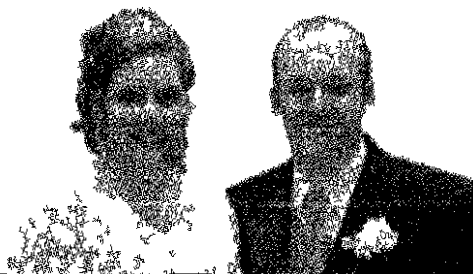


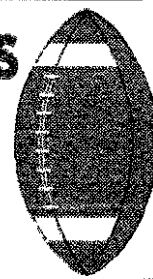
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District tries to overcome MEAP snafu

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials have been scrambling the past few weeks to get the required materials to administer the state-mandated MEAP tests, which students are required to take during a two-week window from Oct. 3-14.

Not only has the state moved the testing period from January to the beginning of the school year, but the company that has the three-year, \$48 million contract to administer the

tests has failed to deliver the needed materials to many schools throughout the state, including Plymouth-Canton.

"We were told our materials would arrive Sept. 19, and after several delays they eventually began to arrive, but the order wasn't complete," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education. "Most of the delivery process was completed Monday."

Bender also noted some of the tests had printing errors, and as a result some of the questions will have to be tossed out.

Barbara Church Rodenberg, the district's assistant superintendent of instructional services, said some school administrators and teachers are working as best they can around the problems.

"You have teachers, principals and parents who are concerned about this test and want to get off on the right foot," said Rodenberg. "You tell your students the test will start on a particular day, you remind parents to get their kids prepared, and then you have to postpone because the materials haven't arrived yet."

"If you have to change at the last minute because test books haven't arrived, it could cause complications," she said.

Joyce Johnson, principal at Central Middle School, said she finally received all of her materials on Tuesday, the day after the standardized tests were to begin.

"We had to revise our schedule so we could start on Monday and finish within the allotted amount of time the state has given us," said Johnson. "We got our math materials one day, then three days later another group,

and then two or three days later more materials."

Johnson said she received a packet with only one MEAP assessment administrator's manual.

"We thought we were getting enough materials for each of our teachers," she said. "Fortunately, we found it online and downloaded and copied the sections we needed. It's been very frustrating."

"We have teachers who have never administered the MEAP test before,

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Parolee busted for car break-in

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After spending 3½ years in prison for committing home invasions in Plymouth, 23-year-old Joseph Slater finds himself with the possibility of spending up to 30 years in prison for stealing a pair of \$12 sunglasses and a case from a car at Daisy Square.

Detective Lt. Ed Ochal said Slater — who was paroled in June — and a pair of 16-year-old juveniles from Plymouth were arrested after a brief chase by officers Monday night, shortly after 10 p.m.

"He went into a garage and car, took some items, and then was chased by officers across the railroad tracks," said Ochal. "Slater was found hiding underneath a boat."

Ochal said Slater was arraigned in 35th District Court in front of Magistrate Eric Colthurst Tuesday on one count of home invasion first degree, a 20-year felony, larceny from a building, a four-year felony, and being a habitual criminal, which could net Slater 30 years in prison.

Slater is being held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 cash bond, and a retainer for parole violation.

The two juveniles will be ushered through juvenile court.

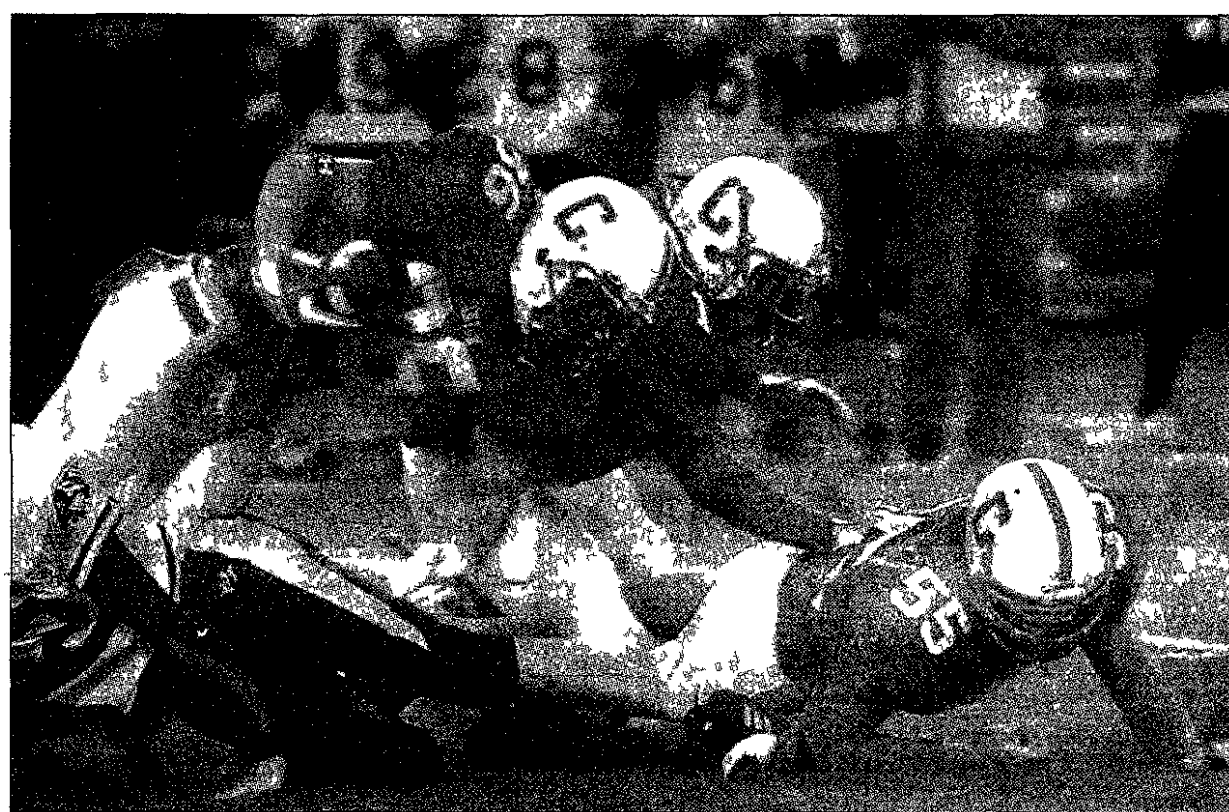
In Nov. 2001, Slater was arrested in connection with several home invasions, on charges identical to those he faced this week. After being convicted, he was sentenced to five-20 years in prison.

Police Chief Wayne Carroll said sometimes criminals get into a comfort zone, which can sometimes tip their hand to police investigators.

"Criminals tend to isolate themselves in patterns," said Carroll. "If they've been around for a while, we know what a guy does and when we see similar crimes, it gives us a place to start looking."

Carroll said there have been a rash of burglaries in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, and his department will investigate to determine if Slater is tied to any of them.

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Playoff primer

Canton's Dalton Walser (36) dives for extra yardage as teammates Deshon McClendon (1) and Mike Edwards clear a path during the Chiefs' 42-7 win over Plymouth Friday night. The win pulled Canton within a game of the playoffs. For more on the game, please see Page B1.

Flour gives rise to post office evacuation

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In today's era of heightened security and fear, it was no wonder the Plymouth post office off Beck Road was evacuated for two hours Thursday when a package was discovered covered with white powder.

Fortunately, the package turned out to be harmless, except perhaps to someone's cholesterol count.

The package, mailed from Germany to a woman in Plymouth, that caused all the disturbance turned out to contain nothing more than

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SKF rolls out drive-by-wire concept car

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

George Detloff said his company's success is based on change. Apparently his firm, Swedish-based SKF, did some \$6 billion in sales last year, so it's become accustomed to success. And Wednesday, Detloff helped roll out the company's latest baby, a drive-by-wire concept car, Novanta.

The company, responsible for some 39,800 jobs globally (some 9,800 in its automotive division), introduced Novanta at a ride-and-drive event at the Plymouth Township headquarters of its North American automotive division.

"Our philosophy is if it looks the same in our plant today, we've failed," said Detloff, president of SKF Automotive Division-North America since January 2004. "We have to change every day."

Change is the whole idea behind Novanta, which SKF showed off at Wednesday's event. The car uses drive-by-wire technology, which is

Instead of a steering wheel, the car is run by a 'human-machine interface' unit that stores inside the door until it's closed, then extends in front of the driver.

SKF's specialty, to control all major driving systems. The technology replaces weighty, cumbersome mechanical and hydraulic systems with what SKF calls "smart electro-mechanical actuating units."

Instead of a steering wheel, the car is run by a "human-machine interface" unit that stores inside the door until it's closed, then extends in front of the driver. All of the control units for the car — steering, throttle control, braking and transmission — are located in the interface and its supporting arm.

"Novanta is the next generation of drive-by-wire vehicle," said Steve Brown, director of the SKF North



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SKF's Novanta eliminates mechanical linkages such as the steering column, brakes, shift linkages, and throttle cable, instead using electrical impulses.

American Technical Center. "It gets people to think 'what could be?'"

It's nothing new for SKF, which spends some \$100 million annually on research and development. The

company got into by-wire technology in the aerospace industry since 1985, when the company's by-wire

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Coming Thursday in Filter



Scary places parties and clubs in next week's Filter

Chamber auction

More than 600 people are expected to help celebrate at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction, themed "There's No Place Like Home," set for Friday, Nov. 4, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The chamber, which has been looking for more room for years, finally bought its first new home on Ann Arbor Trail

after leasing its previous spot on Main Street for 18 years.

The auction is the chamber's largest fund-raiser of the year. Proceeds from the auction, which this year features live and silent auctions, a 50/50 drawing and several raffles along with live entertainment, are used to sponsor chamber events and programs.

Individual tickets are \$75, which includes dinner, dancing

and an open bar. Gold sponsorships are available for \$375 for two people, and Platinum sponsorships are available for a VIP reserved table for 10. Both the gold and platinum sponsorships include a pre-auction party, special recognition, exclusive prize drawing, hors d'oeuvres and special music.

Tickets can be purchased by mail, fax or in person at the chamber's temporary location in Suite 208 of the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building at Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Health fair

Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts a Senior Health and Wellness Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, featuring merchants, health providers and local service people showing seniors how to get the most out of life.

The event will feature door prizes, give-aways and a complimentary lunch. Flu shots will be available for \$29 (free with Medicare Plan B). Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. The church is located at 45201 N Territorial, a quarter-mile west of Sheldon.

For information, visit the Web at www.pfumc.org or call (734) 453-5280.

Media arts center

A screenwriting workshop and classes on video/film production, mixed media editing, and sound/light technology are all helping to launch the Plymouth Media Arts Center.

All of those classes are components of the new arts center,



Haiti and Cuba

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a photo exhibit by Jack Kenny and Valerie McNeece which runs through Oct. 29. The images of Cuba and Haiti will be on display at the Joann Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. As part of the Cultural Diversity Series, other activities relating to the exhibit will be taking place throughout the month. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, the McNeece will give a lecture and present their photos of Haiti. Jack Kenny, a local photographer, will be the featured speaker presenting his black and white images and stories of Cuba at the ArtReach Dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. Advance tickets are \$20 with proceeds from this event going toward a trip to the DIA for all Plymouth-Canton Community School's fifth-grade students. An artist reception takes place 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 416-4278 or come in the Arts Center, 774 N. Sheldon.

offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The series starts with a beginning screenwriting workshop that begins Oct. 11.

"Cinematic skills are the new form of literacy," said Stella Greene, executive director of the PCAC. "All around us we experience these newer approaches to communication. The PCAC

hopes to provide the opportunity to learn these techniques from working professionals in the field."

The Plymouth Media Arts Center is the result of through research which points to the lack of media arts opportunities in western Wayne County, Greene said.

"Communication on multiple levels is the reality of today's world," Greene said. "Whether preparing a term project for school or making a compelling power point presentation at work, today's technology requires a high

level of familiarity with all the media options available to be successful."

PCAC officials hope the Plymouth Media Arts Center is a "ready resource to hone rapidly changing competency levels." They're using the first phase, Beginning Screenwriting, as an opportunity to find out more about the Media Arts Center.

For more information or to register, e-mail lgreenesen@plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Katrina aid

An outpouring of concern for victims of Hurricane Katrina has prompted donations from a vast number of individuals and organizations, including Community Financial in Plymouth.

The credit union matched employee donations to the American Red Cross Hurricane 2005 Relief Fund during the month of September for a total contribution of more than \$14,000.

"Earlier this year we raised nearly \$4,500 for tsunami victims," said Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton. "This time we had the opportunity to help at home."

Community Financial has more than 100 employees who participate in community service programs, including promoting financial literacy through 23 student-run credit unions. The credit union also administers a "Jeans for Charity" program that raised more than \$12,000 in 2004.

Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. For more information, visit the Web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328.

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Traveling through time

Museum offers comprehensive look at past

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A tour through Plymouth is easy to find at the Plymouth Historical Museum, especially with plans being finalized for the timeline downstairs at the museum.

The upstairs at 155 S Main offers a good look at the late 19th and early 20th century but not before or after, said Beth Stewart, museum director.

"We were looking to document things that came before and especially things that came after," Stewart explained.

The permanent exhibit includes the Indians and early settlers, whose first business was a blacksmith shop. It shows how forests gave way to fields and factories, with the railroad coming through in the mid-1870s.

"The train was huge during the Civil War," said Stewart, although local soldiers couldn't leave directly from Plymouth. Daisy Air Rifle and other BB gun businesses are included in the timeline, with Stewart noting that Plymouth and Northville had seven such businesses at different times.

The walkway changes as the visitor moves through time, from dirt to a plank road, where in earlier times a toll would have been paid to enter, and then brick. The Alter car, manufactured in Plymouth, is exhibited.

Also covered are the community's two movie theaters, the Pennman & Allen, which opened around the end of World War I, and the Penn, which opened in 1941 a few days before Pearl Harbor.

"Now we're talking about not having any," she said of efforts under way to save the Penn. The older theater burned earlier.

Women in local history are featured with organizers working with the Phoenix Mill Women's History Museum to tell the story of women who worked in Ford industries.

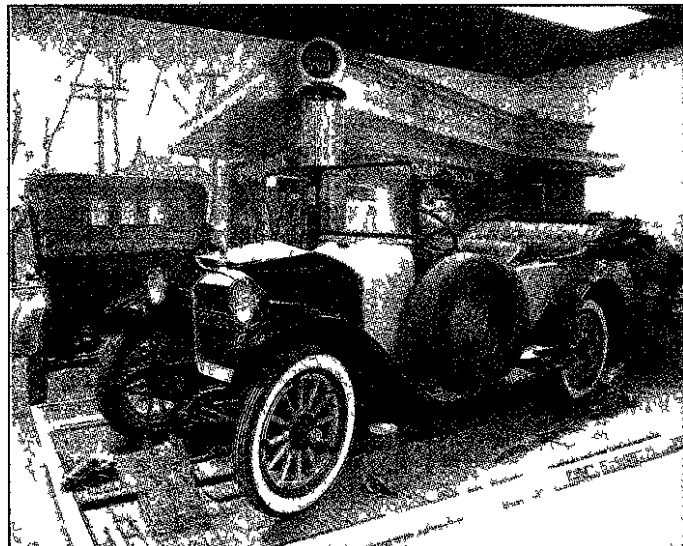
"We have a lot of Rosies in our community who are still around," Stewart said.

There's an old Cloverdale ice cream shop and Daly's drive-in restaurant sign from more modern times.

"Cloverdale's and Daly's in particular elicit a response from everybody," she said.



This old Daly Drive-in sign is part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's timeline exhibit.



The Alter car, manufactured in Plymouth, is part of the museum's timeline exhibit, which opens to the public Nov. 2.

"They were important parts of Plymouth."

A preview for those who wish to see the timeline starts 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Price is \$50 and ticket information is available from the museum, (734) 455-8940. There will be a dinner and entertainment. Tickets are also available at the Michigan Made and More store on Ann Arbor Trail.

The exhibit opens to the public Nov. 2. Stewart cited collaboration with the museum's radio group, the West Suburban Stamp Club, 17th Michigan Re-enactors (Civil War) and the women's museum.

Also on Nov. 2, the "Toys of the Generations" exhibit will open and continue through the holidays. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$7 for a family.

Organizers hope community members will come to see the exhibit. "That would be something I would be interested in," said Mark Denis, who owns House of Bread in Plymouth Township. He's decorated his business with such 'old Detroit' items as a Twin Pines milk bottle.

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Challenger cites experience

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Former Plymouth city commissioner Colleen Pobur said — after two years — she's ready to come back to the position she held for eight years.

As one of five candidates hoping to fill four vacancies on the city commission in the Nov. 8 general election, Pobur said she's kept up on the issues facing the city.



Pobur

"I bring to the table institutional knowledge about a lot of complex issues that are facing the city, and the leadership and ability to work with all kinds of people," said Pobur. "This city has suffered in the last eight years from commissions where there were factions of people who refused to work with each other."

"You don't have to like someone, but you do have to communicate with them," she said. "While there's a lot of great things going on with this commission, there still is a communication problem. I have the ability to help make those bridges."

Pobur said there will be challenges for the cash-strapped city of 2.2 square miles and a population under 10,000.

"When you read the unaudited financials, it's amazing how

WHAT THEY DO

A snapshot of a city commissioner

- Number of commissioners: 7
- Length of term: Top 3 vote-getters, 4 years; lowest vote-getter, 2 years
- Pay: \$40 per posted meeting
- Among many responsibilities, the commission is responsible for setting policy, determining codes and ordinances affecting everything from solid waste collection to housing standards and maintenance. The commission is also responsible for reviewing and adopting the annual budget, which sets staffing levels and purchasing commitments.

good the financial picture really is, given what they had to face," said Pobur. "That's a testament to the cooperation of the administration and the commission in setting policies and marching the orders out."

"But, there are some challenges," she said. "I'm concerned about the debt ratio, and there's the street repaving mess. We are way underfunded for what we have to do. You find ways to try and generate revenue and decrease costs."

Pobur was instrumental in presenting a Headlee override proposal to voters in November 2003 that would have increased the millage rate to generate additional operating funds. While Pobur believes the city needs more tax revenue, she's not ready to propose another override.

"I think there are other ways to raise money, like a public

safety millage (to support police and fire services). Given what we're looking at in the fire contract (negotiations with Plymouth Township), that may make a lot of sense from a practical standpoint for us."

"The fire contract is 2.5 percent of the city's budget," added Pobur. "That's a lot of money, and when you don't get a say on how they fund retirement programs, and when you have philosophical differences about transporting."

Pobur said one area she'd like to focus on is recreation.

"For a long time, our biggest revenue generator has been recreation," said Pobur. "I think we need to collaborate with other communities to build a revenue-generating recreation center, to bring in some revenue and good benefits for kids, families and seniors."

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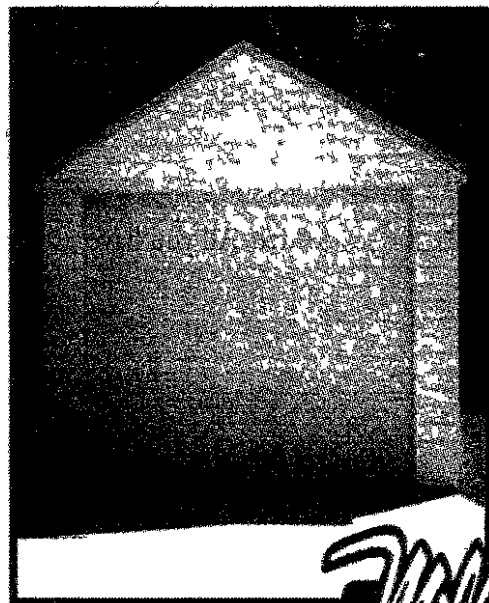
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Observer honored in MPA contest

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* swept the general excellence category for circulation Class A in this year's Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. Judges cited the *O&E* winning editions for strong layout and design, local news, good writing and local news content.

The *Birmingham Eccentric* took first place followed by the *West Bloomfield Eccentric* in second and the *Redford Observer* in third place. The *Canton Observer*, edited by Kurt Kuban, received an honorable mention. Dave Varga edits the *Redford* edition, while Greg Kowalski and Larry Ruehlen edit the *Birmingham* and *West Bloomfield* editions, respectively.

"The *O&E* staff is honored to be recognized for our local news content and our commitment to community journalism," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the newspaper group.

"Staff members are committed to producing the best in local news, features and sports for our readers every Thursday and Sunday," added Rosiek.

Other *O&E* award winners included Brad Kadrich, second place, local columnist, *Plymouth Observer*.

Ed Wright, first place for sports column and sports feature, *Plymouth/Canton Observers*.

Kurt Kuban, second place feature story, *Canton Observer*.

LeAnne Rogers, first place, spot news, *Garden City Observer*.

Jennifer Foley, first place design, *Livonia Observer*.

Dave Varga, second place editorial writing, *Redford Observer*.

Tom Hawley, third place for news picture, *Redford Observer*.

Brad Emmons, third place for sports column, *Livonia Observer/Westland Observer*.

Stephanie Tardy, third place design, *Troy Eccentric*.

John Stormzand, third place for feature picture, *Rochester Eccentric*.

Dan Stuckradt, second place for sports writing, *North Oakland Eccentric*.

Mike Rosenbaum, third place for sports feature, *Southfield Eccentric*.

Jim Toth, first place for sports section, *Troy Eccentric*.

Sandra Armbruster, third place, editorial writing, *Troy Eccentric*.

Larry McKee, first place for picture story, *Birmingham Eccentric*.

Greg Kowalski, *Birmingham Eccentric*, first place, editorial pages.

Greg Kowalski, honorable mention, local columnist.

Wayne Peal, *Southfield Eccentric*, second place, editorial pages.

Sandra Armbruster, *Troy Eccentric*, honorable mention, editorial pages.

Susan Steinmueller, third place, lifestyle pages.

The *Rochester Eccentric* took first place for best special section for "24 Hours A Glimpse of Greater Rochester," a photo story which captured the greater Rochester area in May 2004.

More than 138 Michigan newspapers submitted some 4,500 entries for this year's contest.

Bankers don jeans for cancer funding

New Liberty Bank employees joined more than a million people nationwide Friday sporting their favorite jeans for Lee National Denim Day.

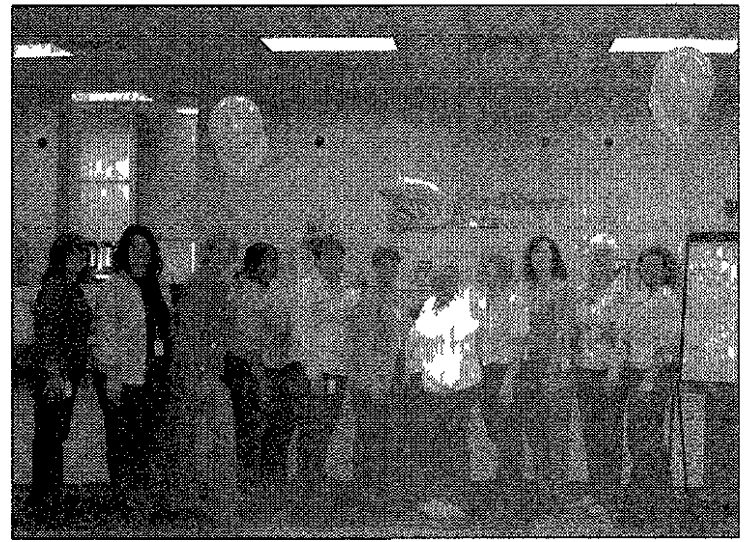
The world's largest single-day fund-raiser for breast cancer, Lee National Denim Day has raised more than \$52 million since 1996 for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

The event takes place annually on a Friday in October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Companies and organizations participate by allowing employees to wear jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"We are proud to be involved with this event on its 10th anniversary and would like to see the Foundation achieve this year's \$10 million goal," said Michael Weaver, New Liberty Bank president and CEO. "We are glad to do our part by raising funding and awareness in our community."

