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Britney Moore, 3, enjoys one of the treats she got while trick-or-treating at stores in downtown Plymouth Friday night. Her 6-year-old brother Brandon is excited for their next stop.

Fun with fright

Annual Halloween event draws costumed crowd



Five-year-old Gina Barber picks out a blue glow stick from Renee Sellers (left) of Chase Home Finance as her aunt Jennifer Leonard, looks on.

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

At last year's Great Pumpkin Caper, young Lorelei Bungard won second-place honors in the costume contest dressed as a little pig. This year, her whole family got in on the act. Lorelei and four cousins entered the Halloween costume contest, part of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual trick-or-treat night in downtown Plymouth, as the 'Harrison Family Traveling Circus.'

And it worked. The family earned second-place honors in the 6-and-under age category.

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Kerry tops Bush among students

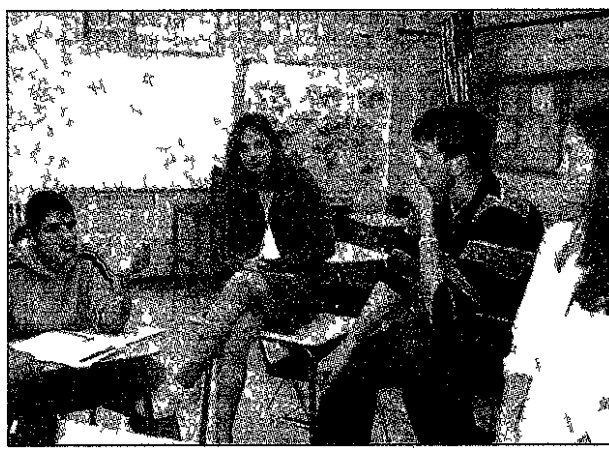
BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry may be in for some good news Tuesday, if the trend among Plymouth-Canton high school students prevails.

In 1996, the high school students picked President Bill Clinton to win, and Clinton carried Michigan while being re-elected.

In 2000, students voted for Democrat Al Gore.

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A6



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Salem High School students (from left) Yousef Haddad, 15, of Plymouth Township, Kelly Behr, 15, of Canton, and 15-year-old J.P. Truesdell and Kelly Adsit, both Plymouth Township, debate the presidential election.

At last, all agree on township budget

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in his four years in office — and on the last budget for which he'll be responsible — Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann finally got a unanimous vote of approval.

Township trustees this week approved the proposed \$12.5 million 2005 budget without dissent. Unlike previous years, when several study sessions were necessary to prepare the budget, board members this year met just once before

approving the budget Tuesday night.

For the second time in three years, the budget is balanced, without having to take funds from the township's fund balance. In fact, the proposed 2005 budget includes a \$30,000 addition to the fund balance.

'It took four years, but I finally got a unanimous vote on the budget,' Mann said with a laugh. 'We've made it our mission to be fiscally responsible, and these are the results.'

The budget adds one job — a staff

engineer in the Department of Public Works — and cuts two jobs in the building department. One clerical position that has been vacant and one building inspector. The staff engineer's salary will be paid for from the general fund and the water fund.

According to Mann and treasurer Ron Edwards, every department took a budget hit of some sort. The biggest cuts came in the police department, where some \$16,000 was trimmed from line items for

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A7

Cops hired in schools for election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools that house voting precincts will be staffed with police officers and additional personnel on Tuesday — election day — during the hours students are in class.

The precautions are being taken as the district tries to separate those who are casting ballots from the general school population.

There have been concerns expressed by parents about the safety of their children with people not known by children in the building, said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent of instruction. 'Since

Sept. 11, people are much more sensitive about who interacts with their kids.'

Our number one goal is to ensure voters aren't in the teaching areas, and the schools are making plans so that doesn't happen, said Church. Plus, we always have problems on national election days with parking because of the larger voter turnouts.

Church said 13 of the 15 elementary schools, three of the five middle schools and all three high schools will have police officers on duty for the half-day students are in school Tuesday.

'We will be using off-duty police officers and paying for their time,' said Church, rather than depleting the police departments.

'Members of our central maintenance and security staff will also be assigned to each school,' she said.

'We're also allowing principals to bring para-professionals who wouldn't normally be working to help

That will give us several additional people at each school.

A letter has been sent home to parents to explain the additional precautions being taken.

'We've heard on the news in recent weeks about possible events or problems arising from the election, so we have to be extra careful,' said Dan Huculak of Canton, who was picking up his 13-year-old son, Shawn, from Central Middle School Friday. 'I'm in favor of it.'

Lisa Novak of Plymouth Township, whose eighth-grader, Jamie, attends Central said she didn't know about the additional security effort, but is pleased to hear about it.

'I think anybody who isn't a parent shouldn't be in school,' said Novak. 'As a parent, we're always concerned about their safety.'

Central Middle School has both a front and rear entrance. Assistant Principal Andy Johnston said he's encouraging voters to enter the building off Adams Street, which is the closest entrance to the gym annex where the voting set-up will be.

'There will be a big sign in the rear, as usual, to show people where to vote,' said Johnston. 'There will be a security guard at the front entrance to ask voters to go back to the rear entrance.'

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District set to sell school bonds

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The first of the \$109 million bonds approved by Plymouth-Canton school district voters in September will be sold in Chicago on Wednesday.

The \$73.4 million in bonds will be used over the next three years to refurbish existing school buildings, and begin construction of a new elementary school in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village. Some of the proceeds are also expected to be

used to acquire new technology equipment and school buses.

A second issue is expected to be sold in three years to complete projects at all of the district's buildings constructed before 2000. The bonds will be sold in \$5,000 denominations.

They are free from both federal and state income taxes, said Dan Cesta, vice president of investments and senior retirement planning consultant at UBS Financial Services Inc. in Plymouth. "But, because they are tax free, they will have a

higher rate of return when you consider the break from income taxes.

They are typically bought by a person with a higher-end income. Cesta said the bonds will probably return a rate of 2.45 percent. Cesta noted the bonds are considered a safe investment because they are guaranteed by the State of Michigan. The proposed structure of these serial bonds is that portions of the principal will come due each year beginning in 2006, with the final bonds maturing in 2029, Cesta said.



JIM AGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ghoulish delight

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Skeleton were hanging out at 850 S. Harvey as residents got into the swing of the Halloween spirit around Plymouth. In addition to residential decorations, there were the Halloween scarecrows in Kellogg Park and, of course, the traditional trick-or-treating for children through the businesses of downtown Plymouth.

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Campaign season culminates as voters choose local leaders

As the presidential campaign ramps up its rhetoric down the stretch, voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township have to figure out not only whether they favor President Bush or Sen. John Kerry but they've also got to determine who will lead them at the local level.

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, they'll choose between Republicans Charles Curmi, Kay Arnold, Steven Mann and Robert Doroshewitz; Democrat Mark Christanson; and independent candidate Paul Schulz to fill four part-time trustee spots on the Plymouth Township Board.

The rest of the township administration was set during a write-in vote after the August primary with Richard Reaume (supervisor), Marilyn Messingill (clerk) and Ron Edwards (treasurer) facing a general election or position.

Mann has served four years as supervisor and is seeking a trustee post. Curmi and Arnold are the board's longest serving members, each elected in 1992. Doroshewitz, Schulz and Christanson are all political newcomers, although Schulz has run unsuccessfully for the Plymouth City Commission.

Other races of interest include the vote for county commissioner in the 10th District in a race between Laura Cox of Livonia, perhaps best known as the wife of Attorney General Mike Cox, and David Garrett of Livonia.

Also at stake is the state House seat in the 20th district, where Democrat Mark Cornveau, a Northville attorney, is challenging Republican John Stewart, a Plymouth attorney and current two-term representative.

All open for election are county clerk, register of deeds, circuit

appeals and state supreme court judges and members of the four education boards: the state board, Michigan State University of Michigan and Wayne State.

Freshman congressman Thad McCotter (R-Livonia) is likely to be returned to Washington in a district widely regarded as safely Republican, his challenger is a Nov. Democrat and union president, Phil Truran.

Two proposals — a ban on gay marriage and a gambling initiative — are also on the ballot.

The gambling issue, which says voters must approve all new forms of gambling, has brought out millions of dollars for TV ads from backers and opponents.

The polls are open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2. Voters unsure of where they vote can check it out online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

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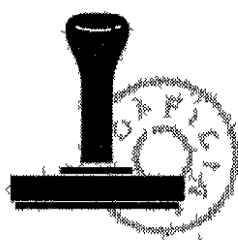
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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Oct 20-26

- Tuesday, Oct 26 – Commercial rescue run on Main, residential rescue run at Manton and on Farmer Trail, investigation on Sheldon
- Monday, Oct 25 – Residential rescue run on Heritage
- Sunday, Oct 24 – Rescue run on North Territorial, residential rescue runs on Portsmouth Crossing, on Parkview, on Sheridan and on Haggerty, single-family fire on Penniman
- Saturday, Oct 23 – Commercial



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rescue run on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Harvest, on Risman, on Ann Arbor Trail, on North, on Woodgate and on McClumpha

cue run to a public building/school on Main

- Friday, Oct 22 – Vehicle accidents on I-275 at Ann Arbor Road and at Main and Judson, investigation on Sheridan, residential rescue runs on Shadywood, on Haggerty, on Parkview, on Eastside and on Farmer
- Thursday, Oct 21 – Downed wires on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run on Church, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue run on York
- Wednesday, Oct 20 – Industrial rescue runs on Sheldon, on Port and on Schoolcraft, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Portsmouth, on Pinewood Circle,

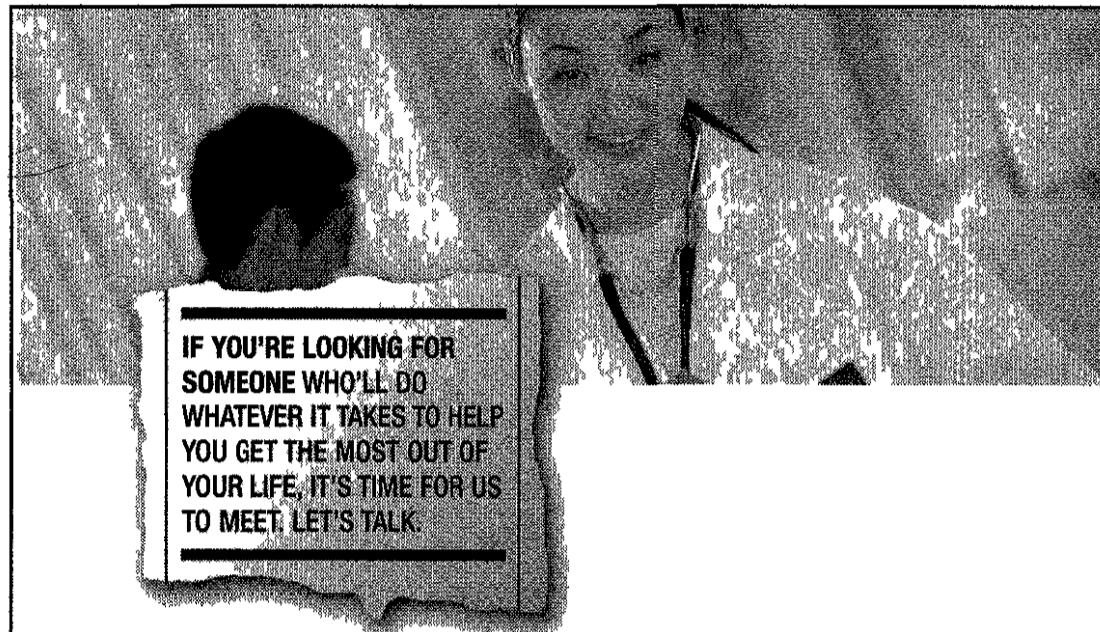
on Palmer, on Northville Road and on Greenbrook downed wires on North Territorial east of Beck, rescue run at the Fleet parking structure, commercial rescue run on Main, rescue runs to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road and on Beck, vehicle fire at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha

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10 take aim at 3 open seats on Plymouth library board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will actually determine Tuesday who will win the three open seats on the seven-member Plymouth District Library board.

In many years, the board has had to seek out candidates to fill the ballot. However, this year there are 10 aspirants vying for the three board openings.

Stephen Harper has been on the board for 18 years, an original member of the district library board which was formed in 1986.

"It's been wonderful to be able to start from scratch and create a unit of government that delivers a service that people want, and that is financially sound and financially secure," said Harper, 61, of Plymouth Township. Over the years we constructed a new building, dramatically increased the days and hours of service, and have greatly expanded the collection.

"We're at a point where the public demand is almost beyond the capacity to deliver," he said. "I'd like to continue to be part of the future."

Deborah Taracuk has served five years on the board, appointed to fill a one-year vacancy and then re-elected four years ago.

"It's been a fun experience because the board gets to watch the new technology and trends," said Taracuk, 47, of Plymouth Township. "But, with shrinking revenue and rapid technology changes, you have to run, not stand in place."

"I want to maintain a high level of service to patrons and ensure that the level of service remains high," she said.

Marvin Stempien, 71 of Plymouth Township, said he's used the library as a place to sit and read, time for reflection, write legal briefs and as a meeting place.

"I've just fallen in love with that place," said Stempien. "I would like to get involved in community activities. I could be helpful in promoting the library. It's a good fit for me."

John Sturk of Plymouth Township is a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in political theory and journalism.

"I want to make a statement that young people can and do get involved in government," said Sturk, 21. "I'm really excited the library is considering renovating parts of the lower level into a teen area and a young person on the board could really help it connect with what teens are looking for."

Donna Brodenck, 38 of Plymouth Township, said the library is a focal point of the community and helps bring

people together. "I think it would be great to become part of the leadership and improve programs," said Broderick, "such as seniors reading to children, and getting more teens to come to the library."

Jacqueline George is a 25-year resident of Plymouth Township whose mother always stressed education, which meant using the library.

"I would like to see the Plymouth District Library stronger in outreach programs," said George. "An emphasis on meeting the needs of our seniors is a must. Keeping our service and technology state of the art is my vision."

Gregory Harrison has lived in the Plymouth area for nearly 20 years, and believes his job as facilities director at Garden City Hospital gives him the experience he will need as a board member.

"This sounds like exactly what I do at work, keep the facility running and using what I know to help the community," said Harrison. "The library has certainly changed, becoming very high tech. I have the background that will help."

The others running for the Plymouth District Library board, including incumbent Mary Mackie, J D Carlson and Daniel Slater, couldn't be reached for comment. tbruscato@oe.hometown.com

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'Regular guy' shares skills for coping with multiple sclerosis

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

For the last seven years, Steve Corte has dealt with the physical and emotional ravages of multiple sclerosis and he hopes to share the coping skills he has learned with two CDs offering advice to others dealing with the disease.

He explains on the recordings that he's a 'regular guy' trying to help others with *So You Have MS*, for patients, and *So You Know Someone with MS*, for their family and friends.

I have everyday people listening to me, because I come from the heart, said Corte, 49.

Listening to the tapes is easy to imagine him sitting casually at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee and instead of looking at a friend he's talking into a microphone about how his life has changed since December 1997 when he was diagnosed with MS.

He had an active lifestyle, riding motorcycles, snowskied, water skied and even competed in triathlons and power lifting events. The disease started to take its toll and

by 1998 he had lost 80 percent control of his body and just getting out of bed in the morning was an athletic challenge.

"I started falling down and stumbling," Corte said. "My right foot started hanging up and I started losing strength in my arms and legs."

His current physical goal is fighting off predictions by doctors that he will use a wheelchair and live in a nursing home. Corte manages to rely on a walker and cane and lives on his own in a Westland apartment. He purposely chose the third floor to force himself

to climb the 18 steps into his apartment regularly.

Living independently, he said, has its difficulties, but there are positive aspects, too.

"You learn to take care of yourself," Corte said. "You need help. But if you live with someone you can get too much help."

MESSAGES OF HOPE

The optimism and fortitude he experiences in his own life are transferred onto his CDs, offering messages of hope.

"I now look at MS as an opportunity to bring me to what I love - helping others help themselves," Corte said. "A positive attitude is 90 percent of the battle. The CDs aren't just for disabled people. Other people can get something from them, too. It's about finding themselves and knowing that there is help out there."

He tells his listeners that having dyslexia and a speech disorder as a child prepared him to be compassionate. Corte went on to graduate from Livonia's Franklin High School in 1973. He became a machine operator at General Motors Powertrain where he retired on a medical disability in 2004 after a 28-year career, which included seven years with progressive MS.

The father of two adult children and grandfather of five said he wants to help other MS patients overcome feelings of abandonment, understand their own needs, express how they feel and what they want, identify how and when MS affects them so they can make a schedule for living, deal with loved ones, and above all, find peace within their lives.

Approximately 400,000 Americans acknowledge having MS, and every week about 200 people are diagnosed. Worldwide, MS may affect more than two million individuals, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

MS is an inflammatory disease of the central nervous system that damages insulating material surrounding the nerve fibers in the brain, spinal

cord and optic nerves. Most people are diagnosed when they are between 20 and 40 years old.

Since no two cases of multiple sclerosis are alike, MS patients are affected differently. In fact, the majority of MS patients can lead fairly normal lives.

On most days, Corte said he wakes up with pain and weakness in his arms and legs.

It's kind of like having a stroke, but I didn't have a stroke," he said. "If I'm on my feet for a long period of time my right side goes numb. You have to push yourself everyday and know you have this fight everyday. No matter when I go to bed at night I know I have to fight in the morning. Your legs don't work, you don't feel good."

The worse thing I can do is lay around. I have to push myself. It's like having a flu. I didn't want to get up this morning, but I knew I had to, because I had things to do."

He stresses, however, that daily life isn't all bad.

"There's still life after MS," Corte adds. "People give up. His second tape offers advice on how to interact with people who have MS by identifying points of embarrassment, understanding what it means to be a friend to someone with a chronic disease and dealing with anger."

There's a lot of help that people don't go get," Corte said. "So, if they can have a CD to listen to then maybe it will help them."

LEARNING TO COPE

Corte said he was involved with a woman before he got sick, but she was unable to cope with the changes MS brought.

Now I have someone (Laura Manzo) in my life for four years, he said. It's a hard thing to deal with. Dealing with me is hard, because I get moody.

Manzo, also a Westland resident, said she tries to stay flexible with the changes in plans that MS causes, because Corte never knows exactly how he will feel at a given time.



Steve Corte wants to share the coping skills he has learned in dealing with the physical and emotional ravages of Multiple Sclerosis through two CDs, 'So You Have MS,' for patients and 'So You Know Someone with MS.'

"You rearrange things to accommodate him," she said, explaining that she has a son with autism and from that experience she has learned to deal with the physical and emotional effects of a disease.

It wasn't that difficult to add Steve to the picture," she said. "There's a lot of things I've adjusted in my life, because of my son."

Her best advice to others is to avoid forming opinions about someone, because he or she has an illness.

"My father has taken my other son overnight, to places or shopping, but he won't do it with my son who is autistic, because he's afraid," she said. "People have preconceived notions about people with handicaps. That it's too difficult or out of their reach. It's really important to try to listen and understand, because they just assume things that aren't true."

Corte and Manzo plan to marry sometime in 2005. She's never given up on me, Corte added.

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STUDENTS

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While Gore lost the presidency to eventual winner George W. Bush, he did carry the state.

In an election conducted by teachers Bill Boyd and Darrin Silvester this week, Kerry beat Bush by 4 percent, with Ralph Nader receiving 7 percent of the vote. Kerry got 47.5 percent, Bush drew support from 43.5 percent.

"Our kids have mirrored the state results ever since I can remember," said Boyd. "It will be interesting to see if the trend will continue Tuesday."

While many at the high school won't actually get a chance to cast a ballot until they turn 18 years old, it doesn't mean they don't have strong opinions on whom they support.

"We should never have gone to Iraq," said Yousef Haddad, 15, of Plymouth Township, who is a staunch Democrat. Bush and (Vice President Dick) Cheney said after 9/11 Iraq had enough weapons of mass destruction to blow up the world. They still haven't found one.

Calling himself a conservative Republican, J.P. Truesdell disagreed vehemently with Haddad.

"I really believe we need to be there," said Truesdell, 15, from Plymouth Township. "It's important that we secure our homeland to make sure it's safe for everyone, so we don't have to live in terror and worry about being attacked."

Kelly Behr, a Democrat, defends Kerry on the issue of flip-flopping.

Kerry changes his positions with facts, said the 15-year-old from Canton Township. "Kerry looks at facts, data and other people's opinions, and then he'll change or alter his position, which is the right thing to do. Bush, when he has a perspective, usually won't change."

Kelly Adsit, with her Republican beliefs, doesn't buy that argument.

"You can't have a president that says he's going to do something, then gets into office and changes his mind," said Adsit, 15, of Plymouth Township.



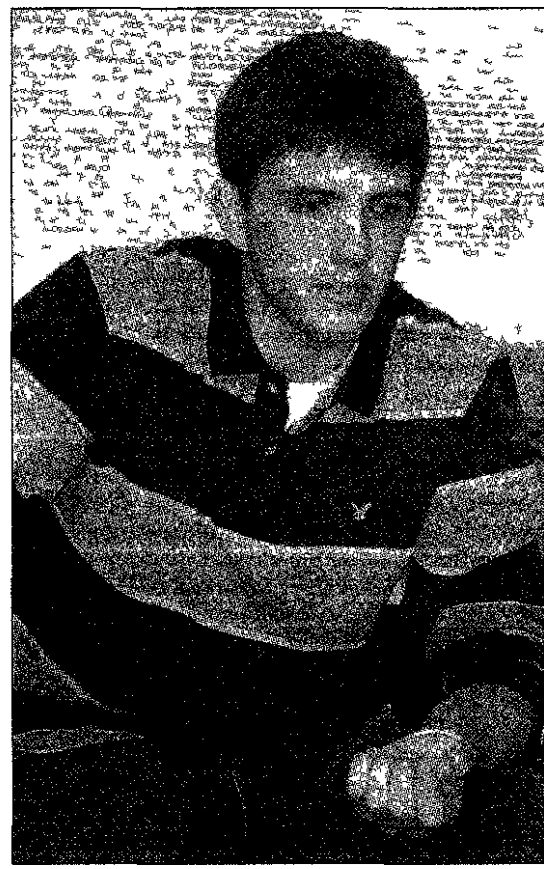
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During a debate with her peers at Salem High School about the presidential election, Kelly Behr, 15, from Canton explains why she agrees with Sen. John Kerry's foreign policies.

Township. "It doesn't work. Bush sticks to what he says."

The students are cognizant of the fact the country, and Michigan in particular, has lost tens of thousands of jobs the past few years.

