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Underwater M.D.s

When it comes to fish and aquariums, The Fish Doctors do it all

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

If your fish is sick, don't despair. Call The Fish Doctors. The Fish Doctors, located on North Lilley in Canton, do more than sell scores of both salt and freshwater fish and fish supplies in their retail store. They make house and business calls to clean and maintain aquariums and help design large aquariums and stock them with colorful underwater fare. And, as the name suggests, they will diagnose what is wrong if one of your fish is sick.

"It's (the name) what we sell and descriptive of what we do," said co-owner Juan Yaksic. "Primarily we're a store. We sell coral reef, invertebrates, anemones, crab, salt and freshwater fish."

They probably sell more of the saltwater fish, he says, and popular species are fairy wrasse and tang, which are very colorful.

Some types of saltwater fish can live as long as canine pets - up to 15 years, he said. So while some people "get sticker shock" because they are used to freshwater fish, which live for a much shorter time, the price of about \$30 for a saltwater fish is not out of line, Yaksic said. In fact, saltwater fish range in price from about



Juan Yaksic builds and sells and maintains salt water aquariums as well as selling exotic fish.

to accommodate customers, he said. Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth keeps a 150-gallon tank. Funeral

director Jeff Bell said he's bought fish from The Fish Doctors for about three or four years now, largely because they usually have what he is looking



Coca-Cola pact pops \$500K hole in budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The agreement by the American Beverage Association and the nation's largest beverage distributors in May to stop nearly all soda sales to public schools will mean the loss of nearly a half-million dollars to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The Board of Education approved Tuesday a seven-year contract with Coca-Cola, Inc. of Belleville to supply middle school and high school beverage vending machines, which is expected to realize revenue of \$795,000 over the length of the deal. That's far less than the previous five-year contract, which netted Plymouth-Canton Schools approximately \$1.3 million.

"In the past, we used to receive — at the district level — \$155,000 a year for an exclusive vending contract, in addition to commissions at the building level," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services. "That is no longer being offered.

"Now we will only sell diet pop, sports drinks, juice and water," she said. "The fact is, given a choice, students most likely would choose a sugar pop over diet, which sold more and garnered more commissions."

Brand said elementary school students do not have

\$18 to several hundred dollars. Some come from as far away as Fiji, he added. "We've got distributors in Florida and Los Angeles."

While most of the tank cleanings they do for businesses or private residences are done on Friday, Yaksic and partner Marcus Zevalkink try

for "I'm more into the hard to find stuff," Bell said. "They find it for me.

He also trusts The Fish Doctors to keep his fish healthy when he's away. "If I

A small ray, whose larger cousins delivered the coup de grace to Steve Irwin, PLEASE SEE FISH DOCTORS, A5 swims around a tank at The Fish Doctors.

access to the Coke beverage machines, but students can purchase milk products. Middle school and high school students also have the option of separate milk machines that are not covered under the Coke contract.

Teresa Arnold, the district's food service director, said the Wellness Committee took a hard look at what is being offered in the vending machines.

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Northville supervisor, lawyer face off for 20th House seat

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Hopeful touts background, experience in local race

"I believe I have the abilities to find consensus and move issues forward."

Mark Abbo candidate, 20th District state representative

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo has had the same part-time job for years.

After a detailed day as vice president of STM Power, a renewable energy company in Ann Arbor, he focuses his duties toward another passion - serving as Northville Township supervisor.

Abbo, a 53-year-old Republican, said it is the combination of his accomplished business background and passion for local government that makes him the best candidate for 20th District state repre-



Abbo

standing with 30 years of business experience, including success as a certified public

accountant and in the private sector. "I believe I can bring together my

knowledge and my real-life experiences," he said.

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Abbo's three daughters went through

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'State rep is an extremely important job, and I think it is important for me to fight as hard as possible to win this race."

> - Marc Corriveau candidate, 20th District state representative

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Marc Corriveau settled on health insurance cuts for his small business, he didn't realize the awkwardness he'd feel as a father.

The increased out-of-pocket expenses left him subconsciously assessing how bad his family needed health care visits -aposition Corriveau said he doesn't want to see anyone else in.

First-hand knowledge of the issues area residents face — including needed



changes in the health care industry — is what Corriveau said makes him the best candidate for 20th District state representative in the Nov. 7 general election. Including needed changes in the health industry.

issues, too" he said.

Corriveau

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If elected, Corriveau, a Democrat, said he would focus his determination toward health care, jobs and education.

A needed start, he said, is with education.

"I'm such a believer in what the public

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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 at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Women wanted

The Canton Business and Professional Women, which seeks to promote full participation, equity and economic selfsufficiency for America's working women, is looking for new members. The group will meet from 6-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road - east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon). Dinner will be served.

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Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro will be the guest speaker at the event, and will discuss identity theft and safety issues.

For more information please contact June Nicholas (313) 610-2561 or e-mail her at junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting. **Chamber board of directors**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has announced its newly elected board of directors, which will be headed up by Chairman of the Board Denise Staffeld. Newly elected board members include Bob Boyer, Boyer Meat Processing, Hussien Fawaz, Starfire Financial Investment Advisers, Marty Heater, Schoolcraft College, Karyl Niemi, Canton Creative Marketing, and Nicki Wilson, INTERIORS By Decorating Den.

They will join continuing board members Bart Patterson, Terry Jobbitt, Choice Insurance Agency, Inc., Ken Cary, Basic Electric and Telephone, Tom Cassidy, The Vision Center, Brandon Dent, Yazaki North America, Inc., Jeff Holden, McDonald's of Canton, Jason Lewkut, Canton Computers, Inc., Lisa Mininni, Excellerate Associates, Linda Robin, Showroom of Elegance, Martha Snow, Xuereb Snow PC, Tom Stahl, State Farm Insurance, and Dan Wright,



Bon appetit

The AAA Canton branch was the proud winner of AAA's 'Battle of the Branches' for Royal Caribbean International sales for the month of July. The competition included all the AAA branches in Michigan. In recognition of the honor, cruise line Royal Caribbean International treated the Canton branch to a gourmet lunch last month. Pictured are (from left) Julissa Morales, branch travel agent, Marianne Hessler, Royal Caribbean key account manager, Marcus Haynes, branch sales manager, Carolyn Pugh, Royal Caribbean district sales manager, Beth Tople, branch travel agent, and Jenni Mantey, branch travel agent.

Outdoor Fun Store. For more information about the Canton Chamber of Commerce, visit the group's Web site at www.cantonchamber.com.

Bowling for T.A.P

Rotarians from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and other local communities will hold a fund-raiser for the Rotary T.A.P. Agua Project that is helping fund clean water initiatives in Honduras and El Salvador, two of the most hazardous drinking water areas in Central America. Future projects are being identified throughout Central America.

The event is scheduled from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Nov. 11 at Super Bowl Lanes, 45100 Ford Road in Canton. There are several sponsorship opportunities for the event. Regular admission is \$25, and will include pizza, free use of bowling shoes, a T-shirt, and a chance to participate in event prize drawings.

For more information or to help sponsor the event, please contact one of the following individuals: Canton Rotary Club member Martha Snow at (734) 455-2000; Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club member Grecia Souffront at (734) 261-9320; Livonia A.M. Rotary Club member Greg Greene at (734) 462-7831; Livonia Rotary Club member David Cash at (734) 591-5986; Northville Rotary Club member Wayne Titus at (734) 737-0855 x101; Plymouth Rotary Club member Jan Eisen at (734) 416-1865; Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club member Mark Hammar at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 301; District 6400 Assistant Governor Lisa Kennedy at (734) 414-9902.

Special school board meeting

Van Buren Public Schools will hold a special board of education meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 30 at the administration building, 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville. The reason for the meeting is to discuss ratification of the Van Buren Education Association contract. For more information, call (734) 697-9123, Ext. 209.

Church fair

The First Congregational Church of Wayne is holding its 60th annual holiday fair Nov. 2-3, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The church, which is located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne, will feature lunch (a la carte) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and dinner from 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children). The event will also feature items for sale including aprons, attic treasures, books, boutiques, candy, gift baskets and more. There will also be a raffle.

For information, call the church at (734) 729-7550.

Author visit

The Canton Historical Society will host author Rand Bitter, who penned *Minty and His Cavalry. A History of the Saber Brigade and its Commander*, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School, located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

His book is a biography of General R.H.G. Minty, who was a commander of cavalry from Michigan during the Civil War. Originally with the 2nd, then 3rd, and finally 4th Michigan Cavalry regiments, Monroe), who commanded the "Michigan Brigade" of cavalry. Minty's men fought in the western theater (Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama), and were the ones who captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis as he was fleeing after Lincoln's assassination. Minty also opened and closed the battle of Chickamauga in another memorable episode.

The book consists of his prewar background, and the writings from his own hand (as well as those of his several closest officers) about their experiences in the war, and concludes with the "soap-opera story" of his post-war years. Unlike Custer, his fame was not perpetuated by a massacre and a promoting widow.

Several men from Plymouth and Canton served with Minty. Harvey Heywood was on his staff as a topographical engineer. Ephraim Truesdale was a private who built the house on Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

For information, call the museum at (734) 397-0088.

Newcomers event

The Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, whose motto is "where neighbors become friends," will be hosting their 3rd Annual Home Based **Business Showcase & Silent** Auction 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). The Home-Based Business Showcase will feature 12 Newcomer consultants. The silent auction will have items donated from more than 30 local businesses. A portion of the proceeds from the Business Showcase and all of the proceeds from the silent auction will benefit Starfish Family Services.

The Newcomers will also have sign-ups for interest group activities including Bunko, Playgroups, Euchre, Couples Social, Men's Poker, Game Night, Scrapbooking and more. For information, visit CantonNewcomers.org, or call (734) 981-1715.

Holiday Extravaganza

The Plymouth/Canton Direct Selling Women's Alliance (PCDSWA) invites shoppers to a day of shopping, where Arbonne, Creative Memories, Daisy Blue Naturals, Lia Sophia, Romance 101, Southern Living at Home and Warm Spirit will be available. The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.



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he was assigned command of a Brigade composed of the 4th and several other units early in the war. This was the equivalent position of George Armstrong Custer (from

For information, go to www.dswa.org or call (734) 667-2930.







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Sassy Diva, a geisha and hairy godmother are just three of the pumpkins created by the staff at Secretz Salon in Westland in a contest started by owner Ann Armstrong of Canton.

Hairy Halloween Salon challenges stylists to be creative with a pumpkin

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

It's amazing what some people can do with a hank of hair.

Just ask the people at the Secretz Salon in Westland where stylists have turned craft pumpkins and hair into a geisha, a hairy godmother and a bride.

"The requirement was that they had to have hair, now some actually have bodies," said Gail Kottyan who shares the reception area with the creations. "They're all very unique."

Owner Ann Armstrong, a Canton resident, came up with the idea as a way of decorating the salon on North Wayne Road for Halloween. Last year, her mother had done pumpkins, but it was time consuming process, so Armstrong decided to have a friendly competition among her staff.

Seven stylists accepted the challenge, creating the pumpkins with more than a pretty face. There's wild colored hair on top and clay flower pots draped in fabric and decorated with feather boas and flowers on the bottom.

"I told them they could do whatever they wanted as long as they had hair on them," said Armstrong. "They all have faces, one has a doll body and some actually have bodies."

The pumpkins have been on display since Oct. 7. Each imnkin was given a nur and customers have been given a ticket each time the come in to vote for their favorite one. The jars are looking quite full with the hairy godmother, the bride, geisha and witch running stem to stem in the voting. The ballot were counted at noon Saturday, with the winning stylist receiving a \$100 Best Buy gift certificate. From the customers' votes cast, one will be drawn to receive a gift basket filled with products from the salon and seven others will be drawn to receive one of the pumpkins.

out. But the response has her thinking about next year.

"Originally, I was going to keep them to decorate next year, but I've decided to make this annual event," said Armstrong. "The girls enjoyed it, I enjoyed doing it and the customers enjoyed it."

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Event removes scare from trick or treating time

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

There are sure to be angels, devils, ghouls and princesses collecting candy and shouting "trick or treat" next Monday. Monday?

That's right. The Canton Summit is again offering its popular Trick or Treat Parade from 3:30-6 p.m. the day before the real deal. As many as 1,200 youngsters

attended last year's event, and this year, "we're planning for 1,500," says recreation specialist Jennifer Eubanks.

Although many of the children who come to the Summit's event will still trick or treat on Halloween, "we like to offer a safe alternative if parents don't want them to go out and knock on strangers' doors or the weather is bad," she says.

The event is now in its sixth year, and different staff groups set up booths along the hall from the banquet hall to the gymnasium, decorate and hand out delights that range from healthier snacks such as pretzels to non-edible but coveted stickers and the expected candy. "It is Halloween after all," Eubanks says.

The event has really become a fun event for the staff members, who like to find a theme for their booth and dress-up, Eubanks says. While she will be on the angel station this year, other booths will offer a music box ballerina theme, a slumber party station, and even a Shrek station.

Attendees are asked to fill out a questionnaire about their trip through the 13 stations. One of the questions asks which booth was most popular. There is fierce competition among staff to earn that distinction, Eubanks says.

For the first time this year, there will be two booths sponsored by outside companies. General Motors is hosting a booth as is Carvel Ice Cream. "We're going to do a '50s

diner type store," says Gary Krone, owner of Carvel in Canton. His booth will give out coupons and treats, and they



Canton Leisure Services is holding its annual Trick or Treat Parade Monday at the Summit. Officials expect about 1,500 revelers like these people, who attended the event last year.

will have a performer on hand to make balloon creatures. Since balloon animals may be awkward to carry, theirs will be the last on the route.

Mike Sheppard of Canton has been attending the Trick or Treat Parade for three years. Last year, Sheppard worked the parade since he is purchasing coordinator for the township, and he dressed up as a pirate. This year, since his department is not hosting a booth, Sheppard will dress up as the Scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz, and go to the event with the Wicked Witch (his wife), Glenda and Dorothy (daughters, aged three and one).

"We love it," he says. "The adults get to interact (with each other) and the kids get to interact with other kids."

The Trick or Treat Parade, which is free for Canton residents, is from 3:30-6 p.m. on Monday at the Summit. For more information, call Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.



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MSU student vies for title

Erica Alexandra Brown of Canton was recently chosen to participate in Nationals' 2006 Miss Teen Detroit pageant competition, set for Nov. 5. She is a 2006 graduate of Lutheran High School Westland and a freshman in pre-medicine at Michigan State University.

Brown, 18, is the daughter of Alexander Ralph and Betty LaJean Brown of Canton and the youngest of four children. Her hobbies include dancing, gymnastics, playing piano and reading.

She will compete for her share of more than \$20,000 in prizes and specialty gifts to be distributed to contestants. Brown will compete in the Miss Teen division.

If she wins the Miss Teen Detroit title, Brown will represent Detroit and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition in Orlando, Fla. Those who would like to be sponsors for Brown or Tiffanv Smith (below) may contact pageant coordinator Patty



Erica Brown

Salem High senior competes

Tiffany Nicole Smith of Canton has been chosen to participate in Nationals' 2006 Miss Teen Detroit pageant competition Nov. 5. Smith is a senior at Plymouth Salem High School.