The bank also gave pink baseball caps to customers who made a donation to the foundation.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sis-



Staffers at New Liberty bank donated \$5 each to wear blue jeans to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36.

ter, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. A global leader in the fight against breast cancer, the Foundation fulfills its mission

through support of innovative breast cancer research grants, meritorious awards, educational and scientific conferences, and community based outreach programs around the world.

For more information about breast health or breast cancer, visit the Foundation's Web site, www.komen.org, or call its National Toll-Free Breast Care Helpline, 1 800 I M AWARE(r).

Locally owned and operated in Plymouth, New Liberty Bank reported total assets of \$70 million in June 2005.

@ THE LIBRARY

The following programs are being offered at the Plymouth District Library during October.

WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, Oct 18, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, Oct 9, 1:30 p.m. —

Roundtable readings of your own poems or your favorites by other poets. Readers may read for five minutes each turn.

Reader's discretion of language requested. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or don-hewlett@aol.com.

GREAT BOOKS, Monday, October 10 & 24, 7:15 p.m. — For those with an appreciation for great literature, this discussion group opens its new season with the continued study of the anthology, *Psychological*

Fiction, compiled by Morris Beja. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation go to <http://www.greatbooks.org>.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP, Oct 17, 7 p.m. —

The library's favorite astronomer, Mike Best, will share info on the upcoming skies during this lively, monthly gathering. Intended for adults and children (6 years and older please) interested in the sky, space travel and search for ETs. Registration is not required. For more information contact Best at starmikebest@comcast.net.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Oct 19, 7:30 p.m. —

This month's contemporary discussion group invites members to read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of this book are available for group members at the check-out desk.

New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP, Thursday, Oct 20, 7 p.m. — The topic for this month is "Putting the Garden to Bed - Time to Winterize." This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns,

new ideas and plans for the upcoming season. All gardeners are invited - no registration is required.

NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Oct 24, 7 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Oct 26, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch,

beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

HALLOWEEN COLLECTION - The library has a great collection of Halloween books.

MAD SCIENTISTS! Saturday, Oct 29, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. — Just in time for Halloween, meet the Mad Scientists of Plymouth Library. Creepy potions, mysterious experiments and ghoulish brews await. Space is limited to 50 children per session. Register on or after Oct 15 by calling (734) 453-0750 Ext 4.

LAPSIT STORYTIME Monday, Oct 10, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, Oct 15, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute song-and-rhyme time is for babies ages 6 to 24 months and their care-givers. No siblings please. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext 4.

BABY PLAY, Monday, Oct 24, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, Oct 29, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6 to 24 months. Registration is not required.

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Daisy worker escapes injury in fall Thursday

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A 36-year-old construction worker escaped serious injury when he fell nearly 17 feet at the Daisy Square construction site on Hamilton Street in Plymouth Thursday morning. He was doing some steel structural work on the third floor and fell to a second-story balcony, said Capt. Chuck

Russo of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. He was conscious and breathing and talking to us. It appeared he suffered a leg injury."

The incident occurred shortly before 8:30 a.m.

"We were carrying tools and people started running over there, saying someone fell," said Jordan Napier, who is

installing fire suppression equipment at the site. He was laying there on his back, and everyone told him to stay there and not move.

The ambulances came and they put him on a stretcher and took him out," added Napier. "He seemed OK. They said he'd be fine."

The construction management company at the Daisy

Square site is Sachse Construction, which is located in Birmingham.

"Worker safety is absolutely a concern, and they have a safety program in place," said Bryan Pritchard, director of the residential group for Joseph Freed and Associates, the Chicago-based developer which owns the site. "We're

very relieved to find out he wasn't seriously injured, just some cuts and bruises."

City Manager Paul Sincock said it's the third construction accident to occur at Daisy Square. None of the incidents resulted in serious injury.

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School district seeks volunteers

Officials in the Plymouth-Canton Community School district are looking for community members for its Housing Committee, new members of which the Board of Education will select by random draw at its regular meeting Oct. 11.

The district is seeking to fill two vacancies on the committee with individuals who are parents of students at the elementary school and middle school level. Selected candidates will join the 15-member committee of parents (at all school levels), district administrators, teachers and community members that will investigate community growth, school attendance boundaries

The committee meets at least twice a month on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. throughout the school year, and brings special reports to the Board of Education on pertinent topics and issues.

Individuals interested in serving on this committee should contact the district Community Relations Office by 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10.

Applicants should submit name, address, phone number and what school their children attend to the Community Relations Office, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or call Community Relations at (734) 416-2757.

Car accident claims life of local woman

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton police are investigating a crash that killed 54-year-old Krystyna Wierzbicki of Superior Township Thursday afternoon on Warren Road near I-275.

She had just got off work at Sams Club," said Canton Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski. She was on her way home when the accident happened."

The day after her death, the colleagues who last saw her alive were mourning her loss. She was a very cheerful per-

son, and always came to work raring to go, said her manager Denise Hansen, of Sam's Club. "We've all been very sad. She will be missed."

According to police reports, Wierzbicki was driving westbound on Warren Road at 12:30 p.m., Oct. 6. Witnesses told police that her Dodge Neon swerved right, then left, and hit the guardrail on the overpass head-on.

Police and fire rescue units responded to the scene, and Wierzbicki was transported to St. Mary Mercy in Livonia,

where she was pronounced dead.

The results of an autopsy were expected as early as Friday afternoon.

"Our preliminary investigation did not show any defects in the roadway or vehicle," Pomorski said. "Once we get the results of the autopsy, we'll know how to proceed with this investigation."

According to police preliminary investigations, a medical condition may have occurred which could have contributed to the accident.

FOR THE RECORD

B
Roy A. Bremer
Bremer, 64, formerly of Southfield, died Sept. 30.

C
Beverly D. Chudy-Estes
Chudy-Estes, 72, of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 3.

D
Frederic C. Dolezky
Dolezky, 76, of Westland, died Oct. 5.

F
Parker C. Finn
Finn, 73, of Beverly Hills, died Oct. 5.

J
Evelyn Jewell
Jewell, 67, of Westland, died Oct. 6.

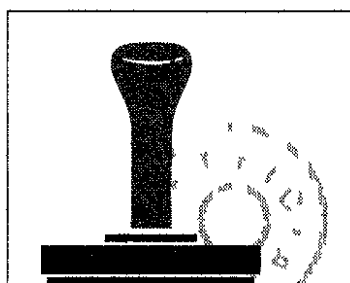
L
Randall "Randy" Lockey
Lockey, 56, of Oviedo, Fla., died Sept. 23.

M
Isabell M. Maurer
Maurer, 93, of Livonia, died Oct. 5.

S
Joanne E. McCarthy
McCarthy, 64, of Plymouth Township, died Sept. 27.

N
Ethel C. Nelson
Nelson, 99, of Pontiac, formerly of Clarkston, died Oct. 6.

O
Kenneth D. Ockerman
Ockerman, 78, of Farmington Hills,



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life section in *Passages* on page C4.

died Oct. 1.

R
Maxine Rumpa
Rumpa, 75, of Delaware, Ohio, formerly of Garden City, died Oct. 1.

S
Stella Szamborski
Szamborski, 86, of Farmington, died Oct. 3.

W
Lena M. Wahl
Wahl, 96, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 4.

Krystyna Wierzbicki
Wierzbicki, 54, died Oct. 6.

Ernest A. Wilhelmi
Wilhelmi, 63, of Plymouth, died Oct. 6.

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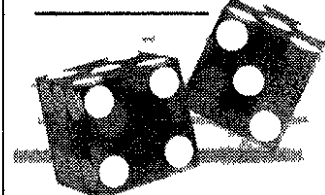
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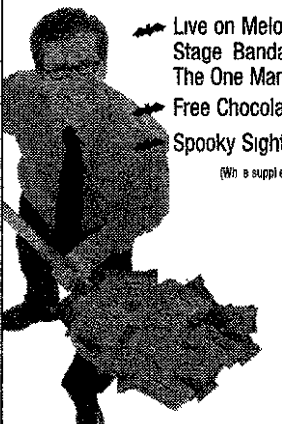
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SKF's Novanta doesn't need a traditional steering column or wheel. The controls retract into the driver's side door, at right.

CAR

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systems began replacing hydraulic control systems on commercial airliners. Ten years later, SKF — with some 80 production facilities in 24 countries — began re-engineering its fly-by-wire technology and adapting it to cars and trucks. As SKF rolled out

Novanta, Brown said the only thing keeping drive-by-wire from wide acceptance by people is the people themselves. "Drive-by-wire implementation into the market will be more evolutionary than revolutionary," Brown said. "It won't be the technology that holds us back, it'll be the acceptance of the people."

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MEAP

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and we like to give as much information as we can in a timely fashion," added Johnson. "Teachers have to have a mindset, too, when they go into MEAP windows because the results affect how people perceive our schools. We want to try and do our very best, and sometimes it's not easy to do your very best when you're frustrated."

Jodi Ring, who teaches fifth grade at Hulsing Elementary, said taking the test at the beginning of the school year has made the process more challenging. "I've had students for only a month, where they really don't know their teacher quite well, and we're trying to get into the routine of being back to school, again," said Ring. "We're not allowed to teach to the test or practice it, but we try to help with test-taking skills. I think the earlier test dates will affect results." Bender said the state has extended the MEAP test per-

iod until Nov. 4 because of the problems.

"I've contacted our schools to review where they are," said Bender. "When we hear from them what their needs are, then we'll make adjustments if we need to."

And, when the results are finally tabulated, they won't truly be a measure of success.

"We can't compare these test scores to any previous year because we're testing students at the beginning of the grade, while in the past we've tested them more than halfway through the grade," said Rodenberg. "However, our goal will always be to maintain our position well above the state, and sometimes substantially."

For some parents, like Laurie Trapp of Plymouth Township, the MEAPs are subjective and only a snapshot of the district. Trapp said she makes sure her third-, sixth- and eighth-graders get to bed early, eat a good breakfast and get to school on time for the MEAPs.

"I'm not too concerned about the tests," said Trapp. "I know my kids are good

students, and I'm very confident with the school district and their teachers. I don't put a big emphasis on them."

And, neither does George Belvitch, principal at Tonda Elementary the past 12 years. Belvitch, who has been an educator for 31 years, said elementary schools in the district spend up to seven weeks of the school year taking as many as three standardized tests.

"The whole testing process is flawed," said Belvitch. "It doesn't improve teaching and learning. It gives politicians, policy makers and boards of education a number to look at. If the scores are bad, then there is a punishment."

"We have many ways to assess children besides using all of this standardized testing," he added. "We need to be more focused on how children learn, provide good professional development for teachers that want to help children learn, and then provide materials and staffing that will help."

Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 book. The book is priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony Books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or ordered by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. For more information, call the symphony office (734) 453-2112.

Buy a book

Several organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fund-raisers.

■ The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book is \$25, and can be delivered. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY

VAN BUREN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - Wayne County, Michigan

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education (the Board) of Van Buren Public Schools (the District) for the sale of approximately ten acres of vacant land located known as parcel number 99 002 701 Morton Taylor Road Van Buren Township Wayne County Michigan (the "Property")

Conditions of the bid are:

1. Bids must be received for the property at the office of the Finance Director on or before 2:00 p.m. November 1, 2005 at the administration offices of the District, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan 48111 at which time the bids will be opened and read by the District's Finance Director as Designee of the Board of Education for this purpose.
2. To ensure the financial capability of potential purchasers to meet the terms and conditions of their offer, a certified or cashier's check in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall accompany any bid and shall be forfeited as liquidated damages if said bid is accepted and the bidder fails to enter into a Purchase Agreement. The deposit will be credited to the purchase price at closing of the sale of the Property to the successful bidder. The deposit amount will be returned to all unsuccessful bidders within five (5) days from the date the District has accepted a bid for the Property.
3. Inspection of the property may be arranged by calling the District's Building and Grounds Department at the 734 697 9123 ext. 228.
4. Information on the Property can be reviewed and additional inspections may be arranged at the Building and Grounds office during regular business hours.
5. The Board expressly reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid which the Board at its sole discretion determines best serves the interest of the District.

Conditions of the sale will be set forth in a Purchase Agreement to be negotiated between the parties but include the following:

1. The Property will be sold for a purchase price of at least \$75,000 per acre on a cash basis, "as is" and the Purchaser shall indemnify and hold harmless the District from any liability with regards to the Property subsequent to the date of purchase.
2. The Purchaser shall sign a Purchase Agreement within seven (7) days from the date the Purchaser is notified of the Purchaser's successful bid as determined by the Board of Education at a public meeting.
3. The Purchaser at its cost and discretion shall obtain a survey of the Property.
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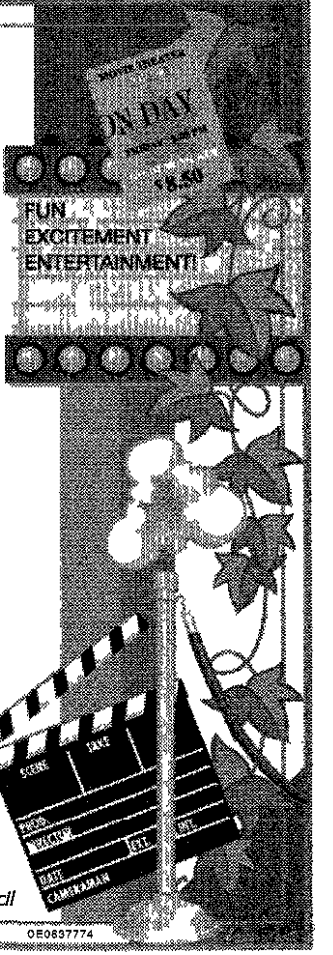


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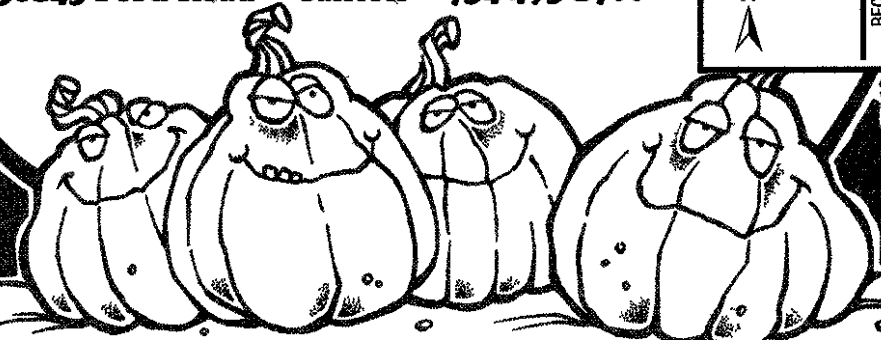
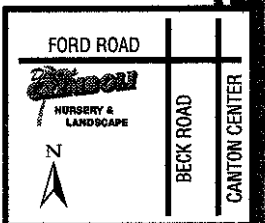
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Library events highlight teen read week

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as the Plymouth District Library celebrates the eighth annual Teen Read Week, Oct. 16-22.

They join hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Get Real! @ your library." Teen Read Week is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

This year's theme encourages teens to explore the world of nonfiction books, such as biographies, self-help books, strange but true stories, and more.

"Today's teens seem to have less and less free time, and there are increasingly more activities for them to take part in during what little leisure time they have," said YALSA president Pam Spencer Holley. "That is why it's important to encourage teens to set aside some time to read."

Literacy is a topic of both local and national concern, and falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today are a serious issue.

In the Plymouth-Canton area, standardized reading test scores for teens are in the 80th-90th percentile - evidence of positive adult influence on student readers, library officials pointed out.

Studies show a regular reading habit increases reading proficiency, and area librarian Cathy Lichtman agrees.

One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect," Lichtman said.

Officials said being around adults who are avid readers can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation's Report Card.

(http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard), which indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of 17-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

The staff of the Plymouth District Library hopes to increase teen literacy locally by offering a series of programs for teens during Teen Read Week.

■ Get Real Photography Contest - Deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14. Student photog-

raphers are encouraged to submit a 3-by-5, 4-by-6 or 5-by-7 hard copy of an original photograph - no electronic submissions will be accepted. Two entries per person will be accepted. Winners will be announced at the Poetry Slam Oct. 20. All entries will be on display Oct. 18-28 in the Library's Teen Zone. For additional submission guidelines, go to plymouthlibrary.org/trw-contest.htm.

■ Scrapbooking - Monday, Oct. 17, 3-30 p.m. Participants will be able to capture their Real Story through favorite photos and souvenirs. Materials are supplied for the pages - teens should just bring several photos, ticket stubs and memorabilia.

■ Get Real Poetry Slam - Thursday, Oct. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Canton teacher Larry Frances returns to the library to emcee this event. Teens are encouraged to attend as participants or as enthusiastic audience members.

Registration is requested for these free programs - call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Library officials are encouraging parents of teens to celebrate Teen Read Week at home.

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by ■ Visiting the library with your teen to attend a program or to check out books
 ■ Set aside time each night for the family to read
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 ■ Share your favorite book with your teen
 ■ Surf the Internet with your teen to learn about new books or authors. A good place to start is www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists
 ■ Join a book discussion group at the school or public library



Area teens will be among millions celebrating Teen Read Week, with the Plymouth District Library celebrating with numerous events.

EVACUATION

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some German flour, some chocolate and newspapers. Still, it made for an eventful day at the post office.

"It was a pretty exciting day for most of my employees," admitted Plymouth postmaster Dennis Wiczorek. "Its one I'd

hope not to have repeated the rest of my career, though."

It started innocently enough when a clerk was separating packages by route and discovered a white powder all over everything, Wiczorek said. That clerk contacted her supervisor, who triggered the post office's security procedures.

A Plymouth Township police officer was dispatched to the intended recipient's home, and the recipient indicated she had been expecting a package from her grandmother.

"We did what we needed to do to identify it," Wiczorek said. "The customer told us she'd been expecting the package, and didn't think it was that big a deal. But the items

weren't packaged properly, and they weren't marked properly."

Wiczorek said the lack of marking on the package could violate postal law. He said he's still investigating whether the sender or recipient could face charges.

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STAFF WRITER

It's a place where a penguin can receive eye surgery and a dog's broken leg can be repaired with state of the art surgery - and it's close to home.

Michigan Veterinary Specialists held grand opening ceremonies recently for its new 38,000-square-foot animal hospital on Inkster Road in Southfield.

MVS is already among less than a dozen medical centers of its kind in the U.S. The new facility could move it to the top of that list.

"Southfield city officials worked very hard to help us find a space that would enable us to stay in the city and we're really thrilled with this site," marketing manager Wendy Rose Bice said of the 5.8-acre

spot directly across the street from the historic Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills.

The new facility's design blends history with high tech.

Its lobby is designed to resemble the waiting room of an early 20th century train station and includes a separate quiet room, complete with fireplace, for cats.

"We know cats and dogs don't always want to be together," Bice said.

Though construction was only fully completed this week, MVS has been treating animals at the new site for about three weeks. Early patients included a Detroit Zoo penguin who received eye surgery and a pet dog whose broken leg was repaired with surgical screws.

Founded in Bloomfield Hills in 1990, MVS operated for about 12 years at a site on 11

Mile in Southfield.

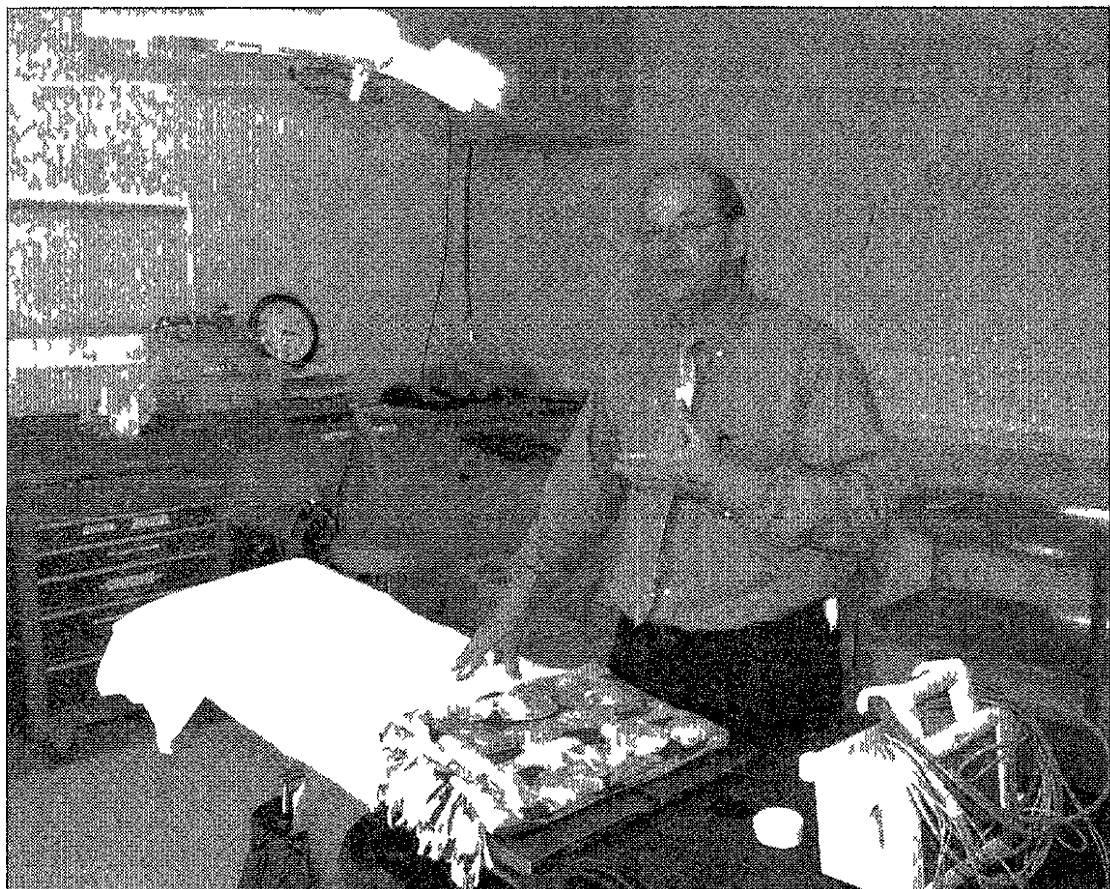
The new facility is more than 40 percent larger, with 18 examining rooms, a cancer center, eye care center and state of the art operating rooms which overlook a man-made pond and fountain. The building was custom built for MVS's operations.

There's a great flow to this building, said Dr. Andrew Jackson, a veterinary surgeon who is one of 30 specialists employed by MVS.

In all, the new facility employees about 110 people in addition to those who work at MVS's other facility on Walton Boulevard in Auburn Hills.

MVS serves pet owners from throughout Michigan and from a larger area which includes Ohio and Indiana as well as Ontario.

