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Hot Halloween Scare up a great costume

This week in PINK





Stay the course

October offers many temptations from tailgate parties to Halloween candy. It's a time to resolve to stay on course and stay healthy.

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Duct Tape Diet

Going strong after 42 years of continuous radio broadcasting in Detroit, Bob Allison's Ask Your Neighbor program will showcase authors of The Duct Tape Diet in a Canton book signing 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Allison and his producer/co-host son Rob will participate with registered dietitian Theresa Malysz and her husband, Len, to sign copies of their book at the Holiday Market on South Lilley Road and Cherry Hill during the store's Octoberfest day of food tasting, unadvertised specials and family fun.

The Malyszes field questions on all matters relating to healthy eating and weight loss. Visitors to their book signing will receive free food-record forms and

"Caution -Carbs/Calories" paper tape to help keep their food villains under control - a key factor in the book's duct tape solution to weight loss.

Theresa Malysz brings with her more than 10 years of nutritional counseling experience in hospitals throughout the metro area and currently advises kidney/pancreas transplant patients at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. She also works with a surgeon specializing in laproscopic surgery to help obese patients lose weight through a minimallyinvasive approach to stomach reduction.

Questions regarding the Canton event can be answered by calling (734) 844-2200.



Pattie Sielski and Derrick Brow from Red Robin (in Westland) sing happy birthday to Debbie Malone during the taste fest fund-raiser for the Canton Community Foundation at Emagine Theater Thursday evening.

An example of teamwork

CCF, Emagine partner to raise money for projects

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

At least 700 people filled the giant lobby of the new Emagine Theater in Canton Thursday night as part of a second grand opening celebration for the megaplex.

The evening was sponsored by Emagine and the Canton Community Foundation and featured 12 restaurants offering food samples. Tickets were \$35 each or \$100 for four.

CCF President Joan Noricks was unsure how much money the event raised as of Friday morning, but expected it would be several thou-

The food was donated to the CCF and the tickets also allowed patrons a chance to see one or two movies.

inis is a great event for the community," said Paul Glantz, one of two principal owners of Emagine. "The Canton Community Foundation has done an exceptional job in planning and organizing this event."

Emagine donated the entire 18screen facility for the CCF and pro-



Restaurant characters entertained young and old alike at the Canton Community Foundation event Thursday evening.

vided entertainment as well. "They have been very generous," Noricks

Emagine actually opened Oct. 1

PLEASE SEE EMAGINE, A11

CHV event planners seeking volunteers

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

The "firsts" keep coming for Cherry

The First Annual Christmas in the Village will be held the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving.

And the organizers are seeking many volunteers to help with the event.

"I think we need at least 120 volunteers for Friday night and all day Saturday. We can use adults, and high school kids, too," organizer Jami Jenkins said.

The Christmas event includes tours of eight CHV homes and lots of free stuff, food tents, and events at the Village Theater.

Jenkins met with Canton arts coordinator Jennifer Tobin more than a year ago to propose the Victorian-themed weekend.

"We are trying for an old-fashioned, Victorian flavor for the weekend," Jenkins said.

A tour of eight of the homes in the Village will be held Friday, Nov. 26, from 5-9 p.m. Home tour tickets are available at Holiday Market on Lilley, Feather Your Nest Antiques on Ford Road (just past Napier), at The Summit and at the Canton Community Foundation office in the Human Services building across from the theater.

Tour tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of the event.

Proceeds from the home tours will benefit the Canton Community Foundation, an organization whose home is in the Human Services Building in Cherry Hill Village, Joan Noricks, CCF president, likes the idea of Christmas in the Village.

"I think the whole concept of people coming together as a community to welcome other people newer to the community to benent our organization is a refreshing idea. It is very nice that these homeowners will be opening their doors to others (to raise money)," Noricks said.

Saturday will feature free events starting at noon and concluding with a tree

PLEASE SEE CHV, A11

Canton man, 23, is charged in sexual abuse case

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

A 23-year-old Canton resident faces a preliminary exam Oct. 29 in 35th District Court on three counts of criminal sexual conduct and three counts of possessing child sexually abusive mate-

Robert John Hadous, a substitute teacher at Dearborn High School, was arraigned Oct. 13 in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Judge Michael Gerou remanded him to the Wayne County Jail without bond.

He was arrested Oct. 12 by Dearborn police following an intense investigation by numerous members of the department after a complaint was filed by various students who attend school

in Dearborn.

The students made allegations of sexual predatory behavior directed toward them by Hadous, according to Dearborn police.

"We received a report on Thursday, Oct. 7. late in the evening," Dearborn Detective Sgt. Patti Augustyn said. "Based on our investigation, we secured search warrants. Based on the evidence we recovered and statements from victims, we obtained a three-count CSC3 charge and a three-count possession of child sexually abusive material."

Third-degree criminal sexual abuse is a 15-year felony, while the child sexually abusive material is a 20-year felony. Hadous was also arraigned in

Dearborn's 19th District Court on one charge of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. All the sexual encounters took place at Hadous' home in Canton, according to Augustyn.

"This is an ongoing multiple jurisdictional investigation, which is expected to result in additional charges," she

She said the investigation is continuing as evidence is processed in hopes of identifying other potential victims and

Canton police assisted Dearborn in the arraignment.

Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski said all the victims were from

Dearborn. "The investigation to this point does

not indicate that any Plymouth or Canton students were involved," he said. "The defendant has never taught at any Plymouth-Canton school." A release from the Dearborn police

had praise for the complainants. "At this time we would like to commend the complainants in this case who had the courage to come forth with the information necessary for this type of an investigation to be successful." it read. "Any concerned parties that may feel they were a victim or witness may contact the Dearborn Police

noon until 8 p.m. and after 8 p.m. at (313) 943-2241." Concerned parents with children in Dearborn Public Schools may contact school representative David Mustonen

Department at (313) 943-2296 from

jgladden@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

'Chamber Music Moments' starts Tuesday

The St. Clair Trio is the first to perform in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill "Chamber Music Moments" series on Tuesday, Oct, 19 at 7:30

St. Clair Trio is currently in residence at Wayne State University.

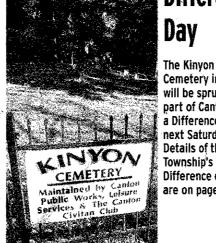
This three-performance series welcomes music lovers seeking performances that are exceptional, inspirational, and entertaining.

Future "Chamber Music Moments" performances include "Duo Forza" on Nov. 23 and "The Dearing Concert Duo" on Dec. 21.

Each "Chamber Music" performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. There are two ticket locations: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway and the

Village Theater Ticket Office. The Summit on the Park ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office will be open two hours prior to each per-

formance. For more information about the theater and to view the complete schedule, please visit www.cantonmi.org/CPAEC/about.asp.o n the Web.



Difference Day

Cemetery in Canton will be spruced up as part of Canton Make a Difference Day next Saturday. Details of the Township's Make a Difference efforts are on page A4.

Coming Thursday in Filter

at (313) 827-3006.

Rocktoberfest Some of metro Detroit's most

talented musicians are playing at the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford from Thursday, Oct. 21, to midnight Sunday, Oct. 24, to help raise money for Florida hurricane victims.



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The St. Clair Trio, formed in 1989 by renowned

pianist Pauline Martin, features Detroit Symphony string principals violinist Geoffrey Applegate and cellist Marcy Chanteaux. The

CREAMERY DEBUTS

The Cold Stone Creamery in Cherry Hill Village will hold a grand opening Saturday, Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. A percentage of the day's receipts will go to the Canton Community Foundation and the Canton Police Benevolent Fund. Call the store (734) 394-1700. The store will actually open the day before but if you

want to support Canton proj-

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS.

Saturday.

ects make your first visit

Spotlight Players (formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild) is holding open auditions for the comedy The Man Who Came to

Dinner by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman on Nov. 8 and 9 at 6:30 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton (Cherry Hill and Ridge roads). Acting roles for 15 men and 9 women ages 20 to 60, 10 choir roles for children ages 8-11 are available. Call (248) 542-1407 or visit www.spotlightplayers.net. on the Web.

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PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAIN

The Canton Department of Public Safety would like to welcome it's newest addition to the department, Chaplain Patrick Casey. Within the department, Chaplain Casey will be responsible for all public safety ceremonial duties, counseling of employees, and death notifica-



Chaplain Patrick Casey

police and fire personnel. Chaplain Casey, a Canton resident, joins Canton from the Detroit Police

tions for both

Department where he served as a chaplain for the 4th precinct. In addition, Casey also serves as a pastor at the St.

Thomas a'Becket Catholic

Church, also located here in

Chaplain Casey received his theological training from the Sacred Heart Major Seminary and is also a member of several professional organizations.

For additional information on Chaplain Casey, please view the following link http://www.rc.net/detroit/beck et/staff/casey.htm

BENNETT PICKED

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett is the new director of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, a group that aids clerks in matters of legislation, education and training. Bennett, who has been clerk since 1995, is one of seven voting members on the Canton board of trustees. She is a State Accredited Election Official and has completed state training for conducting elections.. MAMC has about 1,000 members who are clerks or deputy clerks in cities, villages, townships or counties.

SALEM LINEBACKERS

The booster club for Salem High School football, The Salem Linebackers, will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Salem cafeteria. In addition to discussing upcoming events, 2005 officer nominations will be held. Parents of current and incoming class of 2009 players should attend. Contact president Bob Kilgore for information at (734) 459-6393.

NEW BANK

TCF Bank opened a new branch in Canton earlier this month at 46140 Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center Road. TCF is known for being open seven days a week. Their lobby hours are 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Maureen Kuzich, who has been assistant manager at the Ford Road TCF branch, will be the new manager at Michigan Avenue. TCF has 60 branches in Michigan.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

Join the PCEP choirs for a night - or several nights - of music and refreshments, as they try a new concept for the fall concert.

During a coffeehouse-style presentation, each choir will have its own night to perform (with the exception of Chambers and Madrigals, who will combine). The students will sing as a choir, plus a number of auditioned individuals and small groups will perform during the evening.

The concerts will take place in the Salem cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 per person or \$8 per family. The coffeehouse schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 26 - Madrigal Singers/Chamber Choir. Wednesday, Oct. 27 -Dulcissima.

Thursday, Oct. 28 - Allegro. Friday, Oct. 29 - Park Singers.

CANTON PLACE SALE

The annual holiday bake sale and "white elephant" rummage sale at Canton Place senior housing will be held Saturday. Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. until 2

p.m. Lots of homemade cakes, pies, cookies and breads will be on sale. The Canton Place apartments are just behind the Mexican restaurant, Ford and Sheldon roads. Phone (734) 981-6420.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Salem Football Program and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club host the Salem Football Pancake Breakfast 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Salem High School Cafeteria. Diners get an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast with the Salem "Rocks" Football team. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under.

Entertainment is planned for kids and information about "Internet Safety for Children" will be distributed. Purchase advance tickets no later than Oct. 22. Ticket sales at the door will be limited. Students in the Plymouth Canton School District can obtain a flyer from the school office.

For more information, contact Linda Sorensen at (734) 476-3903.

NO PLANNERS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Canton Planning Commission set for Monday, Oct. 18, has been canceled because of a light agenda.

The next planners meeting will be Monday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Summit in the Chestnut Room.



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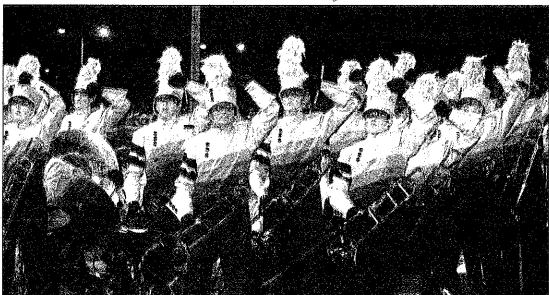
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PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Trombonists add choreography to their performance of 'The Train Man Cometh' at the Great Lakes Americana Marching



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P-CEP, Franklin put on marching band spectacular

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

The combined efforts of two competitive high school marching bands made for one spectacular invitational as the Plymouth-Canton and Livonia Franklin music boosters hosted the Great Lakes Americana Marching Band Competition at the P-CEP stadium Saturday.

"This has been a lot of work, but it came together really well," said Dan Woods. He and wife Angela were Livonia cochairs of the event. "And it looks like we have a pretty doggone good turnout.'

Indeed they did. More than 3,000 packed the stands as 25 Michigan bands from as far away as Jenison on the west side strutted their musical marching talent at what turned out to be one of the largest competitions in the state this season.

The combined invitational was an idea that formulated quickly when identical dates were handed out by the Michigan Competing Bands Association last January to the two schools less than 10 miles apart. Efforts, expenses and revenues that both bands' budgets depend heavily on were split down the middle.

"We had more than 200 band booster parents from both schools working on the show," said Rick Paffenroth. He and Kathy Cox served as Plymouth-Canton co-chairs. "Just the cooperation and the goodwill that has been created between our bands and our communities have made it all worth it."

And the pageantry of 25 approximately 10-minute, colorful, dramatic, musical, marching productions made it worthwhile for the enthusiastic band fans, frequently on their feet with standing ovations.

Both host bands played in judged exhibition. P-CEP Director Marc



Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters prepare to release a bevy of black and yellow balloons — a tradition at their home invitational — before the P-CEP marchers begin their performance on Saturday at the P-CEP stadium.

Whitlock was pleased with his band's performance of "The Train Man Cometh," a show depicting the power of a locomotive.

"They did a pretty amazing job." he said of his 187 marchers. "The show is nearly complete, but is still very new for the students. They learned the last third of the show with music and drill in the last three-and-a-half days."

"I thought we did really well with the closer," said clarinetist Lindsay Gerst, a Salem sophomore. "It still needs work and concentration is really impor-

Canton senior Doug McKelvey, one of the trumpet soloists, felt Saturday's performance was a great runthrough of the nearly completed show.

"We're working on the ending now," he said. "We've spent countless hours learning choreography, but it is worth it. I think it makes it more exciting and that is where bands are leaning now. It definitely adds to the crowd's enjoy-

Salem senior Brittany Weiss, colorguard captain, believes this year's show is the most difficult of her four

years. "But I like this show more because the work shows power. We definitely work harder and the movements are sharper, very powerful."

That power will also be exhibited in the marchers' fast pace according to Whitlock.

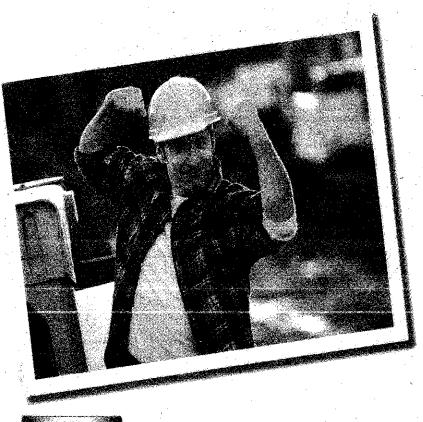
"Right now the kids are moving up to 152 beats per minute," he said. "That's not top speed yet. The end of the second and third movements will be up to around 172 to 180 beats per minute. That means the marchers will take 180 steps in one minute; that's three steps per second. Once we are up to that speed, it will add a lot to the show."

The host bands joined boosters and officials from both schools along with State Senator Laura Toy of the Sixth District assisted in presenting awards at Saturday's competition. First-place trophies went to South Lyon, Flight I; Jenison, Flight II; Ferndale, Flight III; and Durand, Flight IV (Flights are determined by school enrollment with Flight I the largest schools). Other Observer-area bands included Westland John Glenn, fourth and Livonia Stevenson, fifth in Flight I; and Farmington Harrison, second in Flight III.



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Absentee ballots will be counted Nov. 2

Those absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 general election will be counted.

That was the message from Canton Clerk Terry Bennett last week after her office received a phone call from a woman asking about the process.

The caller said her elderly mother had voted absentee, then they received a prerecorded message on their answering machine telling them to vote at the polls because absentee ballots

would not be counted.

The woman's caller ID showed the calling number as "unavailable" and there was no indication as to who made the call. Bennett said she heard later that similar messages had been left at residences outside Canton.

"Your absentee ballot will be counted," Bennett said Thursday as she was processing a bin of incoming ballots. "If it wouldn't, we've been doing an awful lot of work for nothing."

DEATHS

John E. Allison, 93, of Livonia, died 0ct. 9.

Vincent D. Collins of Westland, died Oct. 11.

Javna B. DiGiovanni, 18, of Rochester, died Oct. 8. Barbara Lee Donelson, 56, of Canton, died Oct. 12. John Thomas Dufour, 86, died Oct.

Lois Frank, 82, died Oct. 8.

Sarah H. Gemmell, of Westland, died

Caroline C. Gigliotti, 87, of Rockford, lowa, formerly of Rochester Hills and Birmingham, died Oct. 6.

FOR THE RECORD

William Hamilton, 91, of Clarkston, died Oct. 12.

David A. Klei, 39, of Livonia, died Oct. 10. Michael A. Kloosterman, 55, of Brighton, died Oct. 12 Lois Ellen Kluver, 68, died Oct. 6. Anna Marie "Peg" Kordenbrock. 86. died Oct. 13. Roy A. Kramer, 67, of Farmington

Yolande Loiko, 82, died Oct. 7.

Hills, died Oct. 13.

For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life

section in Passages on page C5.

Bryon Leo McNairy, 26, of Southfield, formerly of Redford, Vern McNeven, 81, of Westland, formerly of Garden City, died Oct. 13. Elizabeth Milatz died Oct. 10.

Mary Sharrar, 63, died Oct. 14. J. James "Jim" Stevens, 69, of Oakland Twp., died Oct. 10.

Raymond John Sutton, 67, died Oct.

Karoly Szabo, 95, died Oct. 12.

Theresa A. Weeks, 87, of Redford Twp., died Oct. 12. William R. Whitson, 75, of Westland, died Oct. 11. Dorothy Elizabeth Platt Wood, 89, of Plymouth, died Oct. 11. Florence E. Woodcock, 82, of Livonia, died Oct. 11.

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Cemetery cleanup part of 'Difference' days

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Canton Township Parks and Recreation will sponsor a cleanup at Kinyon Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 23. This event is co-sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitans and is part of the nationwide Make a Difference Day.

Last year it was drizzling and organizers weren't sure the event would be held.

"Everyone had a blast even though we all got wet," Doug Buchanan of the Civitans said.

The township sends help in the form of a Parks' cemetery expert, Gregg King. Also church groups, families and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts usually aid in the cleanup. The township will provide a Dumpster for trash and leaves.

"We are trying to keep up the appearance of Kinyon. It is already looking very nice, we feel," Buchanan said.

Organize your groups' involvement by contacting Pat VanDusen at (734) 394-5193 or

email her at pvandusen@canton-mi.org

Please dress according to the weather and wear gloves and boots and bring a rake. Take Ann Arbor Road West to Ridge Road, turn left (south), go 0.4 miles to Gyde Road. The cemetery is on the corner of Ridge and Gyde roads in the township's northwest corner. Both

Gyde and Ridge are dirt roads. You will see some Canton landmark names on the tombstones including Hannan, Hanford, McClumpha, Bartlett and, yes, Kinyon. Go to the Internet at

www.interment.net/data/us/mi /wayne/kinyon/ for a full list of those buried there.

This is one of three Make a Difference Day events on two different weekends. The following weekend, Saturday, Oct. 30, the Michigan Military Moms and the Canton Goodfellows will hold events.

The Michigan Military Moms and Canton Township will collect A T & T International phone cards for American servicemen/women currently in the Armed Forces. Groups and individuals are encouraged to drop off the (activated, international) phone cards on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Summit in the lobby.

The cards will go in holiday packages to men and women in the Armed Forces overseas. The local Military Moms group consists of Plymouth and Canton residents.

The Canton Goodfellows will kick-off their season with a drop-off at the Summit in the lobby on the same day from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

The Goodfellows accepts new tovs, new socks and non-perishable foods.

At the traditional Salute to Service (veterans and Armed Forces event) Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Summit, the Moms will also be collecting phone cards.

In 2003, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns, according the Make a Difference Day Web site.

Canton man loses pharmacy license

The Michigan Department of Community Health has suspended the pharmacist license of a Canton resident.

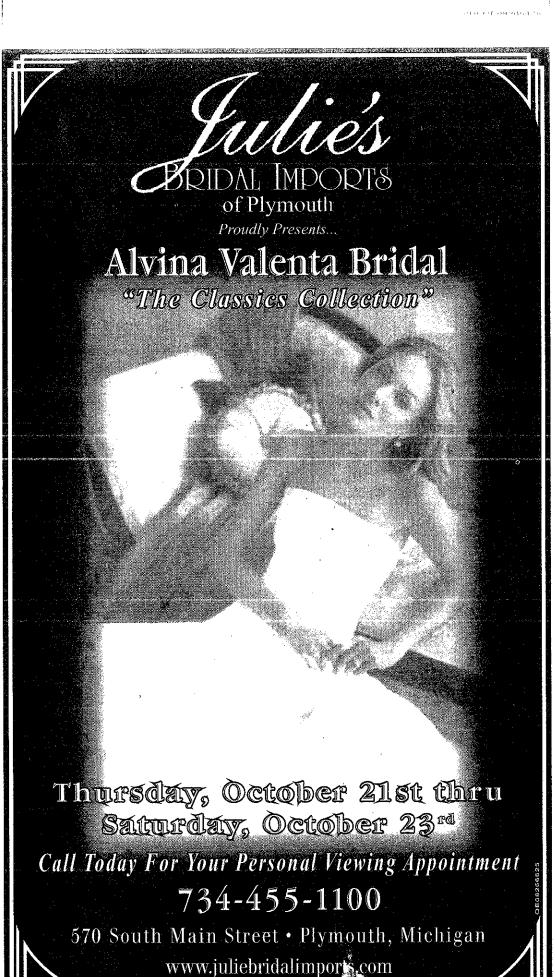
According to a spokesman for the MDCH, the license of Joseph Paul Licari was suspended based on his felony conviction in the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Wayne County.

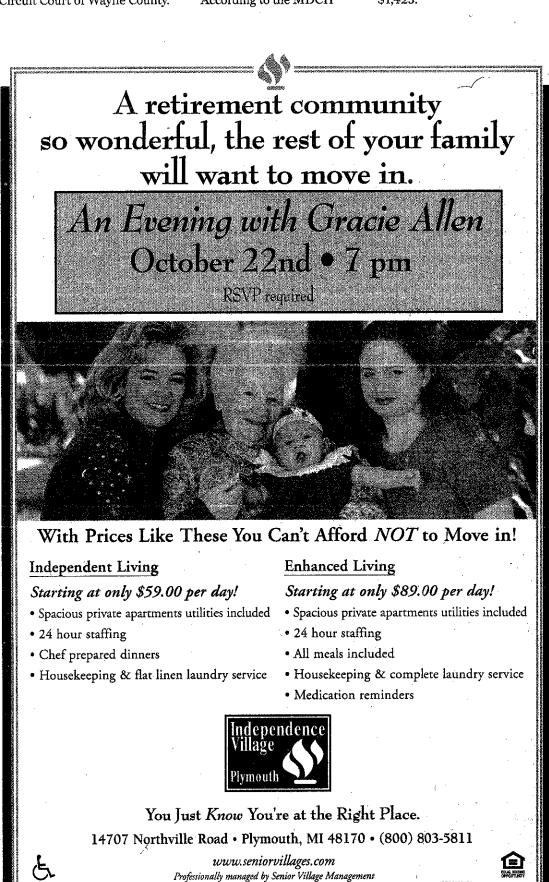
Licari failed to notify MDCH of the conviction, as required by the public health code, according to MDCH.

"His license is suspended right now pending a hearing," said T.J. Bucholz of the MDCH. "The hearing has not yet been scheduled."

According to the MDCH

Licari pleaded guilty on April 21 to prescription form-manufacturing delivery for fraudulently dispensing controlled substances to his wife. He was placed on probation with terms including a probation period of six months, and was ordered to pay fines and costs totaling





Light beacons offered free to seniors by police

The Canton Police Department is making emergency beacons available to seniors (65 or older) who reside in Canton. To be eligible for the free emergency beacons, seniors must live in a house, condo

or manufactured home. With the flip of a switch, the emergency beacon becomes a flashing beacon that can be used to help police, fire, and rescue personnel quickly identify locations where assis-

The emergency beacon is an ordinary light bulb that can fit into any standard light fixture.

In an emergency, senior residents would simply flip their light switch two times and this would activate the emergency beacon feature.

Emergency beacons can be picked up at the Canton Police Department or at the front desk of the Summit Senior Center.



Voters who wanted a chance to see candidates for the seat in the state House last Monday night at The Summit in Canton.



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20th hopefuls square off in forum

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

20th District got their chance

Incumbent John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and Northville attorney Marc Corriveau took questions from the audience for nearly an hour in a candidates'

League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. The 20th includes a small

part of Canton Township, mostly the homes east of

The forum also featured candidates for the 21st House seat, representing Canton Township. Incumbent Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) seeks reelection there, challenged by Democrat Ralph Mayer of Belleville.

Stewart is seeking his third, and final, term as a state representative. Corriveau, a Democrat, seeks his first elective office. The pair faced off in what, for the most part, was a cordial debate on several issues.

Stewart touted a 100-percent attendance record and a 99-percent voting record, saying he's made 4,886 roll call votes. He is a four-year member of the house appropriations committee.

Corriveau, who grew up in Westland, said his "No. 1 issue is health care."

The first point of con-

tention came when Stewart was asked why he voted against Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to collect county taxes early in an effort to balance the state budget. Had the measure been defeated, some say, state revenue

sharing would have been cut. At the time, Stewart called that "a bluff," and he reiterated his position Monday.

"I vote my district," Stewart said. "There was no question revenue sharing was never going to be cut."

Corriveau saw it differently. "This was a partisan vote, and (Stewart) let his district down," Corriveau said.

On other issues: ■ Term limits — Stewart favors extending them and said he's working on legislation to get the idea on the ballot for a vote of the people. Corriveau agreed "some adjustment needs to be done" to the six-year limit for state representatives, but said "we have a term limit. It's called

■ Same-sex marriages -Stewart said he believes a marriage is "one man, one woman," touting his own quarter-century marriage to his wife, Beth. Corriveau agreed, but said he also "believes in civil rights" for same-sex couples.

Lifting the cap on charter schools — Stewart, pointing to some 39,000 students in the districts he represents, said simply, "No. I vote the best interests of those 39,000 students." Corriveau said he supports public schools; the problem is inequitable funding. "We need to focus on funding the public schools we have ... to give all our children a quality education."

■ "No-reason" absentee voting - A proposal to allow absentee voting without having to give a reason, as is required now. "I support anything we can do to encourage citizen involvement in the election process," Stewart said. Corriveau agreed, saying, "The right to vote is

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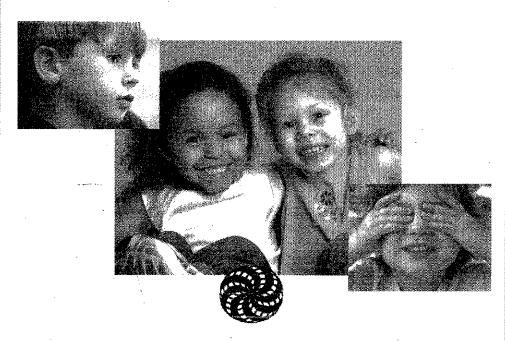
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Changes have English as a second language program thriving

In Plymouth-Canton, 683 students are learning English as a second language and they can take up to seven years to learn enough English to thrive in school.