She traveled to Europe this summer and visited nine countries with the People to People Student Ambassador program. She works part time at Park Avenue Cleaners and maintains a 3.5 grade point average.

One of her classes is teaching

students with mental disabilities. She also attends Schoolcraft College under a dual enrollment working toward her degree.

Smith, who would like to be a psychiatrist, is a volunteer in various projects. Her hobbies are skating, playing the piano and being with friends.

She will compete for her share of more than \$20,000 in prizes and specialty gifts to be distributed to contestants. Smith will vie in the Miss Teen



Neidert at (800) 569-2487.

Tiffany Smith

division.

Chamber team wins spelling bee

Nine-year-old Chloe anxiously listened as her dad, Hussien Fawaz, spelled out yet another word along with his team, in the final round of the Community Literacy Council's 16th annual Spelling Bee Benefit.

Sponsor and fellow team member of The Canton Spell Checks from the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Rob Bovitz remarked, "It was great to see the interest in the community in promoting literacy. It was also rewarding to experience the tough competition, especially from the National Honor Society team." Dan Schwartz was the third and final member of the team.

The Michigan Education Excellence Foundation's team, represented by the PCCS National Honor Society members, had also nudged out nine other teams to make it to the final round.

"It was very competitive, but a good-natured competition and very well done event," team member Steve Elliot said. "I was glad to be a part of it."

The benefit took place at Yazaki North America, the primary corporate sponsor of the event for the sixth year. Proceeds from the benefit support the CLC's Adult Literacy Program. A nonprofit organization, the CLC trains and certifies volunteers on how to teach other adults to read, write and communicate in English.

"Literacy is a fundamental



The Canton Chamber of Commerce Spell Checks - Rob Bovitz, Hussien Fawaz and Dan Schwartz – won the 2006 spelling bee.



building block for a robust economy," Dennis Neubacher, Channel 7 pilot and new CLC spokesman, said. "By supporting this effort, community businesses help to ensure they'll have an educated and literate work force."

At the 23rd word in the elimination round, Chloe finally breathed a sigh of relief, followed by a cheer when the Canton Spell Checks triumphed by correctly spelling,

'arachnophagous.' For more information about the Adult Literacy Programs, contact the Community Literacy Council office at (734) 416-4906.



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Audience members cheer on their favorite spellers in the 2006 Community Literacy Council Spelling Bee.

Now is the time to start planning for next year. Contact the Archdiocese of Detroit at 877-AOD-TEACH

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Fuzzy friends help kids learn

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

Most stuffed animals are cute, but not particularly educational. A group of stuffed animals known as Webkinz have developed an almost cultlike following, and the small friends, that sell for \$9.99 at most stores, are both.

When you buy a Webkinz made by Ganz, the toy comes with a code that can be used to enter the Webkinz online world for a one-year period. In the Webkinz world, children can do anything from buy food or toys for their pet, take their pet to the vet, decorate their pet's room, or play educational games to earn money to buy more things.

If you have more than one Webkinz, which come in a variety of colors and animals with a new one debuting each month, the animals can talk to each other, or your child's pet can speak with a friend's pet.

"It's a personal experience," said Susan McVeigh, communications manager for Ganz. "It's a complete experience with the pet."

Since hitting the market 18 months ago, Webkinz have really taken off, she said. There are now a million and a half registered users on the site.

"The premise is that your pet is adopted online. Each pet has its own personality."

The Web site is saved from



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Richardson's merchandise manager Leslie Conley looks over a display of Webkinz adoptable pets.

becoming mundane because new characters are introduced regularly – a polar bear and tree frog will come out before the end of the year – and new features are added at intervals, McVeigh says. Right now there are Halloween themes, and at Christmas, children can "buy" decorations online.

At Richardson Drugs in Canton, the small stuffed animals "go rather quickly," said Leslie Conley, merchandise manager. "We sell at least 25 a week. The dogs are always popular, and the panda bear is really popular."

Conley's daughters, ages 9 and 12, have also taken to the craze. They like all the animals, but do favor the monkey and some dogs and cats more than others, she says. "They just love to play with the Web site. The best thing about them (Webkinz) is they're semi-educational."

Conley has even visited a

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go on vacation, they come in and keep an eye on them," he said.

A good-sized residential tank needs to be cleaned about once a month, Yaksic said. A commercial one, like the new 1,200-gallon tank at the Canton Center Animal Hospital, needs to be cleaned once a week.

"That's just an awesome tank. We designed it," said Yaksic, who noted the tank contains 40-50 fish.

The Fish Doctors began with a first store in Ann Arbor, Yaksic said. Initially there was a group of friends with varied backgrounds (Yaksic is a biology major) who opened the store there 15 years ago. When it became profitable, Yaksic and Zevalkink branched off to open the Canton store five years ago. Other friends just opened the most recent store in Trenton, Yaksic said.

As for the "doctor" aspect of the job, Yaksic usually make a diagnosis over the phone. He says it's a bad idea for people to take a sick fish away from its environment. Sometimes owners bring in photos of the fish to help in the diagnosis.

From a description by the owner, he can usually tell if the fish has felt aggression from other fish or is genuinely ill, Yaksic said. For regular illness, school in the area, promoting the toys as educational. For those with smaller children or a smaller budget, there are also smaller versions of the animals known as Lil'kins which sell for about \$7.49 and give the same access to the Web site.

"A lot of schools use them," said Linda Crimboli, who sells Webkinz through Crimboli Nursery in Canton. "It's very educational." Kids learn how to make decisions, and play math or spelling games in the arcade, she says.

While pets can talk to each other, children have to use constructed messaging, so "there's no way to exchange personal information," said McVeigh.

Crimboli says she probably sells 25 a week or so, and each child who buys one gets a card stamped. After buying five, the next one is half-off. "I sell a lot of elephants and I sell a lot of monkeys."

Some children have almost every one of the more than 30 Webkinz which have come out, she noted, and customers can reserve the new ones in advance.

Only certain locations sell Ganz, as the company has always sold to independent retailers, McVeigh says. Richardson Drugs and Crimboli Nursery are the only stores selling Webkinz in Canton.

"They want to keep it a select item," Crimboli said.

"we have medicine very much like what you or I would take."

Every now and then, they get unusual calls. Yaksic has received calls from panicky owners of venomous lionfish who have been stung, Yaksic said. Unless you are allergic to them, there usually isn't a bad reaction, he said.

"I've worked in the business 15 years and I've only seen one person whose arm was swollen" after being bitten, he said.

The Fish Doctors is located at 8689 N. Lilley Road in Canton (in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza). For more information, call (734) 416-0876.

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Walker-Winter earns district's coveted Lighthouse award

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

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Forget the 2006 World Series for a minute. Two Wayne-Westland schools have knocked their own grand slams, albeit in academics.

Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton has nabbed the district's coveted Lighthouse School Award for exceeding state scores in eight of 10 categories on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or MEAP, tests.

The school matched state scores in two other categories. And, Patchin Elementary School in Westland has earned the district's Golden Apple Award for making steady, significant gains during a threeyear period on MEAP test

Wayne-Westland school officials celebrated the victories last Monday by giving each of the two schools a \$10,000 prize, a banner and a plaque honoring their achievements.

Superintendent Greg Baracy praised Walker-Winter's staff for helping students rise above their counterparts statewide on MEAP scores.

"It is among the highest performing schools in the state of Michigan," Baracy said Monday, during a school board meeting.

Walker-Winter Principal Pauline Koulouberis, accompanied by some of her staff members, smiled as she attributed the school's success to all of its employees.

tain high achievement," she

said.

Baracy noted that Patchin made an overall 60-point gain in MEAP test scores.

"That is a tremendous feat," he said.

Patchin Principal Molly Funk, also joined by some of her staff, said her school will wisely spend the \$10,000 it earned.

"We're excited to see what the award can do for the students and staff at Patchin and where it can take them in the next few years," Funk said.

The district has continued to single out schools for significant achievement even though Baracy said the state has cut grant dollars for buildings that make enormous strides to improve their MEAP scores.



It was all smiles for the staff at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton which received the Wayne-Westland school district's Lighthouse School Award.



fund education. Baracy voiced concerns that Wayne-Westland could soon be forced to start cutting into programs unless its budget decline

is reversed. For years, he has warned that state officials need to address school funding shortfalls, but he said legislators have failed in their responsibility to pay for education.

"If the state wants a worldclass educational system," he said, "it will have to fund it like a world class educational sys han

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BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

With local educators blaming Lansing, a new audit shows that the Wayne-Westland school district's budget surplus has dipped to \$16.8 million down from \$23.1 million in just three years.

"We are struggling to make ends meet," Superintendent Greg Baracy told the Observer after hearing a new financial report Monday from Plante & Moran auditing firm partner Kathy Downey.

Moreover, school officials heard even more gloomy news as Downey hinted that a state revenue shortfall could cost Michigan's school aid fund another \$90 million to \$150 million.

Wayne-Westland, alone, could lose \$800,000 to \$1.2 find a way to reverse the shortfall, Downey warned.

Wayne-Westland and other districts, already struggling amid a state economic slump, face rising costs for such services as health care and employee retirement.

Wayne-Westland's financial position has continued to decline despite prudent spending, Baracy said.

"The state hasn't kept its promise to fund education," he said after a school board meeting.

With a \$115 million budget, Wayne-Westland's surplus dipped from \$17.6 million to \$16.8 million during the last year alone, according to an audit report for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

Downey gave high marks to

they have tried to protect the district's budget surplus, but they said empty promises from Lansing legislators have made it difficult.

School officials used the latest audit to bolster their support of a ballot measure, Proposal 5, that Michigan voters will decide in the Nov. 7 election.

Under the plan, current funding for K-16 education would jump by \$565 million, and then the state would be forced to allocate yearly increases that would keep pace with inflation.

Critics say Proposal 5 could

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AT A GLANCE

Age: 35

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Democrat

Resides: Northville

Candidate: Marc Corriveau

Professional: Attorney, family

Personal: Married 11 years,

Background: Graduate of

University of Detroit Law

School. Served in the U.S.

ate to represent them."

Michigan State University and

Quotable: "People feel com-

fortable with me as a moder-

District seat two years ago and

was defeated by state Rep. John

Stewart, R-Plymouth. He faces

ship supervisor Mark Abbo in

Stewart's term-limited vacancy.

"I believe in fiscal restraint,

and I believe in fiscal responsi-

those who truly need help," Corriveau said. "I will fight hard

for these things. State rep is an

extremely important job, and I

think it is important for me to

fight as hard as possible to win

bility, and I believe in helping

Northville resident and town-

November, both vying for

Political affiliation:

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Northville Public Schools, a fact he is proud to tell.

Education is one topic on Abbo's priority list, which includes utilities, tort reform, cultural needs, transportation and health care.

"We need to focus on education attainment and build an educated workforce," he said.

The Republican candidate proposes spending more money in the classroom by reducing administrative burdens.

He offers consolidation as a solution, and said he does not support an educational voucher system.

But, Abbo said, a large part of reforming the state's education system is by creating jobs.

"We have some of the greatest universities in the state, but when they graduate, there are no jobs," he said.

Abbo said Michigan's job market must improve to keep the state's educated workforce from leaving, requiring statewide economic reform.

Abbo said credit is often given to the current administration for bringing Google to Ann Arbor, but in reality deep economic concessions, including land cost reductions and tax credits and abatements, made it happen.

He said a large part of creating more Michigan jobs is bringing in businesses without concessions. "We're losing dozens of

companies because the fundamentals are not right here." Abbo said. "Too many times, we're on the short list."

Other economic boosters Abbo champions include promoting in-state manufacturing exporting companies and pushing Michigan toward becoming the leader in alter-

serve the auto industry than

HEALTH CARE AND EQUAL RIGHTS

For Abbo, a solution to the state's health care downturn

'It's not demand driven. Market forces are not in play," he said. "There is not an opportunity for input by the user in the system."

Abbo said user incentives need to exist so smarter choices can be made about resources spent. Examples include utilizing health savings plans and removing health care bureaucracy.

reform plan places the emphasis on the employee instead of the employer.

in equal opportunities for men and women and equal pay for both.

"Remember, I have three daughters," he said.

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AT A GLANCE

Resides: Northville Age: 53

Professional: Vice president. STM Power and Northville **Township Supervisor** Personal: Married 32 years, three children

Political affiliation:

Republican Background: Graduate of Eastern Michigan University and certified public account-

ant Quotable: "The fact is employers create jobs and jobs create quality of life and self-worth."

against affirmative action. "If disparities exist," he said, "I'm for helping, but right up front, early on."

Abbo faces challenger and Northville attorney Marc Corriveau at the polls Nov. 7. Both are vying for the 20th District term-limited seat of John Stewart, R-Plymouth.

Abbo said if elected, he will hit the ground running.

"I believe I have the abilities to find consensus and move issues forward," he said. "It's not only about how great your ideas are ... it's moving them toward a resolution.

"I believe I can make an impact."

BUDGET

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"Anything high in sugar and high in fat were the things we didn't want available to students," Arnold said. "The vending machines were on all the time and students had access to pop. Parents felt that contributed to the obesity problem.

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CORRIVEAU

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schools are and what they represent," he said. "I think it is such a wonderful idea that no matter what, I can say to my brother's new baby girl, we can educate you."

Maintaining high-quality, free education by keeping state dollars in local districts through disproving a voucher system are qualities Corriveau said he stands for.

Corriveau said now that the state's job market is moving away from a manufacturing base, building a knowledgebased state with educated communities is paramount.

"It's not a coincidence Google ended up in Ann Arbor," he said.

Corriveau, 35, said his economic goal is to create an incentive plan to keep the manufacturing jobs Michigan has for the short term. Creating a change toward becoming an education-based state is his long-term solution. "I believe in the governor's

higher education plan," he said. "In addition to holding on to jobs, we need to be investing in education, which begins at the preschool level."

But, Corriveau said, the health of the state's job market and interrelated educational system is reliant on stabilizing an unstable health care industry.

"I'm very passionate about coming up with solutions for health care, including alternatives for families, small businesses and even corporations coming to the table," he said. Corriveau said a good start-

ing place is getting all parties involved, from providers to the insured, to agree on reducing administrative costs.

"Nobody loses when figuring out a way to reduce costs for everyone," he said.

THE PEOPLE

Corriveau said he would feel privileged to represent everyone in the 20th District. Growing up in the Wayne-Westland school district and later moving with his family to Northville, Corriveau said he understands all his constituents' needs. The 20th District includes areas of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.

Corriveau said as an attorney, he's made a career of fighting for others.

"I do that every day," he said. "Instead of the courtroom, I would be in Lansing."

Corriveau said another key to his success is understanding the importance of relying on key people.

What I feel I'm good at is going to people I would consider experts in the area," he said. "I don't pretend to know all the answers."

Corriveau ran for the 20th

the school cafeterias, said

when it comes to menus, the

district is very active in decid-

ing what is chosen for student

"We look at the fat content of the meal, as well as the sodium

machines.

lunches.

pop and water, only 100-perand sugar contents," Arnold said. "The number of carbohycent juice products and sports drinks low in sugar would be drates plays a large role, and sold in beverage vending we look at how much protein students are getting. Arnold, who is in charge of

this race."

