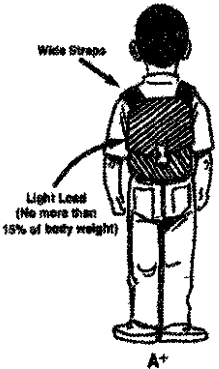




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Local reps voted against tax plan

Governor's plug for early taxes drew no support from this area

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Local government leaders are breathing a sigh of relief after passage Wednesday of a bill in the state House which will require Michigan property owners to pay a portion of their county taxes six months early to balance the state budget. However, taxpayers have called their Lansing representa- tives in droves, upset that bal- ancing of the state budget is put

on their backs. The bill won approval with a bare minimum of 55 votes, but without the support of state Reps. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, and Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township. Stewart said his office received nearly 150 telephone calls telling him to vote against the measure, with some threaten- ing a recall if he didn't. "I voted with my con-

stituents," Stewart said. "They think there's some fat in state government, and there could be other places to cut in the bud- get. I was willing to look at cuts in other budgets. I didn't like moving the property tax up myself. There are other places to find \$182 million," he added. "It was another easy Band-Aid for the governor." LaJoy, who has been advocat- ing consolidation of state gov- ernment agencies and services since he's been in Lansing, said he didn't like making taxpayers pay early, or cutting revenue sharing if the measure had lost. "They needed to come up with a third alternative. There's

no way we could cost communi- ties a 17-percent across-the- board reduction in revenue sharing," LaJoy said. "I had families call me and say, 'Look, we're on a fixed income and have six kids. My husband makes \$40,000 a year and I am a stay-at-home-mom. We can't pay early.'" "I think we're putting the bur- den on people when the state needs to look for ways to con- solidate," he added. While there were threats of revenue sharing cuts by Gov. Jennifer Granholm if the bill — which was already passed by the Senate — had been defeat- ed, Stewart said it was a bluff. "There was never any realistic

concern of any reduction in rev- enue sharing," said Stewart, who noted the governor admit- ted that to him in a closed-door session before the vote. "It was just a threat." Threat or not, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock and Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards were among those who had the ears of Stewart. Plymouth could have lost another \$100,000 in state revenue sharing, with Plymouth Township losing \$200,000 and Canton Township \$90,000. "They call it a tax shift, but I call it a scam," Edwards said. "They ran out of ways to

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All smiles

The 2004 Canton High School Homecoming Queen and King are Erika Perkovich and Michael Kondratek. They were crowned Friday night during the school's homecoming game. For more on the game, please see today's Sports section B1.

Top cop among targets of thieves

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

That's what scam artists get for pick- ing on a police chief. Plymouth Township's top cop, Chief Tom Tiderington, foiled an attempt earlier this week by scam artists trying to steal credit card and bank account information and now he's hoping to help others avoid the same scheme. Tiderington opened his e-mail and found one purportedly written by offi- cials at CitiBank.

The e-mail cited a "large number of identity theft attempts targeting CitiBank customers" and asked cus- tomers to provide "banking details" including information such as account numbers and passwords.

"This process is mandatory, and if not completed within the nearest time your account may be subject to temporary suspension," the message said.

Being a police officer, Tiderington is naturally suspicious of such attempts. But the fairly clumsy wording prompt- ed him to contact CitiBank officials directly. Officials there told Tiderington it was a "recognized scam," and that the company's fraud team was investigat- ing.

"The grammar was a little off, and that was a red flag," Tiderington said. "They asked for all the information that would allow thieves to electronically break into your account and use your credit cards."

The potential windfall to thieves, if they're successful, could be huge, Tiderington said.

"The site looks official, and a lot of people would go ahead and do it," the chief said. "If they get even a small number of replies, the losses could be substantial. The message here needs to be repeated. Identity theft is a growing and emerging problem. People have to be careful."

Anyone who suspects they are the victim of identity theft can call the police department, (734) 453-3869.

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Voters to determine bond proposal's fate

For months now, officials and committee members in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district have tried to convince voters to renew an 18-mill tax on non-homestead property and approve a \$109 million bond issue.

On Tuesday, district offi- cials will find out how con- vincing they were.

Polls open at 7 a.m. at vot- ing locations around the dis- trict Tuesday, giving voters the chance to give the "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" on the two proposals. The Citizens Election Committee has been con- ducting a whirlwind, month- long push to get "yes" votes for the two proposals on Tuesday's ballot. One calls for the approval of an 18-mill renewal on

non-homestead property — mainly businesses — for the next 10 years, which is worth \$29 million to the district.

The second proposal asks voters to pass a \$109 million bond issue. \$94 million for upgrades at district build- ings constructed before 2000, and \$15 million to build a new elementary school in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

The first won't cost home- owners a penny. The second will cost the taxpayer of a home valued at \$245,000 an additional \$47 a year, according to district officials.

Co-chair Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township said she'd like to see overwhelming support at the polls, which would indi- cate the community is behind the effort of the

school district to make improvements.

"I think the district has really tried hard to say they're taking care of these schools by fixing them and relieving overcrowding," said Eggenberger.

"They're not asking for something that isn't really necessary, and I hope the community realizes that and supports it."

Eggenberger believes there is plenty of support, but the challenge is to make sure those "yes" votes get to the polls.

"I don't feel we get a lot of negative comments, most people say it needs to be passed," she said. "Our biggest fear isn't the 'no' votes, but people not coming out to the polls."

Elections clerk Elizabeth

Adams said absentee ballot requests for Tuesday's elec- tion are up.

"For a typical school board election we usually have about 900 absentee ballots, but we've filled 1,250 abse- ntee ballot requests for Tuesday's ballot issues," Adams said.

The school board office, located at 424 S. Harvey in Plymouth, will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to allow voters to turn in absentee ballots, or vote absentee.

Adams said questions con- cerning the election, includ- ing where to vote, can be addressed by calling her office at (734) 416-3095. A list of polling places can also be found on the school dis- trict's Web site, www.pccs.k12.mi.us

Teacher heads to Japan to learn about culture

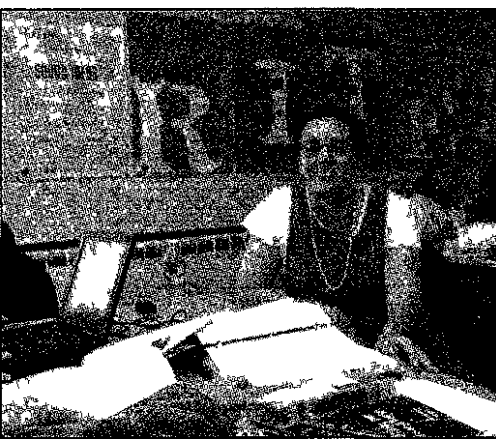
BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school district has quickly become an international community, with students from all over the globe attending classes and speak- ing more than 40 different languages.

With that diversity comes the responsibility of learning about the cultural differences

among students. Janet Kahan, the Plymouth-Canton Schools' K-12 curriculum coordinator for science and math, will get an opportunity to learn first- hand some of those cultural distinctions when she travels to Japan next month, joining 200 teachers nationwide who have been selected to participate in the Fulbright

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Janet Kahan, the Plymouth-Canton K-12 curriculum coordinator for science and math, gets an opportu- nity to learn first-hand of cultural distinctions when she travels to Japan next month.

Coming Thursday in your Plymouth Observer

What do women want?
Male Intellect seeks the answer at the new City Theatre



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RABBIT BENEFIT

The Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary hosts its first art show and silent auction, Art, Wine and Ears, from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and officials are offering opportunities to partner.

Artists who would like to donate their talents, or individuals or businesses who would like to donate food, beverages or services, have a chance to be partners in this inaugural event. Sponsorship opportunities are available from as low as \$10.

The event features live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Tickets are \$30 per person, sold in advance. Proceeds benefit Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, a non-profit group based in Ann Arbor that provides a safe haven for abandoned, abused and neglected domestic rabbits.

For more information, call Tim Patino via e-mail at helpngrabbits@comcast.net or by phone at (734) 459-8907.

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registrations for its Tiny Tots Pre-School program for fall 2004. The program for 3-year-olds meets from 9:10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To be eligible for this group, children must have turned 3 before Sept. 1, 2004. The group for 4-year-olds meets from 9:10-11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To be eligible for this group, children must have turned 4 before

Sept. 1, 2004. For information or to sign up, please call Peggy at (734) 453-5464.

NEW LIBERTY BANK

PROMOTIONS

New Liberty Bank has promoted two members of its senior management team.

Robert C. Neely was named executive vice president and will manage a large portion of New Liberty Bank's daily business while serving as senior lending officer.

Rebecca A. Stephens has been named chief financial officer and vice president. She will supervise the bank's accounting systems and capital investment activities while serving as a liaison with auditors and regulatory agencies. She will also manage retail services and operations.

Neely and Stephens will report to NLB President and CEO Michael D. Weaver.

Neely joined NLB in 2003 as vice president. His 34 years of banking experience include positions as senior vice president for commercial and real estate at Monroe Bank & Trust, city executive of the Monroe market area for Fifth Third Bank and chief lending officer at the Bank of Lenawee in Adrian, Mich.

Stephens joined NLB in 2001 as controller and assistant vice president. She began her banking career at Wayne Bank (subsequently known as First of America Bank-Wayne) and later worked for First of America Bank Corporation in various positions responsible for internal audit, accounting

and operations. She earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

TRURAN EVENT

Supporters of Democratic Congressional candidate Phil Truran host a meetup at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Coffee Bean on Penniman in Plymouth. Truran will be available to take questions and discuss his positions, and campaign manager Marti Bush will be seeking campaign volunteers to help with phone calls to prospective voters and other activities.

For more information on the Phil Truran Meetup, visit <http://ptruranforcongressmeetup.com>.

The campaign's official home page is truran2004.com.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment '05 books for \$20, with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan. Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be home-delivered. For information or to order, call Bill, (734) 453-8253.

ROTARY SEMINAR

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary presents a "meal patterning" seminar, "Developing Healthy Nutritional Patterns For a Lifetime," from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Michigan-based nutrition expert Christ Johnson will explain how meal patterning teaches consumers to balance their diet to gain energy and



Bullying bill

State Rep. John Stewart (right) and Dr. Ronald Jones, chief psychologist for Plymouth-Canton Schools, testify today before the House Education Committee in support of House Bill 4957, legislation sponsored by Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, that implements a bullying policy in schools. "This legislation will help protect the victims of bullying," said Stewart. "Students shouldn't be afraid or intimidated to go to school, it should be a safe place." The policy must define bullying, prescribe consequences for bullying and establish a procedure for investigating a report made by a pupil or employee that bullying has occurred. The bill provides that a local school board shall have a policy prohibiting bullying by May 1.

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Tickets are \$20 and available at Gabriela's. For more information, contact Larry Bird via e-mail at VAJB4@dellepro.com.

HEALTH FAIR

Plymouth gets a dose of Better Health Oct. 1-2 at the second-annual Better Health Fair at the Better Health Market, 44427 West Ann Arbor Road.

A victim of the 3Carb Wars? Learn the facts about good carbs vs. bad at free low-carb nutrition classes presented by personal trainer and nutrition expert, Alice Ahearn. Learn the benefits of essential oils, their healing potential and impact on your life. Or, come and get a free chair massage,

andology reading or listen to blue grass music while shopping the largest selection of health, nutrition and low-carb products. Wondering which supplements are right for you? Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer questions about supplements, vitamins, food and health products.

For more information, call (734) 455-1440.

NEW HOPE SOCK HOP

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center in Northville, sponsors a "Sock Hop" from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 22, at The Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

This fund-raising event will benefit New Hope services.

provided free of charge to those who are grieving and the community at large. Silver Sounds Professional DJ of Canton will provide the music. The evening will include dancing, raffle, and prizes, including a prize for the coolest 50's threads.

Cost is \$20 per person, \$12 of which is tax-deductible. Anyone who wishes to reserve a full table of 10 should call New Hope Center by Oct. 18. A full table is \$185.00 (\$15.00 savings) and advance payment is required. No tickets. Please check-in at the door.

RSVP by Oct. 20. For more information, call New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115.

PIONEER DAY @ THE LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library hosts "Pioneer Day" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

Participants will enjoy an afternoon filled with three-legged races, Blind Man's Bluff, Snap the Apple, hand shadows and pioneer snacks. Find out what kids did for fun in the 1800s without modern conveniences like electricity or telephones.

This free program is for children ages 5-12. Register any time after Sept. 24 by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

SMITH FUND-RAISER

Smith Elementary School hosts its second-annual Vendor Fair fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15.

More than 25 vendors will be on display and the event features a raffle of assorted vendor products. Proceeds from the \$1 admission and the raffle go directly to the Smith Elementary PFO. Smith is at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, call (734) 416-0418.

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Bob Mazur (left) of Plymouth and Matt Shankin of Livonia invented the PurrFect Opener device to help open medicine bottles and other items

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Invention is cat's meow

Partners develop 'purr-fect' medicine opener

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bob Mazur of Plymouth never would have guessed that watching his grandmother struggle while opening medicine packages would spearhead an invention.

Two years ago, he and partner Matt Shankin of Livonia launched B A Maze, Inc (intended to sound like 'Be Amazing' when pronounced) and the 'PurrFect Opener.' The plastic cat-shaped gadget was designed to help open all varieties of medicine packages and pull-tab style beverage cans. The product can be purchased on-line (www.purrfectopener.com) and at medical supply stores. It was sold on the QVC shopping channel in 2003.

"I always had a lot of ideas but my family kept pushing me to this one," said Mazur, 33, who has lived in Plymouth for nearly two years.

Mazur, a Dearborn native, put his education and work

experience to use during the process. He received a mechanical engineering degree from Lawrence Technological University and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Mazur began developing the product while working at Ford Motor Co., and eventually, Visteon, where he could use computer-aided design to "draw" the product.

The effort paid off. The product won a \$25,000 'Best' Business Plan prize from Ford Motor Co. and \$10,000 in the U-M Business School's 'Dare To Dream' contest.

"We were fortunate to come in third (place) out of 1,300 entries," said Mazur of the Ford contest.

Mazur met his business partner, Matt Shankin, 38, of Livonia, while they were both students at U-M. Shankin's degree is in social work with a gerontology focus. Mazur tapped Shankin to help with copy writing and feedback.

They became business partners early this year and have both been working full time on sales and marketing in a Plymouth Township office.

"What I hope is that this product serves a purpose and that people use it," Shankin said. "I want it to be a useful tool for people."

He also said he hopes that they can use profits to help develop other helpful products. Mazur said that people of all ages can appreciate the product.

"Every part of the cat has a function," Mazur said. The cat's head, ears and tail all help to remove lids, seals and even cotton from bottles. Shaped slots help open blister packages of pills, and even help split divided pills in half. A rubber strip on the back helps grip and turn child-proof lids and a magnetic square keeps the kitty on the fridge when it's not being used. Mazur said the product has sold fairly well so far and has gotten some press coverage too.

"We're still plugging away and building awareness of the product," Mazur said. The goal is to get into a national retailer.

Symphony gets 'surprise' fast-track grant from NEA

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Symphony got a pleasant surprise a few days ago when the organization was awarded a "fast-track" grant of \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts.

According to the symphony's executive director, Angela Han, it was a case of "they called us, we didn't call them."

The NEA identified the symphony as a potential "fast-track" recipient and asked them to apply.

"They were looking for groups that were not from the east coast, the west coast, or Chicago," Han said, indicating geography played a part in the award.

The money will go toward operating funds for the groups' October and November concerts.

"They deliberately sought organizations they had not funded before," Han said. They identified about 100 organizations. "We were surprised to get the call."

Han said two things helped the symphony's musicians are paid, and the conductor, Nan Washburn, often programs contemporary American music.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth

Symphony's outreach in Canton was a success as about 300 people came to the first Orchestra Canton concert last weekend at the Cherry Hill Theater.

"We saw a lot of new people at the concert so we met our goal of finding new patrons, and expanding our base. People wore bluejeans and so did the musicians," Han said.

The next Canton concert is Saturday, Oct. 30 when a spooktacular is planned. Costumes and plenty of spooky music like the Alfred Hitchcock theme, the Ghostbusters theme and the Psycho theme will be presented for family fun. A 4 p.m. start time will get the kids home on time. Tickets (\$18 adults, \$16 children and seniors) are bought through Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460, or at the Village Theater box office before the performance.

The first Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concert, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will be "Music Mediterranean" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck.

The concert features guitarist Paul Vondiziano.

performing Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Also featured will be guest composer Katherine Hoover and her work, *Elem: A Greek Tragedy*. The program also includes Respighi's *Pines of Rome* and Rossini's *An Italiane in Algiers Overture*.

Tickets for this performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Season subscriptions are available for \$80 for adults and \$70 for seniors.

For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information about the Plymouth Symphony, or Orchestra Canton, contact the symphony office at info@plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

The NEA was created by Congress and established in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. Since then, it has awarded more than 120,000 grants to arts organizations and artists in all fifty states and the six U.S. jurisdictions. NEA fast-track grants get an expedited review according to the NEA, their Web site is arts.endow.gov.

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DDA chief eyes career move

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Downtown Development Director Bob Anderson is a finalist for the city manager's position in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Anderson, who was hired to head the DDA in August 2002 at a salary of \$57,000, was one of three candidates interviewed for the position Saturday morning by members of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council.

The other two candidates, both current city managers, are Mark Wollenweber of St. Clair Shores and D. Wayne O'Neal of Eastpointe. When contacted by the *Observer* Friday, Anderson, 58, said he had no comment about his scheduled interview.

Former Grosse Pointe Woods city manager Ted Bidigare was fired by the city council in March on a 4-3 vote after city employees who had been working without a contract complained of substantial pay raises given to two members of

Bidigare's staff.

Bidigare was earning \$88,000 when he was fired. The ad posted by Grosse Pointe Woods in the Michigan Municipal League publication advertised a salary in the low-90,000-dollar range.

Anderson has held city manager positions in Harbor Springs and Traverse City as well as Aspen, Colo. He returned to Michigan to become a consultant before taking the Plymouth DDA position.

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Grant to put county police agencies on same radio system

Law enforcement agencies across Wayne County soon will be able to respond more quickly to a plane crash or bomb threat, thanks to a new communications system.

Sheriff Warren Evans today announced he plans to use a \$2.4 million federal homeland security grant released through Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's homeland security department to buy his department a new radio system - the same as one currently used by the Michigan State Police and Detroit Police - and to equip local police agencies with compatible equipment.

The switchover will, for the first time, allow all law enforcement agencies in the county to communicate on a common frequency, giving them an immediate ability to coordinate their efforts during a disaster.

Our current inability to communicate with each other on one radio channel means we must rely on less efficient methods such as cell phones and pagers, Evans said. In a post-September 11th world, that is not acceptable. This allocation from the County Executive will allow us to fix that long-standing problem.

Once the Sheriff's Office purchases the new radios, Ficano's homeland security department has agreed to equip all local police agencies in the county with a device that will allow them to monitor a countywide emergency response channel. Situations the frequency may be used for include a plane crash, chemical spill, terrorist attack or weather disaster, among others.

The moment these agencies come online, every deputy, police officer and state trooper in Wayne County will be speaking the same language for the first time, Evans said.

The improvement this new inter-operability will bring to our county's emergency response cannot be overstated.

Evans said joining the State's system also would fix a critical shortcoming of the county's current radio system - communication dead zones, where the devices often do not work.

In a recent test, the current radio system failed to receive or transmit an adequate signal at 30 percent of the 653 locations tested countywide. Failures occurred most often in Southwestern Wayne County, particularly Sumpter, Huron and Van Buren Townships,

portions of northwest Detroit, and key areas of downtown Detroit, including the Wayne County Jail and Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

When those same locations were tested using the state radio system the county plans to adopt, Evans said, successful two-way communication was achieved 98 percent of the time.

"These dead zones have been a huge frustration for years, not just in Wayne County, but elsewhere around the nation," Evans said. "This new system will give us near perfect reliability."

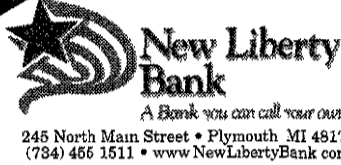
The inability to receive radio communications inside large structures, for example, can have tragic consequences. When officials in New York on September 11th attempted to tell firefighters to evacuate the World Trade Center before the towers collapsed, they were unsuccessful because their radios couldn't reach inside the solid structures.

"It was that incident that really forced law enforcement agencies across the nation to rethink their communication systems," Evans said. "Thanks to this grant, Wayne County is taking a huge step forward."

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Carol A. Balick, 56, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 7

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Robert C. Beckman, 69, of Napoleon, died Sept. 18

Douglas H. Bossardet, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 5

Thomas A. Breault, 58, of Plymouth, died Sept. 17

James P. Burke, 78, died Sept. 21

C

Leona F. Collis, 87, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 9

Venita Crawford, 89, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 14

D

Deloris Dzikowski, 73, of Livonia, died Sept. 14

F

Edward H. Farmer, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 3

G

Maris June Gaffka, 46, of Canton Township, died Sept. 16

H

Helen Lucille Hansen, 77, died Sept. 17

Paul R. Hills, 31, of Rochester Hills, died Sept. 19

Alice M. Hoffman, 67, of Pontiac, died Sept. 14

Lillian Horvath, 77, died Sept. 20

K

Kelley Knapp, of Orchard Lake, died Sept. 18

Lois M. Kress, 78, of Southfield, died Sept. 22

L

Gordon J. Libby, 71, died Sept. 23

M

Amy K. McCarthy, 42, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 16

Sarah S. McNaughton, 75, of Bloomfield Hills and Ft. Myers, Fla., died Sept. 18

Walter Merna, 85, of Novi, died Sept. 7

P

Joan Rose Palmer, 77, of Bloomfield

W

Caroline Werstine, died Sept. 24

Jeanette H. Willits, 82, of Newport Beach, Calif., formerly of Rochester, died Sept. 10

Mary J. "Dolly" Witoszynski, 76, of Beverly Hills, died Sept. 19

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Sept. 15-21:

■ Tuesday, Sept. 21 - Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, residential rescue run on Sheldon

■ Monday, Sept. 20 - Rescue runs at Mill and Pearl and at Corrine and Mayville, commercial rescue runs on Eckles and on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue run on Schoolcraft, residential rescue run on Fox Drive


■ Sunday, Sept. 19 - Open burning on Pennington, rescue runs on Harvey, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Church, residential rescue runs on Fellows Creek and on Northville Road

■ Saturday, Sept. 18 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on McClumpha, on Tavistock and on Main, commercial rescue runs on 5 Mile and on Starkweather, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road

■ Friday, Sept. 17 - Residential rescue run on Heritage, industrial rescue runs on Sheldon and on Amelia, rescue runs on southbound I-275 at M 14 and on Northern

■ Thursday, Sept. 16 - Industrial rescue run on Park, investigation on Harvey, downed wires on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accidents on west bound M 14 at Haggerty and at Joy and Beck

■ Wednesday, Sept. 15 - Rescue run to a public building/school on Beck, vehicle accident on 5 Mile west of Sheldon, smoke investigation on Sheldon



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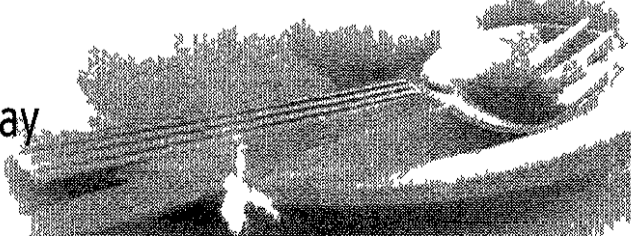


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Citizens for Peace plans 3-day workshop Artwork to assist soldier families

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The 11th District Citizens for Peace, who have been meeting at the Plymouth Library for about a year, are planning a peace-related event.

A workshop on nonviolent communication will be held over three days in October at the Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile in Livonia. It is open to the public.

The peace-building workshop will be conducted by Rosemary Doyle of Livonia, utilizing a book by Marshall Rosenberg, *Nonviolent Communication, a Language of Life*.

Political speeches are loaded with denials about violence," Doyle said in presenting workshop information to the group at their monthly meeting recently.

Doyle, who has a masters' degree in education from Wayne State University, said the presidential campaign is extremely negative.

"We need to connect not disconnect, to come together to save each other. This past year there has been an unbelievable amount of death," she said.

Workshop dates and times are Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (bring own lunch) and Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 7-9 p.m.

Citizens' member Mary Albertson said the group would also be working for the election of Phillip Truran, a Democrat who is challenging incumbent Republican Thad McCotter of Livonia in the 11th Congressional District, which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and Garden City.

Citizens for Peace is organized around the geographic boundaries of the 11th District. Group spokesperson is Colleen Mills of Livonia, a retired school teacher.

Mills reminded the members to explain the group's main goal, the passage of a bill enabling a national

department of peace. A cabinet level Department of Peace is an idea which has been around a long time but was recently given full voice by presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, an Ohio congressman.

The various groups that support the legislation for the Department of Peace include Citizen for Peace organizations throughout the state and nation.

The idea was endorsed by CBS newsman Walter Cronkite in June. Many of the peace groups are organized along Congressional district lines because the actual bill is in the House, HR1673.

Contact Mills for more information at (734) 425-0079 or e-mail her at cmills0079@yahoo.com. The group's next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Library in the meeting room across from the checkout desk.

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BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Jonathan Durand hopes to make a difference in the war on terrorism.

The Clawson artist has created a painting full of patriotic images honoring slain U.S. soldiers. Prints of the original artwork, or lithographs, sell for \$10, with half the proceeds going to family members — primarily widows and children — who lost loved ones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"They need assistance," said Durand, 34, a painter and illustrator who has composed artwork for local sports figures.

"I was just very inspired by our country going through a lot, the terrorism of the times, and I wanted to honor the soldiers as well."

Dubbed 'Home of the Brave,' the lithographs feature a collage of images, including the American flag, a flying eagle, fireworks, white crosses, the Constitution and President

Bush in prayer.

The project is supported by state Rep. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, who is helping Durand promote it nationally.

An army veteran himself, Durand invested 70 hours in the project, using Prima colored pencils on cloth-backed paper. He worked in between the hours of his residential painting business.

The first printing resulted in 2,500 copies of which 100 have been sold. Durand plans a second printing of 3,000 posters which will bear the title, 'Land of the Free' in addition to 'Home of the Brave.'

Durand has set up a business for the project in Royal Oak. To

order a copy, mail \$10 (which includes \$5 for administrative fees, including taxes) to Jonathan Durand Studios, 28530 Woodward, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Make checks payable to Home of the Brave.

"You can donate to Home of the Brave and we make that direct contact to family members," he said.

The first donation will go to Joshua Bushart, 3, of Waterford Township, whose father Damian Bushart was killed by a tank in Baghdad.

Joshua's grandfather, Skip Bushart, received a framed copy of the lithograph. "He had tears in his eyes," Durand said.

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TEACHER

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Memorial Fund Teacher Program

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Sponsored by the government of Japan, the program is designed to provide American teachers with opportunities to learn about all facets of Japan. That knowledge is then taken back to their communities and school districts to help foster better relations between the two countries.

"About 10 percent of our kids are from the Asian-Pacific region, and that means a lot of our kids are coming to us with different educational experiences, or at least their parents have," said Kahan. "Maybe we could be more sensitive, or aware, of some of the good ideas."

Because of her keen interest in math and science, Kahan has been following international reports that indicate students in many countries — including those from Japan — are doing better than those in

the U.S. in those subjects. "I'd like to find out what they're doing over there that's different," she said. "This program will have the kind of access I want, not only to learn about math and science but other areas as well."

Kahan leaves for Japan on Oct. 3 and will return three weeks later. The Fulbright program requires those who participate to have a plan of action once they return.

"They're pushing me to do it by requiring a follow-up plan," Kahan said. "It's not enough for me to have had a good time."

In fact, Kahan is hoping she won't have to wait until she returns to pass on her new found knowledge. Via the wonders of the Internet, Kahan is hopeful she can connect with third-grade students who will be studying Tokyo, comparing life to that in metro Detroit.

"I will hopefully be able to communicate with their classes and answer questions concerning Tokyo in real time," she said. "And, those questions I don't know the answers to I can find out."

Through a Web site she's developing before her trip,

Kahan plans to add photos from Japan that will interest the third-graders and illustrate what they're learning in class.

Takao Soeda, executive vice president of finance at Yazaki Corporation in Canton Township, is a native of Tokyo. Soeda said programs such as the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program can be a valuable asset.

Japan has been very much westernized and has learned from much of the western world, particularly the United States, Soeda said. "But, it's still much different because it's written history is 1,500 years old."

"We live in a society of diversity, and that's good for us," he said. "That is very valuable."

Soeda said Kahan will immediately notice how clean Japan is, especially considering it has a population of 100 million people living in an area about half the size of Michigan. "Not because we are born with good habits, but because of necessity," he said.

FAMILY TIME

As part of the program, Kahan will be living part of the trip with a Japanese family to



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Janet Kahan (right) looks in on East Middle School eighth-grade science teacher and department chair Jan Coratti (left) and West Middle School eighth-grade science teacher Rebecca Terry (center), who were working on revising the science units to streamline them to meet Michigan standards.

get a true cultural experience.

"The people are shy, but they like to talk and want to know you're reaction to the country," added Soeda. "It's an isolated, island country and they want reaction from foreign people how the rest of the world sees Japan."

Barbara Church, the district's assistant superintendent of instruction, took part in the Fulbright program when she was with the Clarenceville

school district.

"It's an incredible cultural experience," said Church. "I slept on a mat on the floor, and ate with chopsticks for three weeks. I ate food I never ate in my life. And, after a while, I stopped asking what it was called."

Church said she came back from the trip with an appreciation for some aspects of Japan that aren't evident in the U.S. However, the educational sys-

tem wasn't one of them. "Their system is designed around a lot of exams, preparing students to get in the good high schools," said Church. "And, if you don't pass the exams you can't get into the good schools or into college."