"About 95 percent of the patients we see are referred by



MVS co-founder Dr. Dan Lorimer is a specialist in veterinary eye care.

their veterinarians, said Dr. Dan Lorimer, a veterinary ophthalmologist who founded MVS with Dr. Laura DeLellis, a veterinary cardiologist in 1990.

"We saw the need for a facility of this kind in the area," Lorimer said. "With the exception of university facilities, there was nothing like this."

Some 20,000 animals each year are treated at the Southfield and Auburn Hills facilities. The two-story building can house up to 200 animals at a time.

In addition to expanding its treatment rooms, the facility also includes greatly expanded consultation rooms. Often, the pet owner has some hard decisions to make regarding treatment and this affords them some privacy as well, Bice said.

Treatment can be expensive, with lens implant surgery costing as much as \$2,000. But many families are willing to



Resident Jennifer Covey performs surgery in one of the new facility's operating rooms.

spend whatever it takes to return their pets to health.

Pets are more and more considered a part of the family and we serve families from across the spectrum, including many blue collar families, Lorimer said. "Plus, people in recent years have also been able to obtain pet insurance."

In addition to a full range of eye care and surgical procedures, MVS offers cancer diagnosis and chemotherapy treat-

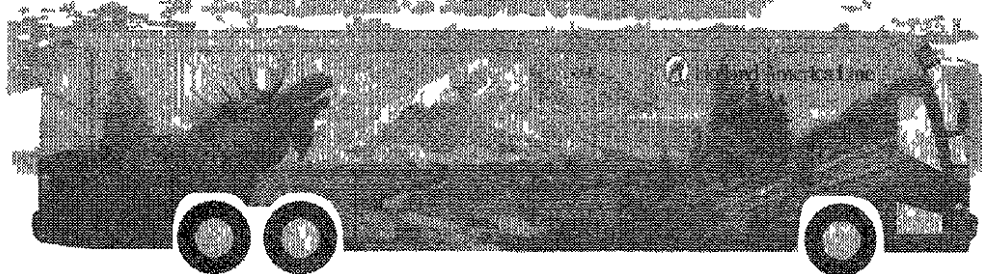
ment. The facility includes ultrasound and MRI equipment and well as a pet dermatology department.

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Focus:HOPE – steps in the right direction

There's a lot of walking for us to do in Michigan and America today, Sunday, Oct. 9. Focus HOPE, our nationally renowned human rights organization, sponsors its annual walk for diversity. Focus HOPE seeks to make the world better — one step at a time.

Three events remind of us how far we have yet to go to end racial and ethnic inequality, injustice and discrimination.

REMEMBER VINCENT CHIN

Vincent Chin was a Chinese-American who was beaten to death in 1982 by two white displaced auto workers. The men believed they had lost their jobs on account of Japanese competition in the auto market. They chose to take out their anger on Vincent Chin.

Today, Asian bashing is back in full swing. Two angry men beat Vincent Chin to death, yet all of society must bear responsibility for setting the stage. Years ago it was acceptable to blame the Japanese for the auto industry's downward spiral. Today, the target of our economic fear is the Chinese.

Michigan is once again facing an economic downturn. We are experiencing the nation's worst jobless rate. Racial and ethnic intimidation is often exacerbated in tough economic times. Recently, Chinese students at the University of Michigan have experienced verbal intimidation. Some have even been unharmed.

Mary Sue Coleman, U-M's president, showed her leadership by strongly denouncing these unacceptable behaviors. Thank you, President Coleman, for standing up to preserve the rights and dignity of all. Remember Vincent Chin or, surely, history will repeat itself.

PROPOSAL BRINGS UGLY BEHAVIOR

Did you ever think that the idea of establishing a 24-hour super Wal-Mart in Livonia would stir racism and incivility? That is just what happened at a public hearing to discuss Wal-Mart's proposal. Livonia residents expressed fear that "blacks" from Detroit would come to mostly "white" Livonia to shop and work. And "oh my" that ultimately, Livonia would become a "ghetto" as a result.

This isn't the 1960s in Mississippi — this is Michigan in the 21st century. Southeast Michigan remains one of the most segregated regions in the nation. Livonia is one of the "whitest" cities with populations over 100,000. In contrast, Detroit is one of the "blackest" cities. Separated by only a few miles, the socioeconomic status of each city's residents is unequal.

Hooray for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano for stepping up to acknowledge this disparity and pointing out that this behavior holds

the region back. The first step in problem solving is problem identification. Houston — we have a race problem!

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Hurricane Katrina was a disaster. Even more of a disaster was the response to help the countless families in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. We all watched the desperate situations portrayed by newscasts. We witnessed the loss of life and dignity. We also witnessed an array of emotions from anguish, anger and fear to hope, joy and love. We watched the most vulnerable among us virtually ignored as flood waters overtook them. Our eyes were opened to the separate and unequal worlds that exist in America today.

The scene in New Orleans should send shock waves to our sense of decency in the same way that seeing police dogs and fire hoses turned loose on peaceful 1960s civil rights demonstrators did. The 1977 book *The Land of Promise: The Rise and Fall of Social Problems in America* said that a social problem does not exist until enough people with power agree that there is a social problem. Social problems are produced by public opinion rather than a particular social condition.

These three events open our eyes to the social problems that surround us. We are waiting for leaders — those with power — to galvanize our social consciences. Perhaps ignorance, hatred, natural disaster and an inept government response can stir our emotions and activism. We must rise up like a mighty storm to shore up the social levees that have been neglected in our country. If we can conquer these evils, maybe there will be truth in Ralph Waldo Emerson's thoughts, "ever sweet has its sour and every evil its good."

Today is Focus HOPE's March for Diversity. Please participate to honor longtime civil justice crusader, MaryAnn Mahaffey, who has announced her retirement after more than 30 years as a Detroit City Council member. Please show the world that Detroiters are willing to take necessary steps to eradicate racism and injustice wherever it rears its ugly head.

For more information on the Focus HOPE Walk for Diversity, call (313) 494-5500 or visit the Focus HOPE Web site at www.focushope.edu. Focus HOPE's mission statement is "Recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person, we pledge intelligent and practical actions to overcome racism, poverty and injustice. And to build a metropolitan community where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection. Black and white, yellow, brown, red from Detroit and its suburbs and every economic status, national origin and religious persuasion, we join in this covenant." (Adopted March 8, 1968)

Tom Watkins is a former state superintendent of schools.

Low social science scores a problem for democracy

This year for the first time, the federal government mandated that schools set aside a day for all students to study the Constitution.

Constitution Day is Sept. 17 and has never gotten the PR or the fireworks of July 4. But it is the Constitution that provides the framework for our federal system of government. It is the Constitution that recognizes our liberties and guarantees their protection.

It isn't too much to ask that one day a year be set aside to remind students of how important that document is and what an inspiration it has been to the world.

This is especially true as we seem to be having a problem teaching children social studies. Scores on the annual Michigan Education Assessment Program tests regularly show that only a small percentage of students show proficiency in social studies. This past spring, the percentage of proficient fifth-graders dropped from 31 percent to 26 percent and eighth-graders edged up from a dismal 29 percent to 31 percent.

Sample MEAP tests show that students need to be able to read, have some knowledge of basic ideas appropriate for their age and be able to connect the dots between what they read in the question and what they are supposed to know. What they are supposed to know, based on the MEAP tests, are both some basic history and the ability to understand how to read charts, how to connect disparate ideas, how to understand the basics of democracy and how to relate those ideas to problems that might actually arise in their own world.

An example from the 2003 fifth-graders' test, for instance, has a brief news story type item on a new park for children and then asks several questions that would gauge a child's ability to read and understand the story and their understanding of their local government. As a newspaper editor, those are certainly important things for a child to understand.

We all know that for most kids, school work isn't at the top of their interest list. Video games, cheesy pop music and getting the right fashion look are all considerably more important. For eighth-graders, of course, the hormones begin to kick in and add another distraction that will stay with them for a while.

But these students do not fall this short in reading, science or even math (the creature that waited to devour me every day at school). It seems that for many children, social science is just so much "blah, blah, blah" that they tune out.

Yet, the social sciences are about life itself.

Many are quick to blame teachers for this problem, but I've known imaginative teachers who worked long hours to bring history to life only to have children snicker, giggle and yawn their way through the class. Compared to video games and pop stars, social studies teachers don't make the grade.

— the life we led as explored in history and the life we are living in economics and government. Knowing these subjects is the first step in preserving that Constitution and the rights that it acknowledges and pledges to protect. The social sciences also place the United States in the context of the rest of the world and open minds to other ways of living, other ideas.

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Unfortunately, as a democracy we need our people to understand their history, to know the basics of economics, to know how the various levels of government work and interact. We need people to understand their rights and to understand that nobody gave them those rights, but that many have debated, fought and died to defend those rights. We need people to understand at least the basics of life, culture and government in other countries of the world.

If something as vital as this is a yawn to our children, it might be because their parents and other adults also don't take it seriously. They assume that democracy will continue to go along with or without them. At the local level, elections rarely draw out more than a hardcore of dependable voters. School elections are notorious for attracting 5, 10, 15 percent of registered voters, even though schools represent a major government expense.

Maybe we need to make a big deal out of other days as well as Constitution Day. The flood of current events, from the continuing war in Iraq to the devastating hurricanes in the Gulf to local disputes over building projects, are a teaching and learning opportunity to spark a child's interest in the real world.

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Canton 42, Plymouth 7

Run to daylight

Chiefs use strong ground game to roll past Plymouth in cross-campus grid clash

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's something about Canton's Wing-T, no-nonsense offense that eventually wears down opponents

Friday night against cross-campus rival Plymouth, that something was wearing uniforms numbered 1, 17, 31 and 36

Following a close, physical first half, the Chiefs rode the powerful — and at times flashy — running of Deshon McClendon (1), Shawn Little (17), Andy Rossow (31) and Dalton Walser (36) to a 42-7 victory over the Wildcats

The triumph — Canton's third straight since Little returned from a ruptured esophagus — boosted the Chiefs' record to 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Plymouth is also 5-2 and 3-2, respectively

Both teams will have an opportunity to earn post-season playoff berths next Friday night in WLAA cross-over games. The match-ups had not yet been determined as of presstime (Please see Thursday's *Observer* for the complete WLAA schedule)

McClendon, a 5-foot-6 junior running back, posted huge numbers against the usually stingy Wildcat defense, bolting for 144 yards and two TDs on 18 carries. He also scored the game's first touchdown with 1:43 left in the first half after securing a screen pass from Little and

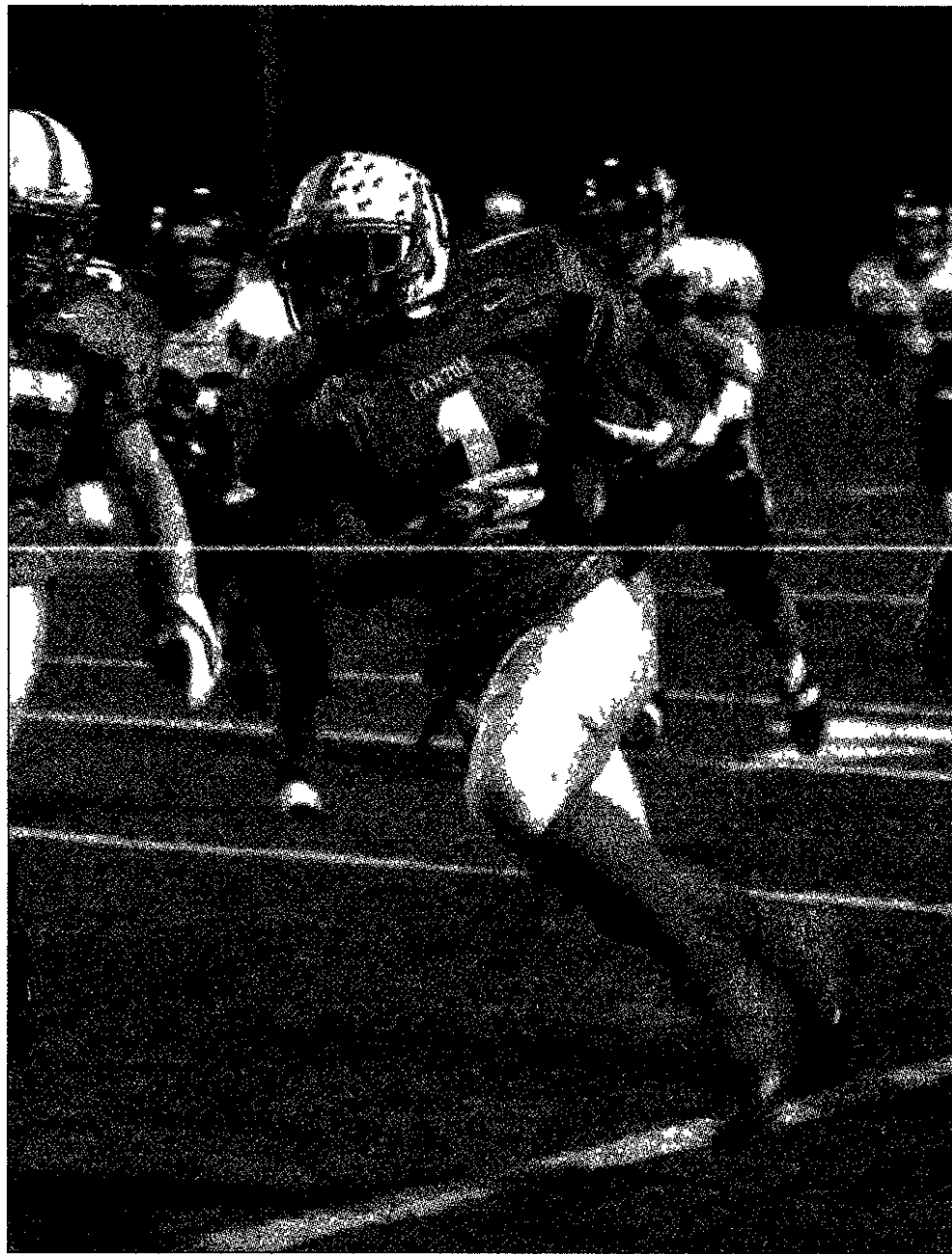
darting 37 yards to paydirt behind the blocking of offensive linemen Fred Keena, Nick Dunleavy and Mike Edwards

With Little at the helm this year, the Chiefs are 4-0. He showed why Friday night, running for 61 yards on eight carries, completing a pair of passes for 42 yards and running Canton's appropriately named 'Tough' offense with the precision of a surgeon

Rossow, a bruising runner with sprinter's speed, picked up 55 tough yards and a TD on seven carries while Walser, a sophomore, slashed and swiveled for 49 yards and a TD on nine attempts. Walser nearly pre-empted McClendon's ice-breaking trip to the end zone, but his dazzling, cut-back-against-the-grain 38-yard score with four minutes left in the half was called back due to a holding penalty against the Chiefs

"We made a couple of changes in our blocking schemes at halftime that really seemed to make a difference," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I give a lot of the credit to my offensive coaches — Jake Hauser and Tony Boucher — for the way we moved the ball tonight"

While Baechler was pleased with the 42-point output, he was equally ecstatic with the play of his defense, which limited Plymouth to 172 total yards and one late touchdown, a 13-yard pass from quarterback Brent Jones to senior tight



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Canton running back Deshon McClendon finishes off a 37-yard touchdown reception during the latter stages of the first half in Friday night's 42-7 victory over Plymouth. McClendon's TD made it 7-0 and set the stage for the Chiefs' huge second half

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3

McClendon is worth weight in gold to Chiefs' offense

Deshon McClendon weighs about 170 pounds, but if you had to tackle him,

you'd swear he's 270

The tape measure says he's only 5-foot-6, but the shadow he casts on a football field is double that

McClendon wears No. 1, but

Canton football coach Tim Baechler says he runs like a famous No. 20

"He looks like Barry Sanders out there sometimes," Baechler said, a few minutes after McClendon's three-touchdown, 144-yard performance sparked the Chiefs' 42-7 victory over Plymouth Friday night. "I can't even begin to tell you how good he is. We've had some really good running backs since I've been here, but he might be the best

Deshon's so strong and he has such great vision. I wish I could say my coaching has had something to do with it, but I can't"

McClendon's game-breaking effort Friday night was extra-impulsive because it came against an extremely talented Plymouth defense. The Wildcats swarm to the ball like bees to honey and when they get to it, they usually bring some jolt

3-STEP PLAN

A typical McClendon carry goes something like this

1 He takes the ball from quarterback Shawn Little about three yards deep in the Chiefs' backfield

2 He runs through a decent-sized hole before being met by two or three sets of accelerating shoulder pads

3 He then either runs through the players connected to the pads or drags them another six yards

On Friday night, McClendon

churned out 144 yards on 18 carries and hauled in one pass for 37 yards. Of the 144, at least half were second-effort, after-the-initial-hit yards

"There were a few times we had Deshon wrapped up, but then he'd break free," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "He's a great little back"

'BARRY' GOOD RUN

On McClendon's 27-yard TD

PLEASE SEE MCCLENDON, B3



Ed Wright

Texas 'J&M'

Former Salem soccer stars Jordan Falcusan and Marissa Sarkesian are adjusting well at Texas A&M

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They often practice under a relentless, mid-day Texas sun that turns the soccer field into a sauna

They attend classes that would be brutally challenging without the time-consuming obligations that go along with playing a Division I college sport

And they face competition during games that can only be described as "the best of the best"

So, considering all these potential obstacles, how are former Salem classmates Jordan

Falcusan and Marissa Sarkesian doing at Texas A&M, where they both compete for the Aggies' nationally ranked women's soccer team?

Very well, thank you

SMOOTH TRANSITION

Both Falcusan, a sophomore defender, and Sarkesian, a sophomore mid-fielder, have played major roles in A&M's 8-2-1 start (2-1 in the Big XII Conference) and No. 18 ranking in the NCAA Division I women's soccer poll. Their solid play has earned the former Rock standouts the admiration of Aggie head coach G. Guerneri, who has turned the

school's women's soccer program into a national power since getting it rolling in 1993

"Both Jordan and Marissa are great teammates and they're both incredibly competitive," said Guerneri. "They are both very good for our team's culture"

"Jordan has been a starting defender since she got here last year and she was voted onto the All-Big XII tournament team last year when we won the championship. She is one of the best man-to-man individual defenders we have. She had a great game when we played

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, B2

Surprising Salem golfers headed to D1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The storied University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor served as the site of a storybook performance by the Salem boys golf team Thursday afternoon in a Division I regional tournament

After compiling a dismal 3-8 dual-meet record during the regular season, the Rocks shocked the world — and coach Rick Wilson — by qualifying for next weekend's state meet at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing by placing third at Thursday's regional. Only the top three teams in the 12-team field moved on

It will be Salem's first trip to the state meet in seven years

Saline finished first with a score of 295, 23 shots lower than runner-up Monroe. Salem and Ann Arbor Huron both carded 319's, which required the scores of each team's fifth golfer to be used to break the tie. Salem's Jeremy Henderson fired an 83, which was seven shots better than Huron's fifth player

"Honestly, I wasn't expecting this," a pleasantly surprised — and proud — Wilson admitted hours after his team's incredible performance. "We got slapped around pretty good in our dual meets this year. I

think the boys wanted to go out and prove something today, and they did

"Going into the regional, I thought 320 would be a good number, but I didn't know if it would be enough to get us into the state meet. This was a very strong regional with both Ann Arbor teams (Huron and Pioneer), two Livonia teams (Churchill and Franklin), Plymouth and Canton. They all beat us or finished ahead of us this season at some point"

Salem was led by sophomore Joel Cheesman, who carded a 78 on the legendary par-72 layout. Senior Adam Grady was next at 79, followed by Tyler Jelenewski (80) and Matt Smith (82)

Initially, Henderson thought his 83 was meaningless. But that was before the tie-breaker rule kicked in

"Jeremy was kind of disappointed because he didn't think his score was going to count," Wilson said. "But it turns out it not only counted, but we wouldn't be going to the state meet without it"

District runner-up Plymouth, which finished eighth with a 323, was led by individual qualifier Matt Talbot with a 75. Ann Arbor Huron's Colin O'Connor also qualified with a 74

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Salem graduate Jordan Falcusan (right) is one of the top defenders on this year's Texas A&M women's soccer team



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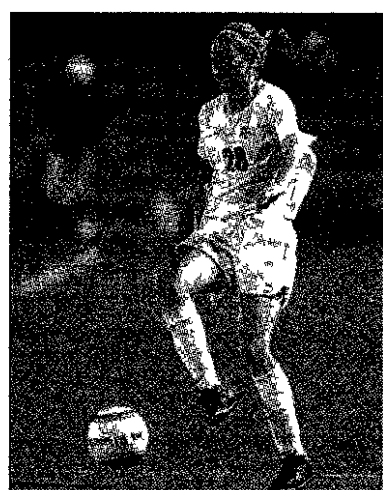


PHOTO COURTESY OF TEXAS A&M

Marissa Sarkesian hasn't missed a beat since taking her dribbling skills from Salem to Texas A&M University where she is a central mid-fielder for the Aggies

Sidelines

Lacrosse meeting

There will be an informational lacrosse meeting for all interested Plymouth, Canton and Salem High School boys and their parents on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 7-9 p.m., in the Canton High School Library.

Details of the upcoming 2006 spring PCS lacrosse season will be discussed at the meeting. All parents of boys who are interested in trying out for the PCS lacrosse team are encouraged to attend this important meeting. For more information, e-mail Stephanie Saia at sasala@comcast.net, or Pam Uller at Puller825@aol.com

Facility set to open

On the Sunday, Oct. 16, the new \$1.4 million state-of-the-art Gillis Softball Academy will hold its grand opening along with a free clinic. The event will run from 5-8 p.m. The new facility is located at 50947 Century Court in Wixom.

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Winter at HVS

High Velocity Sports will be offering several new programs beginning later this month. Among the programs offered are:

■ Soccer leagues, which will be held Oct. 23-Dec. 23. The age groups for the leagues will begin at under-5 and run through over-30. The season includes an eight game schedule. Time blocks are available at www.hvsports.com. The registration deadline is Oct. 13.

■ Flag football leagues, which will run from Oct. 23-Dec. 23. The age ranges for the leagues start at 6-9 years old and go through 18-and-over elementary leagues play Mondays or Wednesdays, while middle, high school and adult leagues play Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The team fee is \$850 for an eight game schedule. The registration deadline is Oct. 13.

■ Dodge ball leagues, which will run from Nov. 2 through Dec. 21. There are high school leagues and adult leagues. The deadline is Oct. 13.