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"I think it's all going to result in a good avenue for students to get more education on what' nutrition is as they notice what's available (in the beverage machines and lunch lines)," Arnold said.

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"From a parents' perspective, all pop would have been gone," Arnold added. "Parents on the committee didn't even like diet pop because of the artificial sweeteners in those drinks. They really only wanted onepercent milk, white skim milk or water. But, realistically, we have to have a balance."

Arnold said the committee decided that along with diet

Candidate: Mark Abbo



OUR VIEWS

Bennett the best choice

Of all the local races during this election cycle, one of the most competitive should be for the Wayne County Commission's 11th District, a seat vacated when current Commissioner John Sullivan decided to run a failed campaign for circuit

court judge. The race pits two formidable candidates in Republican Loren Bennett and Democrat Kevin McNamara, the son of for-Wayne County mer Executive Ed McNamara, who died earlier this year. The two Canton residents will try to win in the district that includes the townships of Canton, Sumpter, and Van Buren, and the cities of Wayne and Belleville.

The 55-year-old Bennett's last foray in the political world was as Dick Posthumous's running mate during his failed gubernatorial run against Jennifer Granholm in 2002. Bennett says the main reason he decided to run in this race is because of the poor economy that is plaguing not only the county, but the entire state.

Bennett, who defeated fellow Republican Gerald Law in the primary, is also fed up with the schism between the city of Detroit and its suburbs, and promises to do all he can to mend fences. That is refreshing at time when most politicians still try to exploit the schism to get elected. He knows the key to the county's future success will be if city and suburban leaders work together to attract businesses and jobs, and make sure the

county budget is fiscally responsible.

McNamara wins points for his proposal to form an advisory board of mayors and supervisors from the



district that would regularly meet with him to

would help southwest Wavne County get more clout on the commission, which is currently dominated by Democrats from Detroit.

McNamara said he would also focus on getting more funding for local road projects, something most residents of Canton would love to see.

The wildcard in this race could prove to be newcomer Michael Murray, a U.S. Marine lawyer, who is running as an independent. Murray threw his name into the hat at the last hour after returning from service in Iraq., Murray is articulate and has a great deal of promise as a politician, and we encourage him to continue down the path of public service.

But in this race, we believe the best candidate to represent the residents of the Wayne County Commission's 11th District is Loren Bennett. His experience as a state senator and Canton Township clerk would prove to a beneficial asset on the Wayne County Commission.

LaJoy deserves a second term

Of all the endorsements in this election year, perhaps the easiest for us to make is the race for state representative in the 21st District. Incumbent Phil LaJoy, a Republican from Canton, is running against Democrat Al Sinis, also of Canton. Who, you might ask. Nobody is quite sure who Sinis is. He did not participate in the recent League of Women Voters candidate forum and he has not returned repeated calls from the Observer to convey his political beliefs. So, in reality, Sinis is really nothing more than a name on the ballot.

Even with a more formidable challenger, LaJoy would still deserve to be re-elected. He has long been a presence

No hunting

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources paid Canton a visit last week to discuss the issue of hunting in the township. In a very orderly fashion, the issue of whether to make changes in the designated areas or not was explored through a public hearing. Thanks to the DNR for taking the time to hear both sides of the issue.

It is my hope that they take the reasonable approach to this issue. I think it is simply this. If Public Safety now has to use a map and a tape measure in order to determine "safe" hunting areas and 450 feet of distance from occupied dwellings (current state statute) then we have grown entirely too dense to allow it, period.

No doubt, hunters know and follow safety procedures before pulling the trigger, but the average resident should not have to worry about their safety while walking through some wooded area, or feel they should have to wear hunter's orange in their own neighborhood.

Let's use common sense and realize that as a community we are much too heavily populated to take chances on safety.

There is still time to voice your opinion in writing to Sgt. Al Bavarskas, Southfield Op. Serv. Center, 2600 W. Eight Mile, Southfield, MI 48034.

> **Greg Greene** Canton

on the Canton political scene. He served on the township board for more than a dozen years, before running for state representative two years ago.

Even before that, he was active in the community.

Two years ago, LaJoy went to Lansing with the intention of making state government more fiscally responsible, and he certainly hasn't rested on his laurels. During his term, LaJoy has authored 18 public acts, and introduced many other bills, many of which are aimed at cutting waste in

He has also taken on leadership positions, such as becoming chair of the transportation committee. In that position, he has helped Canton officials work with state and county road officials to come up with plans to ease the township's traffic problems. LaJoy deserves a lot of credit for helping the township prepare for the opening of IKEA, which many people felt would cause a traffic nightmare on Ford Road. That really hasn't happened, though, largely because LaJoy was able to help get all agencies on the same page.

And while he is admittedly a fiscally conservative Republican, LaJoy also recognizes the need for more

adequate funding for public education, especially as it pertains to Plymouth-Canton Schools, which receives far less per pupil funding than some surrounding school districts. Hence a bill he introduced earlier this year that would greatly increase funding to the local school district, and bring it in line with other districts like Northville. Although the bill has stalled in the Legislature, it shows LaJoy has taken a proactive approach to improving the quality of life in his district, which also includes Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville.

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Phil LaJoy has repeatedly shown that he is in touch with the needs of the district, and he deserves your vote.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Endorsement based on facts

In the Oct. 19th edition of the Observer, letter writer Joel Walter suggests that my endorsement of Jim Plakas for 35th District Court judge is the result of "political intrigue." Nothing could be further from the truth! He further asserts that my letter in a previous Observer edition provided no "facts or history" to support my conclusion (not to endorse Ron Lowe).

Let me take this opportunity to elaborate on my position. I supported Ron Lowe the first time he ran for district judge. My support was based upon his role as prosecutor for the City of Plymouth and the other candidates running for the then-open judgeship. Six years ago when Mr. Lowe sought re-election, two potential candidates (first time in history a sitting judge in the 35th would have been challenged) were barred from candidacy because of errors made in filings. I would not have supported Mr. Lowe six years ago.

My opposition to Mr. Lowe is based upon his track record over the last 12 years. In my opinion, he has demonstrated that he doesn't know the law. A current case proves my point. For the last four to five months, Judge Lowe has had before him Canton Police employer-employee grievance case. This issue was resolved through binding arbitration. According to other district, circuit and appeals court judges and numerous attorneys, this case should have been dismissed in minutes. Instead it has dragged on for months and has cost Canton taxpayers thousands of dollars. When does Judge Lowe plan

to make a ruling? It is scheduled for shortly after the general election - curious timing.

We encountered the same unwillingness to make a timely decision in the infamous "Big Boy" case. It was a simple ordinance issue and should have been resolved quickly. Instead the issue went on and on ... Judge Lowe never made a decision.

Judges should show respect towards those that appear before them and have an even temperament. Judge Lowe has repeatedly demonstrated disrespect and contempt for lawyers, witnesses, plaintiffs, defendants and police officers. His poor treatment of police officers has been brought to his attention on a number of occasions. Is it any wonder that Mr. Lowe has not been endorsed by a single police officer's organization.

The above are just a few "facts" upon which I based my endorsement of Jim Plakas. Mr. Lowe's re-election bid has again made history. It is the first time a sitting judge, the chief judge (John MacDonald) no less, has endorsed a challenger. Judge MacDonald's endorsement of Jim Plakas says volumes about Mr. Lowe's job performance over the last 12 years. As I indicated in my previous letter it is incumbent upon those of us who are close to the court (Canton prosecutes thousands of cases each year and is a defendant occasionally) and the chief judge to share our observations (through endorsements) of the court. It is not enough for a judge to do good work in the community, it is essential that a judge does good work in the courtroom.

> **Tom Yack** Canton Township supervisor

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Canton's Antwaun Hawkins barrels into the end zone over Stevenson's Pat York to pad the Chiefs' lead to 41-0 in Friday night's opening game of the Division state playoffs.

Wet & Wild Chiefs open Division 1 grid playoffs by drenching Stevenson with TDs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It rained cats and dogs throughout Friday night's Canton-Livonia Stevenson Division 1 playoff opener at the P-CEP football stadium. But the only things reigning were

the Chiefs.

Playing in relentless showers and steadily dropping temperatures, Canton dominated from the opening raindrop, er, kickoff as it scored on its first four possessions to flood the overmatched Spartans, 48-0.

Canton will now take its 10-0 record and No. 2 Division 1 state ranking into next Friday's District final game against South Lyon (9-1), which ousted Monroe, 14-6. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at the P-CEP football stadium.

Stevenson, which suffered its seventh consecutive first-round playoff setback, finished 6-4.

Rumor has it that game balls were presented to Canton senior running back Deshon McClendon, who ripped off a pair of long TD runs; each member of the Chiefs' starting defense, which recorded its third shutout of the season; and weathermen Jerry Hodak and Chuck Gaidica, who provided optimal conditions for the winners'

ground-oriented fullhouse-T offense.

We wanted crappy weather and we got it," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, referring to the conditions that hampered Stevenson's usually potent put-the-ball-in-theair attack. "Our defense went out there right away and set the tone for the rest of the game, and the offense turned it on too."

Baechler was especially pleased with the play of McClendon, who racked up 154 yards on just five carries in one half of play. The Chiefs' best player has been hampered all season by a variety of physical ailments, but on Friday night he looked as finely tuned as the trumpet played by Canton's one-person pep band, Linda Calzone.

"It was nice having Deshon back and playing as well as he did," said Baechler. "We're a different team when he's on the field."

The Spartans' defense would second that opinion.

On both of McClendon's touchdowns - 56- and 69-yard scampers – the 5-foot-7, 180-pound fullback ran virtually untouched to paydirt as all but one Stevenson

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2







MU gets boot, 5-1

Chris Graham scored a pair of goals Wednesday as host Aguinas College rolled to a 5-1 men's soccer win in Grand Rapids over Madonna University in the Wolverine-Hoosler Athletic Conference reqular season finale for both teams.

MU, now 10-4-2 overall, finished 7-4-1 in conference play and will host a WHAC semifinal game this Wednesday against an opponent yet to be determined. (Game time is 2 p.m. at Livonia's Greenmead Field.)

Aquinas led 2-1 at halftime on goals by Jarrod Smith in the 16th minute and Goran Guzina on a penalty kick in the 36th minute. Derrick Mudri scored MU's lone goal in the 18th minute.

The Saints (11-5-2, 6-4-2) put it away with three unanswered goals in the second half - Graham (59th minute) from Guzina; Graham on a penalty kick (74th minute); and David Warsen (84th minute).

Kris Lyons (36 minutes) and Ryan Mathe (53 minutes) divided time in goal for MU.

Lepper lauded Former Salem soccer

blanks Majors

The Plymouth Whalers rode Jeremy Smith's second straight shutout en route to a 3-0 victory over the Toronto St. Michael's Majors in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,522 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth won its third straight game and is now 8-4-0-0. Toronto is dropped to 7-8-0-0.

Chris Terry (4th goal of the season), Tom Sestito (5th) and James Neal (team-leading 10th) all scored for Plymouth.

Smith, from Brownstown Township, stopped all 30 Toronto shots he faced and was named the game's first star. Smith shut out Windsor, 4-0, on Oct. 19 at Windsor Arena to get the streak started.

The last Plymouth goaltender to pitch consecutive shutouts was Ryan Nie, on March 24 and 26, 2004, against the Kitchener Rangers in the Western Conference quarterfinals.

Terry scored at 6:32 of the first period to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead when he skated into the Toronto zone on the left wing, moved in on Toronto goaltender Wayne Savage, faked a pass to Evan Brophey on the right wing and stuffed the puck by Savage five-hole.

Sestito gave Plymouth a 2-0 lead at 0:38 of the third period when he deflected Steve Ward's hard shot from the point by Savage.

yard butterfly helped Plymouth's airis swimming team defeat Salem, 94-92, Tuesday night in the Rocks' pool.

standout Kelly Lepper, a current player at Kalamazoo College, was 🐇 named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's offensive player of the week for the second time this season. Lepper was credited with an assist on five consecutive goals in a 7-0 victory over the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She also had a goal and an assist in a 5-2 victory over Hanover.

Lions JV clinch

The Canton Lions junior varsity football team clinched the WSJFL Division title last week with a 42-0 victory over the Belleville Cougars. bringing their record to 7-0. Touchdowns were scored by Joshua Nolen, Kevin Buford, Kyle Durham, Malcolm Hollingsworth and Jordan Smith. Josh Peterson threw a TD pass for the Lions, who received strong defensive efforts from William Askew, Eric Jipping, Daniel Zugaj, Paul Baumgart and Lucas Bunting.

See details of meet on Page B2. School-record performances in the 200-yard and 400yard freestyle relays sparked the Plymouth girls swimming and diving team to a downto-the-last-touch 94-92 victory over cross-campus rival Salem Tuesday night in the Salem pool.

ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem diver Katie Koetting earned

first-place points for the Rocks in

their 94-92 setback to Plymouth

Tuesday night.

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The victory improved the Wildcats' most successful record ever to 6-1 overall. Last week, the Wildcats captured the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title with a narrow victory over Northville. Members of the pivotal, record-breaking 200 freestyle relay team were Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski and Michelle Chang. The 400 quartet, which finished second to Salem's team of Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Allison Burke and Whitney Aumiller, consisted of Emily Clanton, Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry and Sijia Hao.

Cat swimmers edge Rocks

Other swimmers who earned first-place points for the Wildcats were: Hao (200 IM and 500 freestyle) and

Ellen Palczvnski (100 breaststroke).

Touching first for the Rocks were Gorman (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly), Ally Stencel (50 freestyle and 100 freestyle), Katie Koetting (diving), and Whitney Aumiller (100 backstroke). Although the Rocks won

eight of the 12 events, the Wildcats prevailed thanks to their depth. Both the Rocks and

Wildcats will be gearing up to compete in the WLAA conference meet set for Thursday through Saturday at Salem.



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Canton quarterback Steve Paye drags Stevenson's John Samaan for a few extra yards during Friday night's 48-0 Chief victory.

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player fell for the Chiefs' hide-and-seek ball fakes. Unfortunately for Stevenson, the one player who didn't fall for the deception didn't have the wheels to chase down Canton's best player.

"The one play (McClendon's first TD) we plugged the hole and the linebacker had him, but he just spun away from the tackle," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "On the other one, he just slipped right through with nobody laying a hand on him.

"I think what makes it hard defending Canton is that they're really balanced. With the two tight ends and the T-formation, they can hit you at anytime and it's impossible to overplay. And when they have the physical advantage, you're in trouble. It's a question of execution. They just knocked us off the ball. We had linemen in our linebackers' faces and that makes it even more difficult."

Canton nearly scored on its fifth possession as well, but Stevenson defensive back Pat York intercepted a



The closest Livonia.Stevenson player to Nick Moores on this 90-yard kickoff return for a TD were the ones on the sidelines.

'It's a credit to their whole program that when they have some of their key skill guys out, they still are able to have the have kind of season they've

had.'

Stevenson coach Tim Gabel

Steve Paye pass at the goal line, foiling what to that point had been an eight-play, 49-yard drive.