Several changes involving how English is taught to these students have been put into place for the 2004-2005 school year. The biggest change is its name, which has been changed from English as a Second Language (ESL) to English Language Learners (ELL).

Martha Giles, English language learners program director, gave a presentation at the Oct. 12 school board meeting.

"We've made some wonderful changes this year," Giles said to the

In some elementary buildings, there is one para-professional on duty providing in-class support for English language learners. Classroom teachers plan their lessons around the staff member as

The buildings with one ELL paraprofessional per building include Eriksson, Farrand, Fiegel, Field, Gallimore, Allen and Hoben.

In other elementary buildings without high concentrations of ELL students, the teachers are assigned to multiple buildings and either go directly into classrooms with the students or take the students out of class. The remaining elementary buildings are expected to also get one ELL paraprofessional each by next year.

Another change this year is that high school ELL students are stepping up to help the younger students. They are fulfilling their Close-Up (civics class) community service requirements by helping younger students learn English, Giles said.

The 683 English language learner students only encompass 3.7 percent of the total student population, including preschoolers. The No Child Left Behind Act mandates that these students must be tracked.

One way the students are tracked is through the application process. There is a question asking whether a language other than English is spoken in the home. Those answering "yes" must take an assessment test determining their proficiency in English. Students scoring less than

enrolled in the learning program.

As the students progress and score 60 percent or higher on the Woodcock-Munoz assessment test, they are considered graduates of the program. After leaving the program, however, the district still monitors their success.

"After they graduate from the program, we look at them for two years to see if they're still continuing to be successful in school," Giles said. It can take up to seven years for an ELL student to fully grasp the "academic language" even if they have long been proficient in speaking socially with friends, she added.

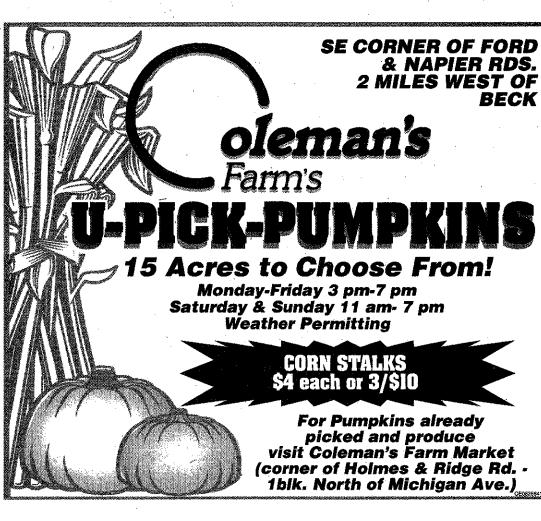
Trustees had some ELL stories and comments of their own.

"I'm very pleased to hear the feedback already," said trustee Richard

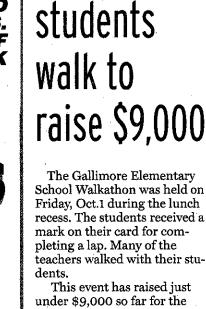
Trustee Joanne Lamar said that years ago, a young daughter brought a friend home who spoke only Japanese. The girl wound up learning English at an alarming rate, Lamar added.

The five most common primary languages spoken by ELL students include Arabic, spoken in African and Middle Eastern countries; Urdu, spoken widely in Pakistan; Gujerati and Punjabi, both dialects in India and Spanish.

The district's total budget for teaching English as a second language is \$556,571 including \$60,000 from the state and \$87,000 from the federal government. The remaining \$409,512 comes from the district's general







Gallimore

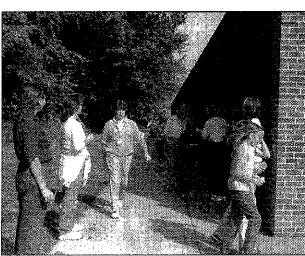
This event has raised just under \$9,000 so far for the PTO. The money raised will be used to purchase books to support the reading curriculum in the classrooms. Some of the money will also be used to help offset the cost of field trips.

Last year, the PTO conducted a survey and the majority of the families responded that they would like to have one event that raised most of the money. They also wanted something simple.

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The library offers an early literacy workshop for parents of children from birth to five years old? Join us October 20 at 7 p.m. for Raising Readers Right From the Start and learn early literacy activities based on the latest brain and reading research. Registration began Oct. 13, so call today at (734) 397-0999.

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Last Ford Road meeting is Oct. 28

The final public presentation on the Ford Road access management/traffic operations study is being held on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Dodson Elementary School, 205 N. Beck Road in Canton.

Interested residents can attend to find out what may be in store for Ford Road as the final findings and recommendations are presented.

The entire study was designed to provide guidance to Michigan

Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Canton Township tor solving the traffic congestion concerns on Ford Road.

The access management phase of the study was designed to create recommendations for administering access management principles through the Township's ordinances and site plan review processes.

The traffic operations phase was designed to create appropriate solutions to improve traf-

fic flow in the M-153/Ford Road corridor. The flow and patterns of traffic based on existing signal and lane conditions were analyzed to make recommendations on signalization, turn lanes, additional right-of-way needs, new left-turn traffic signal phases and other improvements.

For more information, call the project hotline at (800) 796-2596 or Todd Zilincik at (734)

Craft show aims to help students

Delta Kappa Gamma Educators hope that either a desire to browse vast displays of crafts or a desire to help local graduates with college expenses help motivate people to attend the 18th annual Craft and Home

The fair is scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at West Middle School, at the corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail. Admission is \$2.

Proceeds go toward scholar-

ships to Canton, Plymouth, or Salem graduates pursuing degrees in education. Students receive as much as \$1,000 per year as long as they continue pursuing education degrees. The Delta Kappa Gamma's Plymouth-Canton chapter was formed in 1982.

"The more quality people we have in education, the better a field it is," said Debbie Maloni, a Delta Kappa Gamma member and teacher at Allen Elementary.

"We're proud to be able to give back to our community by means of this event."

And those who attend just for the love of hand-crafted items won't be disappointed either.

"Our craft show has a history of attracting excellent crafters, Maloni said. The fair will feature more than 100 juried crafters, home vendors, refreshments and lunch. A genuine hand-made Amish quilt valued at \$800 will also be raffled off.

Canton Corners plans Halloween walk for kids FastFrame: A coloring contest

Canton Corners, located at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads, is having a Halloween walk on Oct. 30. Area participating stores

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Writing for right reasons

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Assembly teaches freshmen lessons of life

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton schools recently got a \$1.8 million grant to support its smaller learning communities initiative.

Teachers wasted little time putting the concept to use.

In an assembly designed to teach them life skills such as patience and perseverance, P-CEP freshmen this week heard how those attributes helped writers, both professional and among their peers, to success.

The "Celebration of Writing"



Screenwriter Jim Burnstein passes on advice to freshman at a 'Celebration of Writing' assembly at Salem High

assembly was part of a program designed to bring classes together in a culture of learning.

men to issues pertinent to them," said teacher Cynthia Burnstein. "We thought this would be a great kickoff."

The event also featured professional writers, including Burnstein's husband, Jim Burnstein, whose screenwriting credits include the third in Disney's "Mighty Ducks" series. Also on hand were author and poet Nancy Nahra and author Willard Sterne Randall, a Pulitzer Prize nominee who is a professor at Champlaign College in Vermont. The latter two -Nahra and Randall - are related to Plymouth-Canton school trustee Judy Mardigian, and both were excited to be part of the program, according to Burnstein. Both also had words of advice for aspiring writers.

"I write because I must; I can't be happy doing anything else," said Randall, who began

"We want to expose our fresh-

The assembly started with a poem from Salem High School senior Teresa Purugganan, and also included a presentation from Canton senior Lindsay Wieczorek, the news director at student-run WSDP and editorin-chief of the PCEP Perspective.



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Salem senior Teresa Purugganan reads her poem to the ninth-graders attending the writing assembly.

writing in high school. "I learned to interview people in high school, and to take criticism. I've been working in the profession since I was 18."

His advice: "Write whenever you can, and learn to love to read." Nahra, who co-authored "Forgotten Americans" with Randall, told students who are writing to pay particular attention to their target audience.

"When you write anything, you have to think about your audience, and about your voice," Nahra said. "Writing is some-

thing (high school students) are made to do, others do it because they choose to. There are professional writers who also write for pleasure."

Jim Burnstein told students writing is a process, one students have already been walking throughout their academic careers. "It's about learning the steps of the dance," Burnstein said. "You've been learning them all through school, and you probably didn't even know it."

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Ninth-graders Cassandra Garcia (in white left) and Kim Lebioda (right) applaud the poem read by senior Teresa Purugganan.

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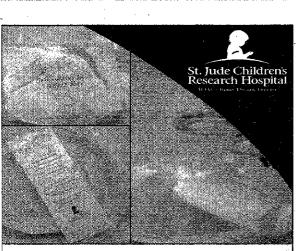




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District eyes May It's Spooktacular date for elections Orchestra Canton readies Halloween show for families

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

There will no longer be an annual June school election in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Instead residents most likely will cast their ballots in May.

The Board of Education approved Monday evening a resolution of its intention to hold school elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May and called for a public hearing to discuss it Monday, Nov. 8. The board will then take a final vote on the new date.

The changes are required because of the Consolidated Election Laws signed into law by the Gov. Jennifer Granholm in January.

"For many years we have run our own elections, but we no longer can," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general education. "We must turn it over to municipalities and with multiple municipalities, it goes to the county.'

Beginning in 2005, all federal, state, county, city, township, village and school elections will be restricted to four dates each year — the fourth Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November.

School districts, unless they hold a public hearing and then pass a resolution to select a different date, would hold their elections in November in odd years. Districts that opt for a



different date must take the

action between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of this year.

Many school districts are selecting the May date, including Livonia and the Garden City Public Schools. The law places the responsibility for conducting an election in the hands of county, municipal or township clerks, doing away with the involvement of the school board secretary and school district personnel like the Wayne-Westland's director of elections, Sue Piereson.

The district takes in students from six communities -Wayne, Westland, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Romulus. A meeting in January between county and municipal officials, will determine who will run the elections, Sherman said. smason@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2112

Get out your costumes and round up all the youngsters and young-at-heart.

On Saturday, Oct. 30 Orchestra Canton presents a "Spooktacular" concert with Nan Washburn and Lindsay Riemer conducting. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road.

Special Halloween-themed activities start at 3 p.m.

For this concert both the audience and musicians will be in costume, ready to enjoy an afternoon of scary classics. During the concert there will even be an orchestra musician costume contest with the audience judging.

Musical selections will include Hall of the Mountain King from Peer Gynt by Edvard Grieg, The Funeral March of the Marionette by Charles Gounod (the theme song to "The Alfred Hitchcock Show"), Danse Macabre by Camille Saint-Saëns, March to the Scaffold by Hector Berlioz and music from film favorites, the Wizard of Oz by Harold Arlen and the theme to the Hitchcock's thriller, Psycho, by

Bernard Hermann.

Closing out the concert will be Casey at Bat, featuring guest narrator, Judge Ron Lowe from the 35th District Court.

Prior to the concert, ticket holders are invited to come at 3 p.m. for special Halloween activities, including scary storytelling, costume contests, and other Halloween-themed games and activities.

Orchestra Canton is a new professional ensemble featuring music for families, the young at heart, and casual classics listen-

Orchestra Canton, an outreach from the 59-year-old Plymouth Symphony, will be in residence at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The group is led by Washburn, music director and conductor.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for children and seniors. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460, or two hours prior to the performance at the Village Theater box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

On Jan. 15 (2005), Orchestra Canton will present Mozart including favorites from The Magic Flute at 8 p.m. Orchestra Canton is a new professional ensemble featuring music for families, the young at heart, according to PSO Executive Director Angela Han.

The PSO opened its concert season Saturday, Oct. 9, with "Music Mediterranean" at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township. The PSO season continues throughout this year and next until April (2005) when the big pops benefit concert will be held at Laurel Manor.

The November PSO concert is a play on" the popularity of the big university in Ann Arbor. "Go blue, go Brahms" will be presented at OLGC Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. and features a performance by a U of M flutist and a performance of a U of M composer's work, first heard in 1997.

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for some strange bedfellows

his just in: Michigan's casino operators were shocked — shocked — to discover that other folks want to start more gambling in the mitten state! Not to worry, though: They are spending millions backing a state constitutional amendment that would effectively prevent new forms of it.

However, it would — just coincidentally, of course - preserve their near-monopoly on games of chance and the suckers' wallets. If you think the last two paragraphs sound sarcastic, you win today's prize for perceptiveness

Proposal 1 on the November ballot would not actually prohibit new kinds of what gamblers like to call "gaming." It would just set impossibly high hurdles. Anyone want-



ing to start something would have to win approval both from the voters in that particular community and in a statewide referendum. Would voters in

Marquette be apt to approve gambling in Monroe County, 500-some miles away? Almost cer-Lessenberry tainly not. That doesn't mean that there isn't wide-

spread agreement that Michigan doesn't need a roulette wheel on every corner. Polls show most voters think that there is already too much legal gambling in the state: Three easinos in Detroit, casinos owned by Native American tribes elsewhere; horse racing tracks; and a state lottery. The latter, incidentally, was sold to voters in 1972 as a way to solve state education funding (ho, ho), which has remained a sore point. Yet there are those who oppose more gambling, but are leery of enshrining the casino monopoly in the state constitution.

The petition drive to put Proposal 1 on the ballot began when the state's cashstrapped racetracks, which have been losing the competition with the casinos, began talking about putting video gambling terminals in their establishments, turning them into so-called "racinos." The casinos didn't like that, and so this latest drive for direct democracy was born.

The issue has made for strange bedfellows. Former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus generally opposes gambling and was against the referendum that approved Detroit's three casinos in 1992. But he backs Proposal 1 — not, he says because he likes gambling, but because this would help limit

However, Gov. Jennifer Granholm is supporting (although not too loudly) a no vote. Reason? There is general agreement that

the proposal would severely restrict the state's ability to offer new lottery games.

Accordingly, Proposal 1 is also opposed by Michigan's two teachers unions, which fear a potential loss of lottery revenue for the schools.

But when it comes to money, Proposal 1 opponents have far fewer chips than supporters. An ad hoc group called No Casino Monopoly has ponied up barely more than \$1 million, nearly all of it from horse racing interests. Supporters, who call their group Let Voters Decide," are awash in dough.

The Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant and owners of MGM Grand Casino in Detroit have each kicked in more than \$3 million, with more from other casinos reportedly on the way. Not surprisingly, polls show that voters favor Proposal 1 by a roughly 2-1 margin. If it passes, some have questioned whether the state's racetracks can long survive.

■ Detroit Education Follies: Latest Round. Five years ago, the Michigan Legislature stepped in and took control of Detroit's public schools away from the duly elected board of education, and gave all power to a "reform board" mostly appointed by the mayor, but with one additional appointee by the governor.

That board then hired an all-powerful CEO to run the schools. Under the rules, the board could fire the CEO if need be, but was not allowed to meddle in day-to-day operations of the schools.

Most Detroiters were offended by the Legislature's action and called it racist, although there was widespread agreement that the old board was corrupt and the schools were a dysfunctional failure. Now, that is about to change again.

Proposal E on the Detroit ballot gives voters a choice between two futures for the schools: A "yes" vote would reinstall an elected board, but permit the mayor to appoint a school CEO; the board could accept or reject his choice.

If voters say no, however, an old-fashioned board would be elected, with both district and at-large members, and they would hire a school superintendent. The contest is now being seen as a referendum on Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who would like to appoint the schools chief, and his side is likely to lose. One reason: as all Detroit knows, he refuses to send his twin sons to city schools.

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Proposal 1 debate has made | Fair and balanced news coverage is vital, not just a cynical phrase

t's almost over. Soon the television will be free of misleading political ads, soundbites and screaming pundits (well maybe not the screaming pundits). The signs will come down on lawns and maybe even a few from the highways and vacant lots.

A lonnnnnng political season will be over for a mind-benumbing number of candidates for township commissioners, state representatives, university trustees, district and circuit judges, sheriffs and clerks,

members of Congress and, oh, yes, president of the United States. We'll also settle some local issues and a couple of state issues.

Our close neighbors, the Canadians, had a national election earlier this year. And while there was a run up before the election was announced it was muted and polite (as Canadians often are). From the time the government declared an election to election day was all of six weeks. A new parlia-

ment was installed, the majority party's leader received his narrow mandate to be the prime minister without the extended period of muss and fuss that will follow the American election.

But we are happy to play our role in a great democracy, even if we sacrifice depth and real policy discussions for cliches, cheap shots and rigid party positions.

As a newspaper, we have a special role to play in every election. We try to present the candidates in their own words and as fairly as we can. We also try to understand their positions, their background, their involvement with the community and provide some leadership by making endorsements.

Al Churchill, a UAW retiree and a frequent Observer letter writer, asked me to speak at a monthly meeting of UAW retirees this past week. He was interested in my views of the often bandied "liberal bias" of the news

The newspapers I've worked for, including the Observer & Eccentric for more than 20 years, do not ask the political beliefs of the reporters they hire. The staffs I've worked with always had a lively mix of people with ideas that ranged from deeply conservative to somewhat radical, from devoutly religious to highly skeptical. But, with a few exceptions, those reporters and editors worked diligently to report the news fairly, honestly and without reference to their particular points of view. The profession really depends on that separation, that dedication to treating everyone and every idea in a neutral

Of course, newspapers do take editorial positions. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and the other papers I've worked at, have endorsed Republicans and Democrats and have taken a variety of positions on issues that don't necessarily slice one way or the other Conservative critics of the mass media often point to

the major regional or national newspapers - The New York Times, the Boston Globe, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and, in recent years, the Los Angeles Times - and the three broadcast networks as having a liberal

bias. Certainly those newspapers lean to liberal positions on many issues and candidates. But The New York Times reporting, for instance, is often cited for its depth and factual presentation even by conservatives, just as the Wall Street Journal is well respected for its business and economics coverage quite apart from its conservative editorial positions.

The major networks are owned by major corporations with very conservative ownership. But they have over the years taken a lead in covering the growing civil rights movement and the discrimination that created it beginning in the late 1950s, the military and political problems in Vietnam, the changing role of women and many other topics that conservatives find uncomfortable. Story selection is influenced by perceptions, maybeeven biases, especially for news programs that run for only a half hour. But in any large news organization, there is a variety of input. That doesn't mean there isn't bias but it tends to be unintentional rather than deliberate and sometimes swings the other way.

But lately there has been a disingenuous campaign to discredit the news media on all levels as "liberal," even as this year, as in most presidential years, more newspapers across the country will support the Republican candidate for president. Media mogul Rupert Murdoch has muddied the waters of television journalism with his decidedly biased Fox Cable News, which uses the phrase "fair and balanced" cynically.

But it's not just Fox. The line between commentary and news has been blurred across the spectrum. When Chris Matthews can interrupt a convention speech by Al Sharpton to launch into a harangue about the old Tawana Brawley case, MSNBC destroys whatever credibility it had. When the conventions are covered as part of the Bill O'Reilly or Sean Hannity shows, we no longer have people who function as journalists covering the news, we have instead news covered as political sport by commentators with a definite agenda. (Of course, O'Reilly and Hannity have a perfect right to their opinions and Fox has a right to present their programs, but it should never be confused with news coverage).

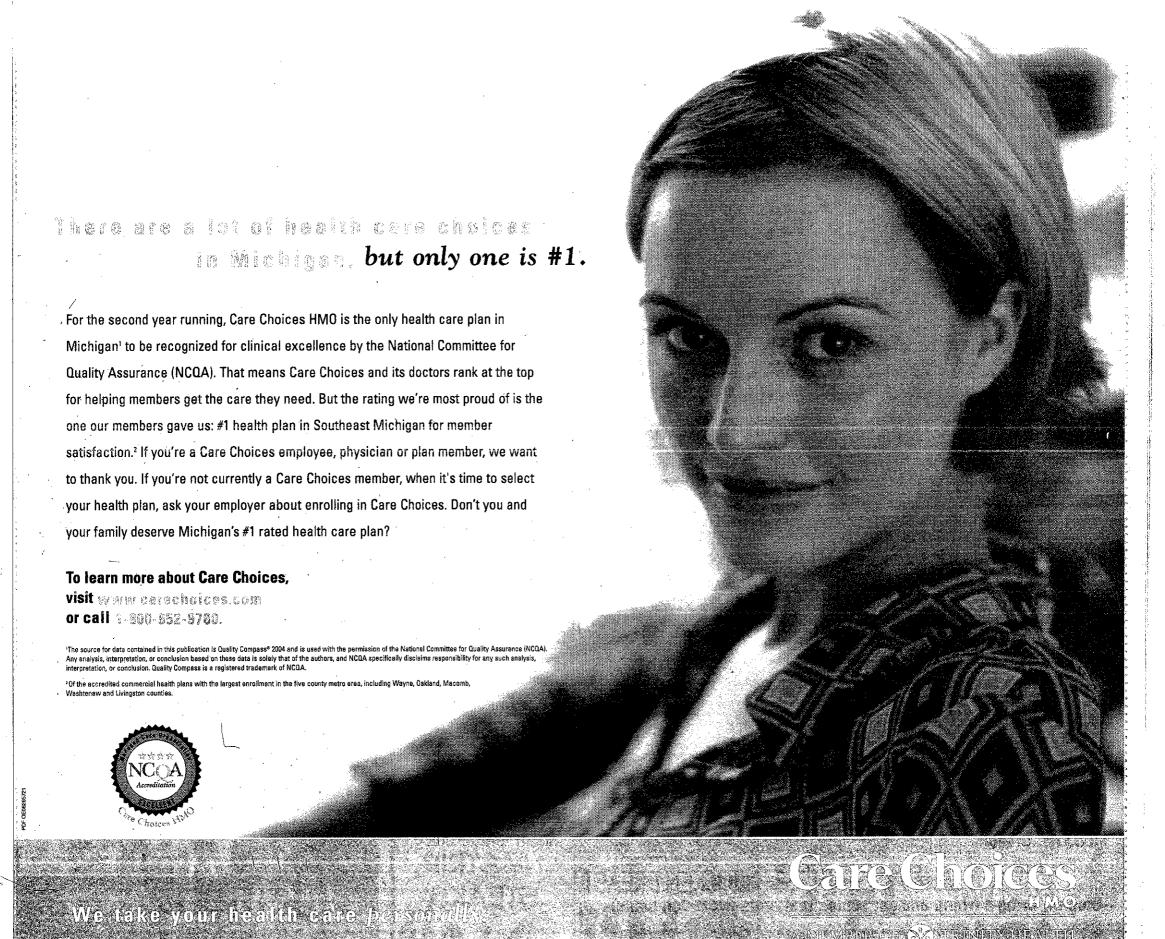
These news pages are about our hometowns, the people who give vibrance to those towns, the political figures who put themselves forward, usually, because they want to serve and do something positive. The people who live in western Wayne County are a diverse group who represent a wide range of experiences and viewpoints, and we try to reflect that variety and complexity: We believe politics is usually about that sense of serv-

ice and trying to do what's best for the community whether serving on a school board, a city council or in the state Legislature. It would be nice if we could both shorten the political

season that séems to be interminable and also banish the rhetoric in the halls of government and in the media.

When pigs fly.

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Craig and LuAnne Nellis dip some treats in a chocolate fountain Thursday evening.

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and the theater's owners have been happy with their location on Ford Road.

"We are very pleased with the first crowds. The reception we have received from the community has exceeded our expectations," Glantz said.

Party-goer Ron Duke of Canton liked the event. "This is a very nice theater.

Beautiful. All of it. And the dinner was very nice," he said. Joann Thurman of Canton said she was getting "first-

class treatment" at the event.
Township Trustee Melissa
McLaughlin, who is also on
the planning commission,
said she was happy with the

final results at the theater.
"They have done a terrific
job on the outside. The building is very energetic inside

and out.

"Inside the colors are great.
They told us (Canton
Township) that they would be active corporate citizens and this event for the Foundation shows their generosity," she

aid. In the restaurant voting,



Music is played by a dulcimer group, Friendly Strings, during the CCF taste fest at Emagine Theater Thursday evening.

Carrabba's was No. 1 and Max and Erma's was No. 2. The Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center had donated a \$1,300 diamond necklace as a door prize and that was won by Ken Doletzky.

The restaurants that donated food for the fund-raiser included: Carrabba's, The Chocolate Connection, Cold Stone Creamery, Franks Anatra (hot dogs), Laurel Manor Catering/Fonte D'Amore, Max and Erma's

(Westland and Canton stores), Outback Steakhouse, Palermo, Panera Bread, Red Robin (Westland), the Summit Gourmet staff and T.G.I. Friday's. Sam's Club, Emagine's across the road neighbor, donated water.

To top it all off, the arriving crowd got a red carpet treatment and a performance by the P-CEP marching band.

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lighting in the village square at about 5:30. The Canton Community Band will be providing seasonal music outdoors before the tree lighting. Santa will make an appearance, too, Jenkins said.

Sunday The Gift of the Magi will be performed at the Theater at 2 p.m. The Great Lakes Lyric Opera Company will actually do the show three times, once on Nov. 26 and again on Nov. 27, both with 7:30 p.m. curtains; tickets for the Magi show are \$10.

Several sponsors have helped with the Christmas in the Village project so far, including Biltmore/Cherry Hill Village Investors, Approved Mortgage, the Bittinger Team from RE/MAX, Blackwell Ford Inc., Curtis Building, Remerica Hometown One, Russ Patterson, and Dr. Jeffrey VanHook.

"Cherry Hill Village has captured the imagination of the community with its early 1900s' style architecture and inviting 'village's feel with old-fashioned street lights, front porches on every house and white picket fences," Jenkins said.

"Just imagine touring Victorian-style homes richly decorated for Christmas with the smell of freshly baked cookies in the background." 'Just imagine touring Victorian-style homes richly decorated for Christmas with the smell of freshly baked cookies in the background.'

Jami Jenkins organizer

The entire area should look like Christmas because the CHV home association will be sponsoring an outdoor decoration and lighting competition.

Melissa McLaughlin, a Canton board of trustee member who lives in Cherry Hill, said she "can't wait for that weekend.

"It will be so much fun with the caroling and the Dickensian atmosphere. I hope this event grows and becomes part of the entire Township's Christmas. This is how great neighborhoods are built," she said.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Jenkins via e-mail at saintjami@comcast.net or christmasinthevillage@hotmail.com or call

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Michigan women rank high for political participation

Michigan women are among the most politically active women in the country, scoring second-highest of all 50 states and just behind Washington state on a national women's political participation index developed by the highlyrespected Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR).

"The way Michigan women turn out and vote, they are critical to the result of the Movember election," said Institute President Heidi Hartmann.

Michigan's rank rose dramatically from the Institute's 2002 report in which Michigan ranked 10th on the women's political participation index. Michigan also jumped from 14th to 4th in the proportion of women elected officials, a key reason for the state's overall score rising from C+ to B.

"Despite our high ranking, I'm looking forward to the day when Michigan women score an 'A' in political participation, both as voters and in the number of women serving in public office," said Senator Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods).

Four key measures were used to determine a state's score: women's voter registration, women's voter turnout, women in elected office, and women's institutional resources. The full report, to be released in November, ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia from one through 51 and gives them an A-F score.