For more information, call (734) HV-SPORTS

Canton edges Plymouth on Newall's goal

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You don't have to be born and raised in Plymouth or Canton to understand the significance of tradition-rich games involving two PCEP soccer teams

Case in point Canton senior forward Paul Newall, who moved to Plymouth from England during his freshman year in the fall of 2002

Newall fully understood the importance of the goal he scored early in the second half Wednesday night that lifted the Chiefs past cross-campus rival Plymouth, 1-0. Newall, who stands 6-foot-4, controlled teammate Ben Krause's deflected shot eight yards in front of

the goal mouth and swiftly deposited the ball into the back of the net past Wildcat goalie Nick Siekirk, who probably had a hard time seeing Newall's rocket, let alone stopping it

"That was probably the biggest goal I've ever scored, considering how huge this game was for us," said Newall, moments after his game-winning heroics "I knew it was a big game for Plymouth, too, because this is the first year they have a senior class

"Before the game, I told coach (George Tomasso) that I was going to score a goal for him I was glad I could come through"

The victory lifted Canton to 10-3-3 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities

Association's Western Division Plymouth slipped to 10-5-1 and 3-2, respectively

It's always intense and it's always a hard battle whenever we play Plymouth because they're a division rival and they're a city rival," said Canton coach George Tomasso "I thought both teams played excellent games. They had the same amount of intensity as we did I knew it was going to be close because it always is"

Plymouth coach Jeffrey Nescich wasn't pleased with the final score, but he had no complaints with his team's performance

"The kids played hard the entire game," he said "I thought we played with enough effort to

win this game We had several opportunities to score, we had our chances Now we have to figure out how to win games like this"

Both goalies — Plymouth's Siekirk and Canton's Parker Laabs — came up big on several occasions Wednesday With 17:02 left in the first half, Siekirk jumped in the middle of a pack of players to snare a Canton corner kick With 22:25 remaining in the game, the junior knocked away a break-away opportunity by a hard-charging Matt Epelman Laabs was equally effective, making routine and spectacular stops Laabs' biggest save came six minutes after Newall's goal when he denied Plymouth's Colin Rolfe

SOCCER

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Michigan last month She kept (U-of-M forward and former Lavonia Stevenson standout) Melissa Dobbyn off the board

"Marissa is part of our central mid-field rotation She's one of the best possession players on the team, and she's extremely smart and skillful"

THE NEXT LEVEL

Among the most challenging adjustments for both players has been having to battle for playing time during the course of the season following pre-collegiate years when they played practically every minute of every game Both players were All-State performers for both the Rocks and their club teams and rarely left the field

"I like the competition because it makes me push myself harder," said Falcusan "It helps make me a better player We have 30 players on our roster and they were all the best players on their high school teams and among the best in their states Our starting line-up varies week to week, so we have to make sure we play well in practices as well as games"

FASTER & STRONGER

Sarkesian said she's gotten much stronger since stepping onto the A&M campus for the first time last summer

"The girls we play against are a lot stronger and faster than the girls we played against in high school, which means we have to workout regularly," Sarkesian said "During the season, we lift twice a week, during the off-season, we're in the weight room four times a week I know I'm a

lot stronger now than I was in high school"

A&M's campus is different than those at Michigan State and the University of Michigan, but its uniqueness makes it appealing to Falcusan

"It's definitely not a typical campus," she said "It's very spread out, so you need a car And the townhouses we live in are pretty upscale, unlike a lot of college campuses"

"I love it here," Sarkesian agreed "A lot about this university is based on tradition, which brings everyone together When you walk around campus, everyone says, 'hi' I guess it's just southern comfort"

Not surprisingly, Falcusan and Sarkesian are both excelling in the classroom Falcusan, a sports management major, has crafted a 3.5 grade-point average, while Sarkesian's GPA is hovering around 4.0

"It takes a lot of hard work to balance school and soccer," said Sarkesian, who is working toward a degree in English "By the time classes and practice are over, it's around 4 p.m., which means you have to get right into your homework"

"The first semester last year I struggled a little bit," Falcusan said "I learned pretty fast that you can't just study for a test the night before and get a good grade like you could in high school It takes a bigger commitment"

But Falcusan and Sarkesian are all about commitment — otherwise they wouldn't be where they are today, contributing to one of the best collegiate women's soccer teams in the country

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Rock kickers tie with No. 5 Northville

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's soccer team had a "Field" day Wednesday against Northville, the No. 5-ranked team in the state

Led by goal-keeper Brian

Field, the hustling Rocks battled the Mustangs to a 0-0 draw on Northville's turf

The tie left Salem with a 12-3-3 overall mark and 7-1-1 Western Lakes Activities Association record The Mustangs are 11-2-3

"Brian Field played a terrific game for us," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said "It was an outstanding performance, and it was well-timed considering it was against the fifth-ranked team in the state He made at least 10 very strong saves"

Northville outshot Salem, 21-18, McCarthy estimated The Rocks' best opportunity to score came mid-way

through the second half when Tom Bennett broke free behind the Mustangs' defense

"But their keeper came out and combined with a defender to deflect the ball away," McCarthy said

Salem returns to action Monday when it takes on PCEP rival Plymouth The opening kick is set for 7 p.m. at the PCEP soccer stadium

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Plymouth District Library 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street Plymouth Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2006 budget

General Fund	\$4,027,700
Debt Service Fund	652,850
TOTAL	\$4,680,550

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING

Operating	Rate
General	1.4656
Operating Total	1.4656
Debt	
Voted Bonds	0.2893
Debt Total	0.2893
Grand Total	1.7549

The proposed 2006 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the lower level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours

PATRICIA A THOMAS Director
Plymouth District Library

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm, Monday, October 24, 2005. The bid opening will be at 2:00 pm, October 24, 2005 for the following

**Marketing, Branding, and Image Projection Consulting
Logo Development
Publication Design, Copy writing, and
Production Coordination
For the Plymouth, Michigan
Downtown Business Association/
Downtown Development Authority
c/o City Clerk
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Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office at City Hall 201 S. Main Street Plymouth 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>. Interested bidders should also request a supplemental packet that includes examples of past publications the adopted way finding sign design and a brief explanation of the process the community has completed so far toward identity definition including current DDA logo and an explanation of why it is felt to be deficient. Supplemental packets are available by contacting the DDA office at 734 455 1453 or at randerson@ci.plymouth.mi.us

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Linda J. Langnesser CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH Hamilton Garden Lofts P.U.D. ORDINANCE NO. 05-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING MAP (SECTION 78-27) IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 Section 78-27 in Article II zoning Districts in Chapter 78 "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by changing the following described parcels from Light Industrial to PUD Planned Unit Development

SECTION 2

The parcels are described as
Lots 680, 681 and 682 of "Assessor's Plat No. 19" of part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 26 T18 R8E City of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 25 of Plats Page 27 Wayne County records Containing 49,106 square feet or 1.13 acres of land Subject to Easements and Restrictions of Record

SECTION 3 The Planned Unit Development is further described as one (1) Three Story condominium building and one (1) detached one story private garage accessory building for a total of two buildings as depicted on the plans described as

SHEET NAME	SHEET NO.	SHEET DATE
Title Sheet and General Information	T1	06/27/05
Preliminary Grading and Utility Plan	SP1	06/30/05
Sedimentation and Soil Erosion Plan	SP2	06/30/05
Boundary/Topographic Survey	SP3	06/30/05
Landscape Plan and Details	L1	06/27/05
Photometric Study	PS1	06/27/05
First Level Floor Plan	A3 1	06/27/05
Second Level Floor Plan	A3 2	06/27/05
Third Level Floor Plan	A3 3	06/27/05
Mezzanine Floor Plan	A3 4	06/27/05
Roof Plan	A3 5	06/27/05
Enlarged Unit & Axonometric Plan	A3 6	06/27/05
Building Elevations West and East	A5 1	06/27/05
Building Elevations North and South	A5 2	06/27/05
Building Sections	A6 1	06/27/05
Building Details	A8 1	06/27/05

(Planning Commission File No. PUD SP05 04)

SECTION 4 Rights and duties which have matured penalties which have incurred proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance

SECTION 5 Should any section clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid

SECTION 6 All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed

SECTION 7 This ordinance shall become effective after adoption and publication thereof

Stella Greene Mayor Linda Langnesser, City Clerk

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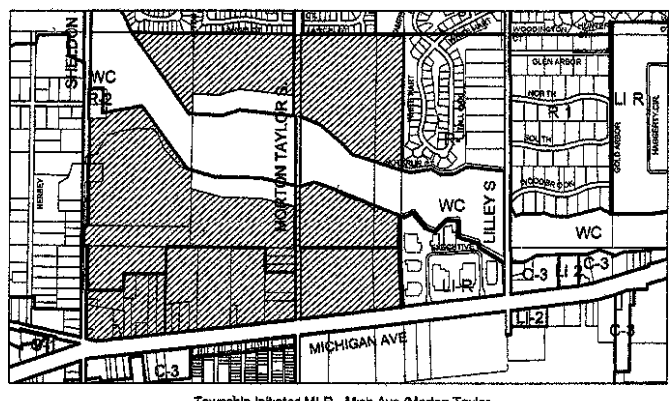
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 7 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan

TWP INITIATED (MICHIGAN AVE./MORTON TAYLOR) FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MIXED USE FOR PARCEL NOS 103 99 0001 003 133 99 0001 001 133 99 0001 002, 133 99 0001 003 133 99 0001 004 133 99 0002 000, 133 99 0003 0001, 133 99 0004 000, 133 99 0005 0001, 133 99 0006 000 133 99 0007 000 133 99 0008 000 133 99 0009 000 133 99 0010 000 133 99 0011 000 133 99 0012 000, 133 99 0013 001, 133 99 0013 002, 133 99 0015 000 133 99 0016 000, 133 99 0017 001 133 99 0017 002 133 99 0018 002 133 99 0019 000, 133 99 0020 000, 133 99 0021 000 133 99 0022 001 (SOUTH OF ROUGE) AND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS 108 99 0001 004 108 99 0001 706 108 99 0001 708, 133 99 0018 703 AND FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS 103 99 0001 001, 103 99 0002 001 (NORTH OF ROUGE) AND FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR PARCEL NOS 108 99 0001 703 (PART OF) 108 99 0004 007 AND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR PARCEL NO 108 99 0004 005 Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads



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VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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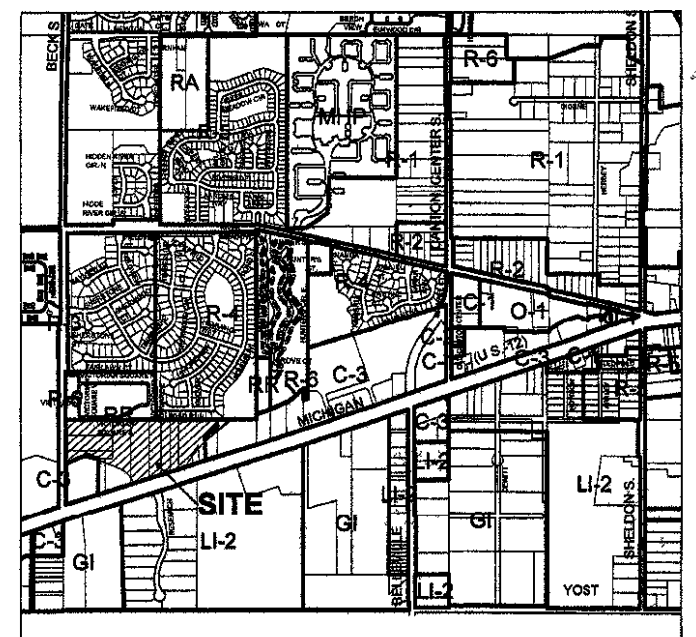
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SCHAFFER DEVELOPMENT / CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (RESEARCH) TO REGIONAL COMMERCIAL FOR PARCEL NOS 13 1 99 0001 000 13 1 99 0002 000, 13 1 99 0003 000 (PART OF) 13 1 99 0004 000 (PART OF) 13 1 99 0005 000 (PART OF) 13 1 99 0006 000 13 1 99 0007 000 13 1 99 00 12 000 (PART OF), 13 1 99 00 14 000 AND 13 1 99 001 5 000 Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Beck Road



SECTION 33

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CHIEFS

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end Josh Le Duc
 "Plymouth's offensive system is very difficult to stop," Baechler emphasized. "You have to be very disciplined because they can break one on any play. We did a good job containing their quarterback tonight."

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock walked into the locker room at halftime feeling good about his team's chances as the Wildcats deficit was just 7-0. But the optimism was soon crushed under the weight of the Chiefs' three consecutive scoring drives to open the second half.

"I thought our defense played great in the first half," Blaylock said. "I felt that if we went out there at the beginning of the third quarter and got a defensive stop, we'd be right back in the game. But we didn't make any plays in the second half. We didn't make anything happen."

Canton nearly took a 10-0 advantage into the intermission, but Cohn O'Shaunnessy's 32-yard field goal attempt into the heart of a stiff breeze came up short with 17 seconds left.

The Chiefs made a statement with their first possession of the second half, driving 56 yards on six plays and scoring on Walsler's slick 20-yard scamper. O'Shaunnessy's second of six extra points made it 14-0 with 9:25 remaining in the third quarter.

Following a Plymouth punt, Canton drove 72 yards on its next drive and blew open a close game on McClendon's 27-yard sprint. Little helped set up the TD with runs of 17 and 16 yards.

The Chiefs extended their lead to 28-0 less than three minutes later when McClendon burst into the end zone from 23 yards out. Rossov (20-yard run) and Phaltiel Whitlock (one-yard run) closed out the scoring for the Chiefs, who finished with



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Plymouth tight end Josh Le Duc looks in a 13-yard touchdown pass from Brent Jones with 8:45 left in Friday night's 42-7 loss to Canton.

384 total yards

Jones, who had been averaging close to 100 yards rushing per game, was held to 11 yards in 11 attempts. Senior running back Jeff Harrison led the Wildcats with 39 yards on nine carries. Le Duc ran twice for 26 yards and reeled in four Jones passes for 60.

McClendon (interception) and Rossov (fumble recovery) forced turnovers for Canton while Le Duc recovered a fumble for Plymouth.

Defensively, the Chiefs were paced by Rossov, Matt Sweda, Jeff Piper, Jay Bailey, Donnie Laramie and Wardell Fuqua.

Plymouth received strong defensive play from Nick Rosochacki, Taylor Fox, Mike McIntosh, Theo Braboy and Nate McManus.



Canton running back Matt Sweda is slowed down by Plymouth's Taylor Fox during the second quarter of Friday night's cross-campus football game won by the Chiefs, 42-7.

Bradley, O-line lead Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Salem senior quarterback Kevin Bradley racked up the big numbers Friday night in the Rocks' 28-14 victory over Livonia Churchill, but it was Salem's offensive line that was the target of head coach Bob Cummings' praise.

Bradley had a huge night, running for 275 yards on 26 carries and four TD's, while completing 2-of-3 passes for another 48 yards. But Cummings stressed that it wouldn't have been possible without the stellar work in the trenches put in by center Mark Skopak, guards Joe Sander and Dave Hutchison, tackles Andrew Kirby and Brian Baumgart, and tight ends Tyler Root and Chris Hanstad. "The offensive line did a

great job of opening up holes for Bradley," Cummings emphasized. Brian took advantage of the great blocking and he had a great first half."

The win improved Salem's record to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Churchill fell to 0-7 and 0-5, respectively.

"It was very important that we bounced back like we did, especially after last week's game," said Cummings, referring to a week six 49-23 loss to Livonia Stevenson. "We got out of the gate fast tonight and hung on."

The Rocks pounced on the floundering Chargers early, leading 21-0 after one quarter and 28-0 at the half. Churchill scored one touchdown in both the third and fourth quarters to make the final score

respectable. Three of Bradley's scoring runs were in excess of 50 yards. The other was a five-yard keeper.

Kyle Boling (11 carries, 37 yards), Matt Kenison (eight carries, 27 yards) and Chris Sorensen (two receptions, 32 yards) also had a productive night for the winners.

Salem finished with 367 yards rushing compared to Churchill's 120.

Charger quarterback Tommy Myers completed just 4-of-17 passes for 58 yards.

Cummings said Skotak, a middle linebacker, also excelled on the defensive side of the ball.

The Rocks will host a WLA cross-over game Friday at 7 p.m. before taking on cross-creek rival Canton Oct. 21.

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Belleville spoils Tractors' homecoming

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Belleville's 2005 football season was bordering on forgettable — until Friday night.

That's when the Tigers traveled to Dearborn and knocked off Fordson, 26-20, in an overtime nail-biter.

The victory doubled the win total for the Tigers, who now stand 2-5 overall and 2-4 in the Mega Red Conference heading into next Friday's home game against Dearborn. The Tractors slipped to 3-4 overall and 3-3, respectively.

Running back Carlos Clark, quarterback Josh Lemons and wide receiver Michael Donaldson spearheaded the upset of Fordson, which was

celebrating its homecoming. Clark rushed for 67 yards (six carries) and one TD, Lemons completed 8-of-25 aerials and two touchdowns, while Donaldson hauled in five passes for 126 yards.

Following a scoreless first quarter, the Tigers struck first on a 58-yard TD run by Clark. Jacob D'Onofrio booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Tractors tied the game at 7-7 a short time later on a 16-yard pass, but Belleville regained the lead, 13-7, just before the half on Lemons' one-yard TD plunge.

Fordson surged to a 20-13 advantage on a five-yard TD run late in the third quarter and a seven-yard run early in the fourth. Between the two

scores, Belleville's Randall Green blocked a 27-yard field goal attempt.

Trailing by seven, the Tigers knotted the game at 20-20 with 47 seconds left when Lemons connected with Donaldson on a 25-yard TD pass.

Fordson had the ball first in the overtime, but couldn't convert a fourth-and-inches.

Belleville lost seven yards on its first two plays in the extra session, but won the game when Donaldson leapt high to reel in a Lemons' 17-yard pass in the corner of the end zone.

Belleville finished with 281 yards in total offense.

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MCCLENDON

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run late in the third quarter that put Canton ahead, 21-0, he was pinned against the sideline by a pair of Wildcats, one of whom was applying a textbook shoulder to the midsection tackle on No. 1.

The next thing you know, Canton's Little Big Man was squirting free down the side line, outracing three other defenders across the goal line.

It was Barry Sanders-esque — right down to the handing of the ball to the referee.

McClendon's as modest as he is talented. While he described his 37-yard TD on a screen pass Friday night, he politely interrupted an interview. Baechler was conducting to ask his coach which three linemen paved his way to the end zone.

That screen pass is my favorite play, McClendon admitted. As soon as I catch the ball, I look up and see those three big linemen waiting to block for me."

Deshon McClendon may not be heavy, but he's definitely a load for defenses to contend with.

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SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 129
W.L. NORTHERN 57
 Oct. 6 at Salem
200-yard medley relay 1 Salem (Kelsey Lincoln Kim Heaney Kate Gorman Allie Stencel) 1:59.42 2 Salem 2:10.51, 3 Salem 2:10.93
200 freestyle 1 Amy Benson (S) 2:10.95, 2 Allison Burke (S) 2:16.23, 3 Annie Ciesielski (WLN) 2:20.36
300 IM 1 Kate Musson (S) 2:29.32 2 Whitney Aumiller (S) 2:31.75 3 Dana Halse (WLN), 2:40.01
50 freestyle 1 Stacy Yee (S) 27.68, 2 Katherine Runkevich (WLN) 28.67 3 Andrea Spohn (S) 28.89
100 freestyle 1 Amy Benson (S) 59.88 2 Stacy Yee (S) 1:00.80, 3 Dana Halse (WLN), 1:02.20
500 freestyle 1 Allison Burke (S), 6:03.10, 2 Megan McMannion (S) 6:05.72 3 Annie Ciesielski (WLN), 6:20.45
200 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Kelsey Lincoln Katie Gorman Kate Musson Allie Stencel) 1:46.33, 2 Salem, 1:52.66, 3 W.L. Northern, 1:55.48
100 backstroke 1 Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:07.78, 2 Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:09.59, 3 Danielle Roy (S), 1:13.74
100 breaststroke 1 Kim Heaney (S), 1:14.19 2 Laurissa Gulich (WLN), 1:22.38 3 Emily Barr (S) 1:26.04
400 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Katie Gorman Allie Stencel) 3:53.59, 2 Salem 4:21.01 3 Salem, 4:21.47
NORTHVILLE 147
PLYMOUTH 39
 Wednesday at Salem H S

(listed are Plymouth's point-earners only)
200-yard IM 3 Plymouth (Elaine Lafayette Elle Palczynski, Lauren Maslyk Melissa McKinstry) 2:08.92
Driving 3 Andrea Fleming, 1:37.10 points
100 freestyle 2 Elaine Lafayette 58.66 (new school record)
200 freestyle relay 3 Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos Emily Clanton Maricat Eggenberger Sarah Palczynski)
100 breaststroke 3 Alyssa Liakos 1:23.40
Plymouth's dual-meet record 3-1

CANTON 137
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 49
 Oct. 6 at Franklin
200-yard medley relay Canton (Molly Dowd Ali Lindow Laura Landis Katie Kubacki) 2:08.26
200 freestyle Monica Bleasser (C) 2:04.68
200 individual medley Dowd (C) 2:32.27
50 freestyle Landis (C), 27.94
Diving Chglesea Selden (C), 169.20 points
100 butterfly Ashley McClellan (C), 1:15.41
100 freestyle Jordan Haymour (LF), 1:00.52
500 freestyle Landis (C) 5:52.71
200 freestyle relay Canton (Paige McBan, Selden Paige Solo Louse Kane) 1:57.78
100 backstroke Maddy McDuff (C), 1:14.52
100 breaststroke Bleasser (C) 1:17.66
400 freestyle relay Canton (Landis Alyssa Vermeulen, Dowd Bleasser) 4:10.97
Franklin 2nds Megan Powes diving (169.00) Lindsay Garbutt 100 backstroke (1:16.86) 3rds Katie Kent 50 freestyle (29.79) Tammy Roumayah diving (150.65)
Franklin's dual meet record 0-5 overall 0-2 WLA Western Division

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
 Friday, Oct. 14
 WLA Lakes Playoffs (projected games)
 Plymouth at Salem 7 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Belleville 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Tuesday, Oct. 11
 Livonia Stevenson at Salem 7 p.m.
 Canton at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m.
 Bethesda at PCA 7 p.m.
 Belleville at Romulus 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Plymouth 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 13
 Westland John Glenn at Canton 7 p.m.
 Wyandotte at Belleville 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 14
 Salem at W.L. Western 5:30 p.m.
 PCA at Inter City 7:30 p.m.
 Canton Agape at Macomb Christian 6 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
 Monday, Oct. 10
 Plymouth at Salem 7 p.m.
 Canton at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 11
 PCA at Southfield Christian 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Independence Park #7 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Oct. 12
 A.A. Pioneer at Canton 7 p.m.
 Monroe at Belleville 4 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 13
 Oakland Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 14
 Canton Agape at Macomb Christian 4:30 p.m.
 Belleville at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.

Dearborn Edsel Ford at Plymouth 5:30 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
 Wednesday, Oct. 12
 Canton and Plymouth at WLA Western Division Jamboree at Cass Benton Park 4:55 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 15
 Plymouth and Canton at A.A. Gabriel Richard Invite 9:35 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 Wednesday, Oct. 12
 Salem at WLA Lakes Division Jamboree at Willow Metropark 4:55 p.m.
 Canton and Plymouth at WLA Western Division Jamboree at Cass Benton Park 5:25 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 15
 Salem and Canton at A.A. Gabriel Richard Invite at Hudson Mills Metropark 9 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
 Tuesday, Oct. 11
 Plymouth at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 13
 Salem at Westland John Glenn 7 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p.m.
 Taylor Truman at Belleville 7 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
 Friday, Oct. 14
 Salem at Division 1 State Meet
 Saturday, Oct. 15
 Salem at Division 1 State Meet
GIRLS TENNIS
 State Finals
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Tuesday, Oct. 11
 Madonna at Cornerstone 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 15
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced

'Cats adjust to trap, bounce Knights

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER



Noise

Following two minutes of rough sailing Thursday night, Plymouth's basketball team went on a cruise against Walled Lake Northern.