At the Izakaya Sanpei restaurant in Canton, which is becoming a popular spot for Japanese food, Mickey Kurasaki of Canton said he hopes Kahan brings back some knowledge of his culture to share with those in the district.

"It's important because the Japanese population in the area is increasing, and the cultural differences are big," said Kurasaki. "Maybe the differences between the two cultures can be shortened."

Kahan is trying to do her part beforehand, taking Japanese language classes with a tutor before leaving on her venture.

Even though I can't converse with any depth, I'll at least know a few words and phrases," said Kahan. "I think it's more respectful when you go somewhere and show you've tried to learn their language."

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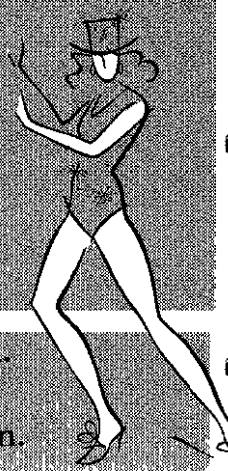
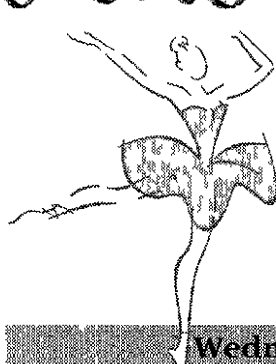
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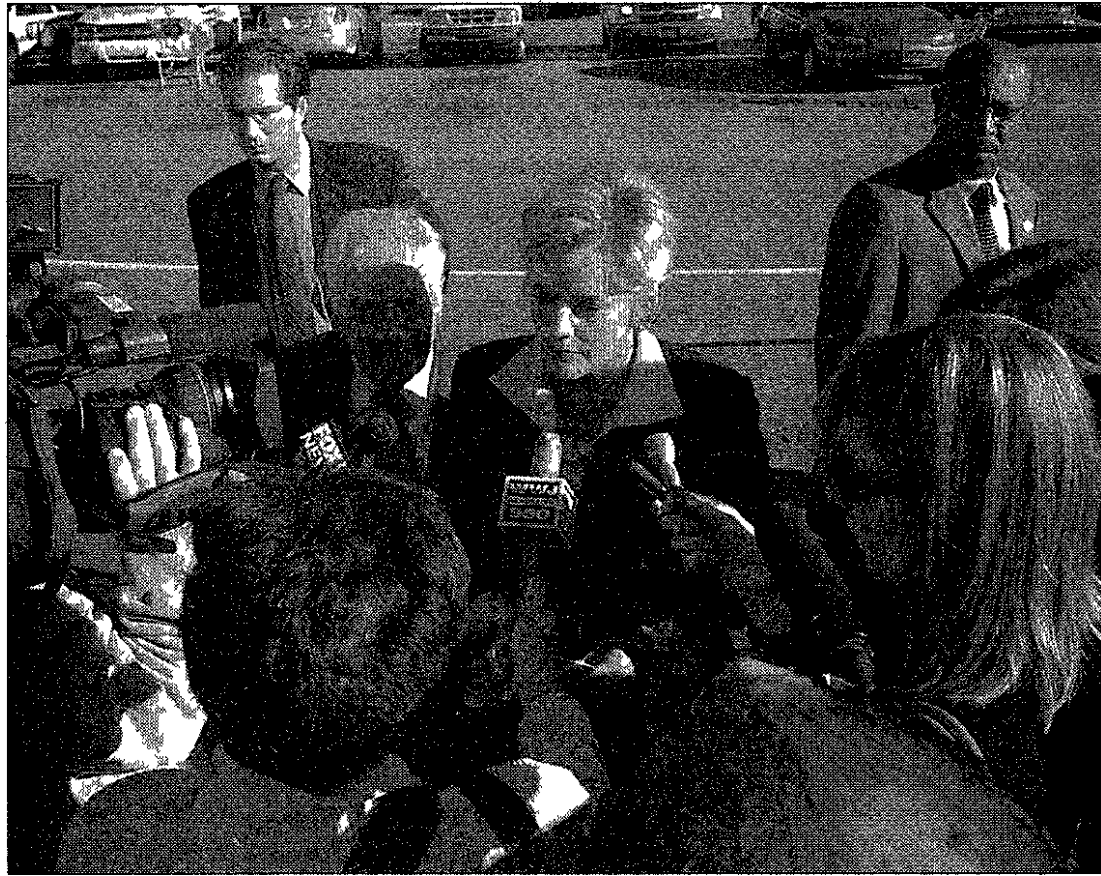
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Gov. Jennifer Granholm talks to the press after announcing her new Rx drug program for Michigan

Granholm unveils new Rx discount card

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Michigan is now in the drug discount card business.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced Tuesday a new program that gives eligible residents a 5- to 25-percent discount on prescription drugs. The discount will vary by the drug and whether it's generic or name brand.

For Farmington Hills resident Mark Barringer, any savings would be a big help.

Barringer works several part-time jobs, but has no medical benefits.

He immediately signed up for the free MiRx card that the governor and State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, promoted at a press conference Tuesday at a Farmington Hills Kroger store parking lot.

Nothing's perfect but this is better than nothing, said Barringer. It's going to make a difference. Twenty percent over

a month would let me pay some other bills.

Granholm said the card would be eligible for residents, regardless of age, who do not have prescription medical coverage.

She said there are 1 million uninsured residents in the state who would qualify for the program. Applicants must also earn a median income level or lower to qualify.

For example, a single person with a state income of \$27,930 or less would be eligible; a two-person household could not surpass \$37,470; a three-person home, \$47,010; a four-person home, \$56,550; and a family of five, \$66,090 or less.

The cards would work at all major pharmacy stores starting Oct. 1, but people may register immediately by going on line to www.michigan.gov/mdch.

Brochures with forms will also be available at various help agencies and through state law maker's offices.

Granholm said the cost savings will not be subsidized by the state.

The state has negotiated a discount on the prices with pharmacies, she said. "We want to sign up as many people as possible."

The governor added if the program proves successful, it could be expanded to cover residents regardless of income level.

Vagnozzi, who has pushed for more affordable health care coverage, said the cards are a step in the right direction.

Bill Largent, a Republican who is challenging Vagnozzi in the November election, said the cards are not a bad idea but more can be done when making volume discounts with drug manufacturers.

It's a Band-Aid on a much broader problem, he said.

The MiRx enrollment hotline is (866) 755-6479.

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State takes boy's siblings, father's rights at issue

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

State authorities have removed Christopher McAvoy's two surviving brothers from James McAvoy's Livonia home and started proceedings to terminate his parental rights.

Christopher was the 8-year-old boy who disappeared Aug. 27 and was found dead in a neighbor's pool in the Six Mile-Farmington area after a 30-hour search.

The Michigan Family Independence Agency wants to permanently end McAvoy's custody of his 11-year-old stepson, Anthony Oleksiak, and his 5-year-old son, Chandler McAvoy. Like Christopher, Anthony and Chandler also have developmental impairments.

A preliminary hearing on the state's petition was held Wednesday in the family division of the Third Circuit Court before Referee Michael Hidalgo. James McAvoy and his ex-wife, Tammy, the boys' biological mother, attended the hearing.

Sheldon Schrag, James McAvoy's attorney, said the FIA action is spurred by the fact there was a previous child neglect investigation of the McAvoy family and questions about the circumstances that led to Christopher's death, ruled an accidental drowning by the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

"We completely disagree with what they are doing," Schrag said. "This is a horrible

time to do it. This family is going through a difficult time of grieving."

Anthony and Chandler were removed from McAvoy's home on Sept. 3, the day after Christopher's funeral. Since then, Schrag said the boys have stayed at an undisclosed household.

James McAvoy has had custody of the boys since he divorced Tammy McAvoy four years ago. At about the same time, all three boys were removed from the household during an FIA neglect investigation. According to court records, the matter was resolved in October 2001 and the boys were allowed to return home to James McAvoy's care. His elderly, former mother-in-law also lives in the house.

Those who live near the McAvoy's Bell Creek Lane home said they were interviewed during the 2001 probe by state authorities seeking observations about household conditions and treatment of the children. One neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said she rarely saw the children outside of the house, however, there were several occasions when Anthony or Christopher walked by themselves through the neighborhood, causing family and friends to search for them.

FIA officials had no comment on the matter. The agency's findings in children's protective services cases are confidential until they are introduced in court, said

spokeswoman Maureen Sorbet.

Tammy McAvoy said Christopher typically walked to a neighbor's house and sat in the back yard, with the neighbor's blessing. She contends Christopher would be alive today if another neighbor would have locked the gate around their pool where the boy's body was found.

City ordinances require gates around unattended pools to be locked, but investigators said there is no clear definition of "locked."

On the night Christopher disappeared, Schrag said the boys were left with their grandmother when James McAvoy left to run an errand. When he returned 20 minutes later, his son was missing.

"This was an unfortunate incident involving Christopher," Schrag said. "He (James McAvoy) is absolutely devastated by this and now he feels like he's being picked on. Is this his fault? I can't say that."

"He's a good father and he's dedicated to keeping custody of the boys."

The next Third Circuit Court hearing on this matter is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23. At that time, Schrag said the court could send the parental termination petition to trial or settle on an alternative arrangement, such as keeping the boys in another household for an extended period of time with conditions that would allow them to return to the care of James McAvoy.

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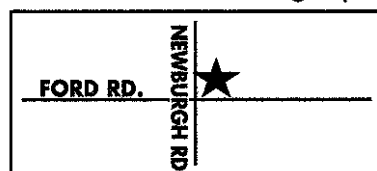
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balance the state budget without doing an income tax hike. The government is broke and has nowhere else to go.

Supervisor Steve Mann calls it an accounting trick which will put a hardship on taxpayers.

They need to look at reducing state government Mann said. If they have a reduction in revenue it doesn't mean they should maintain the status quo on services.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said another reduction in state revenue sharing funds would have probably meant staff reductions.

It would be the last thing we wanted to do but so much of what we do are programs and services

provided by people," Yack said. However, they would not have come from the police or fire departments.

The state has to either raise revenues or reduce programs and services because it looks like there's a billion-dollar problem every year," he said.

Sincock also said a loss of staff would have been the result if revenue sharing cuts would have resulted.

At \$100,000, we're talking a couple of more employees, he said, "but we don't have a couple to give. We're trying to reorganize as much as we can to keep our heads above water."

Attacks by the state against local governments are unacceptable and need to stop," he added.

Granholtz has said she will sign the bill requiring early county tax payments at her first opportunity.

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Bond facts

You have a small window of opportunity to correct a huge error in your Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, lead story. Your article "Bond plan goes to voter" clearly states that the second bond proposal will cost the taxpayer of a home valued at \$245,000 an additional \$47 a year. That number is roughly accurate only for the FIRST YEAR of a 25-year bond.

I quote the ballot language special election from the PCCS Web site: "The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding is not more than 25 years, the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.40 mills, and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over 25 years is 0.94 mills annually."

Is your \$47 dollars a year a bold lie? Is it merely an attempt to mislead the public? It may come as a surprise to

the Plymouth Canton school board and the *Observer* but the voter really can handle the truth.

Rosanne Albus
Plymouth

No on bond

I have to say it seems strange to be writing a letter like this. As a lifelong booster of schools, and a former Plymouth Canton board president, I can honestly say that I've never voted against a school millage in my life. What's more, I was part of the leadership team that passed the most recent bonds for the new Plymouth High School, Dodson Elementary School, and Discovery Middle School.

I've spoken to homeowner's groups, service clubs and PTOs, always with the same message: "We have to do what is right to support our kids and to keep classroom instruction first." I still feel that way today. That is why I'll be voting NO on the latest board sponsored millage on September 28th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's just bad for kids

This bond issue is dangerous because it will increase per-student operating costs and accelerate the biggest financial crisis our district has ever seen. It will mean fewer teachers, larger class sizes and fewer services for every family in the district.

As a result of a string of poor decisions, the current board has set the district on a path from which they can't recover - not without either a state bailout or takeover. When the current fund balance (the result of prudent spending and hard choices by previous boards over the past 10 years) is gone, the district will be forced to lay off teachers and reduce services to the community.

Approving this bond will result in building schools the district cannot afford to open. Here is the dirty little secret that the board does not want you to know.

The issue with this bond is that based on the law, the money can't be used for operating expenses, which is what the district needs most. Why would we build buildings that we can't afford to staff without a massive increase in state funding (read: Tax Increase).

This bond will mean our kids will be faced with larger class sizes and mandatory reductions in virtually everything that isn't mandated by law. Line items like bussing, food service and sports come to mind. Cutting these things will be painful, but it will be better than cutting teachers.

Lastly, if you live in Plymouth, this bond is a really bad deal. After the discussions surrounding (closing) Central Middle School last year, the board agreed to further study before any final decisions were made. This bond signals to me that the board has already decided to close both Starkweather and Central.

I am sure board members will be chanting their mantra this week - "It's for the kids!" If you really do care about kids and the future of the district, do the philosophically difficult thing and vote no. Send a message to our board that we need a bond that focuses on the real needs of the district - putting more teachers in the classroom, and true building priorities, not luxuries. If you really care about kids, vote no next Tuesday.

Michael J. Maloney
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Picture-perfect Ryder Cup helps to improve Detroit area's image

Last week, Bloomfield Township, Birmingham, the greater Detroit area and all of southeast Michigan were on display for the entire world as the 35th Ryder Cup matches were held at Oakland Hills Country Club. I was fortunate to have an inside view, I served as executive vice president-finance for the tournament.

We all knew the world would be scrutinizing not only Oakland Hills, but our entire area. We knew that there were many who raised eyebrows at the idea of holding one of the world's most prestigious events in the Detroit area.

Well, I was there for all of it — and I can tell you we not only passed with flying colors, but did ourselves proud. This was an event of vast importance and I can say without reservation that we came off as well as the U.S. golf team must have wished it had!

Based on my experience, I'd like to provide a few insights into the impact the Ryder Cup had on our area's image. Together with most of our many volunteers, I arrived at the course prior to sunrise to prepare for each day's spectators.

Among those arriving early were our concession stand volunteers, provided by Lighthouse of Oakland. There were cashiers for Ryder Cup merchandise in the golf shop provided by Comerica Bank and medical services provided by Beaumont Hospital. Members of Oakland Hills — and 14 other area country clubs — served as marshals. Still other Oakland Hills members provided secretarial services, uniform distribution, ecology services, media services, transportation, scoring and more.

If you thought it took a lot of people to pull this off, you were right. There were 4,000-5,000 volunteers, each who worked a minimum of 20 hours during that week and, in many cases, for weeks leading up to the matches. Besides working for free, they all had to purchase a \$220 uniform and undergo hours of training.

Besides our specific duties, we were all reminded that we were ambassadors of golf and the area. That meant we needed to be friendly, courteous, polite and helpful. We were reminded that the 35,000 golf fans attending the matches came from every walk of life and from many different nations. They would include CEOs, media personalities, sports figures, politicians and everyday individuals. What they encountered that week would leave them with a lasting impression of our area. We didn't discuss the crime-riddled image the Detroit area has in much of the nation.

We also worried about the one thing we

couldn't control — the weather. Michigan Septembers can be cold and wet, but thankfully Mother Nature smiled on our area. We couldn't have asked for better, a bit chilly in the mornings, but shirt-sleeve weather in the afternoon. On television, aerial shots from the blimp were postcard perfect.

The Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham was headquarters for both the American and European teams and PGA officials. Others stayed at the Holiday Inn-Express on Woodward Avenue. Many an official walked around Birmingham, stopping for coffee or having dinner at our restaurants. They were surprised and pleased. They didn't realize what a wonderful area Birmingham is. Of course, we knew all along — and it was high time the world found out.

The spectators were wonderful and well-behaved. On Sunday, at the stands on the 13th tee, the crowd on one side yelled "USA!" On the other side, they responded right back "USA! USA!" It echoed among the fairways and trees of Oakland Hills. They cheered loudly for their favorite players and groaned when shots were missed.

But during the entire week there were no incidents of unruly behavior, and that's something we can be very proud of. Our reputation was on the line, and we performed very, very well.

The media, we know, can be critical. But during this week, many reporters (out-of-towners, not locals) went out of their way to let me and others know that the PGA and Oakland Hills Country Club had put on a fabulous show.

These comments were echoed last Sunday at the closing ceremony by the European caddies seated just behind me. It was also a dangerous spot, as they had their bottles of champagne celebrating a European victory.

The week was a success, despite a sad performance by the American team, and set a standard for future events which will be coming to our area soon, including baseball's All-Star Game, football's Super Bowl, the 2008 PGA Championship and college basketball's Final Four.

These events can build on the momentum established by the Ryder Cup. The weather, the volunteers, the spectators and the venue left the impression that our area is delightful, people-friendly and that this is a spot to come back and visit for an extended period.

We're off to a great start and better things lie ahead. Bring them on!

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Celebrate Banned Books Week with a visit to your library

This week is banned books week, Sept. 25 to Oct. 2. Celebrate by reading something dangerous!

The list of books that are frequently banned is often an honor roll of good literature and innovative thinking. But it also includes books that are disturbing, infuriating and unsettling. A book I might embrace as a great work of literature, someone else might see as a deviant assault on civilization.

Book banners are people who want to narrow our choices to those books, and ideas, that they support, that they find uplifting, that they perceive as the truth. Any books that might disturb their world view are considered dangerous and need to be stopped.

If anything qualifies as "un-American" that desire to censor and restrict the freedom of expression is the most un-American of all ideas. Even ugly ideas need to be freely argued, debated and rejected in an open forum.

But, ironically, it is often some of the most enlightened ideas that suffer the censor's wrath. Banned Books Online is a Web site that offers books that have been banned at one time or another available for downloading and also gives a look at the history of banned books.

Some of these stories are well-known. James Joyce's *Ulysses*, voted by a panel of literary critics as the greatest English language novel of the 20th century, was barred from the United States for 15 years until the ban was lifted in 1933. The Modern Library edition of the book opens with the judge's decision overruling the ban, a landmark in common sense over nonsense.

Yes, the book does contain several sexual scenes. Sex is an important part of life and Joyce set out to describe in great physical and psychological detail a day in the life of his richly imagined characters. In any case, sexual scenes or political views, who has the right to deny the right of others to experience this great book?

But *Ulysses* is in good company among banned books. Voltaire's *Candide*, the *Arabian Nights*, Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and Anna Sewell's *Black Beauty* have all been targets. The Bible and the Koran have also been banned and are still banned in different parts of the world.

Independent Booksellers have released a list of recommended banned books for 2004. Some of these are books intended for children that censors take it on themselves to ban for all children rather than just for their own chil-

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A prime example of this is *King & King & Family* (the title suggests the theme), the most frequently challenged title of 2004.

Others are books that elicit reaction because they are misinterpreted and misrepresented. Include Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. But, misinterpreted or not, these and other books should not be banned. They should be read, discussed, debated.

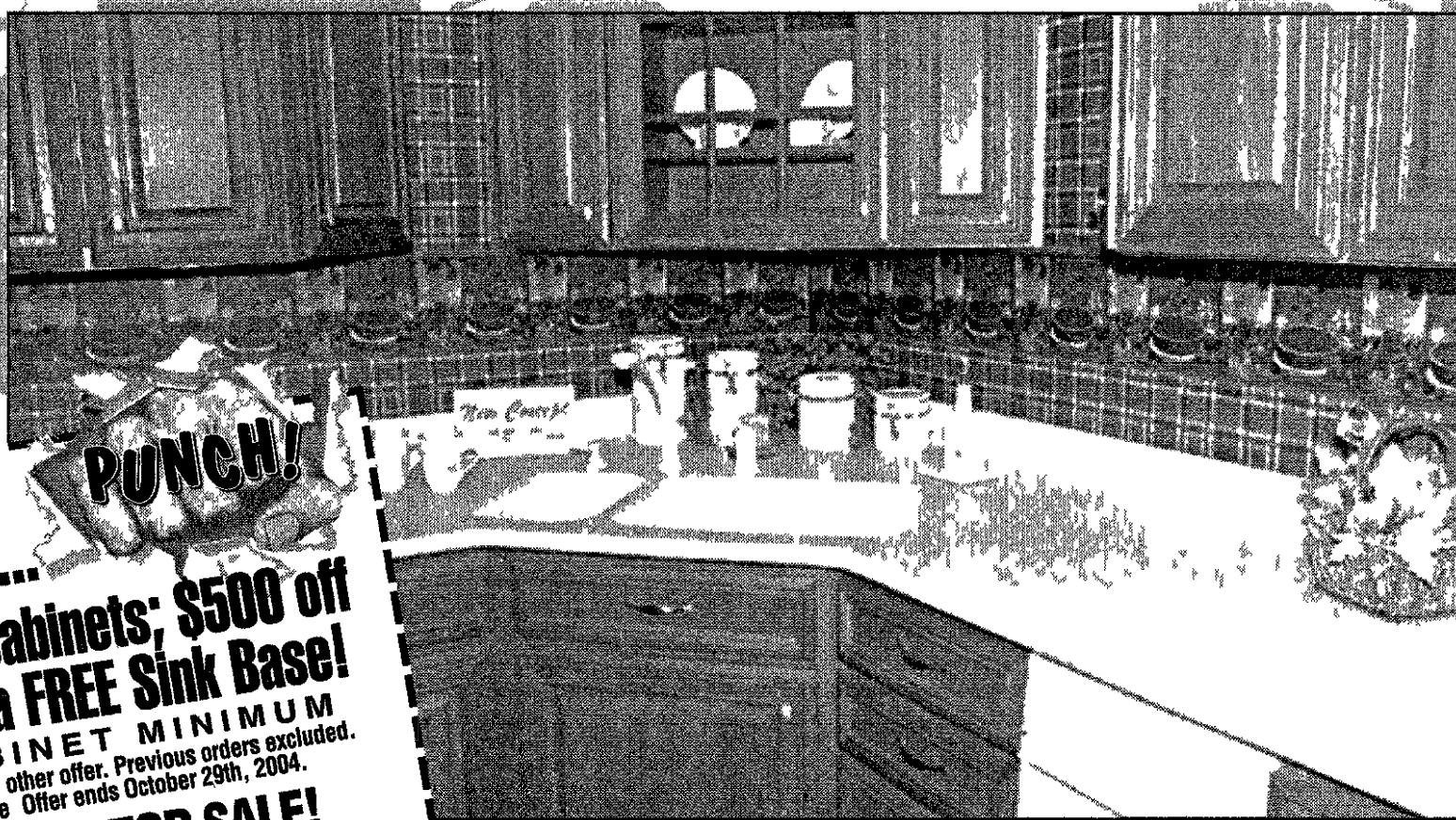
Another book on the list is *Places I Never Meant To Be: Original Stories by Censored Writers*, edited by Judy Blume, a writer who has had her own share of run-ins with censors. Blume is perhaps the most empathetic author for young readers in the last 30 years. Her honesty has regularly gotten her into trouble with the thought police while winning the loyalty and love of young readers. This collection of stories about young people begins with a passionate plea against censorship by Blume. She writes: "The bottom line is, censorship happens, often when you least expect it. It's not just about the book you may want to read but about the book your classmate might want to read. It's not just about teachers and librarians at other schools who might find themselves in job-threatening situations — it might happen at your school. Your favorite teacher, the one who made literature come alive for you, the one who helped you find exactly the book you needed when you were curious, or hurting, the one who was there to listen to you when you felt alone, could become the next target."

The full essay is in the book and online at www.judyblume.com.

Local libraries are marking this special week with displays of frequently banned books. Show your support for freedom, go check out John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* or Robert Cormier's *The Chocolate War* or any of the Harry Potter books (all banned somewhere at some time). And fight the thought police. Read and let your children read!

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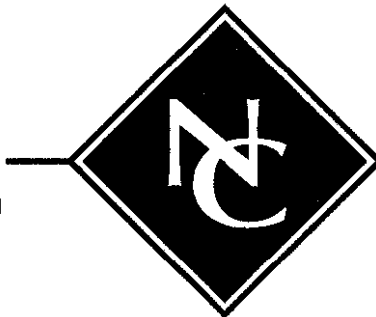
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Scout adapts brother's idea on way to Eagle badge project

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When Canton resident Marc Garner, 17, was looking for a project for his Eagle Scout badge, he got the idea from his 19-year-old brother, Mike

Mike had done a food and essential needs drive for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor

The center specializes in treating blind children ages 1 through 12 with at least one additional handicap. The center does not charge the families for services provided to the children. One-third of the support comes from individuals, one-third from service clubs and organizations and one-third from groups such as churches, schools, foundations and corporate donations.

Marc said he liked Mike's project

"But I wanted to do it bigger and better," he said. "I got 600 bags donated from Farmer Jack and the township. Attached a flier explaining what I was doing and what the center needed."

Mike and a fellow Scout, Brandon Waite, 15, helped in the project.

Mike then got his troops together - that's troop 1830 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - and one Saturday they went through the area putting the bags and fliers on front doors.

The next Saturday 20 Scouts came to his house and they drove around collecting the donations.

"Out of the 600 I handed out, I got 200 or so back," Marc said. "My garage was filled with the bags."

And it was the same at the center.

There was a whole room just filled with stuff from them," said Jennifer McKay, supervisor and volunteer coordinator at the center. "I can't stress enough the importance of donations for Penrickton Center."

Without them we wouldn't be able to function for our children and their families.

The Boy Scouts have been very generous and supportive and we appreciate that so much. Please tell Canton residents Thank You also.

Before delivering his collection, Marc took an inventory and produced a three-page list of what was donated. The list included such things as more than 30 boxes of breakfast

cereal 101 boxes of muffin cake or brownie mixes 60 bags of potato chips, 53 cans of soup 19 64 ounce bottles of juice 32 bottles of shampoo 140 rolls of paper towels and two gallons of antifreeze.

For more information about the center call (734) 946-7500.

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Marc's garage was filled with the bags he collected for his project. Helping with the project were (from left) Marc Garner, Josh Nilsson, Ian Gillespie (top), Elder Rega (bottom), Todd Peterson, Logan Lewis, Easton Huch, Rand Bitter, Terry Huch, Neil Lewis and Bill Nilsson.

Two Canton businesses win 'Future' honors

Two Canton businesses have been honored by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce as "Future 50 of Greater Detroit" winners.

Approved Mortgages, 5820 N. Canton Center Road, and MicroMax Inc., 5840 N. Canton Center Road, will be feted Friday, Oct. 1 at an awards luncheon at the Troy Marriott featuring the Palace's CEO Tom Wilson as keynote speaker.

Approved Mortgages had \$2.2 million in revenue in 2003 and makes residential mortgage loans.

MicroMax has an annual revenue of \$2.6 million last year, they specialize in software engineering products, consulting and staffing services.

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Wildcats bounce Zebras for 1st varsity win

It was an historic night of football for Plymouth High School.

The Wildcats, made up of all underclassmen, earned their first-ever varsity win Friday by racking up 401 yards on the ground en route to a 43-32 victory at Wayne Memorial.

Both teams are 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It's such a great feeling, I'm so proud of these kids," Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said, still soaked from a post-game Gatorade shower courtesy of his team. "These kids have worked so hard for this. They really needed a win."

"We had over 400 yards of rushing tonight, so that shows you how well our

offensive line played. They all deserve a lot of credit for this."

The Wildcats' line consists of Jared Panyan, Brad Kraft, Nate McManus, Shawn Bailey and Taylor Fox.

"Josh LeDuc had a great game on defense and Brian Leighton stepped in for an injured player tonight and played well," Blaylock said.

Junior quarterback Brent Jones ran for 144 yards and one touchdown. He also passed for a pair of scores. Sophomore running back Nathan Gholston contributed 137 yards rushing and one TD.

The Wildcats led 14-0 after one quarter on a Jones 4-yard run followed by a Gholston 31-yard TD run.

Wayne answered with 14-straight points to start the second quarter on TD runs of 14 and 14 yards by Blaine Simmons on a 12-yard TD run. Junior linebacker Nick Gotts recovered a fumble to set up the first Zebra score, but the extra point was missed. (Josh Simmons' pass to senior Dale Dahlberg for the two-pointer made it 14-all.)

Plymouth, however, led 28-14 at halftime as Jones connected with Joshua LeDuc on a 30-yard TD run followed by Jeffery Harrison's 1-yard TD run.

Harrison added a 9-yard TD run in the third quarter and Kevin Minor converted his fifth-straight extra point to give Plymouth a 35-14 advantage.