The Chiefs' first two scores came on senior running back Nick Moores' 1-yard plunge at 7:14 of the first quarter and Paye's 9-yard keeper three minutes later. Canton took a 28-0 advantage into the intermission on McClendon's two long sprints.

The second half — all but 14 seconds of which was played with a running clock due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 35-point mercy rule — started like the first half ended as Moores wove through the Spartans' kick-off unit for a 90-yard score. It was Moores' second kick return for a TD in the past three weeks.

The final two TDs came on a 2-yard run by Antwaun Hawkins and a 10-yard run by Devin Murphy.

Canton kicker Colin O'Shaunessy was 5-for-5 on extra-point attempts. The snap was botched following the sixth TD and senior Blaine Paden split the uprights for the final onepointer.

The biggest play of the night for Stevenson was freshman running back Austin White's 63-yard dazzler, which moved the ball from the Spartan 3 to the Chiefs' 34.

However, the potential scoring drive was thwarted when Canton's Billy Turner sacked quarterback Mitchell White on a fourth-and-4 play from the Canton 13. The Chiefs outgained

Stevenson 360 (all on the ground) to 202 in total

The most deceiving stat of the night was time of possession: Stevenson 24:01, Canton 23:45.

Derek Perino and Chris Bogdanski recovered fumbles for Canton's defense. Complementing McClendon's big night were Hawkins (eight carries, 56 yards), Ryan Neu (three runs, 51 yards) and Moores (eight for 43).

Austin White paced the Spartans with 82 yards on eight attempts. Kevin Murawski gained 39 on five attempts.

Mitchell White, who had thrown more than 70 passes in the previous two games, completed just 6-of-14 aerials for 48 yards.

Canton moved the chains 13 times to the Spartans' 11 first downs.

Gabel took his hat off to the Chiefs' resiliency as they've overcome a rash of injuries to win their first 10 games.

"It's a credit to their whole program that when they have some of their key skill guys out, they still are able to have the kind of season they've had," Gabel said. "You have to give them credit.

"And with those guys back, they're hitting on all cylinders. They look like they can go deep in the playoffs again."

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SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 94 SALEM 92 Tuesday at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Jennifer Grodus, Katie Gorman, Ally Stencel), 2:02.35; 2. Plymouth, 2:02.72; 3. Plymouth, 2:05.15

200 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 2:08.70; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:09.10; 3. Allison Burke (S), 2:10.42. 200 IM: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:21.45; 2. Whitney

Aumiller (S), 2:22.41; 3. Emily Bair (S), 2:25.22. 50 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 26.57; 2.

50 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 26.57; 2. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.21; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 27.88.

1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 212.30; 2. Tori Beeler (P), 155.90; 3. Emily Voglewede (S), 143.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 1:07.98; 2. Emily Bair (S), 1:08.13; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:09.75.

100 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 58.83; 2. Emily Clanton (P), 59.93; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:00.70. 500 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 5:40.04; 2. Allison Burke (S), 5:50.33; 3. Maricat

Eggenberger (P), 5:55.38. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos: Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynsi

Liakos, Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski, Michelle Chang), 1:47.55; 2. Salem, 1:49.38; 3. Plymouth, 1:51.54. **100 backstroke:** 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:05.13; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:08.40; 3.

Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:10.03. 100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:14.72; 2. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:17.41; 3. Jennifer Grodus (S), 1:19.30.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Allison Burke, Whitney Aumilier), 3:55.68; 2. Plymouth, 3:57.81; Salem, 4:10.83.

PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 6-1.

NORTHVILLE 110 CANTON 75 Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Ashley Filpowicz, Emily Hopcian, Megan Kanya, Chelsea Miller), 2:01.59; 2. Canton, 2:02.71; 3. Northville, 2:08.37.

200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:52.06; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:03.75; 3. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 2:04.06.

200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:21.04; 2. Emily Hopcian (N), 2:22.30; 3. Alyssa

Johnson (C), 2:25.88. 50 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 25.44; 2.

Chelsea Miller (N), 27.16; 3. Laura Landis (C), 27.46.

1-meter diving: 1. Cheísea Seiden (C), 188.35; 2. Hannah Gill (N), 175.55; 3. Kelsey Libbe (N), 138.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 58.31; 2. Emily Hopcian (N), 1:03.43; 3. Megan Kanya (N), 1:03.64. 100 freestyle: 1. Rachel Englert (N), 59.28;

2. Chelsea Miller (N), 59.58; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:00.93. 500 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 2.

Monica Blaesser (C), 5:23.29; 3. Michaela Keady (N), 5:45.62.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Chelsea Miller, Emily Hopcian, Jessica Weber), 1:46.20; 2. Canton, 1:46.80; 3. Northville, 1:53.50.

100 backstroke: 1. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 1:06.25; 2. Megan Kanya (N), 1:06.38; 3. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:06.98. 100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14.19; 2. Kelly Burford (N), 1:17.49; 3. Megan Trotter (N), 1:18.98.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Megan Kanya, Jessica Weber, Tanya Tereszczenko, Rachel Englert), 3:48.99; 2. Canton, 3:50.04; 3. Canton, 4:11.50.



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Plymouth's Kim Snyder flows through the backstroke portion of the 200 IM during a meet earlier this season. Snyder was instrumental in the Wildcats' Bar95 victory over Bain of Exception and the





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Ignition get Rife to solidify its 'D'

The Detroit Ignition has acquired the playing rights to 2005-06 MISL All-Rookie Team selection Josh Rife along with cash considerations in exchange for the playing rights to Don D'Ambra, Ignition president Greg Bibb announced Thursday. D'Ambra was the team's tenth overall selection in the 2006 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft held in June. Rife has agreed to a new two-year contract with the club as part of the deal.

"In acquiring Josh, I believe we have added one of the best young defenders in the game,"

Bibb stated. "I think he has the potential to play a big role along our backline for quite some time and he joins a group of young, talented players who I hope will be wearing an Ignition jersey for years to come."

Rife entered his first professional indoor campaign with the Philadelphia KiXX last season tallying 14 blocks over 25 games. He was a featured member of the 2005 USL Second Division champion Charlotte Eagles where he appeared in 20 games and was named the league's Defensive player of the year. Rife played collegiate soccer at

NCAA powerhouse Indiana University under coach Jerry Yeagley and alongside current Ignition midfielder Ryan Mack. The Ignition will kick-off the team's inaugural MISL season at Compuware Sports Arena on Saturday, November 4. Information regarding Ignition season, group, and individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at 248-645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE **GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 07, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Democratic, Republican, Green, U.S. Taxpayers, Libertarian, Natural Law Parties, Non-Partisan Candidates and five proposals will be voted on:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General United States Senator Representative in Congress – 11th District State Senator – 7th District Representative in State Legislature, 20th District Member of the State Board of Education Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors **County Executive** $County \ Commissioner - 10 th \ District$

and the following Non-Partisan Offices:

Justice of the Supreme Court

Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st District, Incumbent Position, vote for not more than 2 Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position, vote for not more than 1 Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit, Incumbent Position, partial term ending 01/01/09, vote for not more than 4

- Judge of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit, Incumbent Position, vote for not more than 19
- Judge of the Probate Court, Incumbent Position, vote for not more than 2

Judge of the Probate Court, Non-Incumbent Position, vote for not more than 1

Judge of the Probate Court, Incumbent Position, Partial Term Ending 01/01/09, vote for not more than 1 Judge of the District Court, 35th District, Incumbent Position, vote for not more than 1

Trustee-Plymouth District Library, vote for not more than 4

PROPOSAL SECTION

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

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Create a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund within the Constitution and establish existing conservation and recreation accounts as components of the fund.

Use current funding sources such as state park entrance and camping fees; snowmobile, ORV and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; taxes and other revenues to fund accounts. Establish the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.

Provide that money held in Funds can only be used for specific purposes related to conservation and recreation and cannot be used for any purpose other than those intended.

Should this proposal be adopted?

PROPOSAL 06-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO CROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public blic institutions affected by the prop on or contracting purposes. I employment government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.



Picture perfect

The All Saints Catholic School 7th and 8th grade boys soccer team recently completed a flawless season which included a 16-0 record and a CYO championship. Amazingly, All Saints, which defeated Everest Academy in the title match, did not allow a single goal all season. The team - which is coached by Reed Posh, Paul Peterson, John Gunnis, Mike Gaule - consists of Andy Bihn, P.J. Nowak, Kyle Gaule, Mark Tanski, Jimmy Meadows, Josh Bindon, Matt Posh, Nick Posh, Matt Cloutier, Matt Gunnis, Bernabe Salinas, Michael Peterson, Jake Singer, Joey Starr, Ryan Hayes, Garren Carr and Justin Kaput.

PLYMOUTH H.S. TRYOUTS

Official practice for the Plymouth boys wrestling team will begin Monday, Nov. 13, in the Plymouth wrestling room from 2:30-5 p.m. Athletes should bring: wrestling gear, running shoes, T-shirt and shorts.

For more information, contact coach Jay Helm at (313) 590-3548.

Optional pre-season wrestling conditioning for Wildcat athletes will be available in the wrestling room from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 23, 25, 26 and 30; and Nov. 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9.

Tryouts for the Wildcats' volleyball team will be held Nov. 16, 17 and 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for all levels. Athletes should bring all of their volleyball gear, including knee pads.

Optional open gym time for athletes interested in trying out will be held in the PHS gym on: Oct. 30, Nov. 1, 6 and 8 from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Difficial practice for the Wildcats' boys swimming and diving team will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Canton High School pool. Athletes should bring a bathing suit, towel, gog-

SPORTS BRIEFS

Booster Club. For those who make the hockey team and have not attended or paid a total of \$45 for tryouts, that amount will be added to their

participation fee. Teams will be selected Wednesday, Nov. 1 On Friday, Nov. 3, there will be a mandatory parents meeting for the parents of each team member. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. with sign-ups for the Whalers beginning at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the function of the Booster Club, inform parents of upcoming fund-raising events, to sign up for Whalers' parking duties and to collect the player participation fees (\$950 for those who participated in the golf outing and \$1,550 for those who did not). The fee includes home-game entry for two adults per player.

The full fee must be paid at this meeting for the player to be allowed on the ice.

For more information, contact Noreen Desilets (397-5691); Kathy Lash (453-6518); or coach Chuck Dubois (cdubois@comcast.net).

There will be a required meeting for all athletes interested in being on the PHS girls gymnastics team on Friday,

current physical dated April 15 2006, or after on file the PHS Athletic Department prior to the first practice. Physical forms must have parent and doctor signatures to be accepted.

RECREATION OFFERINGS

Canton Leisure Services will be offering the following sports programs during the next few weeks:

Indoor volleyball leagues will begin Friday, Nov. 10, at the Summit on the Park. There are still openings in the recre-ational league. The cost is \$250 for residents and \$295 for non residents.

The annual Elks Free Throw Shooting Contest will b held on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Summit. The free contest if open to boys and girls from 8 t 13 years old. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The bi-annual Family Bowling Bonanza will be held Friday, Nov. 10, at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cois \$40 per resident family/team, which includes 2.5 hours of howling, shoes, pizza/pop and free giveaways. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at

Prohibit public institutions from discriminating against groups or individuals due to their gender, ethnicity, race, color or national origin. (A separate provision of the state constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.) Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

Should this proposal be adopted?

PROPOSAL 06-3

stamp.

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES

Public Act 160 of 2004 would:

Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for mourning doves. Require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and a \$2.00 mourning dove

Stipulate that revenue from the stamp must be split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

Require the Department of Natural Resources to address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the Department's annual hunting guide. Should this law be approved? YES NO

PROPOSAL 06-4

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Prohibit government from taking private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue.

Provide that if an individual's principal residence is taken by government for public use, the individual must be at lease 125% of property's fair market value.

Require government that takes a private property to demonstrate that the taking is for a public use; if taken to eliminate blight, require a higher standard of proof to demonstrate that the taking of that property is for a public use.

NO

NO

Preserve existing rights of property owners.

Should this proposal be adopted? YES

PROPOSAL 06-5

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS The proposed law would:

Increase current funding by approximately \$565 million and require State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs).

Require State to fund any deficiencies from General Fund.

Base funding for school districts with a declining enrollment on three-year student enrollment average.

Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities; shift remaining portion to state.

Reduce funding gap between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving maximum foundation allowance.

Should this proposed law be approved?	YES
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Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1	Farrand School	41400 Greenbriar	
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft Rd.	
Precinct 3	Allen School	11100 Haggerty Road	
Precinct 4	Plymouth Twp. Municipal Offices	9955 N. Haggerty Rd.	
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Rd.	
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Tr.	
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N. Territorial Rd.	
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Rd.	
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd.	
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Rd.	
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial Rd.	
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd.	
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd.	
Precinct 14	[*] Isbister School	9300 Canton Center Rd.	
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Rd.	
Precinct 17	North Ridge Church	49555 N. Territorial Rd.	;

Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. 48170, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 4. On Monday, November 6, qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Plymouth H.S. basketball tryouts will be held Nov. 13-15 at the following times: freshmen (2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.); junior varsity (4:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.); and varsity (6:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.).

Plymouth ice hockey tryouts will be held at Compuware Ice Arena on the following dates: Monday, Oct. 30 (5 p.m. on the NHL ice); Tuesday, Oct. 31 (5 p.m. on the NHL ice); and Wednesday, Nov. 1 (4:10 on the OLY ice).

There will not be conditioning skates prior to tryouts.

All tryout skates last one hour and cost \$15 per session for a total of \$45. Checks can be made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Hockey



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Oct. 27, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gymnastics room at Plymouth H.S.

Official practice for gymnastics begins on Friday, Nov. 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the gymnastics room. Athletes should bring: warm-up outfit, leotard, tennis shoes and a positive attitude. Athletes should bring basketball gear and a recent report card.

Optional open gym for athletes interested in tryout out for the hoop team will be held in the PHS gym on Oct. 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to noon; and on Oct. 24 and 26 form 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Optional pre-season weight training will be held Wednesday through Friday at 4:30 p.m. until tryouts.

All PHS athletes must have a

LACROSSE NEWS All girls interested in playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team in 2007 should attend an

(734) 394 - 5355.

informational/registration meeting on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth Library. Parents are also encouraged to attend the meeting.

Contact Rudi Rabe at rrabe@comcast.net.

There will be a parent/player meeting for all everyone interested in playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors boys lacrosse team on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School library.

Inman leads Crusaders to sweep over Warner Southern

Madonna University senior middle hitter Caryn Inman recorded 15 kills while guiding the Crusaders to a 3-0 women's volleyball win Thursday night over host Warner Southern College in Lake Wales, Fla..

The 30-13, 30-16, 30-21 victory is Madonna's 23rd in a row and keeps head coach Jerry Abraham within one win of tying Paul Swanson (Mount Vernon Nazarene) for the NAIA all-time career wins lead.

Sophomore Lubovj Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia) tied Inman for the team lead with 15 kills.

Inman, who hails from Oxford, also posted a team-



high six blocks, including five block-assists to lead MU, now 32-2 overall and ranked No. 7 in the latest NAIA poll.