The end result was a 48-31 victory that boosted the Wildcats record to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Knights fell to 6-5 and 2-3, respectively.

"We struggled against their trapping defense for about two minutes at the start of the game," said Plymouth coach Ruchelle Reilly. "We knew they were going to trap, but it's something that's difficult to simulate in practice. We eventually started finding the open players because Northern's defense was extending out so far from the basket."

Three Wildcat post players in particular benefited from their perimeter-playing teammates' recognition. Kim Olech, Jeanine Morse and Shaakura Haywood, who each poured in

15 points. Eleven of Haywood's career-high total came in the first half. "She did a good job of catching the ball, keeping it high and shooting, especially in the first half," Reilly said.

The "Big Three" accounted for all but three Plymouth points. Junior guard Ashley Jolly paced the Knights with 10. Plymouth led 18-7 after one quarter and 27-12 at the half. The winners extended their lead to 39-21 with eight minutes left.

Once we got settled," Reilly concluded, "we did a nice job against the trap."

Plymouth returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Walled Lake Western. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

CANTON 42, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 34: Junior forward Ja'nee Morton and senior forward Kelsy Zemanski tallied 10

PREP HOOP

points a piece to lead the Chiefs to a road victory over the Patriots. The win improved Canton's record to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin dropped to 7-4 and 2-3, respectively.

The Chiefs, who played without leading scorer Lisa Ealy, also received a strong effort from Becci Houdek (eight points, five rebounds and seven steals, Marie Martin (four points) and Leslie Olech (four points). Ealy, who averages approximately 12 points and eight rebounds a game, suffered a leg injury in Tuesday night's victory over Livonia Churchill. "Geena Holman played well tonight, too," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "She got a big hoop for us at the end of the third quarter when she had a put-back after an offensive rebound."

Franklin was led by Trish Morrill, who twined 14, and Andrea McCall, who netted

eight. Canton led 13-8 after one quarter and 26-21 at the intermission. Chiefs extended their advantage to 32-25 with eight minutes.

"We had a hard time guarding Morrill in the first half when she scored 10 of her 14 points," said Samulski. "In the second half, we started putting more pressure on their guards, which kind of took them out of their half-court offense a little more."

Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen said her team lacked patience at crucial times Thursday night.

"We got to within three at the end of the third quarter," Whalen said. "But we need to be much more patient. We rushed our possessions and made turnovers. Canton was very patient offensively. We played good defense, but they waited for their opportunities."

Canton's next test will be Tuesday when it travels to Wayne Memorial. The opening tip is slated for 7 p.m.

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Sharp offense again sparks Ocelots, 11-0

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Finding out how to stop Schoolcraft College's multi-faceted offense again proved to be a difficult task as the Ocelots rolled to an 11-0 rout of Kellogg Community College.

Leading the Wednesday afternoon victory for Schoolcraft's men's soccer team was 5-9 sophomore forward Richard Godfrey, who scored three times - including twice during the Ocelots' seven-goal first half. Godfrey now has 21 goals and seven assists.

"He (Godfrey) is very cre-

ative, he's very good and very strong on the ball," said Schoolcraft head coach Dominic Scicluna. "And he's got a good finishing touch. But you need to give credit to teammates for putting him in position to score."

The player Scicluna was most referring to as far as setting up Godfrey was freshman midfielder and recent Brazilian arrival Gilberto DaSilveira, who has 13 assists in five games.

DaSilveira chalked up two more helpers against Kellogg (1-9), along with two goals. "As soon as they think they can close him (Godfrey) down," Scicluna continued,

"the next guy is scoring because we attack from every position. The whole team attacks."

Meanwhile, sophomore midfielder Renato Susnja contributed two goals and an assist.

Even Scicluna is running out of superlatives to describe his team.

"Our team has amazing ability," he said. "The ref came up to me and said, 'Your uncle Paul (Scicluna) would have stopped (the offensive onslaught) at five goals. I said those times are over.'"

"We need to show the state and country who we are, what we're made of. We're like

samurai with our swords, working on sharpening our technique."

Freshman goalkeeper Luke Panecasio (four stops) posted the shutout.

Several Observerland products continued strong play in the victory.

Each tallying two points were sophomore defenders and Plymouth Christian alums Lew Trapp (one goal, one assist) and Tim Oswalt (two assists).

Devin Stenrose, a sophomore midfielder from Livonia Churchill, registered a goal and an assist. Also tallying an assist for the Ocelots (8-2-2) was Livonia Stevenson gradu-

ate and freshman midfielder Keith Sied.

Schoolcraft is idle until playing 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 against visiting Delta College.

Scicluna added that the Ocelots and Macomb Community College will hook up for a game 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Plymouth Salem high school.

MU blanks Aquinas

Madonna University's men's soccer team continued its excellent season Tuesday afternoon, blanking Aquinas College 3-0 at Greenmead Field in Livonia.

With the win, the Crusaders improved to 8-3 overall and 6-

1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) while Aquinas dropped to 2-9 and 2-5 in the WHAC.

Getting Madonna on the board at the 36-44 mark of the first half was John McIntyre, who slammed a penalty kick past Saints goalkeeper Jarod Smith.

The Crusaders tacked on two goals within a 4-22 span late in the second half to clinch the victory.

Ryan Montague made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal and Derrick Mudri finished the scoring, on assists from McIntyre and Stefan Japowicz.

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Whalers whip Wolves in OHL victory Friday, 6-3

Although the Plymouth Whalers scored six goals in a 6-3 victory over the Sudbury Wolves Friday night, a combination of excellent goaltending and penalty killing played a key role in the victory.

Plymouth goaltender Ryan Nie was the game's first star with 50 saves and Whaler penalty killers went 8-for-9 while shorthanded. Mike Letizia led the Plymouth attack with a pair of goals and now has four goals on the season. Cory Tanaka and John Armstrong scored their first goals of the season and John Vigilante and James Neal added singles for the Whalers, who are now 2-2-1-0.

Benoit Pouliot - a first-round pick of the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild - scored a goal and added two assists for Sudbury (now 2-4-0-0). Nick Foligno and Ryan Hastings added singles for the Wolves.

Plymouth broke a 2-2 tie after 20 minutes of play on Letizia's second goal of the night at 3:14 of the second period on the power play, then took a 4-2 lead at 13:59 of the period on Vigilante's third goal of the year.

But it was Nie's work in the second period that helped make the difference as Sudbury outshot Plymouth, 28-8, in the second period. In addition, Whaler penalty killers went 3-for-3 in the period. Sudbury finally cut the Plymouth lead to 4-3 on Hastings' first goal of the year with 18 seconds left in the period.

Plymouth scored the only two goals of the third period on Armstrong's first of the year.



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Plymouth Whalers' forward Dan Collins and his teammates doubled up Sudbury, 6-3, Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

at 9:50 and Neal's empty-netter with 1:04 remaining in regulation after Sudbury head coach Mike Foligno pulled Wolves' goaltender Kevin Beech for the extra attacker.

Ironically Nie made his Ontario Hockey League debut on Oct. 26, 2002, in a 7-1 victory over Sudbury at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Spikers take lead in WHAC

Madonna University's unbeaten volleyball squad now sits all alone in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Freshman Kelsey Mack (Livonia Churchill) led the offensive attack with 13 kills, Natalya Timna and Caryn Inman each added 11 on Friday as the host Crusaders cruised to a 30-13, 30-14, 30-25 victory over the University of Michigan-Dearborn before 391 fans.

MU is now 27-0 overall and 5-0 in the WHAC, while UMD falls to 24-5 overall and 4-1 in the WHAC.

Timna also had 11 digs, while Becci Crane and Ashley Frost collected nine each.

Frost, the setter, also had a team-high 35 assist-to-kills.

Lynnea Harris and Jamie Wozniak led the Wolves with eight and seven kills, respectively. Krsti Igo (Wayne Memorial) added five while setter Renee Laidler had 19 assists. Yolanda Koszela finished with 10 digs.

MU women win 8-0 rout

A five-goal surge in the first half helped Madonna University make quick work of Indiana Tech, 8-0.

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest took place Wednesday at Greenmead Field in Livonia.

Kelly Japowicz led the Crusaders' attack with four goals and an assist and other goal-scorers were Cathin Boyak, Lacey Catarino, Liz

Slebodnik and Ashley Stoycroff. Liz Slebodnik also contributed to assists for Madonna, which boosted its record to 9-1-3 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC.

Only being called upon to make one stop for the Crusaders was Brittany Cervi, who posted the shutout.

Indiana Tech dropped to 2-10 overall and 0-5 in the conference.

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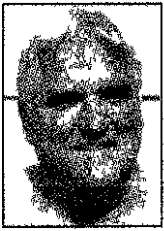
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Len McCulloch

Neuropathy responds to infrared

In my work for the Social Security Administration I am asked to evaluate patients who are applying for disability benefits. I have found that the most common complaint for which people claim disability is co-existing chronic pain and depression. Depression magnifies pain and pain magnifies depression.

Biologically, the neurochemical circuits in the brain overlap in the areas which regulate pain and depression. This is why, at least in part, that many of the antidepressant medicines are used to treat pain as well as depression. Another possible reason for the connection is that depression involves inactivity and withdrawal from social events and interpersonal relationships. Physical inactivity rooted in depression, results in more focusing on the somatic pain.

A specific type of pain, is the pain of neuropathy. According to The Neuropathy Association, neuropathy is a disorder that results from injury to the nerves that connect the spinal cord to muscles, skin and internal organs. It usually affects the hands and feet, causing weakness, numbness, tingling, burning and often severe pain. In most cases, it is considered irreversible and progressive.

Often, peripheral neuropathy in the feet and hands has an unknown cause. But some of the causes can be identified as diabetes, thyroid conditions and chemotherapy. These diseases set off the neuropathy, which then becomes a disease in and of itself, with its own course over time.

It is estimated that upwards of 20 million people in this country have neuropathy. And, 72,000 people in the United States have surgical amputations of part of their feet due to infections and gangrene that can come as complications.

Since being diagnosed myself with neuropathy, caused by diabetes two years ago, I have researched many of the currently available physical and nonphysical treatments.

Infrared light therapy is not new in its use with wound healing and certain types of pain. However, its specific use for neuropathy of the feet and hands has become much more available very recently. Anodyne infrared light therapy entails applications of a specially designed device, which emits infrared light and can be placed over the bare feet or hands. This treatment can now be found through physical therapy programs. One year ago, there were only four physical therapy companies known in Michigan to have such treatment equipment. Now there are more than 50.

It won't cure the disorder but can prevent it from progressing or at least slow it down. You can check it out on the Internet: www.anodynetherapy.com

The Neuropathy Association has more than 250 support groups around the country. In Michigan, the only group has been outside of Grand Rapids. Now, we have the beginning of a new support group in our own community. It is held 7-8:30 p.m. once per month on Monday at the Farmington Hills Church of God at 25717 Power, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. The next meeting is slated for Oct. 17. It is free.

For more information, call and ask for Mary Hall-Price at (800) 688-2024.

L.J. McCulloch is a diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and is board certified in traumatic stress. He is a consultant at Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills and can be reached at (248) 474-2763.

Observer LIFE

Menopause not time to suffer.

HEALTH C6

Parent-teacher ties matter.

ALICE MCCARTHY C2

Tea time at Festival of Trees.

UPCOMING EVENT C4

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Dream Wedding

How to tie the knot without going broke

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Baumann's list of money-saving tips seems endless now that her daughter Maria Benigna Todd is married. Earlier this year, she was like every other mother of the bride-to-be frantically searching for the least expensive way to throw a dream wedding.

Baumann, a Farmington resident, wishes there would have been a class she could have taken so she developed "Have a Dream Wedding Without Going Broke" 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Henry Ford Community College's Center for Life Long Learning. Baumann is the center's program manager.

Benigna Todd left her Westland home Saturday, Sept. 3, to become the bride of Christopher Todd in a ceremony at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. They celebrated afterwards with 140 guests at Joy Manor in Westland.

"They bought place cards at Office Depot and ran them on the computer, the reception book at a party store, and bridal shower favors at the dollar store," said Sandy Baumann. "I spent a lot of time on the Internet at fireourweddingplanner.com. She bought her dress at David's Bridal in Westland, but some people buy them on eBay."

FLOWERS ADD UP

Baumann took a class at the center to learn how to design flowers for the church and bouquets for four bridesmaids and maid of honor. She used a coupon for Michael's craft store to purchase \$4 vases to hold gladiolas she bought at Westborn Market three days before the wedding so the flowers would have time to open before placement on the altar. The savings allowed her to purchase Maria's bouquet.

PLEASE SEE WEDDINGS, C5



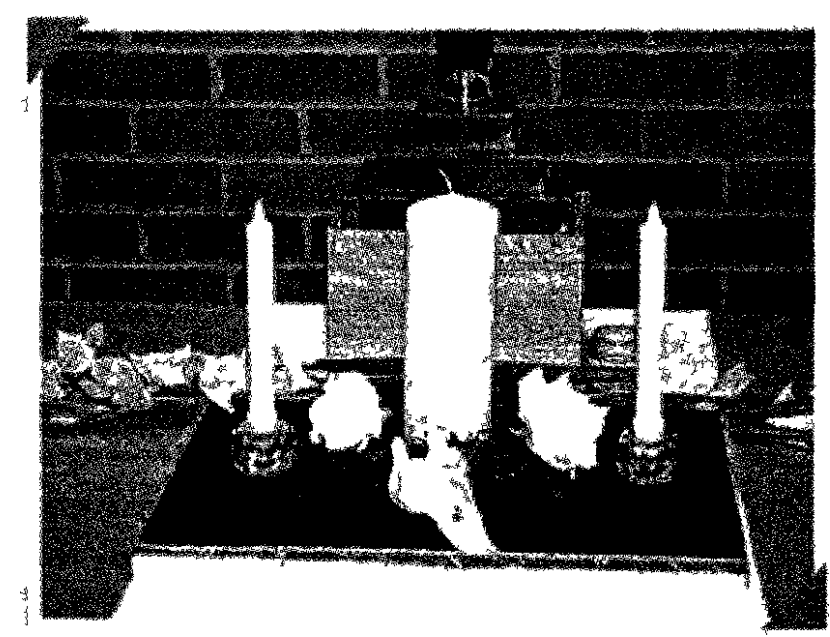
Maria Benigna poses in the \$400 dress she bought at discount from David's Bridal in Westland. The bouquet is by Vanessa's Flowers in Plymouth.



Jamie Benigna (left), Maria Benigna Todd and Sandy Baumann take time for a family portrait. Jamie is Maria's brother.



Maid of honor Christine Hamada with an arm bouquet made by Sandy Baumann.



Maria Benigna saved more than 50 percent off this Unity candle at Formal Affairs on Michigan Avenue between Venoy and Merriman.

Adoption option benefits all, family says

BY KAREN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Three-year-old Bailey Grace of Clarkston will tell you she was "dopted."

But when asked what "dopted" (adopted) means, the usually talkative blond-haired, blue-eyed cherub suddenly doesn't know what to say.

Adopted means Bailey Grace, born to a young woman who is no longer seeing Bailey's father, is growing up in a stable, loving, two-parent home where, statistically, she's a lot less likely to experience poverty, be abused, drop out of school, abuse alcohol or drugs or commit crimes.

It means her biological mother is more likely to continue her education, get a higher-paying job, find a lifetime mate and not have a subsequent child while unmarried.

And, it means a couple who

tried for years to conceive knows at last what it means to feel the inexplicable, unconditional love for a child of their own.

"Adoption is a wonderful option for everyone involved," said Paula Springer, director of Adoption Associates Inc. in Farmington Hills, the agency through which Bailey Grace was adopted by Tim, a 3M engineer, and his wife, Vicki.

Instead of "giving up" their babies, mothers who choose adoption plan better lives for their babies — and for themselves, Springer said. Some, like Bailey's biological mother, are able to stay in touch, visiting and sending notes and gifts on birthdays and Christmas.

"It's got to be the most selfless act — to be able to let go and say there's a better life out there for you," said Vicki, Bailey's adoptive mother. "It's got to be one of the most



Bailey Grace visits with parents Vicki and Tim.

mature decisions you can make.

Husband Tim agreed. "It's completely done out of love. It's a misconception that birth parents don't care."

Still, fewer than 3 percent of American women who become pregnant while single choose adoption over abortion or raising their child themselves, Springer said. For every 25-30

families wanting to adopt domestically, there's only one child waiting.

By publicizing stories like Bailey's, the nonprofit Christian organization — which specializes in adoptions of domestic infants — hopes to spread the word about adoption.

"By educating people, it can take away some of the negativity and mystery of adoption," Springer said.

Tim, 40, and Vicki, 39, decided to adopt after seven years of trying to conceive. "It just got to the point (where we asked ourselves) what's our goal — a family or a pregnancy?" Vicki said. "It was a family."

They decided to adopt domestically because they wanted a newborn. Babies who are adopted internationally are 8 to 9 months old.

PLEASE SEE ADOPTION, A5

Take time for parent-teacher conferences, help student learn

An evening spent visiting your high school and getting to know, at least superficially, the important other people in your teen's life is coming up. Be sure to be present, and if at all possible, both parents or significant others should be present. A united front for this important class visit is really important. Your involvement sets an example of concern and caring for your teen. A review of course content will provide you a basis for giving help and encouragement to your student. Statistics across the nation related to increasing competition in the global market, particularly from China and India, are alarming. Both



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

educators and business leaders are calling for better preparation of students for the workplace. Data show that only seven out of 10 American eighth-graders go on to graduate from high school and only three of seven go on to get a college degree or other post-secondary credential. These statistics give any thinking parent pause. Writing as a mother of five

Many parents, and too many teachers, approach parent-teacher conferences with the kind of fear and dread usually reserved for root canals and IRS audits.

and as an educator, I urge you to take every opportunity to get to know the teacher's of your adolescent. Don't wait until a problem escalates - go at the onset of the misunderstanding. Please don't be so quick to side with your teen and act like a defense attorney, if all does not seem well. You will have a higher level of satisfaction and a greater sense of being a part of your school community if you seek a relationship with your teen's teacher before disagreements emerge. Don't be afraid to share the truth about your family and your teen. Expect

and encourage teachers to be frank about your student's behavior and academic progress. Relationships are critical to the success of your student - and you may hold the key to that success. Many parents, and too many teachers, approach parent-teacher conferences with the kind of fear and dread usually reserved for root canals and IRS audits. To reiterate:

- Most teachers view parent-teacher conferences as a real chance to improve your teen's overall education and academic performance.
- Parent-teacher conferences are the single most important starting point for a working relationship between you, your teen's teacher, and your teen's school.
- Below are questions to use as a framework for your conference.
- How are my teen's language skills developing in the areas of reading, writing, lis-

- tening, and speaking? What can I do at home to help?
- In what areas is my student making good academic progress? What areas need work?
- Can I see examples of my teen's work? (This can help illustrate and back up the teacher's feedback and evaluation.)
- Does my teen work well in groups? Does my teen cooperate and interact well with others?
- Is my son or daughter learning to think critically and creatively? In what ways?
- Can you give two or three specific goals to focus on that will help my student develop academically?
- What kind of home practices will help my teen's academic work?
- Is there anything you need to know about my adolescent or my family in order to understand him or her better?
- Please try to keep in mind that your teen's teacher

wants your cooperation. The academic success of your adolescent is as much dependent on you as it is on the teacher, and your son or daughter. If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* are on www.bridge-comm.com. Alice R McCarthy Ph.D. the mother of five professionals is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book *Healthy Teens Facing the Challenges of Young Lives*. Write to her in care of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

Part I The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No 0006 attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 99 005 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 006 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-060-02-0078-002; R-78-060-02-0081-000

Part II **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED** Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III **EFFECTIVE DATE** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect upon publication and execution of the PUD agreement of Plymouth Towne Square.

Part IV **ADOPTION** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1943 as amended at a meeting duly called and held on July 12 2005 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 12 2005
Effective Date November 9 2005

Published October 9 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton MI 48188
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Published September 25 & October 9 2005

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR October meeting Tuesday October 18 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
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Plymouth MI 48170
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Public Notice City Commission, City of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

Notice of public hearing on proposed Brownfield Plan on November 7 2005 at 7:00 p.m. local time at the City of Plymouth City Hall located at 201 South Main, Plymouth, Michigan. At that time the City Commission of the City of Plymouth will hold a public hearing on the proposed Brownfield Plan for the 377 Ameha Brownfield Redevelopment Project at which time all interested persons will be heard and the City Commission shall receive and consider all written communications with reference to the proposed Plan and a record of that public hearing including all data presented at the public hearing shall be made and preserved. All aspects of the proposed Plan shall be open for discussion at the hearing. The property to which the Brownfield Plan applies consists of four parcels on both the East and West sides of Ameha Street between Main Street and Farmers Street in Downtown Plymouth (permanent tax parcel nos 005 07 0017 000, 005 07 0057 000, 005 07 0021 000, 005 07 0054 000, 005 07 0055 002, 005 07 0012 002, 005 07 0010 000 and 005 10 0111 002).

A copy of the Proposed Brownfield Plan and maps are available in the office of the City of Plymouth City Clerk at the address provided above.

Linda Langmesser, City Clerk, City of Plymouth

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

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1996	Olds		4 Dr	1G8WH52M7TF315718
1983	Mercury	LTD	4 Dr	1MEBP89X4DC658247
1995	Plymouth	Neon	4 Dr	3P8ES47CXST341726
1989	Chrysler		4-Dr	1C3BC6630KD510725
2000	Pontiac	Grand Prix	4-Dr	1G2WP52K6YF115281
1989	Ford	LTD	4 Dr	2FABP74F0KX139051
1989	Mercury	Tracer	4-Dr	3MABM135XKR661581
1984	Cadillac	Eldorado	4 Dr	1G6AL5785EE845664

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday November 7 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

TOWNSHIP INITIATED FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT (BELLEVILLE / MICHIGAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PARCEL NOS 132 01 0012 000, 132 01 0014 000, 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0017 000, 132 01 0021 000, 132 01 0023 000, 132 99 0002 002 AND 132 99 0003 702 (PART OF). Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, November 3, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

Published October 9 and 23 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 17, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WINDING CREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 107 99 0006 002, 107 99 0007 000 AND 107 99 0008 000. Property is located east of Canton Center and south of Palmer Road (**First Public Hearing**).

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, October 13 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT - TEXT AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT BY ADDING LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS:

OBJECTIVE 1.5 - Mixed Land Uses (NEW)

Canton Township shall identify and recognize areas within the community which currently have or may be conducive to a mix of zoning and land uses. These areas are generally located along the Michigan Avenue Corridor and require flexibility in order to respond to changes in market demands within the community. These changes include the nature of Michigan Avenue as a regional transportation corridor, growth in the industrial sector in the southern part of the community, and future residential development in the southern portion of the Township as the community reaches buildout.

Policy 1.5.1 (NEW)
Establish a **Mixed Use** designation on the Future Land Use map which may include but not be limited to, certain areas along Michigan Avenue to allow for flexibility.

Policy 1.5.2 (NEW)
The Mixed Use designation shall allow for the consideration of Light Industrial Research (LI r), Office (O 1), Regional Commercial (C 3) and Multiple Family Residential (MR) zoning, pursuant to the standard criteria for rezoning and property transitions from one zoning district to another shall be maintained.