Under George Bush, the economy is going down, said Haddad. He cut taxes for those who



J.P. Truesdell, 15, from Plymouth Township, expresses support for President George W. Bush.

make the most money, and he's spent the budget surplus built up by Clinton."

Truesdell doesn't agree. "Millions of jobs have been created the past couple of years," he said. "The economy is on the upswing. Sept. 11 cost us billions of dollars. You can't blame him entirely for the debt."

Behr said she's a Democrat mainly because of the moral issues.

On abortion, I think women should have a



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choice, she said. "And, I see gays as equals, and should have all the privileges of marriage."

Silvester said it's important for young people to get involved in politics, no matter what their party affiliation.

The 18- to 24-year-olds can reshape an election by increasing their voting percentage 20-30 percent, said Silvester. Then, the candidates will have to pay attention to them. Not just on the issues of Social Security, prescription drugs, and Medicaid, but issues like college financing."

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HALLOWEEN

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We wanted to do something together where all of the kids could do the same thing," said Heidi Bungard, who was dressed as a clown. "We wanted something where the kids were equals and no one stood out from the others."

The contest also featured a 7-13 age group. The winner in that age group was 13-year-old Kellie Woodart, dressed as a grandmother. Matthew Lahey, 10, was second, dressed as Jack from the movie *Nightmare Before Christmas*.

Four youngsters dressed as the cast of the musical *Annie* won the younger category. The four: Kendall and Julia LaFlair, Cormac Smith and Kiley Flynn.

Scores of children and their parents strolled the streets of downtown, collecting tricks and treats from the downtown businesses.

"It's a great event," said Kevin Khashan, co-owner of Sean O'Callaghan's. "What other day do you get 1,000 kids downtown? The kids might be doing it for the candy, but the adults are just doing it because it's fun."

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Plymouth Mayor Ella Greene judged the costume contest and said the annual event is quite essential to the small town.

"It's great to see young people in downtown Plymouth, having this much fun," Greene said. "It's a hoot."

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Kennedy Barry gets a treat from Maria Kendra from Wiltse's Pharmacy during trick-or-treating for kids in downtown Plymouth Friday night.

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Faith, family prompt priest to speak out on election

The Rev. Harry Cook, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Clawson, is going to do something this Sunday that, as he plans to tell his congregation, I have never done before in 40 years of preaching.

He plans - whatever the cost - to address his congregation and tell them, during his homily, that President George W. Bush is ruining the country.

Episcopal priests don't normally do anything like that. Father Cook has long been an outspoken advocate of keeping church and state separate.

Incidentally, he is by no means a trendy, flighty, go-with-the-fashion sort of minister. A noted, if controversial, serious biblical scholar, he instantly impresses one as a man of gravitas.

His sermons have been singled out for praise by the Rev. Harvey Guthrie Jr., former dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.

The Rev. William Spong, Episcopal bishop of Newark, once said "Harry Cook is a rare priest. I wish many of us could sit at his feet every Sunday morning."

But Harry Cook is also a family man who worries, frankly, whether what he is about to do might cost him his job, cost him his parish in this small, mainly blue-collar town. He is scarcely wealthy and though he is 65, he still has children in school.

Why is he risking so much and taking the church into partisan politics?

"The last thing this is about is partisan politics," he says in his crusty way. "What we are talking about here is the kind of world we will bequeath to our grandchildren."

Is it not now clear that the invasion of Iraq was predicated upon deliberate deception? Is it not equally clear that the war few wanted and nobody needed has become a catastrophe for America's reputation as a people of honor and principle?

Father Cook argues that what he is about to do is required by his faith.

Our religion is at its core and in all its outward-moving life a very worldly, 'body and blood' experience in which the values and man dates of peace and justice, equity and fairness and both fundamental and paramount, even as the Baptismal covenant says so clearly.

What this is really about, he confesses, is his grandchildren, and the world they will inherit after he has died. And with a twinkle in his eye,

he confesses that he wants them to be able to say that their grandfather did not watch football games and sit-coms on television as their country slouched toward moral disaster.

Not many ministers will do what Harry Cook is doing. But this is an election that is moving many Americans to take sides in a way seldom seen before. In Toledo, a man has a sign on a large billboard overlooking I-75 that calls on Roman Catholics to do all they can to defeat their fellow Roman Catholic, U.S. Sen. John Kerry. They believe his stand in favor of a woman's right to choose an abortion is morally evil.

Last week I talked to a conservative Christian publishing executive, a stout Bush supporter, who told me he suggested to his wife (they've been married 31 years) that the country might get along just fine if in fact Kerry did win next Tuesday.

She was so upset she stopped speaking to me, he said.

U.S. Sen. Zell Miller, a Georgia Democrat, is traveling around the country with President Bush, denouncing fellow Democrat Kerry.

Meanwhile, rock-ribbed Republicans like John Eisenhower and Bill Miliken, longest-serving governor in Michigan history, have denounced Bush and publicly back the Democrat.

Whatever else you can say about all this, apathy seems to be dead, and many are forecasting the largest turnout in many years. But the largest turnout of eligible voters in history in 1860, the election that led to the Civil War, and it seems safe to say nobody wants that again. George Bush ran four years ago promising to be a uniter not a divider, and if nothing else, it seems clear the nation is more polarized than ever. Let's hope that four years from now the red and blue Americas don't loathe each other quite so much. My prediction, by the way? Kerry, in a close but clear outcome decided by the new voters and the latest revelations on the mess in Iraq. Republicans keep both houses of Congress, and Michigananders overwhelmingly outlaw gay marriage.

Footnote: Last week's column was about a court decision that would have allowed Michigan voters to go into the wrong precinct and cast a so-called "provisional ballot" for president and Congress only. That ruling has been overturned, and at least for this election, voters will have to show up, as always, where they are supposed to vote.

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BUDGET

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capital improvements and training.

The fire department likewise lost some training money, and about \$6,000 in rescue supplies. A wish list submitted by Fire Chief Randy Maycock included two infrared cameras (the board approved one) and six new computers (the board approved

three).

In all, the board approved more than \$114,000 in new equipment for the department. It was the only issue that drew any discord.

I think there are a lot of things in this fire department budget that aren't needed," trustee Abe Munfakh said.

The only other point of debate was the police department's drug forfeiture fund, which currently has a balance of some \$39,000.

Trustee Kay Arnold suggested moving \$25,000 into the general fund to defray the salary of the department's K9 officer, Steve Cheston.

Over the objection of Chief Tom Tidemington, the board approved the move, adding the \$25,000 to the townships fund balance.

The balanced budget leaves the townships overall millage rate at 3.2694 for general operating, fire operating and the

police/fire operating funds.

"We've been working for four years to streamline the budget process and clean up our books," said Mann, who leaves office next month and is one of six candidates seeking a trustee spot in Tuesday's general election. "Our budget is fine-tuned. We know where the revenue is, and we know where we're spending our money practically to the penny."

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Your foot pain may come from nerve endings that are irritated. Such pain tends to be more prickly than sharp and is present even when you are off your feet. The problem usually involves both feet, begins in the toes and then moves upward to the ankle. The route follows that same path as putting on a sock, leading to the name of stocking neuropathy.

Your foot pain could result from a poor blood supply. The pain comes on while walking, but not standing, and causes a red hue to the foot. Such circulation problems often accompany diabetes.

The other main reason for foot pain is arthritis. Certain conditions such as psoriatic arthritis cause painful toes. Gout causes intense pain to the base of the big toe. In rheumatoid arthritis you feel like the bottoms of your feet are walking on marbles. In osteoarthritis the pain occurs on walking and is localized over one area of one foot.

The need to find your foot problem stems from neurovascular insufficiency or represents arthritis. Says the basis for the questions your doctor will ask. As the above discussion illustrates the different causes result in a pattern of pain that identifies the source.

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Thomas Edwards
Plymouth Township

No on Proposal 2

I am writing to urge everyone in to vote NO on Proposal 2. If we pass this amendment it will be the first time in history an amendment was passed that took away rights and freedoms from a minority group of people. Never in history have we done this and I see no reason to start today. Let's look at the facts of Proposal 2. Fact 1 - For those whom are against gay

marriage, it is important to know this constitutional amendment does not make gay marriage illegal. In the state of Michigan gay marriage is already illegal. This amendment will not change that. Fact 2 - This amendment does not outlaw gay sexual activity. It does not make homosexuality illegal. Fact 3 - For those who believe this will prevent gay people from having and raising children - it will not. There are no provisions in the amendment regarding parenting. Fact 4 - What will Proposal 2 do? It is a fact that it will hurt children! This amendment will take away and forever deny benefits, including medical insurance, dental insurance, vision coverage and the right to legal counsel for children in, and partners of same-gender relationships. There are thousands of children in this state who depend on the insurance provided by their parents partner. This amendment will take that insurance away. And if the partners chose to separate, this amendment would prevent them from seeking legal counsel to decide custody and visitation rights. Is that what we want? Will taking away medical insurance from a child make Michigan a better state? Will it make America a better country? Will it protect marriage? No! Whether a person agrees with gay marriage or not, which is not what this amendment is about, I cannot believe anyone would vote to purposely hurt children, would vote to discriminate against a minori-

ty population, would vote to spread prejudice in our society. Yet, this is exactly what Proposal 2 does. It does not protect the sanctity of marriage. Fact 5 - The only reason this amendment is on the ballot right now is because some very wealthy conservatives paid for it to be! Many people were paid thousands and thousands of dollars to collect signatures for this amendment. Several months ago, this same amendment went before our Michigan elected officials and it was voted down. Voted down because our elected officials know their job is to protect all, and this Amendment discriminates against a minority population. The last time I checked America was founded on freedom. Our constitution states that Americans have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Proposal 2 is in direct contrast to that. We must stand together and protect our freedoms. Whether you agree with someone's lifestyle or not, to vote to take away their civil rights - their rights to benefits, insurance and legal representation in the court of law - is about as anti-American as you can get. I urge everyone, before voting on this Nov 2, read the amendment thoroughly, understand what it says and what it means and its implications. If you vote yes, you are taking us back in time, back to prejudice, discrimination, and persecution of minorities. If you believe in America and you believe everyone is created equal you have no choice but to vote NO on Proposal 2!

Cheryl J. Phillips
Canton



Senior citizens from Tonquish Creek Manor get a tour of the Plymouth Community Fire Department from firefighters, who also treated the residents to dinner and some birthday cake.


Firefighters treat seniors

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Just more than a handful of Tonquish Creek Manor residents recently had a chance to be wined and dined by the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Six residents were recently served spaghetti dinners and given fire station tours. The fire department gave six tickets to Tonquish Creek Manor, which held a drawing to determine who would get the tickets. The dinner proved to be a hot commodity among the residents, said Annette Stutrud, service coordinator for

Tonquish Creek. More than 30 residents put their names into the hat. "They had a beautiful dinner for them, Stutrud said of the night. They were treated like queens - they had a great time. Dinner consisted of spaghetti with garlic toast, and because of two firefighters celebrating September birthdays, the dessert was birthday cake. All participants received certificates proclaiming them firefighter for a day. They had a chance to meet firefighters and paramedics and tour the fire station located on Beck and North Territorial.

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Whom to pick in Tuesday's vote

Voters have two important responsibilities as Tuesday's general election arrives, the first and most important being to actually go to the polls and vote, and the second being to choose the candidates you believe will do the best job

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

We believe voters should cast ballots for the four Republicans who made it out of the August primary — Steven Mann, Kay Arnold, Charles Curmi and Robert Doroshewitz

Mann has built an impressive list of accomplishments in four years as supervisor, with new recreational opportunities such as Lake Pointe Soccer Park, a new Downtown Development Authority for the Ann Arbor Road corridor and, of course, a new township hall

Arnold is finishing her third term on the board, and she's also served eight years on the planning commission. Other board members frequently count on her opinions as the liaison between themselves and the township's planners, a responsibility she takes seriously

Curmi is also a veteran of service to the board, having been elected in 1992. Curmi's no-nonsense attitude provides a balance with his colleagues

Doroshewitz is a political newcomer seeking his first elected office. He should bring a fresh look and some new ideas to the board

20TH DISTRICT, STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Voters should return Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, for a third term

Stewart has remained one of the more diligent representatives, with a 100-percent attendance record and a 99-percent voting record. He staunchly defends public schools and strives to serve some 39,000 students in the districts he represents

One of Stewart's biggest strengths is constituent services. While some may not like the answers they get from him, Stewart does a solid job of returning calls and maintaining accessibility to the people who vote for him

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

We suggest voters select Laura Cox of Livonia to represent the 10th District, which represents Livonia, part of Plymouth and Northville

Cox offers a combination of experience and determination that seems well-suited to the role of county commissioner. As a former federal customs agent, she has first-hand knowledge of the public safety needs of our region and she puts a high priority on public safety, questioning this year's budget slashing of 133 Wayne County sheriff's deputies while adding staff in other areas. She also points out the obvious economic advantage of public safety spending — the need to make Wayne County a safe, attractive place to do business

A recap of Observer vote endorsements

This is being labeled the most important presidential election in a generation. Lines at the polls are expected to be long

When voters arrive, they'll be faced with a long ballot that asks them to decide more than just who will lead the nation for the next four years. Local, county, state and federal offices and two controversial proposals to amend the state constitution are up for vote

The *Observer* recommends:
 ■ A **NO** vote on Proposal 1. While a proposal to limit the growth of gambling in the state is commendable, this proposal is a crass attempt by the casino interests to stifle any potential competition. Gov Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan Education Association worry that it might hurt the state's ability to introduce new state lottery games, which would hurt school funding. State and local officials need to make the tough decisions on gambling. **Vote no on Proposal 1**

■ A **NO** vote on Proposal 2. We take no position on same-sex marriage, an issue that will have to be worked out by society and the courts in the years to come. But this proposal is ill-conceived, sloppily written and could have negative consequences for the state and for many of its non-gay citizens. This amendment threatens the health care and other benefits of straight couples and minor children. **Vote no on Proposal 2**

■ The re-election of **Thaddeus McCotter** for U.S. representative of the 11th Congressional District. McCotter has a long history of government service at every level, understands the legislative process, has a keen understanding of issues and history and has provided good constituent service and communication. His opponent, Phil Truran, has run a good campaign and offers an alternative to McCotter's staunch conservative positions. We recommend that McCotter step up and state his expressed differences with his party leadership on the war and trade, but we believe he is in a position to provide the best representation for this district in Congress. We recommend McCotter

■ The election to a full term of **Warren Evans** for Wayne County sheriff. Evans was appointed to replace Robert Ficano in 2003 when Ficano became county executive. He has placed a strong emphasis on making the sheriff's department a service for local police departments. He has used grant money effectively. He and Ficano need to work more together to iron out their strong differences on the budget

Evans is running against his mentor and former Sheriff Bill Lucas. We believe that voters will be better served by electing Evans to a full term as sheriff



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LETTERS

Preserving manufacturing

The U.S. is the most open market in the world. China, Japan, and Korea are the most closed.

Running a trade deficit every year since 1976, the U.S. is on pace to a record deficit of \$590 billion this year, 19 percent higher than last year's all time record of \$497 billion

We have seen 2.7 million manufacturing jobs disappear over the last four years, and the national unemployment rate is holding steadily at 5.4 percent

As the country battles these economic issues, China, Japan, and Korea are increasing their exports and creating unfair trade advantages over U.S. goods through currency devaluation, high customs duties and taxes, and complicated import procedures and licensing

In the long term to compete effectively in the global market, the U.S. will have to become a more educated country. However, today, the government needs to protect our country's manufacturing base, and ultimately America's middle class. Implementing import quotas is a solution the U.S. government needs to consider doing today

Import quotas would limit the number of specific imported products coming into the country during a specified time period. It would level the playing field, and it would encourage foreign companies to begin manufacturing operations on U.S. soil, thus putting more Americans to work. With a buying market of 17 million vehicles, for example, this would not deter China, Japan, and Korea from wanting to do business with us. The U.S. economy is still the catalyst for global economic activity

President Bush justifies the paradigm shift of manufacturing offshoring as our "changing economy," from which he implies our economy will benefit in the long run. In economics, this idea is called comparative advantage, which basically says that two countries trading with each other can increase the standards of living of both countries by each concentrating on doing what each does best and most efficiently. However, this is true if there is a level playing field. Moreover, I argue that manufacturing is where the American dream has been achieved in our country's history, and it is manufacturing where the average American, who may not have the skills or education, can still achieve a middle class standard of living. Surely we should be steadfast to improve our education system to become a more highly skilled nation, but manufacturing is the basis of any economic system which makes use of the factors of production — natural resources, capital, human resources, and entrepreneurship — to sustain and improve the lives of its people

On the other hand, John Kerry believes in preserving manufacturing in the U.S. by offering tax incentives, tax breaks, and rewards to businesses that keep jobs and create jobs in America. Although this may have some effect, it is too limited, because the savings alone from cheap labor overseas far exceed any savings that can be realized by government tax incentives

America needs to take a tough stance against unfair trade practices. With a dwindling manufacturing base, U.S. manufacturers can't compete against artificially cheaper foreign products (currency devaluation makes imports cheaper than domestics), substantially lower labor costs, competitive disadvantages in foreign markets due to customs duties (China imposes a 167 percent duty and tax on motorized scooters coming from the U.S.), and limited access to markets overseas due to costly import procedures and licensing. A strategy of pushing the World Trade

Organization and International Monetary Fund for fair currency valuation, negotiating free-trade agreements with nations, and improving the skill levels of workers at home are long-term strategies we must employ. We need to implement fair and effective import quotas in the short-term to preserve present manufacturing, to encourage more investment in the U.S., and to promote global fair trade practices in the future. Without a manufacturing base, Americans better get used to a lower standard of living

Chris Rakovalis
Canton Township

Disorder

Those primarily responsible for today's modern world disorder are the false prophets of order. It seems folks like John Ashcroft and George Bush prefer injustice to disorder. They base their beliefs on a fundamental disorder which is hidden from us by mysterious religious references and half formed political ideas

They offend the very nature of the Supreme Order, God and humanity. In their world, it is cheaper to assassinate an enemy than to deal with them, it is better to wage a war in order to avoid it, and a friend is a friend if the price is right

As in the 1930s, there is an incredible abuse of our fundamental beliefs for politics. Ministers support the "Christian Right." The Republican Party has stumbled into an agenda of "Christian Values" which are certainly not Christian

Religion is used to frame a resistance to higher oil prices, opposition to the United Nations, perpetuate poverty, help corporations, control prices and cripple the function of government

We witness a Christian racism of Christian Industry, Christian rockets, Christian Oil Companies and Christian pre-emptive war

The people infected with this disease compete with each other in hounding anyone that does not believe exactly what they do

As with the Nazis we can imagine when all opposition is wiped out they will be forced to turn on each other. In the meantime, if they have not attacked you it is not because you are on their side — it's because they haven't gotten to you yet


Alfred Brock
Canton

Flu shot disgrace

As our nation approaches yet another opportunity to exercise its most fundamental right and privilege as a democracy, regardless of one's political affiliation or leaning, there is at least one provocative question for which answers continue to escape most of us: How can responsible government officials willfully allow over 36,000 Americans to die from influenza for a second consecutive year due to a scarcity of vaccine?

With hundreds of billions of dollars now spent in other countries and hundreds of millions spent on various subsidies to our nation's farmers, dairymen, etc., it is simply nothing short of a national disgrace that the greatest country in the world now has only a single domestic supplier of the influenza vaccines needed to protect the health of its population and further allows an epidemic to create civic panic and hysteria each year! Responsible reporters, journalists and citizens should demand an honest answer

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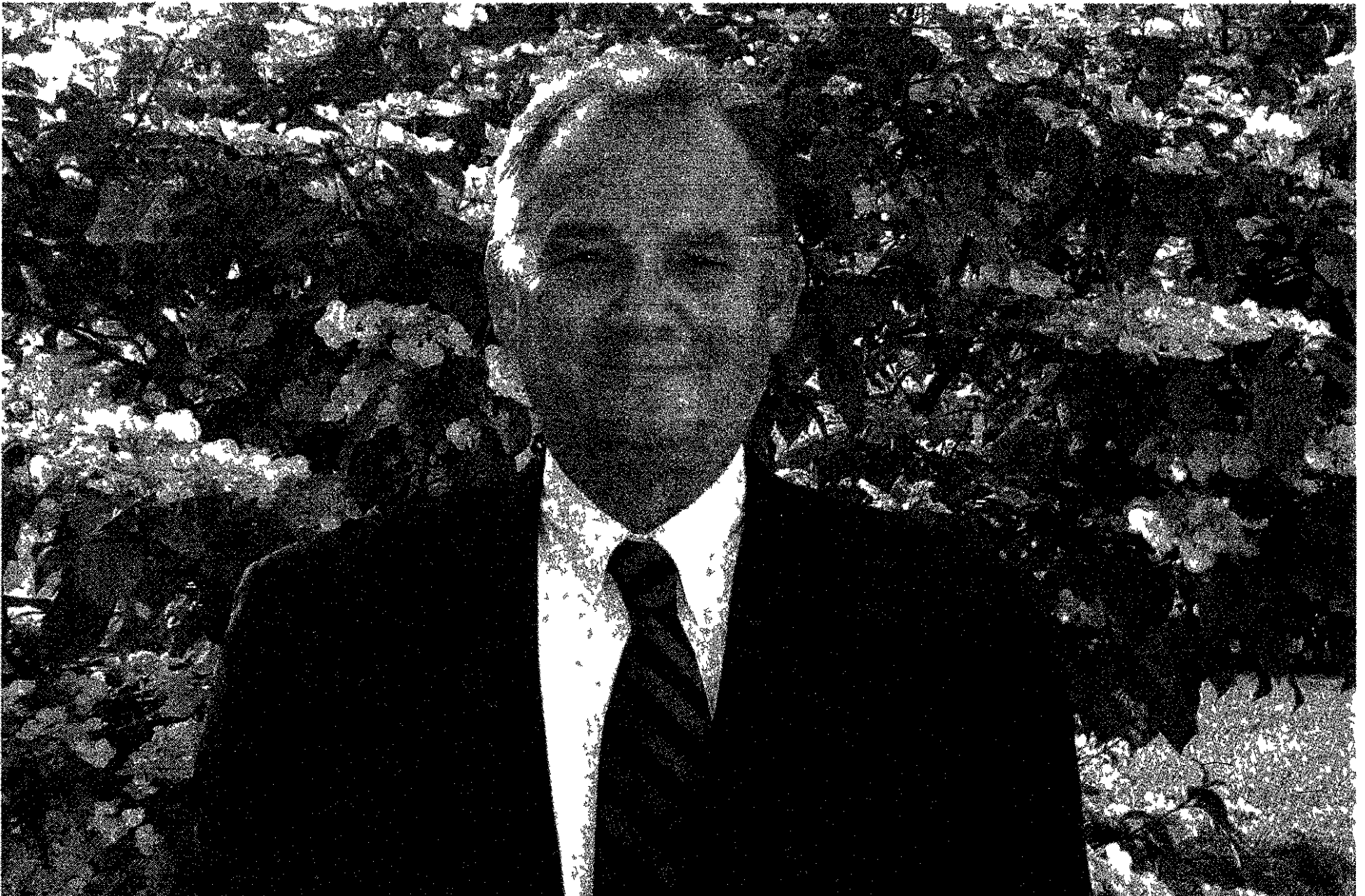
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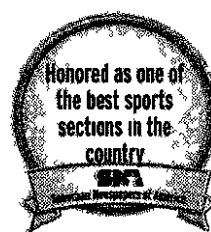
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Canton's Andy Rossow applies a stiff arm to the face of Belleville's Carlos Clark during the second quarter of Friday night's District 2 playoff opener. Rossow ran for 81 yards on eight carries and blocked an extra point in Canton's 42-6 victory.