Three Crusaders recorded double digit in digs with junior libero Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) leading the way with 13. Sophomore Whitney Fuelling and junior defensive specialist Amy Szymanski (Redford/Livonia Ladywood) added 12 and 11, respectively.

Freshman setter Inta Grinvalds led with 22 assists, while freshman Natalie Niblock finished right behind with 17.

The loss dropped the Royals a member of the Florida Sun Conference, to 11-18 overall.

PREP HOOP

Start 'em up: Canton opens with 15-1 surge, wins handily

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

All's well that starts well.

That was the motto Thursday night for the Canton girls basketball team following its 42-31 victory over visiting Northville.

Led by senior forward Ja'nee Morton, the Chiefs exploded to a 15-1 first-quarter lead before cruising in for an 11-point win. Morton drained 10 of her team-high 18 points in the decisive opening eight minutes.

"Northville came out in a 2-3 zone and they ran out hard at (Becci) Houdek because she hit three three's against them the last time we played," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Tonight, as their zone shifted, Ja'nee did a good job of finding openings and Becci got her the ball."

The relatively easy victory epitomized the season so far for the Chiefs, who improved to 15-2 overall and 10-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville slipped to 10-7 and 5-5, respectively.

Canton's unblemished division record earned it a top seed in the WLAA conference tournament that begins next week with the Chiefs hosting Walled Lake Northern Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Morton was not the only Chief who sparkled against the Mustangs. Junior center Baylee Hollowell notched a doubledouble (11 points and 12 rebounds) while the unselfish Houdek finished with five points and seven assists.

Allison Holmes helped keep Northville in the game with a team-high 10 points.

Northville tried valiantly to dig itself out of the early hole by outscoring the Chiefs 15-5 in the second quarter. However, the Mustangs' 21-16 halftime deficit grew to 28-20 after three quarters and the two teams traded baskets for the most part over the final eight minutes.

"They cut it to six a couple times in the fourth quarter," Samulski said. "But every time they did that, we'd score and get it back up to eight or 10.

When they got back into it in the second quarter I think it was because we started relaxing a little with the big lead. They went to a man-to-man defense and we got a little complacent."

Samulski said the victory helped his team cap one of its most-prominent pre-season goals.

"No. 1, we wanted to win the division," he said. "And for the kids to go 10-0 in a division with Plymouth, Northville and Walled Lake Western is a nice accomplishment. Now we have to take the tournament one game at a time and try to move on."

Canton drained 10-of-17 free throws while the Mustangs were 3-of-8 from the line.

SALEM 35, CHURCHILL 21: Tayler Langham scored 14 points Thursday as the visiting Rocks (15-2, 10-0) wrapped up an unbeaten season in the Lakes Division with a victory over

HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE

The 2006 Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball tournament is set to open Tuesday, Oct. 31, at four sites. Following are how the brackets break down. All the teams' divisional records are listed in parentheses.

First-round games (all 7 p.m. starts on Oct. 31): (A) Plymouth (5-5) at Salem (10-0); (B) Westland John Glenn (5-5) at Livonia Franklin (6-4); (C) Northville (5-5) at Walled Lake Central (8-2); and (D) Walled Lake Northern (3-7) at Canton (10-0).

Second-round games (all 7 p.m. starts on Nov. 2): Winner of game (A) vs. winner of game (B); winner of game (C) vs. winner of game (D).

Championship game: The final contest is set for Nov. 8 at Livonia Churchill. Tip-off for the final is set for 7 p.m.

Livonia Churchill (5-11, 2-8).

"We started out fairly well, but we missed a couple of layups that could have kept it a little closer," said Churchill coach Keith McDonald, whose team trailed 15-7 at halftime. "I thought we played a pretty good game, but Salem is obviously a very good team. They very tall, very big. The beat us inside."

Senior Stephanie Bradshaw scored a team-high seven points for the Chargers, while fellow senior Amber Holod contributed five points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Churchill was 7-of-12 from the foul line, while Salem was 1-of-6.

PARKWAY 37, PCA 35: Parkway outscored the Eagles 13-6 in the pivotal fourth quarter to drop PCA's record to 7-9 overall and 2-8 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Parkway (7-9 and 4-4, respectively) led 15-8 after one quarter and 19-12 at the half. PCA stormed back to snatch a 29-24 lead with eight minutes to play before the hosts' late rally. Lauren Beckett led PCA with eight points. Sara Ross and Brooke Williams both added five. Robin Petroski paced Parkway with 16.

PCA had a chance to tie or take the lead in the game's waning moments, but the Eagles threw the ball away with 15 ticks left on the clock.

PCA hit 4-of-10 free throws. Parkway was 4-of-7 from the line.

Canton's Ja'nee Morton (33), pictured above in a game earlier this season, led the Chiefs with

Patriots hold off Wildcats, 37-26

BA BUY LAUDE MUNG STAFE WRITER

Although the divisional girls basketball titles had long been decided in the Western Lakes Activities Association

run after Plymouth had enjoyed a 7-4 first-period advantage. Jaroh's eight straight points gave

Franklin the lead for keeps as she finished with a team-high 10.

"Heather has been making shots for us

quarter on a basket by Andrea McCall The Wildcats, however, got to within seven, 32-25, thanks to a pair of Haywood free throws with 4:05 remaining. But Plymouth couldn't convert on three straight possessions, misfiring twice and committing a turnover. Briauna Taylor's reverse layup with 1:52 remaining sealed the win for Franklin. "The last time around (a 49-41 loss to Franklin), we played our best seven minutes in the last seven minutes of the game," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We wanted to get an effort for 32 minutes, stop both number 21 (Briauna Taylor) and number 13 (Brittany Taylor) from getting to the basket. We also knew number 24 (Whalen) could both score and rebound, so we had to be aware of her presence in the middle. We wanted to run our offense and get scoring without Whalen interrupting our shots." The Wildcats had a tough time converting all night, making just 9-of-50 shots from the floor (18 percent) compared with Franklin's 16-of-43 (37.2 percent).



18 points in their 42-31 victory over Northville Thursday night. The Chiefs will take a 10-0 WLAA Western Division record into Tuesday's first round of the WLAA conference tournament.

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positioning for playoff seeding remained up for grabs Thursday when Plymouth traveled to Livonia Franklin.

And thanks to Heather Jaroh's hot second-quarter shooting, along with the rebounding and shot blocking of Robyn Whalen, Franklin locked up the second seed in the Western Division and home court for the opening round with a 37-26 win over the Wildcats.

Franklin, 12-4 overall and 6-4 in the division, squares off Tuesday in the firstround of the WLAA playoffs at home against Westland John Glenn (9-8, 5-5). the third seed from the Lakes Division.

Plymouth (7-10, 5-5), meanwhile, falls to the fourth seed and has the task to repeating its early season 35-33 upset when it travels Tuesday to take on Lakes Division champ Salem (15-2, 10-0).

Franklin, coming off a 59-58 setback Tuesday at home against Western Division champion Canton (15-2, 10-0) needed a split of its final two division games to earn the second seed.

And it was mission accomplished Jaroh, who normally comes off the bench, made most of her rare start on Senior Night. The 5-foot-7 Jaroh responded by hitting four "straight shots to spark a 14-5 second-quarthis year, but I haven't seen four in a row like that," Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen said. "Since the beginning of the season she's been playing with confidence. She's done a nice job all year for us off the bench. She's plays for her defense and passing. The shots are a bonus, but the she has the ability. She definitely looked for her shot tonight."

Robyn Whalen, the 6-2 senior center, finished with nine points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. She helped offset the scoring of Plymouth's 6-foot sophomore center Shaakira Haywood, who finished with a team-high 11 points.

Plymouth's next highest scorers were sophomore Kelsi Robinson and freshman Stacev Klonowski with four apiece.

"Robyn makes them think twice before they're going to shoot the ball inside," Mary Kay Whalen said of her daughter. "And it's nice that we don't have to doubleteam the whole time. We wanted to concentrate on their post player and their outside shooters because you don't want their three-point shooters to get going."

Sophomore forward Briauna Taylor added eight points for the Patriots, who led 18-12 at halftime before going up by as many as 15 points, 32-17, early in the final

"You can't score 26 points in a varsity game and expect to win many games,' Reilly said. "It was a good effort on defense, but we did not finish enough offensively.

We were close (in the fourth quarter), in position to get back into the game. We got it to seven, but they (Franklin) took that opportunity away from us."



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off that well. He arrived late and had no warmup.

His first game was 170, but then he got it right, rolling 24 consecutive solid strikes to make it an evening to remember.

In the Motor City Men's League Steve Yancura (Redford Eagles) registered a 300 game.

Meanwhile, Wonderland Lanes also has something to offer the local youth bowlers. the Greater Detroit Majors, a doubles league which bowls four games with two different opponents.

The second half starts in November there are plenty of openings for the kids. It's a good time to get registered and with action at 1 p.m. each Sunday.

Livonian Matt Boettcher raised his 170 average in the Greenfield Mixed League at **Country Lanes of Farmington** Hills recently by going 204 pins over average with a three-game set of 234-258-232/714.

This performance earns him two USBC awards and another four from the Metro Detroit USBC.

Larry Scheuher also enjoyed a good outing that same night with a 289 game in a 739 set.

Cloverlanes in Livonia is the home of the Saturday Goodtimers League with Tim Coleman rolling 300 in recent competition.

At Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, it was Keith Kingston leading everyone in the University Men's League with games of 266-267-300 en route to a whopping 833 series.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, league secretary and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.



The 'Super Seniors' tennis team will represent southeastern Michigan in next April's national tournament after winning state and regional competitions. Pictured front row (from left) are team captain Chuck Glinz of Redford, Dan Jones of Canton, George Ginger of Northville, Bob Chene of Dearborn and Bill Hammer of Farmington Hills. Pictured back row (from left) are Dave Petway of Livonia, Jim Robinson of Novi, Harold Lollar of Dearborn Heights, Ed Barter of Farmington Hills and Daryl Carey of Plymouth. Not present for the photo was Canton's John Zaretti.

Tennis is appealing to 'Super Seniors'

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

What began as a way for tennis buddies to bond more than a quarter century ago is turning into quite a win-win situation for everybody on the "Super Seniors."

The 12-person over-60 team - part of a league sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association - recently won state and regional tournaments

to advance to the USTA nationals, slated for April 2007. "This is great," said team captain Chuck Glinz, of Redford Township. "A couple

of us have played together for 27 years." The 74-year-old Glinz said

the other co-founder. if you will, is Farmington Hills resident Bill Hammer, 65. "We had such a good time

that we signed up with the (now-defunct) Livonia Athletic Club and then we played at the YWCA in Redford" on Sunday nights, said Glinz, providing a thumbnail history of the group. "Later on, we moved to

the Sports Club of Novi." This was the group's fifth year at the Novi location. which has five courts and plenty of room for the guys to get their swings in.

"It's really just recreation," Glinz noted. "Of course, the fellowship is great and the exercise doesn't hurt, either."

He added that the Sports Club of Novi is chipping in \$500 toward the team's trip to Charleston, S.C. for the April 27-29 USTA nationals.

The "Super Seniors" quali-

fied for the tournament by going 9-1 in the southeast Michigan league, and then winning a one-game playoff for the state championship. In early October, the squad won the Midwestern regional, going 3-0.

In addition to Glinz and Hammer, the team includes Dave Petway of Livonia, Dan Jones and John Zaretti of Canton, Daryl Carey of Plymouth, Ed Barter of Farmington Hills, George Ginger of Northville, Jim Robinson of Novi, Bob Chene of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights residents Eric Hall and Harold Lollar.

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Kids must learn self-esteem

I have a 6-year-old daughter and a 3-yearold son. They are both intelligent, kind, and talented ... in their own unique ways. The problem is that my 3-year-old is constantly comparing himself to his sister and pointing out ways that she is better than he is. For example, when they color, he looks at her picture and tells me that his is too messy and then he crumbles it up and throws it away. I tell him that his is just as good, but he doesn't believe me and nothing I say can convince him otherwise. I'm afraid that his self-esteem is really low and that he will struggle with this issue for his entire life. How can I give him more self-esteem?

Name and address withheld by request The first thing that we need to do is correct the idea that self-esteem is something that we can give to or get from another person. Despite the huge number of books, videos, and tapes sold in the past several years, the whole idea of self-esteem and positive self-image is largely

misunderstood. As much as we may wish otherwise, selfesteem is something

> that our children must earn for

parents, teachers, care-givers,

grandparents, etc. we

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The net result of such a comparison will almost always end up with him on the losing side.

coloring and says that hers is neater and more attractive than his, you cannot convince him otherwise because to his frame of reference, he is correct. In most cases, a 6-



Holocaust survivor Miriam Brysk stands with 'Hiding in the Forest,' one of the artworks produced from archival photographs.

Holocaust survivor

remembers the dead



In a confined silence

accompanied by explanatory text. Liberation features a sunken-eyed man who was so weak he couldn't eat. Brysk says many died after being freed from the concentration camps because they couldn't hold down food after starving for so long.

"In a Confined Silence refers to the plight of the Jews during the Holocaust," said Brysk, 71. "They endured their suffering in a confined silence, separated

process evolved. I wanted images to be authentic. Six million died. I didn't have to make up faces."

Due to the small size of the photographs, Brysk was unable to enlarge them. Instead she did multiple Xeroxes then transferred the image to watercolor paper. Afterwards she scanned the results into the computer then manipulated the image. One composition features a young girl whose face is framed by the Jewish Star of David. In some of the works, she added color to bring the victims back to life.

year-old is more skilled and proficient at coloring than a 3-year-old. To tell your son that his picture looks "just as good" as his sisters causes him to disregard any further comments that you have on the matter. He knows that hers is better, she knows that hers is better, and so do you.

The problem is not that your son is less skilled at coloring than your daughter, the problem is that he is comparing the ability levels of a 3year-old to those of a person with twice as many years of experience and development. The net result of such a comparison will almost always end up with him on the losing side. Address this by adjusting his comparison from his sister to himself. Whenever he starts to contrast his accomplishments with hers, redirect his focus to his own progress over time. For example, he comes to you and says that his sister has colored a wonderful picture that makes his look sloppy and incomplete. Instead of disagreeing with him, remind him that his sister has had three more years of practice and that skills develop over time. Tell him that his picture is very good ... for a 3-year-old and emphasize this point by showing him old pictures that he has colored or drawn. Talk about the level of skill development and reinforce his efforts in an honest way. This provides concrete proof to support your reassurances. The more often he can see proof of his abilities and successes, the more positive his self-image will become. In addition, as this selfimage blossoms his emphasis on his sister's accomplishments will become less important to him than his own. Your son's self-esteem is rooted in what he has accomplished and not in what he is told that he has achieved. He can see the proof of his developing skills and recognize that he is getting better and this is where he will begin to see himself as capable and successful, the basis of positive selfesteem. The more examples of real successes that he'can accumulate, the stronger and more positive his selfimage will be.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Miriam Brysk rarely speaks about the emotional trauma of hiding in the

Lipiczanska forest during the Holocaust. Brysk lets her art express the misery endured by millions of Jews during the 1939-45 German occupation. One by one, she clicks through a series of digital images on the computer in her Ann Arbor home. Brysk appropriately titled her 40piece series "In a Confined Silence." The exhibit opens with a reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

For a moment, Brysk remembers the ordeal of escaping to Lida in Sovietoccupied Belarus after Warsaw fell to the Nazis in 1939. When Lida fell to the Nazis in 1941 and Jews were herded into a ghetto, Brysk and her parents, Chaim and Bronka Miasnik, narrowly

Miriam Brysk looks at a photograph of herself as a child with her mother. Brysk used family photographs as well as those taken by the Nazis to create her digital art.

escaped being murdered in the great slaughter of March 8, 1942. She was 7 years old. While it's common knowledge that six million Jews died in the Holocaust, few know that 1.3 million of them were killed in massacres. It was Chaim's surgical skills that saved the family of three until Russian partisans rescued then hid them in the forest. To protect her from rape, Brysk lived and dressed as a boy. On her eight birthday, she received a pistol as a gift from her parents.