Policy 1.5.3 (NEW)
Use of the Planned Development District (PDD) option is encouraged to allow flexibility of use, layout and design. The PDD option also promotes clustering to foster preservation of open space and natural resources. Maximum residential densities shall be based on the maximum allowable density permitted by the underlying zoning district, calculated by the net acreage in each zoning district.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Canton poet's work in Lowell exhibit

Cheryl A Vatcher-Martin of Canton Michigan has four Haiku on display in an Exhibit titled "Water Wonderland Michigan's Fragile Resource Exhibit," in Lowell.

Martin, an award-winning poet, enjoyed the recent artist's reception at the Lowell Council For the Arts.

The artwork that was displayed was superb," Martin said. "It was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet with other artists and talk about our work. There were a lot of individuals from Lowell who attended this event, and wanted to speak with the artists too. I was extremely pleased when a couple of ladies asked me about my Haiku and told me that they loved my work."

Martin's Haiku will be displayed in the exhibit through Oct. 29.

Martin also recently was recognized with a first-place showing in a competition sponsored by the Wayne County Council for Arts,

History and Humanities and Henry Ford Community College.

Her poem, "Woman Reclining," took the top prize. According to Martin, the piece was inspired by juried artist Donna Jackson's piece, "Woman Reclining."

Martin is also a juried poet through Artists Among Us 2005 for the second year in a row.

She attained her master's degree in 1998 through the University of Michigan, and enjoys writing poetry, Haiku and writing feature articles. She illustrates her stories with photographs as well. Her work has been published locally, nationally and internationally. She also teaches writing and French classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

For information on her

Creative Writing Class that begins in October at Schoolcraft College, call (734) 462-4448. In addition, she is offering poetry, creative writing and Haiku classes through the Wayne Westland School District through December. Anyone interested in stopping by the exhibit in Lowell can contact Martin at (734) 397-1626.

The four Haiku Martin has

on display:

- Luscious water flows through a forest of pine trees
- splashing the black rocks
- Sparkling waterfall cascades gently over evergreen
- smooth grey ancient rocks
- Burnt yellow crisp leaves reflect upon still grey lake fullness of early fall

"It was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet with other artists and talk about our work."

Cheryl A Vatcher-Martin poet

■ Majestic pink sky overlapping view of lake charcoal reflections



Cheryl Vatcher of Canton, a former Plymouth resident, talks with Loraine Smalligan about Vatcher's exhibit at the Lowell Council for the Arts.

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 at (734) 453-0750 or on line at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

FICTION

- 1 "Polar Shift," Clive Cussler
- 2 "Thud," Terry Pritchett
- 3 "Chill Factor," Sandra Brown
- 4 "The Historian," Elizabeth Kostova
- 5 "The Widow of the South," Robert Hicks

NON-FICTION

- 1 "The World is Flat," Thomas Friedman
- 2 "100 People Who Are

- Screwing Up America, Bernard Goldberg
- 3 "FairTax Book," Neal Bortz
 - 4 "Bait and Switch," Barbara Ehrenreich
 - 5 "Mother Angelica," Raymon Arroyo

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 "I Am An Ankylosaurus," Karen Wallace
- 2 "Piggy and Dad Go Fishing," David Martin
- 3 "Halfway Hank," Joe Fallon
- 4 "Firefighters to the Rescue," Kersten Hamilton
- 5 "Julius Anteater Misunderstood," Lynn Reed

WE NEED COATS FOR KIDS!

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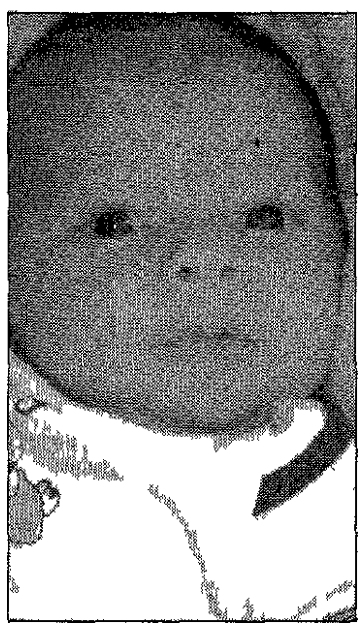
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NEW VOICES



Kaitlin Nichole Arnold
Tracey and Chris Arnold of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlin Nichole, on Sept 12, 2005, at St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Kaitlin's grandparents are Frank and Carol Miller of Canton, Sandee Arnold of Bloomfield Hills, and Jim and Sue Arnold of Canton. Her great-grandparents are Alma Starliper of Findlay, Ohio, and Stan and Erika Arnold of Mancelora, Mich.

Tyler Edward Traub
Edward and Dina (nee Marchetti) Traub of Canton, proudly announce the birth of their new son, Tyler Edward. He was born July 12, 2005, at University of Michigan Ann Arbor, weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long. Tyler joins sisters, Marina, 4, and Amber, 2 1/2. Tyler's grandparents are Louis Butch and Marie Marchetti of Dearborn Heights, and Malcolm and Sondra Traub of Rochester, NY. His great grandmother is Isobel Traub (92 years young) also of Rochester, NY. Tyler is the ninth grandchild of Butch and Marie Marchetti - all 5 years old and under.



Tyler Edward Traub

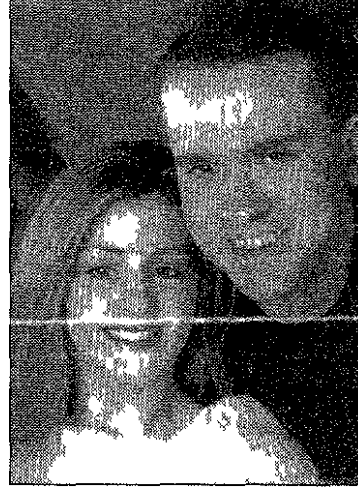
Rachel Michelle Churchill
Jeff and Amy Churchill of Delton, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Michelle, on Sept 13, 2005, at Spectrum Medical Center in Grand Rapids. Rachel joins big brother, James, 4 1/2, and big sister, Valerie, 3. Her grandparents are Lowell and Vonne Swift of Lowell, Mich., and Al and Audrey Churchill of Livonia. Her great grandmother is Hilda Churchill of Canton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burleson-Mann
Barbara and Larry Burleson of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Lori, to Herb Mann Jr., son of Marrietta and Herbert Mann of Rochester Hills. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Michigan State University. She is employed by Plastapak Packaging, Plymouth. Her fiancé is a graduate of Rochester Adams High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Mahle Powertrain Inc., Novi. A January 2006 wedding is planned.



Meyette-Hodgin
Ivan and Paulette Meyette of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Ann, to Steve Hodgin of Northbrook, Ill.



Elizabeth is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is a Michigan regional loss prevention inspector for Comcast. Her fiancé, Steve, is the son of Chuck and Becky Hodgin of Northbrook, Ill. He is a graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. He is an account manager for Discovery Education. Steve and Beth are planning an October wedding at St Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with a reception at the Novi Sheraton. They plan a honeymoon trip to Malaga, Spain. They will be making their new home in the Washington D.C., area.

Gage-Wahtera
Mr and Mrs Howell Gage of Vicksburg, Miss., and Mr and Mrs Kim A. Wahtera of Plymouth are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Maury Sessions Gage and Kirk Alexander Wahtera. Maury is a graduate of Vicksburg High School and Davidson College. She is currently pursuing a graduate degree in education at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, N.H. Her fiancé, Kirk, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan. He received his Masters Degree in biology from Loyola University Chicago and is currently teaching in Merrimack, N.H.

The families will celebrate their marriage in November in Vicksburg, Miss. Kirk and Maury will be making their new home in Peterborough, N.H.



Messing-Schramek
Mr and Mrs Joseph Schramek of Dearborn Heights are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Robert John, to Gail Danielle Messing of Kalamazoo. Robert is a 1986 graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School and a 1993 graduate of Detroit College of Business with a bachelor's degree in business management. He is employed at ProQuest Information and Learning in Ann Arbor. His fiancée, Gail, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Messing of Harbor Beach. She is a 1992 graduate of Harbor Beach Community High School, a 1996 graduate of Hope College with a bachelor's degree in nursing, and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in nursing, adult nurse practitioner. She is employed at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. Robert and Gail are planning a mid-December wedding at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach.

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Her fiancée, Gail, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Messing of Harbor Beach. She is a 1992 graduate of Harbor Beach Community High School, a 1996 graduate of Hope College with a bachelor's degree in nursing, and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in nursing, adult nurse practitioner. She is employed at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. Robert and Gail are planning a mid-December wedding at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach.

Stamm-Mazzoni
Sherrri Stamm and Pete Mazzoni of Livonia announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Sherrri is the daughter of Roger and Jeanne Stamm of Stryker, Ohio. She is a graduate of Stryker High School in Stryker, Ohio, and a graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts in elementary education. She earned her master of arts in education from Western Michigan University. She is employed as a fourth grade teacher at Keystone Academy in Belleville. Her fiancé, Pete, is the son of John and Kathy Mazzoni of Fowlerville. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School in Livonia and a graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts in international business and French. He has a master of arts in education from the University of Michigan. He is employed by Livonia Public Schools. Pete and Sherrri are planning a November wedding at Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio.



Sherrri is the daughter of Roger and Jeanne Stamm of Stryker, Ohio. She is a graduate of Stryker High School in Stryker, Ohio, and a graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts in elementary education. She earned her master of arts in education from Western Michigan University. She is employed as a fourth grade teacher at Keystone Academy in Belleville. Her fiancé, Pete, is the son of John and Kathy Mazzoni of Fowlerville. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School in Livonia and a graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts in international business and French. He has a master of arts in education from the University of Michigan. He is employed by Livonia Public Schools. Pete and Sherrri are planning a November wedding at Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio.

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ROY A. BREMER
Age 64, died Friday September 30 2005. Roy was born in Manistique MI to Roy and Matilda Bremer. He was a 1959 graduate of Southfield High School, Southfield, MI and attended the University of Detroit. His most recent employment was in real estate and property management. In recent years Roy had been a resident of Ferncrest Manor Nursing Home in New Orleans, LA as a result of complications from Multiple Sclerosis and an auto accident that left him paralyzed. Roy was evacuated safely from New Orleans to Plaquemine Care center in Plaquemine, LA where he passed away peacefully. Roy had most recently reconnected with his loving family members who enjoyed visits and seeing that his wit and intellect were still with him and that he was the old Roy they knew and loved. Roy is survived by his brothers Dan Bremer Ken (Peggy) Bremer sister Theresa Bremer nieces Erin Bremer and Katie Bremer nephew Tom Bremer uncles Jack DeWitt and cousins Gail Maria and James Bremer. A Memorial Service was held Thursday October 7 2005 at the Yntema Funeral Home 251 South State St., Zeeland MI. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

EVELYN JEWELL
October 6 2005 age 67 of Westland Beloved wife of Norman Dear mother of Richard Gail (James) Kallis Lynne Vagvolgyi and Donald Sister of Carlton Cox Edmund (Kitty) Cox Richard (Heisen) Cox and Laura (Louis) Gilmore Grandmother of Kate Jewell Ashley and James Dean Kallis and Martin and Angel Vagvolgyi. Also survived by 3 step grandchildren. Service Sunday 7:30 p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Westland. Family will receive friends Saturday 3:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



ERNEST A. WILHELMI

RANDALL "RANDY" LOCKEY
Age 56 died September 23 2005 at his home after a two and half year battle with cancer. He lived in Oviedo Florida since 1998. Randy graduated from Franklin High School in 1966 Eastern Michigan University in 1970. He was a teacher for 35 years. Survivors include his wife Linda, of Oviedo son David Lockey and daughter Suzanne Brown of Orlando and Deborah Lockey of Stuart and two granddaughters. Services were held on September 28th at the Collision Family Howell Branch Funeral Home Winter Park Florida.

ERNEST A. WILHELMI
Age 63 of Plymouth died October 6 2005. He was born May 9 1942 in Dearborn Michigan. He retired from Ford Motor Company Livonia Transmission Plant where he was a Receiving Clerk. He came to the Plymouth community in 1971 from Westland. He attended St John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. He loved the Detroit Red Wings and motorcycles. He had a great sense of humor and was a loving husband of 35 years to Gerry Wilhelmi. He is also survived by children Gregory of Westland and Brian of Northville and step son Gregory (Linda) Blagus of Plymouth. Loving grandfather of Trevor and Carly. He is also survived by a brother Jon (Alberta) and Irene (Edward) Hunt. He was preceded in death by son Kenneth and his dog Sambo. Visitation Sunday October 9 from 2:00 PM at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth. Funeral services will be held Monday October 10 2005 at 10:30 am at the Funeral Home. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

ISABELL M. MAURER
Age 93 of Livonia died October 5 2005. She was born May 19 1912 in Bay City. She came to the Plymouth community in 1975 from Detroit. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She was very active in Plymouth senior citizen groups. She loved to bowl. She was a loving mother grandmother and great grandmother who especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She is survived by her children, George M. Maurer Jr. and Carol M. (Calvin) Strom and her grandchildren, Linda Strom and her partner Linda Burke Susan (John) Gessert Margaret (Daniel Heinz) Strom and Erik (Lori) Strom and her great grandchildren Ellen Jack Emma, Julia, Jacob and Nicholas. She is preceded in death by her husband George M. Maurer. Funeral from First Presbyterian Church 701 Church Street Plymouth Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Sunday 5:00pm. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Livonia MI 48154.



MAXINE RUMPA

JACK CHARLES HUGHSON, JR.
77 of Capac died Monday October 3 2005. Surviving in addition to his wife Lee of 55 years are sons Jack Charles III of Pa and Daniel (Janet) of Idaho and daughters Karen James of Ludington and Susan (Keith) Beard of Attica. Grandchildren Courtney Janine Jason Christopher Danielle Kaitlyn and Austin. His family honors the memory of Jack and invite you to visit and share Wednesday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors. Capac with scripture services at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Capac Fr. Gerry Frawley pastor will officiate. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association. For information and Guest book kaatzfunerals.com.

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WEDDINGS

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quet at Vanessa's Flowers in Plymouth

"The average wedding is up to \$12,000," said Baumann, who split the cost with Maria's father Andrew Benigna "You can't do it without friends. You have ask everybody you know, how they did it. She had three friends who got married before her, one who went to Vanessa's for flowers."

Baumann has enough information to write a book now but turned to one titled Bridal Bargains to learn what questions to ask the videographer (lockwoodvideo.com in Westland). The Internet provided tips on the cake. She saved by ordering a smaller cake and double-layer sheet cakes for the guests.

"Sheet cakes don't require keeping the frosting smooth so you're not paying \$3.50 to \$4 a slice for the guests," said Baumann.

"The wedding cost around \$9,000," added Maria Benigna Todd, 30, "but I'm guessing it would have been \$15,000 to \$17,000. We started planning it in February. It was a combination of looking at Internet sites including weddingchannel.com, theknot.com, and going to Costco to buy flowers in bulk for bouquets at the church."

"The wedding was everything and more. Every person at the reception said it was beautiful. It brought tears to their eyes and it went so smoothly."

Deborah ZahnSimmons' weddings go off without a hitch after 19 years as a planner. The Dexter resident passes on tips she's acquired during the Oct. 22 class.

"If hired, I spend a couple hours with the bride and groom to get an idea of their perfect day then request a budget," said ZahnSimmons. "It's very dangerous to work without one. I break it down - how much to spend for flowers, cake, dresses then I look at facilities for them to visit."

MOM-DAUGHTER PLAN

Connie McMullen, a Canton mother of the bride to be, has signed up for the class to help daughter Hilary, 30, plan her wedding for September 2006. They're saving money by not having a rehearsal dinner.

Money is a huge issue. That's why we're spending time to figure out how to make it reasonable, said McMullen. We're both incredibly creative people. What we're looking for is a huge wow affect. As far as table decorations, we won't just go to a florist and look for flowers. We'll wait till something catches the eye and say wow."

Cathy Byrum learned how to save money while planning more than 1,000 weddings over the last 15 years. Originally she worked with husband Wayne, a 35th District Court magistrate who performs civil and religious ceremonies, until starting Dream Wedding Planners, her business in Canton. Byrum has a list of cost sav-

'You can't do it without friends. You have ask everybody you know, how they did it.'

Sandy Baumann teaches wedding savings class

ing ideas after coordinating everything from home weddings to one at Meadowbrook Hall where a celebrity spent \$5,000 on lighting alone. She suggests buying the bridal dress from a resale shop or renting. Plan the big event for a Thursday or Friday night or Sunday afternoon when weddings are less expensive. As far as the ceremony, a garden, chapel or historical site can provide an affordable venue with environment.

"Lot of times people jump into it without knowing who their vendors are, if they're reputable people," said Byrum. "A wedding planner helps them relax and enjoy their day."

For those who choose to do it themselves, Henry Ford Community College (22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights) has scheduled a number of classes. The cost of the Oct. 22 session with ZahnSimmons is \$54. Call (313) 317-1500 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2 to register.

A class on corsages, center pieces and bouquets is offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 to March 27. Cost is \$249 and includes all flowers. For online classes in digital photography and video visit www.ed2go.com/hfcc.

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ADOPTION

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before they're placed in their adoptive homes, Vicki said. "I really wanted a baby."

They attended meetings to learn about the process, including the birth parents' rights. "If you're with a good agency - which we were - they tell you everything," Tim said. "They don't sugar-coat anything."

The couple participated in a home study and filled out a three- to four-page profile about themselves, which Adoption Associates shared with pregnant women considering adoption.

It's almost like a marketing

brochure of yourself," Tim said. The couple emphasized they were stable, having been married for 12 years, and had a supportive, tight-knit network of friends and family, including two sets of grandparents living close by.

Their profile was among 90-100 shown to Bailey's birth mother. She decided on Vicki and Tim, in part, because Tim looked a little bit like Bailey's biological father.

A week later, Bailey was born. But her birth mother changed her mind and decided to try to raise Bailey herself.

"To me, it felt like a death," Tim said. "It crushed us."

"It had to be the hardest thing we went through," Vicki said.

But because of financial struggles, Bailey's birth mother decided she could not continue to raise Bailey. She was placed with a host family until Bailey's birth mother signed the paperwork, waiving her parental rights when Bailey was three months old.

"Up until then, it was touch and go," Tim said, explaining the birth father also expressed interest in raising Bailey during that time.

Legally, Vicki and Tim are Bailey's parents now, though they allow her birth mother to stay in touch. The birth mother has Vicki's cell phone number, but she doesn't know the family's last name or address. At any time, if Tim and Vicki think it's in Bailey's best inter-

est to discontinue contact, they can.

Tim said any doubts he had about being able to love someone else's child vanished the minute he held Bailey, and Vicki said she now understands unconditional love.

"One of the surprises to me, is how much you can love your child," she said.

They believe Bailey was meant to be their daughter. If they hadn't adopted, Vicki said, they wouldn't have Bailey. "And we can't imagine not having Bailey."

Now, the couple is waiting to adopt another child.

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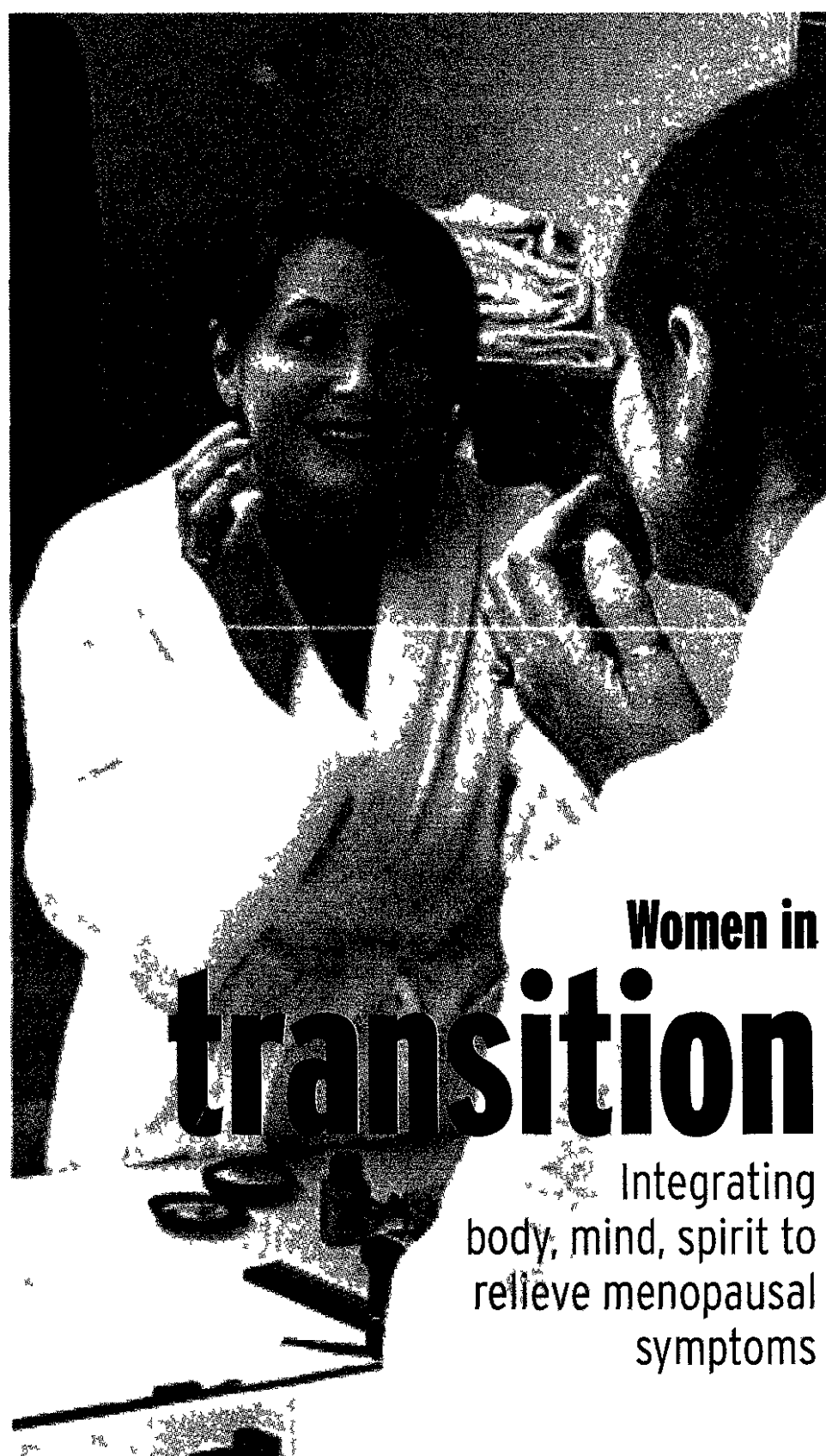
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Make your workout pleasant

Joyce from Birmingham recently started working out on a treadmill. She e-mails that she now finds the exercise tedious unless she's watching TV and wants to know if this is affecting her workout. Joyce, if it's not broke don't fix it! One of my clients had a cycling machine and told me that he usually works out about 20 to 30 minutes at a time. But he also realized that when he's watching a Red Wings game, he can work out for an hour and not even notice the time has gone by! It's a good idea, and a great way to build stamina, to be entertained when you're working out. But don't forget your level of intensity. So read, watch TV, or do whatever it takes to lengthen your workout. Shelly from Rochester Hills e-mails asking if there's any truth to the rumor that cranberry juice can help with a urinary tract infection. Shelly, the latest research gives new credence to that old rumor. Researchers recently gave a group of 150 women, with a history of urinary infections, a daily dose of cranberry juice, a dose of good bacteria, or nothing at all. After six months, the cranberry juice drinkers were only half as likely to suffer a recurrence of infection. To get proper amounts of pure juice, you'll have to drink 6 ounces of the sweetened cranberry cocktail per day. That's the kind of cranberry juice you'll usually find on store shelves near you. Enjoy! If you have a health or fitness question you can e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. You can also reach him at his health clubs in West Bloomfield and Southfield. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC/TV4 and WWJ News Radio 950.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The night before Dr. Monica Myklebust's first marathon she was looking at her feet and realized her mind played as important a role in reaching the finish line. As director of the University of Michigan Integrative Clinic in Ann Arbor, she knows the holistic approach of taking into account the mind, body, spirit and emotion is the first step to not only achieving optimal health, but helping a woman to easily transition into menopause.