No let up Canton grid team outmuscles Tigers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Andy Rossow didn't work at the concession stand during halftime of the Chiefs' opening-round playoff game against Belleville Friday night. But the junior two-way standout did just about everything else in Canton's 42-6 Region 2, District 2 triumph over the Tigers.

Rossow rushed for 81 yards on just eight carries, ran in a two-point conversion, blocked an extra point and anchored the Chiefs' defensive line, which played a major role in limiting Belleville's Wing-T offense to just three first downs.

"Belleville's defense used a six-man front, so once our running backs got through the holes, there was a lot of open room to run," Rossow said. "Usually teams will mix up their fronts against us, but they stayed with the same one for most of the game."

Rossow lined up at a defensive-end position for the blocked kick, his second of the season.

"The key to blocking kicks is timing and speed," he said.

Rossow has both of those assets, plus versatility, said Canton coach Tim Baechler.

"Andy Rossow is one of those football players that you can put anywhere on the field and he'll do a great job," Baechler said. "He's all about effort. My defensive line coach says he's a defensive lineman who plays halfback."

The 10-0 Chiefs, who have now mercied nine straight opponents, will face possibly their stiffest test of the season Friday when they host 8-2 Novi. The Wildcats bounced Northville, 42-7, Friday night. Belleville finished the season at 6-4.

"Canton ranks right up there with some of the best teams I've seen," Belleville coach Bob LaPointe said. "They have three really good running backs, an offen-

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B3

Sidelines

District draw

The pairings for the upcoming girls basketball Division 1, District 25A tournament at Canton High School were announced recently.

Novi and Northville will square off at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in the top half of the bracket. Salem, which drew a first-round bye, will play the winner of that game in a second-round contest set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

In the lower bracket, South Lyon and Canton will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15.

The winner of that game will square off against Plymouth, which received a bye, at 7 p.m. Nov. 17.

The district championship game will be held Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

Hockey meeting

A mandatory parents meeting for athletes who were selected to play for the Canton, Salem and Plymouth varsity hockey teams will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

A sign-up session for a Plymouth Whalers fundraiser begins at 7 p.m. Each player's participation fee of \$1,050 is due at this meeting.

The monthly meeting for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Cultural Center.

For more information, call (734) 254-9234.

Houdek honored

Canton High School graduate Nick Houdek, a junior forward for the Kalamazoo College soccer team, was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Offensive Player of the Week Oct. 25.

Houdek scored the winning goal in the Hornets' 2-1 victory over Alma.

He also tallied a goal and an assist in a 3-0 win over Olivet.

It is the third time Houdek has been honored. Kalamazoo is 7-7 overall and 5-4 in the MIAA.

Turkey shoot

Canton Leisure Services and the Plymouth Elks Club are teaming up to coordinate a Turkey Shoot basketball free-throw competition for youths aged 8 to 13.

The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Registration will begin at noon with the actual competition commencing at 1 p.m.

The winners of each age bracket will win a free turkey and advance on to a district contest. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

Clarification

Salem football player Steven Kaptur's name was incorrectly listed as John Kaptur under the Honorable Mention portion of the All-WLAA football team in Sunday's Observer.

MU kickers shut out Springfield

The Madonna University men's soccer team completed its grueling three-game, three-day stretch with a 2-1 record Thursday with a 2-0 victory over host University of Illinois-Springfield.

Both MU goals came in the final three minutes as Worth Sampson scored what proved to be the game-winner, unassisted, at the 87:24 mark.

MU freshman goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons made five saves en route to the shutout.

Will Friend completed the scoring at 89:18 on another unassisted goal as the Crusaders improved to 10-5-1 overall. The loss dropped the Prairie Stars to 8-6-1.

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On Wednesday, MU exploded for seven goals in the opening half on its way to a 9-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Concordia University as Matt Placek, Evan Baker (Canton) and Peter Vlachos each scored twice at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Other MU goal scorers included Sampson, Friend and Tom Stark. Sampson also finished with three assists, while Placek, Peter Bierzynski (Redford Catholic Central) and Zach Wilkes added one each.

The Crusaders finished their regular season in the WHAC at 9-0-1 overall.

Concordia, which didn't register a shot on goal against Lyons, fell to 1-14 overall and 0-10 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders, who had their five-game winning streak snapped Tuesday by Saginaw Valley State (2-0), earned a first-round bye in the WHAC playoffs and await the winner of Saturday's game between Aquinas College and Indiana Tech.

Game time for the WHAC semifinal is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Canton's Heritage Park.

Chief cagers hold off Rocks in thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There was a major comeback and a mini-comeback in Thursday night's heart-pounding Western Lakes Activities Association crossover basketball game between P-CEP rivals Canton and Salem.

While the major comeback was significant, it was the mini-comeback that turned out to be the difference in the Chiefs' dramatic 34-32 road victory.

The win clinched a share of first place in the WLAA for Canton, which finished 11-5 overall and 10-1 in the league. Walled Lake Northern also finished 10-1, but earned the No. 1 seed in next week's WLAA tournament because it defeated Canton in the two teams' lone meeting earlier this season.

Salem finished the regular season at 12-4 and 8-3.

The Chiefs forged a seemingly comfortable 25-14 lead late in the third quarter on a driving layup by Molly Conlon.

But the gutsy Rocks responded with a 13-0 run to grab a short-lived 27-25 advantage with 5:21 left.

That was the major comeback.

The smaller - but eventual game-deciding - comeback ensued over the next two minutes when Canton regrouped to score five straight points and regain the lead for good.

"There were two games played tonight," said a relieved Canton coach Bob Blohm, referring to the first two-plus quarters when his team dominated and the final 10 minutes when Salem had its way. "We got out to a big lead, but I have to give Salem credit the way they came back. They upped the pressure on us and we didn't attack the way we should have. We beat a very good

team tonight.

It feels good to finish first in the conference. The girls really deserved it. They've played hard all season.

Salem's Ellen Canale almost willed the Rocks to victory lane down the stretch. The senior, who finished with a team-high 14 points, hit a clutch 15-foot jumper with 34 seconds left to cut her team's deficit to 30-29.

With Salem trailing 33-29, Canale nailed a long three-point shot with 13 ticks remaining to reduce Canton's lead to 33-32.

The Chiefs then ran almost 10 seconds off the clock before Katie Cezat was fouled. The poised senior hit one of two free throws with three seconds remaining to make it 34-32. Salem was unable to get off a shot in the final three seconds.

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

Energizer

Salem's Hall keeps going and going...

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP PROFILE

Dave Hall was the Salem soccer team's version of the Energizer rabbit during the past two seasons.

Once Hall stepped on the soccer field, he kept going, and going, and going, and going.

"Dave Hall was one of the hardest-working players I've ever coached," said Rock coach Ed McCarthy. "He was a forward for us, but he would often run 20, 30 or 40 yards back to help the defense clear the ball. He never stopped running, never stopped working. He was tireless."

The two-year letter-winner served as one of the Rocks' captains this past season, in which they racked up an impressive 13-5-6 record before falling, 2-1, to Saline in a district-final contest Oct. 23.

"Dave was a captain who led by example, which is the most important kind of leader in soccer," McCarthy said. "When you work hard like Dave does, the rest of the team sees it and it makes them play harder. He is going to

be tough to replace next season."

Hall, who is a resident of Plymouth, attended Dearborn Divine Child his freshman year of high school.

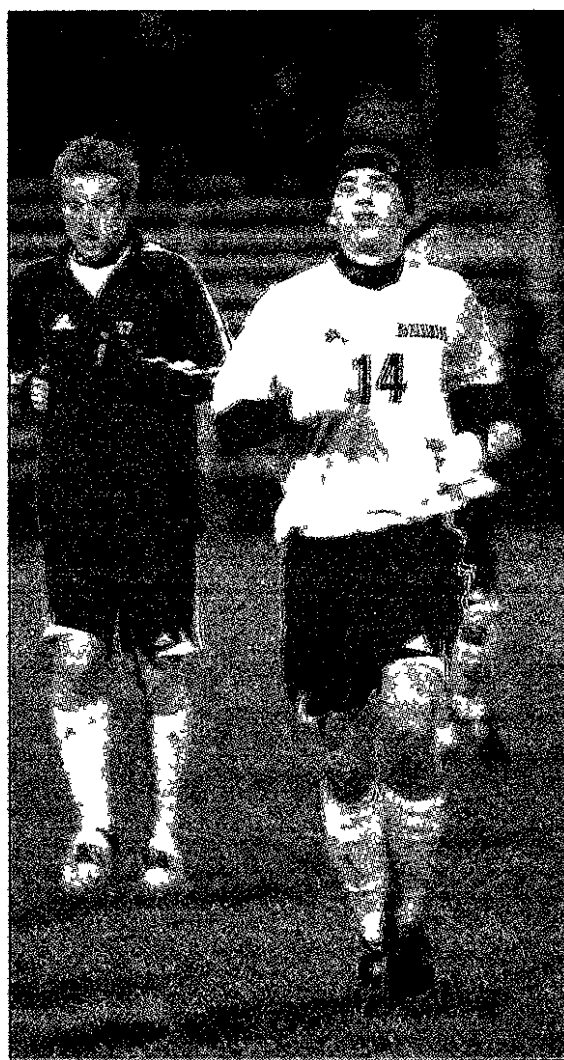
He then transferred to Salem prior to his sophomore year, but had to sit out that season due to MHSAA rules.

"I learned how much I really liked the sport when I had to sit out my sophomore year," Hall said. "That made me appreciate the sport that much more when I came back my junior season."

Hall's soccer initiation occurred at age seven when he made the Our Lady of Good Counsel team. He forged long-lasting friendships with several players on that squad.

"I still play with a few of those guys on the Plymouth Kicks (an elite travel team)," Hall said. "And I played with Sean Williams, Jake Bennett and Ross Heidenreich at Salem. It was fun playing together."

PLEASE SEE HALL, B6



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's David Hall has been one of the Rocks' most consistent performers the past two seasons. The senior forward tallied seven goals this season for the 13-5-6 team.

Pairings set for WLAA tourney

The 2004-05 Western Lakes Activities Association's girls basketball tournament kicks off Tuesday night with all three P&CEP teams in action. Canton, which shared the regular-season title with Walled Lake Northern, will host Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Salem, the No. 5 seed, will travel to Northville to take on the fourth-seeded Mustangs, and Plymouth, the sixth seed, will entertain No. 3 seed Walled Lake Central.

The Lakes Division teams host the opening-round games. The winner of the Canton-Stevenson game will advance to play the winner of the Plymouth-Central contest Thursday at 7 p.m. If Salem wins, the Rocks will play the winner of Tuesday's Walled Lake Northern-Livonia Franklin showdown on Thursday evening. The championship game is set for Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Walled Lake Western High School.

CHIEFS

Even when we were down 11, I felt we had a run in us,' said Salem coach Fred Thomann. 'I didn't know how it was going to happen or when, but I was confident it was going to come to pass, and it did. "The girls did a great job of staying in there and continuing to compete. If we get a rebound or two there at the end, who knows?" Ellen Canale really stepped up and accepted the challenge down the stretch. She's been playing exceptionally well. But I was proud of the entire team in the second half. We accepted Canton's challenge and made them play the entire 32 minutes.' Cezat and Ealy both turned in stellar efforts, scoring 14 points each. Cezat hauled down nine rebounds and Ealy had five. Becci Houdek only tallied two points for the Chiefs, but the sophomore point guard recorded five steals, three boards and one block. Salem sophomore Lauren Kurtz complemented Canale's strong effort by netting six points and six rebounds. Alyssa Guerin and Teresa

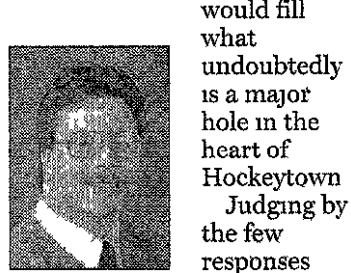
Coppiellie scored four points each. I thought Teresa did an outstanding job defending Cezat,' Thomann said. And when Alyssa Guerin picked up her third foul (with 1:12 left in the opening quarter), we put Carly Sommer and Lauren Kurtz on Ealy and they did a nice job, too. Canton led 9-2 after one quarter and 17-8 at the half. The Chiefs clamped down on Salem on the defensive end, limiting the Rocks to four-of-19 shooting from the field in the opening 16 minutes. Salem trailed 25-18 after three quarters, but scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter. Canale accounted for five of the nine with a long triple and two free throws. Becky Ward chipped in with a pair from the charity stripe and Guerin scored on a runner. The Chiefs made 12-of-31 shots from the field (38.7 percent) and 10-of-20 from the free-throw line. Salem sank 12-of-38 field goals (31.5 percent) and six-of-seven from the stripe (85.7 percent). Salem turned the ball over 13 times while Canton had eight miscues.

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Area fans finding ways to survive NHL lockout

OK, the lockout of National Hockey League players is well past the one-month mark and with no sign of ending.

Around the time that lockout began, I invited readers of the Observer to chime in about how, what and where they would fill what undoubtedly is a major hole in the heart of Hockeytown.



Tim Smith

Judging by the few responses (via e-mail and phone), most of you are getting along just fine without the likes of The Captain, Cuyo, Drapes and Ludstrom, let alone trips to Joe Louis Arena.

Take self-proclaimed hockey guru Harry Goldman of Farmington Hills, for example. Oh sure, he's rifling through a couple stacks of old videotapes, featuring your father's Wings of Dave Barr and Greg Stefan. And he manages to fulfill longtime duties as the statistician, scorekeeper and equipment manager for a recreational hockey league based in Berkley. Through his link at that arena, he recently manned

the controls for the Detroit Red Wings Alumni's charity contest against players who work for Berkley's parks and rec department.

But guess what? Harry would rather go bowling. That's exactly what he's doing, every Thursday night as part of the St. John Bosco Bowling League at Garden City's Garden Lanes.

At least it gives Goldman and other former puckheads a night to think about splits, spares and boosting that average.

NEW FAVORITES

Still, if you give him a minute, he'll revert back to missing the sport that much of the rest of America never found.

I'm getting through this lockout as well as I can, said Goldman in an un-Ken Kal-like tone of voice.

So are Novi residents Patti and Bob Shaw. They are discovering the unadulterated — and cheap — entertainment that is junior hockey. The Shaws are turning Plymouth's Compuware Arena into their new JLA. It's not far to go, the hockey is hard-hitting and fun and it's played with a sense of urgency. After all, the roster of the Plymouth Whalers and

other Ontario Hockey League teams are comprised of youngsters ages 18-20, who have their eye on the NHL prize.

(With the continuing gulf between the locked-out major leaguers and stubborn owners, they'll need magnifying glasses to follow that big-league carrot down the long, icy road.)

The young men that play for the Plymouth Whalers are pretty good hockey players and they provide plenty of excitement, read the Shaws e-mail.

The ticket prices are very reasonable and if you really want to feel like you at Joe Louis Arena, you can still buy a beer at ridiculous prices (\$5-to-\$7.50).

The OHL also has nearby rivalries worth checking out, they continued, such as the Windsor Spitfires and Sarnia Sting.

Even going to Windsor, or Sarnia, for a hockey game is a great treat, because you can also go to the casinos on the other side of the border before or after the games. Windsor Casino is only a block and a half from Windsor Arena — a short walk even in the dead of winter.

Well, we hope the Joe is back in business before the snow flies, eh?

But if not, there is a new minor professional team play-

ing at the Great Lakes Sports City Arena in Fraser, called the Motor City Mechanics. The head coach is former Detroit Red Wings standout Garry Unger, the one-time longhair who got in the hair of early 1970s coach Ned Harkness.

One of Unger's players is from Observerland, too, another reason to make the trek to the east side. He's 1985 Garden City High School graduate Joe Burton, a high-scoring forward Unger knew from his days coaching Tulsa of the Central Hockey League.

The 37-year-old Burton, a two-time Most Valuable Player of the CHL, reportedly gave up a day job at Westland's Art Van Furniture for another chance to play the sport he obviously still loves.

That is reason enough for Hockeytown fans to take off their Red Wings blinders and head out to Fraser or Compuware, for that matter. Watching and enjoying hockey for the pure fun of it, with no angst or worry about the Mighty Ducks or Flames, what a concept? And if not, there's always bowling.

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Daugherty named MU coach

Patrick Daugherty, an assistant boys track and cross-country coach at Livonia Churchill High School for the past three years, has been hired as the first coach in Madonna University cross-country history, MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo announced Wednesday.

Madonna's newest program, its 10th and 11th sport, will begin running during the fall of 2005. During his tenure on the Churchill staff, the team set school records in the 800- and 3,200-meter relays. Daugherty also coached the 3,200 relay team to three regional titles. He also coached a trio of 800 state qualifiers and one 1,600

qualifier. The 32-year-old Daugherty, a health and physical education teacher at Churchill, also served as both the boys and girls cross-country coach at Frost Middle School in Livonia. A native of Norfolk, Va., but grew up in southeastern Michigan, Daugherty attended both Central and Eastern Michigan universities.

After completing his undergraduate degree from CMU in 1994, Daugherty earned his teaching certificate from EMU in 1999 and will compete his Masters in Educational Leadership in December.

Rizzo cited Daugherty's ties to the area as just one of the strong points in MU's newest addition.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL: Friday Nov 5. Novi at Canton 7 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL: Tuesday Nov 2. Livonia Stevenson at Canton 7 p.m. Salem at Northville 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Plymouth 7 p.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS STATE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS: at MICH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY (Brooklyn) Saturday Nov 6. Divs on 4 Girls race 10:30 a.m. Divs on 4 Boys race 11:30 a.m. Divs on 2 Girls race 1:30 p.m. Divs on 1 Girls race 2 p.m. Division 1 Boys race 3 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER: Wednesday Nov 3 (WHAC Semifinals). Madonna vs Aquinas and Tech winner at Canton's Heritage Park 2 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL: Tuesday Nov 2. Madonna at Aquinas College 7 p.m. Wednesday Nov 3. JV Deanna School at 7 p.m. Thursday Nov 4. Siena Heights at Madonna 7 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 5-6. Madonna at Saginaw Valley St. 1 p.m.
- NJCAA Division II Region 12 Tourney at Grand Rapids CC TBA.
- WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Saturday Nov 6. NJCAA Champ onshups at El Paso CC (Tex.) 9 a.m. (CST).
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Saturday Nov 6. Madonna at Spring Arbor 3 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Wednesday Nov 3. Rochester College at Madonna 7:30 p.m. Friday Nov 5. Cedarville Univ. (Ohio) Invitational. Ind. Wesleyan vs Ind. South Bend 6 p.m. Cedarville vs Madonna 8 p.m. Saturday Nov 6. Cedarville Invitational 1 & 3 p.m.
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sive line that gets good push off the ball and a couple of good linebackers, especially No. 12 (Jake Powers). We only had one first down in the first three quarters, so that tells you something."

Rossow was just one of many Chiefs who had a productive game Friday night. Chuck Schumacher picked up 92 with one touchdown, Julian Smith had three scores — two rushing and one receiving and 33 yards and Shawn Little played perhaps his best overall game of the season, running for 57 yards and throwing for 96 and a TD.

"Shawn struggled early on, but we kept going back to him and it paid off," Baechler said. "He needed a game like this for his confidence. We needed Shawn to make some plays and he did."

Defensively, the Chiefs front four of Rossow, P.J. Caram, Donnie Laramie and Josh Perkovich had its way with the Tigers offensive line. When Canton's line didn't stuff Belleville's running game, Powers and fellow linebackers Jeff Hudson and Collin O'Shaughnessy usually cleaned up.

O'Shaughnessy subbed for regular starter Jeff Piper, who missed the game due to a hip ailment.

He could have played, but we didn't want to risk anything," Baechler said. "He'll be back next week."

Canton's defense forced three turnovers. Powers recovered a

fumble and Smith and David Neu intercepted passes.

Isaac Kindell provided a rare spark for the Tigers when he dashed 55 yards for their lone score with 6:12 remaining in the third quarter to cut their deficit to 28-6. Kindell, who also had two impressive special-teams returns, finished with 58 yards on eight attempts. Belleville quarterback Phil Sullens completed just one of eight passes for 12 yards.

Belleville had just one drive that lasted more than three offensive plays, and that occurred in the game's waning moments against the Chiefs' second-string defense.

Carlos Clark snuffed out one Canton drive three minutes into the second quarter when he intercepted a pass at the Chief 5 and returned it to the 20.

Canton won the total yards battle, 391-146. The Chiefs recorded 19 first downs compared to the Tigers' three.

The first quarter ended with no score when Belleville's Greg Manley corralled Smith for a two-yard loss on a fourth-and-two play at the Belleville 12. Canton had driven from its own 3, using 17 plays and over six minutes of the clock.

After forcing a Belleville punt, Canton scored on its next possession when Smith scored on a three-yard run to make it

6-0. Rossow ignited the five-play, 40-yard drive with a 22-yard run.