Waynes Terrill Ford answered with a

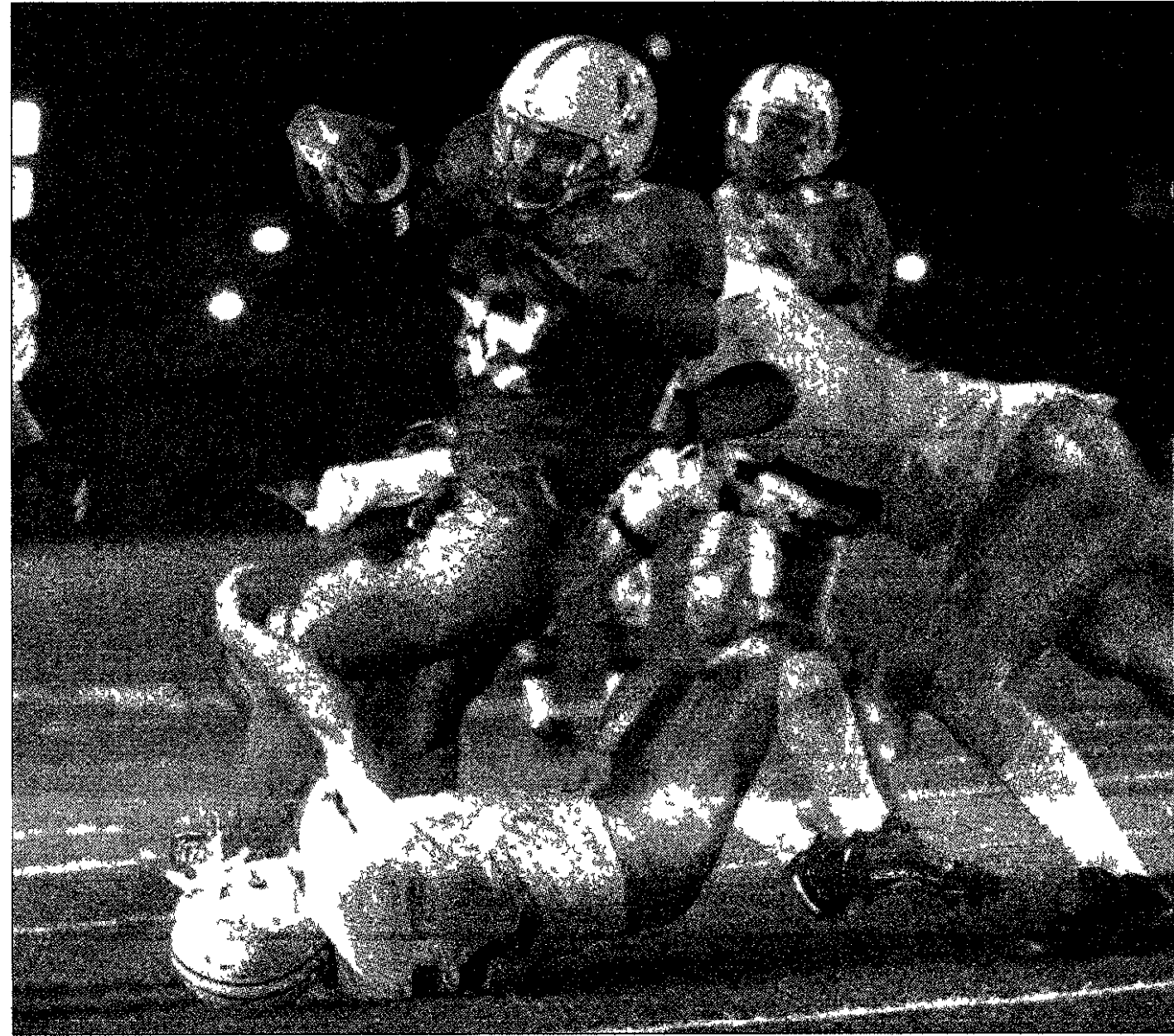
90-yard kickoff return for a TD, but Jones responded with an 8-yard scoring pass to Anthony Green to make it 43-20 (following Harrison's two-point run).

The Zebras made the score respectable with the final two TDs — Josh Simmons on a 10-yard pass to Dale Dahlberg and 20-yard pass to Eugene Hister.

Blaine Simmons rushed for 90 yards, while Josh Simmons hit 8-of-16 passes for 103 yards. Jones hit 6-of-13 passes for 57 yards.

Each team had an interception — Wayne's Doug Johnson and Gholston of Plymouth.

Plymouth hosts cross-campus neighbor Canton Saturday at 1 p.m.



Canton running back Julian Smith powers into the end zone to give the Chiefs a 28-0 third quarter lead Friday night. Canton won, 42-14, over previously unbeaten Northville.

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Homecoming highlight show

Canton puts squeeze on Mustangs' spread, 42-14

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Three sights have become common for Canton alumni who return for homecoming football games: the launching of fireworks, the crowning of the queen and the dismantling of the Chiefs' opponent.

Friday night was no exception as Canton squeezed Northville's dangerous "spread" offense on the way to a 42-14 victory.

The game was hyped as a showdown between two surging Western Lakes Activities Association unbeaten, but Canton was the only team surging through the first three quarters, building a 35-0 lead.

Northville scored a pair of meaningful fourth-quarter TDs to dodge the shutout.

Canton, which has now outscored its opponents 200-26, will put its 0-0 mark on the line Saturday against cross-campus foe Plymouth. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

"We had some pretty intense practices this week," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "We told the defense all week that the way you stop the spread offense is to make an eight-yard cement block between the tackles and make them bounce outside. We did that for the most

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Salem swim team dunks WLW, 134-52

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls swimming team bounced back from its season-opening loss to Canton earlier in the week by sinking Walled Lake Western, 134-52, Thursday night at the Salem pool.

The Rocks are now 1-1 heading into Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Walled Lake Northern.

Salem won all three of the relays, beginning with the meet-opening 200-yard medley race. The quartet of Kelsey Lincoln, Kim Heaney, Ashley Aquino and Amanda Newman finished in 1:58.49, almost 10 seconds faster than Western's foursome.

The Rocks also captured the 200-yard freestyle relay (Newman, Kate Musson, Katie Gorman and Lincoln) in 1:47.94, and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Lincoln, Gorman, Heather Michalsen and Musson) in 3:52.59.

Michalsen stroked to a four-second victory in the 200-yard individual medley (2:24.16), touching over four seconds ahead of second-place Whitney Wilson of Western.

Other individual winners for Salem included Musson (50-yard freestyle, 26.94), Newman (100-yard freestyle, 59.98), Megan McManmon (500-yard freestyle, 6:24.05), Amy Benson (100-yard backstroke, 1:09.75) and Heaney (100-yard backstroke, 1:12.88).

Rock gridders drop second straight

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the lightning strikes that impressed Lavonia Stevenson football coach Tim Gabel, it was the way his Spartans were able to steal the thunder from Salem.

Stevenson put up two touchdowns before Friday night's game was four minutes old and repulsed a brief Salem challenge on its way to a 34-8 Western Lakes Activities Association victory over the Rocks.

The win set up a Lakes Division showdown for Stevenson (5-0, 3-0) on Friday at Westland John Glenn (4-1, 3-0).

Salem, 3-2 after its second-straight loss, will try to rebound against Lavonia Churchill.

"We didn't play well," Salem coach Bob Cummings said. "We didn't play well the last two quarters against John Glenn and the first two quarters of this game. We've got to get away from coming out flat."

The Spartans took the opening kickoff and ran four plays, the last a 7-yard scoring run around left end by Ryan McMullen. The Rocks ran three plays, punted and the Spartans made it 14-0 on the very next play.

Junior quarterback Chad Casey threw a short pass to Trevor Hearn on the left

side and he hooked toward the sideline and raced 49 yards to score. It was 14-0 with 8:39 left in the quarter.

Salem was 3-and-out again and once again Stevenson pounced.

It took just five plays for the Spartans to find the end zone again, with back Kevin Domingo squeezing three yards up the middle for a 21-0 lead with 4:51 to play.

Salem's next drive took about 45 minutes as one player from each side was injured and had to be taken from the field on a stretcher.

Junior Alex York collided with one of

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B3

Canton edges Wildcats in match

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The seeds of a spirited, cross-campus rivalry between Plymouth and Canton were planted Wednesday afternoon on the Plymouth High School tennis courts.

The Chiefs prevailed, 5-3, in a contest that saw four of the eight matches stretch to three sets.

Canton improved to 5-3-2 with the victory while the Wildcats dropped to 2-5-2.

"The match was close, and since we are such a young team with no seniors, we are very optimistic about the potential of our tennis program," said Plymouth coach Tom Kimball. "The sun and heat took a toll on both teams' players. It was evident that our rigorous conditioning work is paying off since we were able to edge Canton in three of the four matches that went to three sets."

The match was all square at 2-2 following the singles competition. Plymouth sophomore Sarah Hillemonds captured a

thrilling battle against Chief Chelsea Darouie at No. 1, outlasting the senior, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Canton's Katie Bedard won at No. 2 over Kelly Armbruster, 6-2, 6-1, while Wildcat Chelsea Woodruff nipped Emily Hoerschemeyer, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 at the No. 3 spot.

Canton's Ashley Madau evened the match with a 7-6, 6-0 win over Stephanie Hagen in the final singles match.

The Chiefs were victorious in the No. 1, 2 and 3 doubles matches as Laura McKendry and Nicole Burdiss shipped by Natalie Maurer and Kinnari Patel, 6-4, 3-6, 0-6, Heidi Phillips and Natalie Slupek downed Ali Gasorski and Lauren Smith, 6-1, 6-0, and Sheela Ramesh and Dani Reinhardt blanked Noha Bacha and Emily Simott, 6-0, 6-0.

Plymouth's tandem of Kirstin Schroeder and Katie Hughes upended Canton's Lauren Reed and Liz Schaurte, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, at No. 4 doubles.



Plymouth's No. 1 singles player Sarah Hillemonds returns a shot Wednesday against Canton's Chelsea Darouie. Hillemonds won, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2, but Canton captured the match, 5-3.

Sidelines

Whalers swap

The Plymouth Whalers beefed up their defense on Wednesday when they acquired Steve Ward from the Sarnia Sting in exchange for left wing Jordan Grant and a ninth-round draft choice in 2002.

Ward was originally selected by Sarnia in the fourth round (70th overall) in the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft. After playing six games with Sarnia in 2002-03, the defenseman spent all of last season with the Sting, recording three goals and eight assists in 43 games.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Canton Cardinals 11-and-under travel baseball team will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 3, at McClimpha Park Field #1. Players must be residents of Canton or Plymouth. Contact Jim Belisle at (734) 844 2117 to reserve a spot.

Reporting results

Varsity coaches are urged to report their results to the Observer & Eccentric Sports Department — win, lose or tie, home or away — on the day of the event.

Please call sports editor Ed Wright at (734) 953 2108 if he is covering a game or on the phone with another coach, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

The deadline for Thursday's print and Web site publication is 11:45 p.m. Tuesday evenings, while the deadline for Sunday's print and Web site publication is 11:45 p.m. Friday evenings.

Thanks, in advance, for your time and effort.

Local Britons shine

Four local soccer players are making major contributions for their respective Albion College teams — two for the Britons' men's team and two for the women's squad.

Salem graduate Jeff Bennett, a junior, scored his first goal of the season Saturday Sept. 18, in the Britons' 4-1 loss to John Carroll. Bennett also has three assists.

Fellow Salem alum Tavio Palazzolo, also a junior, shined in goal for the Britons, making 11 saves in two games.

Junior Ashley Rosaen, a Canton grad, tallied three goals last week to pace the Britons' offense.

Rosaen's teammate, Allison Mills, also a Canton alum, scored her first goal of the season last week.

MU golfers 2nd

The Madonna University men's golf team finished runner-up Wednesday in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference's Jamboree (No. 2) at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

Aquinas earned first-place honors with a total of 302 followed by Madonna (304), Siena Heights (315), Cornerstone (316) and Concordia (352).

Chiefs beat Glenn for 8th straight win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's slow start is now just a distant memory for the Chiefs, who won their eighth straight match Wednesday, 3-1, over Westland John Glenn.

After starting 0-2-1, Canton is now 8-2-1 and 6-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. John Glenn shipped to 2-6-1 (0-6).

Keith Campbell put the Chiefs on the board first with a

goal mid-way through the first half. He was assisted by Jason Houdek. The Rockets knotted things at 1-1 just before halftime on Josh Rogers' marker.

Canton secured the lead for good early in the second half on Andy Cortellini's unassisted goal. Brad Marsh added an insurance score a few minutes later after receiving a pass from Adam Pitt. Canton outshot the Rockets, 9-2.

Salem 4, Walled Lake Western 0: The Rocks rebound-

ed from a sluggish first half to upend the Warriors Wednesday night.

The victory improved Salem's mark to 7-3-3 (5-1).

Following a scoreless first half, Brad Zonca scored the first goal after taking a pass from Thiago Harris. Dave Hall made it 2-0 a short time later and Harris cemented the victory with a pair of second-half tallies.

Sophomore Brad Field was solid in goal for the Rocks, stop-

ping all five Warrior shots.

"We weren't able to create much offense in the first half," Salem coach Ed McCarthy sighed. "A lot of that was due to Walled Lake Western, which did a nice job defensively in the second half, we were able to put some things together and capitalize on our opportunities."

"Thiago Harris had an outstanding game as he played a role in three of our four goals. Defensively, I thought Sean Williams did a nice job."

Whalers open with 2-1 setback to Sting

Sarmia's John Hecimovic spoiled the Plymouth Whalers' season-opening game Friday night, scoring both Sarmia goals in the Sting's 2-1 victory.

Hecimovic's second goal — the eventual game-winner — came at the 9:55 mark of the second period and snapped a 1-1 tie. James Fraser was credited with two assists for the Sting. Erik Schwanz had one helper.

The game was played before 3,639 at the Sarmia Sports and Entertainment Centre. Sarmia goaltender Ryan

Munce was brilliant, stopping 37 of 38 Whaler shots. Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie also shined, making 39 saves.

Mike Letizia scored the lone Plymouth goal, beating Munce at the 5:26 mark of the first period. John Armstrong assisted on the goal.

The Whalers were hampered by their inability to produce on the power play, missing out on all seven of their man-advantage situations. Sarmia converted on one-of-five power-play chances.

Chiefs drive past Mustangs, 157-166

Canton's boys golf team earned a noteworthy win over a strong Northville squad, 157-166, at Hilltop Golf Course Wednesday afternoon.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 4-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association while Northville fell to 6-2.

Matt Harr, listed No. 6 on the Chiefs' depth chart, shot a blistering 36 to grab medalist honors. Also scoring for the Chiefs were Corey Bugeja (38), Brandon Eggesfield (41) and Dominic Gallo (42). Bryan Wioncek (44) and Cameron Strabbing (46) played, but did not score for Canton.

Xander Dobreff was low man for the Mustangs with a 39. Greg Jones (41), Campy Smith

(42) and Jim Gates (44) also scored for Northville.

Livonia Franklin 150, Salem 164: The Patriots (3-6 overall, 2-6 W.L.A.A.) won thanks largely to Paul Segun's school-record 32 at Idyl Wild Golf Course. Franklin also received strong play from Phil Haapala (40), Ryan Leidal (41) and Alex Chisholm (41).

Salem was led by Jeremy Henderson's 38. Also scoring for the Rocks were Tyler Velantewski (41), Matt Smith (42) and Mike Cassidy (43).

Walled Lake Western 153, Salem 169: The Warriors remained unbeaten in the W.L.A.A. with the victory Monday afternoon. The winners were led by Rich Safeman, A.J. Partenio and Justin Williams,

who all fired 38's. Clark Jamisse also scored for the Warriors, carding a 39.

Salem, which fell to 5-3, was paced by Dave Porter (40), Jeremy Henderson (42), Tyler Jelancowski (42) and Mike Cassidy (45) also scored for the Rocks.

Plymouth Christian 179, B.H. Roper 222: The Eagles cruised to a 43-stroke triumph Monday thanks to 43's from Jordan Brown and Ross Gerulis. Also scoring for PCA were Jordan Johnston (46) and Adam Catallo (47).

Brett Kabacinski led Roper with a 43. Other Roughriders scorers were Trey Villefan (50), Mike Tittjung (58) and Stephen Mateyka (71).

Plymouth 164, Wayne

Memorial 174: The Wildcats improved to 4-3 with a 10-shot win at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Matt Talbot earned medalist honors with a 37. Jeff Selasky (39), Jimmie Vlcek (43) and Ben Kosmalski (45) also scored for the Wildcats.

James Congdon was low man for the Rockets (1-6), firing a 40.

Northville 157, Plymouth 167: The Mustangs upped their record to 6-2 at Hickory Creek Golf Course behind the strong play of medalist Greg Jones' 37.

Scoring for Plymouth were Vlcek (40), Selasky (41), Talbot (42) and Hoeman (44). Non-scorers for the Wildcats were Alex Hsieh and Kosmalski (49).

What to do without NHL?

Yes, I broke down and did what I threatened to do in my debut column Sept. 12 for the Redford and Garden City Observers.

I dragged my musty old goalie equipment out of the basement and took it to Redford Ice Arena to do a drop-in hockey session.

With my rec team's season soon to start, I thought it would be a good idea to work the kinks out of my aging bones and muscles — as well as loosen up the stiff pads and gloves. That session didn't turn out to be a rip-roaring event only two skaters were circling the ice when I trudged out of the dressing room.

We still had as much fun as we could, given the fact two young guys were firing away at a slow-motion geezer.

I guess it was better than the usual situation of not having a goaltender out there at all. (At least those skaters were polite about it and said that was the case.)

It sure would be great if that drop in session featured enough scrubs to have two full teams going at it.

Maybe that day isn't too far off.

E-MAIL US

Fans in Hockeytown now might need to figure out how to get enough of their favorite sport what with the National Hockey League locking out players as of Sept. 16.

It looks like at least half of the 2004-05 NHL season will be jeopardized. The entire schedule might be cancelled. And so I ask hockey buffs this question: How will you spend this upcoming winter of doom and discontent?

Will you regularly trek out to Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township to catch the junior league Whalers? Will your hockey fix consist of going out to the various community rinks to watch youth games?

Will you join the tiny core of skaters at Redford Ice Arena? It is a question I would love to get answers to.

Please e-mail me (the address is in the next paragraph) by the end of this week with your responses and I will include them in a future column.

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Schoolcraft kickers perfect through 10

Everything is going right for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team, which extended its record to 10-0-0 last week with a home victory over Albion College JV squad and a championship effort in the Cincinnati State Cup, which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The strong early start has earned the Ocelots No. 2 rankings in both the NJCAA and NSCAA national women's soccer polls.

Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) scored once and Natalie Thomas (Salem) twice

to give the Ocelots a 3-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

Thomas and Casey Hoover (Walled Lake Western) scored a pair of goals each for the winners, who received single markers from Lindsey Turkington, Jennifer Dahl, Jessica Saba, LeighAnne Myers, Kara Jean, LaPorte and Nicole Saigh.

Farrell and Dunn blanked the Patriots in net. On Sept. 19, SC clinched the title with a 3-2 triumph over Lousburg College (NC). They were a determined and well-coached team, said

SC coach Bill Tolsted.

LaPorte's goal gave SC a 1-0 lead. She was assisted by Saigh and Saba.

The Hurricanes retaliated with a goal a short time later, but LaPorte answered with a goal after taking a pass from Bryant to make it 2-1.

Romer later provided an insurance goal to secure the win. She was assisted by Thomas.

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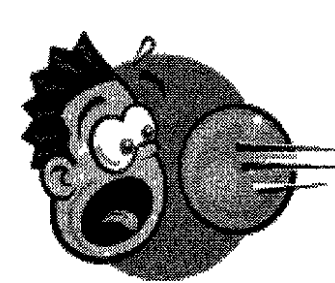
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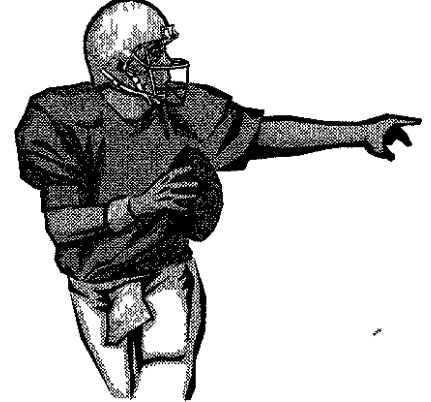
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ROCKS

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his own Spartan teammates attempting a tackle on the kick-off and was knocked out. He was immobilized and taken to the hospital, where Stevenson officials were told a CAT scan disclosed no serious injury. Nine plays after the game resumed it was stopped again as Salem's Jonathan Marsh suffered a concussion. He was taken to a hospital as a precaution. Wingback Kevin Bradley capped Salem's 85-yard drive with a 12-yard scoring run on a counter play to the right. The Rocks were successful in turning a botched extra point try into a two-point conversion, making it 21-8 with 11:55 left in the half.

The Spartans struck back with two more lightning plays — a 4-yard score by McMillen on the fourth play after Salem's kickoff and a 68-yard scoring romp on a counter play by wingback Pat Clagans. That made it 34-8 with 3:02 left in the half and completed the

game's scoring.

'As nice as our start was, Gabel said, 'that was a more positive sign. The way we were able to turn the momentum around.'

'We were able to seize the momentum, which is something we talked about trying to do. Things just broke our way, too.'

They dominated us on both sides of the ball in the first two quarters, Cummings said. 'It was a rough game.'

Quarterback Jeff Lake tried to keep Salem in the game with his running the option, mostly keepers.

Lake was the game's leading rusher with 118 yards, which took 17 carries to get. He was under pressure when he tried to throw, though, and was 0-for-6 with two interceptions. He caught a pass from Bradley good for 17 yards, the second game in a row the two have clicked on the halfback option pass.

Lake looks like he'd have potential to make some MIAA team a nice player — if they'd

look him up.

Stevenson ran for 227 yards in the first half on just 19 carries. Clagans gained 106 yards on four rushes while Jacob Howell gained 95 on nine rushes.

Casey was very efficient throwing the ball. He completed 6 of 7 passes for 152 yards. Casey might not have the flash and flair of some of his WLAA counterparts, but he's doing a nice job of running the Stevenson offense.

He's very efficient,' Gabel said. 'He's good in the huddle, he handles the running game and he's an accurate passer. He gets more comfortable in that role every week.'

'We did play better the second half,' Cummings said. 'But the game was out of reach then. Our division is pretty close. Stevenson and John Glenn are on top, but everybody is tough. We've got our work cut out for us.'

So, it would appear, do the Spartans.

CANTON

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part tonight.

Baechler praised the play of his offensive line and senior running back/defensive back Julian Smith, who gained 116 yards on 15 carries, scored two touchdowns, and delivered several mouth-guard-removing hits on defense.

'Our offensive linemen are the MVPs of this team,' Baechler said. 'Their job is to control the line of scrimmage, and they did that tonight.'

'Julian Smith played exceptionally well on both sides of the ball. He ran well and he made several great plays on defense.'

Northville's most potent weapon this season, running back Mac Stilec, was limited to three carries for 14 yards. Stilec participated in less than a quarter of the Mustangs' offensive plays due to a hamstring injury that has hampered him all season, Northville coach Clint Alexander said.

'Not having Mac in there hurt, because he's such a big part of our offense,' Alexander said. 'It's not just his physical presence either. He's kind of like our Sir Lancelot, he makes everybody else better just by being in the game.'

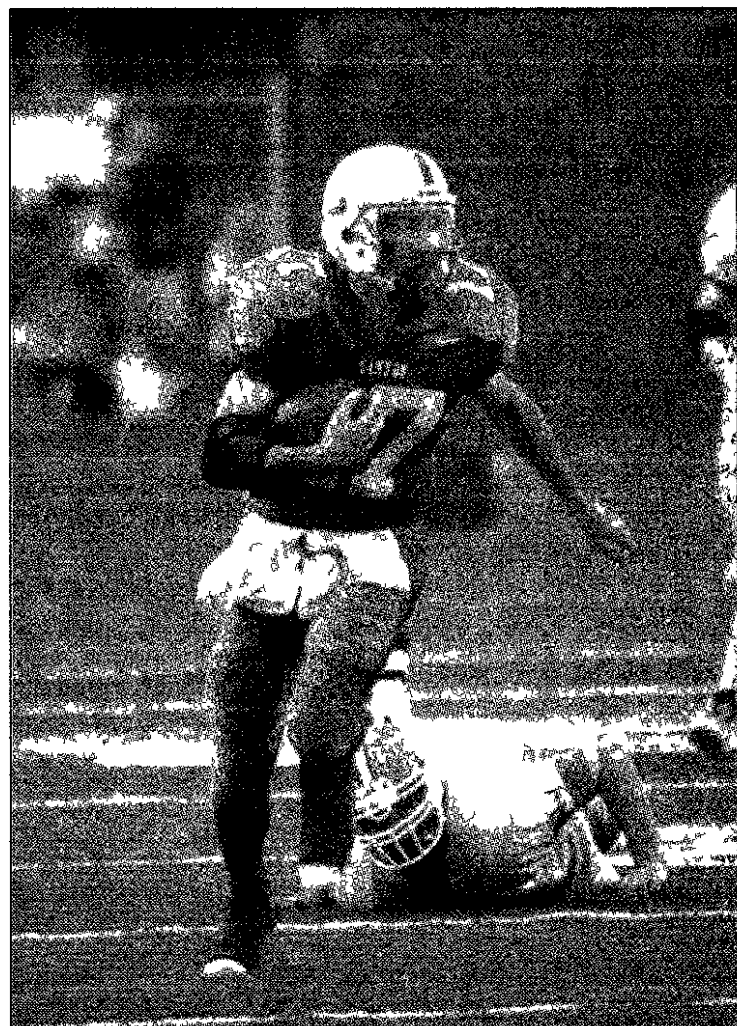
'We knew if we were going to have a chance tonight we'd have to score early with Canton, but before we knew it, we were down 14-0. Canton's offense is so hard to prepare for. When they execute it like they did tonight, the defense starts guessing, and we were guessing wrong.'

Canton churned out 506 total yards — all on the ground. Northville finished with 215 total yards, 116 on the ground and 99 through the air.

While Smith did most of his damage outside the tackles, Canton fullback Chuck Schumacher punished the Mustangs between the hashmarks, running for 126 yards on 13 rushes. Andy Rossow also had a strong night, gaining 76 yards on just seven carries.

Canton quarterback Shawn Little was 0-for-2 passing, but he contributed 99 yards rushing, most coming on an 87-yard fourth quarter TD sprint.

Northville's most productive



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Canton quarterback Shawn Little sees nothing but daylight on a first-quarter run Friday night against Northville.

player was running back Cody Sivic, who scampered for 76 yards on 11 carries. Mustang quarterback Charles Thomas completed 11-of-19 aeriels for 99 yards. He also ran the ball nine times for 19 yards and a TD.

Canton's defense forced four turnovers. Schumacher and Konrad Konsitzke had interceptions while Jake Powers and P.J. Caram recovered fumbles.

The Chiefs scored on their first two possessions to set the early tone. They almost scored the first time they touched the ball, but Smith's 92-yard kickoff return was brought back by a penalty.

Rossow capped off the opening six-play, 83-yard scoring drive when he sprinted 33 yards to paydirt. Collin

O Shaughnessy followed with the first of his six successful extra points.

Deshon McClendon's four-yard TD run made it 14-0 with 7:00 to go in the first quarter. Two minutes into the second half, Schumacher bolted 69 yards to the end zone, boosting the lead to 21-0.

A fumble on the Northville 35 ended the Chiefs' next scoring threat.

Canton's final three scores came on 1- and 3-yard TD runs by Smith and Little's long keep-

er.

Northville's two scores came on a 21-yard pass from Thomas to Michael Jameson and a 4-yard run by Thomas. Evan Corbel converted both extra points for the Mustangs.

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 Friday Oct 1
 Lvon a Churchil at Salem 7 p.m.
 Beleville at Allen Park 7 p.m.
 Saturday Oct 2
 Canton at Plymouth 1 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Tuesday Sept 28
 Westland John Glenn at Plymouth 7 p.m.
 Lvon a Churchil at Salem 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
 PCA at Agape 7 p.m.
 Thursday Sept 30
 Plymouth at Walled Lake Northern 7 p.m.
 Salem at Westland John Glenn 7 p.m.
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 Friday Oct 1
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BOYS SOCCER
 Monday Sept 27
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 7 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Salem 7 p.m.
 Canton at Northville 7 p.m.
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 W.L. Northern at Canton 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Belleville 4 p.m.
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 Friday Oct 1
 Southgate Anderson at Plymouth 5:30 p.m.
 Agape at Zoe Christian 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday Oct 2
 Salem at Canton 12:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
 Monday Sept 27

Plymouth at Canton 3 p.m.
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
 Tuesday Sept 28
 Beleville at Redford Union on Jamboree 4 p.m.
Thursday Sept 30
 WLAA Western Division on Jamboree at Richardson County Park 4:50 p.m.
 WLAA Lakes Division Meet at Cass Benton Park 4:50 p.m.
Saturday Oct 2
 Plymouth and Salem at Dvine Child Invite at Dearborn HS 9:30 a.m.
 Canton at Haslett Invite 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 Thursday Sept 30
 Plymouth and Canton at WLAA Western Division Meet 4:15 p.m.
 Salem at WLAA Lakes Division Meet at Richardson County Park 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Oct 2
 Plymouth at Salem and Canton at Haslett Invitational TBA
GIRLS SWIMMING
 Tuesday Sept 28
 Plymouth at Midford 6 p.m.
Thursday Sept 30
 Plymouth at Northville 7 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.
 Carlson at Beleville 7 p.m.
Saturday Oct 2
 Rock Maurer Rays at Salem noon
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Tuesday Sept 28

Macomb CC at Schoolcraft 4 p.m.
Wednesday Sept 29
 Madonna vs Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field 4 p.m.
Thursday Sept 30
 Madonna vs Cumberland (Ky) at Lindsey Wilson College (Ky) 8 p.m.
Saturday Oct 2
 Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio) TBA
 Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky) 8 p.m.
Sunday Oct 3
 Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio) TBA
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Tuesday Sept 28
 Madonna vs Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field 4 p.m.
Saturday Oct 2
 Madonna vs Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field noon
(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)
 Schoolcraft vs Loyola (Ill.) Club 11 a.m.
 MSU Club vs Cincinnati St. 1:30 p.m.
Sunday Oct 3
(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)
 Schoolcraft vs MSU Club 11 a.m.
 Cincinnati St. vs Loyola (Ill.) Club 1:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Tuesday Sept 28
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft 7 p.m.
 Cornerstone at Madonna 7 p.m.
Thursday Sept 30
 St. Clair at Schoolcraft 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday Oct 1-2
 Madonna Classic Tournament TBA
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Friday Oct 1
 Whalers at London Knights 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Oct 2
 Whalers vs Guelph Storm at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Oct 3
 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires 6 p.m.
 TBA time to be announced.

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Quest for excellence

The Canton Quest premier girls soccer team captured first place in the U16 Gold Division of the Global Soccer Tournament in Rochester/Troy recently. The Quest went undefeated, outscoring its opponents, 16-1. Canton defeated Midland, 2-1 in the final match. Pictured top row (l-r) are Drew Crawford (coach), Erika Powell (Belleville), Kelsey Krzyzniak (Dearborn), Kaitlin Hearn (Garden City), Mallory Tarrant (Dearborn), Kathleen Bohrer (Plymouth), Val Klemmer (Plymouth), Chelsea Quinn (Canton), Maggie Tihanyi (Plymouth) and Mario D'Agostino (coach). Pictured on the bottom row are Brittany Warner (Canton), Chelsea D'Agostino (Canton), Betty Budd (Willis), Kayla Carmody (Canton), Aubrey Warner (Canton), Mara Weber (Novi) and Laura Supplee (Allen Park).