SPEAKING OUT

Brysk is a survivor who focuses not only on her frightening experiences but the suffering of all Jews in

the exhibit and her new book, Amidst the Shadows of Trees: A Holocaust Child's Survival in the Partisans. Published by Yellow Star Press, the book tells of Jewish participation in the resistance. One of the images is of a female cousin who was a gun runner during the Warsaw uprising. The city can be seen smoldering in the background.

All of the multi-media art began as black and white photographs of her family and the victims who survive in archival photos taken by the Nazis. Brysk then incorporated elements such as the incinerated Polish city which was the Nazi response to the uprising. All of the artworks in the book and exhibit are

from everybody.

"It's all about remembrance, the fact that so many families were totally obliterated. You can't bring them back. This is my way of remembering them."

COMPELLED TO CREATE

Brysk was compelled to create the series after returning from her first visit to the camps and ghettos in 2002, two years after retiring as a professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Galveston. The experience brought back terrifying memories to Brysk who immigrated to Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1947 with her family. Brysk went on to earn a Ph.D. in biological sciences from Columbia University. "I didn't realize it would

affect me the way it did," said Brysk. "Nightmares, fears, horrors. I kept profusely cry-

ing." "The idea incubated for a while and then I started. The

"The more you look, the more imagery you will find," said Brysk. "It was done to express emotions and the

plight of these people. "I put color to make them real again, to remember and honor those who died."

Nancy Pilon was so moved by Hiding in the Forest, she suggested the Plymouth **Community Arts Council** exhibit the entire series of Brysk's "In a Confined Silence." The W.K. Kellogg Foundation saw merit in the art as well and awarded Brysk a grant. So far the exhibit has traveled to art galleries, Jewish Community Centers, and Holocaust museums from Texas to Florida.

Pilon originally saw two of the works in a show at the

PLEASE SEE HOLOCAUST, C3

Wedding workshop unites brides, vendors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Laura Beuerle busily writes down the decorating tips Maggie Pietila uses to create magical weddings. Pietila was just one of 11 vendors assembled at a workshop for bridesto-be Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth.

Brides, and many of their grooms, met with the wedding professionals in a "speed dating" format. Each of the vendors was seated at a table for 10. Participants selected their areas of interest - cakes, travel, flowers, etc. Every nine minutes, the brides played musical chairs moving on to engraving, photography, videography and DJs, invitations, and the hall the Meeting House Grand Ballroom.



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Steve Schwall, of Rawlinson Photography poses Judy Drakeford and Mark Batie for an PLEASE SEE WEDDING, C2 engagement photo.

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WEDDING

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Lori Morrison of Canton said it was an interesting concept. She and fiancé Mike Paige are tying the knot in July 2007. Both have been married before so they were "looking for something new and different and unique like our personality." They were especially interested in listening to Rex Tubbs of The Engraving Connection who warned brides to have their rings sized before adding inscriptions.

Beuerle, a 26-year-old Westland resident, is planning to marry Craig Elder, 30, in October 2007. Pietila, owner of the Memory Makers decorating specialists, said brides can get a lot of mileage out of candles to establish a romantic atmosphere at tables.

"It's very informational," said Beuerle. "Although I disagree with some of it, a lot of the information we need."

Randy Lorenz and Meeting House co-owner Mary Naldony have hosted 1,000 weddings in

the last 12 years in their single event facility that seats 150 to 300 guests. He suggests forgetting chair covers at \$3 apiece if the budget is tight. He also recommends offering guests a choice of meals.

Free engagement photos by Rawlinson Photography of Plymouth were meant to entice couples to the event featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine. The workshop was free to those who registered in advance or \$10 at the door.

Jessica Whittemore and Ryan Bearer of Waterford wanted to see the Grand Ballroom facility as a possible location for their reception. They were also looking for tips on flowers and a DJ.

Ralph Cabildo of RC DJ and Video Productions in Westland suggested couples always meet and talk beforehand with the person supplying the service.

"I'm worried more about things I don't know about like engraving," said Ryan Bearer, who weds Whittemore on Sept. 1, 2007.

Lori Morrison wasn't worried about flowers or choosing a

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bakery to make the wedding cake. She's owned Ribar Floral Co. six years and provides flowers for not only first-time weddings, but second and third.

Morrison frequently works with bakeries to decorate cakes with real flowers. At Ribar Floral, Morrison says, she's not just there to get them as a customer but to educate brides not only about flowers, but cakes.

"I thought it was interesting in the fact that you got your engagement photo," said Morrison. "I'm in the business, but thought the travel lady (from Cruise Planners) was knowledgeable. The cake lady (Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe) was knowledgeable. She said some flowers are poisonous. We tried the food, but are not using the hall because we're going to Las Vegas to be married in the Little Chapel of Flowers."

The next wedding workshop takes place Feb. 22. For more information, call (734) 416-5100 or visit the Web site at www.mhgb.com.

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Divine intervention: Does statue of St. Joseph help home sales?

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The practice of burying a St. Joseph statue head down in the yard to sell a home is nothing new. According to older area Catholics, it's been around for years and is fervently believed by some.

"One particular house it didn't sell. It works," said Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth. "In this market, you need more than one."

Pulty, who lives in Novi with a Northville address and was raised Catholic, put a St. Joseph statue in her yard. "It was just a personal thing. I don't do it all the time," she said.

Realtor Ruth Martin of Remerica Hometown One of Plymouth knows of the practice, but hasn't tried it. "No, but many of my clients have," the Livonia resident said.

At least one area Jewish woman, who hopes to sell her condo, has St. Joseph on her mantel. He can't be buried outside because she's in a condo so the mantel has to do. She's joked she'll contribute to the Catholic church if the house sells.

Kathy Hosten of Whitmore Lake sold a Howell help with a little divine intervention from St. Joseph.

The real estate lady gave it to me," said Hosten, a travel agent in Plymouth who's also an attorney. Hosten's not Catholic but is grateful the home sold.

Web site searches reveal that St. Joseph (San Jose in Spanish and San Giuseppe in Italian) is in the world of Catholic folk belief the patron saint of real estate matters and home sales. This is attributed to the belief he taught his stepson Jesus the carpentering trade and saw to it that Jesus was well-housed.

A Web site found by a Google search reveals this prayer to St. Joseph for selling a home: O, Saint Joseph,

you who taught our Lord

the carpenter's trade, and saw to it

that he was always properly housed,

hear my earnest plea. I want you to help me now as you helped your foster-child Jesus, and as you have helped many others in the matter of housing. I wish to sell this [house/property] quickly, easily, and profitably and I implore you to grant my wish by bringing me a good buyer,

one who is eager, compliant, and honest, and by letting nothing impede the rapid conclusion of the sale. Dear Saint Joseph, I know you would do this for me



out of the goodness of your heart and in your own good time, but my need is very great now and so I must make you hurry on my behalf. Saint Joseph, I am going to place you in a difficult position with your head in darkness and you will suffer as our Lord suffered, until this [house/property] is sold. Then, Saint Joseph, I swear before the cross and God Almighty, that I will redeem you and you will receive my gratitude and a place of honour in my home. Amen.

But does it work? "I've never heard one time it has not worked," said Brian Klopp, manager of A. Mateja Church Supply on Ford Road in Garden City. "We sell those all the time. They've always been a good seller but lately people talk about it more."

The store carries rosaries, Bibles and other items, added Klopp, who is Catholic. The St. Joseph statues come with a kit to assist with burial in the back yard. When the home sells, the statue is to be unearthed and placed in a special place in the new home, Klopp added.

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Miriam Brysk's work has been exhibited in several galleries and shows at Jewish community centers and Holocaust museums from Texas to Florida and the Midwest.

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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Hiding in the Forest originally was a photograph of one of Brysk's relatives. The artist says she tried to instill a feeling of being hugged by trees to illustrate the camouflage provided to those living in the forest. Brysk talks about the works and her experiences during a slide show on Nov. 5. The reception is part of a collaboration with Plymouth cultural organizations during the monthlong exhibit. On Nov. 15, Brysk participates in a panel of

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survivors she recruited for a discussion at the Plymouth Historical Museum. A Plymouth Symphony Concert takes place on Nov. 18 and includes the haunting beauty of John Williams' Three Pieces from Schindler's List for Violin and Orchestra. The Penn Theatre shows the film Schindler's List Nov. 19.

"The work overall is just so powerful," said Pilon, art exhibition coordinator. "I just love the way the work actually depicts people who really lived. There's a card with each picture that explains who the person is. These are real people." In a Confined Silence continues through Nov. 28 at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278. To view Brysk's art, visit the Web site www.miriambrvsk.com. Ichomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145







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Black Cat Ball Market Place Pets and Last Chance Rescue, a no-kill shelter based in Livingston County committed to rescuing animals who would otherwise be destroyed, sponsor the Black Cat Ball and Beauty Contest, an adoption fair for black and tuxedo cats 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Market Place Pets in the Farmer Jack plaza on the corner of U.S. 23 and M-59 in Hartland These cats are the least popular type of cat to adopt and there is an abundance of these cats in the foster care system, waiting for homes. In addition, to the adoption fair, there will be a Black Cat Beauty Contest. Pictures of all available cats will be posted on the wall at Market

Place Pets a week prior to the adoption fair, and visitors to the store will vote on the prettiest cat. At 3 p.m. the day of the adoption, a king and queen will be chosen. In addition to the adoption fair, there will be cookies and punch, and door prizes. For more, information, call Fran at (517) 552-.9306 or Jill at (810) 632-5708. 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

The Dearborn Porcelain Artists host

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Porcelain artists



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Booming business

Ronna Rogers, a Plymouth resident who manages the Fanatic U store set up on Middlebelt and Six Mile in Livonia, shows a customer the Detroit Tigers blanket that's for sale. Rogers said there was plenty of business created by the Detroit Tigers' successful run to the 2006 World Series.

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the McFadden Ross Museum, 915 Brady, in west Dearborn (just north of Michigan Avenue). Heirloom gifts including hand-painted porcelain jewelry, tea services, thimbles, Christmas ornaments and more, painted by members, will be on sale. Admission is \$1. For information, call (734) 721-5030.

Holiday coping seminar

Heartland Hospice offers a seminar, "Coping with the Holidays," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, designed to help anyone who has lost a loved one who is wondering how they'll get through the holiday season. The free seminar takes place at the Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. The seminar is open to the public and will provide practical tools for caring for ourselves while grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register, call bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145, or toll-free (888) 973-1145. Shopping Spree

In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding a an evening of one-stop shopping with more than 20 home-party businesses. The Home Party Shopping Spree will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City.Purchase from a selection of

jewelry, beauty products, baskets, scrapbook and card making supplies, children's activities, crystal ware, cooking and kitchen supplies, home décor and more. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes a raffle ticket, food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Garden City Community Coalition.

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. 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

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Grief support

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

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES

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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

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- Proposal forms may be downloaded from www.canton-1. mi.org or www.rougeriver.com/alliance.
- You may contact Mike Sheppard at mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org for information regarding Sheppard 2. RFP compliance and Jack Bails at jbails@pscinc.com for information regarding "scope of work/services."
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Jody Kirsch didn't realize that hosting an authentic English Tea to go with the Catholic Central Mothers Club annual Holiday Craft Show would be so much work but she has plenty of help. Committee members Chris Kovanda, Judi Fanco and herself are tying up loose ends for the event that takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the high school, 27255 Wixom Road at Grand River, Novi.

Admission is \$3 and includes a raffle ticket for one of the donated prizes from more than 85 crafters and vendors.

Kirsch, who's calling on her Refreshments will be available. The authentic English Tea is experience as part of the presented in three different mom's club at Ladywood High seatings -10 a.m., noon and School to see her through. 2 p.m. - and offers delicious 'This is a craft show and finger sandwiches and fresh vendors featuring painted pastries with Devonshire glass. Christmas decorations.

Longaberger, and much more. Select raffle items are valued at \$40."

Proceeds from the show go to the Mother's Club which maintains a wish list from the school which recently moved to Novi after years in Redford.

"We'd like it to grow now that we have more space," said Kirsch, a Livonia resident. "The show is a good opportunity to see this beautiful campus."

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Gallery to showcase work by artist

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art is hosting the exhibit "Under Heaven" by Northville artist Jeff Von Buskirk throughout the month of November.

Buskirk grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School. He has created murals in Plymouth outside the Lower Town Grille, as well as other locations in Oakland and Wayne counties. Von Buskirk is currently restoring a 1917 mural on the exterior of a four-story Detroit building that once housed the Willys-Overland Motor

Co., inventors of the classic Jeep. The DeMattia Group and Midtown Developments are in the process of converting the building into upscale lofts while maintaining the historical sign.

Von Buskirk's "Under Heaven" exhibit will open with a wine and cheese reception featuring the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Sherrus Gallery, 109 North Center, Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-0470 or visit www.sherrusgallery.com. The exhibit continues to Nov. 30.

Student wins math scholarship

Amy Brandt of Plymouth, a senior at Central Michigan University working toward her elementary education certificate with a major in mathematics and a minor in reading, received the Miriam Schaefer Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year from the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Brandt was one of five students selected from a field of 36 applicants. The scholarship is given in honor of Miriam Schaefer who, in addition to being a mathematics supervisor for the Flint school system, served with distinction for many years as registrar and executive secretary for MCTM.

Brandt, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, is a member of the Collegiate Middle Level Association at CMU and is on the executive team for Campus Crusade for Christ. She developed her teaching skills by substitute teaching, tutoring and volunteering in local schools.

She also values opportunities for further professional development and has attended numerous conferences and seminars including the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning Conference and a pre-service teachers' conference at CMU.

U-M Dearborn

Aldo Abate of Plymouth was among 37 University of Michigan-Dearborn students named to the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters for the Summer 2006 term. Abate is a senior studying English and secondary certification.

Farhan Ashraf and Scott Lytle of Canton were among 10 University of Michigan-Dearborn students named to the Dean's List in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences for the Summer 2006 term.

Ashraf is a sophomore studying electrical engineering; Lytle is a senior studying computer engineering.

Students on the Dean's List earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

ON CAMPUS

Lawrence Technological University

Thirteen students from Canton and seven from Plymouth were among the students who graduated earlier this year from Lawrence Technological University.