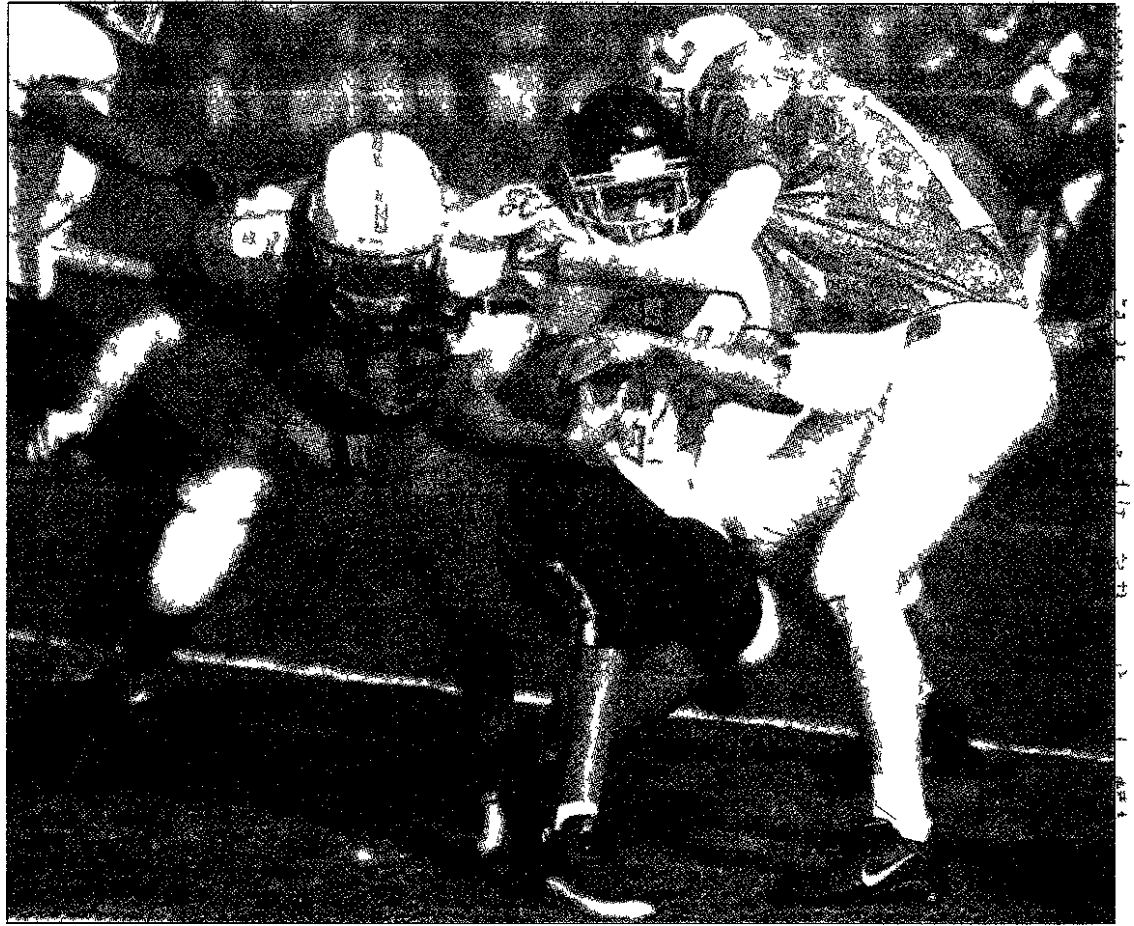
The Chiefs special-teams unit accounted for their next TD. Deshon McClendon busted through the Tigers' offensive line to block a punt. The sophomore then pounced on the ball in the end zone to make it 12-0.

Canton went up 20-0 with 15 seconds remaining in the first half when Little connected with Smith on a nine-yard touchdown pass. A Little-to-Powers pass on the two-point conversion made it 20-0. The touchdown was set up on a 30-yard strike from Little to Adam Hester on third-and-seven from mid-field.

The Chiefs scored on their first three possessions of the second half. Smith busted in from three yards out, Schumacher rambled nine yards to paydirt and McClendon had a one-yard score. The final TD was set up by an electrifying 43-yard punt return by Hester.

The field was blanketed by a layer of fog throughout the second half.

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Canton's Chuck Schumacher (left) and Matt Sweda (right) sandwich Belleville's Isaac Kindell during Friday night's play-off-opening game.

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Plymouth's Kim Olech (left) scored 16 points in Thursday night's thrilling 69-58 double overtime loss to Walled Lake Central

Plymouth hoop team pushes WLC to limit

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Plymouth pushed Walled Lake Central to the limit and beyond Thursday night in both teams' Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season finale.

But in the end, the Vikings conquered the host Wildcats, 69-58, in a double overtime barn-burner that featured a game-tying three-point shot by the Wildcats' Janet Hanchett at the end of the first overtime and a variety of other beyond-the-call-of-duty efforts.

Plymouth's third consecutive loss dropped its record to 8-8 (6-5 in the WLAA). Central improved to 11-6 and 9-2. The Wildcats finished their inaugural varsity season in sixth place in the conference, three spots behind the Vikings.

The two teams will square off again on Tuesday in the first round of the WLAA playoffs.

We played with good intensity tonight, said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. They pressed us the entire game, and we handled it well. I was also pleased with our defensive effort. We held their leading scorer to one point through the first three quarters.

Plymouth's Jeanne Moise dominated the paint, scoring 22 points and hauling in 20 rebounds. Her put-back in the closing seconds of regulation sent the game to the extra sessions.

Kim Olech contributed 16 points before fouling out in the second overtime and Colleen Flaherty had 10 points and nine boards before getting called for her fifth foul during the early stages of the first OT.

The biggest discrepancy between the two teams unfolded at the free-throw line, where the Wildcats canned just eight-of-24 while the Vikings made 15-of-24.

Plymouth surged to a 15-7 lead after one quarter. The Wildcats cooled off in the second quarter, but still held a 26-24 advantage at the half. Central secured a 39-38 edge after three quarters.

A.P. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 62, PCA 54 (OT) The balanced Chargers outscored the visiting Eagles 11-3 in the extra session to earn the victory. The heart-breaking loss dropped the Eagles to 6-11 overall and 2-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Sophomore point guard Jai Jennings scorched the Chargers, netting 33 points. Kelsie Tietjen and Stephanie Ours both twined seven for PCA.

The game was decided at the foul line in overtime. PCA coach Harvey Jennings said "They made their free throws and we didn't."

The Chargers were paced by Barbara Copeland, who poured in 17 points. Anita Stamps and Chelsea McCune netted 16 each.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 56, CANTON AGAPE 23. The Wolverines slipped to 6-10 overall and 2-8 in the MLAC with the setback. Oakland Christian is now 13-3 and 9-1.

A.J. Creps was Agape's lone bright spot, recording a double double (13 points and 12 rebounds).

Whalers oust 67's

The Plymouth Whalers scored two second period goals and Ryan Nie stopped 32 Ottawa shots as Plymouth won 2-1 on Friday night. The Whalers are now 6-6-1 and in second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division behind Windsor. The 67's dropped to 6-7-1. Tim Sestito and Dan Collins scored for the Whalers and Collins and Vaclav Meidl picked up an assist on Sestito's power play tally.

Peter Tsumikalis scored for the 67's with assists from Jakub Petruzalek and Kyle Wharton

HALL

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with them since elementary school. We've become good friends.

Along with his hustle and leadership skills, Hall was one of the Rocks' top scorers the past two seasons.

He found the net seven times this season and contributed six assists. Last year he tallied eight goals and four helpers.

The highlight of Hall's high school career unfolded last year during a tightly contested match against state-ranked Northville.

The score was tied at 1-1, Hall recalled, "and I scored on

a diving header to give us the lead.

Hall's best memory from this past season was his goal with 50 seconds left that gave the Rocks a 3-2 victory over Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill.

Hall, who was voted onto the WLAA's All Lakes Division team last week, said he wants to extend his soccer career in college.

"I've filled out applications for Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Schoolcraft and Northwood," Hall said. "I've also received letters from a couple of Division III schools, Southern Vermont and Utica (New York)."

Hall said he participates in

other sports like football and baseball but only on a recreational basis.

I'm very dedicated to soccer so it doesn't leave much time for other sports. Hall said. "I play indoor soccer for the Kicks in the winter and outdoors in the spring and summer."

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Debra Madonna

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Bill Keith, a 1985 Salem graduate and the station manager for the last 14 years, got his start on WSDP when he was a student.

Keith wanted to have a show for local seniors. "It's one more way for the station to connect with the local community," he said. "Since we're such a small radio station, we have a better opportunity to serve communities that are neglected by the commercial giants."

Canton Township Senior Coordinator Dianne Neihengen suggested Keith ask Betty Smith, a retired teacher, to be the host. Keith said, "Betty is always on the run and because of that she lives a full and vibrant life. This example is something the students need to see. She has made a goal of spotlighting seniors that are living an active life and she is a wonderful role model for that."

For six years, Smith has been the host of *Lemonade with B.J.*, 10:30-11 a.m. every Wednesday. *Lemonade*, a show for senior citizens, features music and interviews. Past guests have included Arie Lipsky (director, Ann Arbor Symphony), Bo Schembechler, Lloyd Carr, Maynard Ferguson and Judith Guest. Betty's love for jazz has been a cornerstone for the show," Keith said.

Smith taught preschool through college. Now she's back in high school, still teaching.

"Betty is a great example for what it takes to produce a quality show," Keith said. "She puts in a major amount of time searching for guests, planning interviews and selecting just the right music. I think it shows the students that there is more to serving the community than just playing music."

A high school is probably the last place you'd expect to see a gathering of Red Hat Society Ladies. "When they visited the studio, the kids probably weren't sure who the women were, but their reaction was great," Smith said. "They were smiling when they saw all the women wearing red hats and red gloves." (Red Hat Society Women have decided "to greet middle age with verve, humor and élan.")

Said Smith: "Working on a high school radio station is great. It is the jewel of my retirement. I'm having a great time and have met so many people, I can't keep track of them all."

What's next? She would love to interview Elmore Leonard. Betty has been trying to contact Leonard for several years, but hasn't had any luck. "Elmore is a great Michigan writer," she said. "One thing I'd like to ask him is why he switched from Westerns to mysteries."

An interview with Leonard would make a great broadcast for *Lemonade with B.J.*'s seventh anniversary show March 12, 2005.

If anyone knows how to get in touch with Leonard, let Betty know. You can reach her at WSDP, every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Torn between two worlds

Eye surgeons leave Mongolia with mixed emotions

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One of the first things Dr. Susan Thoms did upon her return to America was to hug the operating room nurse in the Surgery Center at the University of Michigan Center for Special Care. After a week of performing cataract surgeries in Mongolia, the West Bloomfield resident was glad to be back in the OR of the Livonia clinic which is part of the U-M Kellogg Eye Center.

Thoms' trip was an eye-opening experience even though she'd delivered a laser and instructed doctors there seven years ago for SEE International, an organization similar to ORBIS, the nonprofit for which she volunteered to take donations of equipment and demonstrate for doctors in training in mid-September. Thoms equates OR's in Mongolia to walking into an operating room in this country in the 1940s.

"We don't appreciate medical care here. We take it for granted," said Thoms, who's been in practice as an ophthalmologist for 26 years, 17 of them in Birmingham. Today, patients travel from Farmington Hills, Redford, Plymouth, and Canton to her Livonia office.

"Tables go up and down," said Thoms. "We have a nice microscope to look into. They simply don't have water. Toilets don't flush because they don't have basic maintenance. They don't wash hands before each patient because they don't have but one set of gloves and gown for the entire day."

"We scrubbed before the first surgery using the cloth sponges and a bar of soap. Then we put on our sterile gown and gloves. Between surgeries, we kept the same gown and gloves on and just wiped the gloves with an antiseptic solution. Here we scrub between cases and have a fresh, sterile gown and gloves for each surgery."

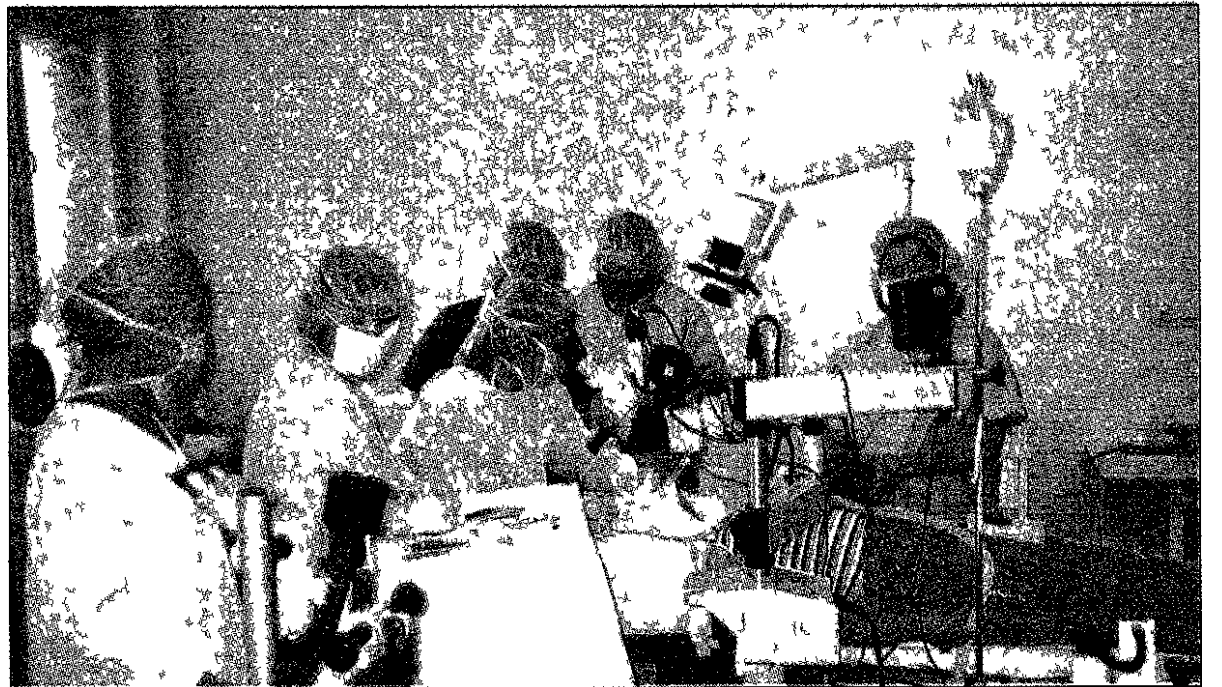
Thoms shuddered as she thought back to the conditions in one particular operating room.

"In one OR there were two tables so you could have two surgeries," said Thoms. "There are no anesthesia doctors. No one monitors heart or breathing. If someone were to stop breathing or their heart stopped and no equipment, all you could do is feel their pulse and tell if they're breathing, feel their pulse and guess."

Although Dr. Theresa Naurus, Thoms' partner in Livonia, had never been to Mongolia before, she thought she had prepared herself by listening to stories of volunteer physicians who in the past brought medical care to patients in Third World countries. Although she and Thoms tell lighthearted stories about airport personnel not wanting to open the coolers they were carrying with Human Eyes written on the outside, both were emotionally affected by the numbers of patients needing help.

There are eye banks all over this country but not in Mongolia. "We're going to work with them to set up an eye bank so they can do this themselves," said Naurus, a clinical instructor at U-M School of Medicine and the Veterans Administration. Naurus and Thoms traveled with a five-member team that included a pediatric ophthalmologist from Vancouver and a retina specialist from Boston.

"I had 30 people who needed transplants."



Dr. Susan Thoms (at microscope) operates on the eye of a cataract patient as her trainee, Dr. Enkhmaa, looks on.

Here we could have helped them all. The wait there is around seven to 12 years.

Naurus and Thoms hope in the future to continue to change conditions in developing countries where 90 percent of the world's blind live. ORBIS began working to end avoidable blindness in 1982. Thoms and Naurus, in addition to training surgeons and performing operations, set up Cyber Sight, ORBIS's telemedicine program that allows doctors here to consult on cases of Mongolian doctors via computer.

Here surgeons have three years of training one year there, said Naurus.

In Mongolia's favor is the fact that every child aged 8-18 must go to school even if he or she has no home. Conditions have changed since the country freed itself from Soviet control in 1991. Medical care is improving thanks to organizations like ORBIS but sometimes it can be frustrating for doctors like Thoms and Naurus who are used to caring for patients with high-tech equipment.

"We never saw an ambulance. If a child has a ruptured appendix they just die. Travel is by horse, camel or motorcycle," said Naurus. "We saw patients with climactic keratopathy where they go blind from being in the desert. If you live in Gobi and herd goat they can transplant but they go back to the desert."

Nevertheless, both Thoms and Naurus plan to volunteer their time again to mentor and train doctors. In December they hope to reach volunteers by giving a talk about their trip to ophthalmologists at the U-M Kellogg Eye Center.

For more information about ORBIS, visit the Web site at www.orbis.org.

"Having gone there before and seen the need we have so much to share," said Thoms. "There are so many people going blind. I was happy to be home but I felt it was entirely worthwhile. We felt we accomplished a lot in a week. They needed us for a year."



Bunny benefit

Hair Raising Event to help abandoned rabbits

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Did you know that rabbits are the third most popular pets after dogs and cats? Tim Patino didn't until his pet rabbit died and instead of purchasing another long-eared friend from a store he went to the Web and found a site for the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

After reading about the rescue group, the Plymouth Township resident began volunteering his time. Patino's latest venture brings together his employer, Bennigan's restaurant in Plymouth, the Schoolcraft College culinary department, local artists, and the Plymouth Community Arts Council, all to benefit rabbits at the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

Appropriately titled "Art, Wine and Ears - a Hare Raising Event," the benefit takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes food, beverages, wine, silent auction, and art show. For tickets or more information, call (734) 416-8916 or visit the Web site at www.rabbit-sanctuary.org.

"The rabbit rescue group is unique," said Patino, who along with his wife, Marie Chantal, is involved with the group. They are fostering three rabbits along with two of their own. The

event is unique and what better place to have it than Plymouth, a community like that itself.

"We will have rabbits there plus a slide show of all of the rabbits helped or being cared for by the sanctuary. Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary is a nonprofit rescue group that focuses primarily on domesticated rabbits that have been abused or neglected. The goal is to raise funds for a property to build a facility on."

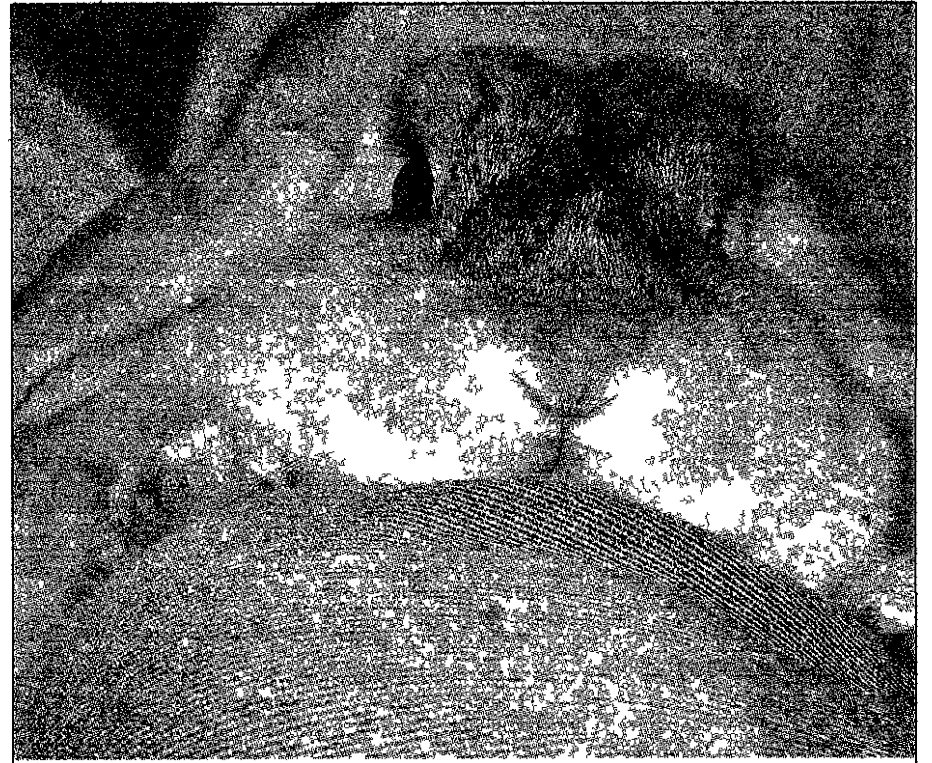
Currently located in Whittaker, south of Ann Arbor, the rabbit sanctuary was originally known as Pig Hoppers when it began eight years ago.

"We used to rescue potbelly pigs and rabbits," said Patino. "Back then the trend was to have pigs as pets. The trend's gone away so we've changed the name but we're still here helping abandoned pets."

Patino is delighted that others want to do the same.

Several businesses and individuals in the community have come forward to ensure the success of the event that will raise funds for the no-kill facility where rabbits can live out their entire lives on the property if not adoptable. The Village Potters Guild has donated several pieces for the silent auction as has Kara Marsee, who does children's illustrations and paintings.

Thelma Sibley of Nancy's Kids is donating custom painted children's



Pictured is Buster, an adoptable rabbit. For more information, call (734) 461-1726 or visit the Web site at www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

furniture. Mike Lay paintings of animals and scenes of local businesses Lay's paintings can be found in Station 885 and Zack's in Plymouth.

"The food is all vegetarian," said Patino, a culinary graduate of Schoolcraft College. He's not a vegetarian but won't eat rabbits. "There will be wines packaged and labeled with our logo by Vintner's Cellar, a new wine shop in Canton."

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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 Northern Lights, Nora Roberts
- 2 The Dark Tower, Stephen King
- 3 The DaVinci Code, Dan Brown
- 2 Plot Against America, Philip Roth
- 3 Trace, Patricia Cornwell

NON-FICTION

- 1 America (The Book), Jon Stewart
- 2 How to Talk Like a Liberal (If You Must), Ann Coulter
- 3 The Family, Kitty Kelly
- 4 Unfit for Command, John E. O'Neill
- 5 "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," Aron Ralston

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 "What Aunts Do Best," Laura Numeroff
- 2 "You Read to Me, I'll Read to You," Mary Ann Hoberman
- 3 "Wallace's Lists," Barbara Bottner
- 4 Tiny's Big Adventure, Martin Waddell
- 5 "Snakes!" David Greenburg

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Dahl-Hansen-Fontana

Lawrence and Janice Fontana of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Marisa Delores, to Andreas Dahl-Hansen, the son of Tom and Christel Dahl-Hansen of Geneva, Switzerland

The bride is a graduate of Canton High School and Wayne State University. She received her Master's Degree in anthropology from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is currently pursuing her Doctorate there in archaeology focusing on prehistoric warfare

The groom, originally from Norway, received his Bachelor's Degree in business and marketing from Kendall College in Chicago and is currently working as a computer network and security specialist in Evanston, Ill.



Andreas and Marisa were married at an outdoor ceremony Sept. 11 on the wooded grounds of The Grove in Glenview, Ill. A reception followed at The Redfield Estate, also part of The Grove property. A winter honeymoon is planned in Europe. The couple is making their new home in Chicago, Ill.

Waltner-Fahlstrom

Wayne Waltner of Marion, S.D. and Katrinka Cox of Nogal, N.M. announce the engagement of their daughter, Charly Hope Waltner, to Mark Christopher Fahlstrom of Stafford, Mo. (formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich.)