Gradually, her mind moved from her feet, which had already run 500 miles in training, to her legs and then each part of the body until she developed a guided remembering practice that results in renewed wholeness and balance.

On Oct. 15, Myklebust will share the technique with participants at the Women in Transition conference 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Presented by the U-M Integrative Medicine Clinic, the event focuses on optimizing health before, during and after menopause. Featured speakers include Myklebust, Sara Warber, an M.D. board certified in holistic medicine, and pharmacist Leslie

Shimp who is knowledgeable about conventional and alternative options such as herbs and supplements for menopausal symptoms.

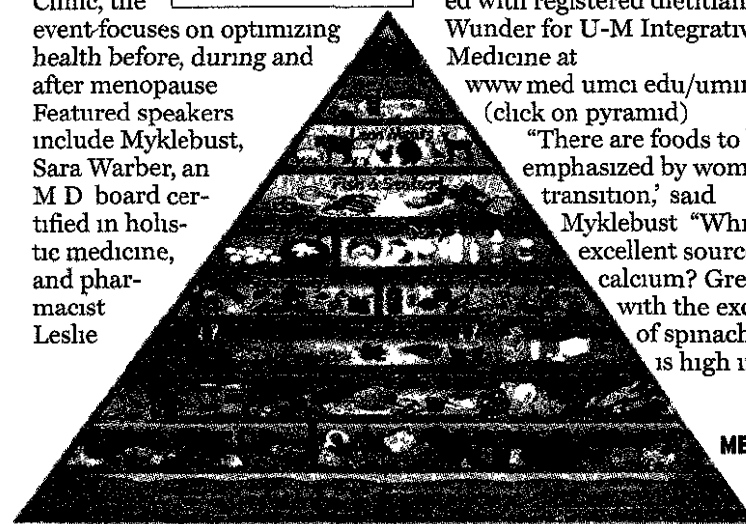
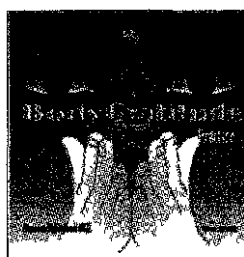
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"It's a relaxation and meditative practice to bring the listener into deeper connection with the body," said Myklebust, an M.D., trained in conventional medicine at Mayo Clinic and then integrative medicine with Dr. Andrew Weil at the University of Arizona. "It's guided remembering to feel a sense of gratitude for their eyes, all the beautiful things they've seen, the feet and all the places their feet have brought them and allowed them to do like dipping their toes into cool water. As we go through life we get out of touch with our bodies. This brings together the mind and body."

In addition to speaking on the Restorative Guided Imagery Experience, Myklebust talks about optimizing nutrition during this natural stage in a woman's life. She'll specifically focus on the Healing Foods Pyramid she created with registered dietitian Jenna Wunder for U-M Integrative Medicine at

www.med.umich.edu/umim (click on pyramid)

"There are foods to be emphasized by women in transition," said Myklebust. "Which are excellent sources of calcium? Greens with the exception of spinach which is high in oxal-



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ic which interferes with calcium absorption. I'll also talk about the role of organic foods and where your food comes from. We want to be conscious of sources of hormones that we bring into our bodies."

Just as important to making the transition is a positive outlook. Menopause is usually a time when a woman's entire life is changing. Some have gained weight and are dissatisfied with the way they look.

Most have spent their life taking care of other people. Now is the time to take care of them," said Myklebust. "Women start to prioritize what is important in their life and how to spend their time. They often take a closer look at relationships that are important to them. They want to simplify their life, develop a new relationship with their body and sexuality because of a shift in perspective. In the 20s women are so occupied with what everyone thinks. In the 40s and beyond we begin to be more secure in who we are and what we want. It's empowering."

Mind-body therapies such as relaxation techniques and hypnosis can make the menopausal stage a great time of life, according to Dr. Sara Warber, a physician at the U-M Integrative Medicine Clinic. Based on results from research studies, Warber reveals which herbs are helpful in relieving menopausal symptoms along with other integrative medicine approaches including nutrition. She doesn't recommend using soy or red clover for women with a high risk of breast cancer or who've had breast cancer but suggests black cohosh instead. She stresses that although herbals and supplements are available without a prescription, women should work with an herbalist, naturopathic or primary care physician to choose products that don't carry additional risks.

"The latest research is encouraging. We have pros and cons on both sides, but some of the positive studies are important enough to make them worth while to try," said Dr. Sara Warber. There are out-look things that anybody can do, to have a sense of humor about what's happening to your body. I'd like women to think about how to modify demands

on themselves and create what they need to have this comfortable transition into a time of life that is very freeing. This is an entry way. It's not the way it's going to be all along."

BOTSFORD WORKSHOP

Dr. Judith Joslin-Page plans to cover all of the stages of menopause during a Women's Health Workshop 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Presented by Botsford Hospital and the city of Farmington Hills, the workshop costs \$5 for residents, \$6, non-residents. Call (248) 473-1830.

Joslin-Page will offer tips on topics ranging from weight gain to nutrition, exercise, and the use of alternatives for hormone replacement therapy. Women can reduce or eliminate symptoms such as hot flashes and night sweats while going through the change.

"There are ways to make our lives longer, happier and less debilitated," said Dr. Judith Joslin-Page, a Botsford physician who's recommended Remensil (red clover) and Remifen (black cohosh) to her patients at Essential Gynecology and Obstetrics in Farmington Hills. "Nowadays when you become menopausal you only have 40 to 50 years to live as opposed to our mothers. The goal is to change women's mindset, how not to become old when you're not old."

Although Joslin-Page will address cardiovascular, bone and tissue health as well as weight gain in the workshop, a woman's health doesn't have to become a casualty of menopause if she eats right and takes care of her body. Based on an individual's symptoms, Joslin-Page does prescribe HRT when needed but advocates for alternatives such as herbal remedies, nutrition and exercise.

"A study out of Melbourne, Australia, with a population as similar as the U.S., 85 percent of these women did not view menopause as needing medical intervention," said Joslin-Page. "There's a whole spectrum women can do to control symptoms. We know that adding soy and tofu to diet is very beneficial for symptoms."

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Flu shots

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer priority flu shots to community members who meet the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines until Oct. 24. Afterward, the flu vaccine will be available for all those requesting it. Priority flu vaccinations will be given to persons age 65 years and older with and without a chronic health condition, residents of long-term care facilities, persons ages 18-64 with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children. Cost is \$20. Appointments required. Call (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first-come, first-served basis at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Senior health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, free blood pressure and hearing tests, blood sugar screening, bone density tests, Medicare prescription advising and sampling of chiropractic massage at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, includes lunch. Call (734) 453-5280. Flu shots will be available for \$29 or free with Medicare Plan B. The church is looking for nurses to volunteer to administer the shots.

Health insurance

United Way for Southeastern Michigan, The Detroit Wayne County Health Authority and United Auto Workers in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health are sponsoring a town hall meeting, The Uninsured & Underinsured, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Marygrove College Conference Center in Madame Cadillac Hall, 8425 W. McNichols. Between Wyoming and Livernois. Detroit information shared at the meeting will be compiled into a plan which will address realistic strategies and viable options to extend health insurance coverage to all Michigan residents. The event is

free. A light dinner will be served. To register, call (313) 874-7443.

Caregiver support group

Meets 10:11-30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, meets regularly the second Thursday of the month at The Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Respite services provided for free during the session. For more information, call Linda Peak at (313) 843-2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387-2788.

Circle of Hope Gala

To benefit cardiac services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and fashion show dancing to the music of Baré Blend 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Friday, Oct. 14, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Tickets \$75 until Sept. 15, after \$100. VIP \$150. Call (734) 655-2907.

Recovery Inc.

The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, the group meets every Friday in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

Parenting classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents parenting classes at the Marian Women Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Registration required. Call Mary Jane Peck at (734) 655-1100 or send e-mail to peckm@trinityhealth.org. Classes for Children with Special Needs 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The cost is \$15, \$20 per couple. New is a class Parent & Teenagers: Talking & Thinking Together about School Chores & Money, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 (\$20 per family) and a refresher class. Time Out for Parents: Time to Think Rest and to Plan, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Dec. 14 (\$10 per family). Individual consultations also available at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Bariatric seminar

Free education seminar on bariatric surgery performed laparoscopically at the new Bariatric Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Speakers are surgeon Tallal Zeni, M.D., director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. Call (734) 655-2692 to register for the free seminar. The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Bariatric Center is at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building.

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Livonia. Call (734) 655-2692 or (800) 686-9940. For more information or for a physician referral, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Menopause workshop

Botsford General Hospital partners with the city of Farmington Hills to offer the women's health workshop, Menopause and Beyond, 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration required. Call (248) 473-1830. Cost is \$5 residents or \$6 non-residents. Dr. Judith Joslin-Page, a veteran Botsford physician and Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetrics and Gynecology, discusses the stages of menopause, including giving tips on weight, nutrition and exercise, staying vital and energetic and having fun during and beyond this important stage of a woman's life.

Wellness seminar

A program for weight loss is offered 3-5 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Providence Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, at Newburgh, Livonia. The program combines the power of hypnosis with behavior modification. Participants learn to lose weight without feelings of deprivation or denial in one convenient session. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay a one-time fee of \$69. Save \$10 by registering at the Web site www.easylpower.com. No reservations required. For more information, call (800) 848-2822.

There will be additional seminars to stop smoking, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 29, and to lose weight, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, 1101 W. University Drive, Rochester (main entrance, second floor).

UPCOMING

Depression lecture
Darlene Doute, an adult psychiatric mental health nursing and clinical nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, presents a lecture, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. Registration is required. Call (248) 349-4140.

ONGOING

Group fitness classes
Start thinking about your fall fitness plan. The Center Fitness Club at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield offers senior fitness, water exercise, yoga, Pilates, step spinning and back care classes at convenient times year-round. For more information, call Marni Stone at (248) 432-5427 or the membership office at (248) 432-5404.

Lite fitness classes
Senior Fitness Specialist Marni Stone and the Sports Club of West Bloomfield are starting a fitness program for beginners, mature adults and people struggling with illness or injury, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 6343 Farmington Road. Call (248) 626-9880, Ext. 4050.

Arthritis classes
Began in September in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Westland and other locations throughout Michigan. For more information about locations, schedules and fees, call the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter at (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org. Classes include a warm water exercise program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as PACE (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), a graceful flowing sequence of movements from Sun style tai chi, and a six-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management.

Back Pain?
Westland, MI. According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free 'Back Pain Relief Report', call toll free, 1-888-744-2225. (Toll free 24 hour recorded message)

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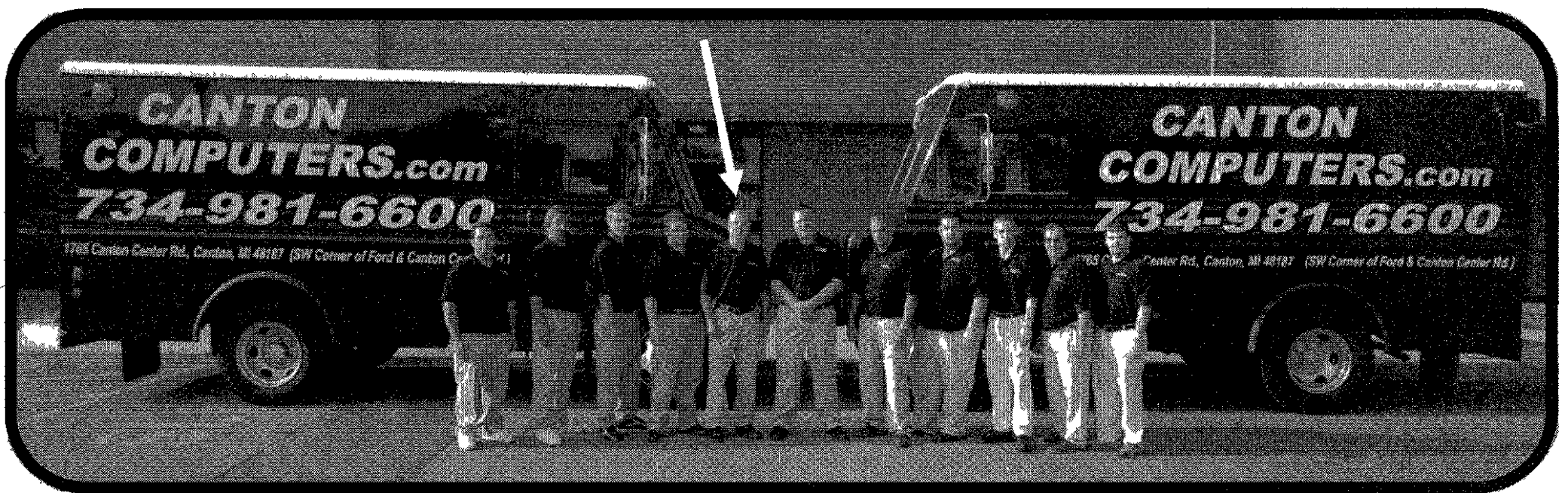


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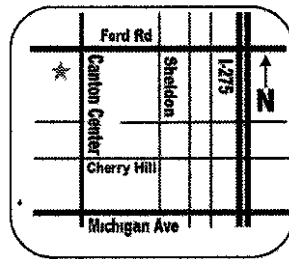
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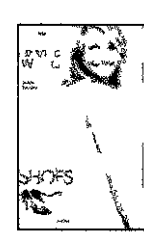
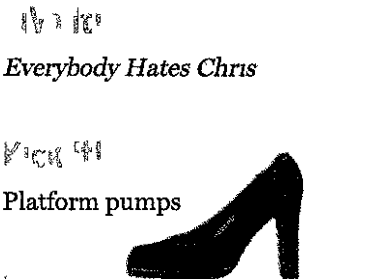
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How to Build a Desk Drawer Survival Kit

By Pink Staff

You're on your way to work and you spill your morning coffee down the front of your blouse. Or, you slide your chair under your desk and snag your stockings on that dreaded sharp edge again.

In the face of office emergencies like these, every working woman should be equipped with a PINK Desk Drawer Survival Kit. Desk Drawer Survival Kits are easy to create, but don't delay! Hurry up and stock a spare kit of beauty essentials in a fabulous little bag. Or make up a cute and thoughtful Desk Drawer Survival Kit for another professional woman in your life. Here's a PINK checklist of what you'll need to be prepared for breakouts, bad hair days, broken nails and more:

1. Hairbrush and hair ties

This is a must on any day, but add a little humidity and/or wind and you're facing a disaster without these essentials.



2. Toothpaste, toothbrush and floss. If lunch was Thai or pasta with pesto you've gotta have these tools at hand.

3. Concealer. Could you live without White Out? Well, then keep some concealer handy for your skin. You never know what you might have to erase.

4. Lip Balm. Beware — chapped lips can sneak up on you

Win It! from PINK

Now that you have your office kit ready to go, what will you do when you're on the road? The Safety Girl Roadside

Emergency Kit contains serious roadside emergency supplies like an emergency blanket, first aid supplies and instructions to change a flat tire. It also contains other "emergency" items like chocolate, tampons, a nail file, aromatherapy, headache remedy and much more! Find out how to win this handy "survival kit" for your car from the adorable downtown Northville-based boutique, Le Petit Maison, in the Oct. 23 issue of PINK.

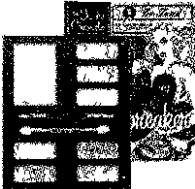


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5. A spare makeup set. Be sure it includes compact, lipstick, eye shadow and mascara at the least. There WILL come a day when you switch purses and forget to transfer your makeup.

6. Clear nail polish. To stop runs in your stockings, of course!

7. A nail file and nail glue. You never know when you'll hit a snag



8. Cuticle nipper. Don't pick! Nip hang nails in the bud or they'll only get worse.

9. Breath Mints. Face it, you won't be able to keep these in stock — especially if your co-workers find out you have them!

10. Band-aids. For blisters from those stilettos.

11. Spare pair of underwear, socks and nylons. Better safe than sorry.

12. A \$20 bill and change. All purpose back-up money — for lunch, office betting pools, gas money, to bribe your boss with Starbucks and a quick java jolt.

13. Cardigan sweater. For when your co-worker continues to mess with the thermostat, or to hide unexpected wardrobe malfunctions.

14. Eye drops and contact solution. Camouflage a late night of whatever.

15. Deodorant. Hard work on tight work deadlines can produce some great results but some unpleasant byproducts.

16. Thank you notes. These are a must when you want to show appreciation.

17. Foot spray. Why not give those manicured toes a break. Put a little zip in your step.

18. Disposable camera. You never know when there will be a Kodak moment or a chance to mess with a co-worker.

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Using rules of dating to find dream job

(NAPSI) — Whether you're looking for a career change opportunity or your first real job, a few tips and an exciting sweepstakes could help you go far.

To help, Wendy Straker, author of *Sexy Jobs in the City*, and *Apprentice* finalist Kendra Todd, partnered with Dove, the global beauty brand, to launch the 'Find Your Dream Job' college program that guides young women toward finding their dream job using the rules of dating.

Through this partnership, women have the opportunity to access tools for success from real women including interview tips, industry profiles and a Dream Job quiz.

Straker says going on a job interview is a little like getting ready for a date. She shares four easy tips from courting your dream career to sealing the deal for your dream job.

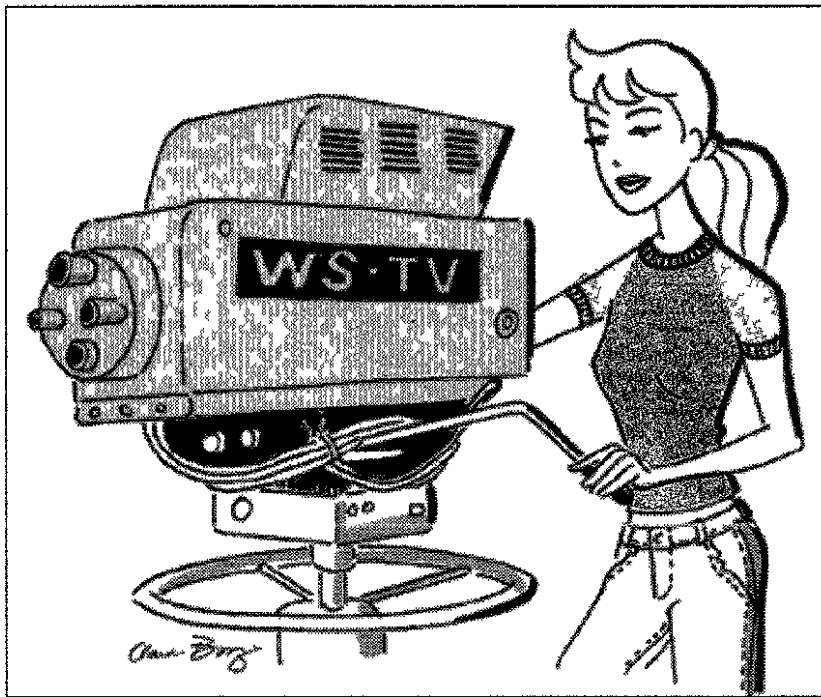
■ 1 Get people to set you up — It's not

just what you know, but whom you know. As in dating, your friends or family may be able to "set you up" with the perfect employers — don't be afraid to ask.

■ 2 Dress the part — Know the style of the company with which you're interviewing and tailor your look to match. An interview at a children's television network, for instance, needs a very different look from one at a news magazine.

■ 3 The thrill of the chase — Just as in dating, you must appear confident and capable. Though you don't want to play too hard to get (let them know you are interested), you should close the interview leaving your potential employer wanting more.

■ 4 Make contact the next day — Regardless of whether you want the job, you want them to want to hire you. Send out a handwritten thank you note the next day. The note should be brief, complimentary



The road to success is paved with self-esteem and self-awareness

and, if possible, unique. "For too long," Todd adds, "there has been a narrow view of what it takes to find your dream job. The way to find your perfect match is to be true to yourself, dive in, defy fear and discover your passion."

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Future entrepreneur a picture of success

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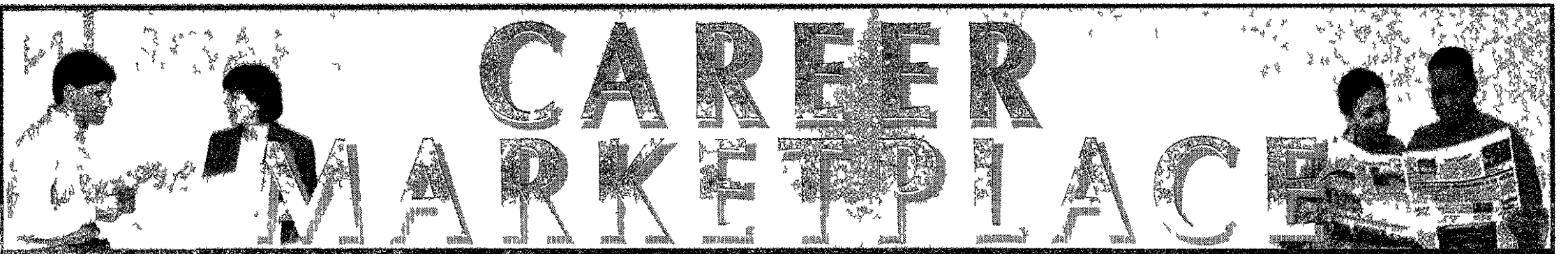
Whitney Boyce has been selected as the 2005 recipient of the Future Entrepreneur Award. The Utopia, Texas, native will receive a \$12,000 scholarship for the 2005-06 school year and is eligible for \$4,000 scholarship renewals the following three years.

Boyce is a recent graduate of Utopia High School, where she graduated first in her class. Her passion for photography and the scenery around her hometown led Boyce to start her own business, Paradise Prints, in 2003. Not knowing much about photography, Boyce started from scratch, teaching herself how to properly capture her subjects and manipulate the camera.

Her work is now being sold in a local gift shop in Utopia and includes framed photos, pillows and note cards. She has seen tremendous success in the tourist town and intends to expand her market and her subjects over the next five years.