Japan Cup buried by Ryder Cup

How about a Ryder Cup for bowling? How much publicity and media attention can one sporting event get? We found that out last week as the Oakland Hills Country Club hosted the event. It dominated the print media and



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

there was no end to the televised coverage. Compare this. One of the dailies had about three column inches hidden away on page two about the Japan Cup Professional Bowler's Association tour event currently underway in Yokohama.

Hartland resident Mika Kovunemi made the cut to the final field of 32 for round-robin match play moving from 48th to 25th. Besides the top PBA players, the field includes some of Japan's top pro and amateur bowlers. Kovunemi's 27-game total stands at 5,895 pins, an average of 218.33. In match play, all of the scores are zeroed out and all the players start fresh. The tournament concludes with a stepladder finals on Monday. Funny, isn't it, how a news item like this can get dwarfed by a well-hyped golf event that

happened to be right in our own backyard. But I ask, were there any of the golf competitors from our own area? Not even close.

There was no bowling column in these pages last week. No, not because there was nothing going on, but because I had to rush in to the emergency facility at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield. Instead of writing the column, I had a suction tube up my nose and down below, then a whole bunch of spaghetti hooked up to an IV running constantly with antibiotics and other stuff.

At first it looked like I was going in for surgery, but after a cat-scan they decided to send me to Bon Secours hospital in Grosse Pointe for further treatment.

Grosse Pointe was as bad as going to Lower Slobbovia, distance-wise, for it was too far for family and friends to visit.

After four days and countless needle jabs there, I was feeling very isolated and trapped in a hospital bed. The first 24 hours was hellacious because I hadn't even planned to be overnight, but here it was nearly a week and they wanted to keep me longer.

Diverticulitis is what I had, a disease of the intestines, and take my word for it, it hurts. I used to believe old Sparky Anderson, ex-manager of the Detroit Tigers who always said, "Pain don't hurt."

The one good thing about

this experience was how nice some of the Bon Secours people were, such as my nurse Debbie. And that's no wonder at all since she is a league bowler at Fountainview Lanes in the St. Michael's League.

Her team is aptly named Good Girls Finish Last.

Nurse Ange bowls occasionally, but not in league play, while Denise used to bowl just for fun years ago. Nurse assistant Louise used to enjoy bowling when she was much younger.

It just goes to show, that wherever the road may take you, you will always find that there are plenty of people around who participate in bowling.

Ten Pin Alley is back, this will be the 15th season in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* (since 1989) and will I do my best to bring you all the latest happenings in the local bowling scene.

It will also be a year like none before, as we begin to make the transition from separate single organizations to one unified and more streamlined bowlers group (U.S. Bowling Congress).

The game will stay the same, the tournaments will go on as in the past, and overall everyone should be better off in the new organization.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director and life member of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 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 of **District-Wide Mop Service & Supplies**. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Tom Seales in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2960. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154 on or before 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. 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.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004, GENERAL ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE that October 4, 2004 is the last date to register for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Crusader spikers get 700th for Abraham

Not even the impending arrival of Hurricane Jeanne could stop Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham from reaching another milestone.

Abraham notched his 700th career win Thursday as the Crusaders bumped off Robert Morris (Ill.) in the opening round of the Salfish Classic at Palm Beach Atlantic University (Fla.) 30-11, 30-18, 30-13.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 7 in last week's NAIA poll, improved to 20-1 overall on Friday.

The Crusaders ranked No. 7 in last week's NAIA poll improved to 20-1 overall on Friday after beating Wilmington (Del.) and St. Thomas (Fla.), both matches in three straight games.

Abraham became only the fifth NAIA volleyball coach to reach 700 victories. He is scheduled to be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame this December in San Diego, Calif. and was recently honored as the inaugural member of MU's Hall of Fame.

The tournament schedule and travel was moved up a day in preparation of Hurricane Jeanne, which was supposed to hit the West Palm Beach (Fla.) area over the weekend.

MU freshman Jacqui Gatt (Livonia, Mich.) had a career-high 10 kills and a team-high nine digs in the win over Robert Morris, while Frost added 31 assists. Caryn Inman had a total of six blocks, including two solo.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders will face the only team to defeat them this season, Cornerstone. Game time is 7 p.m. Tuesday at MU for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to consider the following items:

- Z 04 19 371 N Harvey Non Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback Variance Accessory Building
Zoned R-1 Single Family Residential
Applicant: Kevin & Marilyn Boland
- Z 04 20 413 Adams Non Use Variance Requested
2 Side Yard Setback Variances
Zoned R-1 Single Family Residential
Applicant: Home Base Inc.
- Z 04 21 1058 Maple Non Use Variance Requested
Driveway Approach Variance
Zoned O-1 Office
Applicant: Joe Bernardi, Bernardi Properties LLC
- Z 04 22 1075 Roosevelt Non Use Variance Requested
Appeal Decision of Building Official
Zoned R-1 Single Family Residential
Applicant: Michael Vaz

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FROM ROBERT BOSCH CORPORATION TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2003-004 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTE That Robert Bosch Corporation will appear before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth requesting a one (1) year extension for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2003-004 for their proposed project on property located east of Haggerty Road south of Five Mile Road west of I-275 Expressway and north of M-14. Plymouth Township Wayne County Michigan. The Board of Trustees approved the original request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption after completion in December 2002. The State of Michigan granted the request and issued the Certificate in February 2003. The one (1) year extension is being requested because construction of the proposed facilities have been delayed. If the Board of Trustees approves the request for the one (1) year extension the Certificate will then expire December 30, 2018.

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 has the right to attend the meeting or request in writing that a public hearing be held. If no request is received by the Board of Trustees may consider the one (1) year extension without holding a public hearing. Written requests for a public hearing should be received prior to the date of the meeting and directed to the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building #3, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regularly scheduled meeting at which this request will be considered will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 commencing at 7:00 p.m. and be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

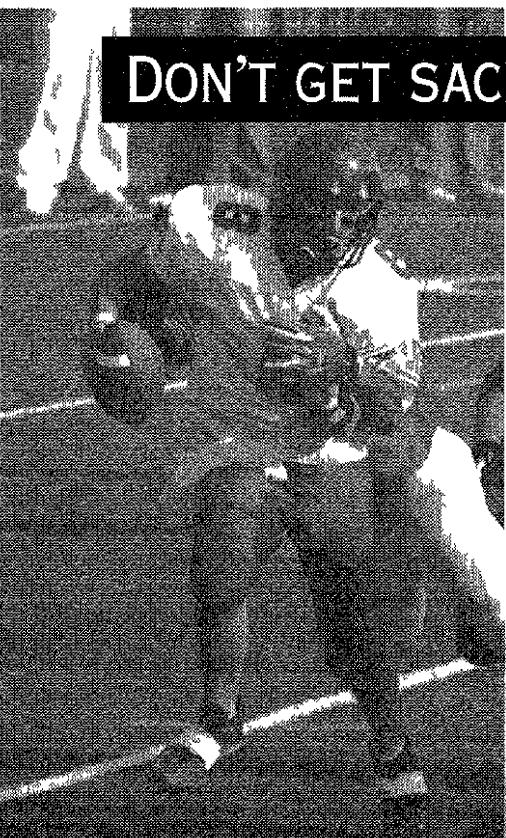
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Wildcats start WLAA schedule with win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth made a strong first impression on Lavonia Churchill in both teams' Western Lakes Activities Association opener at Churchill Thursday night.

The Wildcats (3-3 overall) jumped out to a 19-9 first-half lead, and cruised in for a 42-24 victory. The Chargers fell to 2-4 overall.

"First and foremost, it was nice to get off to a good start in the league," said Wildcat coach Richelle Reilly, who took advantage of a comfortable fourth-quarter lead to play several of her reserves. "They switched from a zone to a man-to-man in the second half, and we got the ball inside and finished well. We played hard as a team."

Jeanne Moise had her typical productive game, netting 19 points and 13 rebounds. Colleen Flaherty finished with eight points — six coming on two threes — and Kim Olech had eight points and 13 rebounds.

Reilly was impressed by the play of new addition Brandi Hammons, who scored three points and hauled down 12 boards. Hammons joined the team two weeks ago after moving to the area from Kentucky.

Plymouth extended its 10-point halftime lead to 40-17 after three quarters. Moise, Flaherty and Olech combined for 20 of the Wildcats' 21 third-quarter points.

The Wildcats return to action Tuesday when they host Westland John Glenn.

Walled Lake Central 46, Salem 37: The Rocks were hampered by foul trouble and the Vikings' tenacious trapping defense. The loss dropped Central to 4-3 (0-1) while Central improved to 3-4 (1-0).

"We lost Ellen Canale and Allysa Guern in the second quarter to foul trouble, which hurt because Central has a good trapping defense," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "They returned in the third quarter, but they both fouled out in the fourth quarter." "We committed too many turnovers and we didn't shoot the ball very well. We need to do a better job against pressure, and we will."

Teresa Coppellie had a stellar game for the Rocks, finishing with team highs in points (15) and rebounds (nine). Canale racked up nine points and Guern had six. Brit Burkhardt twined 19 for the winners.

Salem rolled to a 13-6 first-quarter lead, but trailed 24-20 at the half due largely to the foul predicament.

The Rocks trailed just 36-34 with five minutes to play, "but we went the next three minutes or so without scoring," Thomann said.

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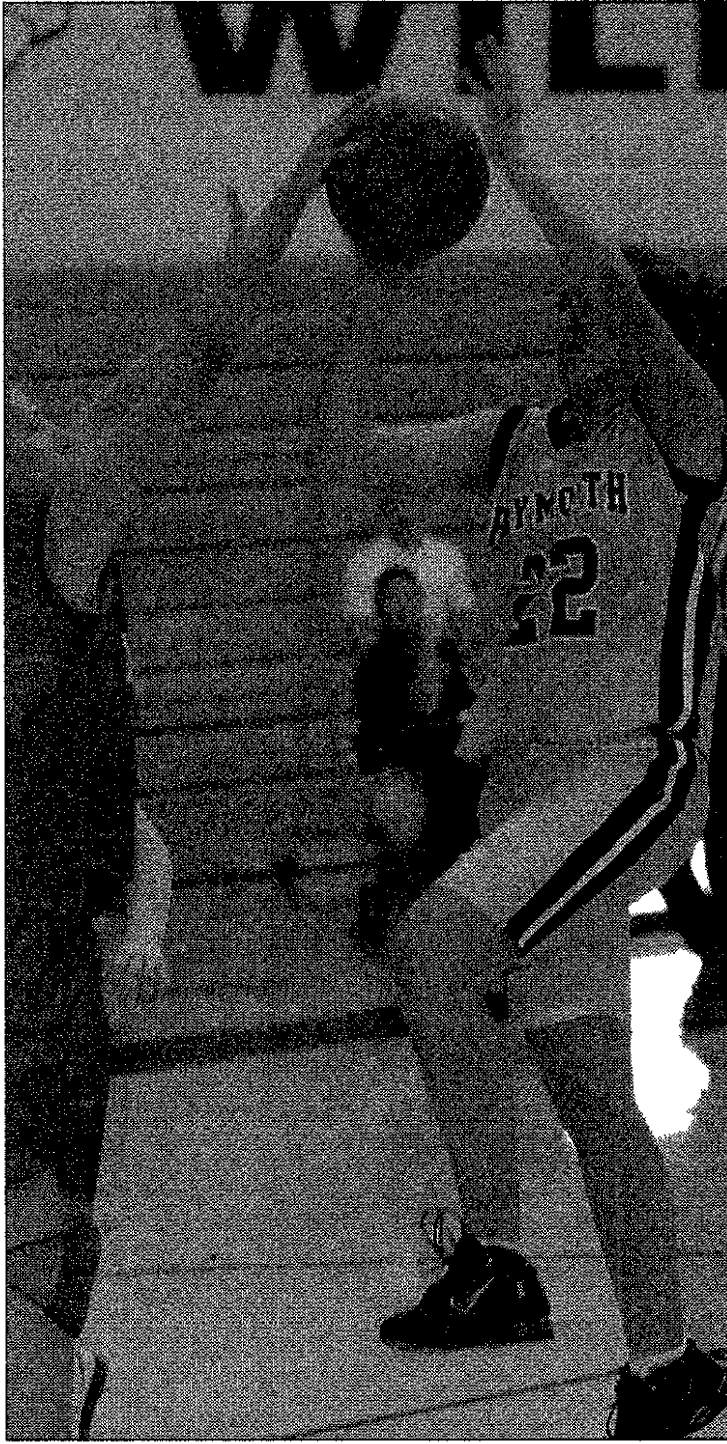
Canton 51, Walled Lake Western 23: The host Chiefs opened their WLAA slate in style with a 28-point blowout victory. Canton led 15-2 after one quarter, 26-4 at the half and 43-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Canton is now 3-4 (1-0) while the Warriors are winless in seven tries this season.

"It was a good game for us because everyone got involved," said Chief coach Bob Blohm. "I started putting my reserves in mid-way through the third quarter and they played the remainder of the game."

"We had a good start tonight. Western has a young team and we were able to get up on them and keep our lead. We played with a lot of intensity tonight."

Despite playing limited minutes due to the large lead, Katie Cezat turned in another



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Colleen Flaherty had a strong game against Livonia Churchill Thursday, scoring eight points.

double-double, finishing with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Lisa Ealy contributed 13 points and freshman Marie Martin scored a season-high nine.

Tanya Mofteh led the Warriors with six points.

Canton's next game is Tuesday at Walled Lake Central.

Monroe 34, Belleville 23: Playing without leading scorer Erica Brewer, the Tigers were outmatched by the Trojans in the Mega Red opener for both schools. Brewer is possibly out for the season after suffering a knee injury last week against Willow Run.

"We really miss Erica," Belleville coach Kevin Edwards stressed. "She was good for 16, 17 points every game. We'll just have to play with the hand we're dealt."

The loss dropped Belleville to 4-4 (0-1).

"We really need to work on our shooting," Edwards reiterated. "We made 7-of-40 shots tonight and 7-of-52 in our previous game. The thing is, we only took five shots outside the lane tonight. We're getting good shots, they're just not falling. I have no problems with the girls' effort. They're playing hard. We're just going to have to start working so much on defense at practice and spend more time on shooting drills."

Taylor Manley was the Tigers' top scorer with seven. Renee Seng added six, and Danica Holmes and Tia Lewis both netted five. Jasmine Peterson chipped in with a team-high eight rebounds.

Joleyn Stringer led the Trojans with 12, Sarah Howe added 11.

Belleville's next game is Thursday when it hosts Inkster.

Bloomfield Hills Roper 52, PCA 47: With leading scorer Joi Jennings under the weather, the Eagles' chances were cloudy Friday night in a

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

PCA is now 4-4 overall while Roper stands at 6-2.

Joi literally came out of her sick bed to play tonight," said her father/coach Harvey Jennings. "She scored 14 points, but you could tell she wasn't herself."

Joi Jennings added four steals and three rebounds for the Eagles. Kelsie Tietjen (10 points, 11 boards and four steals) and Lauren Soblesky (10 points) also played well for PCA.

Roper was paced by Leshe Righetti and Sophie Braden, both of whom netted 11.

"Roper has a really good team," Jennings emphasized. "I told the girls after the game, 'Sometimes you don't lose, you get beat.' They played their hearts out tonight."

PCA led 11-8 after one quarter, but Roper stormed back to take a 21-17 halftime advantage. The Eagles cut their deficit to 38-36 after three quarters, but couldn't seal the deal in the final eight minutes.

Southfield Christian 41, Canton Agape 34: The Wolverines fell into a deep first-half hole and almost climbed out before falling in the MIAC opener for both squads. SC is now 7-2 overall while Agape slipped to 4-3.

"They have a very young, talented team," Wolverine coach Chuck Henry said. "They had a nice first-quarter lead. We cut it to five in the fourth quarter, but we missed a couple of lay-ups."

A J Creps led the Wolverines with 14 points and 18 rebounds. Brianna Chrenko and Danelle Henry both twined six.

Jenny Grandison led the winners with 17.

Agape returns to action Tuesday night when it hosts Plymouth Christian Academy at Discovery Middle School.

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Salem 8 Plymouth 0
Sept. 24 at Plymouth High School
No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) d Sarah Hillegonds (P) 6 1 6 4 No. 2: Maranon Swasey (S) d Kelly Armbruster 6 0 6 2 No. 3: Sarah Jose (S) d Chelsea Woodruff 6 0 6 1 No. 4: Mo Bohr (S) d Stephanie Hagen 6 0 6 0
No. 1 doubles: Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle (S) d Natalie Maurer and Kim Patel 6 1 6 2
No. 2: Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d Laura Smith and Ali Gasorski 6 4 6 1 No. 3: Stacey

Ward and Shobha Narasimhan (S) d Noha Bacha and Emily Simott 6 3 6 3 No. 4: Amy Yu and Laura Burton (S) d Kirsten Schroeder and Katie Hughes 4 6 6 2 6 4

Northville 8 Salem 0
Sept. 22 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Christina Ruiz (N) d Alex Ware 6 0 6 0 No. 2: Erica Dobson (N) d Maranon Swasey 6 1 6 0 No. 3: Chelsea

Johnston (N) d Sarah Jose 6 0 6 1 No. 4: Jonnie Powers (N) d Mo Bohr 7 5 6 0

No. 1 doubles: Amanda Darrish and Jen Harkness (N) d Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle 6 3 6 3 No. 2: Jackie Taylor and Shanon Farris (N) d Michele Cilia and Erica Shy 6 0 6 1 No. 3: Christine Curran and Lindsay Hagan (N) d Shobha Narasimhan and Stacey Ward 6 2 6 2 No. 4: Brooke Bannell and Amy Knott d Amy Yu and Laura Burton 6 2 6 3



Deb Madonna

Lullabies and bedtime stories

Another Sept. 11th has come and gone. Sadly, since 2001, we've added new images to our 9/11 memories, including those from a Russian school and too many others to mention.

The first PCEP Parent Meeting of the year took place this week. Laura Lee, a Canton High School parent, recalled the Parent Forum she attended on 9/11 in 2001.

I remember walking through the halls. Laura and other parents stood outside classrooms and watched young students watch the news on TV. It was almost dreamlike. What we witnessed was all-consuming, fear and frustration. I think I'll always remember being at the Park on 9/11.

Later that day, parents were faced with the task of explaining the unexplainable to their sons and daughters. But when it was time for young children to go to bed, discussions of current events were replaced with bedtime stories.

The Star-Spangled Banner is a great anthem, but not a very good lullaby. Twinkle, little star, is more soothing than "rockets' red glare and bombs bursting."

Parents believe nighttime stories have magic powers to give children sweet dreams. Sometimes they do.

Anne Alatalo, Bentley Elementary media specialist, said, "It is so important for parents to continue to read to their children, even after they can read themselves. It's a terrific way for parents to share stories from their childhood. Nothing is more comforting than sitting close to a parent sharing a book."

Storytime for former Plymouth resident Gov. Jennifer Granholm and children include *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Ramona*, *Morris the Moose*, *Silverwing*, *Firewing*, *Sunwing*, *Harry Potter*, *Love You Forever*, and *Goodnight Moon*.

Third-graders from Mrs. Wade's class at Bentley report their parents read many stories. Aneesh enjoys *Children's Beloved Fairy Tales of India*, Xema listens to *Peter Pan* in Korean. Archana likes silly monkey stories from India. Robert's mother reads *Don't Jump Off the Bed* in Chaldean. Aroob's father makes up stories in both Urdu and English.

Bentley library's bilingual picture book collection includes *Very Hungry Caterpillar* in Chinese, Arabic and Urdu and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* in Punjabi, Urdu, Serbo-Croatian, Arabic and Chinese.

Canton and Plymouth libraries offer children's books in Hebrew, Russian, Swahili, French, Bengalese, Spanish, Italian, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Japanese, Hmong, Tamil, Filipino, Vietnamese, German, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Polish, Latin, Russian, Khmer and others.

The language we tell a bedtime story in doesn't matter, but the message does. It's always, "You can sleep now, I'm here."

Parents may have a more restful sleep if we remember that while we're reading to our child, somewhere in the world another mother or father is reading to their child, too. *Wo die wilden Kerle wohnen* - (*Where the Wild Things Are*), or *Huevos verdes con jamon* - (*Green Eggs and Ham*), or *Je T'aime Toujours* - (*Love You Forever*).

We may sleep more peacefully if we remember that we all say goodnight to the very same moon.

And if your children are at college, call them tonight, read them a favorite story. Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at clari.on@storytellerdesign.com.

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Italian Americans to mark heritage

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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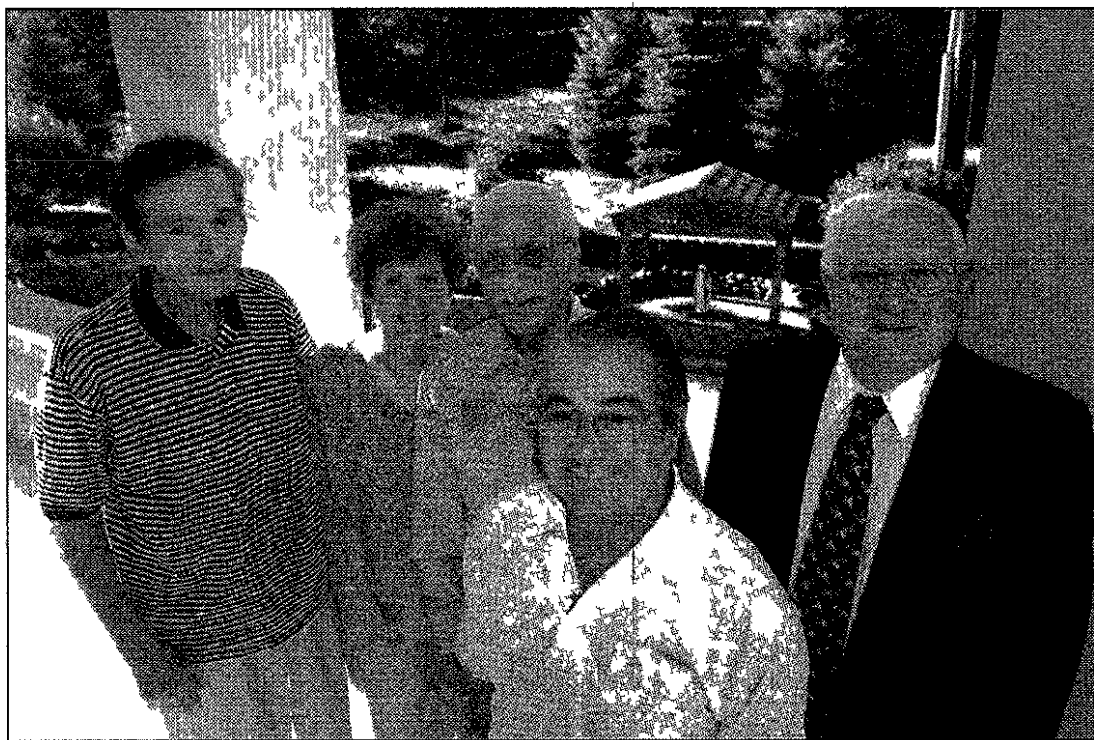
The countdown begins Monday, Oct. 4, the day members of the Italian American Club in Livonia begin celebrating the founding of America - by an Italian. The flag-raising symbolizes their affection for the two countries.

"Every week before Columbus Day we raise an Italian flag at City Hall," said Mary Panacki, club historian and a Westland resident. "It's always the first Monday before Columbus Day. It's Italian week in Livonia and culminates with a celebration on the following Sunday. It's so important to recognize both. We have such a wonderful country. My dad was born in Italy and came here on the boat as many of the Italians did. My dad was always so proud of America."

This year's celebration, as in the past 26 years, is open to the public and members who proudly celebrate their heritage. Festivities, including a family-style dinner, start at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The Four Lads provide the entertainment.

Tickets are \$65. For more information, call (734) 953-9724.

It's special this year because it's the 10th anniversary of the building but our friendship goes back nearly 30 years, said Mary Galasso before she left to visit her hus-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Tavolacci (left), his wife Ann, John Bommarito, Tony Greco and Alex Fedrigo are the five remaining members who founded the Italian American Club of Livonia in 1977.

band Mario's family in Italy. "We first got together for a fund-raiser for Ed McNamara, Oct. 13, 1977. After we said why don't we get together as a club. You had to have established your heritage. We wanted to promote and keep the culture of the Italian people."

"We offer Italian lessons for adults and children (open to anyone). We are a public service. We want to share the Italian culture with everyone. We realize the importance that we're getting older and need new members."

Italian Americans from Farmington Hills, Canton, Redford, West Bloomfield, Franklin, Warren, Ferndale, Milford, Riverview, Allen Park, and Gibraltar meet regularly at the club. Their heritage is the tie that binds. Even though a few have moved as far away as Texas they maintain membership. Of the 19 founders, five are still active.

"Back then it was mostly Livonians," said Alex Fedrigo, a past president and founding member. "We're all close. When we had a party we all

came. It was closer then because we only had 100 members. When there was a wedding everyone came."

Tony Greco, a past president who was born in Italy, was there for every function. "It's the friendship that keeps us together," said Greco, a founding member.

It's the camaraderie of the club," added John Bommarito, who was club secretary for 25 years. "We have a lot of activity all of the time - Columbus Day parties, pasta dinners every Thursday open to the public. Wednesday night

social evenings continue with members playing cards and bocci.

"The club is open six days a week to members and friends. Children and grandchildren are coming in. We have golf leagues for more than 20 years, a bowling league, and a young people's club, Amici (for ages 21-40)."

Over the years, it was the activities that kept the club growing. To accommodate the more than 800 families a new facility was completed 10 years ago after two years of hard labor. Early members were cement and brick workers who used their skills to construct the building designed by architect Don DiComo.

Today, the building is a popular rental for weddings and receptions of all kinds.

"Tony's a dreamer," said Ann Tavolacci, who with her husband, Patrick, helped start the club. "Tony said we're going to build this building. He was president at the time. We bought the land and started the building. From the beginning we had a strong commitment."

A lot of this was volunteer brick work, painting were done by different members. All the laborers helped bring in the marble that came from Italy," added Patrick Tavolacci. "We wanted to do this and we finished it and we're going to continue."

Greco nods his head and says, "And we'll be close to each other to (the end)."

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Author uncovers clues to crime

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Judith Guest is discovering she's not the only one who hasn't forgotten the mass murder of a family in their northern Michigan cottage in 1968. Crowds of mystery lovers are turning out around the state for signings of *The Tarnished Eye*. Her fifth novel uncovers the identity of the murderer, tying him to the serial killings in Ann Arbor during the same period.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, Guest reveals the story behind the book at the 42nd Detroit Working Writers Conference that begins Friday, Oct. 15, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

A missing drawing is just one of the clues readers discover as Guest goes about solving the grisly crime still puzzling investigators.

"It's very loosely based on real life cases," said Guest. "I made up a town and called it Blessed. It's really Good Hart, I remember it happening."

"I did use some of the actual facts of both cases. Two-thirds of the way through it I got stuck and had to solve it. It took two years to do that, four

years to write entirely. I've had a good response to it everywhere I've been in Michigan. Both of these are cases people have not forgotten about."

MYSTERY STORY

Since the book was released in June, Guest has been contacted by several people involved with the Good Hart murders including a childhood friend of one of the children.

"Tom Mair is very interested," said Guest. "He has a Web site unsolved-homicide.com. A caretaker contacted me from the Good Hart area. It activates people's memories and feelings about it."

Guest is an expert at examining emotions and family dynamics that hook the reader. Her 1976 novel, *Ordinary People*, won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1980. She doesn't just dream about writing. Guest continuously produces novels relevant to life today. She brings the murders 30 years forward leaving the reader shuddering to think this could happen anywhere, anytime.

It's a skill honed as a member of DWW. Guest first joined in 1976 when the organization was known as Detroit Women Writers. After teaching school in Garden City and Birmingham, Guest moved to Minnesota and began writing profes-

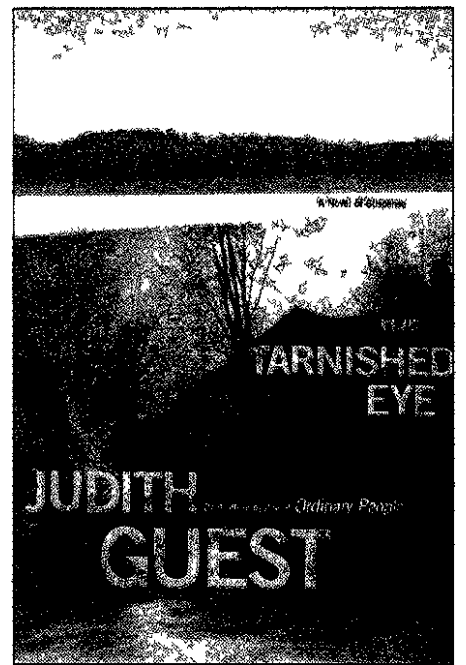
sionally. She still lives in Michigan - five months of the year in Harrisville the rest in Minneapolis.

When I used to go to the conference, it meant a lot to me, said Guest. It's such a solitary thing to be a writer. It's good to be around people who write and to get a sense of community that you're not really doing this by yourself. It's important for me to come back and show you can do this."

For 42 years, the DWW conference has presented agents, publishers and authors such as Guest to help novice and published writers alike sharpen their skills and publish finished works. This year, poet and author Thomas Lynch relays his knowledge with a twist of humor at a kickoff dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15. Earlier in the day, a writing retreat provides exercises to expand creative thinking and techniques. Hands-on workshops and individual manuscript critiques follow.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, participants can choose from a number of sessions with published authors, poets, playwrights and agents speaking on topics ranging from autobiographical fiction to literary publishing, multi-media reporting, and how to win over a literary agent in today's market.