"Voting, running for office, supporting female officials and assuming leadership positions at every level are some of the most powerful steps women can take to address the major societal issues that affect their lives and those of their children and families." added Michigan Senator Bev Hammerstrom (R-Temperance).

Although Michigan ranked high overall, with a cumulative score of "B," its results are mixed on individual components. The highest score, 3rd in the country, was for the proportion of women in elected office.

Michigan women were 11th in voter turnout (56.3 percent). Michigan is also well above the national average, scoring 13th, on the percentage of eligible women who are registered to vote (71.9 percent). Its lowest score, 22nd place, was in the area of women's institutional, resources in the state.

"Women across the country are still a long way from achieving proportional political influence compared with men," said Hartmann, "but Michigan's 2nd place ranking shows that the women of the state are a force to be reckoned with."

The political participation index is part of a much broader report, The Status of Women in the States. In addition, Michigan is one of 12 states selected for in-depth analysis.

"At this time of economic uncertainty, we believe The Status of Women in Michigan report will provide elected officials, educators and family advocates with a critically important picture of the obstacles that continue to prevent women from achieving economic, political and social parity with men," said Kym Mulhern, president & CEO of the Nokomis Foundation, which commissioned the Michigan report.

In November, IWPR will publish the fifth round of its Status of Women in the States series with comparative data from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to women's political activism, the report also ranks states on women's economic progress, women's health and reproductive rights. Since 1996, these reports have served to inform researchers, advocates and policymakers about advances and gaps in women's economic, social, and political

IWPR is a nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating debate on public policy issues of critical importance to women and their families.

Granholm, Mark, Laimbeer among Oct. 28 honorees

The 2004 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized and introduced at the awards ceremony to be held on Thursday, Oct. 28. This year's ceremony will take place at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. This year's inductees are:

Geraldine Bledsoe Ford (1926-2003) – Geraldine Bledsoe Ford was the first African American woman judge in the state of Michigan, the first African American woman in the country to serve in the U.S. Attorney's office, and the first African American woman to serve as an assistant corporation counsel for the city of Detroit.

Jennifer Mulhern
Granholm – After serving as the attorney general for the State of Michigan from 1999 to 2002, Jennifer Mulhern Granholm was elected to the position of governor of Michigan, the state's first female governor.

Lystra E. Gretter, R.N. (1858-1951) - Known as the "Dean of Michigan Nurses" and recognized nationwide, Lystra Gretter introduced numerous improvements in and set the standards for nurses' training. She was a founding member of the society which would become the National League of Nursing and the association which would become the Michigan State Nurses

Association.

■ Florine Mark - She is president and chief executive of The WW Group, Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International, which has locations in 13 states, Mexico and Canada, and employs over 4,200 people.

Cathy McClelland - Cathy McClelland is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute, an organization that provides entrepreneurial training, technical assistance, economic literacy, and startup capital to those with limited access and financial resources.

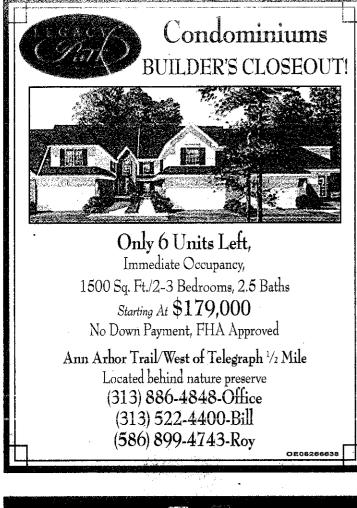
Constance Mayfield Rourke (1885-1941) –

Constance Rourke was one of the first to recognize, study, and promote the existence of America's own folk life, folk art, and folk culture. Her efforts were among the initial factors that brought about the field of American Studies and gave merit to the concept of studying this New World culture.

In addition, the Philip A.
Hart Award will go to Bill
Laimbeer, coach of the Detroit
Shock of the Women's National
Basketball Association.

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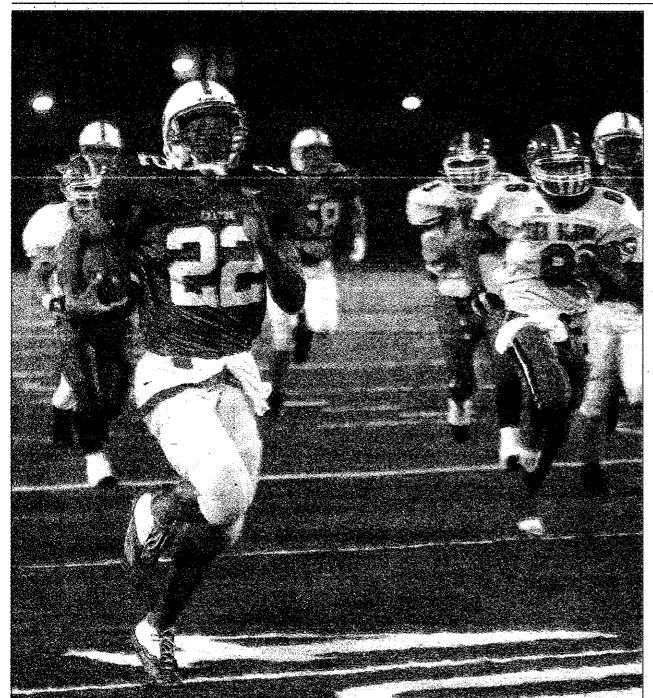












Canton's Julian Smith took the opening hand-off and galloped 66 yards for a touchdown to put the Chiefs up 7-0 17 seconds into Friday night's game. Smith finished with 71 yards rushing and two TD's.

Runaway

Canton silences John Glenn, 39-0

BY ED WRIGHT

Westland John Glenn's air-it-out offense had two things working against it in Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game at Canton: the wet, windy weather and the Chiefs' swarming, in-your-face defense.

Canton let the air out of the Rockets' high-octane passing attack, winning 39-0 to run its record to 8-0. John Glenn slipped to 6-2.

"I think Canton's defense had a lot more to do with the way we played than the weather did," said John Glenn coach Todd DeLuca. "I'm very proud of our guys' effort tonight. We played hard right to the end. We just got beat by a better football team."

Canton has now outscored its opponents 361-46 this season. That computes to an average victory margin of approximately 45-5 per game.

"I thought our defense played great," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "The defense has led us all season. It shuts down the other team's offense and gives our offense great field position most of the time."

While the entire Canton defense played well, linebacker Jeff Piper stood out. The junior put constant pressure on Rocket quarterback Vinnie DeLuca, deflected two passes and was in on several tackles.

The Rockets' defense stacked all 11 players within five yards of the line of scrimmage early on in an attempt to contain the Chiefs' potent running game. Canton countered the Rockets' strategy by spreading its offense and putting the ball in the air. Quarterback Shawn Little completed four of his season-high eight passes for 89 yards.

"Our first priority was to stop their running game," DeLuca said. "But when you do that against a good team like Canton, you become vulnerable to the pass-

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B6

Canton swimmers sail past Northville

STAFF WRITER

The Canton girls swim team's dual meet against Northville Thursday night couldn't have been any closer — or more excit-

The Chiefs needed at least a first- and third-place showing in the final event - the 400 freestyle relay — to upend the Mustangs. They got both to pull out a thrilling 95-91 victory.

The Chiefs are now 5-0 this season heading into Wednesday's cross-campus meet against

The meet, which will be held at the Salem High School pool, is set to begin at 7 p.m.

"If we would have finished first in the final event, and not third as well, the meet would have finished in a tie," Canton assistant coach Ed Weber said. "The girls gave it everything they had. We weren't expecting to beat Northville, but I told the girls that if the Detroit Lions can beat the Atlanta Falcons in football, we can beat Northville.

"Northville had a chance to win tonight, but we kept fighting back."

Weber praised the entire team, but noted that Alyssa Johnson, Allison Schmitt and Susie Patrick turned in exceptional efforts.

"Alyssa won the backstroke and the 200 IM, and neither one of those were automatic wins," he said. "She was challenged all the way. Allison Schmitt won two events and Susie Patrick did a great job with her two seconds."

Weber said he expected the Chiefs to be strong this year, but he admitted they are exceeding even his lofty pre-season expecta-

"After we beat Salem (in the season-opening meet), our goals got bigger," Weber said. "And the girls have lived up to those goals 100 percent."

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Penalties devastate Salem in 29-25 loss

Junior D.J. Tracy rushed for 151 vards on 20 attempts, but it was his 40yard touchdown run on the first play of the final quarter Friday which enabled host Livonia Franklin to earn a 29-25 Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over Salem.

Franklin is 2-6 overall, while Salem. 3-5, suffered its fifth-straight setback. The Patriots trailed 25-22 after three quarters.

"It was a ground battle, a good win for us," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We bounced back after probably our lowest point of the season (a 35-32 loss to Plymouth) with the best week of practice I've ever had.

"It's something we needed. It gives us a chance to close out the season with two good wins."

Salem's Kevin Bradley opened the scoring on a 33-yard run, but Franklin's Otis Young blocked the extra point to

"We had a chance to put them away a couple of times tonight, but we couldn't do it," said Salem coach Bob Cummings. "We had two touchdowns called back by penalties and a lot of crucial penalties in the second half."

Sophomore Taylor Hurst, who added 80 yards on six carries, then scored for the Patriots on 13-yard run.

On the extra point attempt, McCullough picked up an errant exchange from center and hit Jeremy Peer with a two-point pass to make it

In the second period, Hurst added a 13-yard TD run and McCullough's PAT put the Patriots up 15-6.

Salem fullback Steve Lehane then scored twice on runs of 6 and 3 yards to give the Rocks an 18-15 halftime lead. (Both the two-point and extra point attempts failed.)

In the third quarter. Hurst scored his third TD of the night, this time on a 28-yard run, but Lehane responded with his third touchdown, too, this one on a 43-yard run followed by John Pomorski's PAT to give Salem a threepoint cushion, 25-22.

The Rocks drove to the Franklin 15 late in the fourth, but the Patriots' Dan Kozlowski intercepted a Salem pass to seal the victory.

Salem had a total of 379 yards, including 326 on the ground as Lake led the way with 164 yards on 27 carries. Bradley added 77 and Lehane had

Lake completed two-of-three passes for 67 yards.

"Jeff Lake and Steve Lahane both played real well," Cummings said. Steve did an outstanding job at halfback and fullback, and he led our

Hard-working Bailey anchors 'Cats' line

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

You'd have a hard time convincing defensive linemen who have been matched up against Plymouth offensive guard Shaun Bailey this season that the 6-foot-3, 248-pound junior never played a single down of football until he was in the ninth grade.

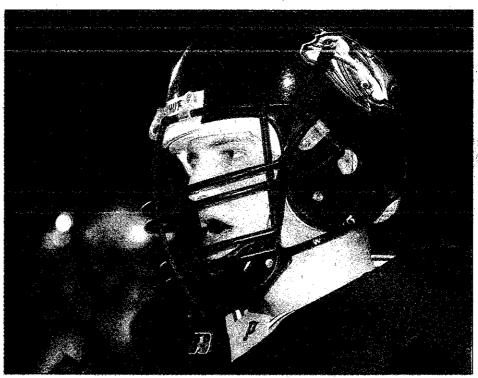
Bailey has proven to be a natural at the sport, serving as an anchor in the middle of the Wildcats' offensive line this season — despite getting a relatively late jump on his football career due to

"I would have played before high school, but there are weight limits (in the area's junior football leagues) that prevented it from happening," Bailey explained. "I love everything about the sport. We're hurt by not having any seniors to show us the ropes this season, but I think we're doing a good job."

The senior-less Wildcats were 2-5 heading into last night's game against Livonia Churchill. No high school team in Michigan without a senior class has ever won three games in a season. If Plymouth accomplishes the feat, Bailey deserves a lot of the credit.

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said he was pleasantly surprised by how quickly Bailey picked up the sport.

"Shaun was a little out of shape when he came in his freshman year because he had never played football or organized sports," Blaylock said. "But he has worked extremely hard since day one and totally changed his body. He's one of



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHÖTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Shaun Bailey has been a pivotal player on the offensive line for the Wildcats this season. The junior is also a standout in the classroom and on the wrestling mat.

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the hardest-working kids on this team. He's always pushing himself.

"Shaun would play defense, too, but I don't like playing our linemen both ways. He plays some defensive line when we're in our short-yardage set."

Bailey is not only highly respected by his coaches, but also by his teammates, who voted him onto the team's leadership council before the season started.

"Înstead of team captains, we have a leadership council," Blaylock said. "The council consists of six players who are

PLEASE SEE BAILEY, B6

Pancake breakfast

The Salem Linebackers Booster Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Salem High School cafeteria. The all-you-can-eat breakfast costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10-and-under.

There will be entertainment for the kids and information about internet safety for children will be distributed.

Ticket sales at the door will be limited, so advanced ticket purchases prior to Oct. 22 are encouraged. For more information, contact Linda Sorensen at (734) 476-3903.

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Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Kim March aced the fifth hole on the Fox Classic-Woodlands layout at Fox Hills Sept. 22. March used a nine iron on the 125-yard hole.

Chief frosh shine

Canton's freshmen boys soccer team completed a perfect 16-0-0 season Thursday with a victory over Walled Lake: Northern. Canton outscored its foes 54-6

and recorded 11 shutouts. Members of the team in are: Tim Belcher, Brody Coplai, Joe Gill, Ryan Holbrook, Bill Holden. Cory Hurst, Kevin Krause, Chris Marinica, Joey Massel, Steve Meister, Melan Patel, Kendali Persons, Eric Piwowar, Michael Rizzo, Grant Schooley and Scott Wisniewski. The team was coached by Chris Stevanovic.

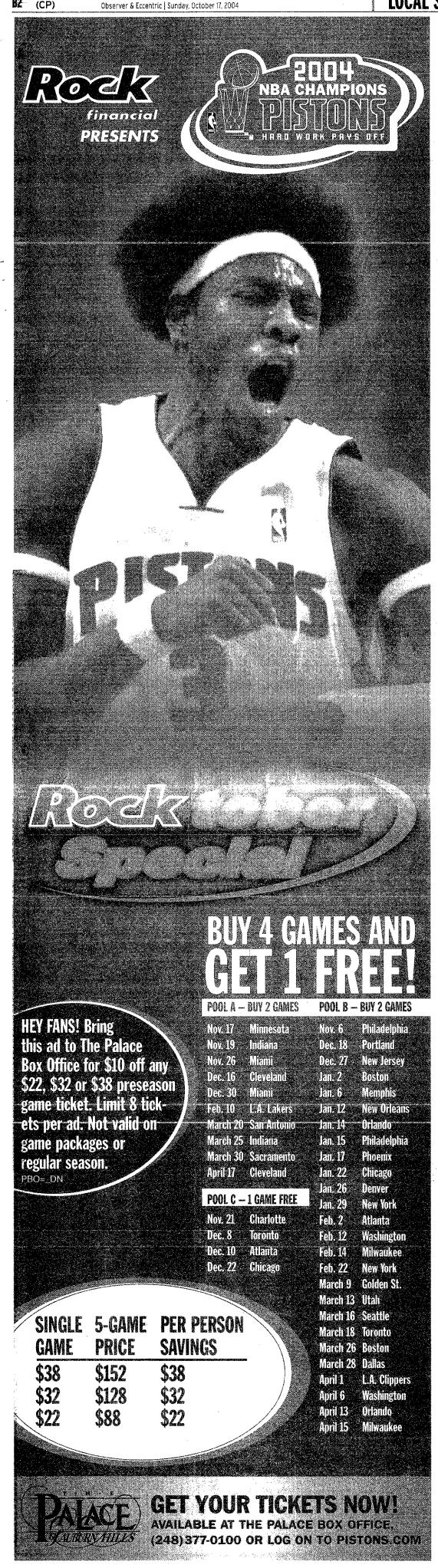
Hoop clinic

. The Plymouth Canton Community Education Basketball League and the Detroit Pistons will host a basketball clinic Friday, Nov. 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Central Middle School in Plymouth. The clinic is open to all

boys and girls in grades 2 through 8. The cost is \$25 and is payable at the door. The fee includes a **Detroit Pistons world** championship T-shirt and poster.

Instructional drills (ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding) will be addressed.

Space is limited. To confirm a spot in the clinic, call the Pistons clinic hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave your name and phone number.



THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday; Oct. 22 Salem at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Ogemaw Heights, 6:30 p.m. River Rouge at Belleville, 7 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Tuesday, Oct. 19

Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem, 7 n.m. Canton Agape at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21

Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

Beileville at Monroe, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 Plymouth Christian at Oakland Christian, 7:30

B.H. Roeper at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m. **GIRLS SWIMMING** Wednesday, Oct. 20 Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 Belleville at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23 Plymouth and Salem at MISCA at Eastern Michigan University, noon Canton at A.A. Huron, noon **BOYS SOCCER SALEM-CANTON (Host)** Monday, Oct. 18: (A) South Lyon at (B) Ann

Arbor Huron, 7 p.m.; (C) Pinckney at (D) Saline, 5 p.m.; (E) Salem vs. (F) Plymouth at Centennial Educational Park; (G) Canton at (H) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20: A-B winner vs. C-D win-

p.m. at CEP. Saturday, Oct. 23: Championship final, 1 p.m. at CEP. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Canton vs. Wayne Memorial dis-

trict champion.)

ner, 5 p.m. at CEP; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Oct. 21 Belleville at Mega Conference Jamboree at Monroe, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 WLAA Conference Championships

at Willow Metropark, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 Plymouth Christian at Whitmore Lake, 10 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 26

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 7 p.m. Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 MU at St. Francis (Ind.) Tourney, TBA. Saturday, Oct. 30 MCCAA Tourney at Muskegon, 2 p.m. MU at St. Francis (Ind.) Tourney, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Oct. 20 Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m Saturday, Oct. 23 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24 Kelloon CC at Schoolcraft. 1 p.m WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday Oct 17

Tuesday, Oct. 19 Madonna as Cornerstone, 4 a.m. Wednesday, Oct., 20 Tiffin (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon. Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (Ind.) Club. 2 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Oct. 21

Whalers at Peterborough, 7 p.m Friday, Oct. 22 Whalers at Kingston, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 Whalers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.

Whalers tie Otters

Tim Sestito's power-play goal at 7:31 of the final period proved to be the equalizer for the Plymouth Whalers in a 2-2 Ontario Hockey League tie Friday night with the Erie Otters before 2,660 fans at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The tie puts the Whalers (4-3-1-1) back in sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division. Erie is now 4-1-1.

John Mitchell scored the other goal for Plymouth, his first of the season.

Both Whaler goals were power plays. John Vigilante had two assists, while Steve Ward and Andrew Fournier had one apiece.

Mike Blunden and David Herring each scored first-period goals for Erie.

Erie netminder Jhase Sniderman was the difference in the game, stopping 34 of 36 shots as the game's No. 2 star. Plymouth's Ryan Nie made 18

Belleville gridders throttle River Rouge

STAFF WRITER

Belleville's football team sure knows how to put the skids on a losing streak.

The Tigers halted a twogame slide Friday night by waxing River Rouge, 40-6. Belleville is now 5-3 overall (4-2 in the Mega Red Conference) and one victory away from qualifying for the post-season playoffs. River Rouge dropped to 1-7 and 0-6.

Belleville needs a win over Romulus Friday night to clinch a post-season berth.

Led by Isaac Kindell, Belleville amassed 341 total yards — all on the ground.

Belleville led 14-0 after one quarter, 27-0 at the half and 33-0 through the first three quarters.

Isaac Kindell led the way for the Tigers, rushing for 95 yards on just six carries. He also found the end zone three times

Carlos Clark finished with 69 yards on five attempts and Greg Rochen had 61 yards on 11 rushes.

Kindell opened the scoring with an 80-yard TD run midway through the first quarter. Cory Phillips split the uprights for the first of his four extra

Kindell's 1-yard plunge made it 14-0 before Clark took off on a 55-yard scoring jaunt late in the first half. Kindell closed out the first-half scoring by hitting paydirt from 6 yards out.

Dylan Woods and Rochen capped the scoring for Belleville by scoring from 12 and 17 yards out, respectively.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SALEM LINEBACKERS MEETING

The Salem Linebackers, the booster club for the Salem High School football team, will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Salem cafeteria. In addition to discussing upcoming events, 2005 officer nominatem will be held. Parents of current and incoming class of 2009 players are encouraged to

For more information, contact president Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

MEN'S BASKETBALL MEETING

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a men's basketball meeting for new teams at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Party Rooms 1-2), 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads).

The cost for the 18-and-over league is \$375 per team. Games are played Monday

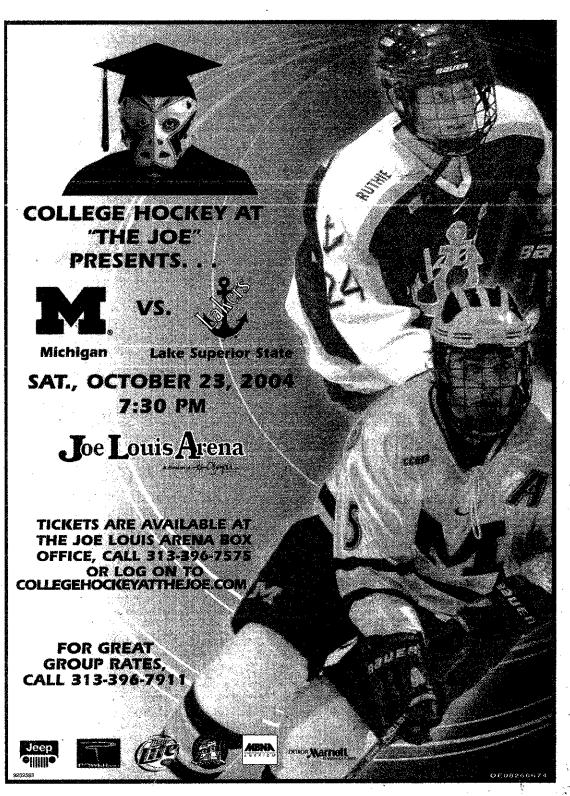
through Thursday evenings. You must have minimum of eight players (maximum of 12). For more information, call 734 - 466 - 2410.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons. Call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information.



Ealy, rebounding advantage lead Chiefs over Northville

Canton's leading scorer Katie Cezat was shadowed by Northville's box-and-one defense Thursday night, so teammate Lisa Ealy stepped into the spotlight.

The Mustangs held Cezat to a season-low 10 points, but Canton prevailed, 35-25, thanks largely to an inspiring effort from Ealy (12 points, 10 rebounds) and a staggering advantage in rebounding (38-

The victory was significant for Canton (9-4 overall, 7-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association), which now holds a two-game advantage over the Mustangs (8-5, 5-2) in the WLAA's Western Division.

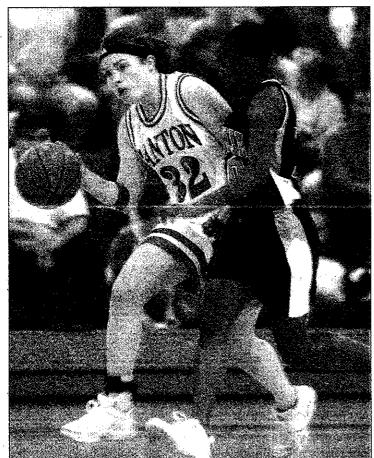
Canton, which has won seven consecutive games, leads second-place Plymouth by one game in the division. The Chiefs and Wildcats square-off Thursday night at Canton.

"I thought we did a great job defensively against Cezat, particularly Heather Cox," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "But Canton had some other players step up and make some shots, which we knew they were capable of

"They did a nice job against us defensively, too. Whenever we tried to drive to the rim, somebody stepped in and clogged up the lane. We were forced to shoot outside, and we didn't make many shots."

Although Cezat wasn't a force on the scoreboard, she still had a spectacular game, making 4-of-7 field goals while pulling down a gamehigh 19 rebounds, blocking five shots and picking up three steals. With at least two players mirroring her every move on the offensive end of the court, the 6-foot center managed just four shots in the first half.

"I thought the key for us tonight was our rebounding, both offensive and defensive,



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Lisa Ealy drives past Northville's Danielle Toney during the first half of Thursday's key Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division show-

Blohm. "Lisa Ealy did a great job tonight, too, especially her second rotation in the game. When she came out for a few minutes after her first rotation, I told her to try to relax a little more. She went back out and really played well. I thought Molly Conlon had a solid game, too.

"Northville is a very athletic team and they really play hard. We played hard, too. That was a big division win

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half, which ended with Canton ahead 15-11. The Mustangs were plagued by eight turnovers while Canton committed 10.

"Sometimes when teams play a sagging zone against Katie, we try to force too many passes into her, which is what we did in the first half

tonight," Blohm said. "I thought we passed the ball a lot better later in the game, especially in the fourth quarter when Lisa made a couple really nice passes to Katie and Molly."

The Chiefs held a 27-21 advantage heading into the fourth quarter, which they dominated with suffocating defense and relentless rebounding. Northville connected on just 2-of-9 fourthquarter shots.

Canton shot 35 percent from the field (15-of-42) and 31 percent from the line (5-of-16). Northville made 12-of-47 shots (25 percent) from the field and missed on all three of its free-throw attempts.

Conlon netted six points for

Northville was paced by Simone Toney's seven points.

Three Mustangs twined six each: Danielle Toney, Evonna Karchon and Emily Weaver. Karchon pulled down a teamhigh nine rebounds.

SALEM 48, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 21: Ellen Canale and Alyssa Guerin scored 11 points each Thursday, leading the balanced Rocks (10-3, 6-1) to a convincing WLAA triumph over host Livonia Franklin (4-8, 2-5)

Canale also contributed five steals and four assists.

Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz and Kathryn Wheatley added seven points a piece. Junior Trisha Morrill led

Franklin with 10 points. "Salem played hard and shot the ball extremely well," Franklin coach Mary Kay

Whalen said. Salem led 14-4 after one quarter and 24-10 at the half. The Rocks extended their cushion to 34-15 after three

periods. The Patriots were 3-of-8 from the foul line. Salem was

PLYMOUTH 50, WAYNE 35: Junior center Jeanine Moise had season-highs of 26 points and 19 rebounds Thursday, leading the visiting Wildcats (8-4, 6-1) to the WLAA win over host Wayne Memorial (1-12, 0+7).

Plymouth roared out to a 30-14 halftime lead before Wayne cut the deficit to 36-28 after three quarters. The Wildcats put it away with a 14-7 fourth-quarter run.

Junior forward Colleen Flaherty added 13 points for the Wildcats, who shot 9-of-14 from the foul line.

Wayne, only 1-of-9 from the stripe, got eight points apiece from Kelly Newsted, Jennifer Anderson and Tiffany Jones.

SOUTHFIELD CHRIST-IAN 40, CANTON AGAPE **30:** The Wolverines were plagued by turnovers as they fell into an early 28-11 halftime hole.

Southfield is now 9-4 overall and 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Agape slipped to

"The same thing happened the last time we played them," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. "We actually played pretty good the second half, but we had 19 turnovers the first half, which really hurt

Agape outscored SC 19-12 in the second half, but it was too little, too late.

Danielle Henry paced the Wolverines with 11 points. A.J. Creps added nine points and 10 rebounds.

Jan Webber led SC with 13 points. Christy Hall chipped in with 12 for the winners.

Agape travels to Plymouth Christian to take on the Eagles Tuesday night. BIRMINGHAM ROEPER

56, PLYMOUTH CHRIST-IAN 54: Sophie Braden poured in 20 points to lead the Roughriders to a narrow victory over the Eagles. Roeper improved to 9-3 overall and 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference while PCA fell to 5-7 and 1-4.