Charly received her Bachelor's Degree in biology at Evangel University. She is employed as director of admissions at Evangel University.

Her fiancé, Mark, is the son of Tom and Ann Fahlstrom of Ypsilanti. His grandparents are the late Hoyt and Carol Mills of Plymouth. He attended Central Michigan University. He was formerly a part of BUCK Enterprises, a Christian Band.



Currently he is employed as general manager of Missouri Pizza Group. Mark and Charly are planning a November wedding at James River Assembly of God in Ozark, Mo.

Thomas-Lanier

Roland and Mary Thomas Jr. of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Lynne, to Gary Alan Lanier, the son of Emil and Connie Lanier of Troy.

Traci is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Albion College. She is a vice president of commercial real estate at Comerica Bank.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Troy Athens High School and Oakland University. He is a designer/engineer at Detroit Diesel.



A November wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

Evening with Sinbad will support Bosco Hall

Don Bosco Hall presents its 7th Annual benefit, featuring an evening of family laughter with Sinbad at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

The benefit will help Don Bosco Hall, a private, non-profit agency, respond to the human services needs of children, youth and families in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Don Bosco Hall has programs that provide many opportunities for youth and families, including residential treatment programs, emergency shelter program, supervised independent living program for teens, transitional living program for youth, com-

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munity enrichment programs for children and youth and mentoring programs for at-risk young children.

A pre-performance reception will be held with Randy Scott at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and the live Sinbad performance starts at 8 p.m.

Sponsorships are available, ranging in donation from \$250 to \$5,000.

Individual tickets are \$100, \$75 or \$50.

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Dancers gain experience with Moscow Ballet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Young dancers like Christine Lang and Rachel Glodo of Livonia can't wait until Nov. 6, when they join the Moscow Ballet on the stage of the Michigan Theater for two performances of the Great Russian Nutcracker.

Lang and Glodo are but two of the children selected from Observer communities to perform roles ranging from butterflies to Russian and Spanish Dancers at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Ann Arbor. Tickets are available by calling (734) 763-TKTS or by visiting the Web site www.nutcracker.com.

A sixth-grade student at Randolph Elementary, Lang is sprouting wings and becoming an angel after playing a mouse for the last four years, twice with the Moscow Ballet, twice with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

"I'm not really nervous because I've done so many but it is very fun and exciting. It never gets boring," said Christine Lang, an 11-year-old now in her eighth year of dance studies. Lang and Glodo began rehearsals in late August at the Community School of Ballet in Ann Arbor. Both attend Deborah Chase School of Dance in Livonia.

Lang first donned pointe shoes at age 10. Inspired by her heritage, she began studies at O'Hare School of Dance in Plymouth Township 3 years ago.

The difference in the Great Russian Nutcracker is its traditional folk tale, no land of sweets. It's a land of peace and harmony with different roles like the angels, said Lang. The first act is the same with the party scene with magical toys and the Russian version of Clara getting the Nutcracker. As an angel, I'm supposed to be graceful, open the second act."

Glodo, a ninth-grade student at Churchill High School, was an angel last year. Now in her ninth year of dance studies, the 14-year-old is dancing with the Moscow Ballet for a second time.

The butterflies come in with the angels dance, said Rachel Glodo. "We do jumps and have fluttering arms. We're on stage 45-seconds. It's a short part but a little bit more dancing with real steps."

Natahe Davis, a student at Plymouth Canton High School, Catlin Werner, a Canton resident attending Central Middle School in Plymouth, and Marguerite Wooley, a Canton resident and student at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Wayne are among the area dancers gaining professional experience with the Moscow Ballet.



Rachel Glodo (left) and Christine Lang are two of the local dancers performing with the Moscow Ballet on Nov. 6 in Ann Arbor.

Production to make local debut in Livonia

Jack-in-the-Box Productions announces the cast for its 18th production, *Proof* by David Auburn.

The cast of four will perform the local theater debut 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 and 12-13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

Proof won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and multiple Tony Awards. Multiple Tony-Award winning director Daniel Sullivan directed the Broadway production.

Jack-in-the-Box Productions' director is Jennifer Harvey, who studied under Sullivan.

"Dan Sullivan was one of my instructors at the Lincoln Center Theatre Directors Lab."

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said Harvey. "I'm excited to bring this compelling drama to life and use the skills that I learned from Dan (Sullivan)."

Cast members are Patrick Hanley of Redford, Steve Morgan of Westland, Andrea Smith of Livonia and Kathleen Lietz Sugamoto of Royal Oak. For tickets, call (313) 516-JACK (5225).

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Health fair

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill hosts its third annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Nov 13. Free health screenings, raffle, drawings, refreshments and valuable information provided. Free and open to the public. For more information call (734) 981 7100

Stamp show

Stamps for all levels of collectors will be available at sales tables during the Ann Arbor Stamp Club's 30th annual Stamp Show Nov 6-7. Some 27 dealers from several states and Ontario will operate the tables. A youth section offering U.S. and foreign stamps at

minimal prices for beginning collectors will be operated by club members. Parking and admission are free. The show is at the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River just east of Ann Arbor.

Nursing refresher

Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health, in conjunction with the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, will offer a nursing refresher course this fall. Designed for registered nurses who want to return to active practice in a health care setting, the four-week course will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 118 in the DiPonio Building (36200 Schoolcraft Road) Nov 14, Nov 8, 11 and Nov 15. Participants may earn up to 72 nursing contact hours. Registered nurses are asked to bring their license to the first class. To address the current nursing workforce shortage, some sponsoring agencies are providing preceptor clinical hours and will pay for the course in exchange for an employment commitment. For registration information call (734) 432 5731 or fax (734) 432 5364.

Tai Chi Society

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan hosts Taoist Master Wan Su Jian on

his first visit to America Nov 19-22 in Livonia. Master Wan will be conducting an interactive seminar on the Taoist Healing Arts. Pre-registration is required. Please call 248 332 1281 or 734 591 3530 for specific times and registration costs.

Grief support

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

Women business owners

Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting beginning with networking at 6:30



Elementary visit

Carol Champagne, Youth Services Coordinator of the Plymouth District Library, gathers third grade students from Our Lady of Good Counsel School on the library steps. More than 450 local third grade students recently visited the Plymouth District Library as part of a special autumn program, designed to familiarize young students with the research offerings at the library. The Friends of the Plymouth District Library paid all costs for all bus transportation for this program. Participating schools included Our Lady of Good Counsel, Allen Elementary School, Smith Elementary School, Farrand Elementary School, Isbister Elementary School and New Morning School.

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Adoption seminar

Adoption Associates Inc. a statewide agency is hosting a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala) adoption information meeting. Come and learn about the child that is waiting for you! The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Nov 9 at 26105 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For more information or to RSVP call (248) 474 0990.

Crafters wanted

Crafters are wanted for the 16th annual Arts and Crafts show sponsored by

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Dearborn Heights. The show is scheduled for Saturday Nov 20. For more information call Virginia (734) 522 9653 or Deb (248) 348 6823.

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 benefiting symphony programs. For more information call the symphony office (734) 451 2112.

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 email Diane VanDyke at djvanddyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416 3354.

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 email craftshow@prodigy.net.

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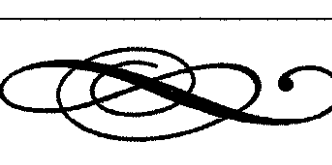
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Livonia, MI. Age 81. Died October 27, 2004 in Kalamazoo. Family members include 2 children: Terry (Royce) Ruther of Loudonville, OH; Gail (Paul) MacNellis of Kalamazoo; 4 grandchildren: Christopher and Joshua Ruther, Scott MacNellis and Beth Arledge; 2 great grandchildren: Jacqueline Rose Ruther and Edward Grant MacNellis. She worked part-time as secretary at Timothy Lutheran Church, Livonia. Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Detroit or Timothy Lutheran Church, BETZLER LIFE STORY FUNERAL HOME, 1800 822 7594, www.lifestorynet.com.

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Age 72 of Livonia died Wednesday October 27, 2004 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born April 20, 1932 in Highland Park. Mr. Forbes served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was a Guidance Counselor in the Livonia Public Schools. Surviving are his wife Jane (Christie) children: Christie (Don) Forbes, Green of Macomb Twp. and Lori (Christian) Forbes, Muzo of Brighton grandchildren: Brianna Taylor and Hunter Douglas, sisters: Sheila (Lee) Zelner of Gladwin and Judith (Allen) Stevens of Alma and brother-in-law Jerry Christie of Royal Oak. Memorial visitation Monday 2-8 p.m. with service at 7:00 p.m. at the Kinsey Garrett Funeral Home, 420 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Memorials suggested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Rd., Bldg. A, Madison Heights, 48071. www.kinseygarrett.com

FERDINAND STANKOWSKI
Age 87 died peacefully on October 16, 2004. Beloved husband of the late Irene Stankowski. Dearly loved father of Beverly Meland and Sharon Cooper. Loving father in law of Terry Meland and Doug Cooper and Super loving grandfather of Dylan and Alyssa. Dear brother of Andy and Helen and the late Henry Emily, Leo and Tessie. His gentle nature, his kindness and positive spirit continue to inspire us and will live in our hearts forever. A memorial service was held at the Stanley Bielawski Brent Chapel of St. Marys Seminary in Orchard Lake. Donations can be made to Great Opportunities Adult Day Services, 4555 Church St., Skokie, IL 60076 or Brown Adult Day Care Program, 6720 W. Maple W. Bloomfield, MI 48322. Arrangements by Pixley Funeral Home, Keego Harbor.

WILLIAM J. EUBANK
Age 74, October 13, 2004. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Loving, father of Janet Eubank and Lois McAllister. Grandfather of 4. A Celebration and Remembrance Gathering, Nov 14, 2004 at the Livonia Marriott, 6 Mile & 1275 Livonia, MI. For more information visit www.rgrharris.com



ELIZABETH ANN "BETH" SCHAUM
Suddenly from complications of a heart condition, October 27, 2004. Age 29 of Birmingham. Devoted child care giver. Loving daughter of Richard & Mary Dear sister of Karey Carver (Ryan), Aunt of Kate, Granddaughter of John and Beverly Goloback and Alice and the late Paul Schaum. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral Mass Monday 10:00am at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church at 9:30am. Memorial tributes to Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien St., Detroit, MI 48201. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, (248) 549 0500. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

SHARON HUTCHINGS
Age 66 died October 26, 2004 in Monroe. She was born May 7, 1938 in Lansing. She is survived by her children: Sheryl (Bob) Colter of Monroe, Linda (Bob) Avery of Ypsilanti, James Hutchings of Plymouth and Laura (Steve) Clark of Garden City, 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Ralph. Funeral services were held Friday, October 29 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Neither of the political parties address voters' spiritual needs

As we enjoy a lunch of lentil soup in my suburban home, a friend and I are distracted by a television flashing a poll about America's divided electorate. He sips extra-pulp orange juice while my 16-month-old son jabbars at our feet. With ceremonial flourish, my friend taps his glass tumbler on the kitchen island and announces how he, as a person of religious faith, does not

believe Republicans or Democrats represent him. Frustrated, he says he's forced to pick one or the other if he wants his vote to count. America's 180 million Christians can't expect just two political parties to represent them. When you add up the millions of adherents of other faiths—Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and hundreds of other groups—the problem is compounded. The crisis is that America's bewildering spiritual diversity does not translate into viable, alternative political parties. Voters wanting to be part of a winning cause are drawn by the successes of the Republicans and Democrats

The problem with this calculated pragmatism is that it does not encourage the substantive social changes embraced by religious voters. Tradition and bureaucracy as well as dollars and demagoguery conspire to poison the field against alternative parties. Americans of faith are alienated from full representation because they've been convinced that to vote outside the mainstream is a social sin for which they will be marginalized. Voters urged to shed their idealism are exposed to a diet of pithy, bumper sticker slogans and lukewarm, middleclass stereotypes. This is a perplexing irony for spiritual people who

otherwise swim in a sea of belief and faith, and who espouse a high morality for heavenly redemption. This disconnect between personal faith and political practice underscores my friend's dismay with American politics. Distracted by politicians preaching a twisted social gospel, voters face a tyranny of conformity to the mainstream, that mythical archetype guiding the two-party political universe as some false god. Rather than nourish our faith, candidates feed our fears. They divide the faithful and manipulate them into the slots upheld by the major parties. More than simply placing

square pegs into round holes, the establishment parties orchestrate us, pegs of superbly diverse colors, sizes and shapes, into one of only two holes, either a red one in the shape of an elephant or into a blue one in the outline of a donkey. Those who resist this process are dismissed as fringe heretics and despised as stubborn spoilers. America's faithful are stymied amid dwindling hopes of a truly reformist national candidate. Voters are disheartened from political initiatives that could otherwise inject humanitarian reason into an increasingly dysfunctional public sector. Our religiously diverse nation remains politically monochromatic.

If my friend suffers spiritual indigestion during this election season, then all people of faith groan with him. We can resist the current climate of political junk food by either reforming or circumventing two-party hegemony. We can strive to vote authentically while avoiding the quick-fix ideology of shortsighted politicians as well as the exclusivist agenda of religious extremists. It is up to us to make the choices that will nourish our potential and strengthen American democracy.

The Rev. Larry Hoxey is a minister at Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia.

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shop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those interested in this workshop may register on location at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$60 each. Madiha and special guest instructor, Aida al-Adawi of San Francisco, Calif., will instruct. At 7 p.m. Saturday the doors open for the benefit concert and dinner, which begins at 8 p.m. Tickets for this evening event are \$55 each in advance and \$60 at the door. The ladies who par-

ticipated in the day's dance workshop will perform live ethnic dancing for the dinner guests and State Senate candidate and Farmington Hills councilman, John Akouri, will be the master of ceremonies. The ticket price for the evening event includes a full-course, family-style Middle Eastern dinner, ethnic entertainment and live music. A cash bar will be available and special guests and raffle prizes will complete the evening. All proceeds from Princess Madiha's Dance Charity Event will go directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. All donations are tax deductible. St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities. ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance for medical treatment rendered at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. Visit www.stjude.org. For workshop and dinner ticket information call Princess Madiha at (248) 478-3456 or Beth Campbell of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at (248) 546-8086.

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The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are:

- The odd year May regular election date
- The general election date in both even and odd years
- The May regular election date in both even and odd years

The Board has tentatively established May as the regular election date on (an) annual basis.

The hearing will be held in the E.J. McClendon Ctr. in the district at 7 o'clock in the evening on the 9th day of November 2004.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year general election held in November commencing with the election to be held November 2, 2005.

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A 15 year reunion is planned for Saturday Nov 27 2004 at Big Rock Chop House 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Jill Randall (248) 709 2436; Steve Cosgrove (248) 872 8254 or scosgrove@twsmail.com

A 10 year reunion is planned for Friday Nov 26 2004 at Lucky's Irish Pub 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Sarah Brenner sbmadigan@sbcglobal.net; John Taggart (248) 737 0634 or jtaggart@argusgroup.com; Mick Ide (248) 703 4188 or grizzly766@hotmail.com

A 5 year reunion is planned for Saturday Nov 27 2004 at Big Rock Chop House (Got Rocks) 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Cate McKeon cmckeon@umich.edu; Rebecca Kramer rkramer@umich.edu; Dan Timmis 96 timmis@brice.edu

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Class of 1984
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Livonia Stevenson High School
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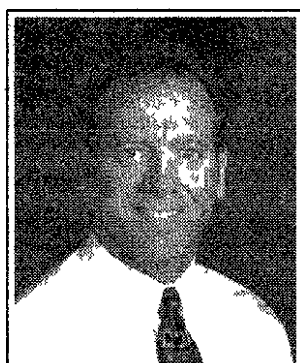
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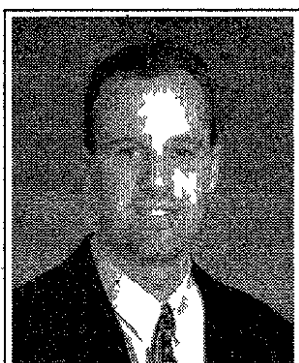
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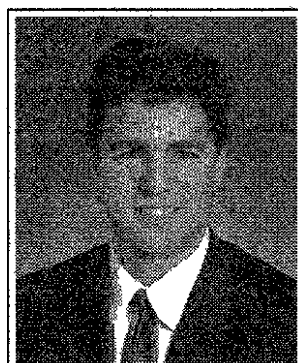
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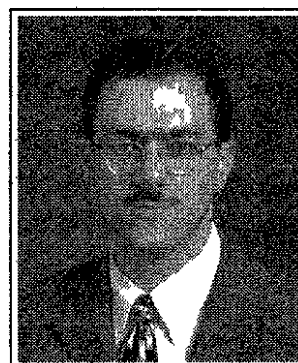
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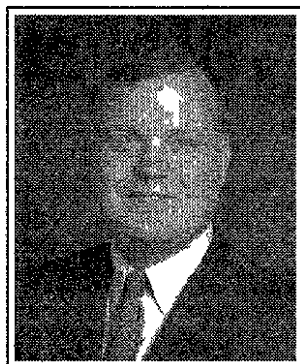
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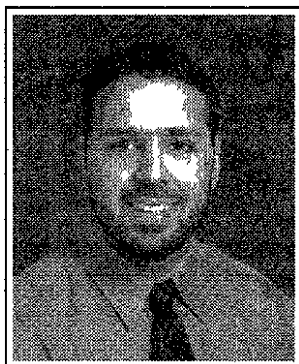
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And if you're pregnant, you shouldn't drink at all. It's that simple.

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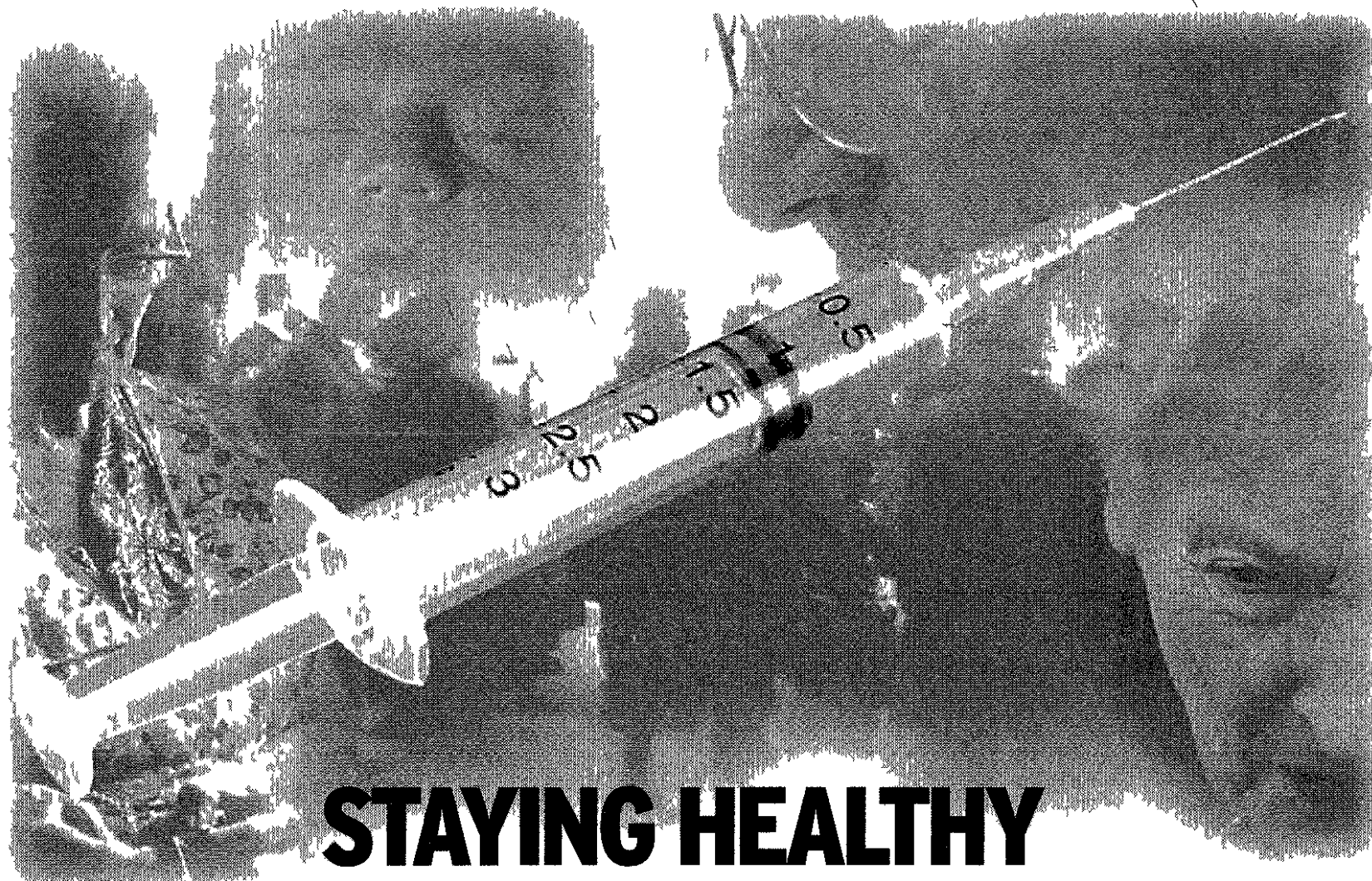
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, Dr. Frank McGeorge couldn't give flu shots away. Now people are panicking because of a short age of vaccine. His advice is to stop worrying.

This year is no different a year than any other, said McGeorge, program director of emergency medicine at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. There are mixed messages within the media. This year

there's a circus panic atmosphere because someone shouted fire in a crowded theater. We have no indication this season will be any different. We do weekly surveillance of what's going around. We're seeing upper respiratory, allergy, asthma due to a change in weather and increased pollen count. There are no early outbreaks of flu, no concern for panic. The appropriate concern is that the vaccine get out to those that need it most. Even if an individual receives a flu

shot, there's no guarantee they won't come down with the high fever, body aches and pain caused by the virus. The best way to lessen your chance of catching the flu is to practice good hygiene and wash hands often. Last year was busy, but for a number of reasons, McGeorge said. It had a little less to do with an unusual flu year, but one that began with a few deaths because the vaccine was not covering the strain in the community. The vaccine was not as good as it should have been, not because of bad

research, but antigenic drift. It changes as it travels across the world, mutating. Nonetheless, flu shots have been given to staff at Beaumont Hospital and precautions are being taken. This year's formulation, which was determined by the FDA in March, includes one virus from last year's vaccine and two new viruses. We're secluding ill and infected populations from those who do not

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have communicable diseases," McGeorge said. "We'll increase sanitization and disinfection, and provide masks for patients coughing in the waiting room, Kleenex for those with a running nose, and make sure there's no infected materials laying around."