This is the first year the conference is being held in conjunction with The



Judith Guest's fifth novel solves the mass murder of a family in their northern Michigan cottage in the late 1960s.

MacGuffin, a national literary journal based at Schoolcraft College. Previously, it had been at Oakland University in Rochester.

HELPING HANDS

"The retreat was new in 2002 but without computers," said DWW president Iris Lee Underwood. "We wanted to give writers who wanted to work on

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'Laughs for Life': Survivor happy to help First Step

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anou Gokarn was able to begin a new life with the help of First Step.

The scars that mar Anou Gokarn's body are a constant reminder of the violent life she left behind in her native India.

The smile she wears while working for First Step, the western Wayne County domestic violence shelter headquartered in Plymouth, mark the life she has built since coming to this country. First Step rescued her, in a sense, and now she's helping rescue others.

That's why Gokarn, a Canton resident, is happy to be helping First Step with its "Laughs for Life" fund-raiser, set for Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Dearborn Star Fairlane Theatre. The event is especial-

ly important this year, First Step officials said, because Loews Cineplex Entertainment's North America president Michael Norris will present the agency with a check for \$150,000.

The money was collected at Loews theaters in 2004. Fund-raisers like this one are what help keep First Step going, according to Gokarn.

"I had to stay in the shelter for six months (but) federal funding only provides for 90 days," Gokarn said. "Fund-raisers like this one are so important to help women who have to be there longer."

Gokarn is an administrative assistant at First Step's Plymouth office, a job that grew out of volunteer work she did while she was actually staying at the First Step shel-

ter.

"I was on a visitor visa, so I couldn't go out and search for a job," said Gokarn. "I had computer skills, so they said, 'Why not volunteer here?' I worked when I was in India, but here you need references, and I didn't have any. How am I going to get a job? If it wasn't for First Step, I don't know how I would have made it."

Gokarn had fled India to escape her husband, who abused her for some 20 years. She endured it in an effort to provide a quality life for her sons. Eventually, it became too much, and Gokarn sought - and was granted - asylum in the U.S.

"Oh, my God, it was bad," Gokarn said of the abuse. "I

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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons

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 Trace, Patricia Cornwell
2 The DaVinci Code, Dan Brown
3 Jonathan Strange & Mr Norell, Susanna Clarke
4 "Murder List," Julie Garwood
5 Dark Justice, Jack Higgins

NON-FICTION

- 1 Unfit for Command John E. O'Neill
2 'American Soldiers,' Tommy Franks
3 'My Life,' Bill Clinton
4 Skywriting, Jane Pauley
5 'Eats, Shoots and Leaves,' Lynne Truss

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 'The Little Sleepyhead,' Fran Manushkin
2 'Little Loon and Papa,' Tom Buzzee
3 'Baby on Board,' Kes Gray
4 'The Best Picnic Ever,' Clare Jarrett
5 'Blue Bowl Down,' C.M. Millen

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Dowling-Baudino

Debra Lynn Baudino and John Thomas Dowling were married Aug. 21 at the Toledo Yacht Club before the Rev. Randy Strauss. A reception followed at the club.

Debra is the daughter of Raymond and Sally Baudino of San Clemente, Calif. (formerly of Grosse Ile). She works in sales at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

John is the son of Tom and Mary Dowling of Portland, Tenn. (formerly of Toledo). He is pursuing a career in nursing at Schoolcraft College.

Attending the bride were bridesmaids, Elizabeth Rose of Manchester, Mich.; Jami Revesz of Trenton, Mich.; and Heather Watkins of Los Angeles, Calif. (formerly of Allen Park).

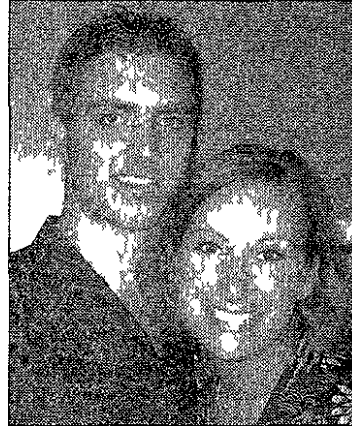


Attending the groom were best man, Jeff Earley of Toledo, Ohio, and groomsman, Jeff Dessum of Toledo, Ohio.

John and Debra are making their new home in Plymouth.

McKian-Krekel

Salem High School graduate Dan McKian, the son of William and Kathleen McKian of Canton, is engaged to be married to Jennifer Krekel, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the daughter of Richard and Barbara Krekel. The wedding is set for Nov. 20, 2004 in Louisville, Ky. Dan, a graduate of Siena Heights University in Adrian, and Jennifer will reside in North Carolina.



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have scars all over my body.

Gokarn said she was surprised to see how bad the problem was in this country. She stayed at the First Step shelter for six months, and in that time met many women suffering from the same kind of abuse.

People don't want to accept this is a problem in the community. In this country it's a crime to beat up your spouse, but (still) the number of women who come into the shelter with all kinds of injuries really shocked me. I was shocked to see that in this country.

Now, Gokarn wants to dedicate her life to helping women in that situation. She's going to college in hopes of one day getting her law degree and practicing her law degree and immigration law.

"For my own case, I did plenty of research, so I'm pretty well-versed with that," Gokarn said. "I thought maybe that would be the best way to utilize my experience. I have seen how

women in this country have to struggle with the legal system. I don't know if I can help change that, but I'd definitely like to help the women."

First Step has been dedicated to helping and healing victims of domestic and sexual violence for 26 years. Proceeds from Laughs for Life will go toward the continued efforts of First Step to provide domestic violence and sexual assault victims with shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, and a 24-hour crisis line.

The event will feature a reception with food from some of metro Detroit's best restaurants and a silent auction. After the program, patrons will enjoy a special viewing of a new first-run comedy, complete with complimentary popcorn and soda.

Tickets for the night of entertainment are \$35, sponsorships for the event are available. For more information on Laughs for Life or to make a donation, call First Step toll free at (888) 453-5900.

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AUTHOR

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something all day long the opportunity to stay with a writer all day long and work on one piece and have a hands-on experience. Schoolcraft has state-of-the-art equipment. Workshops will have computers. It will enhance what we do."

Even though Underwood is a journalist and author, she plans to sit in on several of the sessions.

"I attended my first DWW conference in 1995," said Underwood. "I walked in with a dream and walked out with a clear path to reach that dream. I was a mid-life mother seeing the empty nest approaching. I decided to be a writer with no clue on how to get there. DWW was key for resources. As soon as I was published, I was able to submit an application for membership."

For 104 years the nonprofit

organization has been encouraging creative writing of the highest standard. It recently changed its name to Detroit Working Writers to reflect a membership composed of women and men.

"It has been a vital link for me as a writer," said Underwood. "I've met some of the most supportive and professional groups of people, and developed a core writing group in north Oakland County that meet at Borders store twice a month and critique each other's work."

The 42nd DWW Writer's Conference takes place Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16, on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Scholarships are available for Michigan high school, college and university students.

For more information, call (734) 462-4518 or visit the Web site www.detroitworkingwriters.org.

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BIRTH

Ainsley Florence

Jeremy and Emily Florence of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Ainsley Gabrielle, on July 30, 2004 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Ainsley joins big brothers Robert, 5, Luke, 2, and Cassidy, 1. Her grandparents are Robert

and Martha Waszak of Lansing. Murry and Fern Florence of Coleman, and Cindy Burns of Saginaw. Great-grandparents are Murry and LaDonna Florence, Hazel Burns, and Shirley Wilbur, all of Coleman, Betty Beardsley of East Lansing, and Anthony and Lillian Waszak of Caro.

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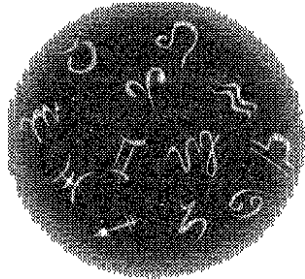
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(Sept 26 Sept 29)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You seem to be having a problem in getting someone influential to see your way of thinking. Since the only thing wrong is your timing now you would do better to think rather than act until after Halloween. A subtle approach reaps dividends at the moment.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Why make life difficult for yourself when there is so much to be enjoyed? Bull born? Even financial pressures have their place as events surrounding early next month will demonstrate improvements may be necessary but this is not your time to make them. Count your blessings and watch your dollars.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Instead of allowing planetary aspects to under mine your confidence and make you wonder if you misbehaved abominably personally or professionally recently go even further out on a limb at this time. It's not so important that you 'forget' Gemini. But try to 'forgive'.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You're torn about which way to turn and although you would prefer not to take risks now you know something must be done to secure your long term financial position. The worst decision is indecision so choose a path and don't waste time on regrets. Remember Your sign wears a nice hard shell don't focus on the soft underbelly now.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

No price is too high when it comes to peace of mind. Don't be afraid to invest in something that stands to improve the life of someone close and thereby you. There are some things that cannot be bought but some that can. Seek out and seduce the difference.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

A serious change of direction- most likely concerning finances- demands imagination and courage and you are now in a planetary position to prove that you have both. Don't let anyone dissuade you from what you know is right kiddo. It's your life and the choice must be yours as well.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Pack up those kit bags now as well your troubles kiddo! Even with the best willpower

you cannot coax, convince or convert those who choose to dwell on disappointments. Therefore on no account allow other's bad behavior to prevent you from enjoying yourself while the Sun is in your sign.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Whatever your grievances about the way you've been undervalued or taken for granted at work or home on no account call attention to yourself by throwing a tantrum or being overly emotional. There's more going on than meets the astro eye. Patience brings profits for Scorps now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

This marks the end of a period of disappointment for Archers but you still need to know which direction you intend to follow since no one will be able to guess. Speak up for what you want. Take advantage now of positive Jupiter your ruling planet. Bless your enemies and make new friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

The approaching Full Moon urges SeaGoats to try to be more understanding of those who think or act in ways that don't seem in sync or natural to you. It takes all sorts to make a world so you should be less critical of people whose ideas are at odds with your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

A showdown over a family domestic or property matter is inevitable over the coming weeks. Therefore there is really no point burying your head in the sand or evading the issue. What others want or expect of you is totally unrealistic. You know it- and they know it too.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

With the Moon in your sign now you are in the ideal position to demonstrate your feelings to coworkers and loved ones. Don't let an ongoing grudge or doubt dominate your life this week or let a fight escalate into a feud. Swim forward Fish- inspire others to be independent thinkers too!

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Walkers even brought their dogs to the 2003 Livonia Crop Walk Against Hunger. Pictured are walkers from Newburg United Methodist Church, one of 15 Livonia churches that participated last year. This year, the event begins and ends at St. Colette Catholic Church on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Churches unite for annual Crop Walk Against Hunger

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine people of all faiths coming together to feed the hungry. Livonia and Garden City churches are on their way to making this dream a reality with their 21st annual Crop Walk Against Hunger 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3.

Last year, 250 walkers from 15 Livonia congregations raised \$21,000 making the total \$300,000 for the last 20 years. This year organizers have boosted their projections. They hope to have walkers from nearly 20 churches raise \$25,000.

The walk begins and ends at St. Colette Catholic Church on Newburgh, north of Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0841.

"We're trying to involve 60 churches in Livonia," said John Hirtzel, a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and co-chair of the walk with the Rev. Terry Allen, pastor at

'Hunger is such a pervasive problem not only in our country but funds are also donated to Iraq and Afghanistan, wherever there is need or disaster.'

John Hirtzel
walk co chair

Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. There's so much more room for churches to join us. Hunger is such a pervasive problem not only in our country but funds are also donated to Iraq and Afghanistan wherever there is need or disaster. Church World Service is beginning involvement in Florida from the recent hurricanes. It's a program for the World Council of Churches.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to four local food pantries - St. Edith Catholic Church, Redford Interfaith Relief, Metropolitan Christian Council, and St. Christine Catholic Church in Redford - the rest to Church World Service.

Some 145 communities hold Crop Walks each year throughout Michigan, last year raising a total of more than \$2 million. Michigan has led the fundraising region in the U.S. for the last 18 years.

Church World Service runs food programs worldwide, hunger relief, disaster assistance, and economic development such as digging wells, said Bruce Sanders who's walked with his wife, Karen, for the last five years. We hope to make the world a little smaller. I think it's good that we help people not only here but around the world, to spread a little kindness. ichomin@oe.hometown.com.net

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REUNIONS

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Class of 1954
A reunion is planned for Oct. 22-24 2004 at the Troy Marriott. For more information call Joan Gassaway Berndt at (248) 335 7160 or joangob lue@aol.com

Bishop Borgess
Class of 1984
A 20 year reunion is planned for Nov 26 2004. For more information contact George Sullivan (734) 891 1176 or e-mail bbhs84@hotmail.com

Bloomfield Hills/Andover
Class of 1963 64 65
A reunion is being held Oct 15 16 2004. For more information call Jim Allen at (734) 878 7078 or e-mail jim226allen@charter.net

Cabrim High School
Class of 1984
If you're interested in working on the 20 year reunion please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737 9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavewicz at (734) 981 7263

Center Line High School
Class of 1974
Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30 year reunion takes place Saturday Oct 16 at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$80 per person which includes appetizers, strolling supper, open bar, entertainment and valet parking. For more information call Karen Hudak Miller at (248) 569 7739 or e-mail her at Karen56@aol.com

Canton and Salem
Class of 1994
A 10 year reunion is planned for Nov 26 2004 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information call Julie at (810) 227 4671 or e-mail Pcept1994@yahoo.com

Clarenceville High School
Class of 1983 84
A double reunion is planned for Oct 9 2004 at Burton Manor. For more information call Julie at (248) 889 8850 or at cvillereunion8384@hotmail.com

Clarenceville High School
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Saturday Nov 6 2004 at the Longacre House 24705 Farmington Road (between 10 Mile and 11 Mile) Farmington. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by music from the 60s. Cost is \$45 per person. For more information call Linda (Zech) Jolicoeur at (248) 909 6044. Linda@targetsls.com or Jan (Yates) Barlow at (248) 624 5858

Clawson High School
Class of 1979
A 25 year reunion is planned for Oct 9 2004 at Knights of Columbus Hall in Clawson. For more information call Tina (Robinson) Ulmer at (586) 530 8699

Cody High School
Classes of 1950 1959
The class of 1957 has invited other interested friends from all the 1950s classes. Being held at 7 p.m. Oct 9 2004 at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth. Cost is \$75 per person which includes sit down dinner, open bar, music and many surprises. Call for more info on golf and reservations at the Hilton Garden Suites. For further information call Loretta (Muciek) Nedwick at (800) 859 9502 or Leana (Nizio) Rourke at sarge51060@aol.com or (248) 486 7333

Dearborn Lowrey
Class of 1954
Now organizing. Call Fay (Bolton) Reeves at (248) 349 2094

Denby High School
Class of 1964
A 40 year reunion is planned for Friday Nov 26 2004 at The Barrister House in St. Clair Shores. For more information contact Joel Pumphrey at (248) 879 5978 or nkrause@net.ex.com

Detroit Denby High School
Class of 1949
A 55 year reunion is planned for Sunday Oct 3 2004 at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center 24225 Harper Ave. St. Clair Shores. For information call (586) 778 3541 or (586) 777 5812

Detroit Redford High School
Class of 1974
A 30 year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Nov 27 at St. Aidan's Church Hall, Livonia. For more information call Bonnie at (248) 398 5122 or e-mail hendrybon nie@sbcglobal.net

Detroit Western High School
Class of 1941 42 43
A reunion is planned for Friday Oct

1 2004 at City Tavern Banquet Center Dearborn. Any Western graduate especially from the 1930s and 1940s welcome. Call Patrick Stewart (1941) at (313) 565 4670. Pat Jackson (1942) at (313) 274 6113 or Harold Patrick (1943) at (248) 669 0820

East Detroit High School
Class of 1969
A 35 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 23 2004. www.angelfire.com/mi4/edhs1969 or call (586) 725 3576

Edison Elementary (Detroit)
Class of June 1959
A tour and program are planned for Saturday Oct 23 at Edison School. Contact: Mary Sue Duffy at (734) 477 9342 or Tip Smathers at (248) 464 9477. Other Edison classes are welcome.

Edsel Ford High School
Class of 1979
A 25 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 23 2004 at Knights of Columbus 23663 Park St. Dearborn. For more information www.geocities.com/edsel1979 e-mail edsel979@yahoo.com call Kim Alexander Crudo at (313) 582 1701

Farmington Hills Mercy
Class of 1989
A 15 year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Oct 2 2004 at the school. For more information contact Jennifer (Sears) Keuten at (248) 852 0178

Ferndale Lincoln High School
Class of January and June 1954
A 50 year reunion is being held Oct 9 2004 at the Detroit Golf Club. For more information call Isabelle (Wiggins) Paterson at (248) 548 6638

Fordson High School
Class of 1984
A 20 year reunion is planned for Saturday Nov 27 2004 at Burton Manor in Livonia. 6 p.m. to 12 mid night. For more information visit www.fordsonclassof84.org or contact Michele at (734) 953 5746 or Melanie at (734) 676 3658

Garden City High School
Class of 1994
The 10 year reunion is scheduled for Nov 27 at the Hellenic Cultural Center. E-mail GCHS94reunion@yahoo.com for more information

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Class of 1991
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Hazel Park High School
Class of 1964 January and June

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Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit
Class of 1963
Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525 5416

John Glenn High School
Class of 1984
A 20 year reunion is planned for Oct 23 2004 at Ypsilanti Marriott. For more information contact Margaret Agge Press (mpress66@hotmail.com) or Kelly Featherston (kellybellm@yahoo.com)

John F. Kennedy - Taylor
Class of 1994
A 10 year reunion is planned for Saturday Nov 6 2004 at Allen Park Park Cove Banquet Center. For more information e-mail jfkennedy1994@yahoo.com or call Carolyn (Szymanski) Obyrcki at (313) 928 5532

Ladywood High School
Class of 1984
A 20 year reunion is being planned. Looking for classmates. Contact Ladywood84@aol.com

Livonia Bentley
Class of 1974
A 30 year reunion of the Class of 1974 will be held Saturday Nov 27 at Laurel Manor. Tickets are \$70. Classmates are being sought. Please visit www.Bentley74.com for further information or notify Kathy (ladipaola) Jones at (734) 462 9438 or e-mail at meandmrsjones1@hotmail.com or Dave Marlowe at (734) 462 2465 or e-mail at dmarlowe@motor.com

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for Friday Oct 1 2004 at the homecoming football game 7 p.m. Call Kathy at (248) 363 5679

Livonia Ladywood
Class of 1994
A 10 year reunion is planned for Oct 23 2004. Call Kathleen Casey at (248) 470 2781 or e-mail johncasey bunch@sbcglobal.net

Livonia Stevenson High School
Class of 1984

A 20 year reunion is planned for Saturday Nov 27 2004 at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman in Livonia. Contact (734) 261 3264 or e-mail reunions@peoplepc.com

Mackenzie High School
Class of 1969
A 35 year reunion dinner dance is planned for Oct 2 2004 at the Karas House Banquet Center 23632 Plymouth Road Redford. Class of 1968 and 1970 are also invited. For more information call (248) 827 3436

Madonna University
Classes of 1954 and 1979
A 50 year and 25 year all alumni reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 9 2004 on campus. Madonna University is located at 196 and Levan Road in Livonia. Featuring a 50s theme, the celebration begins at 2 p.m. in the University Center. Activities include dinner buffet, reception, live entertainment, door prizes/giveaways, alumni reflections and more. A Mass/Liturgy will be celebrated at 5 p.m. in the University Chapel. \$15/person before Oct 1 or \$20/door. For more information or to RSVP contact the Alumni Office at (734) 432 5603 or e-mail alumni@madonna.edu

Northville High School
Classes of 1964 1965 1966
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net

Our Lady of Good Counsel-Detroit
All classes through 1979 being held Saturday Oct 30 at Rivercrest Banquet Center Rochester Hills. For information and tickets e-mail pmc@mccpub.com or call Pat Vander Lee at (248) 601 1925

Pontiac Central High School
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A 30 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 23 2004 at the Venition Club. For more information call Mike Garcia at (248) 761 2330 or Darlene Powell at (248) 396 0679

Redford Thurston High School
Class of 1964
A 40 year reunion is planned for Oct 2 2004 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information call Barb Smith at (734) 427 1123

Redford High School
Class of 1954
A 50 year reunion is planned for Oct 15 2004. A dinner dance will be held at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call

Joyce Beecher King at (248) 478 3621

Seaholm High School
Class of 1994
A 10 year reunion is planned for Friday Nov 26 2004 at Big Rock Chop and Brew House Stone Terrace 245 S. Eton Birmingham. To receive an invitation contact Nicole Rendzperis Muncer at nrmunder@hotmail.com or visit www.seaholm94.com

Southgate Aquinas
Class of 1984
A 20 year reunion is planned for Friday Nov 26 2004 at Riverside Banquet Center 3530 Biddle Wyandotte. For more information contact Sue (Saez) Tylytki at (734) 676 1957 or QNorth1957@aol.com

South Lyon High School
Class of 1969
A 35 year reunion is planned for Oct 2 2004 at the South Lyon Hotel. Looking for classmates. For more information contact Mary Buffa (586) 778 9024

St. Alphonsus High School
Class of 1964
A 40 year reunion is planned for Oct 30 2004. For information call Sandy Hayek Salloum at (734) 432 9905 or Babe@G02dti.com

St. Mary's of Redford
Class of 1964
A 40 year reunion is planned for Oct 30 2004 at Knights of Columbus 19801 Farmington Road Livonia. For more information contact Bill Bauer at (734) 737 0625

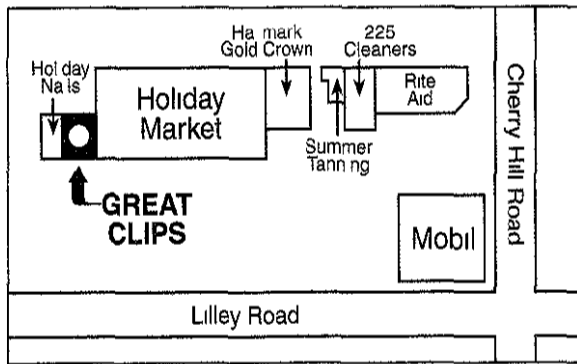
St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Walled Lake Western
Class of 1994
If you are interested in attending a 10 year class reunion please e-mail your contact information to wall lake94@yahoo.com

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AROUND TOWN

Delta Kappa Gamma Craft/Home Show

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

Tiny Tots Program

The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registrations for its Tiny Tots Pre School program for fall 2004. The program for 3 year olds meets from 9:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To be eligible for this group children must have turned 3 before Sept 1st 2004. The group for 4 year olds meets from 9:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. To be eligible for this group children must have turned 4 before Sept 1st 2004. For information or to sign up please call Peggy at (734) 453 5464.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 05 books for \$20 with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan. Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be home delivered. For information or to order call Bill (734) 453 8253.

Used book sale

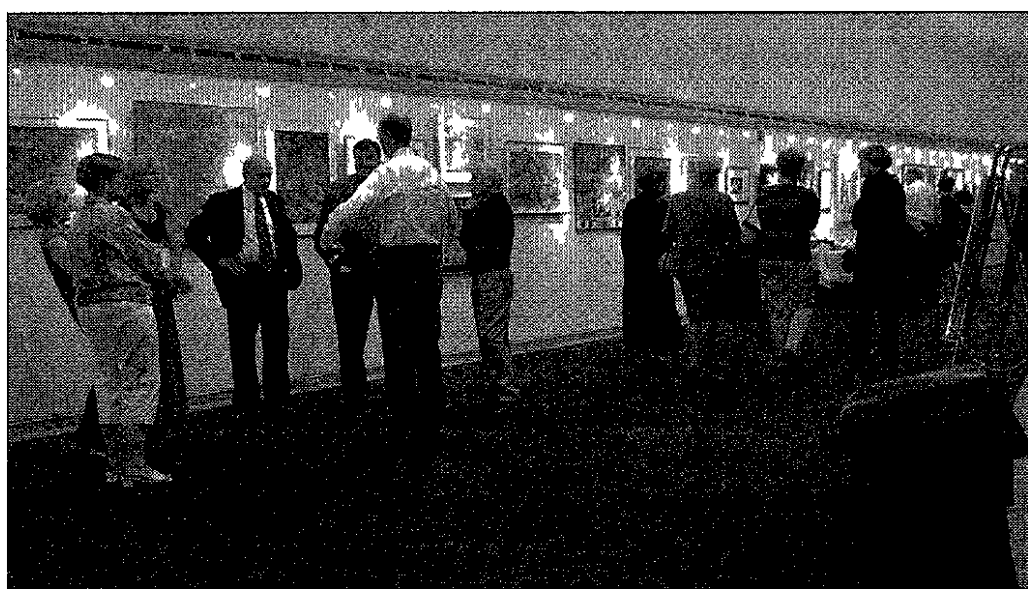
The Friends of the Northville District Library urge all book lovers to come to the library's Fall Used Book Sale from 7:30 p.m. Sept 30 to 2:30 p.m. Oct 1 to 4 p.m. Oct 2 and 1:30 p.m. Oct 3. When books will be at half price. The Friends have collected at least 9,000 books, CDs, videos, tapes, etc. in preparation for this major fund raiser. Proceeds directly benefit the library located at 212 Cady behind the Northville City Hall.

Northville Historical Society

Re-enactors will portray some of Northville's prominent citizens buried in Oakwood Cemetery as the cemetery comes alive for an event Sunday Oct 10. Dressed in period costume standing at their characters graves they will tell historic tales of their subjects' lives and times. From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. guests are invited to stroll the old cemetery located on W Cady. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students. Proceeds benefit the Northville Historical Society and its museum and archives as well as the Mill Race Village. For ticket information or other questions call (248) 348 2947.

Corn maze

Corn maze at Maybury State Park runs 5:30 p.m. Fridays and 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday through Oct 31 at



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Art appreciation

Guests tour the new Cherry Hill theater facility in Canton last week as part of a voter rally for the school vote next Tuesday. The rally, sponsored by Citizens' Election Committee, was in support of a bond for a new Canton elementary school and for building repairs, and for a second issue: an operating millage renewal.

Maybury Farm 50255 Eight Mile half mile east of Napier in Northville. Please use the Maybury State Park entrance on Eight Mile and follow around to the Corn Maze parking lot. Follow the signs to the Corn Maze entrance in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 3 and under are free. Tickets are available at the Maybury Farm Welcome Center, the Northville Chamber of Commerce, or the Northville Community Foundation. All proceeds will go towards the feeding of the animals and the rebuilding of Maybury Farm. For more information call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374 0200.

Make-A-Wish walk

Hundreds of walkers will join feet for the second annual Walk for Wishes to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor Saturday Oct 16. Last year's walk raised more than \$35,000. People of all ages are welcome. No pets please. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The walk starts at 9 a.m. For more information call (800) 622 9474.

Women's Economic Club

Maureen Kempston Darkes, the highest ranking woman at General Motors, will be the keynote speaker at Women's Economic Club's noon lunch on Oct. 4 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. Darkes group vice president, president for GM Latin America, Africa and the Middle East will discuss "Navigating Volatile Developing Markets in a Global Business Environment." Tickets are \$30 for members, \$40 for guests. For more information or reservations call Doris Hendricks (313) 578 3230.

Mia Mahalo Workshop Series

Mia Mahalo presents the latest in its workshop series: Achieving Health and Wellness Through Traditional Chinese Methods from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday Sept 30 Beth Kohn, nationally certified acupuncturist, is coming to Royal Oak's Mia Mahalo to share the wealth of ways you can enhance your diet and life naturally. Participants will learn how certain foods and herbs boost your immune system and empower your body to help itself naturally. Kohn will also explain how acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine can help you to quit smoking, lose weight, and increase fertility. Admission is complimentary. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S Washington in Royal Oak. To RSVP or for more information call (248) 546 1900.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator for information on October training classes at (888) 973 1145.

Crafters wanted

Crafters are wanted for the 16th annual Arts and Crafts show sponsored by Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech, Dearborn Heights. The show is scheduled for Saturday Nov 20. For more information call Virginia (734) 522 9653 or Deb (248) 348 6823.

Northville Library

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Rummage sale

Newburgh United Methodist Church

hosts a Fall Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct 1 and from 9 a.m. to noon Oct 2. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia between Wayne and Newburgh.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 22nd annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show Oct 8 to 10 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, 700 W Baseline. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2. No strollers.

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453 3016. Cost of the book is \$20 with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. For more information call the symphony office (734) 451 2112.

Art show

Roumen Boudev, professor of art at the College for Creative Studies and at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, is the juror for the 12th annual

Sharing the Gift art show at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Northville, Oct 2-8. For more information call the church at (248) 349 0911.

Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information e-mail Diane VanDyke at diandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416 3354.

St. Damian Craft Show

St. Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual fall arts and crafts show that will be held on Saturday Oct 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland. For more information or an application please call Carol Nelius at 734 721 4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

Crafters wanted

The eighth annual Holiday Craft Show is looking for crafters. The show will be held Sunday Nov 28 at Hawthorne Valley. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Craft booths are \$45. For more information and application please call Suzanne or Paul (734) 844 3128.

Craft show applications

Applications are being accepted for the 18th annual Holiday Magic Craft show at Leonard Elementary in Troy. Show is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Nov 6. Juried \$2 public admission. Sponsored by PTO. For info and applications e-mail craftshow@prodigy.net.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Also Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971 5776 to find out how you can help.

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The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert

Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455 9565.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month. September to May. Contact Resha at 734 207 0658 or resha@juno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details call Birthe (734) 458 8143 or Martina (734) 454 0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734 420 2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420 0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the IOOF Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining contact club president Judy Krieman at (734) 459 1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981 7259 for further information.



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CAROLINE WERSTINE

September 24 2004. Beloved wife of the late Francis J. Loving, mother of Virginia (Don) Washburn Arnold (Nancy), Eileen and the late Judith Steffen. Grandmother of Katherine Christopher and Andrea. Great grandmother of Erin & Sean. Funeral service Monday 11am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Sunday 1 & 4 and 6-9pm. Please sign online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.