"We had four opportunities in the final minute to win it, but we couldn't get a shot off," said PCA coach Harvey Jennings. "I'm proud of the girls, though. Roeper is one of the top teams in the state and we hung with them. Fans from both teams said afterwards that it was one of the best games they had seen all vear.

Joi Jennings netted a team= high 18 for PCA, which also received 12 points off the bench from Stephanie Auwers. Kelsie Tietjen had her usual productive game for PCA, recording 10 points and

10 rebounds. PCA trailed 49-37 entering the fourth quarter before outscoring its hosts 17-7. Jennings tallied nine points in the final eight minutes, the final eight minutes, including a pair of three-point shots.

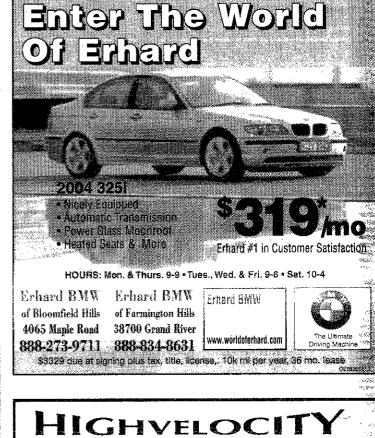
"The fourth quarter has been our worst quarter until tonight," Harvey Jennings said. "Sophie Braden scored 17 points in the first half, but we put Kelsie on her the sec ond half and she held Braden to three."

W.L. NORTHERN 75, JOHN GLENN 33: It was a one-sided shootout Thursday as host Walled Lake Northern (11-2, 6-1) outscored Westland John Glenn (3-9, 1-6) by counts of 31-17 and 23-9 in the first and second periods, respectively, en route to the easy WLAA victory.

Jessica Knurick, a 6-3 center, led the victorious Knights with 18 points. Jenny Moritias added 11, while Sandy Johnson and Brittany Essian added nine apiece.

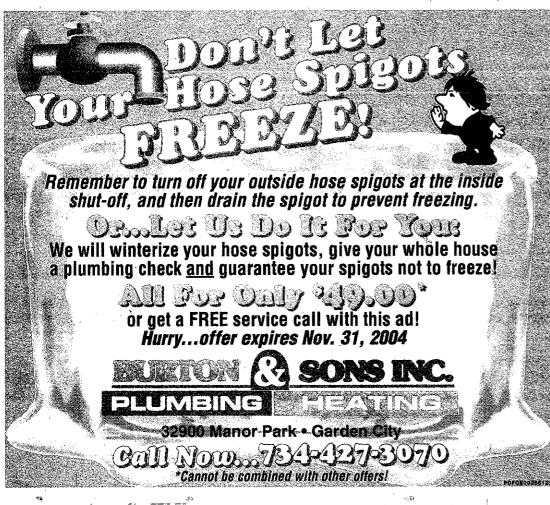
Heather Lindon scored nine for the Rockets, who were outscored 19-4 in the third













Plymouth 116, Wayne Memorial 67 Oct. 14 at Wayne Dolphin Swim Club

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Elaine Lafayette, Sarah Palczynski), Stephanie Goulet, Alyssa Liakos), 2:05.52; 2. Plymouth (Ashley Becsziko, Cassie White, Kelsey Mattei, Melissa McKinstry), 2:13.77; 3. Wayne Memorial (Christina Morgan, Kelsey Drennen, Chelsea Randies, Kayla O'Mara),

200 freestyle: 1. Caitlyn Kolesar (P), 2:20.15; 2. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 2:20.48; 3. Catalina Oprican (P), 2:22.37.

200 IM: 1. Sarah Palczynski (P), 2:35.92; 2. Chelsea Randles (WM), 2:40.49; 3. Beah Knisely (P), 2:41.87.

50 freestyle: 1. Elaine Lafayette (P), 27.27; . Kelsey Drennen (WM), 28.95; 3. Chelsea Frid (P), 29.87.

Diving: 1. Kelsey Drennen (WM), 142.95; 2. Andrea Fleming (P), 133.70; 3. Laura Rowe (P),

100 butterfly: 1. Elaine Lafayette (P), 1:10:33; 2. Chelsea Randles (WM), 1:11.75; 3. Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:12.69.

100 freestyle: 1. Beah Knisely (P), 1:03.57; 2. Alvssa Liakos (P), 1:04.64; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:04,85.

500 freestyle: 1. Catalina Oprican (P). 6:18.73; 2. Caitlyn Kolesar (P), 6:26.71; 3. Olivia LaFortune (P), 6:27.19.

Oct. 13 at Livonia Stevenson H.S. 200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson

(Monica Pauza, Brynn Marecki, Anna Połkowski, Marisa Gordon), 1:55.53: 2. Salem (Kelsey Lincoln, Kim Heaney, Ashley Aguinto, Amanda Newman), 1:58,60; 3, Stevenson (Kelly Perko, Laura Timson, Lisa Koch, Meredith Baior), 2:04,27,

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Alyssa

Liakos, Emily Clanton, Beah Knisely, Elaine

Lafayette), 1:55.23; 2. Plymouth (Melissa

McKinstry, Maricat Eggenberger, Chelsea Frid,

Caitiyn Kolesar), 2:00.69; 3. Wayne Memorial

(Chelsea O'Mara, Cailin Barnes, Jacque

100 backstroke: 1. Stephanie Goulet (P),

100 breaststroke: 1. Jennifer Schmidt

400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne Memorial

(Kelsey Drennen, Oliva LaFortune, Kayla

O'Mara, Chelsea Randles), 4:24.54; 2. Wayne

Memorial (Jenni Cecil, Megan Londberg,

Christina Morgan, Samantha Cruse), 5:22.68;

3. Wayne Memorial (Kathy Hansen, Brittany

Bowling, Kalyn Linton, Kaitie Szostek), 5:57.29.

Livonia Stevenson 116, Salem 70

1:14.43; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:15.71; 3.

(WM), 1:32.60; 2. Jeannette Poser (WM),

1:32:68; 3. Brittany Bowling (WM), 1:47.85.

Matheson, Olivia LaFortune), 2:08.26.

Christina Morgan (WM), 1:17.08.

200 freestyle: 1. Brynn Marecki (LS).

SWIM RESULTS

2:01.59; 2. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 2:03.59; 3. Becky

200 IM: 1. Monica Pauza (LS), 2:18.21; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 2:19.36; 3. Lisa Koch (LS),

50 freestyle: 1: Anna Polkowski (LS), 26.13; 2. Kate Musson (S), 27.50; 3. Amanda Newman

Diving: 1. Ashley Aquinto (S), 213.08; 2. Sarah Bugosh (S), 173.85; 3. Elena Gueorguiev

100 butterfly: 1. Katie Kress (LS), 1:07.16; 2. Heather Michalson (S), 1:07.68; 3. Meredith

Bajor (LS), 1:07.86. 100 freestyle: 1. Marisa Gordon (LS), 56.34; 2. Anna Polkowski (LS), 57.28; 3. Amanda

Newman (S), 1:00.04 500 freestyle: 1. Laura Timson (LS), 5:31.79; 2. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 5:35.64; 3. Becky Hurn (LS), 5:36.92.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Polkowski, Meredith Bajor, Blake Holtz, Stephanie Buckley), 1:48,43; 2. Salem (Amanda Newman, Kathryn Gorman, Heather Michalson, Kate Musson), 1:50,26; 3, Salem (Kaitlin Downey, Andrea Spohn, Alexandra Stencel, Ashely Aguinto), 1:53.57.

100 backstroke: 1. Marisa Gordon (LS), 1:03.35; 2. Monica Pauza (LS), 1:03.90; 3. Kate Myers (S), 1:06,85, 100 breaststroke: 1. Brynn Marecki (LS),

1:11.30; 2. Kim Heaney (S), 1:13.38; 3. Lisa Koch

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Monica Pauza, Stephanie Buckley, Brynn Marecki, Marisa Gordon), 3:55.02; 2. Salem (Kate Musson, Kathryn Gorman, Heather Michalson, Kelsey Lincoln), 3:59.57; 3. Stevenson (Kieran Dolin, Laura Hurn, Laura Timson, Becky Hurn),

Canton 95, Northville 91 Oct. 14 at Canton H.S.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Kathryn Kusuplos, Sarah Carr, Emily Hopcian, Ashle Miller), 2:00.65; 2. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Ali Lindow, Allison Goldsmith, Izabela Paszkowska), 2:01.29; 3. Northville (Sarah Bardsley, Julie Gotberg, Alyssa Schwiring, Chelsea Miller), 2:06.74.

200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:57.23; 2. Susie Patrick (C), 2:06.16; 3. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:10.36.

200 IM: 1. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:24.67: 2. Sarah Bardsley (N), 2:27.40; 3. Emily Hopcian

50 freestyle: 1. Allison Goldsmith (C), 26.50; 2. Ashley Miller (N), 26.82; 3. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 26,90.

Diving: 1. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 175.55; 2. Cheisea Selden (C), 167.25; 3. Camellia Das (N),

100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:00.23; 2. Alex Tereszczenko (N), 1:02.48; 3. Allison Goldsmith (C), 1:02.82.

100 freestyle: 1. Kathryn Kusuplos (C), 57.49; 2. Susie Patrick (C), 57.54; 3. Tanya

Tereszczenko (N), 58.95. 500 freestyle: 1. Alex Tereszczenko (N), 5:21.39; 2. Sarah Carr (N), 5:37.42; 3. Monica

Blaesser (C), 5:46.16. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Susie Patrick, Izabela Paszkowska, Laura Landis, Allison Schmitt), 1:45.55; 2. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Julie Gotberg, Ashley Miller, Alex Tereszczenko), 1:45,77; 3. Canton (Molly

Monica Blaesser), 1:52.68, 100 backstroke: 1. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:06.53; 2. Kathryn Kusupios (N), 1:06.70; 3. Sarah Bardslev (N), 1:09.10.

Dowd, Alissa Vermeulen, Allison McDuff,

100 breaststroke: 1. Sarah Carr (N), 1:13.70; 2. Yvonne Lunn (N), 1:18.58; 3. Alice Maples (C),

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Susie Patrick, Izabela Paszkowska, Allison Goldsmith, Allison Schmitt), 3:50.97; 2. Northville (Kathrun Kusuplos, Tanya Tereszczenko, Sarah Carr, Alex Tereszczenko), 3:52.21; 3. Canton (Laura Landis, Monica Blaesser, Alyssa Johnson, Maddy McDuff),

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 116 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 72 Oct. 14 at W.L. Northern

200-yard medley relay: John Glenn (Amanda Buelow, Jill Peterson, Jessica McHugh, Jaclyn Burgess), 2:09.31; 200 freestyle: Stacee Britt (WJG), 2:14.07; 200 individual medley: Dana Halse (WLN), 2:36.34; 50 freestyle: Katherine Rinkevich (WLN), 28.05; diving: Cheisea Smith (WLN), 163.75 points; 100 butterfly: Peterson (WJG), 1:03.45; 100 freestyle: Natasha Falkiewicz (WJG), 1:01.32: 500 freestyle: Britt (WJG), 5:54.31; 200 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Jamie Schirmer, Megan Hollander, Whitney Sonak, Peterson), 1:55.44; 100 backstroke: Burgess (WJG), 1:12.01; 100 breaststroke: McHugh (WJG), 1:23.97; 400 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Heather Ennis, Britt, Buelow, Sonak), 4:21.61.

Glenn 2nds: Sonak, 200 freestyle (2:16.52); 100 butterfly (1:18.73); Burgess, 200 IM (2:39.24): Brittany Hazlett, 50 freestyle (29.58); Bryn Glotfelty, diving (153.75); Ennis, 500 freestyle (5:56.46); Falkiewicz, 100 backstroke (1:12.73); Kristin Queen, 100 breaststroke (1:25.68); 3rds: McHugh, 200 IM (2:42.11); Hollander, 50 freestyle (29.97); Schirmer, 100 freestyle (1:03.34).

Glenn's dual meet record: 5-3 overall, 2-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Hoben Elementary School. Specifications, bid forms, and additional information are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 28th, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all hids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase and Installation of one Electric Sign for East Middle School. Bidders may obtain bidding documents consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications from the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC. - 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the McGraw Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room, Southfield, Michigan; the Reed Construction Data Plan Room, Novi, Michigan; or the Construction Association of Michigan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. For additional information, contact Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 28th, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids; as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Charter Township Of Plymouth

Budget Public Hearing Notice

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing

on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2005 at the

Charter Township of Plymouth's offices located at 42350 Ann Arbor

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the

proposed budget will be a subject of the public hearing. A copy of

the budget is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office

located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. during normal business hours 8:00

Rd., on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 7:00 pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING **Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan developed for Canton Township is scheduled to be presented, for adoption, to the Canton Board of Trustees at their regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chestnut Room at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI. Prior to considering adoption of the plan, public comment will be heard.

A copy of the proposed plan is available for review in the Clerk's office, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI, and is also available at www.asti-env.com/canton.html.

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BEST SWIM TIMES

OBSERVERLAND BEST. **GIRLS SWIM TIMES** 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (D1 state cut: 1:57.79)

Livonia Stevenson 1:55.5 Salem 1:57.93 Canton 2:00.18 Livonia Churchill 2:00.84 Livonia Ladywood 2:06.21 Westland John Glenn 2:06.83 200 FREESTYLE

(D1 state cut: 2:01.89) Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:57.23 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:58.98 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:59.83 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00.88 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:01.84 Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:02.72 Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:03.59 Katie Gorman (Salem) 2:05.68 Susie Patrick (Canton) 2:05.99

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:06.38

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (D1 state cut: 2:18.99) Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:12.30 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:14.6 Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 2:16.14 Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:16.36 Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:16.72 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:17.17 Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:18.19 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:1819 Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 2:23.32 Lauren Siedlik (Churchill) 2:23.86

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR DADCO, INC. **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from DADCO, Inc., for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for an addition to their existing facility and including new machinery and equipment to be installed within the facility located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE **AUCTION NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on NOVEMBER 5, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE

UNIT #B-03-FREDIA GREENSHIELDS OF 9029 ROCKER ST., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170. Clothes, household items, umbrella, boxes, other misc. items.

UNIT #126-JENNIFER HAYNES OF 7450 DREW CIRCLE #3, WESTLAND, MI 48185. Furniture, couch, ladder, (2) bikes, cart, bed frame, chairs, boxes, vacuum, golf clubs, dresser, tables, other

UNIT #317, 318, 337-GREGORY AUSTIN OF 37625 W. 5 MILE RD., LIVONIA, MI 48154. Signs, water heaters, restaurant equipment, store fixtures, storage racks, other misc. items. UNIT #339-JAMES ALTER (NWC INC.) OF P.O. BOX 512,

DEARBORN HTS., MI 48127. Brief case, fax machine, clothes,

boxes, other misc, items. -UNIT #364-JAMES RYAN OF 17640 SUMNER, REDFORD, MI 48240. Stove, table & chairs, saw, patio, umbrella, bird cages, garden tools, approx. 9 boxes, other misc. items.

UNIT #401-CATRINA HAMILTON-LANUM OF 419 CANTERBURY CIRCLE, CANTON, MI 48187. Antiques, TV, stereo, furniture, boxes, other misc. items.

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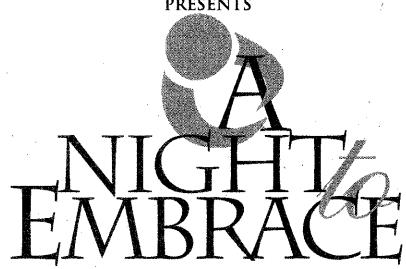
MI 48187. Suitcases, bike, radio, clothes, printer, beds, table, chairs,

speakers, boxes, household items, other misc. items. UNIT #646-BURT SIMPSON OF 15696 NORTHVILLE FOREST, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170. Bike, aluminum bend/brake, tables, cage, elec. keyboard, gas powered air compressor, saw, bench, roll of cable, other misc. items.

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Schoolcraft College men's soccer team investigated

On the heels of NJCAA sanctions, including one-year's probation and a ban on postseason play for its men's basketball program, Schoolcraft College interim athletic director Bill Tolstedt confirmed Friday that the men's soccer program is also under investigation for allegedly using an ineligible player.

Tolstedt said he has suspended goalkeeper Anthony Santilli until an internal school probe is completed.

Santilli, an Ontario resident who played the 2001 season at the University of Detroit Mercy, is in his first season at Schoolcraft. He reportedly violated National Junior College Athletic Association rules after it was discovered he had played at least two games this fall in the Canadian Professional Soccer League for the Windsor Border Cats, who also use Pontiac Notre Dame Prep High as a home field.

In one Web site account by The Voyageurs: Canadian Soccer Supporters, it reported that Santilli played for the Border Cats in a 3-1 loss on Sept. 20 to Toronto Supra at Centennial Stadium in Etobicoke.

The CPSL Web site also stated that Santilli came on as a substitute keeper for starter Alan Placek, saving two of four penalty kicks for the Border Cats in a 2-1 Open Canada Cup shootout win on Labour Day over the Ottawa St. Anthony Italia at Cove Road in London.

Santilli is currently listed on the Border Cats roster along with Madonna University head coach Tino Scicluna, the brother of Schoolcraft head

coach Dominic Scicluna.

"Once we were notified, he (Santilli) was immediately suspended from further play," Tolstedt said. "The evidence is pretty telling, but we're waiting for a response from the Border Cats. We need to get it resolved before the Region (12) tourney. We've set a deadline to have a decision by October 25. Right now I'm skeptical. We need a statement back.

Schoolcraft, 11-3 overall, played Saturday at Bryant Stratton (N.Y.), the third-ranked team in the latest NJCAA poll.

If the information is true, Schoolcraft could forfeit all the games Santilli appeared in and could face even more NJCAA sanctions. Santilli last played in Schoolcraft's two wins, Oct. 2-3, in the Cuyahoga (Ohio) CC Tournament.

"I don't know what's going on, I really can't comment on it," Dominic Scicluna said. "I was told it was a printing mistake (Santilli's name appearing in the game logs) and they (the goalkeepers) switched jerseys. We have to sit him out, just in case. I just don't want him to be denied the chance to earn a college degree."

Tolstedt said he is satisfied that Santilli, who was on loan to the Border Cats from another team, is not a paid professional or has signed a contract. He also said he met all school academic entrance requirements and was cleared to enroll on Aug. 14. Santilli, who is listed on Schoolcraft's roster as a graduate of Holy Names Secondary School in Windsor, appearded 13 games for the University of Detroit in 2001, going 5-2-2 with goals-against average of 0.81 and a conference save percentage of .941.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREES Oct. 17 at Willow Metropark Marshbanks, 22:50. LAKES DIVISION

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 25 points; 2. Walled Lake Central, 62; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 85; 4. Salem, 105; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 110; 6. Westland John

Individual winner: Connor Schultz (Churchill), 16 minutes, 16 seconds (5,000

Other Churchill finishers: 3. Tim Howse, 16:41; 4. Brandon Grysko, 16:45; 6. Joe Horka, 16:51; 11. Adam Lumley, 17:30: 16. Stephan Maxe, 17:57; 20. Evan Chapman, 18:04.

Central finishers: 2. Sean Maxwell, 16:22; 5. Tony Sanfilippo, 16:49; 7. Jake Hill, 16:53; 10. Scott Stevens, 17:07; 38. Matt Funni, 21:52,

Stevenson finishers: 12. Mark Piorkowski, 17:40; 14. Dan Wilson, 17:47; 18. Max Guy, 18:01; 22. Dave Antishin, 18:15; 26. Joe Sullivan, 18:27; 28. Mike Gibbons, 18:50.

Salem finishers: 15. John Israel, 17:49; 17. Joe Rothert, 17:59; 21. Erik Dondzila, 18:14; 25. Kevin DeBear, 18:23; 27. Cam Loftus, 18:33; 34. Justin Kane, 19:46.

Northern finishers: 8. Ryan Jara, 17:00; 13. Mihkey Maves, 17;41; 24. Bob Lewan, 18:19; 32. Dan Stecher, 19:32; 33. Dominic Ancona, 19:36; 35. Patrick Keenan, 20:03; 36. Tom Dennis,

John Glenn finishers: 9. Cordarro Harper,

17:01; 23. Brad Gray, 18:16; 30. Corey Snyder, 18:56: 31. Mike Jacobs, 19:12; 37. Angelo Settler, 20:46; 39. Nathan Scarlet, 22:00; 40. Josh

WEIGHTED TEAM STANDINGS (33 percent 1st meet; 67 percent second meet): 1. Churchill, 83 points: 2, W.L. Central, 157: 3. Stevenson, 248; 4. W.L. Northern, 316; 5. Salem, 352; 6. John Glenn, 392.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 38 points: 2. Livonia Stevenson, 40: 3. Salem, 54; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 97; 5. Westland John Glenn, 144: 6. Walled Lake

Central, no team score. Individual winner: Heather Sirko (Stevenson), 18:17.2 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 3. Kylen Cieslak, 19:09.8; 5. Rachel McFarlane, 19:20; 8. Nicole Schmidt, 19:44.9; 9. Erica Hope, 19:49; 13. Megan Maceratini, 20:05.9; 14. Amy Drinan, 20:17.9; 18. Tiffany Pope, 20:35.

Other Stevenson finishers: 2. Kristen Frey, 18:49.4; 10. Marinna Plinka, 19:55; 12. Stephanie Perez, 20:03; 15. Amber Cicala, 20:24.2; 21. Melanie Anderle, 20:56.9; 22. Denee Meier,

Salem finishers: 4. Hannah Cavicchio, 19:13.5; 6. Lauren Kane, 19:22.8; 7. Laura Friedman, 19:37.4; 17. Rachel Gizicki, 20:32.2; 20. Sarah Kosteva, 20:52.7; 26. Allison Janda,

Northern finishers: 11. Lauren Quaintance, 20:00.9; 16. Cassandra Adamson, 20:27.7; 19.

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Kristen Olsen, 20:43.8; 24. Karlee Kitchens, 21:03; 27. Ashtyn Williams, 21:13.5; 37. Melissa Hoffmann, 25:33.8.

John Glenn finishers: 23. Julia DeGroot, 20:58.3; 25. Stacey Richardson, 21:05.5; 29. Becky Barrett, 22:40.5; 33. Melanie Stawkey, 24:08.6; 34. Sheryl Jacobs, 24:14.5; 35. Michelle Gutowski, 24:29.9; 36. Joslyn DeGroot 24:39.8

Central finishers: 28. Chelsea Hosey, 22:30.8: 30. Katie Woods, 22:43.4: 31. Jane Minshall, 23:09.5; 32. Stephanie Waldon, ...

WESTERN DIVISION

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 45. points; 2. Plymouth, 56; 3. Walled Lake Western, 61; 4. Canton, 104; 5. Livonia Franklin, 117: 6. Wayne Memorial, 128.

Franklin finishers: Mike Miazgowicz, 18:02: Mike Krcatovich, 18:10; Travis Canyock, 19:53; Josh Walker, 20:03: Doug Cole, 20:07; Mike Wissman, 23:16.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 20 points; 2. Canton, 65; 3. Plymouth, 86; 4. Franklin, 91; 5. Walled Lake Western, 101; 6. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Liz Hrivnak (Northville),

Franklin finishers: 5. Meghan Horgan, 20:22; 17. Kristine Ostrosky, 22:24; 22. Kari Saarela, 23:20; 23. Amanda Owen, 23:37; 24. Jackie Covert, 23:39; 28. Elizabeth Reinke.

CC golfers 14th at State Meet

A year after winning it all, Redford Catholic Central missed the cut Friday by two strokes in the 2004 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 Boys Golf Finals being held at soggy Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

Twelve of the 24 schools advanced to Saturday's final round led by Ann Arbor Pioneer with a four-player total of 295.

Other teams advancing included Muskegon Mona Shores (303), Grand Blanc (307), Traverse City Central (310), Milford (313), Howell (319), Brighton (321), Clarkston

(321), Warren DeLaSallè (322), Okemos (323), Portage Central (325), Walled Lake Northern (326) and Walled Lake Western (326)

Catholic Central tied Holt for 14th with 328.

Regional medalist Adam Hogue and Dave Denyer each shot 79 for 18 holes to lead CC. Brian King added an 84, while Adam Grady and Mike Murray

shot 84 and 90, respectively. "It was a miserable day, but it was a miserable for everybody," CC coach Bill Hayes said.

Livonia Churchill sophomore Tommy Lucko, an individual state qualifier, carded an 82 but was not among 23 players to advance.

The cut for individual qualifiers was 77 on the Michigan State University-owned course.

"It rained the entire time, the round lasted six hours and 15 minutes," Churchill first-year coach Paul Worley said. "The weather was disappointing. It was like a death march, but Tommy did not give up."

Brendan Gielow of Mona Shores was the first-round leader in the clubhouse with a 70. Justin Van Vleck of Pioneer was second with a 71 and Willie Mack of Grand Blanc was third with a 72.

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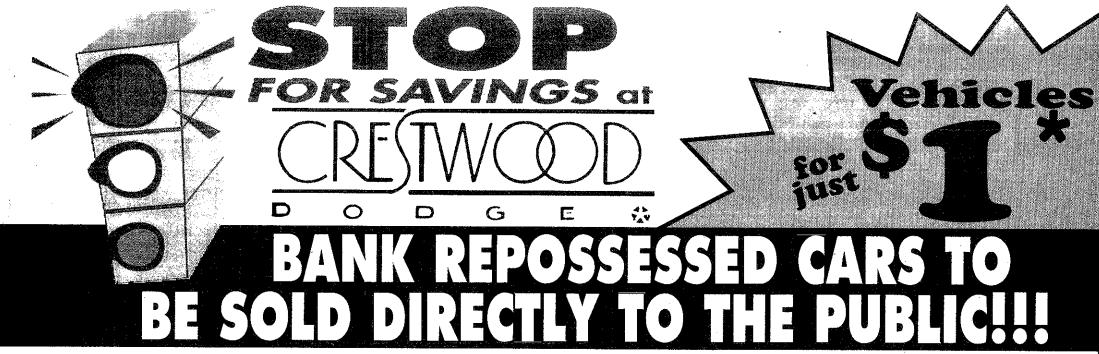
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normal values and pass those savings on to their customers. "These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," Kenny Hall (Used Car Sales Manager at Crestwood Dodge) said. "Our Creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately – regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale than that is what we will do."

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4x4's to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Kenny said. We have flown in extra sales and financial staff to ensure prompt, courteous, service and the best finance terms possible. Kenny said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about everyone who is employed, regardless of past history.

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ing game." Although the trademark of Canton's offense is its powerful ground attack, Baechler said his team can throw the ball

effectively when necessary. "We work our butts off in practice on the passing game," he said. "So when a team does what they did tonight, we're

ready for it." Canton scored on its opening snap when Julian Smith turned a basic off-tackle play into a 66yard touchdown sprint. Collin O'Shaughnessy added the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Chiefs doubled their lead to 14-0 with 2:06 left in the first quarter on Smith's 1-yard TD run. The score was set up on the previous play when Little connected with Adam Hester on a 35-yard hook-up.

The lead grew to 20-0 with 8:07 left in the first half when sophomore running back Deshon McClendon scampered around the left end for a 7-yard

John Glenn drove to the Canton 12 late in the third quarter, but came away empty when DeLuca's 29-yard field goal was wide of the mark.

