of the J Building. Reservations are suggested and can be made at (248) 522-3700.

OCC also offers a two-year associate's degree in culinary arts along with a one-year baking and pastry certificate. OCC has about 250 students, and Baier noted that Henry Ford Community College, Macomb County Community College and others also offer training.

"It's kind of like the U-M MSU thing between us," she said of OCC and Schoolcraft in culinary arts.

The industry has a fairly high turnover, Konowalow said, helping graduates find entrylevel jobs. They can advance more quickly than in some other fields.

"Promotions can come in a year or less." At the executive chef level, there are fewer positions and people tend to stay longer.

Both Schoolcraft and OCC boast strong culinary arts programs. "I think that both programs have similar roots," said Konowalow, who's been at Schoolcraft, which started its culinary program in 1964, for

six years. "There's certainly a market that's big enough."

Schoolcraft's faculty includes four certified master chefs plus executive chefs and pastry chefs. OCC also has chefinstructors and industry professionals, including some who have operated or do operate their own businesses.

"There are probably more jobs than their are persons,"

Baier said of the industry. She's found the degree helps graduates show they're goal-oriented and finish things.

Students at OCC are encouraged to get practical work experience, and a lot already have some. "Culinary arts is about skill development," Baier said. "We do have a required internship."

Working in the field requires

good physical health, she added, and hours are generally long. Such changes as growth of senior complexes and takeout have created opportunities for students and graduates.

"A lot of our graduates are setting up different niches," Baier said. Those include ice carving and fruit carving. 'Our alumni are very successful," she added.









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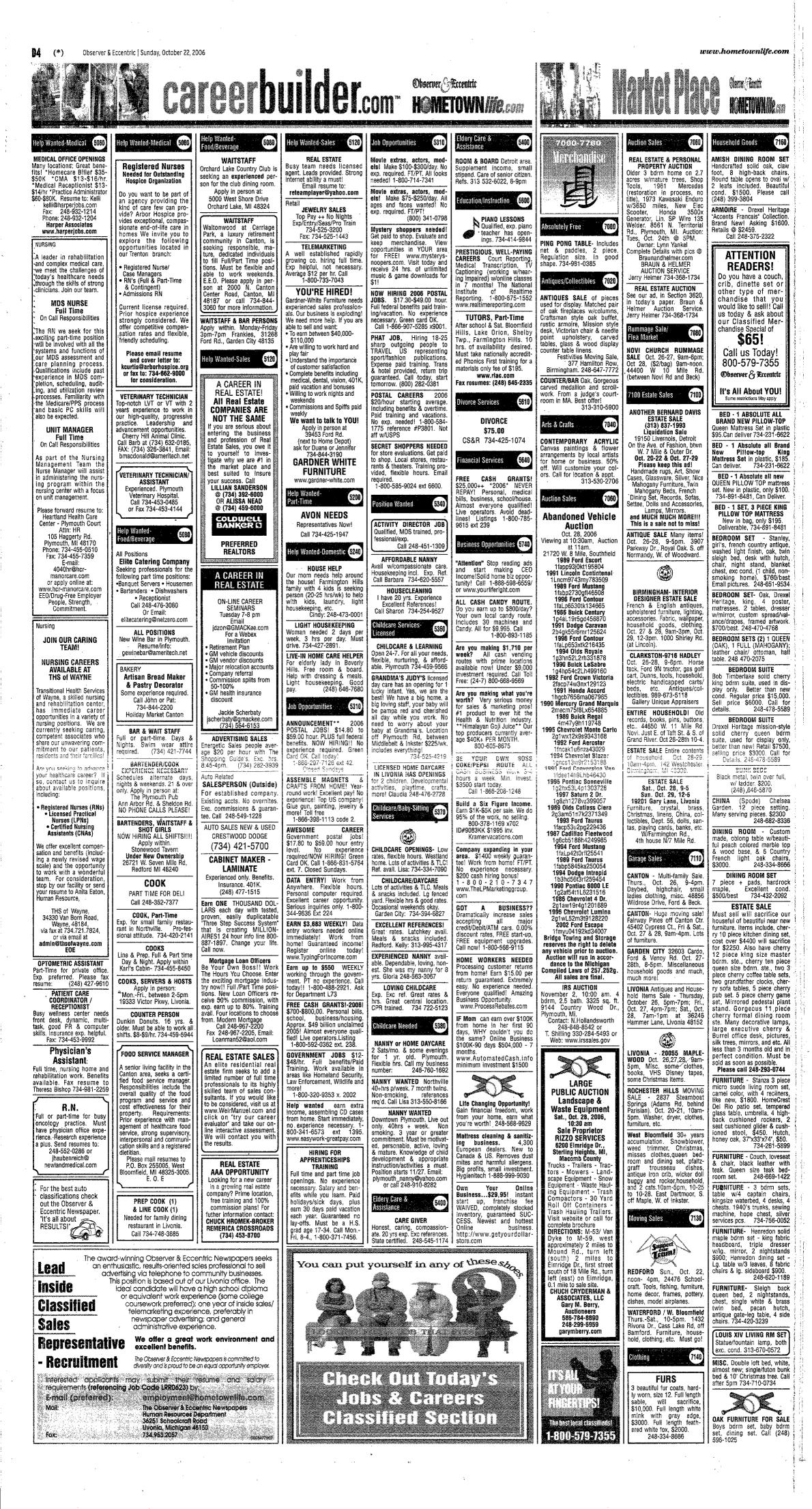
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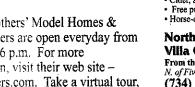
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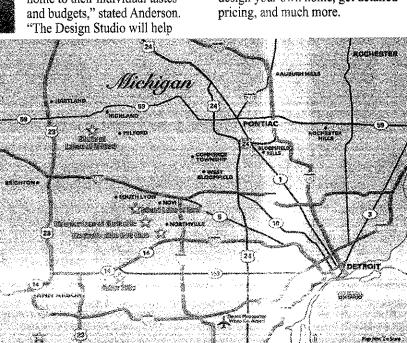
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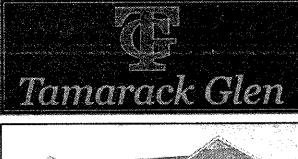
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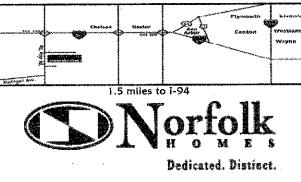
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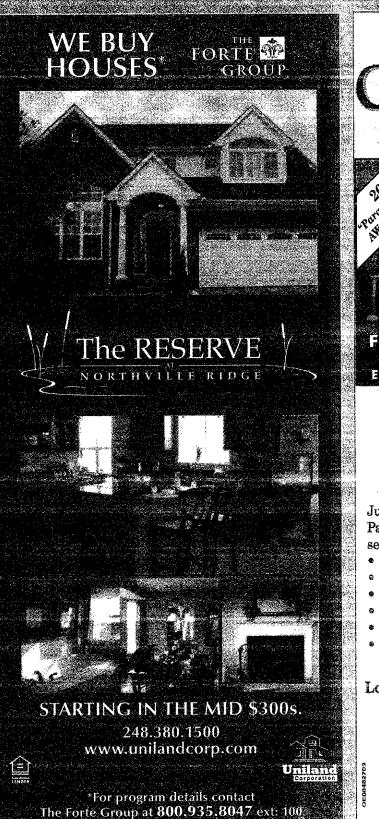