GORDON J. LIBBY

Age 71. September 23 2004. Loving husband of Patricia of Westland. Beloved father of Sharon (Richard Rucinski) Parks of Livonia, Debra (Jim) Fahner of Garden City, Gordon (Patricia) of Canton, and Nancy (Russ) Hammond of Livonia. Grandfather of eight grandchildren. Brother of Paul Libby, Nora Miller and Dorothy Spain. Funeral services at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, on Monday at 11:00 A.M. Visitation on Sunday 1:00 until 8:00 P.M. please share a memory with the family by signing the online guest book at www.rgharris.com.

KELLEY KNAPP

Passed peacefully in her sleep on September 18th. Born and raised in Forest Hills, NY. She attended Southern Seminary Junior College. After graduating, Kelley volunteered for Navy service during WWII, where she met and married Richard, her beloved husband of 58 years. They settled in Orchard Lake, Michigan, to raise their children. Kelley also enjoyed volunteering her time and energy to Project Hope for many years. She went on to find great satisfaction in her work and relationships she developed at Sak's Fifth Avenue. Kelley's spirit and zest for life was an inspiration to all those who loved her, and knew her best as "Go Go." Kelley is survived by her loving husband, Richard; their children, Kay Schack, Richard (Jane), Susan Sharon, George, Terry, M. Pulling, Charley (Cindy) and Barbara Olson (Paul). Her grandchildren, Richard (Amber), Meghan, Dan, and Matt Knapp, DJ and Kelley Schack, Katelyn and Taylor Pulling, and Kelley and Jack Olson. Services to be held at St. Regis in Birmingham, Michigan, on October 1st at 11:00 a.m. in lieu of flowers, please send charitable donations to God's Love We Deliver, 166 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10013, or by phone 212 294 8146.

LOIS M. KRESS

Age 78. Passed away on September 22 2004 at Lahser Hills Care Center in Southfield. She was born on March 30 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Bob Kress, who passed away on January 26 2004, and her brother, Lawrence Thelen. She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Asbell, Marsha Figgatt, Rosemary Floyd, Janet Munson & Karen McLean. 13 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren. She was a devoted member of St. Michael Church in Southfield. Visitation is Sunday 2-8 p.m. at Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile (4 blks E. of Woodward). Royal Oak Services Institute, Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 25225 Code. Southfield Memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Association.



JOAN ROSE PALMER

Age 77. The world has lost a true angel. Joan Palmer died September 17 at her Bloomfield Twp. home after a courageous battle with bladder cancer. Mrs. Palmer was born June 2 1927 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Palmer was a retired registered nurse and also had a successful 18 year career at Palmer Moving and Storage after her late husband Robert's death. Mrs. Palmer was always active in the community. She donated countless hours the last 25 years to the Cancer Loan Closet Foundation and Colony Town Club. Mrs. Palmer was a gifted woman who left lasting, loving impressions on all those she encountered. Her kind, generous spirit will truly be missed. Mrs. Palmer is survived by her children, Robert, David (Dona), Richard (Beatrice), Jeffrey (Jennifer) and Terri (Glenn) Burton. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and her sister, Shiloh Mette. Mrs. Palmer is preceded in death by her husband, Robert. Funeral from St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward at Fisher Freeway, Detroit, Thursday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14 and 15 Mile Roads), Tuesday 5-9pm and Wednesday 3-9pm. Interment in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorials appreciated to Cancer Loan Closet Foundation of Greater Detroit, 623 Hickory Heights Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304.

RAYMOND J. STRAND

of North Ft. Myers, FL (formerly of Farmington, Detroit and Calumet MI). September 22 2004 at 81 years of age. Beloved husband of Janet and the late Helen. Loving father of James (Ruth) Sue Duff (Gregory), William (Gina) and Lynn Black. Cherished grandfather of ten grandchildren and six and a half great grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at the Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn 9 & 10 Mile, just N of Grand River). Farmington (248) 474 5200. Prayers beginning at the funeral home 9:15am Monday, September 27th, followed by a 10am Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power Rd., Farmington. Memorial tributes suggested to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33909.



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Pipe up!

Dr. David Wagner (left), organ professor, Madonna University, and organ students Sharon Zielinski and Susan Knighton show off the new pipe organ to be dedicated 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the University Center Residence Hall (West Entrance), 14221 Levan, Livonia. No charge. The public is welcome. A free will offering will be accepted to support the Music Department, organ fund and other educational projects. Guest organist Carolyn Shuster Fournier will perform selections by Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Bohm, Selby, de Grigny, Bach, and Vivaldi. There will also be a reception and display of secular art, religious items and traditional art works from the estate of Rev. Francis Zdrodowski (also offered for purchase), followed by the dedication of the new pipe organ and concert.

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Love Doctor

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D.

Everyone needs help and support at some time. Situations occur in which one partner in a relationship requires some type of support from the other partner. We typically think that support is given at times that are particularly stressful, such as an illness, an accident, or the loss of a job. But it would be a mistake to overlook the everyday kind of social support that involves your partner

listening to you when you need to talk, cheering you up when you're feeling down, or doing all of the home chores when you are exhausted from work or other family responsibilities. Studies show that men typically like to give instrumental support to their partner, the kind of help that is characterized by advice and

answers to a problem. If your wife is telling you about a difficult time at work and you respond with information on how to solve the problem, then you are giving her instrumental support. Interestingly, this type of support is not effective for most women, because they typically like to receive emotional support, the kind of help that is portrayed by empathic or comforting feedback. So, next time your wife is complaining about a bad day at work and you would like to support or help her, you might want to just listen to her problems, console her, or tell her 'how difficult this problem must be.' In contrast, when you are

having a bad day at work, studies show that the most effective way your wife can support you would be to give you advice or try to solve the problem with you. Always bear in mind that the type of support you give to your partner must match the type of support that your partner wants to receive, otherwise it is not helpful. Sometimes, it can be difficult to ask for help and support from your partner. But remember that the first step toward getting support from your partner is to tell your partner about the problem. You need to figure out what you want or need and tell him or her. Don't expect your

partner to read your mind. When it comes to asking for support, studies show that the approach men and women take also differs. Women tend to use indirect strategies for getting support, such as complaining or behaving emotionally (e.g., crying). Such strategies may be difficult for the other partner to interpret. In contrast, men are more reluctant in general to ask for support from their partner when they need it. They are taught not to reveal their feelings, but instead present a facade of complete mastery and control. The important thing to remember is that when people

receive support from their partners, they are less likely to be depressed and anxious, they are healthier and happier, and their relationship is more likely to stay together. So even when things are going well, make sure you continue to give and seek support from your partner. To submit a question, e-mail the Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com. **Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D.** is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor, and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the Love Doctor on 105.1 FM WMGC 7:40 a.m. every Tuesday. Watch the Love Doctor 8:45 a.m. every Monday on FOX 2 Morning News.



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BY BARBARA ALBRIGHT FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

WILTON, Conn. (AP) — With summer vacations over, a new season of sociability opens up.

If the thought of entertaining, even the word "party," is too daunting, tell yourself you are just having a few people over for a little food and fun.

There are many reasons why you should NOT have people over. The house is too dirty and you'd have to clean it. Then when you clean up, you lose things during your stash frenzy. You have no time to prepare. Getting people together on the same day is a problem. You are too tired. It's too expensive.

None of these is a good enough reason to miss out on a memorable time with people you like.

People are usually happy to get together and socialize, especially if you keep it very casual and relaxed.

Some of my best party hosting experiences were accidental entertaining.

Once when I was living in New York City, my roommate invited people over on St. Patrick's Day and said to me, "Is that OK with you?" So I asked people, too.

We got home from work not really knowing whether anyone had taken our invitations seriously, ran out and bought snacks, cheese, crackers and drinks.

The preparation took an hour or less, people arrived, and the fun went on for hours.

Another accidental party now has become an annual event. One Halloween, I invited the neighbors' children over to our house for pizza before trick or treating.

Pretty soon the parents were at our house, nibbling on leftover pizza crusts. As I watched a dad dive for a crust that was about to go into the trash, I ordered more.

Here are some strategies to make it easier to invite people over.

Next time you have overnight guests, plan a party a

week or two later. You will have cleaned up for the guests and the house won't look a complete disaster.

Connecting the party with an event such as a holiday (no matter how trivial) seems to be a good idea. A couple of weeks after the winter holidays is also prime casual party time.

Involve your guests in the food preparation if time is short. Ask people to bring food.

Shut off rooms, if necessary. People tend to gravitate to one central area, usually the kitchen, and they won't notice that they have been blockaded out of part of your home.

If you are serving dinner, set up chairs and tables to accommodate everyone, no matter how mismatched, in case people want to linger and chat. Set the table ahead of time.

Think of the easy special touches you can do. Put glasses in the freezer to give them an appealing frosty look. Turn down the lights and use candles.

Put on music and assign someone the job to change it. Serve a terrific, very chocolatey dessert to make a lasting final impression, along with regular and decaffeinated coffee.

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"Just for You," 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, offers valuable information and multifaceted support. The free health program is provided by the Natalie and Manny Charach Cancer Treatment Center of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, between Union Lake and Newton roads, Commerce Township.

Health care experts will provide the latest information about nutrition and medication management for cancer patients. A panel of physicians including Kimberly Hart, M.D., chief of radiation oncology at Huron Valley-Sinai's Charach Cancer Treatment Center, and Kristine Duffy, M.D., an obstetrician-gynecologist at the hospital, will speak about progress in cancer prevention and treatment for women. The Charach Center is affiliated with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The keynote speaker is cancer survivor Elaine Greenberg, a Farmington Hills resident who is a professional singer.

Health care experts will provide the latest information about nutrition and medication management for cancer patients.

Participants also will receive grooming and fashion tips to help cope with the effects of cancer treatment.

"Just for You" includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and a chance to browse crafts and medical exhibits. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required. Call (248) 937-4000.

Food, fun and entertaining information are the focus on Women's Night Out 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Presented by St. Joseph Mercy Health System, the event is co-sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, and Care Choices HMO and Preferred Choices PPO. Special guest speaker for the event will be three-time Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actress and singer Ann Jillian.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes Jillian's presentation,

dinner and numerous door prizes. Seating is limited. To register or for more information, call (800) 231-2211.

Jillian, who in 1985 added "motivational speaker" to her impressive list of credits, will motivate the audience as she draws from her personal perspective, "Never Had a Bad Day in My Life," interjecting her unique blend of humor and inspiration.

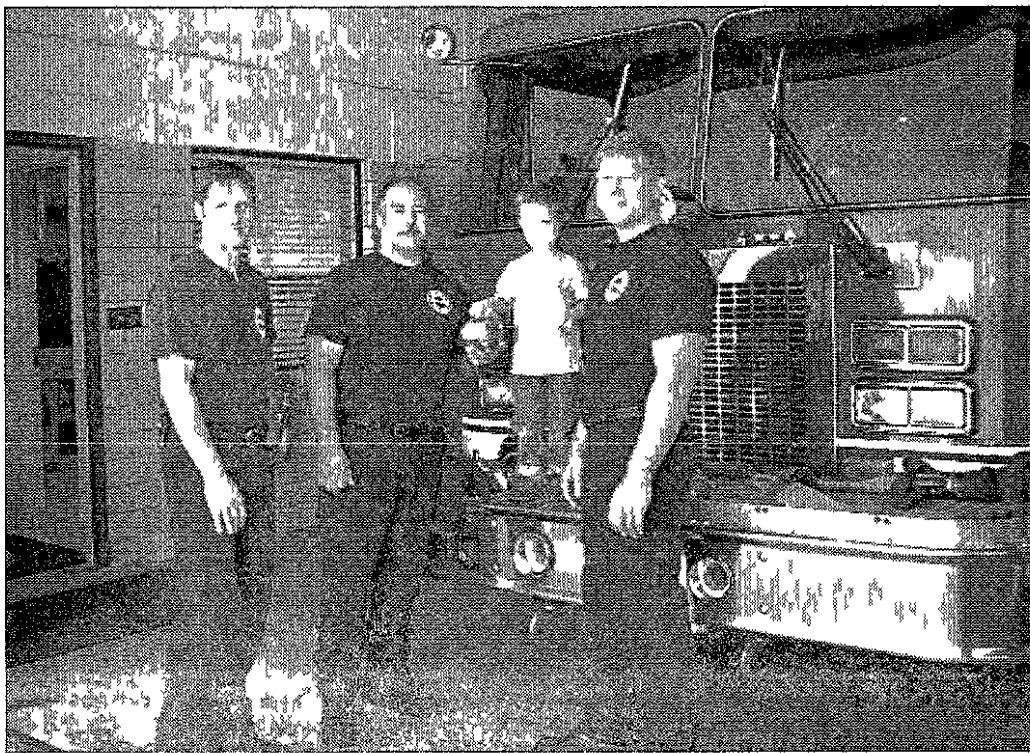
"If audiences are not having fun, then the important message got lost," said Jillian, who will share her personal journey through the toughest of times, both personally and professionally, in order to inspire and motivate audience members to take their own lives to a more rewarding and satisfying level. She will help each individual listener focus on the positive, attainable goals and less on the things that matter least.

In addition to her professional entertainment accomplishments, Jillian can speak to her own victory over breast cancer and has a hopeful message to those struggling with health issues. Her film, *The Ann Jillian Story*, was No. 1 in the ratings for the year, and *Good Housekeeping* magazine named her one of the most admired women of the world. With the birth of her son after cancer, she now adds the title "working mom."



Saying thank you

Medics Mike Kelly (left) and Jim Montgomery and Chief Alan Brandemihl received baked goods from MOMS Club member Birthe Korasiak and her daughter Cassandra at Livonia Fire Station No. 1 on Farmington Road and Five Mile. The MOMS Club of Livonia/South Plymouth delivered baked goods to nine police and fire stations in Livonia and Plymouth on Sept. 10 in memory of Sept. 11th and to say thank you for keeping our country safe. Pictured below are Station No. 4 firefighters David Harm (left), Jeff Bennett and John Bargowski with 4-year-old George LaForest, son of MOMS (Moms Offer Moms Support) Club member Sara. Station No. 4 is located on Middlebelt between Plymouth and Schoolcraft roads.



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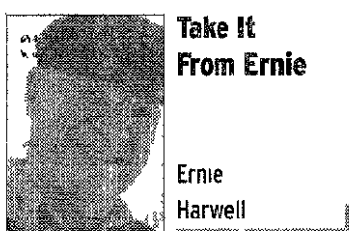
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I've learned, though, that a well-balanced breakfast is a way of starting the day right by giving our bodies and our minds the fuel they need. And breakfast doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive. Foods like oatmeal, some fruit and skim milk can provide a healthy start to the day without a lot of time and effort. A good breakfast will boost your metabolism. You'll find that you're more alert and energetic, and you won't need a sugary pick-me-up from a vending machine. And remember: take care of your health before it's too late!

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 66, Ernie's days are filled with playing 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 Mollie, 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.

Study concludes backpacks may not cause pain after all

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Andrew Haig has one word of advice for parents who worry about backpacks causing physical pain in their children — relax.

His recent University of Michigan Health System study of 184 third-grade and middle school students, ages 7 to 15, showed no link

When a child comes in with back pain to see him at the U-M Spine Program, the usual cause is athletic injury or scoliosis, a deformity of the spine. His 13-year-old daughter, Molly, carries a backpack to school every day without problems.

"I see a kid with back pain and they carry backpacks and it feels worse," said Haig, an associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and orthopedic surgery at U-M Medical School.

Don't hassle your kids and school districts. If your child complains of back problems, realize everybody is going to have some back pain in their life. Eighty percent of adults will lose a couple of weeks or more of work due to back pain.

Nonetheless, researchers were surprised by the number

of students reporting problems with their spine. The debate goes on in the medical community over whether improperly worn or heavy backpacks cause pain. Haig originally decided to do the study because of the lack of good scientific evidence.

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"We found that in third grade about 15 percent have back pain. By middle school, 45 percent have a backache or had a backache," said Haig.

A survey conducted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons revealed 58 percent had seen patients complaining of back and shoulder pain caused by heavy backpacks, said Haig. "They asked doctors or kids if your backpack caused back pain. Everybody just said yes. We asked kids separately if they had backpacks then one day snuck up on them and weighed them. Kids carrying heavier backpacks didn't have any more pain than kids carrying lighter ones."

It's not backpacks, but take a look at the obvious things: Kids are getting more and more obese and not getting enough activity. I don't think changing backpacks is going



FILE PHOTO

Students at West Bloomfield High School exit the campus at the end of the school day with backpacks strapped to their backs.

to change that. You don't want them carrying bricks in their backpacks just for fun, but the way Americans carry them to the bus and in school will not make any difference.

Kelly Schulz isn't taking any chances that her 6-year-old son, Ryan, will develop back problems from wearing his backpack. A physical therapist at Oakwood Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Canton, Schulz occasionally sees children with back pain, but not as a result of carrying a backpack. Still, she's concerned about the increasing amount of literature finding a great incidence of back pain in children.

Parents should do their homework and decide for

themselves. Schulz suggests visiting the Web site for the American Physical Therapy Association at www.apta.org. It's something that might be overlooked as a source for back pain, said Schulz.

The Backpack Intelligence Program in Boston has a worksheet that you can go down to see if your child is at risk. Do you have tingling or numbness down your hand? Do you get red marks on your shoulder from the straps? If yes, it's an indication that it's too heavy. Does your child struggle to get the backpack on or take it off?

An inappropriately worn backpack can stress back and shoulder muscles. Schulz suggests checking your child's

posture. Look at him from the front and side and back before and after he puts it on. Once it's on, see if the chin is jutting out. If the answer is yes, he's struggling to hold the backpack up and it's probably too heavy.

"When my son needed one I started to look around at other children and paying attention," said Schulz. "The cool ones are oversized with big compartments. I went shopping and definitely wanted one an appropriate size to him with contoured shoulder straps that were padded. It would have been good to have a padded back but they didn't."

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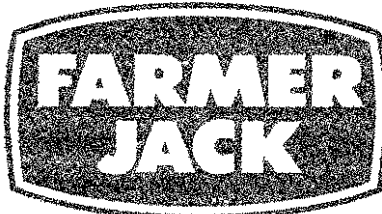
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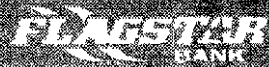
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Stretch helps prevent back pain in kids

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Is your child having back pain? It might not be the backpack causing the problem.

"When the kid complains, ask has the pain gotten worse?" said Dr. Andrew Haag, an M.D. in the University of Michigan Health System's Spine Program and associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and orthopedic surgery at the U-M Medical School. "Are they under stress at school? Have the kid involved in moderate exercise, keep obesity down. It's not so much about backpacks. Back pain happens in kids and they need to use it as a learning experience."

"If the pain is not shooting down below the knee, they're not running fevers or medically sick then they can ride it out for a couple of weeks with some gentle stretching. If it continues, they need to see a primary health care provider or pediatrician."

Kelly Schulz is a believer in stretching to avoid physical problems. It's frequently part

of the treatment at Oakwood Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Canton where she is a physical therapist.

"Through their regular play they do get exercise but students have that rounded shoulder posture so stretching the muscles on the front of their chest is good," said Schulz. "They need stress relieving exercises after carrying around a backpack."

Schulz recommends shoulder circles and shrugs to help reduce tension or something as simple as stretching the arms against the walls of a doorway. Stretching can also help reduce growing pains.

"Sometimes a simple stretching program helps. Children will have a growth spurt and the muscles haven't had a chance to catch up to their bones," said Schulz.

"I find posture in general with adolescents is poor. They should exercise to combat rounded shoulder if they've been at a desk all day or computer to combat tight chest muscles."

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6 p.m. Saturday Oct. 2, the second annual Vita Redita Gala Dinner and Auction to benefit the University of Michigan Transplant Center. Includes gourmet strolling dinner, live and silent auction, live music and valet parking, open premium bar at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club. Ann Arbor. Tickets \$125 per person or tables of 8 and more are available beginning at \$1,000. Dress is black tie optional. Call (734) 936-3460 or e-mail rgarypie@umich.edu.

Hospice bowling fund-raiser

2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 26 (registration at 1 p.m.) at Westland Bowl 5940 Wayne Road. Make this event a success by registering to bowl or making a donation. Proceeds help Community Hospice provide valuable end-of-life care for the terminally ill regardless of income and insurance. Cost is \$20 per bowler. For more information or to sign up, call Heather Murray at (734) 522-4244.

Into the Light walk

A benefit walk Sunday Sept. 26 will raise money for efforts to prevent suicide and educate the public about depression and its link to suicide. Sponsored by the University of Michigan Depression Center and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the event is the third annual Out of the Darkness Into the Light walk. In addition to a 3.5 mile walk through Ann Arbor streets and the U-M campus, the event features speakers, information tables, face painting, free massages, live music, delicious baked goods, free educational materials and a Why I Walked message board that lets walkers express their reasons for participating. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Pioneer High School on the corner of South Main Street and West Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor. The walk begins at 10 a.m. The cost to register is \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, children under 12 free. Strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome. Walkers are encouraged to collect donations; prizes will be awarded to those who raise \$150 or more. Advance registration is available online at www.depressioncenter.org. For more information or to volunteer, send e-mail to tlandry@afspaa.org.

for and dedicated to children with diabetes. The ADA is still seeking team captains and people to participate in the walk. To register, call (888) DIA-BETES (342-2383) or visit www.dia-betes.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Prostate cancer lecture

Dr. Jeffrey Forman presents Rising PSA: When To Watch and Wait. When To Treat during a free supper lecture 6 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 28 at the Karmanos Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Highway. To RSVP, call (248) 538-6514 or send e-mail to khardy@dmcc.org.

Living with Parkinson's

Update on Parkinson's disease presented by Shawn Bolton, D.O. Tuesday Sept. 28, then for six Thursdays beginning 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at McPherson Hospital, community room, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Pre-registration required. Space limited. Call the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at (800) 852-9781. There is a fee.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 28. Attorney Jessica Woll presents an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The firm Woll & Woll specializes in family law in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For

more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer reveals the truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 29 at the Civic Center Library. No charge. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

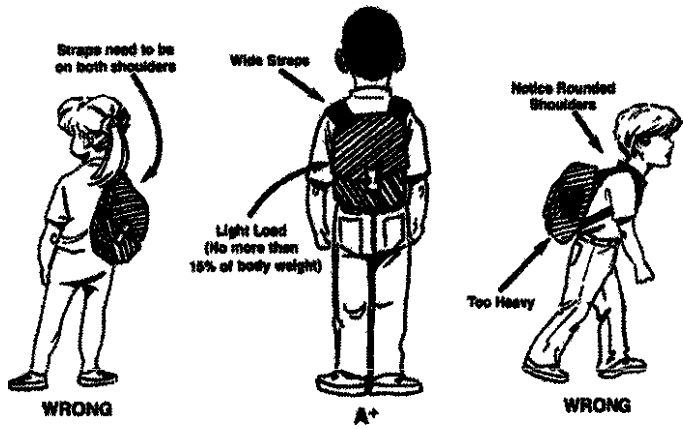
Free prostate screening

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Cooking classes

Presented by the University of Michigan Health System at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, classes include packing a healthy lunch 6-8 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 29, vegetable meals 6-8 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 27, simple meals for one or two, healthy holidays, fish dishes, fast recipes, eating to stop hypertension. Pre-registration required for all classes. To register, call (734) 975-4387 Ext. 236 or sign up at www.med.umich.edu/mfrit/nutrition.

Is Your Child's Backpack Making The Grade?



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have them where I looked."

The American Physical Therapy Association recommends that backpacks not weigh more than 15 percent of the child's body weight.

"It's important for children to wear both straps to distribute the load evenly," said Schulz. "Wheel backpacks are kind of a trend in older grades. It's important to make sure the handle is long enough so they don't have to twist or bend their back. You still have to worry about weight if the child goes down stairs or lifts it into a bus."

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Schulz offers a few more tips for parents about wearing backpacks that might put children at increased risk for back pain. When loading a backpack, stack the heaviest books so that

they're carried nearest the back. For backpacks with compression straps, tighten belts to keep the books in place.

"If kids are carrying a backpack and stop to talk to a friend, they should take it off and limit the time they actually have it on their back," said Schulz.

"If child is riding a bike, make sure they have a hip or chest belt so if the backpack shifts, they're not thrown off their bike."

"Older children are going to have heavier books and more books, so they're definitely more at risk, but if you stay with 15 percent of the body weight, they shouldn't have any problems."

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Research volunteers needed

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The difficulty is that in the area of arthritis, science is unable to develop strategies to counter the pattern in cells whereby they slow their metabolism. As you age, you decrease the production of enzymes and proteins that keep bone and muscle at a high level of function.

There is a counter to this downward trend. Research done over the last 5 years shows that focused exercise can be a success even if you are 70 or 80 or even 90 years of age.

By focused exercise, I mean daily walking with light weights of 1-3 pounds and doing sit-ups and pushups. It appears that bone and muscle, no matter what your age, retains the ability to respond to reasonable stress.

You face a contradiction as you enter older age. You do have to slow down in one sense, but you need to work more in another. That is, you will reduce work schedules and strenuous activities, but you should spend more time and effort in daily exercise and activities that put a strain, but not too much, on your muscles and bones.

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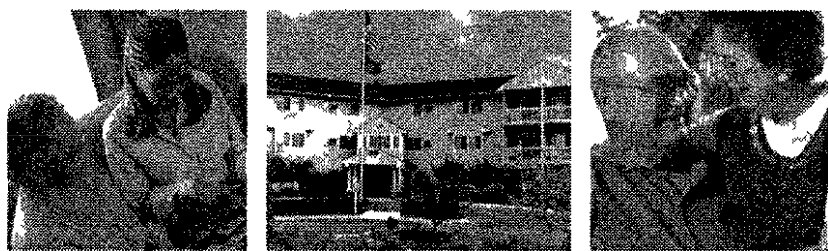
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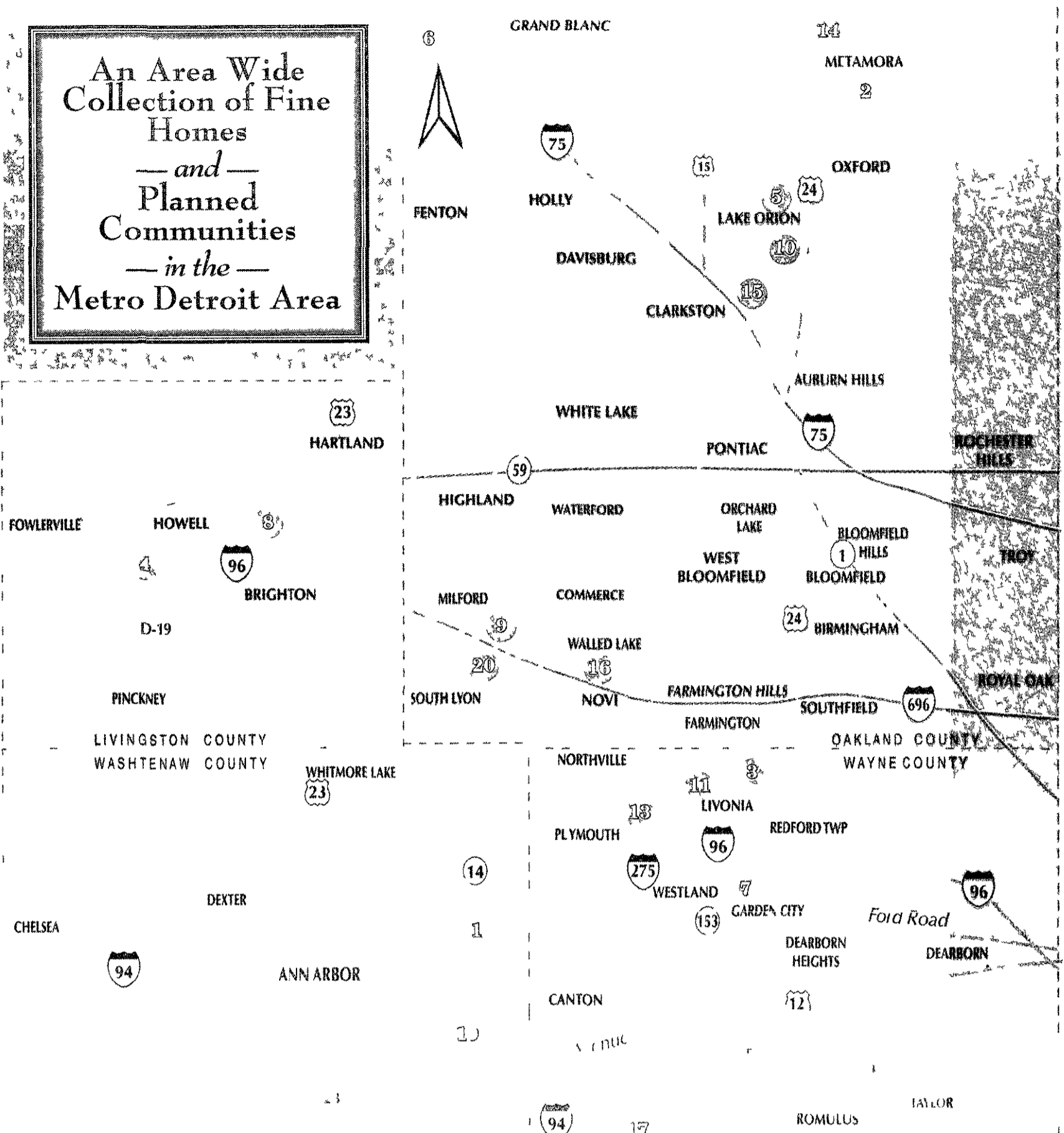


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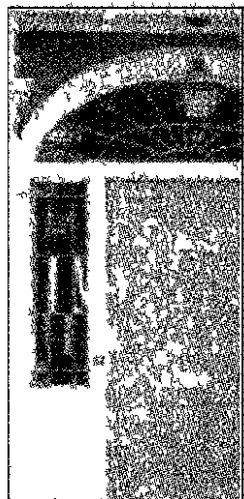
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Autumn an ideal time for outdoor maintenance

(MS) - The warm-weather season is coming to a close. As you pack away the patio set and pool accessories and watch your annual plantings start to wilt, you may notice how your back yard has taken a beating. Scorching temperatures, blazing sun and downpours, as well as frequent visitors and insects may have left your outdoor structures looking worse for the wear. But don't wait until next year to breathe new life into decking and fencing. Fall is the perfect time to assess and spruce up your home.