Canton responded by driving 80 yards on six plays and scoring on Chuck Schumacher's 30yard bolt up the middle. The Chiefs' two-point conversion

attempt failed, making it 26-0.

Canton closed out the scoring on a 15-yard TD keeper by Little on what appeared to be a broken play, and a 4-yard run by Billie Jones.

The Chiefs outgained the Rockets, 339-143, in total

Schumacher led the way with 73 yards on nine carries; Smith picked up 71 on four attempts and McClendon gained 54 on five rushes.

DeLuca completed eight-of-26 passes for 66 yards. He also ran for 25 yards on 10 carries. Rocket running back Rece Cox was limited to seven yards on eight attempts.

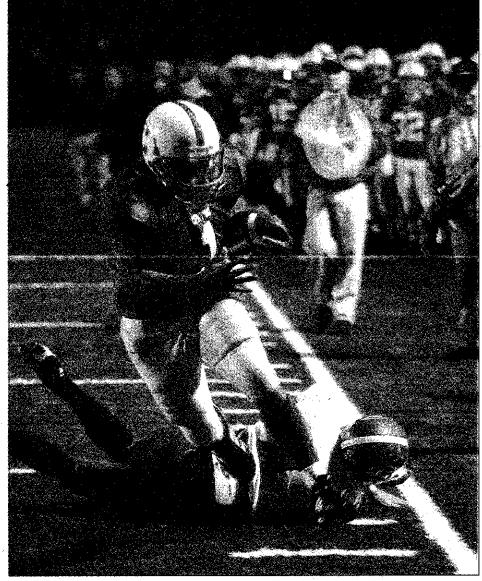
The Chiefs forced two John Glenn turnovers: Jeff Hudson recovered a fumble and David Neu picked off his fifth pass of the season.

Tim Bingham intercepted a pass for the Rockets.

The Chiefs' defense suffered a severe blow mid-way through the first quarter when defensive tackle Bryan Wagner was helped from the field with an apparent leg injury. He did not

The victory improved Baechler's record at Canton to 52-20, making him the most successful coach in the school's history. Bob Khoenle, Baechler's predecessor, won 51 games during his 11-year coaching career at Canton.

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Canton's Deshon McClendon hurdles John Glenn's Nathan Beard to put the Chiefs up 26-0 Friday night.

BAILEY

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voted in by their teammates. They help the coaches make important decisions regarding the team. For instance, if I thought I needed to suspend a player for, let's say, screwing around in the lunch room, we would get input from the members of the leadership council before we made a decision.

"There's a lot of responsibility involved because the members of the council are an extension of the coaching staff. The fact that Shaun was voted in by his teammates says a lot about how much they look up to him. He has great leadership skills and he really encourages the other players to work hard."

Bailey said the year-round workout regimen the team adheres to has done wonders for his physical abilities. Prior to his freshman year, he was 6-1 and weighed 250 pounds. This season, he's 6-3, 248. Bailey is not only leaner, but he has also chopped almost a full second off his time in the 40-yard dash.

"I'm a lot more agile and stronger now than I was before I started playing football," Bailey said. "As a freshman, I could bench press 115. I'm up to 260 now. I feel better, more athletic."

Bailey, who is also a key member of the Wildcats' wrestling team in the winter, excels in the classroom, too. He's earned a sterling 3.7 grade-point average through his first two years in high school.

"Math and science are my favorite subjects," he said. "I'd like to pursue a career in either engineering or science after col-

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average in that league. His first 300 game was in the same league last April. Suokas is one of the stalwarts of the

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Nicole Saigh scored the first four goals Thursday as the nation's No. 1-ranked women's iunior college soccer team, Schoolcraft College, made it 15 in a row without a loss with a 6-0 triumph over the Albion College JV team.

Natalie Thomas and Rachel Meyers also added goals for the Ocelots, who beat the Albion reserves in an earlier meeting, 7-0.

Goalkeeper Andrea Dunn notched the

"It was an outstanding game, we did everything we needed to do," Schoolcraft coach Bill Tolstedt said. "We controlled the pace, we controlled the movement."

Schoolcraft, the NJCAA-Region 12 champion, plays at noon today against the Central Michigan University club team.

The Lady Ocelots begin district play Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at home for the right to play in the NJCAA National Tournament, beginning Nov. 18 at Paradise Valley CC in Phoenix, Ariz.

MADONNA 1, AQUINAS O'(MEN): There was a foul odor in the air Wednesday during Madonna University's victory over visiting Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field. A total of 48 fouls, including five yellow cards,

were whistled in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

Matt Placek's unassisted goal, a deflected shot off an Aquinas defender, in the 32nd minute proved to be the difference.

Madonna goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons made a total of four saves en route to the shutout, while Aquinas counterpart Carl Whitehouse made six

MU is now 5-4-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the WHAC, while Aquinas is 5-10 and 2-4.

SCHOOLCRAFT 3, DELTA CC 1 (MEN): Rodenc Asllani scored a pair of goals and had one assist Wednesday in Schoolcraft College's Michigan Community College Athletic Association victory over Delta Community College.

Schoolcraft led 1-0 at halftime on Renato Susnja's goal from Asllani.

In the second half, Asllani scored from Devin



Madonna's Zach Wilkes (right) heads ball over an unidentified Aquinas player during Wednesday's WHAC clash.

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Liam Curran was in goal for the Ocelots, who improved to 11-3 overall and 5-1 in the MCCAA. 18-29 Month Certificate of Deposit.

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Hello, young voters

ive Salem cross country freshman will vote; not this year, but when they

In the meantime, they have definite opinions on the subject:

■ Casie Vella, 14 – "Yes, I want to vote because what the president does affects me, too, not only adults. Of course I will vote when I can. I'm watching the debates and we're discussing them in history class. Our country is based on democracy so it seems ignorant not to vote."

■ Sabrina Burcroft, 14 - "I want to vote because I would like to have an opinion on what happens in this country. I will vote when I'm old enough. I'm watching what's on the news."

■ Kevin DeBear, 14 – "I want to vote because kids know a lot more than people did because of TV and the news. I'm watching the debates. I will vote when I am 18. I don't really care if people don't vote. It's their choice."

■ Courtney Gibbons, 14 -"I will vote as soon as I'm old enough. I'm staying informed about the candidates by paying attention to what they're saying to the youth. It seems like they're both trying to be 'youth friendly' by communicating through their own kids about issues like college costs."

■ Justin Kane, 15 – "I believe we should have the right to vote for who is doing the most quality job. I will vote when I'm 18. Now I'm watching the news and debates and discussing the issues with my family. People who don't vote either don't have an opinion or just don't care."

The right to vote doesn't obligate people to do so. In the 2000 presidential election, 65 percent of Plymouth-Canton registered voters voted. Less than 4 percent of the eligible voters participated in the 2004 school board election. And not all citizens

Why doesn't everyone vote? Standing in line in a clean, safe polling place, close to home, doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice compared to what soldiers are willing to do for us.

Says Sabrina Burcroft, "People who don't vote are wasting the rights the founding fathers gave us and it is not cool."

The Constitution, ratified in 1788, didn't give every citizen the right to vote. To ensure voting rights to all, amendments have been added, often after long, bitter opposition and violence.

The Women Suffrage movement began in 1848. Wyoming was the first to give women suffrage in 1869, but all women couldn't vote until the 19th Amendment was

ratified in 1920. The 15th Amendment (1870) eliminated racial barriers to voting, but it took the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to eliminate obstacles, poll taxes and literacy tests, which were used to prevent African Americans from being able to register and vote in local, state and national elections.

Says Courtney Gibbons, "As for people who don't vote, it's their loss. It makes Americans look bad, lazy. We have a chance to influence our economy, leaders, and decisions, and we should take

Adds Casie Vella, "If everyone didn't vote, it would be like anarchy."

The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18 during the Vietnam War (1971). I hope these young cross country runners don't change their mind about voting when they turn 18.

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Everyone from princesses to pirates treasures holiday



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Tally Jones (left) of Westland, Rene Davis of Wayne and Jan Murphy of Livonia select their costumes for comfort since all Halloween USA employees must dress to sell.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Princess and pirate costumes are flying off the shelves of local stores. Retailers say the latest Halloween buying trends reflect our fascination with films. At Bee's Costume Creations in Garden City, day manager Theresa Valchine is stocking so many of the characters from *Shrek 2* that the store had to move to a larger space across the street at 32500 Warren.

Bee's also carries a large line of rentals. Couples costumes for pirates, Renaissance maidens and knights in shining armor, and Elvis and Marilyn

Monroe continue to draw customers. "The trend seems to follow whatever the movie industry is feeding us," said Valchine of Westland. "Cat in the Hat isn't as popular this year. They're not

really new but

what's

popu-

is Disney princesses - Snow White, Cinderella. Adults and kids want to be

pirates thanks to the Pirates of the

Halloween activities for young and young at

heart are plentiful. Inside, page C7.

Caribbean movie.' While old standbys such as Spiderman and Superman remain big sellers, teen boys and 10-year-olds go for serial killers like Jason and Freddie Krueger. Valchine's 9-year old son Noah Williams can't decide between being a member of the band Insane Clown Posse or Dracula. Valchine says Noah is at the age where "he wants to put on all of the facial paint." Bee's,

when they're in town. "A lot of time teens will make up their own," said Valchine. "We sell a lot of wigs for that. We sell a ton of Afros because of the Pistons, and bright

which carries a full line of professional

makeup, regularly sells to groups such

as Insane Clown Posse and Eminem

neon color wigs." Military costumes, popular last year, are out as are political masks and latex masks. Although latex monster masks sell to haunted house

monsters. "We carry plus size French maid, witches, devils," said Valchine. "Young single guys rent - Austin Powers, Dumb and Dumber, pirates, pimps. They don't have to think. We provide the

whole package: "I've been at the storé four years. You'll see trends as you get closer to the day and kids don't have

their minds made up. Witch is a lastminute resort. Today's witches are in categories, not just a mean ugly witch but cool, punk, like Sabrina witches. almost glamour witches."

BIG BUSINESS

Many of the shoppers at Halloween USA in Livonia still can't make up their minds about which costume to wear. Right now, they're too busy buying decorations for home and yard. It looks like retailers are going to carve out another successful Halloween. According to a September survey by the National Retail Federation, Halloween spending is expected to reach \$3.12 billion this year, up from \$2.96 billion last year.

Business is so profitable in the Midwest that once a year in mid September Party USA (formerly Gags & Gifts Party) changes its name to

Halloween USA and opens nearly 50 additional temporary stores including one on Ford Road in Canton. For locations, visit www.halloweenusa.com. Founded in Livonia in 1977 as Gags and Games, corporate offices in Livonia support more than 30 permanent retail stores, 80-plus Halloween centers, and three distribution centers.

At Halloween USA, large props such as the Count and Mummy, Floor Gore blood prints, sound-activated ghosts that fly from tree to tree, and fog machines and misters for black cauldrons keep die-hard Halloween fans spending money, making Halloween the second biggest decorating holiday of the year with the NRF survey estimating 61.8 percent of consumers plan to buy decorations.

"I've already noticed it's getting busy. It's just Monday and normally slow," said Sue Moran of Westland, manager of Halloween USA at 31072 Five Mile, east of Merriman. "I've been here 10 Halloweens. A lot of people come in last minute. The last week and Halloween it would be like Christmas Eve at Toys R Us where I used to work.

'Up until now they've been purchasing decorations. We're selling a lot of decor this year. One man spent over \$1,000 for just his front yard."

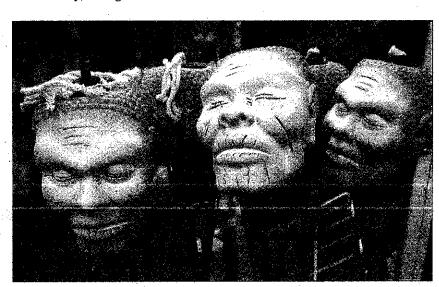
SCARY SUGGESTIONS

For those still hesitating to purchase

PLEASE SEE HALLOWEEN, C7



A September survey by the National Retail Federation estimates 61.8 percent of consumers will purchase Halloween decorations this year. Pictured here is a bonechilling graveyard scene on display at Halloween USA in Livonia.



Halloween USA features a variety of decorations including these eerie outdoor torches.

Big band concert Oct. 24 revisits music of jazz greats



Midge Ellis with Count Basie at Ford Auditorium in Detroit in 1980.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Jerry McKenzie thinks jazz fans of all ages won't want to miss a beat of the Oct. 24 concert at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. That's when the West Bloomfield drummer joins the Johnny Trudell Big Band for a tribute to the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich and Stan

McKenzie was 20 years old when he joined the Kenton band in 1958. At the time, he was playing the Riviera with the Glenn Miller/Ray McKinley Orchestra in Las Vegas, and Kenton was at the Tropicana. On McKenzie's night off, he went to see Kenton play

and just happened to be at the right place at the right time. The band was auditioning drummers. The rest is history. Kenton with McKenzie won back to back Grammys in the early 1960s for West Side Story and Adventures in Jazz.

A fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival held every July at Schoolcraft College, the Oct. 24 concert features McKenzie playing Kenton on the second half of the program.

Tickets are \$15, and available by calling Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720 or Plymouth musician Eileene Standley at (734) 459-2454.

INNOVATION

"What was special is that he was

always surging forward, being innovative, creative," said McKenzie, who played with Kenton until 1962 when he joined the Farmington Hills police department from which he retired as a detective.

'Stan didn't want to do things he'd done in the past. It was new adventures with the music because we had so many arrangers writing music for the band."

Kenton and McKenzie traveled by bus all over the U.S. to play colleges, universities, high schools, and a variety of venues. Kenton loved the kids and frequently gave clinics as did many of the musicians who played the Clarenceville Jazz Series from

PLEASE SEE JAZZ, C6

Lent 90th

Dorothy Lent, a 72-year Plymouth resident, celebrated her 90th birthday recently at a party in her honor given by her four children, Linda (Stewart) Oldford, Karen (Jim) Tobias, Julie (Dale) Hall and Jamie Lent, and grandson Victor (Jill) West.

Dorothy moved to Plymouth with her parents, Frank and Nora Sanders, when she was 18, after graduating from high school in Hillsdale, where she

was born and raised. Childhood sweetheart Wendell Lent followed close behind. Married in 1934, they lived their entire married life in Plymouth.

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Dorothy has been an active member of Plymouth organizations such as Eastern Star, Plymouth Woman's Club, Red Cross, Plymouth Historical Society, Ladies Elks and Girl Scouts, and has been a member of First United Methodist Church for more than 70 years.



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The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-0750.

FICTION

- 1. "The Dark Tower," Stephen
- 2. "Incubus Dreams," Laurell K. Hamilton
- 3. "Trace," Patricia Cornwell 4. "The DaVinci Code," Dan
- Brown
- 5. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norell," Susanna Clarke

NON-FICTION

- 1. "America (The Book)," Jon Stewart
- 2. "The Family," Kitty Kelly 3. "Unfit for Command," John
- E. O'Neill 4. "Between a Rock and a
- Hard Place," Aron Ralston 5. "American Soldiers," Tommy Franks

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BOOKS

- 1. "Won't You Be My Kissaroo?" Joanna Ryder 2. "All You Need for a Beach,"
- Alice Schertle 3. "Lizard Walinsky," Roberta
- 4. "Maisy Goes Camping,"
- Lucy Cousins 5. "Otto Has a Birthday Party," Todd Parr

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Powers-Biddle

Steve and Debi Johnson of Plymouth announce the wedding of their daughter, Beth Ellen Powers, to Andrew James Biddle, the son of Jim and Chris Biddle of Northville.

The couple was married Sept. 11, 2004 at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, with Pastor William Younge officiat-

The reception was held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and works as a hair stylist in Ann Arbor. She was attended by her sister, Carol Powers, as her Maid of Honor. High school friends Rachel Sumner, Nichelle Saxton, Julie Dykstra and Charlene Greenwell served as brides-

Best Man was Ian O'Reilly, a friend of the groom. Shawn

Schmedding-Bartley

Trish and Lou Schmedding of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Janine Schmedding of Tallahassee, Fla., to Randy Bartley, the son of Mary and John Delahaye of Carsonville, Mich.

The bride-to-be is going to graduate school at Florida State University. The prospective groom graduated from Eastern Michigan University in May 2004.

A May 7, 2005 wedding is

Anderson-Teatro

Salem High School and University of Michigan dentistry graduate Dr. Ross Anderson, the son of William and Jean Anderson of Howell, is engaged to be married to Kathy Joyce Baliad Teatro, R.N., the daughter of Benjamin and Eva Teatro of Leyte, Philippines.

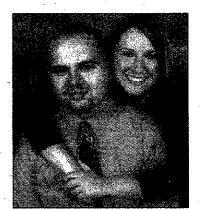
Kathy Joyce is a nursing graduate of Silliman University in Dumaguete, Philippines. Dr. Anderson practices orthodontics in Canton; Kathy Joyce works for Habitat for Humanity in Dumaguete.

The wedding is scheduled for



Howitson, Brian Svnamoto, Josh Fellwork and Alex Elsasser served as groomsmen. Ushers included the bride's brothers, Andy Powers, Jonathan Johnson, Jeremy Johnson and Chad Johnson.

The couple honeymooned at Glen Lake in northern Michigan.



planned at Mill Race in Northville.



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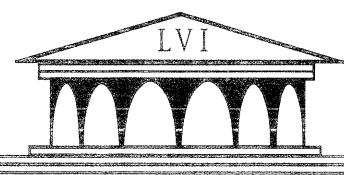
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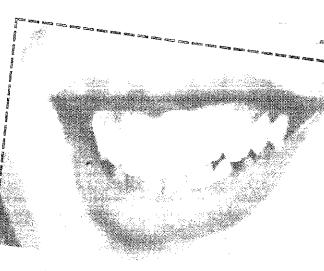
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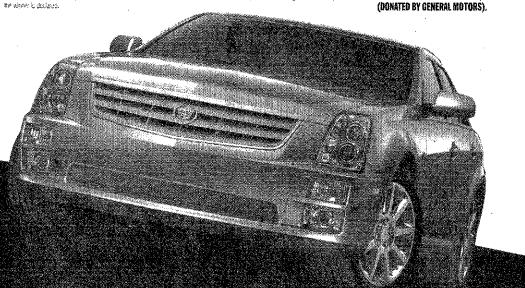


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ARIES (March 21-April 20th)

Longing to distance yourself from situations iaring your nerves and eliminate unhappy people from your life now? That's fine. However, you're urged to brace yourself, put on a brave face and take the greatest possible advantage to air your opinions over intensely personal and professional matters before Halloween. Don't be a pumpkin-head!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Because most Bull-born are rather slow to take offense, it is extremely unwise to imagine that you are slow on the uptake, and what happens early this week with the Moon in your element will certainly enable you to dispel any notion others may have about your inability to go it

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The outer planets seem to be making life difficult, especially where emotions are concerned. But is the picture quite as gloomy as you seem to be painting? Probably not. In fact, loved ones and old chums are under a great deal more pressure, and could do with a helping hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

with the Sun is reentering your worry wart, emotional element now, you may tend to dwell on what might have been and end up more confased than ever. However, if you re-examine money and love matters lucidly, many pieces of a rather complex jigsaw will finally fit into place.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Although this isn't what Lions like to hear, there's no point trying to bend other people to your will this week because they're the ones coming from a position of strength– not you. Let partners and colleagues call the shots. Your strength returns around Thanksgiving; gobble up your rewards at that time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You are much too kind, patient and considerate to put up with others' selfishness or greed. Greed may be too harsh a word, but if you are a typical Virgo, then you will now come to realize just how selfcentered and materialistic certain associates really are. Don't lose track of who YOU are!



LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

This week's astro-aspects remind you that the more you judge people, the more disillusioned you'll become, so promise yourself that you'll. treat everyone you meet, both in your personal life and at work, as if they can do no wrong. The world will treat you better, Balancer!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Accept what comes to light as the Sun re-enters your sign on Friday as confirmation that you are beading in the right direction. Above all, know that even enforced changes now taking place are for the best and to your advantage in the longterm. You'll see Big Results around your birthday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

If you aim for quality rather than quantity now during your pre-birthday-time, you'll build something that not only stands the test of time, but makes sure your intentions and name is always remembered. As long as you remain focused, you won't lack for energy- merely outside acknowledgment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

The past several months have been spent waging some sort of battle and you probably still feel you have an ax to grind. But, in fact, Friday's sun-shift signifies the moment has come to withdraw from the past and invest more attention to those who are trying to help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

There are real swell good weeks and there are so loaded with potential that even if you achieve only half of what you set out to do, it will change you forever. This is one of the later. Push, push, push- and breathe, breathe, breathe- because anything is possible now, WaterBearers!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't allow current financial difficulties to make

you feel inadequate, Fish! What you are experiencing may be difficult, but it also provides you with a unique opportunity to rebuild bridges and come up with solutions to problems. Next month finds you swimming smoother.

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JAZZ FROM PAGE C1

1969 through the early 1980s. Bill Cairo was one of the kids who learned to play from Buddy Rich and went on to a career as a drummer. Since 1978, the Westland resident has played with Johnny Trudell in addition to encouraging novice and accomplished musicians as owner of Bill Cairo's Drum House for the last 30 years in Redford.

He'll join Trudell for the Buddy Rich charts as well as other jazz greats.

"I was going to Franklin High School," said Bill Cairo, 51. "Every time there was a big band concert at Clarenceville I would have to be there. Stan Kenton would give seminars, Harry James, Rich, Herman, Ferguson. Kenton I learned a lot about his style of music. Every big band had their own sound. Rich being a drummer I would go home and practice the technical stuff.

"I've been playing since 3. My father was a drummer. I never took lessons. My lessons were going to Clarenceville and studying them.

"The last eight years of Rich's life we became good friends. Whenever he needed a musician he would call me up. He was my inspiration."

GEARED TO YOUTH

Midge Ellis and Trudell hope Big Bands Revisited will inspire today's youth to carry on the musical tradition. They'd like to begin by filling the auditorium with young people on Oct. 24. In order to do that they've invited the Northville High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mike Rumbell, to open the concert. Later, they plan to bring musicians like McKenzie and Cairo back for clinics in the schools. Ellis would like to see as an

enthusiastic response from today's youth as youth attending 1970s concerts and clinics at Clarenceville. "I approached Buddy Rich

with the idea to do a concert at

Johnny Trudell believes if he could just lure youth in for the Oct. 24 concert, they'd be hooked on jazz.

Clarenceville for the kids and didn't want to charge any more than the \$2 they paid to see a movie," said Ellis of Livonia. "We filled that place up. He played Channel One Suite followed by *Maria* and the kids were standing on the seats. He came off with tears rolling down his cheeks saying 'Midge, they're just kids."

Johnny Trudell believes if he could just lure youth in for the Oct. 24 concert, they'd be hooked on jazz. The only true American art form has quite a history.

Trudell, who began "playing trombone and trumpet as a kid," grew up listening to Dizzy Gillespie, the Dorsey bands, and at the ages of 6 to 9 saw many of their concerts at the Michigan Theater. "We're going to play some of

the music from Count Basie, Woody Herman, more famous things from Buddy Rich's band, Duke Ellington, a couple of tunes that we're doing at Seldom Blues in the Renaissance Center Tower 400 every Wednesday," said Johnny Trudell. "After intermission we'll feature music of Stan Kenton - Take the A Train, Shiny Stockings, Four Brothers, Woodchoppers Ball, Love for Sale, Bill Bailey. "The big band era was really

around only 11 years, 1939 through 1950, by '52 the bands were almost over with. In 1956, Count Basie came back with April in Paris. The recording put Basie back on the road with a hit record. That was unheard of. Elvis was in, Bill Haley and the Comets.

"As long as we can we need to encourage the young people. Maynard Ferguson, Kenton pioneered it in the schools." Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

AROUND TOWN

Delta Kappa Gamma Craft/Home

Delta Kappa Gamma's 18th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004. The show will run from 9-4 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (SW corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail), Plymouth, Mt.-Over 85 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2. Call (734) 844-1707 for more information.

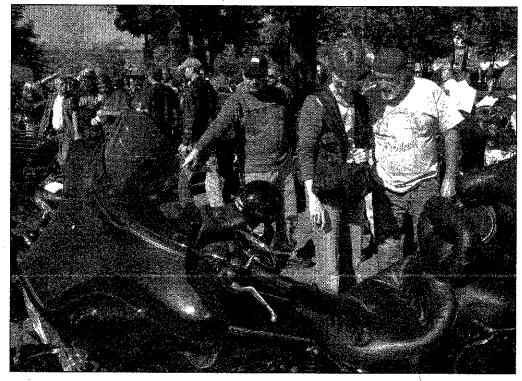
Animal Haunts

On Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm the Leslie Science Center presents its annual Animal Haunts! Out on the trail we will visit costumed characters that will entertain and educate us

skits, stories, and songs. Guided tours leave from the campfire every few minutes and are 40 minutes long. Also have fun making your way through our prairie maze (if you can!). playing games, jumping in the hay, painting your face, and snacking on popcorn and "swamp muck" with stories and songs around a campfire. This program is NOT scary and is appropriate for all ages. Pre-registration is not required but encouraged. The cost is \$6 per person, \$25 per family, all ages welcomed but an adult is required. Contact 997-1553 to register or for questions.

Nursing refresher

Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health, in conjunction with the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, will offer a nursing refresher course this fall,



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Bike lovers

Jane and Danny Nichols enjoy looking at a Harley during the Plymouth chili festival. It was one of hundreds of bikes that showed up for the annual festival, which features a motorcycle show in addition to the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

Designed for registered nurses who want to return to active practice in a health care setting, the four-week course will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Room 118 in the DiPonio Building (36200 Schoolcraft Road) Nov. 1-4, Nov. 8-11 and Nov. 15-18. Participants may earn up to 72 nursing contact hours. Registered nurses are asked to bring their license to the first class. To address the current nursing workforce shortage, some sponsoring agencies are providing

preceptor clinical hours and will pay for the course in exchange for an employment commitment. For registration information, call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

Halloween alternative

Canton Christian Fellowship Church offers an alternative celebration to Halloween with its Halleluiah Festival from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27. The Halleluiah Festival takes place at 6500 Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-9322.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based pereavement 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

GRACE ELIZABETH

DEVAULT

Age 83, of Plymouth, died October

1, 2004. She was born November 9,

1920, in Akron-Fairgrove, Michigan.

She came to the Plymouth community

in 1980, from Detroit. She was a

homemaker, and she loved helping

people. She was a loving mother,

grandmother, great-grandmother, and

imda (Joseph) Gramani of Plymouth.

ind Tom (Rosanne) Devault of

Colorado; her grandchildren, Emily

fiancé Dan Schultz) Giuliani of

Plymouth, Ryan Giuliani of Plymouth,

Chelsea Devault of Colorado, Michael (Maggie) Devault of North Carolina,

and Colleen Devault of Las Vegas;

three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Edith Marsh of North Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Douglas, and her son, Richard. Memorial service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280

S. Main, Plymouth, Wednesday, October 20, at 12noon. Friends may

MICHAEL A.

KLOOSTERMAN

Age 55, of Brighton Michigan. Mr. Kloosterman passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 12th following a brief iliness. He was born August 25,

1949 in Battle Creek, Michigan the son

of Peter W. and Natalie J. (DeWildt)

Kloosterman. On August 11, 1973 he

was married to Gayle L. Johnson in

Big Rapids and moved to Brighton from Farmington Hills in 2003. Mr.