The Canton students and their degrees: Josiah Anderson, computer science: Robert Dow, engineering technology; Stephen Dumouchelle, mechanical engineering; Mario Foley, electrical engineering; David Harrison, information technology; Mark Henke, computer science; Pamela Lindman, masters in business administration; David Losinski, architecture; Sarah Mitchell, interior architecture; Aliya Patni, project management; Andrew Pixley, computer science; Richard Rymond, technology management; Joseph Willey, industrial operations.

The Plymouth students and their degrees: Thomas Burke, masters in computer science; David Edick, computer science; Daniel Fulk, masters in automotive engineering; Jeffrey Gatrell, electrical engineering; Lawrence Haddad, electrical engineering; Jasper Recto, masters in business administration; Nadica Ristovski, masters in business administration.

Matthew McLeod and Travis Sharp of Plymouth were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 2006 semester. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

Kenyon College

Allison Goldsmith, daughter of Jeffrey Goldsmith and Kathleen Payne of Plymouth, was named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the second semester of the 2005-06 academic vear.

To be eligible, a student must earn a gradepoint average of at least 3.45 on the college's four-point grading scale.

A graduate of Canton High School, Goldsmith is a rising sophomore at Kenyon, a private liberal-arts college in central Ohio.

Nursery to host holiday open house

Plymouth Nursery holds a Holiday Spectacular Open House 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. This is a free event. For more information, call (734) 453-5500.

There will be refreshments and special sale prices on items. Come see our dramatic Department 56 display, unique gifts and garlands. Explore our theme trees, decorated from elegant to fun.





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Sullivan-Cadwell

Patrick and Ellen Sullivan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Elizabeth Sullivan, to Christopher Harold Cadwell of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the State of Michigan.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Susan Cadwell of Livonia. He is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Control Transport International.

A February wedding is planned for Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

Maynarich-Duda

David and Michelle Maynarich of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Maynarich to Robert Duda Jr. of Fowlerville.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Christine Duda of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

A June wedding is planned.





Historical park sets a place at Katherine's table

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Diann Dupuis can hardly wait for the Saturday, Nov. 4, luncheon in Judge Alexander Blue's House at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile. Dupuis is one of the Livonia Historical Society and Questers members volunteering their time to decorate tables in the large beige structure thought to have been constructed more than 130 years ago. Dupuis belongs to the historical society and Questers as well as the Friends of Greenmead, a volunteer group that raises money for the historical park representing life in early to mid-19th century Livonia Township.

"It will be so fun to walk around and see all of the different ideas people come up with," said Dupuis. "I've attended luncheons on the east side that Questers do and it's interesting to see all of the creativity. Everyone else will probably be doing an autumn theme."

Dupuis is decorating two tables that feature princess and garden themes. On one table she'll showcase her Blue Bubble Depression glass plates against a glittery table cloth with tiaras at each of the settings. The glass dishes belonged to her husband's

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great Aunt Mae.

The second table will be designed with creamy yellow dishes with gold edging and a floral decal. The cups and saucers are from England and each is different. To accent the table Dupuis adds an ivy topiary for a centerpiece. On the day of the event she will also have fresh ivy napkin rings at each setting.

Linda Wiacek says the new event is meant to be not only elegant and unique but exciting. The Greenmead Historical Park recreation supervisor is coordinating the afternoon that includes a presentation by Evelyn Gibbons who's known as The Button Lady because of her collection. Guests will arrive for the luncheon at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available by calling (248) 477-7375.

"We're calling it A Place at Katherine's Table," said Wiacek. "Katherine was the wife of Judge Alexander Blue. Various Questers and volunteers are decorating tables,



Diann Dupuis is designing this Garden Table with American Pottery dishes for a Nov. 4 luncheon at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. The cups and saucers are from England and each is different.

bringing personal china and linens.

"This is the first time we've done a luncheon that's open to the public. We hope to make this a regular event happening out here."

Marian Renaud expects some of the tables will not only be designed with cherished china but antiques as well. Jennifer Burns is using glass place settings from the 1950s to the present to give the table a contemporary flair, "but add a little history to it." Burns is a member of the Questers, Livonia Chapter, and lives in Northville.

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"It's going to be a surprise to see it all turn out," said Renaud, program supervisor. "It's just a fun afternoon for ladies, but men can come too. It's done in total cooperation with our volunteers at Greenmead. We're always looking for volunteers. We always want to get new people involved out here."

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WILLIAM C. FERTIG Age 68, died October 23, 2006. Mr. Fertig was born in Bradford, PA, on February 3, 1938, to William C., Sr. and Jeanette Reddish. He has lived in Farmington Hills since 1973. He is married to Rose Marie Kozak Fertig, a Detroit native. He is also survived b his two sons, Mark (married to Thaka) and Russell; grandchildren, Isaac Nadia and Roman; his niece, Michelle Spear and her two children, Jamie and Taylor; and his sister, Nancy Fertig of Sarasota, FL. William is a graduate of Gannon University, Erie, PA, with a B.S. in Industrial Management and received his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He worked for Ford Motor Co. for 35 years where his major responsibility was Program Planning. He also worked for the J.P. Burroughs Co. for 4 years as the Corporate Systems Manager, responsible for all corporate systems. During his lifetime in the Farmington Hills area, William was active in the American Production and Inventory Control Society, serving for 8 years on the Board of Directors, one of which as the Detroit Chapter President. Additionally, William proudly served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. His greatest joys in life were his family and friends, sports and travel. He played tennis, golf, and basketball, and traveled to almost every state in the Union, and many foreign countries, including, much of Europe, Greece, Turkey, China, Mexico, Singapore, Russia, Costa Rica, Austria, Scandinavia and New Zealand. Visitation was held Thursday 5:00-8:00 PM and Friday 2:00-8:00 PM at the Henney-Sundouist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, October 28th, 10:00 AM at St. Gerald Church, Farmington. The Reverend Fr. Loren O'Dea, of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, officiated the Mass. Memorial tributes are suggested to a fund to benefit the Fertig grandchildren's education. (Please make checks payable to Rose Marie Fertig).





ELIZABETH ("BETTY") JANET MERCER CHAPMAN

Beloved wife and mother, ardent animal lover, died Monday, October 23, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Edwin Chapman and her daughter, Pamela Gay Chapman Trowbridge. Born on July 28, 1912, in Detroit, Betty was the daughter of Bertha Willis and Alexander Mercer. a prominent banker in the early 1920's. Betty attended Central High School in Detroit and went on to the University of Michigan where she pledged Pi Beta Phi. It was at U of M where she met her husband, Ted, who played three sports and was on the 1932 National Champion Michigan football team

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.

NEW VOICES

Ryan and Amanda (Cavanaugh) Brogdon of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Donovan Michael Brogdon. He was born May 4 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington. Donovan weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Donovan Michael is the grandson of Michael and Theresa Cavanaugh of Dexter (formerly of Livonia), Doug and Martee Hickman of Bellaire (formerly of Farmington Hills) and Jim and Bonnie Brogdon of Staunton, Va.

Redford artist honored with award

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

It's hard to believe that Bernadine Vida could be more excited about winning the Artist of the Year award from the Wayne County Council of Arts, Humanity and Culture then when she was working on reproduction clothing for an exhibit at the Lincoln Presidential Library in Illinois, or backstage costuming KISS on the Jimmy Kimmel LIVE show during the Super Bowl in February, or stitching up Eminem's garments for the film 8 Mile. Vida, a long time Redford resident has come a long way since being chosen Outstanding New Designer by Parsons School of Design in New York City in 1975.

An exhibit of Vida's costume designs and photography illustrate her talent. The display continues to Nov. 12, at the Redford Public Library.

Vida received the award from the arts council on Oct. 11 right around the time she was completing designs for a Detroit Dance Collective performance of Carnival of the Animals with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Nov. 4. "I was flabbergasted," said Vida, who had just a few minutes to talk before leaving to work on a project in Dallas, Texas.

"They said we're lucky to still have you here in Redford. It was a surprise. I've lived throughout my entire career in Redford, since starting my career in 1979 at the Detroit Repertory Theatre."

Before leaving for Texas, Vida wrapped up costume designs for a new children's show set to premiere on public television nationally in February. Kid Fitness is a super hero who teaches kids ages 3-10 about staying healthy. Vida came up with the idea to write Chyna the Cheetah into the story line as a way of focusing on the importance of good hygiene. She not only designed the cheetah costume, but L.J. Lion, Markey the Monkey, and Buster, Kid Fitness's furry sidekick.

Vida's photography is close to her heart. This summer she gave a photo workshop for high schoolers in conjunction with VSA arts of Michigan, a nonprofit that provides arts therapy programs for the developmentally disabled.

GERTRUDE E. (TRUDY) DAVIS

nee Smith, October 23, 2006. Trudy grew up in Dearborn and attended Fordson High School. Her passions were rollerskating and church. She played string bass, loved to sing, and had a beautiful voice. She worked for 16-1/2 years at The American Red Cross, and has lived in Livonia for 50 years. Trudy devoted her life to caring for her family. She was loving, kind, self-sacrificing, thoughtful, considerate, compassionate, understanding, and forgiving. She is survived by her husband, William; seven children, William Davis, Jeannie Morucci Richard Davis (deceased), Cynthia (Jeff) Peters, John (Tami) Davis, Linda Davis, and Sandra Davis. eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends. While sweet and gentle, she had unbelievable strength and faith in times of adversity and pain.

SUSAN McGRAW

died on Thursday morning, October 19th in Denver, Colorado from complications due to a chronic illness. A current resident of Windsor, Colorado, she had lived in Birmingham and West Bloomfield, Michigan up until a year and a half ago. She was born in Detroit on April 25, 1946 to the late Dr. Fred Henny and his wife Jane. Susan is a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend who was widely regarded as a kind, gracious, brave person. She grew up in Birmingham, attended Seaholm High School, and graduated with a teaching degree from Michigan State University. She taught junior high school in the Royal Oak School district and then served as a teacher district and then served as a teacher and Assistant Director of Education at Sylvan Learning Center in Troy for over 10 years. Susan is survived by her husband, Dave McGraw, and two daughters, Meg McGraw-Scherer and Kristina Lyons. She also has four grandchildren: Evan, Miles, Quinn, and Sadie. She is also survived by her mother. Jane Rennell and her sister. Patricia Mayo. Memorial Services for Susan will be at 10 AM, Saturday, November 4th at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Pontiac, Michigan. Donations in lieu of flowers can be directed to the American Diabetes Association in memoriam of Susan McGraw (1-800-Diabetes, PO Box 1132, Fairfax, VA 22038-1130).





DAVID MICHAEL MARTIN

Age 69, of Kure Beach, NC died Sunday, October 15; 2006, after a long illness with Alzheimer's. A memorial service will be held at 11a.m. Friday, November 3, 2006, at South Flint Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1467 E. Maple Ave., Burton, MI, 48529. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made, in David's memory, to The Alzheimer's Association located at 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27605-1351 or to the Seventh Day Adventist Church listed above. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.andrewsmortuary.com



HAROLD W. KUISEL

Passed away October 26, 2006, at the age of 91. Mr. Kuisel was born in Sebewaing, Michigan, in 1915. He was a resident of Plymouth since 1939 (previously of Lansing and Sebewaing). Mr. Kuisel retired in 1980 from Michigan Bell Telephone after 34 ears of service. He was an inspector, working out of the Lilly Road garage in Plymouth. Mr. Kuisel was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth; the Michigan Bell Pioneers Club, and the Michigan Conservation Club. He loved gardening, stamp collecting, bowling, and traveling with his wife. He especially loved woodworking and working with his bands. He was married for 48 years to the late Effie Louise. He is the beloved father of Mary F. (Tommy) Ward, Jeanne E. Kuisel, Harold W 'Buck" (Ruth "Toot") Kuisel Jr., and Marvin G. Kuisel. Dear grandfather of Harold W. (Noum-Teni) Kuisel III Kevin Scott Kuisel, Jon Russell Kuisel, Dana Darlene (Dean) Sitar, and Dwayne Drew Ward. Great-grandfather of Holly Nichole Ward, Alexander Michael, Steven Scott, and Grace Taylor Kuisel. Brother of the late Melvin Kuisel and the late Aldine Gaeth. Brother-in-law of Dorothy Kuisel and the late Arnold Gaeth. Son of the late Henry and Katherine (Jacob) Kuisel. Also survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral service will be Tuesday, 1pm, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Monday, 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, or Hospice of Michigan (Livingston County Branch).

ROSALIE T. ROTTMAN

Age 68. Formerly of Livonia, Died October 24, 2006. Beloved wife of Robert. Loving mother of the late Michael, Janet (Ken) Shureb, Mark (Rachel) Rottman, Sarah Thomason, and Beth Rottman. Loving Grandmother of Paula (Justin) Higdon, Diane, Theresa, Laura, Connie (Paul) Watson, Christine, Mackenzie, Edward and Krystal. Great-grandmother of Dalton and Delila. Dear sister of Sharon (Ed) Dutka. Memorial service to be held at a later date.



with Gerald Ford. Betty and Ted moved from Detroit to Farmington in 1945 to raise their three children. In Farmington, Betty was a founding member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and contributed her sewing and knitting expertise to many charity groups. Both she and her husband were life members of the Meadowbrook Country Club. She actively supported the United States Humane Society and the National Wildlife Federation throughout her life and loved every type of animal and bird. Her family was of the utmost importance to her. She is survived by her sons, Harvey Edwin Jr. of Sebastopol, California and Robert Mercer of Atlanta, Georgia. She also has a son-in-law, Ronald L. Trow bridge of Houston, Texas and daughter-in-law, Lucinda Scales Chapman of Atlanta, Georgia. Her grandchildren include Andrew Lee Trowbridge and his wife, Katie of Athens, Georgia; Elizabeth Trowbridge of San Francisco, California; Katharine Chapman, Alexander Chapman, and Austin Chapman of Atlanta; Georgia. Great grandchildren include Loren Trowbridge, Stefani Trowbridge and Scott Trowbridge, all of Houston, Texas and Madeline Mercer Trowbridge of Athens, Georgia. There will be a family gathering in Atlanta over the Thanksgiving holidays to celebrate her life. A service at the first Presbyterian Church of Farmington will be held in December with a communicant of the ashes. The family asks that contributions be made in her name to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20037.

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KATHERINE S. WARREN

Formerly of Livonia, died October 24, 2006, at 88 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Warren, Sr.; loving mother of Arthur L. (Carol Ann) Warren, Jr., and Kathleen B. Warren. Dear grandmother of Eugene, Arthur M., Katharine, and Jacqueline. Great grandmother of Kegan, Andrew, and Arthur J. Also survived by her sister, Edith Quincy. Funeral service was held Saturday, October 28, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To send a private condolence, select "guestbook" at

www.coatsfuneralhome.com

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Halloween monsters can traumatize young children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

When Susan Kurtzman's 11-year old grandson was younger, he was frightened by people whose faces were hidden by masks. He wouldn't even answer the door with her to pass out candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

Henry Traurig, a psychologist at the Birmingham Maple Clinic, says it's not unusual for children to be scared of people in monster costumes. A wise parent censors the imagery until a child is capable of understanding. While some children are not bothered by frightening creatures, others can be traumatized as young children from birth to about age 7 are unable to separate reality from fantasy.