After all of the running around you did this summer, it's easy to put off outdoor repairs for next season. But if you plan ahead now, you'll be ready for springtime entertaining as soon as the trees begin to bud and the weather warms anew. Here are some reasons to start early.

■ The cool, crisp air will make outdoor work less of a chore. Why wait for spring when an early heat wave could zap your motivation? Take advantage of the moderate weather to spend time outdoors.

■ Minimize further weather-related damage to your outdoor structures. The sun, pool water and the heat of the summer have already taken their toll. Frigid temperatures, snow and ice can damage structures even further. Repair and protect these items before Old Man Winter can do his worst.

■ Who has time for staining and sanding when there are parties and other social engagements to attend? Spring is a busy time of year. Your weekends may be filled with religious events, birthdays and weddings, pushing home repairs to the back burner. When it comes time to entertain in your yard, you'll be left doing a rush job in order to have everything ready.

There are plenty of chores suited for autumn. Here are some ideas to get you started.

■ Consider revamping your landscaping. Map out new planting beds and replace/lay mulch and rocks according to your plan. Plant hardy bushes that will withstand winter temperatures, taking care to leave space where annuals can be planted come warmer weather.

■ Tackle decking, porch and fencing repairs. Weatherproof your deck, porch and fence, or give them a new look for next season's entertaining opportunities. A no-maintenance option for busy homeowners is using vinyl products like ISODECK or ISOFENCE.

■ For fencing, consider vinyl, which is strong and maintenance-free. It withstands the weather and won't corrode, blister, peel or rot.

■ Install a family pool. Certain companies offer discounted rates for pools installed in the off-season. Get it in the ground now so you'll be able to dive in



Fall is the ideal time to make improvements to your yard. Consider replacing deck, porch and fences with vinyl options for easier maintenance.

first thing next summer.

■ General yard maintenance. Lawn fertilization, weeding, leaf raking - these are all tasks that can be tackled in the fall so you won't have a dead lawn or a

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Make improvements that appeal to prospective buyers

(NAPSI) - You've been preparing to put the house up for sale for weeks, and you have the sore muscles to prove it. Now comes the moment of truth. Are prospective buyers really going to care about all the work you did? If you did your homework before opening the toolbox, you already know the answer.

Everyone has heard the cautionary tale about how a swimming pool can actually lower your home's resale value because it creates lots of work for the next owner, said Keith Hahn of Handyman Connection, one of the nation's largest home improvement companies. The story endures because it's a great example of how some home improvements, no matter how luxurious,

can backfire when it's time to sell.

When an upgrade simply has to pay off, Hahn suggests avoiding renovations that buyers will view as burdensome - elaborate decor or landscaping, swimming pools, skylights and more. "That beautiful Victorian stenciling in your dining room will be a problem if a buyer has modern tastes," he said. In general, renovations uniquely reflecting personality or taste will not appeal to most buyers.

Instead, focus on renovations that will save buyers work and illustrate a commitment to regular maintenance. Upgrade kitchen fixtures and appliances. Install new bathroom faucets and toilet seats. Clean the grout and replace old caulking. But keep it simple. While these

small improvements will immediately pay for themselves, Hahn says a big project, such as adding a bathroom, is a poor short-term investment.

Other upgrades should focus on improving curb appeal. A new front door can modernize the whole house. Looking to disguise an unattractive exterior outlook? Try installing window boxes or hanging flower baskets. Inside the house, spending a day touching up chipped paint or tightening wobbly cabinet hardware costs almost nothing but will pay off big on closing day. Buyers want to move in and enjoy their new homes, not repair them, said Hahn.

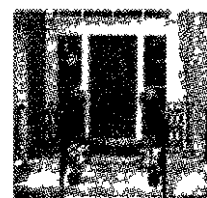
A thorough interior cleaning can also increase perceived value. Remove clutter

throughout the house. Shampoo the carpets. Dry clean the drapes. Wash the windows. Make sure faucets sparkle. And don't forget to organize closets and cabinets. You'll be surprised where buyers will try to peek when touring a home," said Hahn.

Finally, step back and take an objective look at your home. "If anything uniquely reflects the trends of the early 1970s, you can bet that a potential buyer is going to see it as an immediately necessary upgrade," he added.

Keith Hahn is the chief operating officer of Handyman Connection, a nationwide network of home improvement and repair contractors. For more information, call (800) 466-5530 or visit www.handymanconnection.com.

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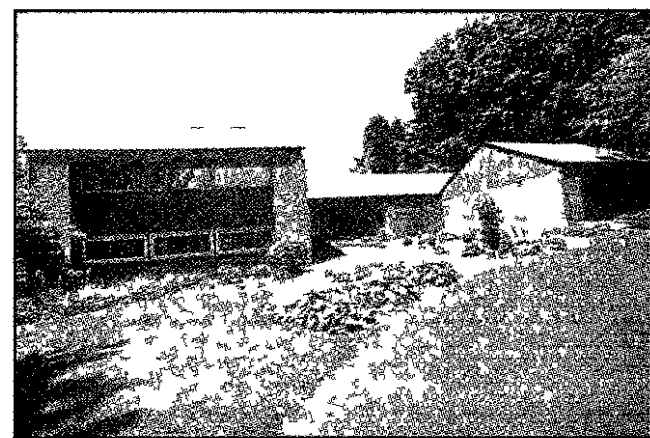
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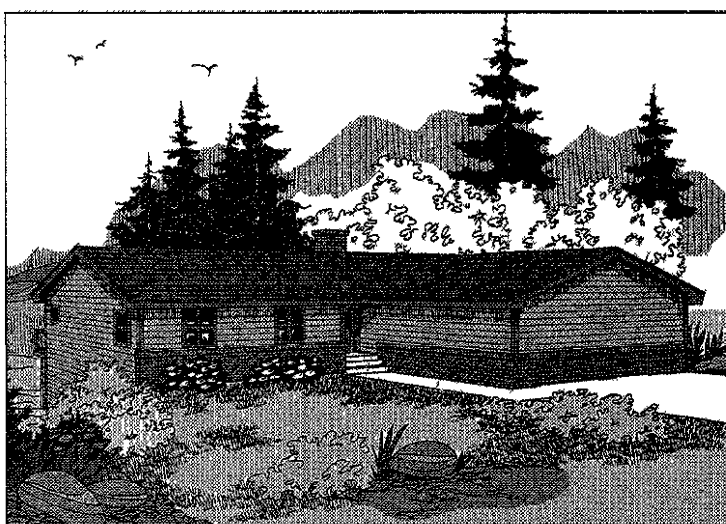
Entering into the Puuri 1 brings one to a large open room. The living room is directly in front of the entry. It has a corner wood stove and triple sliders in the rear that open into a covered screen porch. There is access to the deck through a door to the right side of the screened porch.

The dining room is on right rear, again with triple sliders opening onto the deck that leads down to the basement level. A large window on the side pours light into the room. The kitchen is in the front right corner. It has an enormous amount of counter space lining the wall. A built-in dishwasher is next to dual sinks. On the wall opposite are the refrigerator and more counter space. Around the corner toward the entry is a long pantry behind folding doors.

The utility room is across from the pantry and a half bath is located in this same area. A door opening to the large two-car garage is between the bathroom and the utility room, convenient to the pantry and the kitchen for unloading groceries.

The left side of the Puuri 1 has two bedrooms and an office. The office is large and has a corner walk closet and could also be used as a guest room or another bedroom, if desired. Bedroom 2 has a long wall closet and windows front and side that bathe the room in sunlight. A full bathroom with a single sink, tub, and a linen closet is adjacent to bedroom 2. There is a larger linen/storage closet on the wall of the office.

The master suite is very large and has sliding doors opening onto a smaller deck. The screened porch can also be



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Make your home safe for children

PRNewswire - Two dynamic TV producers (and moms), who during their careers produced countless segments on parenting, both felt something was missing - accessible information for new parents, particularly covering safety, but also allowing parents to have fun as well as learn.

Thus, Jamie Schaefer Wilson and JoAnne Germanario, with the help of endorsers like Ann Brown, former chair woman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, became child safety advocates, delivering their first book, *The Baby Rules: The Insider's Guide to Raising Your Parents*.

"With 14 million accidents to children in the home every year leading to injury or death you can never be too safe," said Jamie Schaefer Wilson. "The more we learned about these often fatal scenarios, the more passionate we became about the subject."

From their research come the following tips that parents can use to make their homes safer for their children:

■ **The dishwasher** Most people feel that once a dishwasher is empty it's safe. Not true. It's full of sharp spikes and if a baby falls they are going to land face first.

■ **Older children's toys** Toys for children over the age of three are never acceptable for a baby. When playing together monitor which toys they are using.

■ **Plastic spoons** Only use spoons that are baby safe. A plastic spoon can break in your baby's mouth and lead to injury or choking.

■ **Antique furniture** Antique high chairs don't have a safe harness system and may have a lead-based paint. Antique toys don't meet today's safety standards.

■ **Baby oil** If ingested it can coat a baby's lungs and lead to death.

■ **A bucket** A baby can drown in a five gallon bucket of water. To a baby, it's an Olympic sized pool. Empty all buckets after using them.

■ **The television** TV stands & bookcases. If a television or bookcase isn't secure

it can and will topple over and onto an unsuspecting child.

■ **Plastic wrappers and bags** A baby will put anything and everything in their mouth. Throw all wrappers away immediately.

■ **The oven door** Don't leave the oven door open even if it's cooled and turned off. If a baby crawls onto the open oven door it can tip over onto the baby.

■ **Window cord blinds** Never place a crib, bassinet or changing table next to window blinds or curtain cords. A baby can reach them and become entangled. Be sure to replace or repair any loops in window blind cords. Blinds made since November 2000 have no loops, so consider buying newer safer blinds.

■ **Raisins - The Hidden Choking Hazard** Did you know one of the foods that parents think is the healthiest can be one of the most dangerous? An uncooked raisin can cause choking or actually puncture a young child's lung.

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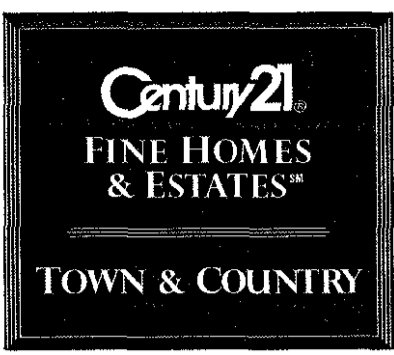
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Turning Off Obsessive Talkers



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Are you a magnet for compulsive talkers? Do you feel drained when a co-worker repeats and repeats the "Oh, poor me!" refrain? Psychiatrist Judith Orloff, in "Positive Energy" (Harmony Books, \$24.00), presents prescriptions for reclaiming your energy and your life

Orloff labels people like this "energy vampires" They offer an encounter of the wrong kind even after a brief contact you leave feeling worse, but he or she seems more alive "Make once such encounter more than enough, she advises Of course, if your boss or a customer does the sapping, you may be stuck -- but only if you let him control your reaction to him

BRACING
Where do these people surface? At work, on airplanes, at the desk next to you, anywhere Who are they? Vendors, customers, co-workers, plumbers and electricians A hardresser who talks incessantly about herself while fixing hair, all of the while stealthily glancing at herself in the mirror You don't need a clearer indication that this problem isn't yours, that its source lies completely hidden from view and that it exists in an orbit far beyond your galaxy You can't possibly do anything about it, save extricate yourself

The author points out that you can minimize your risk around energy snatchers by being healthy If you're tired, emotionally stressed, or overworked, if you eat poorly,

don't exercise, are ill or spiritually deficient, if you abuse a substance or are far too empathic, you make yourself vulnerable to an energy sapper That person, typically, is oblivious to his impact on you Are you curious about what makes him that way? Unresolved childhood trauma, according to Orloff, propelling him to suck the energy out of others In other words, while you may be lured into being a doormat for this person, the routine isn't kind to either of you It won't solve his problem, either

The world is full of obsessive talkers and people who don't or won't listen Your listening now won't "save" the person -- or rescue him -- from himself Ask yourself why you listen ad nauseum. Does a barrage of words signify a relationship? Do you feel sorry for the person? Do you suffer from the "nice girl" or "nice boy" syndrome? Remember that when you no longer play the listening ear, he'll move on, angry that you broke your implied contract to listen sympathetically forever

TAKING ACTION
Let the scenario play out one time, only The longer you postpone decisive action, the more difficult it will be to extricate yourself Orloff recommends, in the case of co-workers, that you "keep the peace, but continue emphasizing that you must return to your job" Then, if the energy sapper becomes resentful, write off the problem as his, not yours

Remind yourself, she advises -- "Others must take responsibility for their own lives -- It's none of your business to try to fix anyone

-- As a fixer, you'll *always* end up with your energy drained"

Don't feel glued to the person, because you can extricate yourself a number of ways Removing eye contact will subtly signify to the person that you're not tuning in Try focusing in on establishing boundaries between you and the person Inhale deeply to become aware of your separateness

You can also say, gently, that you need to get back to your work If your job doesn't depend upon it -- and even if it does -- try Orloff's foolproof solution Say

that you need to go to the bathroom and simultaneously make a beeline for it The author doesn't mention that when you use work as your excuse, you'll lose impact by sharing the one or more details that are calling you back to your desk Announce and withdraw If you don't, instead of hearing what you say, the person will search for a new opening in the conversation Don't give him the chance,



Psychiatrist Judith Orloff in her book, "Positive Energy", offers tips for reclaiming your energy and your life.

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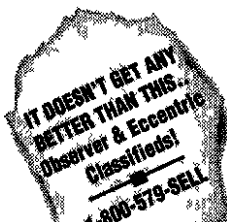
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2005 Corolla XRS: sporty, and a good value, too

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My 11-year-old daughter, Rebecca, was in the new Toyota Corolla XRS's rear passenger seat for less than five minutes when we hopped on I-696

All of a sudden, I hear her ask, "Mom?"
"Uh, humm," I answer, above the wind noise
"It's like this car ate about 10 Hershey chocolate candy bars," she said

After I stopped laughing, I concluded she was right on the mark

The 2005 Toyota Corolla XRS does feel like it ate a bunch of chocolate. Absolutely no mistaking the pep factor here. This thing goes like the wind.

Thanks to its beautifully tuned 1.8-liter 4-cylinder 16-valve engine, the Corolla moves effortlessly and can put a sports car to shame with its acceleration, aggressive handling characteristics and peppiness. For a compact sedan to act like this, it's really, really refreshing.

Translate that into A LOT OF FUN to drive. And yes, it is a sedan. But with an attitude.

Toyota redesigned the Corolla this year and added a sporty front fascia all around, cool wheel covers, a front spoiler and fog lamps and smoked headlamps. This is not your father's Corolla. That boxy, unattractive, looks-too-much-like-a-dad-would-drive-it, Corolla.

There's even a bit of Lexus' influence on the inside. Cluster meters that are backlit blue and fabric-covered (instead of vinyl-covered) sun visors and center console add a special touch to the whole interior treatment. Seat-mounted side curtain airbags are an option, as is a vehicle stability control system.

I just can't say enough about the performance-driven aspects of the new Corolla. I had the vehicle for two entire weeks and never got tired of it. The way it



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took corners, the positive aspects of freeway driving, the get-up-and-go attitude was sometimes overwhelming. It was really a great car to get into.

The XRS model (there's a sport S trim level and a CE and LE level) is definitely aimed toward the younger set, but older folks like me can enjoy it, too. And although Toyota plans to market the XRS to single men, it can easily appease the discerning woman who wants an interesting ride to get around town in.

The most appealing aspect of the Corolla XRS is its price. I'll get into the stuff inside in a moment, but the bottom line came down to a little over \$17,000. The base model Corolla CE carries a base price of a mere \$13,680. That's a pretty good value for a car like this.

Let's get back to the power of the XRS. This newly tuned version of the same engine and six-speed manual transmission you'll find in the Celica GT-s and Matrix XRS, this 16-valve dual overhead cam engine delivers 170 horsepower that gives you broader and stronger mid-range torque that found in any other engine that Toyota produces. It almost feels like a supercharged engine, for Pete's sake.

Couple that with the fuel economy of 25 miles per gallon in the city and 32 on the highway, and you've got a vehicle that's a miser on gasoline and surpris-

ingly a blast to drive. And with gas prices still hovering around 2 bucks with no change in sight, the Corolla should look pretty good to most looking for value in their vehicle without sacrificing power and personality.

The suspension is sport-tuned and sits on 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels and Michelin performance tires. The steering is much more rigid and provides you with less vibration and improved response and feedback.

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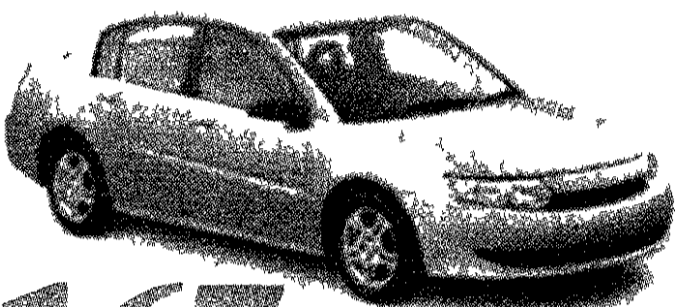


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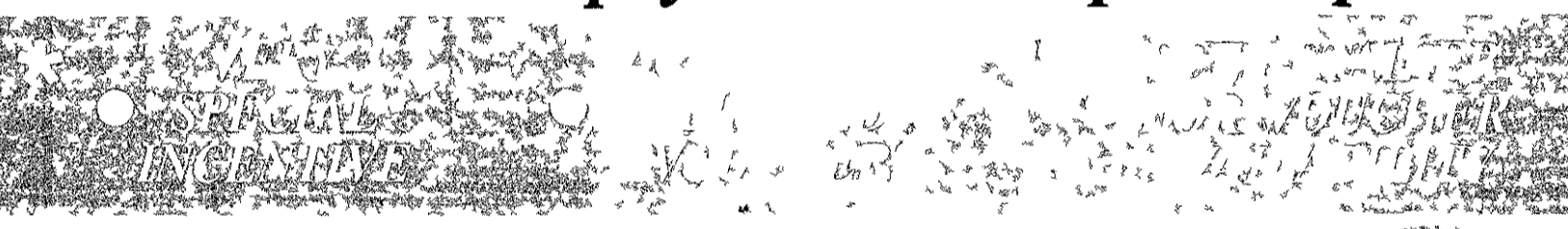
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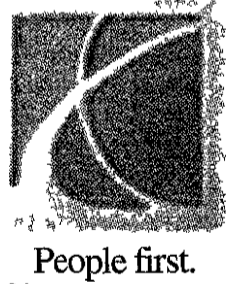
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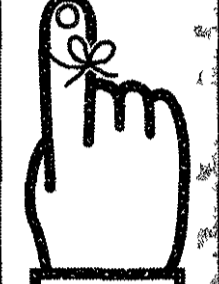
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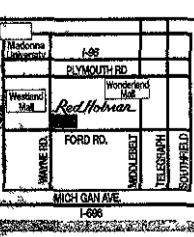
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SWF 37 57 w th blue eyes and brown hair Interests are time w th her ch ldren camp ng basketba l golf ng mus c and concerts Looking to a SWM 30 45 who is fun to be around Ad# 444655

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SWF 44 57 w th own hair hazel eyes Interests are sw m ng shopping NASCAR fish ng and much more In sea ch of a SWM 51 11 63 34 50 who is honest and trustworth y Ad# 468434

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?
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SWM 55 tall fnanc ally secure and loya Enjoys wate sk ng boating motorcycles and more Seeking a SWF under 50 for a possib e elat onsh p Ad# 447049

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SWM 52 w th brown hair and a mustache Enjoys d nng out the outdoors etc Looking for a SWF 40 53 who s ook ng for a long te m reat onsh p Flnt a ea Ad# 420370

THE TIME OF MY LIFE
La d back SWM 57 6 who enjoys vdeo games sc f art rs and ant qu ng Seeking an one get c humorous SF under 50 Ad# 482880

A REAL MAN
SWM young 53 ong brown hair 59 165 lbs semi etred N/S Seeking a now look ng AF 21 35 who s non maters stc and ma age m nded Ad# 495877

GOOD CATCH
Kind wa m sensitive SBM 39 59 enjoys many ntal ests Seeking a well read SBF who knows herse f Ad# 496636

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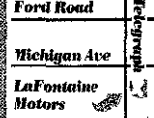
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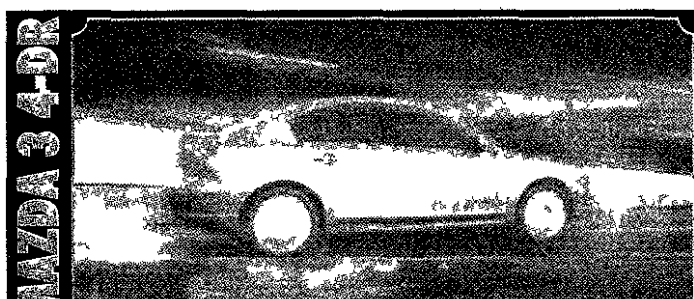
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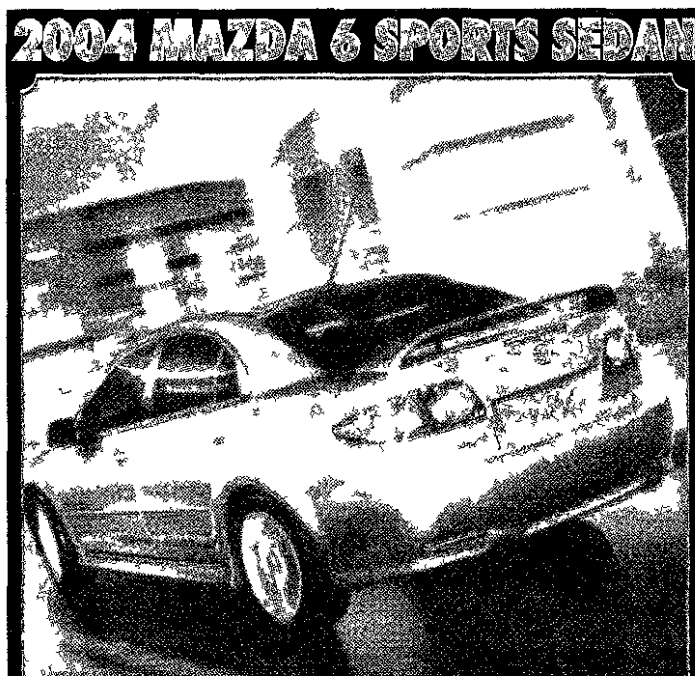
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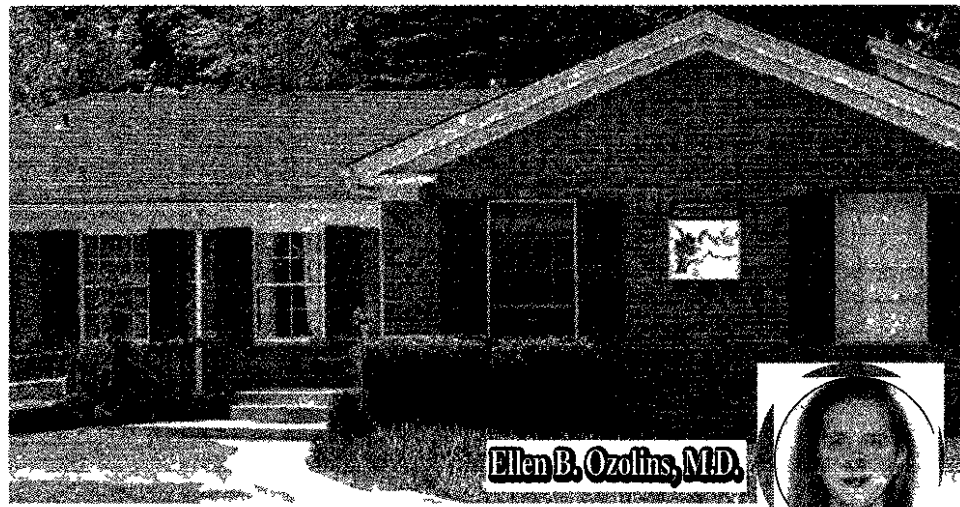
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Green with envy over golf goodies

Q I've recently taken up golf, which is really fun by the way, but I can't find any cute golf wear or gear in any of the shops. This stuff is expensive, so I don't want to spend money on things I don't like, but I certainly want to keep playing. Do you have any idea if cute golf apparel and accessories for women even exist, and if so, where I can get my hands on some?

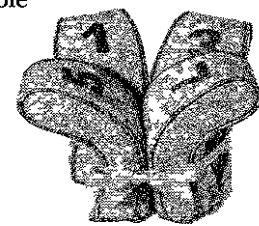
A Some people think women have shed away from golfing for so long because it's such a boys club. I, on the other hand, think it's because women didn't want to subject themselves to such horrible fashion. Over the past few years, many women have found themselves in your golf shoes, and a few entrepreneurial ones decided to do something about it.

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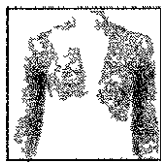
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Did you really think that the money I saved you a few weeks ago with Tried 'N Not-So True would stay in that savings account long? Not a chance when we consider all the gems out there to spend it on! So, this week I just HAD to tell you about a product you may just want to put on your holiday and birthday wish lists

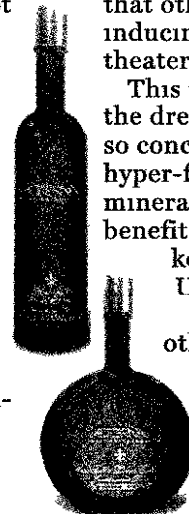
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style briefs

Go Western, Young Woman, for Cattle Baron's Ball



Celia Bobrowsky, Atanis and Patty Ilitch, and Charlie P Jones get in the spirit at last year's Cattle Baron's Ball

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DETROIT — Dust off your cowboy boots, 10 gallon hat and bolero tie for the 2004 Cattle Barons Ball. The American Cancer Society and General Motors are teaming up once again to host the event Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

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The funds raised help support numerous activities, including a national research program which provides \$77 million to research institutions in Michigan, and college scholarships for 97 childhood cancer survivors.

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Ryder Cup ladies get pampered at Margot's

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Skirts big for spring at Olympus Fashion Week

NEW YORK — Forget fall — fashion designers and their



On the Cover

Model Karolina Kurkova shows Anna Sui Fall 2004 from New York's Fashion Week. Purple couldn't be more royal in a knee-length velvet coat over a sequin and silk neck tie patterned tunic and slim black denim pants. Gloves, vibrant make-up and crimped hair complete the local-born designer's vision for Fall 2004. See more of Anna's fall looks on pages 6 and 7.

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inner circles have moved on to spring. They recently made their predictions of what the hot looks will be during New York Fashion Week.

The big story is skirts. There is a skirt out there for every woman, whether it's the full, prairie version seen at Anna Sui, the tiered skirt from Luca Luca, the fantail at Zac Posen or the pencil skirt from Monique Lhuillier.

Leive suggested pairing any of the popular shapes with a ghtery or embellished top, a look sure to translate from the runway to a mall near you.

"Whether it's ethnic, metallic or beaded, tops are not about a simple tank," Leive said.

As for the petticoats peaking out from under skirts and dresses, Bailey said they are utterly romantic but not that wearable. She suggests wearing

a soft skirt, an A line or circle shape in chiffon or cotton, that will give off the same vibe without looking too childlike.

Coats are another key piece for spring, including the bolero, freshened up by Narciso Rodriguez as a cropped corset jacket.

— Samantha Critchell, Associated Press

Michigan girls fail to make cut in supermodel search

CHICAGO — Four girls from Michigan competed last week end in the finals of Marshall Field's and Ford Models 2004 Supermodel of the World U.S. Search. Twenty finalists in all were selected from a field of 5,300 girls who entered the contest during a month-long series of model searches conducted at Marshall Field's stores nationwide and online. Maren Obermanns, 15, of Rochester Hills, Britney Watkins, 19, of Pontiac, Brandi Bach, 14, of Williamston and Emma Finney, age 18, of Grand Rapids flew to Chicago Sept. 18-20 and participated in two days of preparation for an extravagant runway show, complete with fittings, walking lessons, hair/makeup shots and a dress rehearsal. Judges made their selections after one on one meetings with the girls on Monday, then announced the winner that night after the fashion show.

Anne Grossenberg of Sioux Falls, S.D. won a modeling contract with Marshall Field's valued at \$15,000 and a chance to compete against women from around the globe in the Supermodel of the World International Final in New York City in January 2005.

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Aries: (March 21-April 20)
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Taurus: (April 21-May 21)
 This is not the week to make large investments or purchases. However, thanks to the wide array of stores with an even wider range of prices, even frugal Taurus remains well dressed without breaking the bank. Check out the practical and adorable tweed coats for fall. Try on the chic and cheap versions at Gap.

Gemini: (May 22-June 21)
 Time for the 'twins to clear the calendar for some quality family time! Get outside and involved in some activities everyone, old and young, can appreciate. Remember the simple pleasure of jumping in a pile of freshly raked leaves? Enjoy getting back to basics in fresh denim. Jeans come in so many washes, styles and cuts, you are bound to find a pair that flatters, leaving you more time to relish the little things in life.

Cancer: (June 22-July 23)
 Is someone in a bit of a funk lately? Don't be quick to blame others for your bad mood. Perhaps there is something Cancer can do to lift her spirits. Read an uplifting book, go for a walk, or better yet invest in some retail therapy. An airy lace shell or camisole perhaps could lighten the load weighing you down.