"As health care providers, we're trying to stay healthy, he added. "Staying healthy is not something you do on a seasonal basis. This is something you should be doing all of the time."

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Dr. Michael Calice is advising everyone to practice prevention and take a multi-vitamin once a day. The hospital is still waiting to receive 2,000 doses of vaccine to protect staff. Calice isn't worried yet, but if the shortage continues it could cause staffing problems.

"The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is encouraging a healthy lifestyle: eat well, exercise, get enough sleep, seven to eight hours a night to keep your immune system up," said Calice, chairman of emergency medicine at St. Mary. "You can infect others one day before you get sick and seven days after. If you're ill, stay home. Stay your distance if out. Wash hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough, avoid touching mouth and eyes."

To avoid unnecessary ER visits it's important to know the difference between a cold and flu. If you do get the flu call your primary care provider within 48 hours so he or she can prescribe Tamiflu to shorten the duration and lessen symptoms.

Every year, 5 to 20 percent of the population get the flu, 114,000 are hospitalized, 36,000 die," said Calice, quoting CDC estimates. For more information, visit the Web site at www.cdc.gov.

The good news is that the season hasn't started in southeast Michigan.

So far California is seeing some cases, as is Michigan, but I haven't seen any yet," Calice said. "I've done testing and it's come back negative."

Still, panic seems to be spreading over the shortage of flu vaccine. Calice recommends healthy individuals, ages 18-49, receive FluMist, a nasal spray vaccine. High-risk individuals age 65 and over, all children ages 6-23 months, pregnant women, health care workers involved with direct patient care, persons age 2 and up with chronic medical conditions, caregivers and family of children less than 6 months old, and residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities should receive a flu shot—but they shouldn't wait for hours in long lines.

Livonia neighbors Jean Gordon, 75, and Ann Conroy, 84, refuse to stand in line to receive their flu shots. They're not letting the flu season stop them from enjoying life. They recently attended a sold-out Livonia Town Hall lecture by retired actor Dennis Weaver.

"I don't worry about it," Conroy said. "Even if you get the shot you still might get the flu."

McGeorge offers a few words of advice on whether to visit your local ER if you do come down with the flu.

"If you have any heart or lung problems and are experiencing difficulty in breathing, chest pain, or unusual amount of sputum you should go to the nearest ER," McGeorge said. "You can get the flu and develop a bacterial infection on top of the flu. If the flu is associated with a great deal of discomfort, including dehydration, these are other reasons for coming to the ER."

"Seniors, diabetics, if you feel unable to keep up with fluid intake and are feeling exhausted and don't feel you can get over the hump, that's the time to come in. Anyone with a severe headache or changes in behavior, stumbling around, don't hesitate because flu can cause encephalitis. It can cause GI symptoms but classically does not. If you have cramping, nausea, diarrhea it's probably another virus, not the flu."

Starfish Family Services is launching a campaign to help citizens of southeast Michigan recognize the signs and symptoms of addiction.

"Left untreated, drug and alcohol addictions will ultimately result in serious medical problems, legal involvement, and broken relationships," said Christina Sanford, clinical therapist at Starfish's mental health clinic, Lifespan Clinical Services. "Too often the signs of addiction are ignored even by the person exhibiting them. It's important that the public be educated on what to look for, and this is what we're trying to do."

Experts agree that there are many signs of addiction. These include:

- Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities
- The need to ensure an adequate supply of the substance is readily available
- Concealing one's use from family, friends and loved ones

■ Experiencing legal problems due to use

■ An increasingly chaotic and turbulent life as managing one's affairs becomes more difficult

■ Switching between different substances, such as drinking beer instead of whisky, in an attempt to regain control

■ The need to use drugs or alcohol in order to calm down and feel better about oneself

Any sign of addiction should be taken seriously. It is believed that nationwide, only 10 percent of Americans who need treatment ever seek it. Research shows that treatments for alcohol and drug use disorders are as effective as treatments for other chronic conditions.

Between 1988 and 1995, Americans spent \$57.3 billion on drugs—\$38 billion on cocaine, \$9.6 billion on heroin, \$7 billion on marijuana, and \$2.7 billion on other illegal drugs and on the

misuse of legal drugs.

In Michigan, 8.5 percent of the population aged 12 or older reported in 2002 of needing, but not receiving, alcohol abuse treatment, 2.5 percent of the population reported needing, but not receiving, drug abuse treatment. That's a combined total of nearly 1.1 million Michigan residents.

Women are the fastest-growing segment of substance abusers in the United States. About 2.7 million American women abuse alcohol or drugs, or one-quarter of all abusers.

Drug and alcohol use and abuse remains one of the United States' leading public health problems, with approximately 9.4 percent of the nation's citizens aged 12 or older suffering with drug or alcohol addiction.

The cost of untreated drug and alcohol addiction in the U.S. in a given year is estimated at \$276 billion in lost pro-

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For more information on recovery from addiction, call Aleksandra Thurman at (734) 727-3126 or athurman@sfish.org. To seek help for an existing addiction, call Lifespan Clinical Services at (888) 355-5433.

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Menopause support group

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. Features Menopause and Massage Therapy with Teresa Doherty who will share the challenges that come with treating and easing symptoms through inte-

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Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Getting Through the Holidays features Cynthia Barnwell

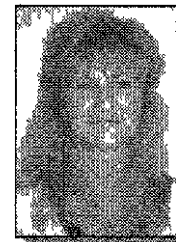
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Alzheimer's and dementia support

Group meets 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills, 27900 Drake. Call (248) 489-9362. The group meets the second Wednesday of every month.

Medication education day

Held by students from the nursing program at University of Detroit Mercy, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, Nov. 12 and open to families and Villa Marie residents at 15131 Newburgh, Livonia. For information call Lisa Gilmary at (734) 464-9494. No charge.



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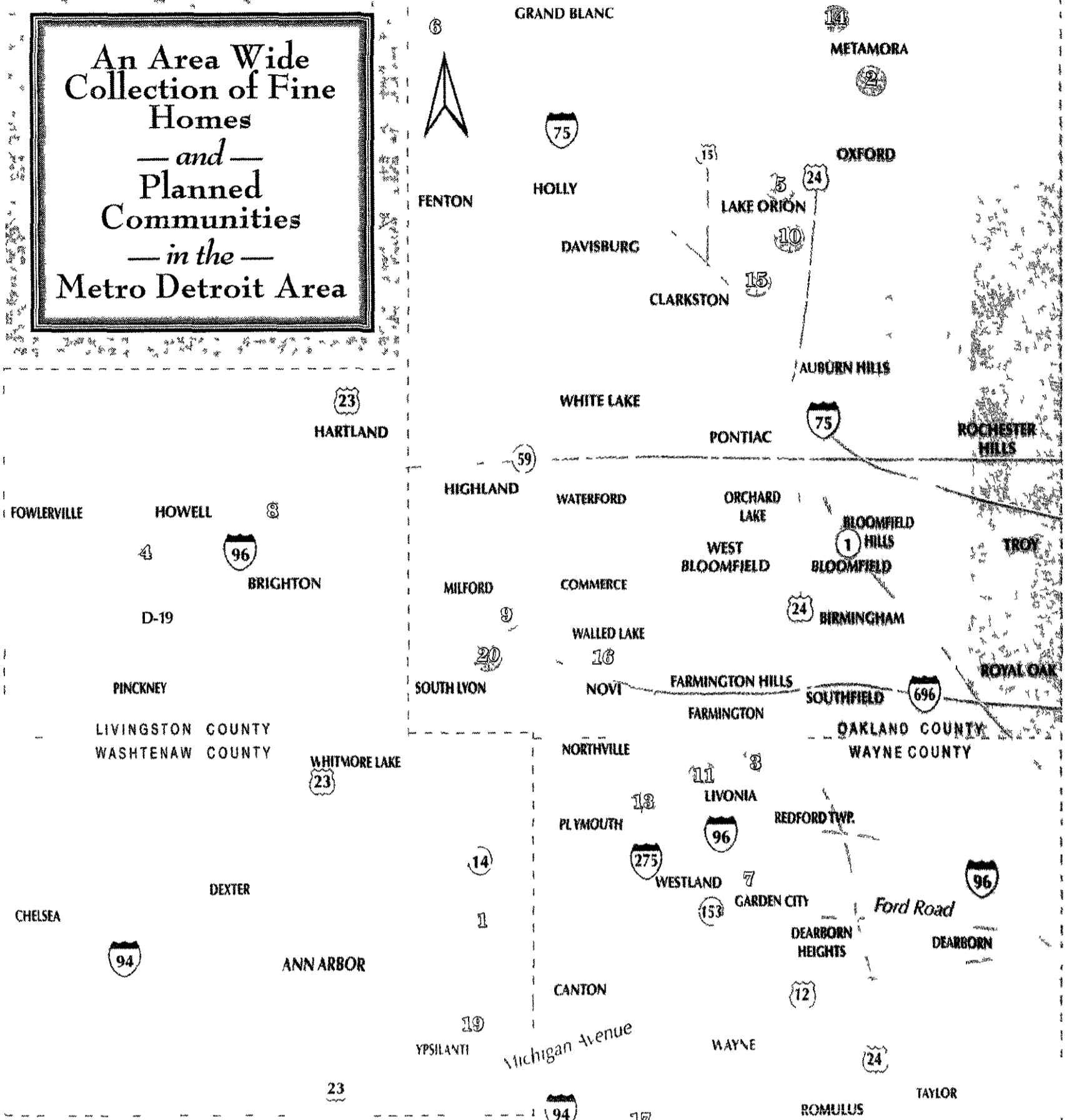


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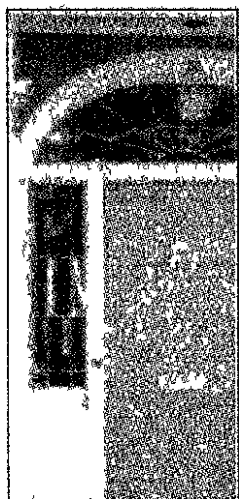
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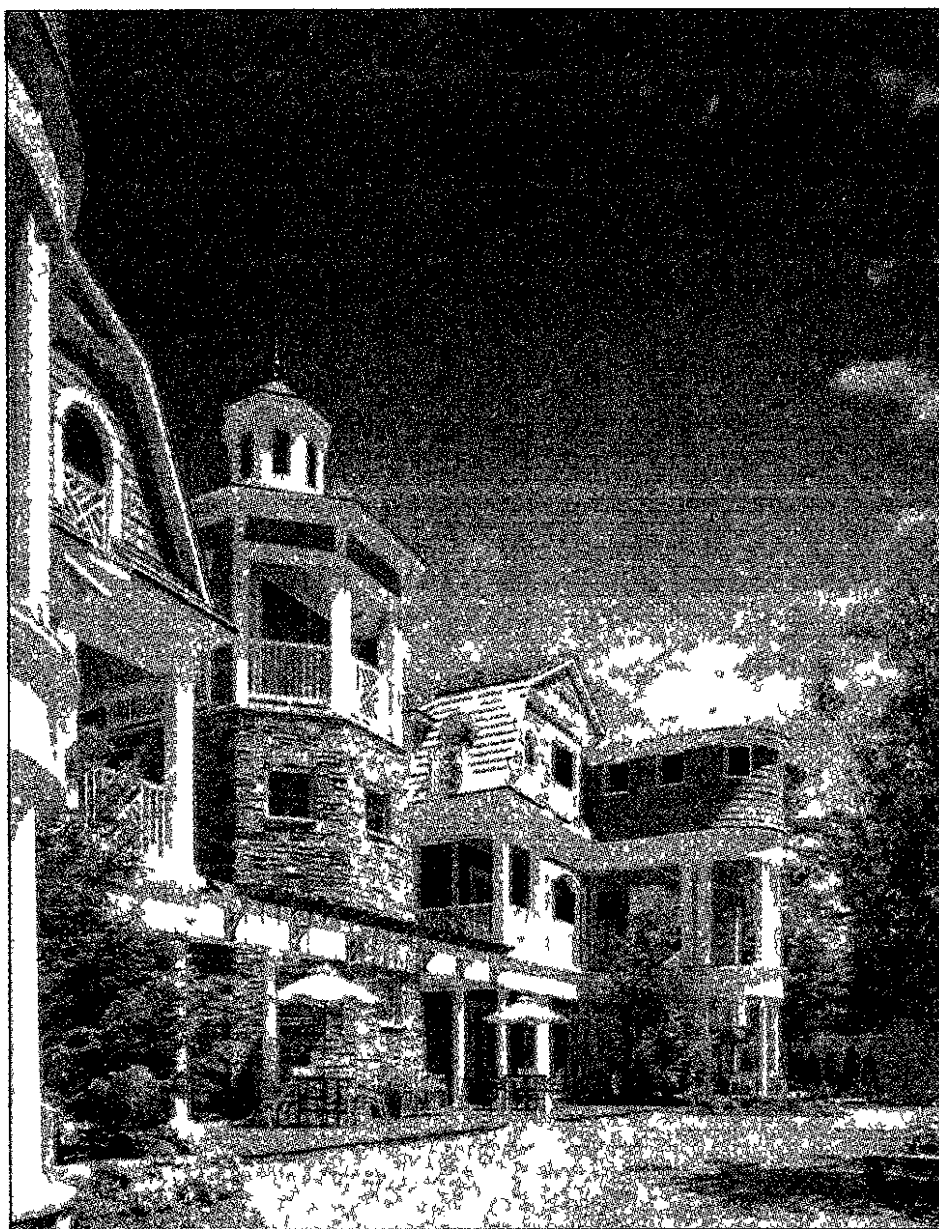
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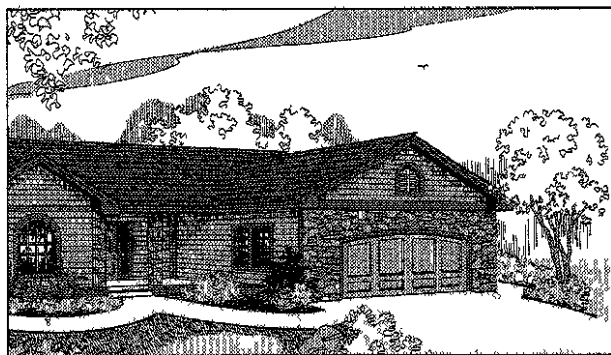
Using beautiful details such as rock around the garage face and on the porch pillars, arched windows and an arched louver above the garage door on the Tani catches the passerby's eye and makes them pause to look. Another wonderful feature of the exterior is the wrap around porch that extends on three sides of this unique home.

Inside the Tani is a huge great room that takes up the center. It has a wood stove on a brick hearth in the left rear corner, with a door that opens onto the covered deck in the rear. Two large windows overlook the backyard and bathe the room in light. The nook and dining room is on the right rear side of the great room.

A C-shaped kitchen with the eating bar facing the dining room and great room completes the center of this home. It has a double sink, dishwasher, range and over, and the refrigerator spread out in the large counters. A corner walk-in pantry forms a wall for the great room.

Adjacent to the entry is long wall closet for clothes as well as the entry to the utility room. This room contains the washer/dryer, a deep sink, and a storage unit. Stairs to the unfinished 1,873 square foot basement is included inside the utility.

Two bedrooms are stacked down the right side of Tani with an elongated bathroom beside bedroom two. The bathroom has a tub, single sink with shelves over head, and a linen closet just outside the door. Bedroom three has a wall closet and a large window, while bedroom two also has a built-in desk for the student in the family. Also the built-in desk is great for



that computer that is invaluable to teens of today. The left side of the home is the master suite with a sunroom. The master suite has a large corner walk-in closet and an open bathroom with a tub on one side and the sink and shower on the other.

The sunroom can be accessed through French doors off the great room. It is surrounded with windows, making it light and airy. It would be a sensational place for intimate dinners, curled up with a book, or enjoying the day with the family.

The Tani has 1,746 square feet of living space that is open and spacious.

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Well-insulated, efficient homes becoming trend

BY CHARLES SLAT
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From the outside, Jim Mackin's new home looks like one of those typical upscale dwellings in one of the many subdivisions popping up around Monroe County.

On the inside, the half-million-dollar residence has special touches - marble counters, bronze fixtures, high ceilings and slate, tile and hardwood floors.

But it's not the obvious stuff that sets it apart from other homes. It's the stuff that can't be seen. The only visible evidence might be in his utility bills.

Mackin lives in a 5-point Energy Star home - a government-certified, energy-efficient structure that should save him about 30 percent of the utility costs of a similar home that wasn't built with energy sav-

ings in mind.

It's registered with the EPA as an energy-efficient home, explains Bob Monroe of Monroe Insulation, the Erie firm that insulated the Mackin house.

With costs of natural gas and electricity rising, an energy advantage becomes a selling point.

"The resale value on a home like this is high," Monroe says. "Sales will come quickly."

Mackin can appreciate that. A homebuilder for 15 years, he's started making energy efficiency a mantra for his models. "We're very energy-conscious. One reason is because we're building larger homes," he says.

But his 2,600-square-foot home might be the only one in the county with a 5-point rating. An inch of Styrofoam insulation surrounds the exterior of the foundation. The walls are rated R-17 and the attic with

12 inches of Nu-Wool cellulose insulation, is rated R-40. All joints are sealed or caulked.

"They seal it up before it's insulated and we put house wrap on the outside," Mackin explains.

Even the garage doors are insulated.

It's not just the insulation, Monroe says. It's the whole house. It's how it's put together.

It has a high efficiency furnace and air conditioning system, an energy-efficient washer and dryer, and Peachtree windows that allow light, but not heat, to pass through. It also has a water storage tank tied to a looped line that provides nearly instant hot water, reducing waste and heating costs.

Ceiling fans are strategically positioned to help circulate heat or cooling air in the rooms with higher ceilings. The ceilings range from 9 to 13

feet.

In the master bathroom, slate floor tile, warmed by ceiling heat lamps, radiates after the lamps are turned off. There is plenty of recessed and accent lighting throughout the home, but these enhancements are affordable given the energy savings elsewhere in the house. "Some of the lighting is for effect," Mackin says. "We use them judiciously."

Though the energy saving construction techniques can boost a home's price by 25 percent, there's a payback in lower utility bills.

And as energy costs rise, the payback is faster. Monroe says just insulating the exterior of the foundation walls can save \$200, a payback that will come in a year.

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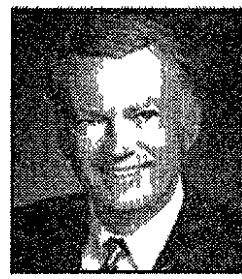
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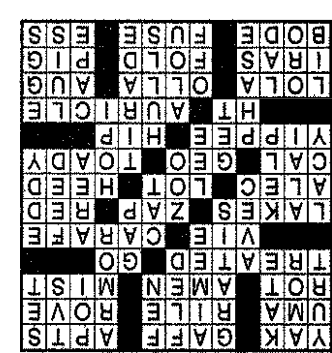
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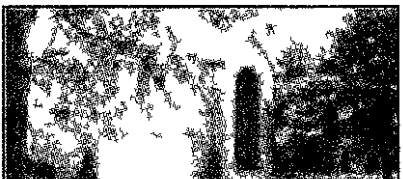
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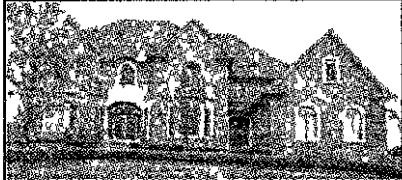
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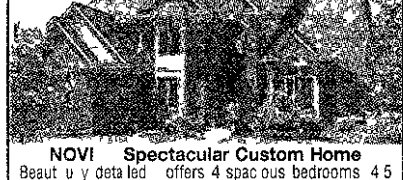
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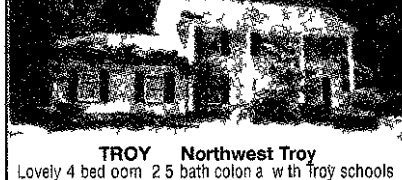
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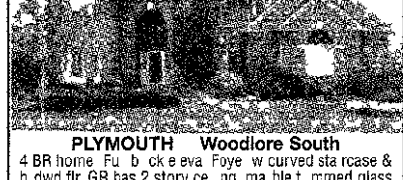
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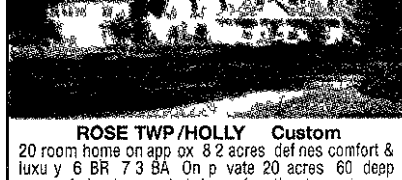
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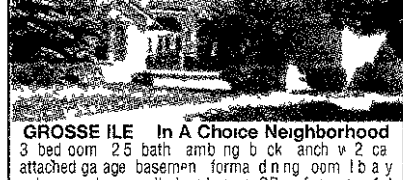
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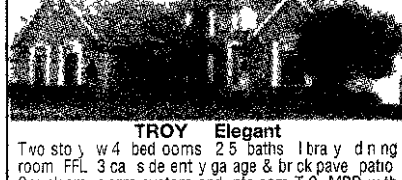
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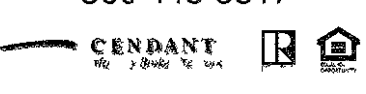
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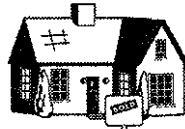


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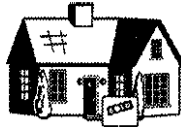
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'Work Force Agility' In \$1+ Billion Companies



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Almost everyone, at some point in a career, thinks about working for a large organization, because such companies appear to offer almost infinite opportunity. A recent survey on behalf of the global Convergys Inc., a software development company with 2003 sales of \$2.3 billion and 55,000 employees headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, reports that companies with revenue above one billion dollars are poorly managed, achieving less than lackluster productivity gains. How can you capitalize on this trend?

Saratoga/PriceWaterhouseCoopers, a research organization in San Jose, Calif., interviewed 13 senior executives on site in as many companies in the United States and Europe to begin the research. Subsequently, it conducted telephone interviews of billion-dollar-plus organizations with, typically, an employee base in excess of 13,000. Interviewees manage the key functions of establishing and implementing strategy for employees. Only 40 percent are in HR, while the remaining 60 percent are split almost evenly by finance and operations executives. Here's what Saratoga finds -- An overwhelming 62 percent of the executives favor "workforce agility" as a condition of "delivering" on business strategy, while only 16 percent of the group judge their companies as having

such flexibility to reallocate, as needed -- Companies maintain that they're overpaying at least 10 percent on workers and that these same workforces are producing revenue at only 90 percent capacity. "For a \$1 billion company," the survey reports, "a 10 percent reduction in workforce costs and a 10 percent revenue improvement represents revenue opportunity of more than \$1.25 billion."