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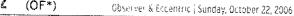
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When I find the house I want to buy, how do I make an offer, and what are the steps involved?

The first step, of course, is to find the house that you want to buy. You need to look at it from different aspects, such as how much you like it, the location, how it will affect your finances, etc.

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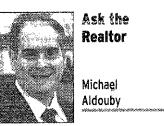
A deposit. The standard is 3 percent of how much you want to offer, although it is negotiable. The deposit is held by the real estate broker that represents you. In the purchase agree-

ment, there are usually two contingencies, the inspection and the final mortgage approval. If the deal falls apart because of these contingencies you can normally get your deposit back, depending, of course, on the wording of the purchase agreement.

A pre-approval letter. This is a preliminary letter from a lender stating that you can get the mortgage. Before sellers take their house off the market, they want to know that they are dealing with a buyer who can afford the house.

Once you have these things in place, your agent can write the purchase agreement. You need to decide on the price you want to offer and the terms. Terms are such things such as when you want to close, when you want to take over the house after close, the amount of money for escrow, etc. To most sellers and buyers the price is often what they are most focused on.

After you decide on the price and the terms and you have the deposit and the preapproval available, your Realtor can then write the



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purchase agreement. Your real estate agent will then get this paper work to the agent representing the seller. The seller then has three

options. These options are:

Accept the offer. If this occurs, it's a done deal, and you bought a house, assuming the two contingencies of the inspection and mortgage approval are erased.

Decline the offer. This means that you are back to square one.

Counter the offer. This is what normally happens. However, a counter offer is a rejected offer. In other words, if the seller counters the offer, you can then decide if you want to accept the counter offer, counter the counter offer, or do nothing. If you do nothing then your offer is kaput and you have no obligation to go further.

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# Condominium attorney to offer seminar starting Oct. 24

Registration is open for Robert M. Meisner's course Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success. Meisner is a nationally known condominium attorney and columnist, an adjunct professor of community association law at Michigan State University College of Law and Cooley Law School, and the author of Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium.

Meisner has taught the introductory condominium operation class and

"Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials to Success" through Oakland University, Wayne State University and Oakland Community College for more than two decades.