Kurtzman's grandson eventually did go trick-or-treating, but refused to wear a mask.

"The fact that they are frightened is perfectly normal. It's not necessarily a symptom of some deep anxiety problem, but children being frightened of the world," said Traurig. "We need to pay attention and not push that child. The child isn't ready.

That's not a failure.

"It's important to enjoy an evening like a Halloween but it's important to keep in mind a child's understanding is very different than an adult.

Ages 8 to 13 are lively and robust and ready to attack the night. They're ready to be very courageous and brave. For them it's a fun and lively experience particularly if parents allow them to stay out till dark."

Although Traurig's children, now ages 17 and 21, are too old to go trick-or-treating, he was very cautious when they were younger. He never dressed them as bees or pumpkins and carried them from door to door.

"I think it's mostly fun for the parents," said Traurig. "Part of what we do in this culture is to rush them in, 1- and 2-year-olds, so they won't miss out. We don't think about pretecting childhood, but more

about bringing the child into every facet of the culture. It's cute, but not necessary. A 2-year-old gets a little

bit out of it. If parents are inclined to take a 3-year-old because they want to start to bring them into the fun of this take them to only a few familiar houses, grandma and grandpa's house. For even a 4-year-old it's





just a joyous experience rather than a experience that is

intimidating or threatening. We forget that fun but scary-looking inflatables in front of a house can be very overwhelming to little ones."

Michelle Kees is not going to take her 7month-old son Andrew trick-or-treating, but is planning to dress him in a dragon costume for a party and helicopter candy drop at his childcare center. Kees, a child psychologist, says she realizes "he's not going to understand, but thought it was important for him to be with his little friends."

"He's too young to go trick or treating," said Michelle Kees, a Ph.D. and clinical assistant professor, University of Michigan Medical School, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Ann Arbor. Kees sees children from ages 3 to 18, and specializes in childhood anxiety and traumatic events.

"My personal opinion is children under 2 can't participate because they're not going to get it and they can't eat the candy. It's OK for 2 to 3year-olds and even 4 to take them to select homes, people you know in the neighborhood. I think it can be scary to go up to a random home and a child can be frightened."

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Healthy living campaign seeks essays for contest

In connection with its new national and local "What Moves U" campaign designed to promote physical fitness and healthy living among youth, the American Heart Association, Detroit Lions and Aquafina are conducting an essay contest for sixth- to eighth-graders attending school in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The contest asks students to explain what inspires them to be physically active on a regular basis. Two winners will be chosen from each grade level and will receive four tickets to the Dec. 10 Detroit Lions game at Ford Field vs. the Minnesota Vikings.

This multi-pronged campaign was developed by the American Heart Association and the National Football

League in response to reports which state that 11 million kids in the United States are overweight, and 13 million kids are at risk for being overweight. "What Moves U" messages will appear in radio, television, and public service announcements including movie theater advertising and in the Internet. Other key components of the campaign include an activation kit for middle schools created by teachers for teachers, and a Web site for kids -

whatmovesu.com. Essays must be typed using 12-point font and 300-500 words. Only one essay submission per person and must include official entry form. Entries must be received by Nov. 10. All essays become the property of the American Heart Association, the Detroit

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Lions, and Aquafina. Entries may be reprinted in educational publications and used to promote future "What Moves

U" essay contests. Winners will be notified the week of Nov. 20 and will be invited to attend a winner's reception at Ford Field prior to the game Dec. 10.

Essays should be mailed to What Moves U Essay Contest, 24445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075.

For more information or to download an official entry form, visit the American Heart Association's Web site at americanheart.org and type in "essay contest" in the search engine, or call (248) 827-4214, Ext. 461. Entry forms are also available for download at detroitlions.com.

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be traumatic for a young child. Kees says intense experiences like meeting Mickey Mouse at Disneyworld or the Wolverine sport mascot at a football game can be scary. On her niece's third birthday, the child cried through the entire party because everyone was beating and destroying a Clifford pinata. The 3-yearold loved the Big Red Dog and was traumatized.

Kees offers this advice for preventing such jolting experiences from occurring especially on Halloween.

"As a young baby Andrew probably won't have the same fear as a 2- or 3-year-old," said Kees. "Parents should think about where the child is developmentally. Make it a day that's about fun and celebration. You can do this with all ages. When Andrew is 2 or 3 I will probably take him to a few of the houses around the neighborhood.

"Elementary-age kids can understand what Halloween means. It becomes a social activity. As far as whether to go trick-or-treating or not it is a personal decision, a family decision. Parents need to know their own child and watch them in that situation. If they start getting uncomfortable, scared, tired then modify. Don't make them go to every single house if they're pulling them along in a Red Flyer."

Parents should talk with older children beforehand about the importance of staying in a group, according to the American College of **Emergency Physicians.** Traurig, Kees and the ER physicians all recommend that children be accompanied by a parent or other adult while collecting candy. Forbid children from accepting rides from strangers or visiting unfamiliar homes.

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"Ask them (the monster) to take off their mask, 'said Kees. "My nieces understand dress up. The 4- to 6-year-old range can begin to under-

"Before bed do something pleasant. Halloween is a fun exciting time. Get the child back into a normal routine by taking a bath, cuddling with favorite story to wrap the night up so their sleep is not disrupted. When scarv things happen it can prevent us from

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Melissa from Waterford says her husband smokes around their children and e-mails asking about the possible health risks.

Melissa, that is a huge nono! Absolutely no one should be smoking around your children, or anyone else's, for that matter. A new report by the U.S. Surgeon General found there is no safe level of secondhand smoke. The study also found when non-smokers are exposed to tobacco smoke, their risk of developing lung cancer and heart disease increases by 20 percent to 30 percent. That number includes even just a brief exposure to the smoke.

This is really bad news since nearly half of non-smokers are exposed to secondhand smoke on a regular basis. And, it's even worse for children! Expose them to secondhand smoke and it increases their risk of sudden infant death syndrome, asthma attacks, and lung and ear infections.

So, my best advice is to try and stay away from places that allow smoking. Sit in the nonsmoking section of restaurants and, definitely, try to get your loved ones and friends to quit!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter at www.peternielsen.com. You can also reach him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield at (248) 855-0345 or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield at (248) 358-4200. Catch him daily on WDIV-NBC/TV4 and WWJ News Radio 950.

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First impressions: JVS offers speedy, successful networking

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Networking's the way to go when looking for a job. Karol Friedman, vice president for career development and employment services at Jewish Vocational Services, can attest to that.

JVS held a networking event, "Speed Networking," Oct. 10 at its Southfield headquarters.

"It was modeled after the Speed Dating concept. We had about 24 job seekers and 19 individuals from businesses who were willing to share their networks." This was the first time JVS held such an event.

"If you could see my grin, you would know it was just such an energizing event, it really was," Friedman said.

"They had three minutes to present themselves." The job seekers were asked to describe their job target and skills. Each asked the business representatives if they knew someone who could help them network in the community.

'We asked the employer contacts who were here to put on their creative thinking hats." Who could assist this person in finding a job was the key question, Friedman explained.

The networking event at JVS got results. More than 100 names and phone numbers as resource contacts, three-four per person, resulted. "They circulated from one perIf you'd like to participate, call (248) 559-5000 for information, and ask to speak to an employment specialist. Services are not limited by income, religion or race.

son to the next." The job seekers appreciated the opportunity, and JVS staff hopes to repeat the endeavor.

"I hope so, probably late spring will be the next one," Friedman said.

If you'd like to participate, call (248) 559-5000 for information, and ask to speak to an employment specialist. Services are not limited by income, religion or race.

"Anybody can use our services, even if they're employed," she said.

JVS had evaluation forms for employers, and got a good response. "Employers were very impressed." Even those who consider themselves tough interviewers were impressed, Friedman said.

'There wasn't the pressure of interviewing for a job or trying to carve out a job lead."

One businesswoman ran a catering business, and met a job seeker with a degree in nutrition. That seeker was advised to use that expertise "to get in the door from a different angle," Friedman said.

"It was kind of a broadening experience for everybody involved. It gave the job seekers an opportunity to talk about themselves and ask for advice. It was just phenomenal."

Sue Falk of Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke Realtors in Rochester was among participating employers. The sales manager found the experience rewarding. "I enjoyed the opportunity to work once again with the JVS and also to gain exposure for my company," Falk said.

Falk was impressed with the quality of applicants' education and experience levels as they spoke of themselves. She agreed that job applicants must be able to introduce their job objective and experience quickly.

"The first candidate does not get too long to make that first impression," Falk said. Her function was to listen, evaluate and offer feedback to candidates and JVS staff, and she liked what she saw from both.

"The JVS program is certainly training the importance of speaking in specifics and that tone and image are also important," Falk said. She added the JVS "Speed Networking" was better for job seekers than leaving a resume at a job fair booth.

JVS can be reached online at jvsdet.org.







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Fair housing kudos laud effort, achievements

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit and sponsors recently presented the Fair Housing Leadership Awards **Reception at The Renaissance** Club in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

Those honored at the ninth annual reception were: Jack Maddox, retired owner, J.H. Maddox and Co.; Patricia McMillan, owner, Supportive Alternative Living; Barbara Talley, former Southfield councilwoman and founder/former co-director of the Oakland County Open Housing Center; Ann Wettlaufer, founder and former co-director of the Oakland County Open Housing Center. The Marvin Thomas Service Award was presented to a retired FHC fair housing tester, Joyce Mittenthal.

Maddox was denied participation in the real estate industry in the early part of his career in the 1950s and beyond due to being black, said Cliff Schrupp, executive director of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

That began to change for the better in the late 1970s and 1980s as more black professionals gained greater acceptance in the field.

Talley and Wettlaufer were also present at the reception as was Maddox.

"They did a lot of work with

dence for up to two years.

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people in the housing industry in Oakland County," Schrupp said of the two women who founded the center, now closed.

Also honored and present was McMillan, a social worker who helped people with disabilities find housing. Often, complaints involving disabilities don't get referred to the center, Schrupp said, as people find another place to live.

Mittenthal, retired as a tester, was unable to attend the reception. Her name can be used now that she's retired and no longer a tester.

"They go out posing as home seekers." Testers compare to see if race/religion variables made a difference in how they were treated.

"Sometimes there is and sometimes there isn't," Schrupp said of discrimination. Evidence can support a claim if a lawsuit is pursued.

"A wonderful evening," Schrupp said of the reception. "We had about 120 people there, a lot of people from the housing industry. It was a nice evening, a good chance for people to get together and recognize some people who've done good things."

The center's been around nearly 30 years to promote fair housing issues, and Schrupp has seen improvement.

"Especially in the rental indus-

try." The situation used to be worse for African Americans, and the center has pursued nearly 400 lawsuits, many against apartment complexes.

"Many of those complexes have now started fair housing training for their employees."

Current figures show improvement: some 65 percent showed more favorable treatment for

work, 35-40 percent now see differences. "We don't pick up a lot of differences based on sex." Most relate to race and disabilities, he

"Those are the two major ones." The center also sees some against people with children, Schrupp added. By Julie Brown

attorney Jim Rasor, principal of the Rasor Law Firm in Royal Oak, agreed.

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The idea of having an open house obviously is to find a buyer for your house or condo. Here are some important tips remember when holding your house open: You should not be there. Many times sellers think they should be in their house or condo because they feel that they are the best equipped to answer questions about

their home. However, buyers feel very uneasy looking through someone's house. when the owner is there. Buyers will be uncomfortable looking inside closets and such if you are right there. If they don't examine everything inside and outside the house or condo that they feel is important them, they won't make an offer on your house.

Another reason to not be there is that keeping your motivation hidden from buyers is usually important. If you are there talking to them, one of the first questions you will get, is why are you selling. It could be that you bought another house, and you now have two mortgages. However, if the buyers learn that you are very motivated to sell, you may get a very low offer.

What is the point? Don't be there during the open house! It's the job of your Realtor to conduct it. Turn all the lights on.

People don't feel good about being in a house



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that is dark. It seems gloomy. Make sure all the lights are turned on A Buying a house is an emotional decision. Buyers need to feel good about the house that they are viewing, and not feel like it's a dungeon.

Make sure that the house is uncluttered. The more "stuff" you have in the rooms the smaller they will appear. It's important to have some furniture in 🖇 the rooms in order for the house or condo to seem homey. The house shouldn't look cluttered.

The house should be clean. This may seem obvious. Vacuuming and dusting costs virtually no money to do, but it can end up costing you a lot of money if you don't do it.

I often tell buyers that I am leading in an open house, that they can clean a house themselves. That it's the structure and things that could cost them significant money to change that really matter. However, buying is an emotional experience. If they don't have a good feeling in the house, you will not get a good offer. Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with Real Estate One. He has an M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. Please call him at (734) 748-9621 or email

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Lease option offers equity building diately, lock in the purchase price SkyLofts MarketSquare in Royal Oak now offers a lease option that and benefit from lower initial costs, compared to the down paywill enable loft buyers to apply half their monthly payments as equity ment and closing costs on an outright purchase. The rent credit toward the purchase of their resi-50 percent in this case – more than and are waiting to sell their former offsets the tax benefits of interest home.'

> and property tax deductions that ownership confers."

"The lease option lets people

enjoy their luxury loft while building up equity which amounts to the down payment on their mortgage," Schultz said. "It also works very well for people who have to move

Schultz said lease options are often advantageous for people in the middle of a divorce. Royal Oak

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CREW luncheon

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The luncheon will have 11 a.m. registration/networking, noon lunch/program

Cost is \$45 for members and \$60 for nonmembers. Register online at www.crewdetroit.org or contact Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or meganc@crewnetwork.org. Prepayment and preregistration required.

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This free seminar is for you if your credit score is holding you back from buying a home, you've been turned down for a mortgage or loan, can't pay off those collection accounts or want to improve your score but don't know how. The seminar is 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

Career exploration

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Plymouth office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth Another Career Seminar will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at at the Livonia office, located at 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Find out about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements. RSVP: Plymouth: (734) 459-4700, Livonia: (734) 266-9000.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering: Effective Business Management Seminar, "An Introduction to Land Development Using Other People's Money" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at BIA headquar-

ters, 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) 862-1033.

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.

Sales & Marketing Council

will present "Essential Closing Strategies" seminar 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Charter One Bank in the Backman Center, 1250 W. 14 Mile in Troy. Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates will be the instructor. The course is part of the Master Certified Sales Professional series. Fee is \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor a "Super Leasing Extravaganza" 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 10, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover the entire leasing process. Fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

BIA will sponsor a lien law seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 14, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The focus is "What's New in Michigan Construction." Fee is \$50 for BIA members, \$75 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

"How To Sell, Serve and Succeed" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The Radisson Hotel, 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. This is presented by the Sales & Marketing Council and will feature Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates. Fee is \$45 for SMC members, \$65 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

"Off-Site Project Management" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar, part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor series, will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of **Builder Professional Services** Group Inc. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Field Superintendent course on "Safety and Security" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 21, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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