Leo: (July 24-Aug 23)
 Romance is in the air. Whether with a new flame or a long term burning torch, love is everywhere you turn. Even your wardrobe reflects the effects of cupid. Soft and inviting, velvet is perfect this week. A blazer in this luxurious fabric could be just the piece you've been missing.

Virgo: (Aug 24-Sept 23)
 Clean out that clutter and get organized — with your professional and personal life. Thank you! Don't ignore that overstuffed closet. You'll need the room. Sure, wool sweaters are bulky, but with Michigan's chilly winters around the corner, you'll want to stock up and freshen up those cozy cardigans from previous seasons.

Libra: (Sept 24-Oct 23)
 Updating a classic tailored look is right up your alley, Libra. Take for example the

style scope

By Kat

hottest trend off the runway, menswear pants. You have a knack for wearing such an item with personal flair. Don't be surprised if this week it seems everyone is coming to you in hopes of tapping into your fashion expertise.

Scorpio: (Oct 24-Nov 22)
 Let your hair down and live a little. Whether you are 22, or simply long to be, go ahead and act on those youthful impulses. However, all this carefree living will take a toll on your sleep. Make the most of those hours in comfort. Breathable, soft to the touch, and soothing, silk may help make the most of your limited shut-eye this week.

Sagittarius: (Nov 23-Dec 21)
 Sag, your spiritual goal is learn to use your talents to guide others. With all of the attention you'll need to complete this task, why not grasp it with some flare? Sequins usually scream Las Vegas to many, however take the subtle approach and they can be your friend. A flash of sparkle on a basic tunic can command the audience you've been craving.

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 20)
 Your senses are sharp as a pin these days Capricorn. That said, you should already be aware that your loved one is feeling a bit left out lately. Make it your

autumn ambition to plan some special time for the two of you. A Jersey knit dress says 'I am fashionable, smart, strong and sexy.' Versions from Diane von Furstenberg or BCBG are perfect date-night dresses! Hint, Hint.

Aquarius: (Jan 21-Feb 19)
 What starts as a small gathering of friends late this week, turns out to be the social gathering of the season. Plan accordingly, and dress the part. Animal prints are all the rage this fall and thank fully there are low key versions available for those less timid animal lovers. J Crew has spiced up a basic cardigan with spots that are sure to please any fashionista on the prowl.

Pisces: (Feb 20-March 20)
 Soft, fluid, and vital to any wardrobe, cashmere is bit like water to Pisces. Speaking of transitions, change is in the air this week. While your sweater may be light as a feather, your mind should be heavy with knowledge and facts that will help you sort out the options ahead. Education is imperative while deciphering your next move.



Aquarius shows animal instinct for fashion with leopard cardigan \$88 @ J Crew

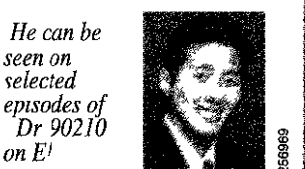
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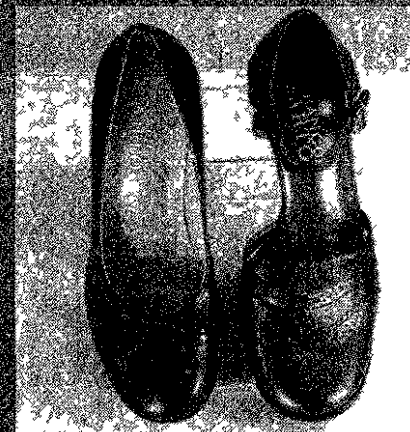
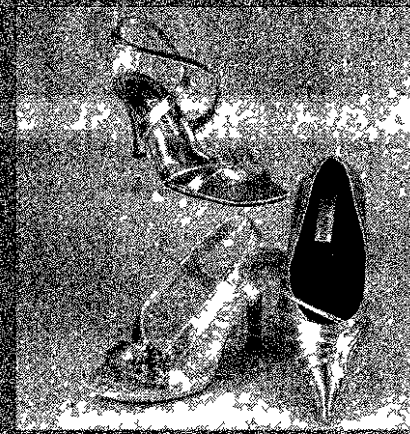
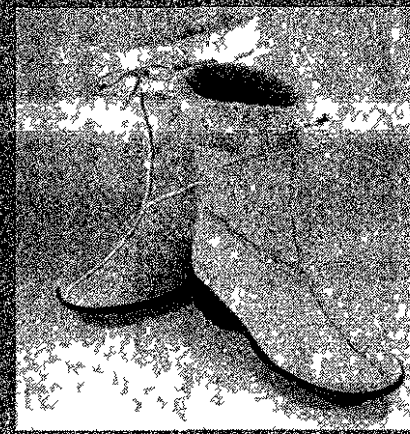
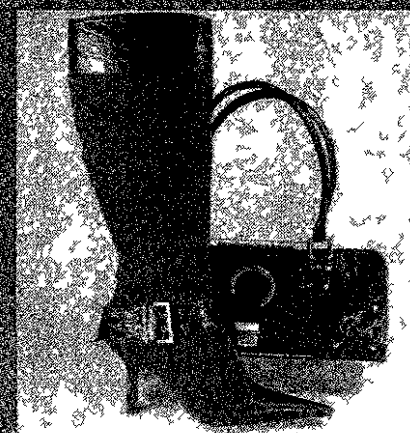
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Stars celebrate Emmys' red carpet in festive, glamorous looks

By Beth Harris ■ Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The buzzwords on the red carpet at the Emmy Awards Sunday were "festive" and "glamorous," with many celebrities opting for sleek, 1940s-style looks, right down to the Rita Hayworth style peekaboo hairstyle favored by Debra Messing and Portia de Rossi.

Sarah Jessica Parker, the biggest fashion star at the Emmys for the past few years, didn't disappoint, wearing a strapless black lace, tea length dress with a feathered skirt and a black sash by Chanel Couture. She said it was her husband, Matthew Broderick, who had the final say on her outfit.

Jennifer Aniston wore a white Chanel strapless gown with bursts of gold. She told Star Jones, who took over fashion commentary on E! from Joan Rivers, that the dress was a "little Bohemian, raggy thing with a little bling-bling."

With Jones as the Fashion Police, Kim Cattrall said the red carpet "is not as scary as it usually is" when Rivers and her daughter, Melissa, were on patrol.

Jones had two outfits, which she said was only fitting for her diva persona. Her first gown was gold with a plunging neckline by Marc Bouwer that she wore with a gold tassel necklace, the second was a pale pink lingerie style gown by Badgley Mischka that she paired with a "summer chinchilla" shrug.

The lingerie look also was popular with Kristin Davis, in a beaded Prada corset gown, and Anne Heche, who wore a Giorgio Armani black satin slip gown with a pleated bodice and tulle underskirt.

New mother Messing was in a pink strapless dress with subtle floral embroidery by Michael Kors that hugged her again fit-and-trim figure. Janel Moloney wore a bright yellow strapless gown by Vera Wang that was equally body-conscious.

Wang put Marnska Hargtay in a bright green goddess gown and the actress added fresh yellow flowers in her hair. Also in green were Lorraine Bracco, in a custom-made green embroidered gown by Douglas Hannant and Chopard diamond chandelier earrings featuring 276 gemstones, and Alhson Janney, who



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Portia de Rossi from *Arrested Development* on the red carpet this past Sept. 19 at the 56th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards.

wore a green silk chignon halter gown with a knotted bodice by Monique Lhuillier.

The rest of the rainbow was there, too. Cheryl Hines wore a sea foam green gown with pink-and-purple beaded flowers and a few feathers, and Stockard Channing chose a teal dress with satin strips. Patricia Heaton was in a multi color, wrap-top Elie Saab gown that included purple, magenta, yellow, green and black.

Black always is a favorite on the red carpet and de Rossi wore it well in a long Givenchy fitted sheath that she jazzed up with a diamond-chain bracelet by Diane von Furstenberg for H Stern. She carried a hard edged clutch with a silver clasp, and attracted the paparazzi with her glam-girl hairstyle.

Edie Falco's strapless

gown by Randolph Duke was nude colored with an overlay of black beads and tulle.

Laura Linney's black Prada dress had black beads dripping from the front. "I always try on a lot of things, and I always end up in Prada," she said. "This particular dress met her two requirements — it was fun and short."

White had its fans with Jennifer Garner — in an open back embroidered gown with a trailing train and a black waistband — and Marlo Thomas and Felicity Huffman choosing the pure and pretty look.

Most of the men chose traditional black-tie attire, but Dennis Haysbert showed a little originality — his was navy blue. "It's my favorite color," he told Robert Verdi, who was sharing pre-show duties with Jones on E!

Eric Szmanda of *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* said he bleached patches of his hair blond to set himself apart from "the other penguins."

The Jones-Verdi team dutifully asked each star, "Who are you wearing?" And they gushed about how great everyone looked. But the pre-show lacked the zany, unpredictability and graces that Rivers and her daughter brought to red carpet. (The Rivers duo jumped ship to the TV Guide channel earlier this year.)

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Celebrate being a 'Girly Girl' at new Northville shop

Story and Photos by Wensdy White PINK

When you walk into Girly Girl, a new store in Northville's quaint downtown, you're immediately overwhelmed by sparkles, feathers and plenty of pink. That's because the store, as its name implies, caters to virtually everything frilly and feminine.

Girly Girl owner Lisa Reed Tucker said she wanted the store to inspire women of all ages to celebrate being a girl at heart.

"We want to appeal to the girl in all of us," she said. "We have so many options. We're so stong, yet so sweet, and I feel the world is our oyster. We have it all."

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Girly Girl carries gifts for girls at every stage of life from Baby's First Dolly for infants, to T-shirts with slogans that let mature women have the last laugh. Other products stocking the shelves include funky Fluff cosmetic cases, hand-

made ponchos for tots and tweens from Sovelle Custom Designs in Novi, Lucky Chick bath and body products and bubble gum scented body glitter from Molly & Me.

Reed Tucker previously owned Michael's Angel Attic, which she opened 10 years ago in honor of her third child, Michael, who died at age 3.

She began planning Girly Girl as a second store, but after realizing that "angels had run their course," decided to oper-



Lisa Reed-Tucker decked out her store Girly Girl with pink walls, crystal chandeliers and a riot of Girly Girl merchandise. Here, she clutches a "Pop Princess" pillow from Davenport Home Furnishings, and stands near feathered handbags from Split Pursenality

ate Girly Girl alone.

Reed-Tucker closed the doors on Michael's Angel Attic and worked all summer to transform the store into a palace fit for princesses. The concept was inspired by Reed-Tucker's only daughter, Jillian, 12, a true girly-girl whose photo hangs on a wall in the store. Reed-Tucker also has two sons.

Reed Tucker opened the doors of Girly Girl for the first time during Northville's Victorian Festival last weekend. Women crowded in, and snapped up T-shirts with the slogans "Shopping Makes Me Smile" and "Kiss the Boys and Make Them Cry."

"It was a hit!" Reed-Tucker said. "I'm like a kid in a candy store after buying angels for so long."

Reed-Tucker has gone on buying trips and brought back unique handbags, jewelry, beaded throw pillows, photo frames and select clothing and accessories. The more you look through Girly Girl, the more merchandise will catch your eye and make you smile.

"There's no better time to be a girl," Reed-Tucker said.

Now that Girly Girl offers such a great place to shop, PINK is waiting for Manly Men to hit the scene. Any sightings?

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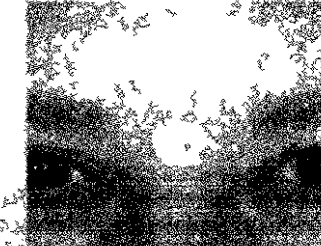
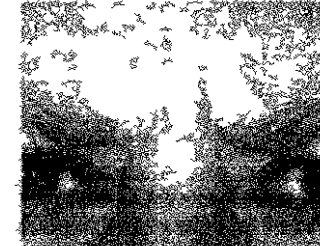
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DWW preps for first conference at Schoolcraft

By Wensdy White ■ PINK

After missing a beat last year, the 42nd annual Detroit Working Writers Conference — which brings top authors, poets, editors and publishers together for a weekend of workshops and camaraderie — is coming back stronger than ever. It will be held for the first time at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Oct. 15-16.

The conference had been staged at Oakland University since its inception in 1961, on the campus grounds in Rochester Hills. But last year, OU failed to fund the conference, and it was not held.

"When OU was experiencing budget problems, they could no longer host our conference," explained DWW President Iris Underwood. "It was difficult for them and difficult for us. It was quite a wound-ing separation."

But the split turned out to be positive for DWW when Schoolcraft stepped in to do the conference.

Schoolcraft publishes *The MacGuffin*, a well-respected literary journal, and is home to a talented battery of teachers, including DWW member and poet Kathleen Rupley Leo. DWW member

Robin Franks also is affiliated with the school. Schoolcraft's Sandra Shroyer is Conference Logistics Coordinator.

"They have a really strong English Department and we share the same vision of really promoting literature," Underwood said.

The college is able to accommodate the entire conference under one roof, in the state-of-the-art VisTaTech Center, whereas before, attendees had to navigate several buildings at OU.

The larger space means the conference pre-glow can be held on campus instead of in a restaurant, making it open to the public for the first time. The pre-glow features Milford poet and essayist Thomas Lynch, author of *The Undertaking*. Other keynote speakers include Judith Guest and Denise Stinson. Students from Schoolcraft's renowned Culinary Arts program will cater meals. Yum!

But more important than the food are workshops that cover fiction, non-fiction, poetry, screenwriting, playwriting and getting your work in front of an agent.

For more information, and to download the conference brochure, visit detworkingwriters.org



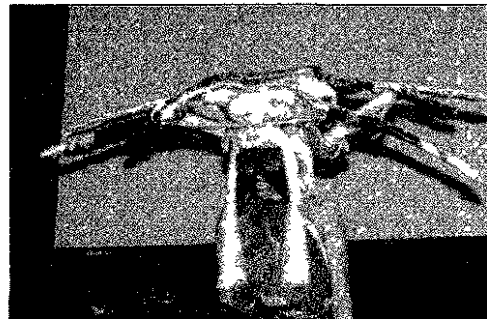
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Get Perfectly Dressed

"Social Occasion Caravan," Sept. 29-Oct. 2, features party frocks in over 100 styles by JS Boutique, Jessica Howard, Karen Miller, Barn Jay, Sandra Darren, Scala and Jessica McClintock in all sizes. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 2, enjoy makeovers at Estee Lauder, register to win two-night stay at Livonia Marriott and meet reps from Pastry Palace, Vanessa's Florist, Charisma Salon & Day Spa, Marriott Hotel catering and Life Memories for wedding story books. 37500 Six Mile Rd., Livonia.

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Real Big Hair Ball

Detroit's creative community comes together to put on a hair and fashion show full of theatrics, Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St. Sponsored by London Calling Salon, the annual event benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Doors, 7 p.m., show, 8 p.m., \$15 advance, \$20 at the door, 18 and over. Call 586-778-6379.



Wild looks are the norm @ Real Big Hair Ball

Think Pink for Cancer Awareness

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, visit Brighton Collectibles, Somerset, for "Think Pink, Too!" at 9

a.m., Friday, Oct. 1 for the introduction of a unique pink ribbon bracelet with Swarovski crystals. A donation of \$5 from the purchase of each bracelet will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Call 248-649-1660 for information.

Nailco Hairdresser of the Year Awards

DREAMS 2004 featuring Tiffany Presented by The Nailco Group and Oldies 104.3 WOMC, the event benefits the Gail Puritan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund in conjunction with Karmanos Institute. Includes strolling dinner, wine tasting, auction and show featuring Dick Puritan unplugged and Vivienne Mackinder fashion show direct from NYC Fashion Week. 5:30 p.m., VIP, 8 p.m., Show, Oct. 4, Max M. Music Center, Detroit. Tickets, \$35-\$200 at thetiffanyawards.com or 313-576-5111.

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Fall Getaway for Women

YWCA Camp Cavell will host two pampering getaways filled with manicures, facials, massages and much more, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, and Oct. 1-3. Additional information along with registration forms are available online at <http://campeavell.org> or 800-354-9922.

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Neiman Marcus Events

"Intimate Apparel Week," experience beautiful news for Fall 2004, through Oct. 2, "The Accessories Event," discover finishing touches for the season, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Accessories and Shoe Salon, "The Zegna Event," Sept. 30-Oct. 3, The Man's Store. Neiman Marcus, Somerset, 2800 Big Beaver, Troy.

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Carmen Harlan, who is celebrating 25 years at WDIV, doesn't look a day older than when she first joined Local 4. She was escorted through the VIP 2nd-floor party by her husband, Andrew Henry of AGH Builders.



Gymnast Joanne Vosler had a nasty spill while doing back flips, but that didn't stop her from attending Legends Fore Children in a dress that matched her cast. Her friend Joann Kemp, looking fabulous in Lilly Pulitzer, gave her a whirlwind tour of the party. The girls look adorable thanks to their husbands, who purchased their outfits for the night.



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Ryder Cup charity event

Legends Fore Children, the first officially sanctioned event of the 35th Ryder Cup Matches, drew a fabulous crowd for a night of shopping, food and entertainment at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset, on Sept. 16. The event

raised money for the Children's Charities Coalition, which benefits a variety of children's services in Metro Detroit.

Hundreds of guests enjoyed special shopping incentives like \$20 toward the purchase of fine leather goods and fragrances from Penhaligon's. VIPs could climb to the second floor of Saks for a more exclusive soiree featuring a private Motown concert, informal modeling and a menu catered by Forte.

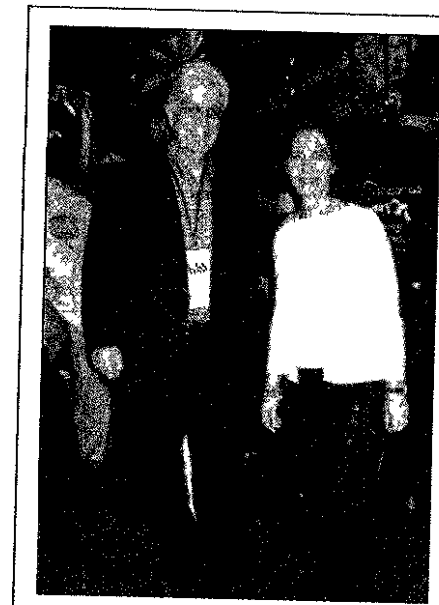
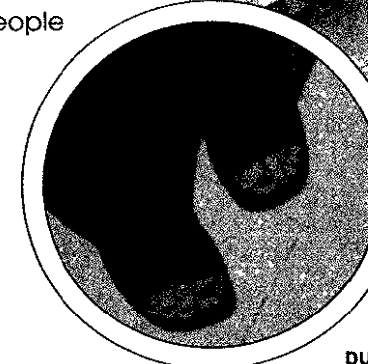
Outside, a Temptations review played Motown hits and partygoers enjoyed the open bar and dance floor.

Security at the event was tight, and the crowd was abuzz with rumors of celebrity sightings. PINK missed glimpses of golfers and movie stars, but we did see plenty of people perfectly fit for the PINK Carpet!



Ken Dewey, Director of the Fifth Avenue Club for Saks Fifth Avenue, chats with friend Anne Fleming, Director of Tiffany Store & Co. Dewey regaled guests with an account of how he purchased an official black Ryder Cup shirt for the party, but after having it tailored, opted for Versace. He also sports his trademark painted toenails. Every man deserves a manicure!

pink carpet



Fred Marx of Marx Layne, shares a dance with his wife, Sally, at Legends Fore Children.



The Temptations Review Featuring Dennis Edwards dressed in trademark matching suits as they belted out hits and danced in unison.

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Anna Sui has romantic designs on Fall



Even though we are just filling our closets with the best of fall, Anna is already premiering her Spring 2005 collection. Here she is backstage at her New York Fashion Week show at Bryant Park on Sept. 13. You bet her soft floral layered tops are a hint of things to come.

Anna Sui, who hails from Dearborn, is known for high fashion designs with vintage sensibilities and an ever-present touch of rock n' roll. For Fall 2004, she combines the latest trends and classic cuts to create head-to-toe runway ensembles that can inspire lots of everyday looks.

Anna Sui's interest in fashion began at an early age with a devotion to dressing her dolls and her neighbor's toy soldiers for her own personal version of the Academy Awards. Sui eventually extended her fashion interest to include designing her own clothes and clipping fashion magazine pages to serve as inspiration. To this day, she continues to refer to these "genius files."

After graduating from high school, Sui moved to New York City to attend Parsons School of Design. There, she found a collaborator and close friend in Steven Meisel, today one of the world's top fashion photographers. Her early days as a stylist for Meisel's shoots included editorial for the Italian fashion magazine *LE!*

After leaving Parsons, Sui worked at a variety of junior sportswear companies. In 1980, she presented six original pieces at the Boutique Show and immediately received an order from Macy's, which featured one of her designs in a *New York Times* advertisement. That same year, Anna Sui launched her own business that operated out of her apartment throughout the 1980s.

Sui premiered her first runway show in 1991, prompting the *New York Times* to proclaim her signature look a "pastiche of hip and haute styles." That same year, Sui moved her business and showroom to its current location in the Garment District in Manhattan.

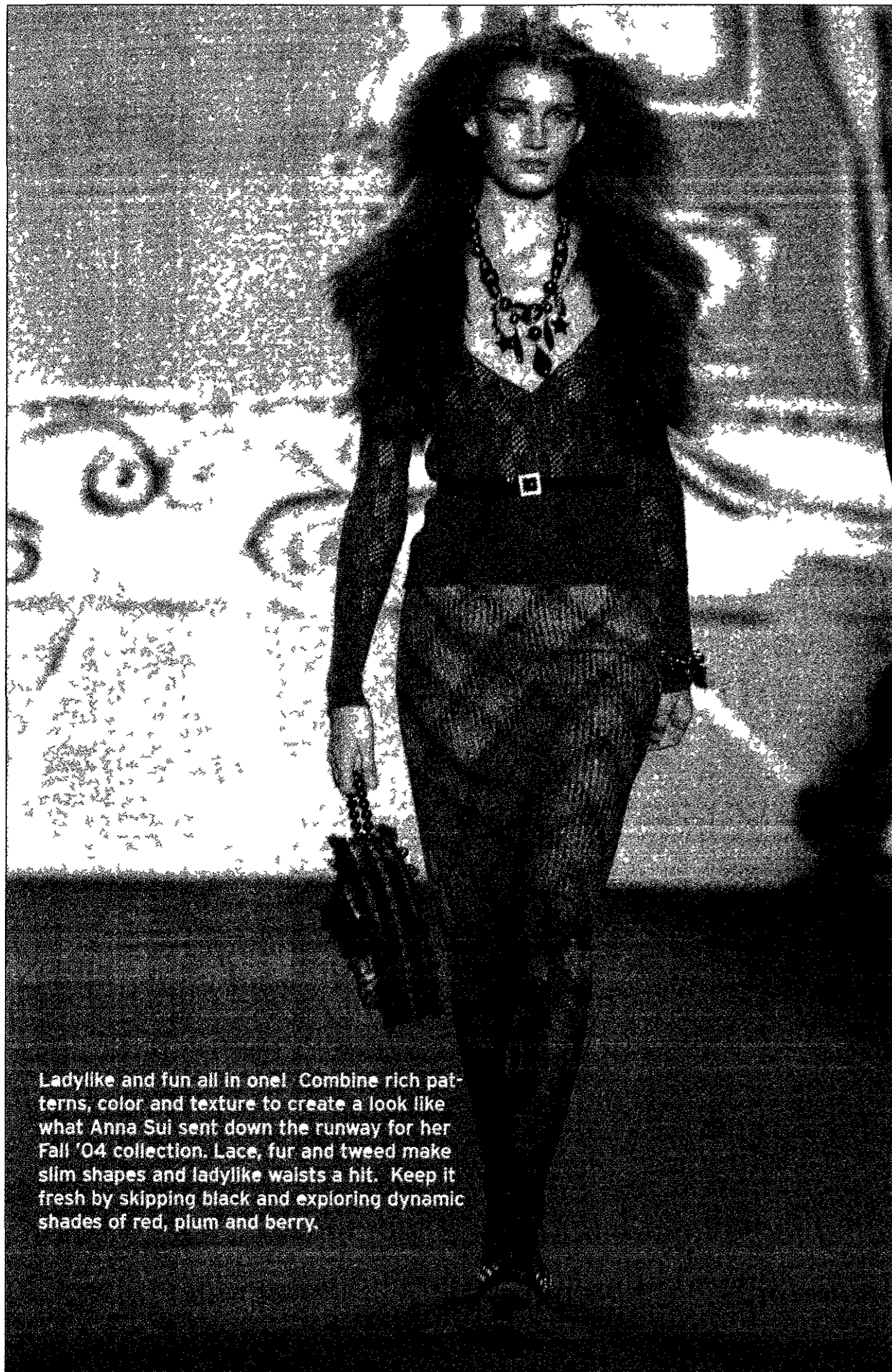
In 1992, Sui opened her own boutique in the SoHo district of New York. The store reflects Sui's distinct taste, pairing flea market furniture and whimsical Dolly Head mannequins in a room with purple walls and red floors.

Sui has since opened boutiques in Los Angeles and Asia, and has launched lines of women's shoes, accessories, signature cosmetics, and the fragrances *Sui Dreams* and *Sui Love*.

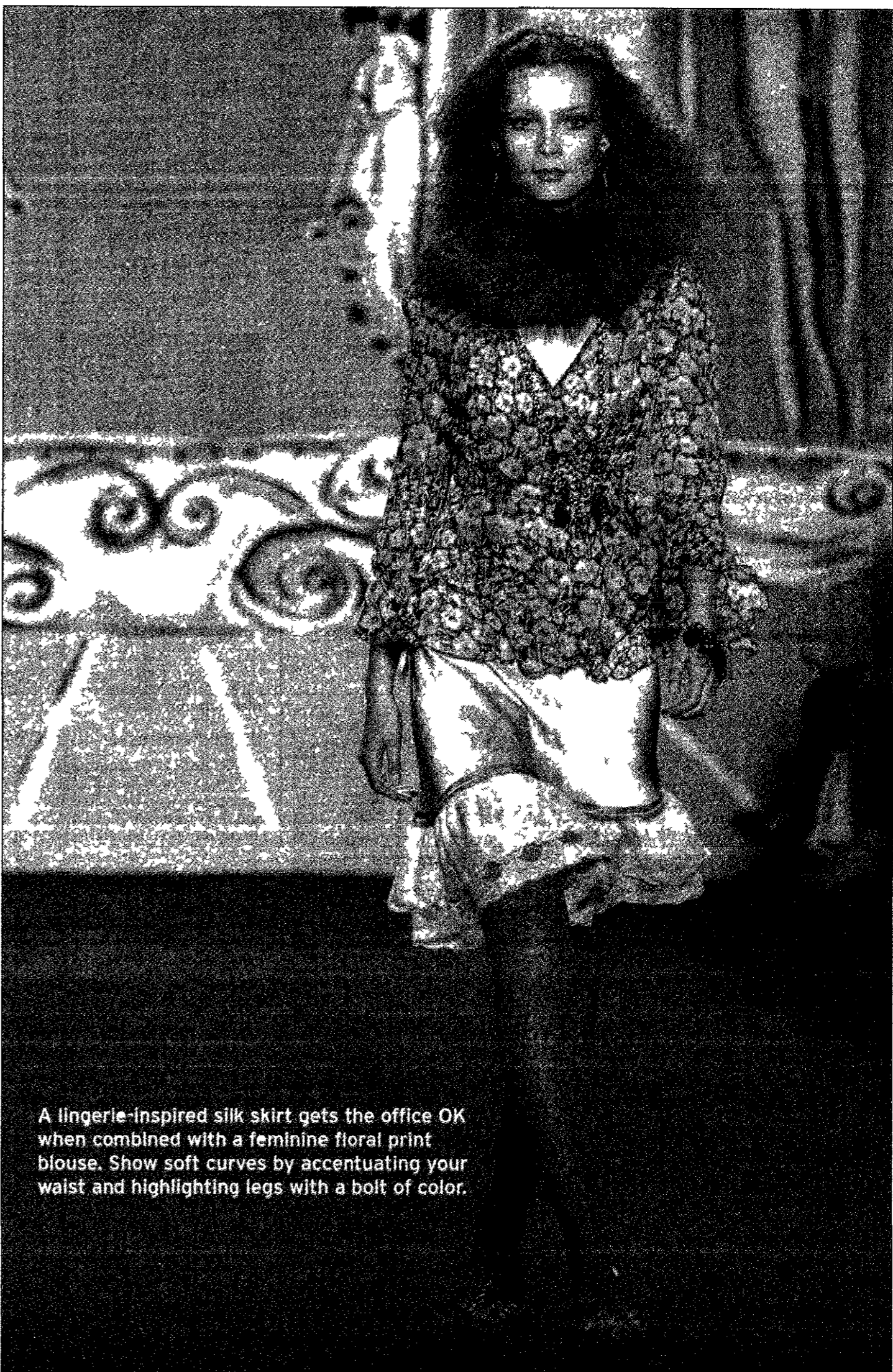
Anna Sui continues to design and manufacture her signature Anna Sui Collection in her New York City headquarters, and her runway shows set trends and inspire designers everywhere. Sui's wit and original designs draw legions of devotees to her pieces, including clients Patricia Arquette, Christina Ricci, Cher, Naomi Campbell, Sofia Coppola, Courtney Love, and James Iha of Smashing Pumpkins.

Her clothing is available at Neiman Marcus, Marshall Field's, and Saks Fifth Avenue, with prices ranging from \$300-\$800 for jackets and \$200-\$500 for dresses.

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Ladylike and fun all in one! Combine rich patterns, color and texture to create a look like what Anna Sui sent down the runway for her Fall '04 collection. Lace, fur and tweed make slim shapes and ladylike waists a hit. Keep it fresh by skipping black and exploring dynamic shades of red, plum and berry.



A lingerie-inspired silk skirt gets the office OK when combined with a feminine floral print blouse. Show soft curves by accentuating your waist and highlighting legs with a bolt of color.