The course will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 24 through Nov. 14, at Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. It is for people interested in serving on a board of directors of a condominium, co-op or homeowners' association; people presently serving or assisting on these boards of directors; managing agents, and condominium devel- . opers.

Class topics will include the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of directors and officers, and how the statutes in the state of Michigan affect officers and directors of condominium and other homeowners' associations.

Also covered will be enforcement of restrictions and bylaws by the community association; how amendments to condominium documents will enhance the condominium association, including a discussion of recent

changes to the Michigan Condominium Act; potential nability incurred by directors and officers and preventative measures that should be practiced; collection of

assessments in condominium associations; and parliamentary procedures and the four essential audits.

All participants will receive a complimentary copy of Meisner's booklet Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track.

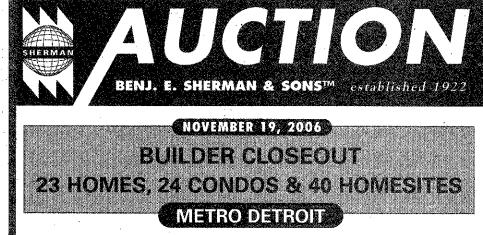
Cost for the class is \$110.00 per attendee. If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions, contact Oakland Community College at (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, P.C. at (248) 644-4433, (800) 470-4433 or bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

Meisner is a practicing attorney and licensed real estate broker who is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of

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Michigan Law School. He is an instructor in condominium and community association law at Cooley Law School and Michigan State University College of Law.

Meisner was a co-draftsperson of the 1978 Condominium Act in Michigan, and has concentrated his Bingham Farms law practice in the area of community association and condo law as well as commercial litigation. Meisner has also lectured widely both statewide and nationally through the Community Association Institute, the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the United Condominium Owners of Michigan and Lorman Educational Seminars. He is a columnist with the Observer び Eccentric Newspapers.



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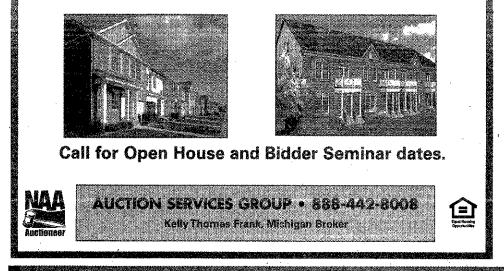


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#### Buying a home

Shore Mortgage and Remerica Country Place Realtors will offer a free seminar for homebuyers. Some of the topics at this educational seminar will include: finding a home to fit your needs and price range; how to buy a home with nothing down; credit scores and how they affect they buying process.

It will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Remerica Country Place Realtors.

Call K. Williams at (734) 218-0338 or R. Pasieka at (734) 776-5635 for reservations.

#### Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ MIOSHA safety seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 23, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Patrick Sullivan of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth will discuss a new MIOSHA directive for residential construction, the builder's responsibility for Fall Protection, review of Fall Protection criteria and practices, and Fall Protection liability. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Field Superintendent course on "Codes & Quality Control" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to set performance expectations based on quality control foundations. The course will outline the superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provide tips on how to enforce code compliance on the job. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033. Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor a "Fair Housing -For the Birds" seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Star Southfield Theaters, 25333 W. 12 Mile in Southfield. Nadeen Green, senior counsel with For Rent magazine, will discuss fair housing. Fee is \$35 for PMC members, \$40 for AAM or BIA members, \$55 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

You a Corporation, LLC or Partnership? Choosing the Right Legal Structure for Your Company" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Lawrence Stawiarski of Foley, Baron & Metzger PLLC will discuss various types of legal structures. Also covered will be who actually owns the business and how its activities are defined. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Effective Business Management Seminar, "An Introduction to Land Development Using Other People's Money" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kenneth Silver of Hertz, Schram & Saretsky will discuss raising money safely, deal structuring and managing investors. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

"How To Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of the Sales & Marketing Council 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at LaSalle Bank headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Reservations are required, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and their representatives. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

A series of builder's license preparation courses 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is \$200. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Systems and Interior Finishes" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. and is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. It will identify codes and requirements affecting the design and installation of mechanical and interior finish systems. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-

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Effective Business Management seminar, "A Guide to Condo Conversions," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management and Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises will discuss condo conversions and how to know if a property is conducive to converting. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests, To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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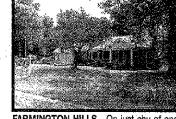


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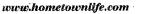
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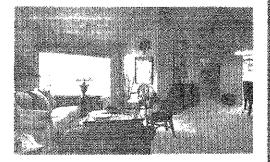
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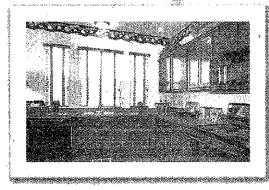


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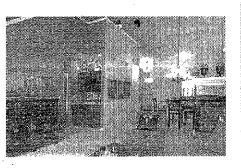
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