Kloosterman was a graduate of East Grand Rapids High School and of

Ferris State University, was on the

Ferris State Tennis team and later

coached the tennis program there. He was also a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and the Elks Lodge

of Big Rapids. Mr. Kloosterman was

employed by the Durcon Company of

Westland for over 25 years and was the president of SEFA. Surviving are his wife Gayle of Brighton, 1 daughter, Sara Kloosterman of Bloomington,

Indiana, 1 son Michael Alan Kloosterman II of Kalamazoo, His

mother Natalie Kloosterman of Trufant, MI., and 1 brother, Kenneth Kloosterman of Elkhart, Indiania, also

by his in-laws and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday, 4 to

8 PM and Saturday beginning at Noon

until the time of the funeral service at 2:00PM at the KEEHN FUNERAL HOME, 706 W. Main St., Brighton, MI 48116 (810-229-9871) Private burial to

be held later at Plainfield Cemetery,

Plainfield, MI. Memorial contributions

have been requested to the Harrison

Football Boosters, In memory of Mike Kloosterman, PO Box 2773,

Farmington Hills, MI 48333-2773 or

Michigan State University, Varsity

Women's Soccer, In memory of Mike

Kloosterman, 225 Jenison Field

ANNA MARIE "PEG"

KORDENBROCK

Age 86, passed Oct. 13, 2004.

Beloved wife of the late Clifford

loving mother of Diane (Edward)

Joyce (Ronald) and Bruce (Kathleen)

dear grandmother of eight and great grandmother of six. Long time member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,

Livonia, MI and volunteered for 38

years to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

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visit beginning at 10am.

a cived by their children

the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Women's Economic Club

Cheri Booth Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, addresses the Women's Economic Club's noon luncheon Oct. 25 at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. Blair is a prominent human rights attorney, author and mother. Tickets for the luncheon are \$45 for members, \$60 for guests. For more information or reservations visit the WEC Web site at www.womenseconomicclub.org or call (313) 578-

Colombians meet

The Association of Colombians of Michigan and Washtenaw Community College are sponsoring the musical group "Recordando a Colombia". They will be performing Colombian Andean music. The group consists of five metro Detroit and Ann Arbor area residents. Two members of the group sing, while the remaining three play traditional Colombian stringed instruments: tiple, bandola and guitar. The concert will be held at the Washtenaw Community College Towsley Auditorium (Morris Lawrence Bldg.) at' 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29, WCC is located at 4800 E. Huron Dr. in Ann Arbor. Advanced ticket price is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Tickets at the door are \$18 for adults, \$13 for students.

For additional information and reservations call Martha at (248) 212-7452. Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. that reveals the truth behind what can be causing Fibromyalgia, which can be misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To register for the workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Women business owners

Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting beginning with networking at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 W. Ellsworth in Ann Arbor. Speaker this month is Beverly Seiford of Dannemiller Tyson Associates, who will discuss "The Journey of Organizational Change." Admission is free to members, \$10 for guests at the door. For more information or to register, call (734) 332-9300. Breast cancer workshop

Mia Mahalo presents the latest in its Workshop Series, "Early Detection Saves Lives - Exploring Options During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month," from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. Dr. E. Yvette Featherstone will look at different methods of catching this dreaded disease including self-exams, mammograms, and thermal scans. The technology behind therma scans will be discussed and Dr. Featherstone will address issues related to detection in women who have breast implants.

In addition, make a difference with a purchase of Bloom soap - 50 percent of all proceeds (\$3) are donated to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Institute. Mia Mahalo is at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. For more information or to RSVP, call (248) 546-1900.

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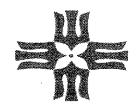
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ROBERT A. McDONALD Age 51, of Plymouth, died October 3 He was born May 21, 1953, in Santa Monica, California. He was employed by LYCO Engineering of Plymouth. He is survived by his children, Lydia McDonald of Santa Ana, California, and John McDonald of San Juan Capistrano, California: his mother. Roberta (Lynn) Yakel of Plymouth: Boise, Idaho. He is preceded in death by his father, William McDonald. Services to be arranged in Southern California at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734)453-3333. VERN MCNEVEN

1923-2004 Age 81, of Westland, Mich., formerly

of Tawas City, Mich. and Garden City, Mich, died October 13, 2004 at his home after a hard-fought battle with merkle cell cancer. Vern was born Junior Vern McNeven on Jan. 26 1923 in Rochester, Mich., to John and Bertha (Haggadone) McNeven. He attended school in Pontiac, Mich., before joining the U.S. navy in 1942 serving the submarine fleet aboard six submarines, the last of which was the USS Bowfin (SS-287). He garnered seven war patrol missions including one into Tokyo Bay and received an honorable discharge from the service in 1945. Vern also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On Sept. 25, 1945, he married Ruth Betty Decker in Pontiac, Mich. The couple lived in the Pontiac/Rochester area before moving to Garden City, Mich., in 1955. Vern worked as an appliance repairman with General Electric for 10 years, then moved with his family to Tawas City, Mich. in 1965, where he worked for Saginaw Steering Gear Division, retiring in 1985. Vern and Ruth moved to Westland in 2000. He was a member of UAW Local 699, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, and a lifetime member and a past post commander of VFW Post 5678 in Tawas City, Mich. Vern was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Edward and Leslie; and a son, Richard. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of the home; two daughters: Paulette (James) Taylor of Garden City., and Debra (James) Brown of Hopkins, Mo.; a son: Kenneth (Irene) McNeven of East Tawas, Mich.; 10 grandchildren: Michael (Amy) Taylor, Sherry (Lawrence) Mifsud, Thomas Brown, John (Kathy) Brown, Rebecca (Eric) Wetzel, Richard Souders, Naomi (Troy) Radenslaben, Michelle McNeven, Patrick McNeven and Heather Rich; six great-grandchildren; Nicholas and Taylor Mifsud, Zachary and Zoe Taylor, and Kyle and Hailey Wetzel; sister-in-law Gloria (Neil) South of Traverse City, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews. Services will be held 11:00 a.m. on October 16, from the Buresh & Kobs Funeral Home in Tawas City, Mich. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on October 15 at the funeral home. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery in East Tawas,

KAROLY SZABO

Age 95, October 12, 2004. Loving father of Melinda (Imre) Nagy & Martha (Paul) Komives. Dearest grandfather of 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 1-8pm. Funeral service Monday AM at the John K. Solosy Funeral Home, 3206 Fort Lincoln Park. 313-383-1870. Interment Mt. Kelly Cemetery.

MARY SHARRAR

Age 63. Died October 14, 2004. Beloved wife of Joseph for 39 years Dear mother of Michael (Casandra), Rebecca (David) Mazur. Dearest grandmother of Nicholas, Mackenzie, pencer, Hannah and Mitch. Loving sister of Frank (Sandra) Weiss and Betty (Patsy) Destino. Family will receive friends Sunday 10-1pm at Will Funeral Home, 37000 six Mile Road, Livonia, Funeral Service will be Sunday Ipm at the funeral home. Family appreciates memorials to the American Cancer

DOROTHY ELIZABETH PLATT WOOD

Age 89, of Plymouth, died unexpectedly October 11, 2004. She was born July 1, 1915 in Detroit, the daughter of Barney and Anna (Brabeau) Platt She graduated from Southeastern High School and received a B.A. in sociology from Olivet College where she was a member of the Soronian Society. She married David D. Wood on June 24, 1940. After living in several states they settled in Plymouth in 1948. Mrs. Wood was actively involved in the Plymouth community. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a Girl Scout leader, and a member of AAUW. But she was best known to hundreds of preschoolers and grade school children as "The Apple Lady." She explained how apples grew and gave each child a free apple from the Wood's orchard. She was an avid shell collector who loved walking the beaches near their winter home in Naples, Florida. Mrs Wood is survived by her husband, David; her daughter Anne (Bruce) Wood-Alatalo; and two grandchildren, Katherine and David Alatalo. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, on Friday, October 29, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Olivet College Annual Scholarship Fund or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

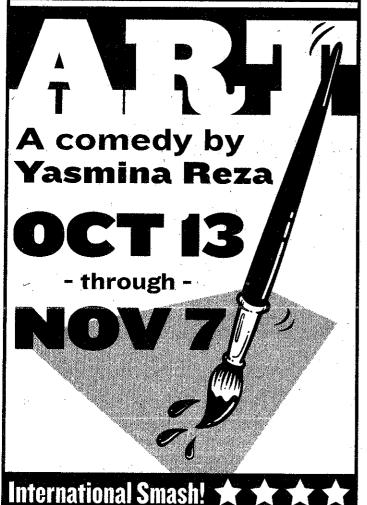


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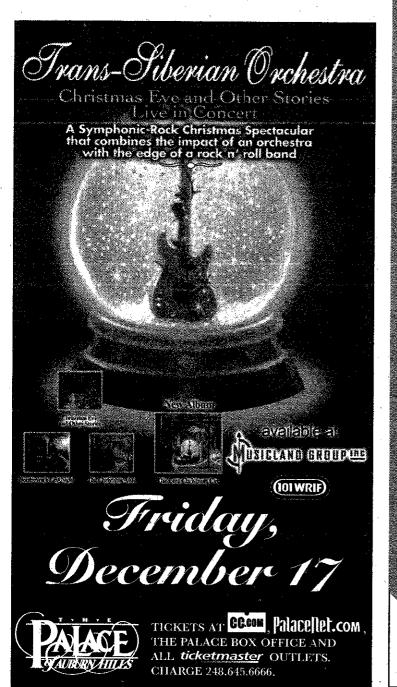


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How and when to choose a therapist

any years ago, a psychiatrist mentor of mine told me that there used to be a law requiring a psychiatrist to have a separate door for a patient to leave his office so they wouldn't have to go out through the waiting room area and possibly be seen by someone they knew.

McCulloch

expressed great worry about embarrassment should her neighbor down the street, Mrs. R. ever find out that she was "in therapy."

He also told

the story of

Mrs. S, who

treating a

My psychiatrist friend assured Mrs. S. that her privacy was of great importance and also never told her that Mrs. R. was also "in therapy" with him.

We have come a long way since then in our field of mental health care. Stigmas about being "in therapy" have decreased, although are not entirely eliminated. Myths still exist. And now there are many non-psychiatrist mental health professionals available.

Generally, people seek the help of a mental health professional when they experience more distress in their lives than they want to continue to live with

Myth 1: Only a small number of people see a psychotherapist. Fact: Millions of people now avail themselves of help for emotional difficulties, stress, family problems, etc. as well as the more serious mental illness-

Myth 2: People with a severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia, are usually dangerous and violent. Fact: Statistics show that the rate of violence in people who have a brain disorder such as schizophrenia is not much higher than in the general population. Those suffering from a psychosis such as schizophrenia are more apt to be frightened and confused than violent.

Myth 3: Depression results from a personality weakness and people who are depressed can just "snap out of it." Fact: Depression has nothing to do with being lazy or weak. Sometimes it results from changes in brain chemistry and medication and/or psychotherapy often help people recover.

Myth 4: Depression and other illnesses, such as anxiety disorders, do not affect children or adolescents. Any problems they have are just a part of growing up. Fact: Children and adolescents can develop severe mental illnesses. In the United States, one in 10 children has a disorder severe enough to cause impairment.

Myth 5: Addiction is a lifestyle choice and shows a lack of willpower. Fact: Addiction is a disease that generally results from changes in brain chemistry and complex psychological factors. It has nothing to do with being a "bad" person.

WHEN TO SEEK HELP

Generally, people seek the help of a mental health professional when they experience more distress in their lives than they want to continue to live with. This distress usually takes the form of anxiety and/or depression.

The source of this distress can come from many places. Some are situational reactions to a life

internal conflicts of an unbalanced emotional life. Some come from the stress of every day living which includes parenting, divorce, unemployment, and health problems such as traumatic brain injuries and cancer.

Some come from mental illness such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder (formally called manic depression). Within each of these categories there will be degrees of mild, moderate, or severe distress and/or impairment.

When attempts to "pull yourself up by your boot straps" fail and talking to a trusted friend, family member, or clergy has not brought enough lasting relief from emotional distress, it is time to consider a mental health professional. To not do so is often only going to prolong misery and have your condition worsen. It can be a great gift to give oneself, that is, to act on the realization that you need and deserve professional help. This is a sign of maturity. Len McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association and Board Certified in Trauma. He is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist and a Certified Addictions Counselor. He is Director of Psychological Services at Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Farmington Hills, (248) 474-BROE.

See scary movie at Meadow Brook

Frankenstein and his bride are waiting for you at Meadow Brook Hall.

They're on screen in the English man-

sion's ballroom. And there's dinner to boot. The hall is offering its Dinner and a Scary Movie program from Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 20-21 and again from

Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 27-28. For \$25, you'll get a three-course dinner seating begins at 7 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. — and the film.

Frankenstein — which tells the story of Dr. Frankenstein and the monster he creates with a corpse and electricity - runs

the first week.

Dating singles can't help but feel encouraged when they see the 1935 sequel, Bride of Frankenstein, and learn that even monsters can find that special someone. Reservations are required. Call (248)

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Retailers bet Enjoy safe Halloween at local businesses, churches

on poker's popularity

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — With poker's popularity growing because of televised tournaments, retailers are betting that playing cards and chips will be among the must-have items during the holiday shopping season.

Stores are showcasing displays of casino-quality chips and gaming tables with holders for drinks and betting chips.

"I'm not a big poker player, but I know a lot about it because it's such a hot item," said Kmart spokeswoman Caryn Klebba. "It seems like the teenagers are in love with

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Karen Burk said the renewed interest in poker may make a deck of cards the top stocking stuffer of the holidays this year.

Poker, which was introduced to much of the country by riverboats on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers in the 1800s, is now seeing another surge thanks to tournaments being televised on cable networks.

The World Series of Poker on ESPN along with Bravo's Celebrity Poker Showdown and the World Poker Tour on the Travel Channel are among the hit new shows.

POKER BECOMES POPULAR

Few networks were interested in poker until the World Poker Tour turned into an overnight success a year ago.

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PokerStars.com, a popular
Web site that offers poker
online, estimates based on
anecdotal research that from
50 million to 60 million people
play poker at least once a
month.

Games range from high school students gathering in basements on weekend nights to organized tournaments.

Noah Campbell, 25, started a weekend tournament in Toledo this year that draws a combined 80 players on Friday and Saturday nights, with the money going to charities.

He spent at least \$2,000 buying tables, cards and chips. Campbell said many of his friends are buying their own supplies too, including highend chips and cards.

"They want to emulate what

they see on TV," he said.
Sears, Roebuck and Co. sells
a \$99 gaming set that comes in
a portable velvet-lined case
with a chrome handle and 300
chips and two decks of cards.

Georganne Greece, a buyer for the company's game room group, said expectations are that poker supplies will see a huge surge in sales in the coming months.

"It's somewhat in its infancy," she said. "But early indications are that we're going to sell through most of this product even the high-end items."

Most items began arriving at Sears stores in the middle of August. "We saw it fly away," she said.

Books written by some of the game's best-known players, such as Phil Hellmuth and Doyle Brunson, have been top sellers at Borders bookstores, said Beth Bingham, a spokeswoman for Borders Group Inc.

Hellmuth has a second book, Bad Beats and Lucky Draws, coming out in November. He's also working on a couple more for next year.

In the last year, Borders has added 20 percent more poker-related books. It's not just the book titles," Bingham said.
"There's a lot more products—we're carrying poker games, a Texas Hold 'Em game."

GAMING ITEMS HOT

Restoration Hardware, the furniture and home decor retailer, sells playing cards and all the extras — mechanical card shufflers, playing card coasters and shot glasses.

The retailer, just like any good poker player, had a little luck on its side, too. It began stocking gaming items a few years before the poker boom.

Dave Glassman, a spokesman for the Corte Madera, Calif.-based company, said at first the items "didn't get much visual importance in the store." But the company was well-positioned to capitalize when poker shows on television began drawing fans.

Trick or treating from house to house isn't the only alternative for youngsters and parents this year. Several area churches and businesses are offering novel activities lead-

ing up to Halloween.

■ Family Fright Night
Fiesta

The first annual Halloween dance for families takes place 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Includes costume contests for children and adults. Tickets are \$5 for residents and on sale until Oct. 18 at the Summit. Children age 3 and under free. Photos available for additional cost. Call (734) 394-5460.

Fall Festival
Kids can decorate pumpkins after picking one from a patch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23, at Grace
Lutheran Church, 46001
Warren, west of Canton
Center Road. Event offers something for all ages including rummage and bake sales, refreshments, games, and more. For more information, call (734) 414-7422.

■ Trick or Treat Parade 3:30-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Summit on the Park, Canton. The Summit will be filled with decorated stations where candy and other treats will be given out. For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org.

■ Trunk or treat
Bring the kids to trick or
treat out of the trunks of cars
1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct.
30, at Bethlehem Lutheran
Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile.

Harvest Festival
Get together with your family for an afternoon of games, goodies and a chance to dress

Saturday, Oct. 30, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Children who wear costumes may win a prize. (No occult or violent themes, please.) Parents should accompany children. No charge, but each family is encouraged to bring a donation for Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan's Golden Slumbers Community Caring Project. Please donate pillows, and crib to full size sheets, blankets, quilts, and plastic mattress protectors.

These items will be donated to

needy and at-risk children in

Michigan. To register your

child(ren) for event, call (734) 522-6830.

Trick or Treat
The Livonia Symphony
Orchestra performs 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30, at Churchill
High School, 8900
Newburgh, north of Joy,
Livonia. Includes Harry
Potter Symphonic Suite, and
Beethoven concerto featuring
pianist Tiffany Pao, a
Churchill High School student. Tickets \$17. Call (734)
421-1111 or (734) 742-2153.

Get out your costumes and round up all the youngsters and young-at-heart for a concert by Orchestra Canton 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the new Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road, Canton. Special Halloween activities, including scary storytelling, costume contests and games, start at 3 p.m.

■ Spooktacular concert

For this concert both audience and musicians will be in costume, ready to enjoy an afternoon of bone-chilling classics. During the concert there will even be an orches-

tra musician costume contest with the audience judging.

Tickets \$18 adults, \$16 children and seniors, and available in advance at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, call (734) 394-5460, or two hours prior to performance at Village Theater box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the orchestra office at (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to info@orchestracanton.org.

■ Halloween walk Canton Corners, at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley, is holding a Halloween walk Saturday, Oct. 30. Have a 3-by-5-inch photograph taken for \$1 each (limit three) at The Scrapbook Company from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. During business hours, the Fitness Experience, Apartment Search, Pittsburgh Paints, Bruegger's Bagels, and Donovens will pass out candy, Back Home Bakery, cookies. Enter your name to win a semi-precious stone from Paul's Fine Jewelry. A coloring contest for children up to age 12 takes place at FastFrame. Judging will be on Monday, Nov. 1. For more information about the contest, call (734) 844-7750.

■ Pumpkin Patch
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noon to 8 p.m. MondayFriday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday through
Halloween at St. Matthew's
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■ The Gauntlet
A haunted house will be

open 8 p.m. to midnight every Friday-Saturday until Halloween at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Admission is \$13 for adults. For more information, call the

Admission is \$13 for adults. For more information, call the 24-hour Hauntline at (248) 788-6900.

■ Detroit Science Center

Celebrates with a variety of fun-filled activities for children of all ages Oct. 24, 29 and 31 with camp-ins, robotic pumpkin carving, special crafts and experiments, story time and costume parades. For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.sciencedetroit.org. Tiny Tot Halloween for ages 2-6, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, trickor-treaters are invited to wear a costume and explore the Science of Halloween in the SBC Children's Gallery: Children can make a Halloween craft to take home, receive a special treat, join in Halloween storytime and participate in a costume parade

A Family Halloween Camp-In on Oct. 29, for ages 6 and up, costs \$35 and includes a program featuring five haunted science laboratory activities, the IMAX® film Journey into Amazing Caves, a spooky Dassault Systèmes Planetarium show, and family Halloween costume contest. Dinner and breakfast are included.

around the Science Center at

2:30 p.m.

Receive a special treat when you wear your costume to the Science Center on Halloween. Ghoulishly fun activities all day, including robotic pumpkin carving demonstrations, spooky dry ice experiments, unique World of Bats and Animal Adaptation shows and more.

By Linda Chomin

HALLOWEEN

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a costume because they can't decide on a character, Moran offers a few suggestions including visiting the stores where employees dress up in costumes to give customers ideas. On weekends, Moran has three young men teach customers to make up the scary faces they're wearing, including the nails in their heads.

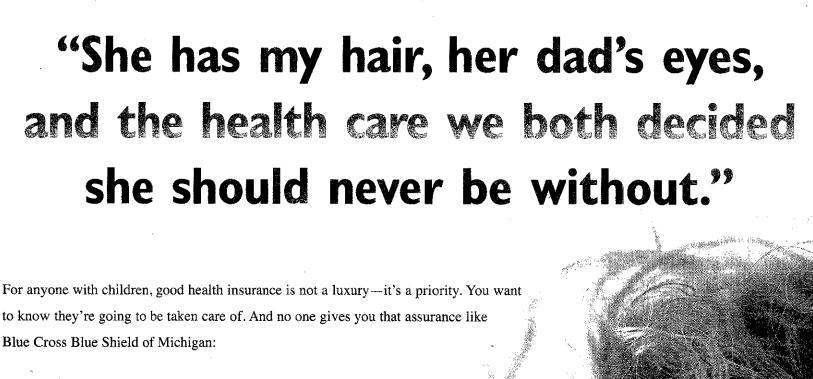
"For couples they can go as a lock and key, or if single as a one-night (bedroom) stand, Campbell soup or hot sauce," Moran. "For toddlers and infants new this year is a chili pepper that's really warm, and playful puppies. And for people who dress up and want to dress their dog we have Spiderman costumes, Woody (from Toy Story), and Superman."

Angie James still doesn't know

how she'll dress her 7-month old daughter, Teja, but will have plenty to choose from since buying a Halloween Express franchise. James, Alice Perkins and their husbands have turned the old Service Merchandise building at 7365 Nankin, off Warren in Westland into a haunted haven. Based in Kentucky, Halloween Express offers a variety of costumes and decorations. Some props like the head in a cage are already sold out. A wooden coffin is still available. The CD, Midnight Syndicate, sets the mood for any display with an array of scary sounds and background music.

"Tombstones are popular, regular lights and spider webs," said Angie James. "People like to compete with their neighbors."

Co-owner Alice Perkins tells a story about a man who came in to buy hands for a haunted house because "he just likes scaring people."



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Credit unions, like other financial institutions, are closely regulated. And they operate in a very prudent manner. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration, an agency of the federal government, insures deposits of credit union members at 439 federal and statechartered credit unions statewide. Deposits are insured up to \$100,000 - and in some cases where a member has multiple accounts, more.

What makes a credit union different from a bank or savings & loan? Like credit unions, banks and savings & loans accept deposits and make loans - but unlike credit unions, they are in business to make a profit. Banks and savings & loans are owned by groups of stockholders whereas credit unions are owned and controlled by members.

Credit unions are usually more modest institutions than banks; often located in simple business offices. Credit unions' low-keyed facades sometimes lead people to believe that they aren't as safe as banks. In fact, credit unions are the safest, most stable financial institutions in America. All deposits at a Michigan credit union are fully insured by the federal government up to \$100,000. Credit unions - unlike some other financial institutions have always paid for their own insurance program and have never taken a penny of taxpayer's money.

And because credit unions provide a safe, stable place for members' money, they stay out of high-risk activity such as junk bonds, leveraged buy-outs, commercial real estate development and third world debt. Credit unions use their money to finance car loans, home mortgages, student loans and small consumer loans. This policy not only best serves the needs of credit union members and their community, but also gives credit unions a low-risk loan portfolio.

Credit Unions Combat Youth Financial Illiteracy One Classroom at a Time

Once again Michigan credit unions lead the nation in efforts to eradicate financial illiteracy among our youth.

According to the Credit Union Network's National Youth Involvement Board (NYIB), which tracks national youth financial literacy outreach efforts, Michigan credit union staff educated over 35,962 students during the 2003-04 school year with 1,706 presentations on personal

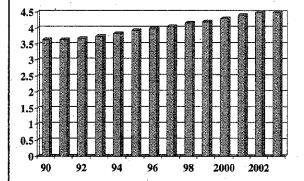
Relatedly, the Michigan Credit Union League has been recognized with the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award for showing exemplary leadership within the national credit union movement on behalf of youth financial literacy.

Motown First Federal Credit Union in Hamtramck, Mich. received an honorable mention for their work in educating lowincome youth about personal finance.

The Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award is Alphonse for Desjardins, the founder of the North American Credit Union Movement. Desjardins established the first "caisse populaire" (peoples bank) in Quebec in 1900. He was an ardent believer in the value of teaching children to save, and he actively promoted the idea of in-school savings programs.

The NYIB is comprised of credit union professionals dedicated to financial literacy, youth education and leadership development. For a complete report of the 2003-04 school year, account. Some cardholders,

Number of Members Michigan Credit Unions



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The net effect of these savings found Michigan credit union members about \$301.60 richer in 2002.

Credit union members benefit in a number of ways from access to services from a cooperative, not-for-profit financial institution. Some of these ben-

efits are not financial, such as the ability to directly participate in the governance of a financial institution as an owner, a sense of belonging, and a higher level of service as documented by annual American Banker consumer survevs.

■ Millions

Even consumers who don't belong to credit unions benefit from the mere existence of credit unions. For example, a recent study by the National **Economic Research Associates** points out that the availability of attractive pricing from credit unions pressure other financial institutions to provide attractive rates and services.

If you want to realize the many benefits of belonging to a credit union, phone 1-800-474-JOIN today to find out how to join a credit union.

Consumers, Be on the Look **Out for Debit Card Fees**

by Mary Davis "Credit or debit?" It's a familiar question to millions of consumers who use debit cards to make their purchases. When a consumer uses a debit card to make a purchase, the amount and sales tax are deducted from the cardholder's checking

however, are discovering that their financial institutions are debiting their accounts for more than just these costs.

About 25 percent of all financial institutions charge cardholders a fee for making purchases using their Personal Identification Number (PIN). PIN-use fees range from 25 cents to \$1 according to a study by Boston-based research firm Dove Consulting.

Tips for Teaching Kids the Value of Money

High school seniors are graduating with few of the personal financial skills they need to support themselves, according to a 2004 survey by the Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, a conglomeration of organizations-public, private and non profit—that works to improve the financial literacy of youth.

A similar study was conducted with Michigan high school students in 2001. The statewide survey sponsored by the Michigan Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy and conducted by the National Institute for Consumer Education (NICE) looked at 12th graders' level of knowledge within four areas: income, money management, saving and investment, and spending. Students were asked questions on a wide range of topics and concepts such as taxes, retirement, insurance, credit use, inflation and budgeting. On average, survey participants answered 49 percent of the questions correctly—a failing grade based upon the typical grade scale used by schools (90-100 percent = A, 80-89

percent = B, etc.). Raising children to be fiscally responsible adults is a challenge for many parents, particularly since adults are experiencing significant financial problems-exemplified by last year's record number of nonbusiness bankruptcy filings. Nevertheless, children are not learning money management skills in the classroom. This puts the responsibility of teaching children to respect moneyand the hard work that it represents—squarely on the shoulders of parents and guardians.

Here are some simple ideas: Get them saving at an early age.