-- A full 60 percent of the U.S. executives believe that employee potential would increase significantly if the current structure of tasks and jobs were replaced with a structure of skills and competencies.

OPPORTUNITY? Agility is extremely important in companies of all sizes. While Convergys should benefit financially from the findings of the study, it draws attention to a workforce need that many companies have not been able to address. Are companies really ready to consider work from the standpoint of skills rather than accomplishments? During this transition period, can you capitalize on emerging opportunity by presenting yourself to potential employers from two different angles, whether you're on the outside or inside of a behemoth?

Anticipate the trend by developing a skills-based resume in addition to the chronological or combined chronological/functional format you're already using. Identify the skills you'd like to use in your next position. If your list is too long, shorten it by joining related skills, such as

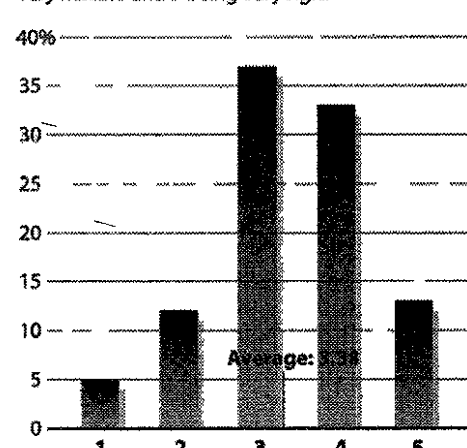
sales/marketing, operations/financial management and project coordination/management.

Build one section at a time by prioritizing your experience with each skill, not describing it chronologically. Describe the most important thing you did, say, in sales/marketing, whether at your current company or elsewhere. Then describe your next most important. Then next, until you've hit the main ones. Reorder any that are out of place. The last should be your least important, in case an employer doesn't read the entire section.

Do this with each of your skill groupings. Then, showcase your most important skill section so that it comes first, down to the least. Add your chronology, which is most likely on your current resume. In one concise sentence, make the objective reflect your skill group and the kinds of results you've achieved. Don't put up roadblocks to a reader's eye. Present information so that it pleases the eye. Invite employers to read from your name down to the end smoothly and dynamically. Use numbers whenever possible.

Many people really don't want to be flexible in their work. You can capitalize on that. Make yourself an agile potential hire or promotable employee by selling your flexibility in conversation, too. When you speak with employers, tell them that you're aware of a trend in some larger companies to increase the ability to respond more quickly to changing business demands.

THE AGILE WORKFORCE
Describe the ability of your company to reallocate people to projects in different lines of business or across business teams. On a scale of 5 with 1 being very flexible and 5 being very rigid.



Only 16% of all executives interviewed in the U.S. and Europe rate their company as flexible.
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Get some information from the inside that reflects this awareness, such as training programs for people developing new skills and teams being redirected to do something unexpected. You shouldn't have to dig too hard to find usable information, but if you do, dig! You are gearing yourself to this particular company. This is your market research. Skipping this step will benefit you as much as standing alone, speaking, in a forest.

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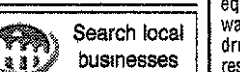
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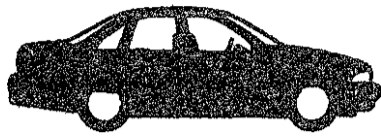
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The Toyota Scion xA is the perfect vehicle for the single guy or gal looking for basic transportation, high mileage and for commuting in the city.

At just a hair over \$13,000, the Scion is a steal. But don't look for rear-seat comfort, any semblance of a cargo area (unless you pop the rear seat down), or any type of creature comforts.

There's an absence of cupholders and pockets for rear seat passengers. It is really tight back there. It just wouldn't do for everyday driving for a family.

But what I did like a lot was the styling, an interior that is smartly positioned and a sedan that was quite fun to drive.

I traveled a good amount in the Scion xA and didn't have that many complaints. I didn't get in the back seat, however. And a trip to the grocery store was a challenge. But this vehicle has a lot of spunk and is extremely comfortable. You would expect to feel every pebble in the road and that didn't happen. It didn't have the ride of a luxury car, of course, but the ride was incredibly smooth, even though it's low to the ground and so very small.

The value you get for the money you spend is well worth your trip to the local Toyota dealer. And the mileage was absolutely astounding.

Let's take a look at the outside. The front of the Scion xA is very, very appealing and has a stance that makes it look like it controls the road. There are curves just about everywhere and they flow into one another with fluidity. The rear is boxy, but very stylish and appealing. The rear also has a fifth door hatch (with a rear-window wiper) that's quite easy to open and close without a struggle.

There are three wheel-cover designs available (five spoke, six spoke or six spoke twist) and a chrome exhaust tip.

Even though the Scion xA is pretty basic, you have a ton of possibilities to personalize it in your own special way, making it as unique and personal as you are.



2005 Toyota Scion xA; Vehicle class: Subcompact. Power: 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine. Mileage: 32 city/37 highway.

On the outside, you can customize the Scion with alloy wheels, wheel locks, rear bumper appliques, rear spoiler, fog lamps, carbon fiber trim pieces, front end mask, tail lamp garnish, mudguards and Toyota Racing Development (TRD) sport parts.

The interior of the xA is not only functional, but quite eye-catching. Up front, there are storage bins in the doors, an illuminated translucent storage compartment in the center stack and under-floor storage area.

Instrumentation is all logically laid out, easy to reach and easier to understand. It's basic, too. Speedometer, odometer, trip odometer and tachometer are all located in the center of the dashboard, making it easy to see without taking your eyes off the road.

In the center instrumentation stack, you'll find heating and cooling controls and the sound system is on top of that, again allowing you to play with controls and volume without your eyes leaving the road. The stereo controls are a bit tiny, but easy to figure out.

Seating is comfortable with sport bucket seats up front and rear seats that are 60/40 split, folding to extend the cargo area to handle more bulky items.

The xA is also equipped quite well for the price of the vehicle. Convenience features like a Pioneer sound system

that's XM satellite radio ready. The system is an AM/FM/CD with three pre-set equalizer settings and MP3 capability.

The standard equipment list on the xA is pretty substantive and includes air conditioning, power windows with one-touch auto down, power door locks, power outside mirrors, rear window defogger, digital clock, cargo area cover, driver's sun visor with mirror, front sport bucket seats, under-floor storage area and tilt steering.

The xA is powered by a 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing. You'll get 108 horsepower out of this puppy and that means fuel economy that's totally on the mark with 32 mpg in the city and 37 mpg on the highway. A full tank of gas will cost you about \$20 and you're certain to get nearly 275 miles out of the tank. That's a plus considering how gas prices are skyrocketing through the ceiling.

The engine comes standard with a five-speed manual transmission, but I would opt for the four-speed automatic just for convenience.

Functional, fun to drive and its affordability are what make this the next car you should buy.

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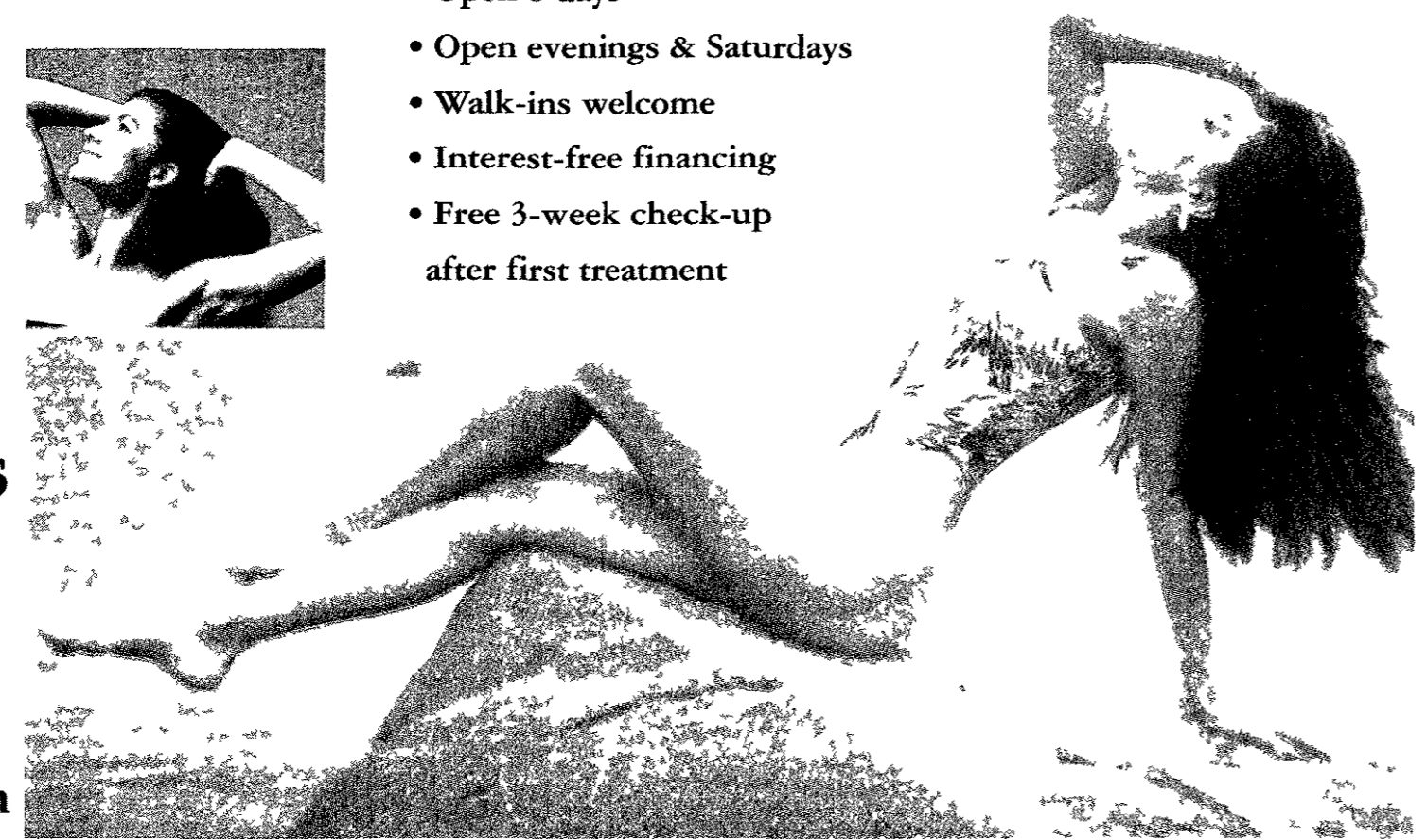
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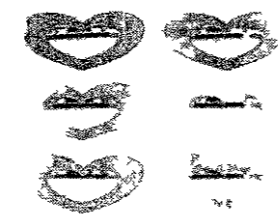


Q: No matter what, I always end up pulling my hair back in a tired old rubberband. I figure if I'm not going to break the habit, I might as well tie it back in some thing more stylish or sophisticated. The problem is I've never been able to find any cool or pretty hair accessories. Can you help?

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Ho-Hum Hair Today, Hot and Hip Hair Tomorrow

Ah, a problem near and dear to my own tresses. Who really has time for all the styling involved in wearing her hair down? Not this chick. Luckily, my shopping addiction, err, I mean expertise, has afforded me the knowledge of where to find things to take me from rubber band blah to ponytail chic. Check out these sites to go from frump to fab yourself.



Cutout hearts in candy colors \$13 @ franceluxe.com

The "Pearlized Brights" category, a collection of brightly hued, eye-popping hair candy if you will. The Cutout Heart Barrette (\$14) is sweet and lovely as are the Hair Stick Singles (\$8) in yummy colors like lemon, lime and plum. Delicious and inexpensive, a winning combination.



Dragonfly barrette \$90 @ www.tarinatarantino.com

But that's always a good problem to have. My faves include the Rhinestone Hair Sweep (\$38), decked out in ruby Swarovski crystals, and the fiery Large Round Barrette (\$38), a bold and bright swirl of yellows, oranges and pinks. Heavenly.



Rhinestone hair sweep \$38 @ alexandani.com

Franceluxe.com has an extensive collection of hair accessories, from bejeweled barrettes to beveled ponytail holders to combs, claws and hair sticks. Prices run the gamut from \$9 to \$200+, but most fall in the reasonable \$10-\$40 range. I like

Dish up more than its fair share of purdy is [tarinatarantino.com](http://www.tarinatarantino.com). For splurge worthy occasions, the Dragonfly Barrette is a super-sparkly masterpiece (\$90). The Lucite Ponytail Holder, a thick elastic ponytail holder surrounded by delicious candy like lucite cubes, is divine (\$28) and comes in a bevy of colors like aqua, olive, pink and orange. The Pave Circle Ponytail Holder is a sophisticated choice and will make the limpest of tresses stand on ends (\$35).

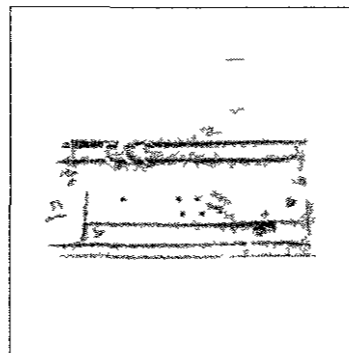
Bargain babes would be remiss not to scope out [girlprops.com](http://www.girlprops.com). Here you can snag bedazzling ponytail holders, clips and barrettes for very affordable prices. I suggest trying your locks back in the Swarovski Crystal Butterfly Ponytail Holder (\$14.99) and the curved Swarovski crystal-studded ponytail holder with silver finish (\$19.99).

Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine [BussBuss.com](http://www.BussBuss.com) and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories. Got an online shopping question? Email kelly@bussbuss.com

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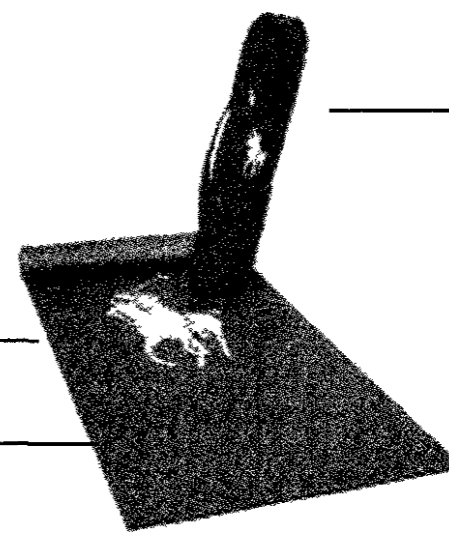
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A gorgeous pink Italian nubuck leather jewelry roll has enough compartments to hold all her accessories as well as those that she acquires on her travels. The soft compact case may be debossed with up to three initials and 10 percent of sales to City of Hope Cancer Center. Available at www.redenvelope.com \$65



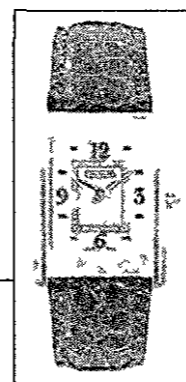
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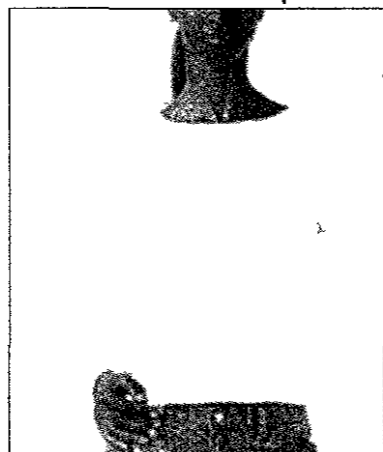
Yogis can donate to the cause with the Pink Pony yoga mat and matching bag. The screenprinted pink polo player logo - a symbol of Polo's commitment to the fight against breast and other cancers - comes with a coordinating cotton canvas bag with interior and exterior zip pocket, drawstring closure and adjustable strap for easy transport. Best of all 10 percent of proceeds goes to the Pink Pony Fund. Available at polo.com \$185



A hip cropped raglan sleeved dancer sweatshirt fashioned in jersey knit fleece is finished with raw edged cuffs, an off the shoulder neckline and ribbed waistband. The pink polo player symbolizes commitment to the fight against breast cancer and other cancers with 10 percent of the sales benefiting the Pink Pony Fund. Available at polo.com \$78

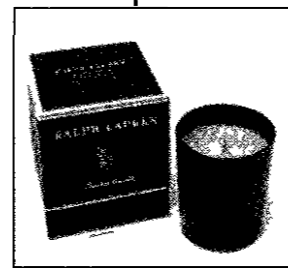


You can wear this stylish Swiss made timepiece with mother of pearl dial and breast cancer ribbon engraved stainless case all year, but if you buy it during the month of October, Coach Watches will donate \$100 of the cost of this special edition Lexington watch to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Available at coach.com \$398



A pink candle in a black glass container subtly emits the scents of pink lily of the valley, pink magnolia, sweat pea, pink Chinese peony, stephanotis and white rose. Candle sales give 10 percent to the Pink Pony Fund, which supports cancer care and research in medically underserved communities. Available at polo.com \$38

The highly collectable design of the pink pony is available on a slim, long-sleeved cotton T-shirt. Ralph Lauren Polo donates 10 percent of the sales to their Pink Pony Fund, which supports programs for education, outreach, screening and early diagnosis for breast and other cancers. Available at polo.com \$95



Pamper the goddess within

By Elaine Perlin Crossley **PINK**

A "goddess" according to Webster is "a female god - a woman whose great charm or beauty arouses adoration." It goes without saying! We're all goddesses in one way or another, and if we don't believe it, who will?

Nurture your goddess within by escaping to a world of luxury at the Goddess Expo on Nov 7 at the Club Venetian.

Treat yourself to an afternoon of physical and spiritual pampering as you meet and mingle with massage therapists, Reiki and reflexology practitioners, make-up artists and aestheticians.

Body enhancers, holistic practitioners, motivational speakers, psychic readers, florists, jewelry designers and an array of others will be on hand to help your "inner goddess" flourish. Or, network with your co-goddesses and collect some future references in your specific areas of interest.

The theme of the Expo is "For Goddesses By Goddesses" - an idea that should extend into the daily life of women, according to Kathy Thayer, founder and president of The Goddess Circle.

"It is a wonderful thing when women can help each other out - supporting each other by becoming a client, acting as a healer, or just by giving a kind reference," Thayer says.

Along with business partner Barbara Ward, Thayer has organized a special group of vendors to convene under one roof where they will offer female-oriented products and services - all

Goddess Expo

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designed to pamper, rejuvenate - and simply spoil us.

The Goddess Circle partners are excited about catering to the needs and joys of women. They are hoping to expand the event to be held four times per year. They plan to vary the locations to allow all women of southeastern Michigan an opportunity to participate either as a guest or a vendor.

The pair also offer resources so women can stage Goddess Parties at home.

Thayer and Ward provide a convenient list of businesses and services dedicated to "pamper

ing" parties on their website - all accessible with the click of a mouse.

Gather your favorite goddesses to your home to celebrate spirit 'la femme.' Share your love for jewelry, flowers, body treatments, lingerie, make-up, candles, party goods, spa accessories and many other girlish passions. Or, how about the intrigue of tarot readings or a seance?

Gathering in goddess circles can re-energize the very essence of a female god - a woman whose charm and beauty arouse adoration. After all, how can we give our 'all' to those we love if we neglect ourselves?

To nurture ourselves is to nurture others, so submit to wild abandon, and allow the aura and energy and of the 2004 Goddess Expo sweep you away - for at least a day, and hopefully eternally!

Elaine Perlin Crossley is a goddess and freelance writer from West Bloomfield.

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Women's Health Boutique crowns 'Queen'

LIVONIA — In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Women's Health Boutique in Livonia crowned breast cancer survivor Sheila Kneeshaw of Detroit "Queen for a Day" at a ceremony in the store Oct 15. Kneeshaw's name was chosen in a drawing held Oct 1 at Gilda's Club in Royal Oak. As Queen, Kneeshaw received an elaborate prize package including spa treatments from Charisma Day Spa of Livonia, a 6-month membership to Curves, Redford, a custom breast prosthesis by ContourMed valued at \$3,000 and a human hair cranial prosthesis valued at \$1,200. She also received several gift certificates for hair styling, lingerie, dinner, flowers, house cleaning and other services from area merchants.



Sheila Kneeshaw is pampered as Queen for a Day

"Every woman, and breast cancer survivors in particular, deserves to feel like a queen, if only for one day," said Women's Health Boutique owner Miriam Searcy. "We've made this happen with the help of our many participating local businesses."

For the second year in a row, Women's Health Boutique, in conjunction with ContourMed, also donated lightweight breast prostheses to uninsured women who made appointments at the store the first week of the month. Women's Health Boutique, located at 31209 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia, offers women a comfortable, dignified and discreet alternative to shopping for personal and intimate health care items. Call 734-762-9324.

Roll out your yoga mat for a cause

Yoga Now is inviting yogis and yoginis to stop by the studio 1-4 30 p.m. Nov 6 to raise money for Lighthouse of Oakland County. That day, staff at Yoga Now will volunteer their time to lead 45-minute Hatha Yoga classes appropriate for all levels at 1, 15, 2, 15 and 3, 15 p.m. for a \$10 donation. Even if you don't want to take a class, guests are encouraged to stop by to enjoy refreshments,

participate in door prize drawings every half-hour, and donate to the cause. A 5-class series at Yoga Now and select yoga accessories will be raffled off for \$1 per ticket, and a representative from the Lighthouse will be present to educate the community on the valuable services provided by their organization. Yoga Now owners Arlene DeMassa and Richard Rahn will donate 100 percent of the proceeds from the classes and raffle to The Lighthouse.

Yoga Now is located at the corner of 2141 Cass Lake Rd. at Orchard Lake, Suite 106 Keego Harbor. Call 248-683-0086.

Girls Matter at annual conference

According to research, girls' self confidence is fairly high until age 11 or 12. Then, at adolescence, many girls cave into the effects of marketing and peer pressure and begin to adhere to stereotyped notions of how they should behave. At the annual Girls Matter Conference, girls are encouraged to acknowledge and express their true feelings, understand the issues they face and learn keys to success. Participating parents will increase their awareness of the challenges facing adolescent girls, understand how to foster their self worth, and learn to use resources available in the community to achieve their goals.

Workshops for girls include education and careers, creativity, sexuality, peer pressure, financial knowledge, nutrition, bullying, sports, relationships, making a difference in the world, self defense, and diversity. Workshops for parents focus on nutrition and body image, communication, setting boundaries with daughters, sexuality, drugs and emotional intelligence. Keynote speaker is educator and author Susan Linn, presenting *Can't Buy Me Cool: How advertising hurts girls and what we can do about it*.

The conference is presented by the Womencenter at OCC, in collaboration with West Bloomfield Community Education, Novi Community Schools, Waterford School District, and Farmington, Birmingham and Southfield Public Schools.