When your kids are young, about 3 or 4, show them how to tell coins apart. Then give them three clear piggy bankslabel one for saving, one for spending and one for charity.

Give allowances on a regular

Regular allowances give children ample opportunities to practice saving and spending. When deciding on an appropriate amount, be sure to include

enough money for some discretionary spending on top of what they'll need to cover lunches and bus fare. One popular idea is to give kids a weekly allowance of \$1 per age, so \$5

for a 5-year-old, etc. Teach them to distinguish between their wants and needs.

Central to the process of making wise spending decisions is being able to differentiate between wants and needs. A need is something we require to sustain life, like food, shelter, water and clothing. A want, in this context, is something that enhances the quality of life. Each time your child wants something, a pair of expensive jeans, for example, ask if her if she really needs the jeans (reminding her what a need is), or if she simply want the jeans because her best friend just purchased a new pair. Your intention shouldn't be to say "no" each time she asks; rather, you should want to get her into the habit of asking herself: "do I need this" or "do I want this."

Open a savings account for them.

Open a savings account in your child's name at a credit union or bank. Many credit unions have special youth savings programs for kids 12 and under. Accounts typically only require a \$5 deposit. In addition to earning dividends on their savings, kids can participate in a variety of fun activities designed to educate them about the wise use of money. Participation is key to instilling

Make saving a routine. Make it a rule that

lifelong money lessons.

your kids save a percentage of their allowance, birthday money, or part-time neigh-

borhood job earnings. Make it easier for them to save money by disbursing allowance or birthday money in dollar bills,

and consider matching what they save each month,

Craft a budget.

Before doling an allowance each week, have your kids write down what they expect to purchase and spend for the week. Include both necessities such as bus fare and

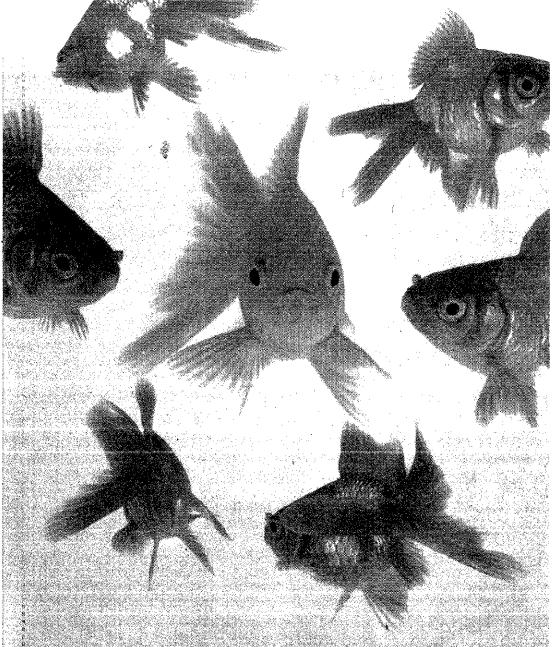
lunch and discretionary items like comic books or computer games. By regularly budgeting, they learn early on to spend within their means.

Set goals.

Have your kids write out a wish list of all they wish to purchase this summer, and rank them according to importance. Then, help them determine how much they need to save each week to reach their goals. Consider making a contribution to their savings each time they achieve their weekly goals.

Encourage them to work.

When your child is old enough, encourage him to find creative ways to make money. When he gets paid, take the opportunity to talk about the exchange of money for wages, When he's older, take the opportunity to discuss income tax. Explain the government takes about one-third of your earnings in taxes. To illustrate, craft a pay stub that reflects his pay amount and how much. would be taken out if he had to report his earnings to the government. By the time your child receives a real paycheck, minus taxes, the concept of spendable income vs. saving will become very real.



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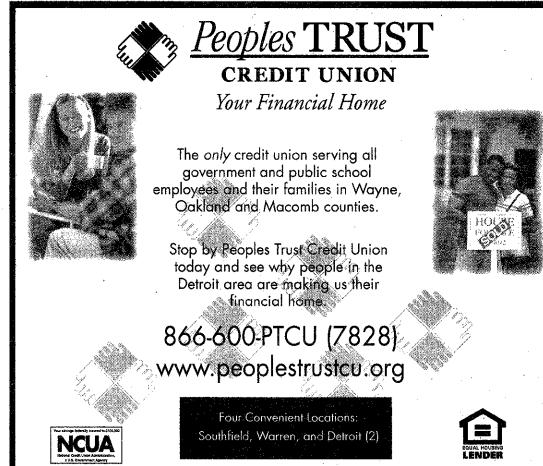
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by Mary Davis

My friend Lynn, a successful single woman with a generous heart and a knack for managing money, has, over the years, become a kind of financial prophetess in the eyes of her family. Her relatives come to

needs a first loan, or your close friend needs your help. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has outlined some things to consider when weighing your decision to take on this weighty

responsibility. Plan for the worst. When you cosign a loan, you are tak-

need to plan as if the loan is

yours just in case the borrower

can't make the payments. Can

you comfortably afford to make

the monthly payments until the

loan is repaid? Will you still be

able to save for retirement, add

account and live the life you're

assume this debt? Before you

goals and determine whether

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don't have to pay off the debt,

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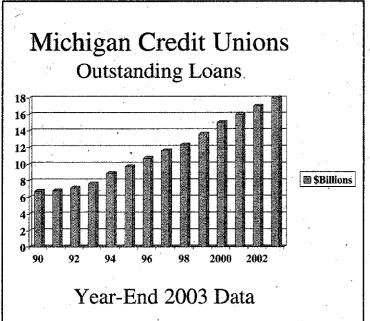
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her for advice on everything -ing on a risk a professional from budgeting and retirement lender wouldn't. As such, you'll planning to investing in stocks and mutual funds. She's not wealthy by any stretch of the imagination, but she lives comfortably. And because she's worked hard and she's been careful with her money, she'll enjoy an early retirement while the rest of her friends slog until the age of 65.

Last week Lynn received a telephone call from a close relative, a young man who, at 23, is already thousands of dollars in credit card and student loan debt. He'd called to ask her to cosign an auto loan.

It wasn't the first, second or third time this relative had asked for financial assistance She'd given him thousands of dollars in gifts and loans. Yet she felt guilty about turning

him down "He's a great kid with frightful money management skills," she said to me. "I want to help him succeed but I don't want to

The "risk" my friend was talking about is the responsibility a person assumes when she cosigns a loan. Were my friend a cosigner, and her relative was unable to make the payments, she would be responsible for repaying the loan. And that's not all. She could also be responsible for late charges, collection costs and attorneys fees if the lender decides to sue to collect. What's more, her credit report will likely reflect all of the negative activity associated with the loan.

Despite the risks associated with cosigning a loan, there may be a time when your child

ratio, you might have trouble is paid off. Think about the Consider increasing the amount you put into your can still make the payments.

> If you decide to cosign: Negotiate. You may be able

Negotiate some more. Ask the lender to state, in writing, that they'll notify you if the borrower misses a payment. Doing so will give you the opportunity to handle the situ-

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to negotiate the terms of your obligation. For example, consider asking the lender to make you liable for the principal on the loan only, not any late charges or collections fees. If the lender agrees to your terms. ask to have a statement written into the contract similar to the following: "The cosigner will be responsible only for the principal balance on this loan at the time of default."

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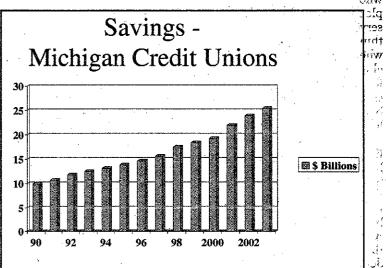
Credit unions are for everyone, but the law places some limits on the people they may serve. A credit union's charter defines its "field of membership," which could be an employer, church, school, or

community. Here's how to find a credit

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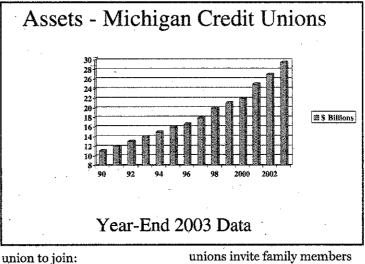
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credit unions have a "community" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography rather than by employment or some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union.

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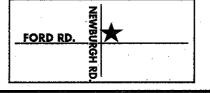
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Take steps to help kids with weight

t disturbs me to hear about the growing obesity problem among children. Today, one out of every five children in our country is overweight and the

number keeps getting bigger. That's bad news, not just because of the effect on kids' health today, but because overweight kids tend to become overweight adults with increased chances of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and the like.

Here are some things parents can try to help prevent their kids from becoming overweight:

- Don't insist that your child clean his or her plate all the
- Get active with your children by walking or going for a bike ride with them.
- Try to keep TV watching and video game playing to a minimum.
- Avoid rewarding kids with sweet desserts like candy and cookies.

It turns out that the best way to help your kids is to set a good example. This way, you develop healthy habits to benefit you and your kids see a good role model for healthy living.

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Ernie Harwell, the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled Life After Baseball, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.



Avoid the temptations, stay healthy in

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

October has arrived and with it comes activities and occasions that can, and often do, lead to weight gain. With some careful planning, however, and a commitment to healthy eating and exercise, you can enjoy this colorful time of the year without worrying about an expanding waistline.

Football games with tailgate and athome parties can be a challenge if the typical high-fat and high-calorie foods are served. After all, there's nothing better than munching on potato chips and French onion dip when your favorite team takes to the field. There is a way, however, to root for your favorite team without doing damage to your diet. If you're a hostess and a little creative, you can provide yourself and your guests with healthier food

Baked taco chips with salsa, pretzels and low-fat popcorn can be added to your snack offerings. Also, a vegetable tray provides a healthy food choice. When it comes to sandwiches, use whole grain breads instead of the refined varieties and you'll reduce the carbs and calories, and add muchneeded fiber. And don't forget such sandwich fixings as reduced-fat cheese slices, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber slices, green and red bell pepper slices, onions and other vegetables. You and your guests can not only build large, but healthy sandwiches. Veggie salads are also good — they're better than those filled with high-fat mayonnaise, especially when tossed with no-fat or low-fat dressings. There are numerous selections that you can offer your guests that taste good, satisfy the appetite and are good for the health.

If you're a guest, plan to bring some of these diet-friendly choices for yourself and to share with others. Making a batch of brownies from a box may be an easy way to bring a dish to pass, but you don't need them and neither do the other guests. Think sliced fresh fruit instead.

A visit to the cider mill is another favorite fall activity, especially when cider and doughnuts are added. Oh those doughnuts, especially when they're hot and just out of the cooking oil! Forget the doughnuts. At

200-plus calories for one - and who eats just one? — they can sabotage a healthy diet. Instead of doughnuts, choose a bag of sweet apples, such as Gala, and take them home for a baked apple treat. Sprinkle a little sugar or sugar substitute and cinnamon over cored apples and bake at 350 degrees until apples are soft and skin a golden

HANDLING HALLOWEEN

Now that you've figured out how to handle parties and trips to the cider mill, your next October challenge is Halloween. You may not go out to trick or treat, but if you have kids, a great deal of sweet treats come into you home. Even without children, there are the treats you pass out. Nibbling on these candies — the treats of choice

— in the weeks prior to the big day, on

Halloween and on the days following can not only give you a "sugar high," but cause the number on your scale to

With some creative thinking and planning, Halloween need not be a diet buster. This year, plan ahead to keep the festiveness in and the temptation out. Here are some ways that

- Pass out treats such as pencils, gift certificates, coins and other non-food
- If you do choose candy treats, purchase varieties that you do not like to lessen the temptation to eat them.
- Buy your food treats at the last possible moment so that you don't have them around to munch on before Halloween.
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Flu shots available for high-risk individuals

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Kay Renny isn't worried about the influenza vaccine shortage created after Chiron Corp.'s license was suspended in its Liverpool, England facility by the Medicines and **Healthcare Products** Regulatory Agency in the United Kingdom.

The action reduced the supply to one half of what's needed for the 2004-2005 season in the U.S. As a result the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued recommendations for vaccinating only high risk segments of the population.

Renny, a registered nurse and manager of community programs at Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of Southeast Michigan, has survived shortages of the flu vaccine before.

"A small amount is available for our direct care workers and patients, and senior residences scheduled back in the summer but we've canceled all corporate, work-site and public clinics at Art Van and Kroger," said Kay Renny. "I'd like to remind them of the

huge delay we had a few years ago. They don't need to panic. There are lots of things we can do to prevent spread of

Number one is to wash your hands. Get adequate sleep and eat nutritious foods. Avoid people who are sick and if you're sick stay at home. If you cough or sneeze make sure to cover your mouth. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Healthy individuals may want to consider receiving FluMist, a nasally administered, live vaccine. It's intended for healthy adults age 49 and under, and healthy children ages 5-17.

"Myself and my family are going to practice healthy behaviors," said Renny. "This has happened in the past and probably is going to happen again due to the fact manufacturing is a 6-7 months process.

If you're in the high risk category - all children ages 6-23 months, adults age 65 and older, pregnant women, health care workers involved with direct patient care, persons age 2 and up with chronic medical conditions, and

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Kay Renny Visiting Nurses Association

caregivers and family of children aged 6 months - there are flu shots available. Renny recommends visiting the Farmer Jack Web site at www.farmerjack.com for a list of sites. Vaccine for 400 shots is available at each store on specific dates at least through October, according to a spokesperson. For more information, call Farmer Jack at (877) 435-7142.

Some private physicians' offices did receive an allotment of flu vaccine on Oct. 1. It's best to call first to find out if you're health care provider was one of them.

University of Michigan Visiting Nurses clinics are still on for high risk individuals, Krista Hopson is happy to

We have a limited number of doses through October with the possibility we may have to cancel some," said Hopson, spokesperson for University of Michigan Health System. "We're only vaccinating those who are at high risk. Everyone else should talk to their health care providers for other suggestions."

Scheduled flu shot clinics include:

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Meijer, 45001 Ford Road, Canton; 3-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, Meijer, 37201 Warren, Westland; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at Meijer, 5150 Coolidge, Royal.Oak; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28, at Meijer, 20401 Haggerty,

Northville, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28, at Meijer, 5150 Coolidge, Royal Oak, and locations in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Belleville. For more information, visit the Web site at www.umvn.org.

Flu shots are also available for high risk individuals at the Wavne County Department of Public Health centers including the Wayne location at 33030 Van Born at Venoy, call (734) 727-7101 for an appointment. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 11 a.m.

to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For more information or other sites, call (734) 727-7000, or the flu hotline at (734) 727-7163. FluMist is not avail-St. Mary Mercy Hospital has received a limited supply of the

flu vaccine for children. It will be offered only on Monday, Oct. 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Appointments are required for all children aged 6-23 months, persons age 2 and up to 18 vears old with underlying chronic medical conditions, children age 6 months to 18 years on long-term aspirin therapy, and siblings of children age less than 6 months

There is a \$15 fee for shots, however no one will be turned away due to an inability to pay. Call (734) 655-8950 for an appointment or more information, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia. For directions or additional information, visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

The Oakland County Health Division offers a clinic for high risk individuals 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Summit Place Mall on .: Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford in the former Montgomery Ward store. Park on Telegraph side of the mall, between Ruby Tuesday's and Kohl's. Oakland County residents only. Proof of residency required as well as a driver's w license or state issued photo ID. Cost is \$7.

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with the remaining candy. Remember: out of sight; out of mind.

Have your children select an appropriate amount of their favorite treats from their bags (they don't need all that sugar, either) and pack up the remaining candy to give to the needy. If your child's school does not sponsor a collection of excess Halloween candy, arrange to take your children to deliver their candy to an area food

Eating healthier during October is just one part of the effort required to lessen the chance for weight gain. Exercise is also need-

This fall month provides is a good time to exercise. The cooler temperatures and the colorful leaf displays provide a comfortable and visually pleasing opportunity for a good (three miles or more) walk. And when the leaves fall off the trees, rake them up and you'll burn as many as

500 calories an hour. Gardening - and there are lots of things to do in the fall to prepare for the next growing season - is another worthwhile fitness activity.

Staying healthy and fit, without gaining weight, are good goals to make for October. Making healthier food choices and regular exercise this month will better prepare you for the biggest diet challenge of the year - getting through the holidays without gaining weight.

A few years ago, we formed the Fitness Forever Club as a way to help you to get healthy and fit. With three months left in 2004, there is still time to accomplish these goals so that you can begin 2005 in a healthier way. Many of our readers need help to make it through the holidays and winter months without gaining weight. If you have good tips on how to accomplish this, please e-mail Hugh Gallagher, Health and Fitness, hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net. Also, if you need help with your fitness challenge, e-mail Sandra Dalka-Prysby, an American Council on Exercise-certified lifestyle and weight management consultant, at sdprysby@hotmail.com.

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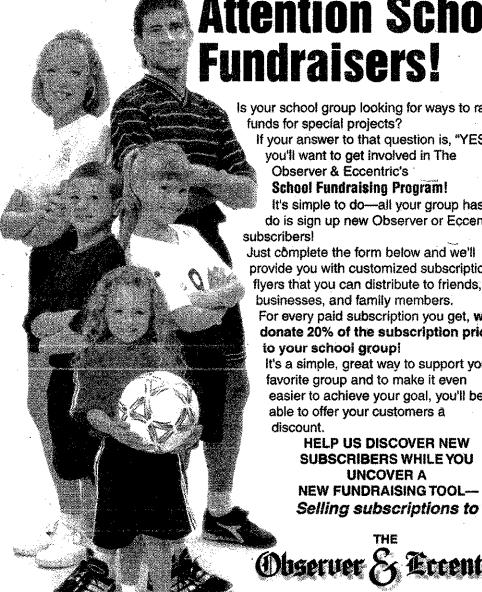
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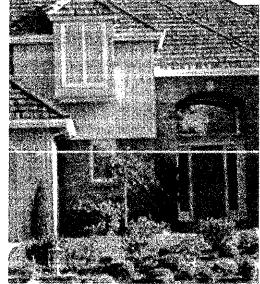
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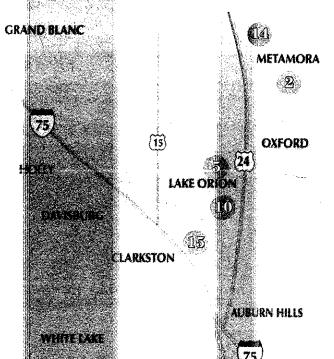


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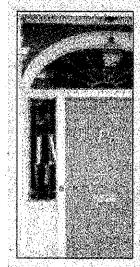
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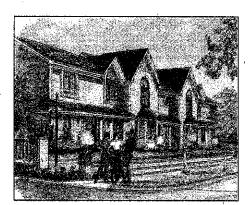
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The Crossings at Irving Avenue offers downtown amenities

Located just one mile from the nucleus of downtown Royal Oak, The Crossings at Irving Avenue is in its third phase.

Developers Steve and Tim Nolan teamed with builder Michelle Chaklos to create a stylish, upscale condominium home community. Four models are being offered in Phase II and the newly launched Phase III of the Crossings. The three-bedroom models range in size from 1,631 to 1,734 square feet and are priced from \$270,000 to \$370,000.

Two of the models, the Brittany and the Danbury, have first-floor master suites. Fireplaces with marble surrounds and custom mantels are available. Cathedral ceilings, granite countertops,



The Crossings at Irving Avenue is just one mile from the nucleus of downtown Royal Oak. Phase Il of the project offers four models priced from \$259,000 to \$367,900.

crown moldings, plush carpeting, oak floors in foyers and powder rooms, and designer lighting enhance the upscale, sophisticated look of the homes. Insulated vinyl windows and brick and vinyl exteriors appeal to homeowners' desire for low maintenance.

Select third phase end units have daylight windows on the lower level, enabling residents to add more square footage in the future.

Other features include outdoor sun decks, full basements, and two-car garages. Professional landscaping and groundskeeping enhance the aesthetic and maintenance-free appeal of The Crossings, while Lawson Park, located adjacent to the community, affords residents with abundant recreational space.

WALK TO THE MARKET

"We love getting up on Saturday morning and walking to the Farmer's Market," said Sue Smith, a 32-year-old pediatrician who practices at nearby William Beaumont Hospital. "Having over 40 restaurants to choose from makes dining an adventure. I love all the variety that Royal Oak has to offer - the shops, the theaters, the salons, the galleries. The best part is that it's all within walking distance. If I want to venture out further, I-696 and Woodward Avenue are just blocks

While the number of new housing



Fireplaces with marble surrounds and custom mantels add warmth and ambiance to units in The Crossings at Irving Avenue in Royal Oak.

developments in urban areas is still arelatively small portion of new home construction throughout southeast Michigan, as baby boomers and Generation X'ers age and traffic congestion increases, expect to see more downtown areas transformed into new urban housing.

"Making someone's dream come true by offering them a quality home at a reasonable price has always been a gratify-

workers.

ing experience," said Chaklos.

The Crossings at Irving Avenue is being offered by the Nolan Brothers of Texas. The community is one mile from downtown Royal Oak, north of I-696 and east of Woodward Avenue. Three furnished models are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. For more information, call (248) 548-1896 or visit www.crossings-of-royal-oak.com.

Forum probes need for more moderate income family housing

The Urban Land Institute recently hosted a forum which brought together Realtors and other industry experts to discuss the shortage of affordable housing near employment centers. Moderate-income families are facing a shrinking supply of affordable housing near employment centers. Their incomes are too high to qualify for most forms of government assistance, but too low to afford

In turn, these families are forced to live in other areas -

adequate housing close to their

and the distance between their homes and workplaces hampers the quality of life in urban areas by creating unavoidable traffic snarls.

The "American Dream" is equated with large houses on large lots. But to truly combat urban sprawl, the public must be open to the idea that their dream of home ownership can be achieved when affordable housing is built where it is needed - near employment cen-

According to Forum Chairman David Mayhood, the "urban revival" that took place in many areas during the 1990s drove up property values and resulted in close-in housing development tailored to the affluent. This trend has persisted, making it extremely difficult to shore up the shrinking supply of workforce housing.

William Duncan, senior program director for The Enterprise Foundation in Columbia, Md., pointed out that the public has been conditioned to view low density, segregated-use projects (large

homes on large lots) as most desirable.

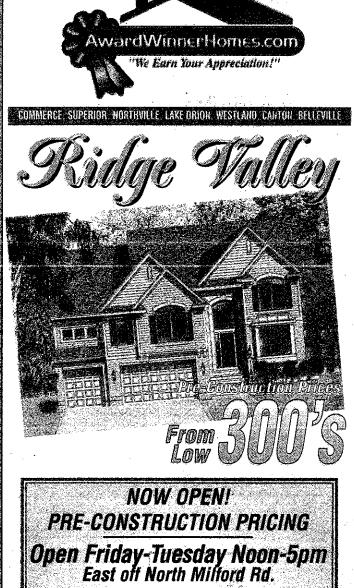
He suggested that marketing campaigns should be used to raise awareness of the positive impact of building more affordable workforce housing that it would benefit the entire community, not just

The success of urban revitalization has shown that the places most ripe for mixed income development are the places where it is least affordable to do it.

Many potential solutions are

economic. Participants proposed a number of ideas, like easing restrictions on various assistance programs now targeted only to the very low income; expanding home ownership tax credits; dedicating a portion of existing real estate transfer taxes, with additional funds dedicated to workforce housing development; and expanding the use of tax-increment financing for improvements provided by the private

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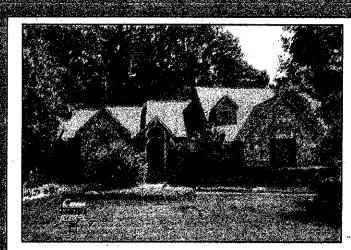
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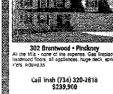
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The dining room is a nice size and has sliding doors that open onto a patio. The kitchen has a unique layout. The walk-in pantry is under the stairs, while the refrigerator and range and oven on a sidewall. An eating bar faces the dining room on the other side of the stove. On the rear wall is the dishwasher and a double sink with a window looking out over the backyard.

Running across the rear of the garage to the right of the kitchen is an elongated utility room. It has the washer/dryer along with a sink and counter space for folding clothes. The water heater is located in this room as is a door to the garage.

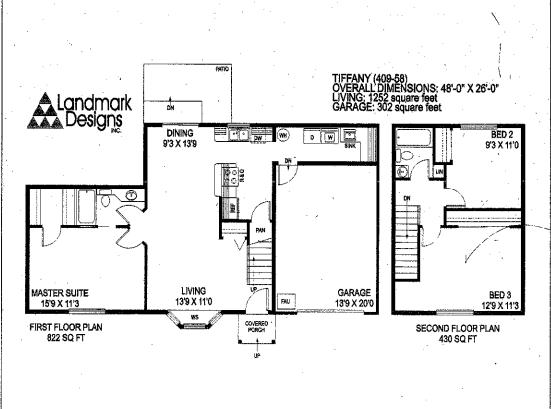
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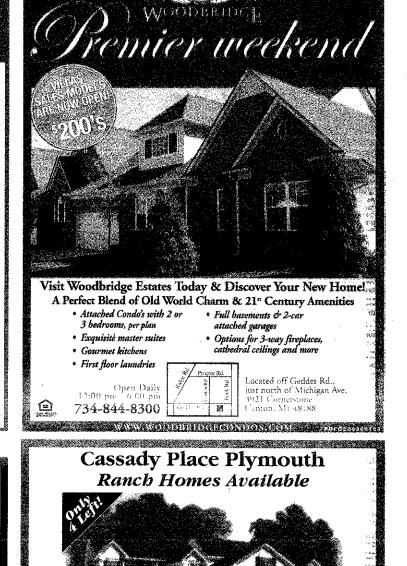
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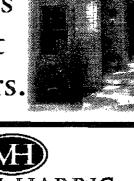
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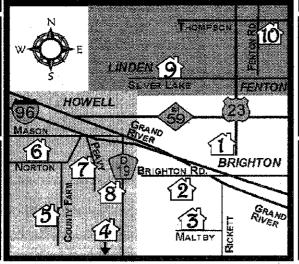
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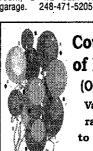


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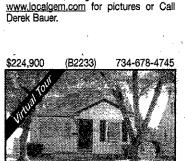
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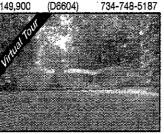
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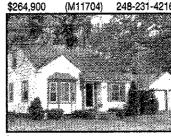
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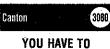
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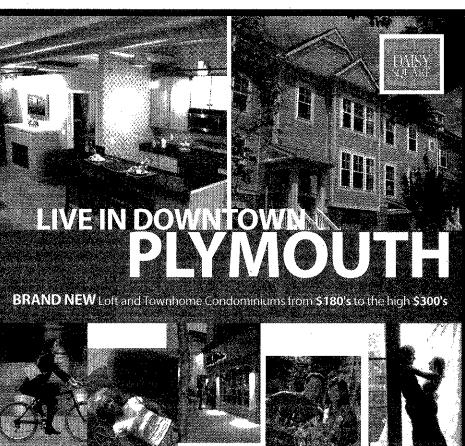
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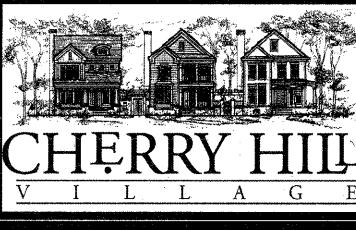
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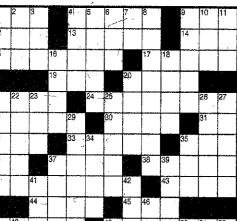
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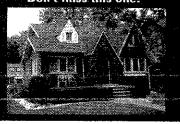
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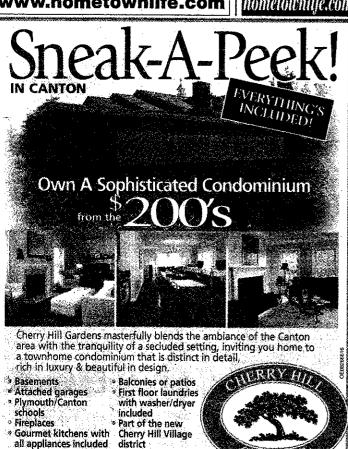
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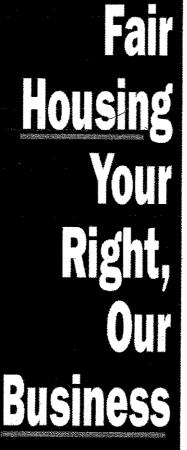
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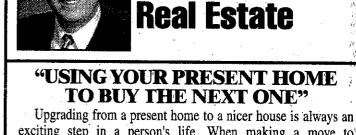


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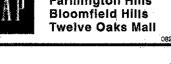
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Mentors are in short supply, according to research conducted by the non-profit Catalyst. The

organization recently surveyed 705 women and 243 men with a mean age that is relatively close (51 for men, 47 for women) and with similar education. A full 85 percent of men and 80 percent of women earned advanced degrees, although not one man holds a J.D. All work in senior positions, from director to executive vice president. Only 10 percent of each group surveyed are not Caucasian. Both men (83 percent) and women (77 percent) find mentors in short supply. However, respondents report job satisfaction (87 percent men and 80 percent women).