5th Annual Girls Matter Conference

When: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov 6
Where: Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Who: Girls, ages 11-14, and their parents
Why: To empower young women and increase their self-esteem
Tickets: \$15 per person
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Ask the Dentist

Dr. Levi, My young daughter frequently gets a white, purple like sore in her mouth. Someone told me it was a canker sore. Is this the same as a cold sore? My husband and my son get these.

Canker sores and cold sores are not the same thing. Your daughter most likely is experiencing canker sores because they occur inside the mouth. Cold sores (fever blisters) are caused by the herpes simplex virus. They occur outside the mouth, generally on the lips, and are very contagious.

A canker sore is a common problem and can recur often. It is a small ulcer which is difficult to treat. There is no proven technique to eliminate these ulcers. Anti microbial mouth rinses may help reduce the pain and irritation. Over the counter topical anesthetics can also provide relief.

As for cold sores, I suggest you keep an antiviral medication called Valtrex (your dentist can prescribe this) on hand. Start taking this medicine at the first sign of pain or itching. This will greatly reduce the severity of the symptoms. And to stop the spread of cold sores, avoid kissing if at all possible and wash your hands frequently.

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 What woman could resist snagging a pair of shoes from this gorgeous pile, which includes blue ballet flats from Burberry, Valentino leopard lace-ups and embellished Miu Miu, both from Tender, and, on model Becky Alexander, faux croc slingbacks from Bebe? Accessories are key to the season, and Stylist Jeff Moosekian pulled a dazzling array for PINK, Pages 8-9.

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Editor's Note:

In k's PINK Picks last week, when it came to See It!, it said "Sideways — find yours in the coffee shop scene!" It should have read "find yours TRULY" in the coffee shop scene. K was cast as an extra in the film, just released, and we're dying to see if she made the cut!

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Battle of the sexes takes the stage

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Story and photos by Wensdy White PINK

If the phrase "Male Intellect" is an oxymoron, then so is "Female Logic," according to Robert Dubac. Dubac is the sole actor — but far from the only character — in the one-man show *The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?* playing at the City Theatre inside Hockeytown on an extended run. PINK threw a small girls night out at the show Oct. 21, inviting our favorite fashionistas to see the show. The act was blatantly sexist — but we highly recommend it. Dubac is an equal opportunity offender, and you are sure to die over some of his jokes about the differences between men and women — such as women think of a highlight as a hair color, while men consider it a sports term. Women like to cuddle, while men "need space." Women love to talk, while men — uh — don't.

During the one-man show, Dubac plays several characters representing different sides of the 'male intellect.' Each incarnation tries to figure out what women really want in life. Is it nail polish that doesn't chip for 10 days, then falls off all at once? Perhaps a darker shade of black to introduce color into her wardrobe?

While none of his characters can unlock the key to female logic, Dubac is certain he knows the one thing that every woman wants in a man — a BBD. A Bigger, Better Deal.

Maybe. But in absence of that, PINK will settle for a decent night out with friends!

Donna Mireles of Los Angeles Sarah Wilcox of Royal Oak and Erin McGregor of Troy are producing Dubac's latest CD with Anchor Bay Entertainment



Denise Gohr of Macomb Township Rose Beck of Ira Township and Lindy Rumon of Warren drove quite a way to see the play and said it was well worth the laughs



The gang from Street Marketing in Northville walked across the lobby after the show to raise a toast at the Hockeytown Cafe



The writer and star of *The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?* one man show Robert Dubac (left) mingles with guests after a recent performance. Here he is shown with (from left) Annmarie Petracca and Lisa Holloway both of Troy and Graham Shullman of Olympia Entertainment

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

When: Through Oct 31, Nov 4-14
7:30 p.m. Thursdays & Fridays
5 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturdays
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Where: The City Theatre, Detroit
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Tickets: \$24.50

Information: 248-645-6666,
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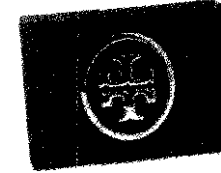
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By Wensdy White

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- Budget ample time to vote, and let your employer know if voting will cut into your work hours
- Polls are campaign free zones Refrain from wearing political buttons or shirts Keep reference materials tucked away until you are in the voting booth
- Bring your ID if you are a first-time voter
- Ask a poll worker for help if you aren't comfortable with any aspect of the voting process. Look for Voter Rights and Responsibilities posted at every polling place.
- Be patient with other voters
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, tell election workers and they will issue you a new one
- After voting, wear your "I voted" sticker with pride.
- Remember, it is impolite to ask others how they voted. If someone asks you, simply say "A lady never tells."

Sources: Kelly Chesney, Spokesperson for Michigan Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land.

tried 'n' true
By k

Sweet Treats to Get You Glowing

I love masks so much, that I had to share a few more with you in addition to last week's recommendations. The cool thing about these products is that you can get into the Trick or Treat spirit through the cornucopia of 'way-off-the-diet' food based ingredients they utilize. For instance, if you are having a tough time staying away from the chocolates you are passing out to Buzz Lightyear and the cast of the *Lord of the Rings*, try spreading Aqua Dessa Hot Fudge Antioxidant Face Mask (\$32) on your skin to get your fix without the calories. This mask is meant to be warmed in the microwave and delivers a slew of age-fighting antioxidants, protective vitamins and restorative oils to your complexion. The temptation to lick the decadent fudgy mask is unbelievable, but you'll be pleased that you don't when you see the glowing, smooth and poreless skin it leaves behind.

To keep your sweet tooth aching, try actually listening to that lovable cartoon character cry out "It's a Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and pick up Jaqua's Pumpkin Papaya Puree Enzyme Face Masque (\$16) or Sephora's own

The Great Pumpkin Mask. Both utilize the raw power of our beloved autumn icon to remove dead skin cells imparting a fresh, renewed glow. Each, however, adds its own special ingredients to create a recipe you'll want to use well after the leaves have fallen.

Finally, can an apple twice a week really keep us looking lovely and sleek? Well, Juice Beauty thinks so and graciously brings us **Green Apple Peel AHA Enzyme Treatment** (\$48). Green Apple Peel utilizes the same principles as the pumpkin formulas, but gets its enzymatic power from certified organic apple juice. The mask is so effective, you may never find yourself at the dermo again!

So, while you pass out treats to the kiddies this year, take heart in the thought that after the last adorable little princess and fireman have skipped away (or during, if you dare!) you can spread on one of these sweet and ultra-effective natural masks to join in the fun without the sugar high! Products available at Sephora, Ruby's Balm and ccbpans.com

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Julie Binder Trunk Show

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Aries: (March 21-April 20)

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Taurus: (April 21-May 21)

Taurus, this simply isn't like you. Frantic and frazzled, you almost seem lost. Take some time to decompress this week and by Thursday you'll feel together again. Lose yourself in the colors and energy of this fall holiday on a long walk. Relax!

Gemini: (May 22-June 21)

Have a creative itch in need of scratching? Take up a new project, and add some trademark Gemini charm. Art is a great way to express yourself and add some personality to your home. In time for tonight, test your skills and whip up some ghoulish decor sure to impress.

Cancer: (June 22-July 23)

Consider listening to your inner voice this week. Take a walk on the wild side and follow your instincts guiding you to take a risk. Let's not do anything we'll regret, but



Aries don't shy away from dressing up as something fun for Halloween like this Minnie Mouse @ halloweenstreet.com

there has never been a better time to test out a dramatic new look. If all fails, you can always blame it on Halloween.

Leo: (July 24-Aug. 23)

You're such a social butterfly, Leo. Put your entertaining skills to good use and scare up a themed cocktail party sure to

haunt your friends and family for years to come. Later in the week, the tides will change and you'll be the guest of honor at another soiree.

Virgo: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Sure, we all question things. However, make sure that brilliant mind of yours doesn't over-analyze every little detail. Channel those thoughts and fears into a good scare. Head over to a haunted house sure to take your mind off whatever seems to be bogging you down, Virgo.

style scope

By Kat

Scare Up Some Style: Happy Halloween!

Here's a tip: A scary movie is a surefire way to get closer to the one you love. Rent all of the classics (*Frankenstein*, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, etc.) and grab your crush. You'll need a hand to hold with all of the fright on screen, even if you love a good horror film. There is nothing scary about this romance.



Use your energy to carve a jack-o-lantern. Libra

Sagittarius: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Luck is on your side this week. Take a gamble on something you've been pondering, just make sure it's something you really want. Good fortune can fade as quickly as it appears. Since you have it on your side at the moment, I suggest indulging in some Halloween treats. Lady Luck will keep them from damaging your diet, right?

Libra:

(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Why the youthful glow and silly grin, Libra? Either way, enjoy the burst of energy you'll experience this week. Channel some of your inner child into a favorite holiday activity, carve a jack-o'-lantern! Isn't it funny how the simple joys of life are forgotten with time?

Scorpio:

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

One woman's cookie is another woman's evil nemesis. You've been taking care of yourself, you feel great, so why stop there? Just because today happens to be a holiday all about candy and goodies, doesn't mean you can't participate. Cook up some healthy treats to curb the urge to indulge. Popcorn balls anyone?

Aquarius: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You are a creature of habit, my friend. Structure and organization keep you on track daily. However, brace yourself, everything might get out of whack this week. With the unveiling of the new month, revamp your routine and get back on the fast-track to success. Sometimes things need to be shook up. No other scares are in the forecast for Aquarius. Boo!

Pisces: (Feb. 20-March 20)

Get creative and pamper yourself at the same time. While working on Halloween decor, hold onto the pumpkin "innards." The seeds are delicious, and the enzymes in the pulp are fabulous for the skin. Blend until smooth and apply to your face for several minutes, then rinse. You'll glow right through the week without spending a cent, lovely.

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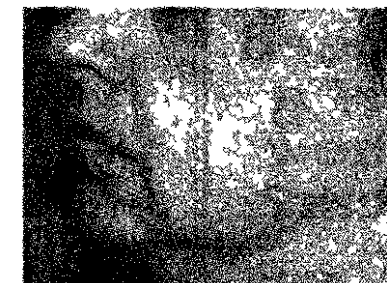
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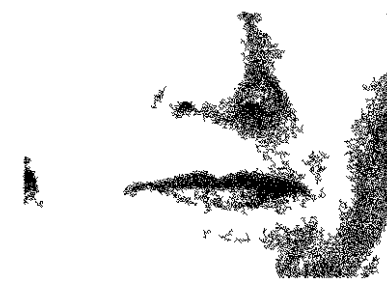
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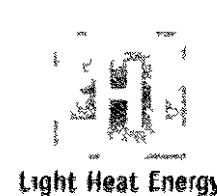
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Unicorn brings fashionista fantasies to life

By K Photos by Christopher A. Jablonski

Just a few weeks ago the end of the rainbow appeared on 11 mile in Royal Oak. A pot o' gold you ask? Almost. It's Cara Lundgren's latest retail adventure called Unicorn Couture and it is THE place to pick up the trends of tomorrow. Not only is this shop chock full of hand selected top-quality AND reasonably priced apparel, it exudes the kind of hip to the max-but-oh-so-low-key shopping experience only the coolest gals get.

Cara carries textured and rich wools and velvets by Klice out of Turkey, pinstriped puffed sleeved jackets and pencil skirts from Stoosh, and her very own oh-so-coveted personally embellished vintage slips and camis. The former owner of Dolly Rocker's moves on and grows up to bring us an eclectic yet mature array of off-the-beaten-mall corridor fashions that say classy, savvy and hip all in one. Stop into Unicorn Couture at 212 W 11 Mile, Royal Oak at 248 544 7827. And don't worry, die-hard Dolly Rocker's fans — the rocker chic boutique is under new ownership and celebrated its grand re-opening on Oct 22. For more info call 248 547 Doll. Here, PINK captures fashions from Unicorn Couture at a recent runway show.



Unicorn Couture Owner Cara Lundgren makes a curtain call after the Fall Fashion Event at Severance Gallery Oct 23 where her clothes were featured on the runway. She is shown here with local designer Terrance Sullivan.



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Unicorn Couture is located at 212 W 11 Mile west of Main in Royal Oak.



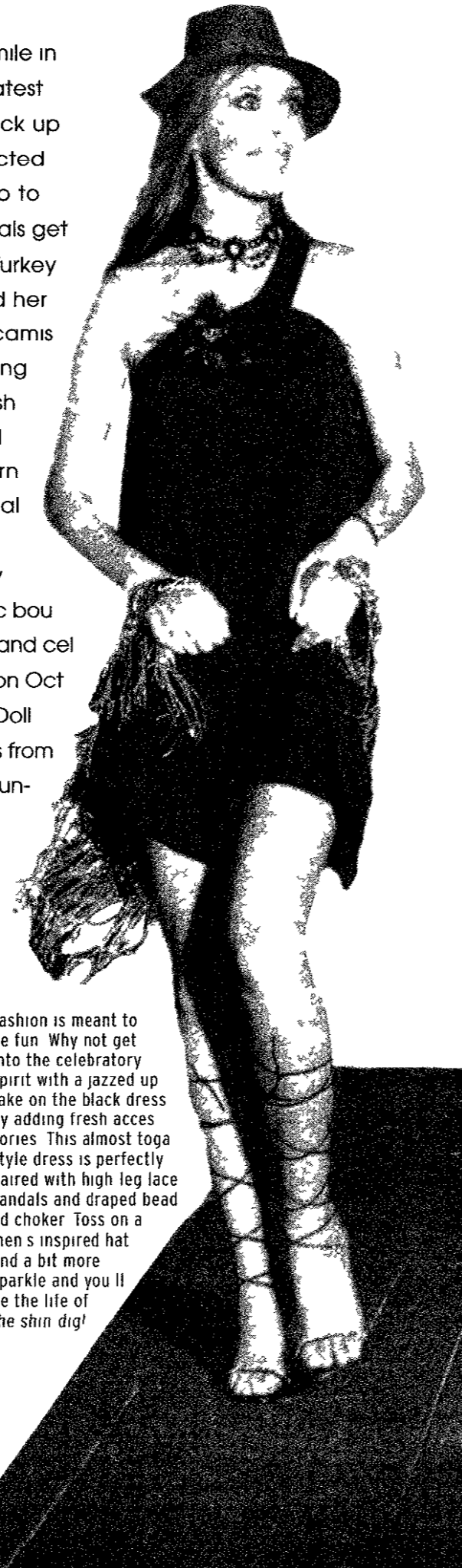
Pair a slim floral skirt with a split sleeved crocheted sweater all funk'd up with fuzzy legwarmers, beaded choker and oversized newsboy cap for uber cool.



Tall red pumps with bows complete a flouncy, flirty and very girly party look. Don't be afraid to wear your heart on your sleeve — or around your neck or dangling from your ears.



Take tough gal pieces to the max with unexpected twists. A trendy printed tee, short denim mini and tall choco boots take on a fresh flair by tossing on a trapper's hat.



Fashion is meant to be fun. Why not get into the celebratory spirit with a jazzed up take on the black dress by adding fresh accessories. This almost toga style dress is perfectly paired with high leg lace sandals and draped beaded choker. Toss on a men's inspired hat and a bit more sparkle and you'll be the life of the shin dig!

's election nears, League urges women to vote

By Christy L. Breithaupt PINK Correspondent

Most women are aware that prior to 1920 women were not allowed to vote. What they often don't know is that suffragettes were harassed, fined and even jailed for fighting for the right to vote in this day and age we have the luxury of being able to walk up to a voting booth and make our voice known. Yet many women don't — something Sue Abrams, president of League of Women Voters Oakland Area, feels strongly about.

There were a lot of women who worked very hard. They went to jail for fighting for the vote," she says. "To let their hard work and their sacrifices go in vain is really silly. I think that women need to take this opportunity that was given to us and use it."

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 with the goal of educating women about their right to vote. Eighty-four years later its position has shifted a little — despite the individual members' political affiliations the group bands together to encourage everyone, male and female, to make informed decisions and to get out there and vote.

Certainly there are a lot of issues that are important to women but I think everyone should vote," says Eva Packard, who is in charge of voter service at the LWVOA. "To have an influence they need to vote. People who vote get paid attention to. I just think voting is important for everybody."

Elaine Mary Smith, of Eastpointe, agrees with this philosophy. Smith has voted every year she's been eligible and although she doesn't begrudge those who don't vote she can't imagine not having her voice heard.

"I believe that you have to stand up and be counted, no matter what you want to be counted for. It is also important to vote for the person that you think will do the best for your country, state, or even city," she says. "If you don't make a choice, it will be made for you and you have to live with it. I'd much rather be a part of the solution."

With the 2004 election shaping up to be one of the most highly anticipated elections in history it is not surprising that there has been an increase in voter registration, Abrams says. But just registering isn't enough.

It's great that more people are registered but they need to get out there and vote. This is not just women," she says. "This is everybody — especially young voters who have not participated in voting. The future is theirs. They need to participate in the direction in which this country is going."

Rebecca Jacokes, of Ferndale, can't



Metro Detroit women will cast their votes on Nov. 2

understand why anyone would throw away their chance to participate in the government. She'll be waiting in line on Nov. 2.

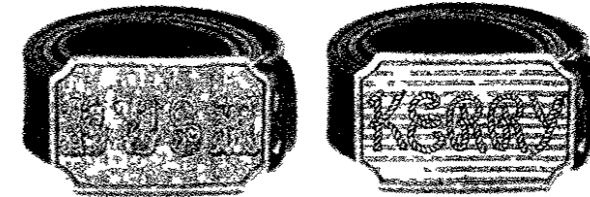
"I find it frustrating that they believe their vote doesn't matter and that they are really that apathetic about the issues," she says. "But all of my friends vote."

Cara Trautman, a Bloomfield Hills registered voter, knows the power of democracy and appreciates the rights she has been given.

"I don't think I voted until I was out of college. Sadly, I never thought my vote was very important. I also went to an out-of-state college and therefore it wasn't easy to vote," she says. "However, everything changed after I joined the Peace Corps. I lived in a country that had the same president for over 20 years. He recently abridged the national constitution so that he can run indefinitely. I saw how votes were traded

for money and gifts and dissidents were often punished and sometimes put in jail. We should count ourselves lucky we don't live in this situation."

Understanding the issues at hand is one of the main concerns of the LWVOA, which distributes voter guides throughout the area as an overview of the different proposals and candidates. You can find the



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guides in town halls and libraries. If you need help finding information you can go to the Oakland website at www.lwvoa.org or to the national site at www.lwv.org. Both sites have links to helpful web pages as well as to other chapters such as Troy, Grosse Pointe and Wayne County.

Abrams encourages potential voters to take the time to understand what they are voting for. "Read more than one paper and

Single women have poorest showing at polls

U.S. Census data and a nationwide survey reveal that unmarried women comprise the largest group of unregistered and nonvoting citizens in the United States.

■ If unmarried women voted at the same rate as married women, over six million more voters would have gone to the polls in 2000.

■ More than any other demographic group, unmarried women describe themselves as progressive, and desire a government that responds to their concerns, specifically about jobs, health care, education and a woman's right to choose.

■ 22 million unmarried women who were eligible to vote did not cast ballots in the 2000 election.

■ Unmarried women overwhelmingly believe that the country is headed in the wrong direction — and don't think politicians will do anything about it.

■ 16 million unmarried women were not registered to vote in 2000.

Source: Women's Voice, Women Vote

watch more than one news program. Know what each side has to say. Any time in your life you need to make a decision you need to learn about all the facts. Good decisions are made when you know as much as you can about what you're deciding," she says. "An unformed voter does not know how voting impacts their life and impacts all of us. We are the government."

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Women voters, seen as a powerful voting bloc, who have national security as their main concern.

It's all in the details.

By Jeff Moosekian Photos by Carla French

This Fall, you can't talk fashion without saying "accessorize!" The hottest trends are not in hemlines, but rather the things you use to accentuate your hands, ears, neck and pretty little feet. Be daring and creative and, taking a tip from the classic 80's TV show *Dynasty*, know that less is NOT more.

The Galet ring goes perfectly with a heart shaped crystal pendant from Baccarat.

Turn everyone green with envy when you sport an icy crystal Galet ring in olivine from Baccarat, with or without 18-carat gold banding, a hot Michelle watch from Metals in Time and an Yves Saint Laurent-inspired clutch from Bebe.

Time and an Yves Saint Laurent-inspired clutch from Bebe.

Keep your tootsies happy in lace-up leopard pumps with a matching bag from Valentino, available at Tender, Birmingham.

Black is Boring

Though it may be true that you can never have too many pairs of black pants or black handbags, this season break out some color. Pink is the perfect accent to the duller of outfits. Add a feminine burst of color with a Michelle watch or beautiful chandelier earrings. Green also is making its rounds this season onto faux croc Miu Miu handbags and exquisite Baccarat jewelry. It is this Fall's must-have color trend, and you'll find it in hues from mint to grass.

Skin is In

Crocodile, snake and leopard are more glamorous than ever in the form of Valentino, Gucci and Burberry handbags. Not to be outdone, fur has found its way out of a decades-long slumber back into the forefront of high society. Glam out any outfit with a fur capelet or mink Gucci pumps.

Go for the Gold!

Cartier's Trinity Collection, around since 1924, is more popular than ever. Combining three bands of white gold, rose gold and yellow gold into bracelets, rings, and other assorted jewelry, you're sure to feel like a winner. Besides, with jewelry like this, there won't be a belt or handbag out there whose hardware won't match.

The Brooch is Back!

Showing up on everything from lapels to jeans to shoes, the brooch has taken on a new, exciting life. Display an antique Swarovski star or a gold floral reproduction on just about anything to give your outfit that necessary glitz.

Add Ethnic Flavor

Are you missing the exuberant nightlife of Marrakesh? Apparently, most designers are. Though large helpings of this look won't be popping up until next Spring/Summer, use exotic pieces of jewelry to add life to an otherwise understated look.

If the Shoe Fits...

There is more going on with shoes this season than ever before. The range of colors, fabrics and shapes is enough to give everyone a little bit of what they want. Kitten heels, ballet flats, faux snakeskin slingbacks and, of course, the brooch are just a few examples of the styles and adornments on footwear this Fall.

Black stole from Club Monaco; Bebe faux fur; white fox stole from Tender.

The latest take on the classic Trinity collection features delicate bangles and a matching engraved ring. Small intertwining bands also are used to cinch pink and fuchsia silk cording into a classy and affordable casual bracelet. If you wear out the silk, you can transfer the Trinity bands to a chain.

Burberry offers a medley of coordinating classic separates this Fall, including a hat, faux croc shoulder bag and scarf.

This Miu Miu handbag is The Young line by PRADA in embossed leather, with a double chain shoulder strap and satin lining. Miu Miu shoes feature Swarovski crystal embellishments.