There is no doubt that the workplace has this critical need. Catalyst finds that 52 percent of men and 56 percent of women consider having a mentor integral to their success, but that "only 17 percent of men and 23 percent of women report satisfaction with the availability of mentors." Most men surveyed (72 percent) and women (60 percent) do not

'LOST KNOWLEDGE'

David DeLong, in "Lost Knowledge: Confronting the Threat of an Aging Workforce" (Oxford, \$24.95), discusses the need to hand information down, for the sake of productivity and profit in the workplace. He also discusses a number of corporate mentorship programs. He fails to state that the problem with such programs is that they promote passivity, particularly in terms of the need DeLong examines. He maintains "that the primary reason executives avoid addressing threats of lost knowledge is that they have no idea how to attack the problem."

Is this really the case? DeLong, with in excess of 200 interviews worldwide behind his conclusions, believes that "focusing on the threat of lost knowledge instead of staffing shortages provides a more accurate perspective on the real impact of turnover in the knowledge economy." He acknowledges differences among the generations, including the greater likelihood of a younger worker to leave. There are other tensions, however, such as ambivalent feelings among older workers about retiring. These workers "may also feel pushed out, alienated, angry or anxious to move on to other things." Such emotions, he points out, may cancel any interest in being a

WHAT THIS MEANS

By the time you're 47 or 51, the age of Catalyst's sample, should you really be looking for a mentor? Don't mentors really belong in the early stages of one's career, say, until age 35 or 40? Thereafter, shouldn't you be developing some wisdom of your own and passing it along to mentees of your own?

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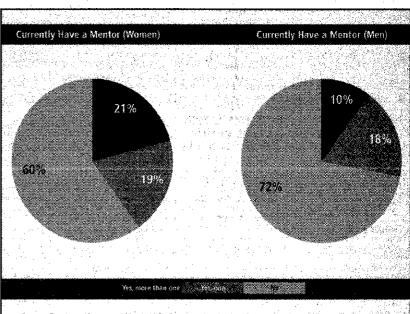
just about on their way out. More significantly, you've already earned your stripes, or if you haven't, have a lot of catching up to do. People in this age group should be looking for the opportunity to contribute, to make the way easier, as someone may have done for them. Is DeLong correct in assuming that you do not know how?

HR to establish a mentorship

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their perspective to younger workers who might benefit from it. You can't be certain that the employee you guide today will be there tomorrow. If the person moves on, your investment may be redirected elsewhere in the workplace, but definitely not lost. The person who takes that employee's place may have been similarly "gifted" by another senior person. The point is to contribute to the future of younger people as an investment in the future of the workplace. Structured programs may not be

effective. The problem is one of lack of



program. The best mentors volunteer

initiative, which affects organizations of all sizes. While, as DeLong writes, it's necessary to develop knowledge retention programs to minimize lost knowledge, people who are about 50 ought to think further about how to give to a workplace in which they've fared well. (Order the report "Women and Men in

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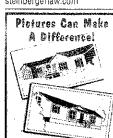
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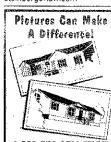
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By Anne Fracassa **Avanti NewsFeatures**

I was apprehensive as all get out to take the new Pontiac Vibe on a long trip to the upper peninsula of Michigan. You see, my girls are both figure skaters -- pretty good ones, I might add (parent's right to brag a little) -- and we had to get to the Traverse City Cherry Classic.

It was even more of a treat because the girls would be skating at Centre Ice, the same ice surfaces that the Red Wings skate on during their training camp at Traverse City during September. Not that they've never been on Red Wing ice -Rebecca and Francesca skated at The Joe a few years ago. Never saw ice surfaces (at both rinks) so smooth and looking like glass. No imperfections anywhere. Beautiful.

Anyway, from the Detroit suburbs all the way to Traverse City is quite a haul in a compact sport utility. I didn't worry so much about the interior passenger room, even though we had to take our dogs, Stevie Y and Shanny, with us up there. I was more worried about the cargo room in the back

Two skating suitcases, three duffel bags with our clothes, two travel carriers for the dogs, suit bags for their competition dresses, makeup cases for both kids (of course, they couldn't share one), a cooler for refreshments and energy food and my computer.

It all fit. And I could still see out of the rear window. No worries about cargo room, that's for sure. Behind that second row of seats, there is exactly 19.3 cubic feet of cargo volume to accommodate you. As you can see, it was enough. Could've even fitted more, if we were forced to.

Now, if you happen to need more, the second row of seats will fold down nicely and allow you a whopping 54.1 cubic feet of space. Fold that passenger seat down up in front, and you'll get a flat worktable and space to put something in the Vibe that's up to 8 feet long.

Pretty versatile, I think.

And that's the whole premise behind the 2004 Pontiac Vibe. Versatility in a small sport utility. Actually, the Vibe is one of those kind-of crossover vehicles, you know the sports car, sport hatch or mini SUV all rolled into one. There are a few things that are new about the Vibe this year, and they include a new color, the availability of XM satellite radio, 17-inch allseason tires and a supercharger.

Let's get to what's under the hood, first. There are two distinct engines for you to choose from, the 1.8-liter inline four-



2004 Pontiac Vibe. Vehicle class: Special purpose vehicle. Power: 1.8-liter in-line 4-cylinder. Mileage: 26 mpg city/32 mph highway.

cylinder, which is the base model and will give you 130 horsepower. The plus behind this engine is the mileage you'll see -29 mpg in the city and 36 mpg on the highway. It's mated to a five-speed manual as standard equipment, but can be equipped with a four-speed automatic. All-wheel-drive is, of course, only available with the automatic transmission.

The other engine, outfitted primarily on the GT model, is also a 1.8-liter power plant, but can get you up from zero-to-60 mph in about eight seconds. Power is provided with a system that includes modified heads and the availability of the after-market SPO supercharger. It's installed at the dealership and is fully warranted for the same time as a normal Vibe. It will get you more than a 35 percent increase in horsepower and torque. Performance will surprise you.

Let's jump inside and see what the interior has to offer. Everything is tilted and geared toward the driver and boy-ohboy is it compact as all get out. Comfortable for the driver because of its individual attention facing him or her, but mighty distracting for any passenger. Can't even scream at someone about going to fast or too slow because the passenger can't see any of the gauges. Takes all the fun out of driving with your spouse, to say the least.

There's a DVD-based navigation system on top of the center stack, exactly where it should be, and is easy to use and understand, for the most part. I had to take out the manual for the more sophisticated options, but most of it is self-

Also in the center stack is the heating and cooling controls and under that you'll find two 12-volt power outlets and two cupholders, a storage bin, a smaller lower bin and a cell phone

One of the two 12-volt power outlets is located in the storage bin, which can allow you to charge a cell phone without it

A feature I really appreciated and loved and would be happy to see on every vehicle in the future is the a 115-volt standard power outlet with a wall-type plug. It's located on the front console of the center stack and allows you to plug anything in

All of us have that extra adapter for our various equipment or the power converter we've found necessary to stick in the car for necessities like a DVD player or air compressor, but to have that plug, right there for my personal use, was really, really cool. Bravo, Pontiac.

from an electric shaver to a laptop computer. So very conven-

Safety features are all there, all geared toward crash avoidance and crash protection for the occupants of the Vibe. You'll find seat-mounted side airbags, all-wheel-drive, anti-lock brakes, safety cage, crumple zones, adjustable anchors on the seat belts, remote keyless entry, child safety door locks, and OnStar safety and security system. We enjoyed our long trip up north to Traverse in the Vibe. It

served us well in cargo room and interior comfort, even with two dogs to deal with in the rear seat as well. And the Cherry Classic treated my girls well, too -- they carried home four medals from the United States Figure Skating-

sanctioned event. Good week; even better weekend.

If you're interested in a small car with a strong heart and a lot of room for all your stuff, take a look at the Vibe. I think you'll be surprised.

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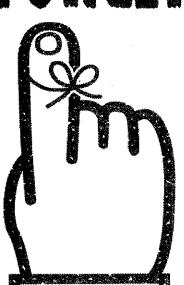
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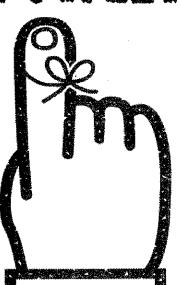
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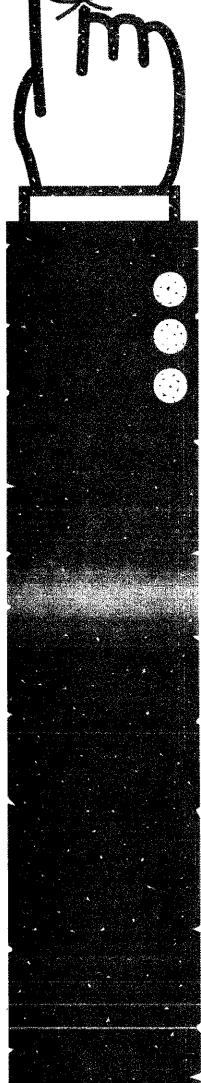


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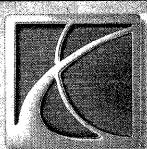
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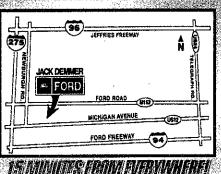
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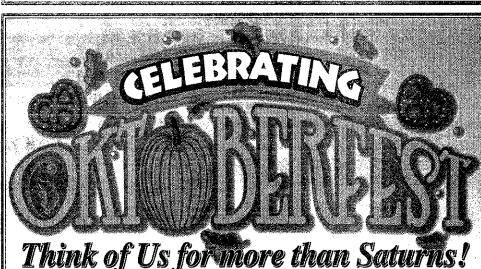
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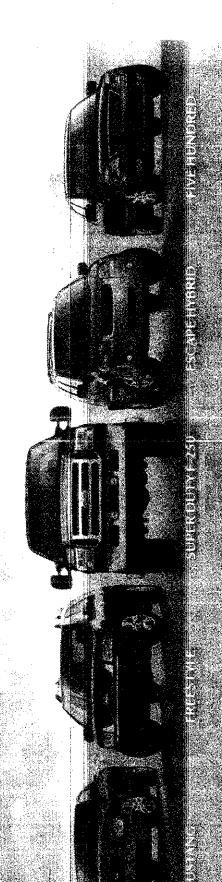
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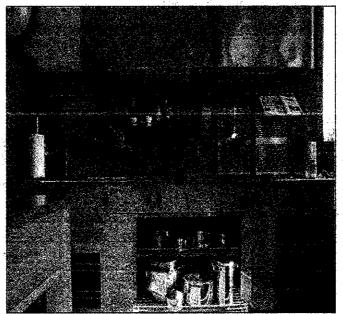
"You can use it as a footstool and open it up and have storage space," according to Karlie Bryant, visual manager of Pottery Barn at Somerset Collections in Troy.

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"You can throw books on there and put small accessories in to make it look nice," Cantu adds. "Shelving



Hanging utensils and other items that you frequently use on the kitchen wall is one way of gaining storage in small apartment kitchens.

units are used in an entryway instead of a console table. too."

Hang platters, tea pots, cups, even dinnerware and other usable utensils on the wall of your kitchen, kitchenette and dining rooms. One minute they're a decoration. The next minute you're using them for visitors.

This is especially helpful in kitchens with limited cabinet space, Cantu says.

"You don't have to put them away and when you want

them you pull them out and use them," she adds.

That goes for vases, too. They can be filled with candy and set out on a counter. When the flowers arrive at the door, dump what's inside and use them for what they were

Vases that aren't clear can hide something you want to be kept secret.

"A lot of people use water pitchers for vases and as they need them they can use them," Cantu suggests.

Think of ways to consolidate so you don't fill your china cabinet or hutch with a lot of accessories you use only occasionally Vases, for instance, can also be used as candle holders, Bryant says.

"Put gems on the bottom and put a candle in the middle of it," she adds.

Baskets are a wonderful space saver. They can dub for a number of things, like magazine racks or to hold cds and video tapes. Put a few small baskets on your desk and your bills are consolidated and have a nice hideaway home. In fact, baskets can be used to store just about anything you

Save space in bathrooms by using upright shelving units for storage. Stock them with various sized baskets to hold accessories."

Using chairs that stack make it easy to store if floor space is needed.

"Director's chairs can fold up and be used for extra chairs during the holidays, too," Cantu adds.

Besides, your guests won't know what to expect from the furniture in your home.

Dress your apartment with shimmer and texture

(MS) — Faux finishing, popular for adding color and dimension to walls, is also ideal for bringing personality, creativity and fun to smaller items for decorating your apartment. With faux finishes, the do-it-yourselfer can transform furniture, vases, decorative shelves or flea market finds into striking home accents bearing today's hottest looks.

The popular patinas found on trendy new consumer items include crackle finishes, textured stone finishes and especially low-luster metallics in gold, silver, copper and pearl. These looks can be created quickly and easily on almost any surface using today's faux products. As a result, old or new accents can become perfect enhancements for new fixtures, cabinets or wall colors.

Experts say there are reasons why metallic faux finishes are popular. "People are seeking to infuse their surroundings with a sense of hopefulness, so we are seeing a brightening and cleansing of the color palette," says Mark Ksiezyk, senior product

manager, Krylon Retail Products. "Also, advances in chemistry are letting us create more beautiful shimmer finishes than ever before."

Ksiezyk says other innovations, such as smaller packaging, are making metallic and other faux looks more practical for smaller projects. Until recently, faux users had to lug heavy gallons of faux components home from the store, mixing in a hitor-miss fashion until they achieved the desired finish. This often resulted in wasted time, paint and money. But now, faux finishes are available in quart and half-pint sizes.

Also new are pre-measured components that eliminate guesswork about results. For example, Krylon's Color Creations(TM) allow you to look at an in-store color card and then select a half-pint of the paint color indicated on the card and a quart of the faux finish needed. Even better, the quart can is shortfilled for in-can mixing, so you don't have to hunt for a container to mix in. Instead, you pour the half-pint directly into the quart can

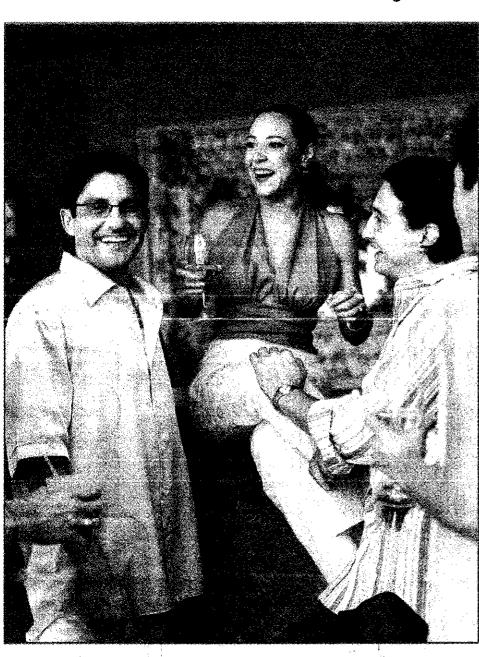
and stir the two together. These brush-on faux finishes require no special application tools, so there's no need to learn complicated application techniques to achieve shimmer, pearl, crackle, glaze or sand-style finishes. But by experimenting with combing, sponging and brushthrough techniques, you can achieve novel effects on unfinished wood projects, holiday gift items, or for almost any type of homedecor makeover. For project ideas, visit www.krylon.com.



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Location is key when choosing apartment unit

By Diane Gale Andreassi • Special writer

 f the three most important considerations when buying property is location, location and location, that's also true when finding an apartment complex and choosing a unit.

Most people think about how far they want to drive to work and whether they need to be close to a school and family members. "First you should think about your job location and where you want to live according to that," explains Louanne Patrick, leasing consultant at Harlo Apartments in Warren.

Patrick also recommends looking at where the complex is in relation to expressways and whether it will be convenient to get to places that are important to you. "We're close to a lot of expressways and that's one of the reasons why we're almost always full," she says. After you've found the right apartment complex the next step is to decide which unit would be best for your needs. You might want to be near the pool, because your kids will be there a lot,

"Usually the people with kids like to be close to the grassy areas and the playground," explains Matt McKeown leasing consultant with Novi Ridge.

Or, maybe you want to be far

away from traffic, because your dog often

sneaks out. If you work the night shift you likely don't want to be on a lower level beneath someone who is loud during the day making it impossible for you to sleep. Most renters at Novi Ridge ask to be at the back of the property as far away from the noise and bustle

of 10 Mile. "If you're downstairs you hear the people above you and if you're upstairs they hear you," Patrick says.

As a rule most apartment dwellers also prefer upper level units unless stairs pose a physical problem, because they are elderly or they have some physical problem, like bad knees,



Pet owners are often referred to Lexington Village in Madison Heights where renters who own pets live in the same area.

that makes traveling stairs hard. "When you have a downstairs unit there's no one walking above you," McKeown explains.

Residents at Harlo, who like to workout, often request units that are near the complex's fitness center.

Most people are more concerned about how other renters will affect their lifestyles rather than how their everyday

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life and noise are going to affect other apartment dwellers, McKeown says. If it's at all possible, Patrick says, renters with children are placed in downstairs units to eliminate worries about youngsters crawling through upstairs windows and falling out. Placing children in lower units also limits noise problems that the youngsters might cause. "You don't have people complaining that they hear the kids bouncing a ball or riding their bikes in the apartment above them," Patrick says. "This is where they live. You want them all to be happy.'

Pet owners are often referred to Lexington Village, in Madison Heights, which is affiliated with Harlo Apartments, Patrick adds. Renters who own pets at Lexington live in the same area to avoid complaints from people who are easily irritated by dogs and other animals.

"Some people who have allergies usually ask that they be in a unit that didn't have pets before," McKeown says.

Like realtors, leasing consultants agree that location, location and location remain among the most important considerations when renters decide where to live.

Apartment dwellers reap property tax benefits

Just because you live in an apartment and don't own property doesn't mean you can't collect property tax credits.

In fact, Michigan apartment dwellers can consider themselves lucky when they file their income tax forms. Many renters are eligible to receive up to \$1,200 in property tax rebates depending on income and the amount of rent paid.

Senior citizens get a full property tax credit and those under 65 receive a lower portion.

"This is a bonus," explains Frank Wenderski, part owner of Westenfelder & Wenderski accountants in Troy.

"The state doesn't have to give them anything," Wenderski says. "In fact, Michigan is one of the few states that has a renter's cred-

This is the way it works: If a renter pays,

let's say, \$700 monthly that totals \$8,400 rent paid annually. Take 20 percent of that annual rent, which in this case would be \$1,680.

Then take 3.5 percent of the renter's household income, which includes wages, interest, Social Security checks, dividends and other money earned. Our make believe renter has a household income of \$40,000.

Three and a half percent of \$40,000 is \$1,400. Take the \$1,680 eligible property tax credit and subtract the \$1,400 allowed income for the credit.

In this case the renter would receive \$280 if she is at least 65 years old. If she was under 65, however, she would receive 60 percent of the allowed credit, according to Chayapathy Mirle, owner of C.V. Mirle, certified public accountants in Troy.

"It benefits senior citizens so as they retire and their income drops, they get a rebate," Wenderski says. "People know about it, but I don't think people go out and rent just because of the credit. This is targeted toward people who pay more than 3.5 percent of

Therefore, renters will receive a property tax credit if 20 percent of the rent they pay is greater than 3.5 percent of annual household income. But, keep in mind that the maximum property tax credit for renters is \$1,200.

income in property taxes."

"The renters credit is an effort by the state to give renters equitable treatment for the taxes paid on the apartment complexes," Wenderski says. "The state is assuming that 20 percent of their rent is attributable to what the landlord pays for property taxes. How they came up with that number, I don't

Last year, renters who had an income that was more than \$73.650 received a reduced credit, according to Mirle. Once the renter's income hits \$83,650 they receive no receive no property tax credit at all. That's true for property owners, as well.

This year, however, the income cap hasn't been determined.

"For those people who can't buy a house, you have a good property tax credit and it's a good bonus for you," Mirle says. "I've been in practice for 25 years and it's been around that

It's always a good idea to go to a reputable tax preparation service.

"Here and there I see people who don't know the availability of property tax credits (for renters)," Mirle adds.

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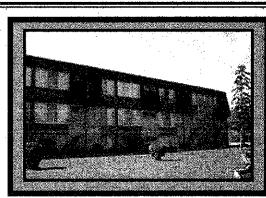
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Apartments become havens for kids

By Diane Gale Andreassi • Special writer

A partment managers are making their facilities more and more inviting to people with children.

While it might seem like a contra

While it might seem like a contradiction, sometimes living in an apartment can be more conducive to rearing children than living in a home.

"One of the nice things about Aldingbrooke is the school buses come right on property and pick the kids up," explains Lillian Hess, leasing manager of Aldingbrooke Apartments in West Bloomfield.

"We're also part of the Walled Lake School District, which is a wonderful school district," Hess says.

In fact, she says, the reputation of the school district is always one of the first things parents want to know when they're thinking about leasing.

Aldingbrooke Apartments is on 130 acres of lush grounds and mature land-scaping filled with wonderful scenery for nature lovers who like to spot deer and other wildlife. The open areas are also just the right setting for pick-up football and soccer games.

"There's a lot of grass for the children to just play, too," she adds.

Swimmers love living
Aldingbrooke especially since the pool wasn't closed this year until Oct. 5--long after most public pools shut their gates for the season. For those who aren't aquatically inclined, there's two basketball courts and two tennis courts to keep them busy. Tennis lessons are even available at the complex.

All summer long there were activities geared toward kids, like pool parties and Popsicle day. An October fest, Halloween party and Christmas celebration are annual events that bring out the younger crowd. So that no one feels left out, an adult Christmas party is also held.

"We do a lot of activities for the residents keeping them busy and we love to include the kids," Hess says. "The fact that there are many children who live here, they're always getting together to play."

Amenities at Great Oak Apartments in Rochester, like the basketball and tennis courts are intended to help entertain children. The swimming pool, open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, is another natural kid magnet.

"They really enjoy using the basketball court a lot, as well as the tennis courts, which they don't usually use for tennis," explains Danielle Ford, Great Oak associate residential manager.

"They ride their bikes on it," she says adding a chuckle.

The Great Oak Apartments also has pumpkin carving contests, ice cream socials and barbecues in the summer to get residents out, including chil-



Apartment complexes are becoming more inviting to people with children. Great Oaks Apartments in Rochester sponsors a pumpkin carving contests for residents and their children.

dren, to meet one another.

"The children population is always consistently increasing," Ford says. "It seems since I've been here (five years) it's become a lot more family oriented. But, we try to cater to all residents."

Carol Cooper resident manager with Concorde Towers in Madison Heights says the high rise doesn't necessarily attract a lot of children, but creative parents can find plenty of healthy activities for their children.

One benefit for children living at Concorde is that the bus picks them up and drops them off on the property.

"And of course they come in and raid our candy bowl when they get off the bus," she adds.

Concorde also hosts a Halloween trick-or-

treating program among residents.

"It's safer for the kids, because they know everyone," Cooper says. "And if there is leftover candy we bring it down here for them to use during the daytime."

Cooper stresses, too, that residents with children "make their own fun" by going to a nearby park and nature trail. Both are within walking distance of Concorde.





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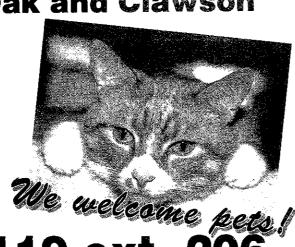
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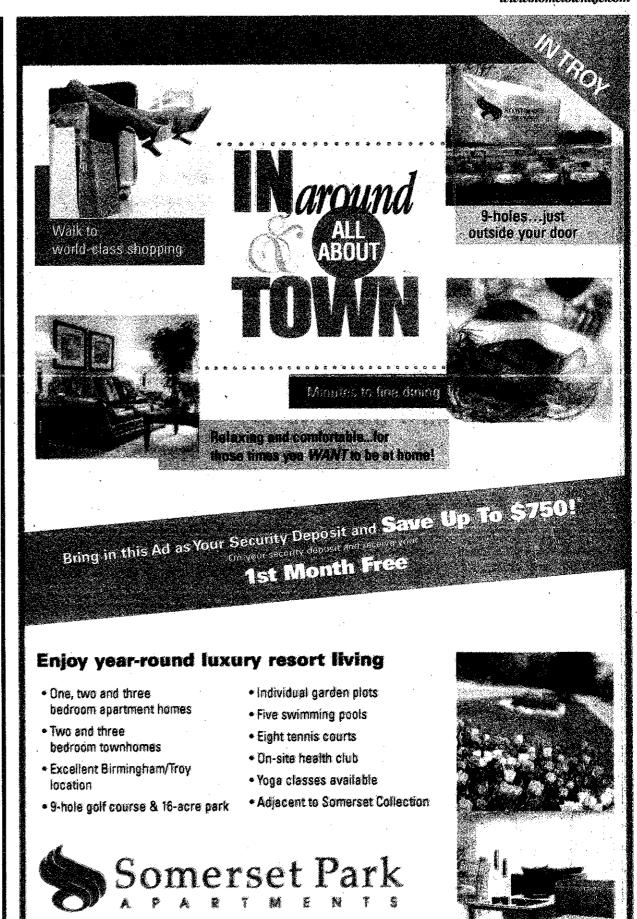
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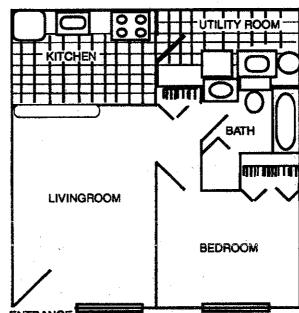
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