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5000-5380

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Livonia (3250)

JUST REDUCED ALL BRAND NEW INTERIOR including kitchen 15 baths carpet + roof 3 bdrm brick ranch C/A 2.5 car garage \$176,900 248 641 9372

KIMBERLY OAKS 3 bdrm open floor plan updated kitchen 1 1/2 bath slate entry brick fireplace marble slis 30 ft cedar deck full bsmt 2 car attached over size garage 33038 Grennada \$230,000 734 525 5693

JUST LISTED! LIVONIA

Lovely 4 bdrm 3.5 bath Colonial w/nicely finished lower level Beautiful family room has fireplace w/oak mantle Master suite w/walk in closet & private bath w/jetted tub separate shower & sky lite Gourmet island kitchen w/granite countertops & ceramic backsplash \$339,900 (QA279)

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Nice updated 3 bdrm ranch w/beautiful finished bsmt & oversized garage Gourmet kitchen w/marble cabinets & ceramic floor Custom bath w/sky lite ceramic floor & granite countertop Vinyl windows & doorways \$197,900 (BA278)

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Brick ranch on quiet street with no rear neighbors Updated kitchen bath windows furnace more 2 car attached drive thru garage \$194,900 Karen Camilleri 734 502 8289 Century 21 Row 734 464 7111

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Stately tudor style colonial 8 & Farmington area Great room library dining room Let's make a deal! \$314,900 Karen Camilleri 734 502 8289 Century 21 Row 734 464 7111

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Lovely 2000 sq ft 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial w/neutral decor & hard wood floors Lg family room w/fireplace & door wall to patio Updated kitchen Newer windows Full bsmt Lg lot Home warranty Move in condition \$269,900 (WO167)

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Stunning 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial Many beautiful updates incl new maple kitchen Located near rec center Must see! \$259,900 ASK FOR GINGER (248) 476-0540 Red Carpet Keim Reliable

JUST LISTED! TANGLEWOOD SUB

Large 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial on beautiful wooded lot Remodeled kitchen crown moldings 1st floor laundry Newer windows carpet roof shingles & C/A Bsmt 2 car attached garage Home warranty \$299,900 (LY356)

JUST LISTED! WWO!

Almost 2,000 sq ft of living space with 4 bdrm & 2.5 bath Numerous updates include windows furnace & C/A All appliances garage Immediate occupancy Fantastic Livonia Schoo's \$214,900 (CU298)

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Northville Builder's new sub w/pool on 6 Mile fr 325k 3 car garage & walkouts avail Furn model open 12 5 248 348 0030 AwardWinnerHomes.com

WHY BUY NEW? Stately 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial shows like a model Dining room family room study and professionally finished bsmt with summer kitchen/bar/dance floor/7th bedroom & bath \$439,900 248 897 6900 FIRST AMERICAN

BRICK RANCH 3 bdrm on 3/4 acre wooded lot First floor laundry open floor plan bath & a half 2.5 car garage bsmt 9 Mile & Telfer area Northville Schools (248) 446 5038

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ORION TOWNSHIP 3896

JUST LISTED! ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!

3 Bdrm 1.5 bath brick ranch on corner lot Many new features incl updated kitchen windows copper plumbing gutters patio & beautiful landscaping Main bath provides both a tub & shower Finished bsmt w/unbeatable storage space and additional room Sparkling clean move right in! \$186,900 KAMYRA ALFORD 248 848 1269 ERA ALLIANCE REALTY 248 848 8000

ORION BUILDER'S NEW GATED ENTRANCE SUB ON TOP GOLF COURSE FOR \$399,900 3 car garage & walkouts avail Furnished model open 12 5 closed Wed & Thurs 248 693 0495

CHARMING COLONIAL Affordable Plymouth living with updated kitchen and baths spacious family room with fireplace hardwood floors and huge fenced back yard \$209,900 Virtua tour Kim belz on or call for an appointment KIM BELZ 734 576 1548 Coldwell Banker Schwitzer Bake 218 S Main St Plymouth MI 48170

SHARP ON 25 ACRE LOT! 3 bdrm 1.5 bath brick ranch New kitchen new windows & roof Hardwood floors Finished bsmt 2 car garage Immediate occupancy \$199,900 (GRE53)

LAKE POINTE VILLAGE Must see! 3 bdrm 2 bath beautifully updated Expanded kitchen w/decorator look Living room dining room & bdrm w/hardwood floors Large fireplace w/gas fireplace New windows roof siding & more Spacious 1790 sq ft \$249,900 (SHA54)

Traditional & meticulously cared for 4 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial Formal living room & dining room Family room w/corner fireplace Updated kitchen w/hardwood floors Newer bath w/jetted tub New windows & doorwall On an 80 interior lot w/paver patio & mature landscaping Don't wait! \$289,900 (MAP47)

RARE FIND! 5 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial w/1st floor laundry Large master suite w/2 walk ins Hardwood floors newer windows roof furnace & C/A On a huge fenced court lot No traffic! Walk to school \$309,900 (GRE57)

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Redford (3350)

AFFORDABLE newer 1100 sq ft 3 bedroom ranch (built 2001) at 19786 Seminole 2 car garage new paint & carpet Just move in and enjoy \$124,900 Call Laura 734 968 7328 Realty Executives Bell 586 978 3650

JUST LISTED! BIG & BEAUTIFUL

3 Bdrm 2.5 bath brick Cape Cod Dining room lg kitchen study & family room w/fireplace & French doors to deck Bsmt 2 car attached garage Newer roof \$204,500 (RO141)

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JUST LISTED! CLEAN & COZY

3 bdrm Bungalow w/hard wood floors & fresh paint thru out Updated bath windows & roof Bsmt Lovely yard \$112,750 (OL184)

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COUNTRY SETTING

Doll house on a hill with a wooded double lot Lots of updates including the kitchen and bath Neutrally decorated Appliances remain Call for more information \$89,900 (P 478P1)

ONE WORD SAYS IT ALL WOW!

Dressed to impress this Redford ranch offers formal living room w/adjacent dining ceramic kitchen Wallside windows newer roof furnace air and water heater Parly in basement fenced yard and paver patio \$159,900 (P 071SA)

PREFERRED 734 459 6000

JUST LISTED! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY

3 bdrm Cape Cod on dou ble lot Dining room Bsmt Appliances stay Freshly painted New carpet & electrical Vinyl windows \$94,500 (KE253)

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JUST LISTED! MOVE RIGHT IN

Just Listed! Updated 1014 sq ft ranch 3 bedroom 1 full bath 1 lav in full bsmt 1 car garage 35 acre lot Hard wood floors nice open floor plan huge deck on back All kitchen appliances Absolutely gorgeous inside and out Very well maintained Updates include kitchen copper plumbing new duct work new carpet in master bedroom recessed lighting in living room newer hot water heater garage door and windows! Everything is move in ready! This one won't last! \$139,900 Call for more info and an appointment at 313 387 2493

RANCH 2 bed air garage vinyl siding newer roof/fur nace finished bsmt \$114,900 810 636 7453 517 861 7223

JUST LISTED! REDFORD

1220 sq ft 3 bedroom 2 bath updated brick ranch Family room finished bsmt deck garage \$156,975 Greg Mollet 734 718 7244 Century 21 Row 734 464 7111

REDUCED! 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow with many quality updates done including roof windows furnace C/A finished bsmt kitchen baths & more Only \$119,900 Keith Becker 313 595 4599 Century 21 Row 734 464 7111

SOUTHFIELD OPEN SUN 12 4

Beautiful 3 bdrm 2 full & 2 half bath ranch 223500 Hallowell 1 blk S of 12 1 blk W of Lahser 248 761 5635

Redford (3350)

THREE BDRM RANCH is immaculate & completely updated & neutral throughout w/new carpet & part newer vinyl extor w/ windows & remodeled kitchen ceramic bath plus ret shed wood floors Newly finished bsmt Detached garage & private backyard \$119,900 Coldwell Banker Shootz 248 628-4711 Linda Sailer 248 909 4366

JUST LISTED! UPDATED

3 bdrm 1.5 bath California contemporary Ranch with Birmingham schools on 1/2 acre lot Custom white kitchen Cathedral ceilings & lots of windows Dining room 20 x 20 deck Extra 17 x 9 storage room in 2 car garage \$199,500 (LO306)

Century 21 CENTURY 21 TODAY (248) 647 8888 www.century21today.com

JUST LISTED! GUL DE SAC HOME PERFECT FOR THE FAMILY

This 2 story 4 bdrm 2.5 bath 2 car side entrance garage provides 2,460 sq ft and a 2 story great room The home includes a formal dining room and first floor laundry Some incredible features include cherry cabinets and granite countertops in kitchen conan countertops and ceramic tile in master bath room huge walk in closet and cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom Located near nature trails and close walk from house to wooded area Great wooded scenery \$362,570 Hometowne Wooded Company TIM CASSIDY 248 446 1439

JUST LISTED! ROCHESTER HILLS ARCADIA PARK

On premium wooded lot 2004 built 2 925 sq ft 4 bdrm 2.5 bath 2 story home Living room & formal dining room w/butter s pantry Great room w/2 way fireplace to library Master suite w/fireplace & private bath Kitchen with breakfast room stainless steel appliances & hard wood floor Bsmt Paver patio & much more! \$489,900 (BL160AM) ALAN MALISZCOWSKI (248) 568 4903 CENTURY 21 TODAY 6755 Telegraph Rd Bloomfield Hills

JUST LISTED! BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS

(2 bks from 1 great neigh borhood w/sidewalks) 3 bdrm 2 bath bungalow 2 fireplaces finished bsmt new windows hardwood floors thruout 2.5 car garage \$329,000 248 563 6776

CLASSIC 60 S RANCH Birmingham schools 3 bdrm 1.5 bath totally updated Wood floors through out custom kitchen finish bsmt w/fireplace Must See Open house Sun 2 4 1011 Brooklawn (S of 1/2 mile E of Adams) 248 229 8075

JUST LISTED! WATERFORD

1994 built 3 bdrm Colonial w/finished walk out lower level & 2 car attached garage Living room dining room family room w/fireplace opens to deck Gourmet island kitchen 2 full & 2 half baths C/A Some hardwood floors \$232,999 (GL135)

JUST LISTED! WATERFORD

1500 + SQ FT 26x16 family room with fireplace high ghts ths 3 bdrm ranch 2 car garage Well updated beautiful yard and deck just \$129,900!

LIKE NEW Immediate occupancy 3 bdrm 2 full bath brick ranch wbsmt & 2.5 garage Seiler gutted and put back together Out of this world value at just \$149,900!

Call The Andersons Century 21 Dynamic (734) 513 3218 6900 N Wayne Westland

JUST LISTED! AFFORDABLE

starter home located at 21356 Polciana in move in condition 2 bedroom new carpet paint and concrete driveway Newer windows roof siding kitchen Garage No work to do! \$79,900 Call Laura 734 968 7328 Realty Executives Bell 586 978 3650

JUST LISTED! LAND CONTRACT OPTION

2700 sq ft Cape Cod Freshly painted 4 bdrm 2.5 bath 2 bonus rooms 2 decks sauna \$215,000 248 489 5759 or 248 227 0565

What can HOT LINKS do for you? 1-800-579-SELL Call today for details!

JUST LISTED! SOUTHFIELD

Priced to sell! \$96,900 Updated & Clean Private lot 1.5 car garage MATT (248) 648 3005

WESTLAND NEWER 1500+sq ft ranch Garage basement lovely grounds Must see! \$229,900 Karen Camilleri 734 502 8289 Century 21 Row 734 464 7111

JUST LISTED! BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON 1.2 ACRES WITH UPPER STRAITS LAKE PRIVILEGES

2400 Sq ft ranch incl finished lower level 4 bedrooms 3 full baths Bright open floor plan Lovely Florida room Beautiful wooded 1.2 acre lot in desirable neigh borhood \$445,000 CATHERINE HOFFMAN 248 884 1940 Real Estate One 248 363 8300

Four bdrm 2.5 bath colonial Great room library 3 car garage Neutral clean! Kristin Halmaghi (248) 330 4660 C 21 Town & Country

Southfield/Lahurp (3390)

JUST LISTED! UPDATED 3 bdrm 1.5 bath California contemporary Ranch with Birmingham schools on 1/2 acre lot Custom white kitchen Cathedral ceilings & lots of windows Dining room 20 x 20 deck Extra 17 x 9 storage room in 2 car garage \$199,500 (LO306)

JUST LISTED! SPACIOUS COLONIAL

Immediate occupancy in sub w/parks & trails big 3400 sq ft 4.5 bdrm brick Colonial Formal living & dining rooms Great room w/ vaulted ceiling wet bar & 2 way fireplace opens to deck Family room w/fireplace & built in buffet Library w/built ins Master suite w/walk in closet Gourmet island kitchen wall appliances Finished bsmt w/walk out office & 5th bdrm Hardwood floors under carpet First floor laundry Extra wide 2 car garage \$425,000 (OL417)

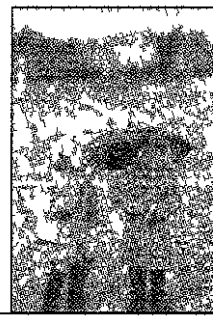
JUST LISTED! SPRAWLING RANCH

On 15 acres immediate occupancy On beautiful wooded 1.5 acre parcel 2245 sq ft 3 bdrm 2.5 bath brick/stone ranch style home Open foyer w/hard wood floor Living room w/sky lite & bay window Formal dining room Family room w/stone fireplace Euro style kitchen w/granite ceramic & appliances First floor laundry Hardwood floors thru out Newer carpet & paint Part finished bsmt Covered veranda 2 car side entry garage \$389,900 (TE787)

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UNION LK 3+ br/3 bath approx 2,000 sq ft private wooded 21x24 garage 10 ceiling 8.8 high door 18x55 drive \$324,900/offer Call 248 761 3467 no listings

JUST LISTED! BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS



Design studio combines homebuying, retail shopping



The lobby of the new design center welcomes shoppers into a spacious 'living area'



Among the amenities of the new Toll Brothers design center is a lighting display where shoppers can compare a number of models at once

Goal to create 'ultimate homebuying experience'

Bringing the benefits of retail shopping to home buying, luxury home builder Toll Brothers has opened its Design Studio, a new showroom outlet designed to make it easier for customers to create their dream house

Located in Novi, the 8,140-square foot Design Studio features more than 3,000 pre-priced designer options and upgrades for personalizing a home from start to finish

"Our goal is to create the ultimate homebuying experience for our buyers," said Keith Anderson, vice president of Toll Brothers — Michigan Division. "We've created a retail setting, with everything under one roof, providing the hottest trends and the

latest technology options to creatively shape a home to their individual tastes and budgets. The Design Studio will help new home buyers make selections they'll love for years to come."

Company officials expect The Design Studio to be used by more than 400 clients in 2006, offering vignettes of complete kitchens, baths, and a laundry center, and an array of sample displays such as staircases, closet organization systems, custom cabinetry built-ins, interior and exterior doors that illustrate design possibilities.

Customers can also review samples of cultured marble, granite and onyx

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and outdoor. "Everything is designed to make the entire experience fun, time-saving,

and user-friendly," Anderson said.

Other features of The Design Studio include:

- Design consultants on-site to help guide home buyers through their selection process

- The option to roll the cost of the options into a mortgage at a rate significantly lower than a typical credit card

- One-stop shopping for other new home services: TBI Mortgage, Toll Landscape, Westminster Title and Westminster Security

The Design Studio is located in the Main Street District of Novi, on the north side of Main Street, just east of

Novi Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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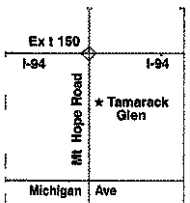
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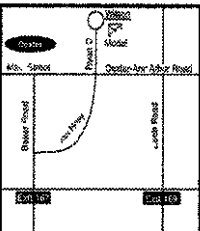


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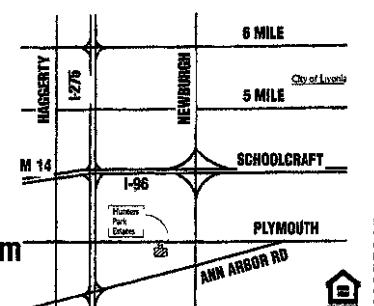


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'Mold remediation' is household terminology worth knowing

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Chances are you've never heard of "mold remediation." Most homeowners haven't. Should you be among unfortunate homeowners all too familiar with the label, you never want to hear the expensive, time-consuming, complicated term again. You may eventually come face to face with airborne molds if you live along hurricane pathways or experience even minor water invasion from leaky pipes, windows or gutters. The term is indeed worth knowing. Mold remediators are experts who work on-site to rid

homes of this omnipresent problem once household mold has been identified. Often clad in spore-tight clothing, respirators and armed with high-tech gear as well as assorted equipment from drying agents to pry bars and saws, this new contractor industry sprang up quickly once the health risks of mold became clear. But the niche business carries "buyer beware" caveats. States such as Texas have moved to oversee the mold remediation business to assure taxpayers that firms they choose to remove harmful molds meet minimal requirements to get the job done. The Texas Department of

State Health Services has licensed mold remediation firms since May of 2004. The department Web site lists 152 licensed contractors to serve the entire state. With Hurricane Rita causing tens of millions in dollars of water damage, the market for mold assistance is huge. In addition to certifying a company's mold removal skills, Texas requires the homeowner be given a certificate of "mold damage remediation" by the contractor. It verifies the work has been completed in accordance with state guidelines. Of course, the removal of mold is no guarantee it won't return. If the homeowner doesn't remedy a leak or water

source or keep humidity levels to mold-unfriendly levels, chances are good mold will return again. It is virtually impossible to completely remove molds because the spores are airborne and thus always present. Not all states have such licensing programs in place. Mold is a frequent topic for state health departments, but in many cases homeowners are directed to "licensed contractors," although a roster of such contractors is not shown. Consumers should check state department of health Web sites or call local health departments with questions about mold remediation or recommended firms.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides information on mold

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■ Be realistic in setting the asking price. Your house won't necessarily sell at the price that you want. It will sell based on its market value.



Ask the Realtor

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If you over-price your house/condo chances are that not only will it not sell at the price that you want, but you will ultimately get less money than you would have if you priced it right to begin with.

■ Buying a house is an emotional experience. It's therefore critical for buyers to get a good feeling about your house from the moment that they see it until the time that they leave.

Make sure that you have good curb appeal. The lawn should be mowed, hedges trimmed, and plants planted. I have taken buyers to houses where it was nearly impossible to unlock the door. This did not give a good first impression. Make sure that the door can be unlocked easily. The house should be unclut-

tered, and clean. Scratches and dents should be fixed, and areas that need it, repainted. Pretend that you are the buyer, and ask yourself what would be important to you if you were looking through a house.

■ Make it easy to schedule an appointment to see your house. Realtors often are showing a lot of houses and if they have to go through a hassle to see your house, chances are it won't be shown. You should not be there when buyers are looking at your house. The reason for this is that buy-

ers feel awkward looking through someone's house when the owners are there.

■ If you get an offer on your house much lower than what you think your house is worth, don't reject it. Many sellers take it as a personal insult and end up not countering the offer, thereby rejecting it. Some buyers who at first give very low offers may ultimately pay what it is you want, but are trying to give themselves more room to negotiate. Remember, don't be upset at anyone who makes an offer on your house.

Of the people who have seen your house these buyers are the ones who have actually taken the time to make what is hopefully a "serious offer."

Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with Real Estate One. He has an MBA with a concentration in marketing. He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column. Please feel free to call him at (734) 748-9621 or email him at michaelaldouby@hotmail.com. The views expressed in this column are solely those of the author.

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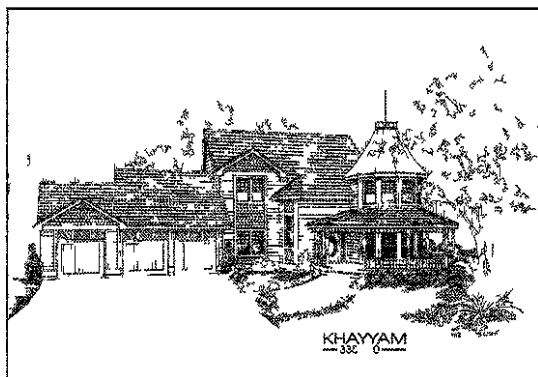
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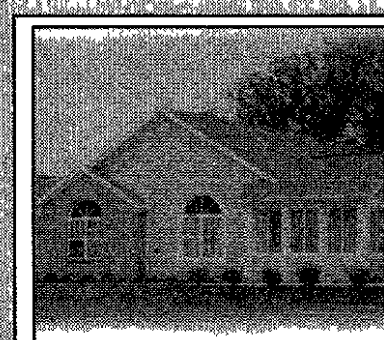
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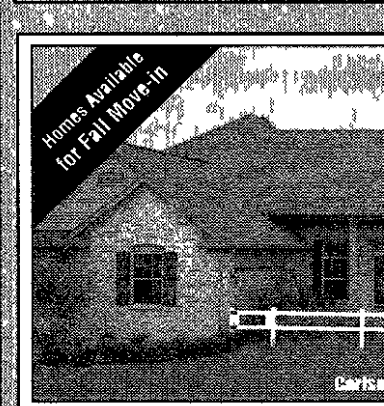


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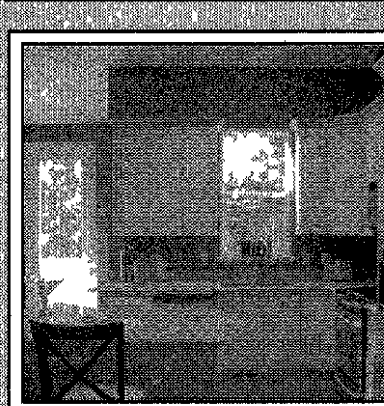
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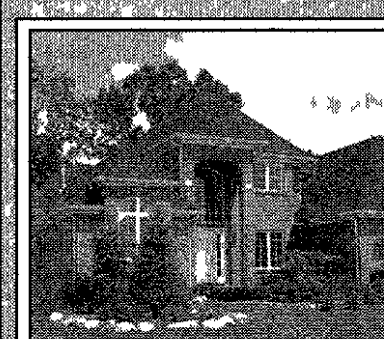


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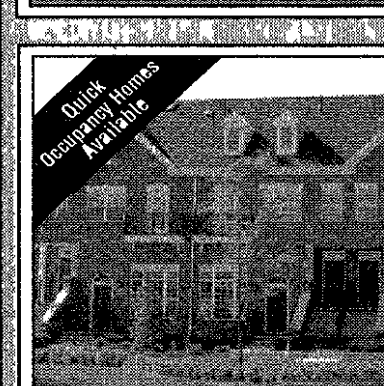


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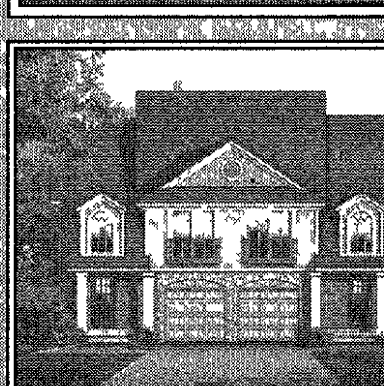
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In addition to exhibits from nearly 60 real estate exhibitors, this year's event features a special Dale Carnegie Training® presentation delivered by Dale Carnegie Training® Managing Director Susan Dooley.

This year's expo not only enables us to educate and equip Michigan Realtors with the tools to better serve their clients, but affords us an opportunity to do it in a very unique venue, said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "In the competitive real estate industry today, having the knowledge and training for success is the key to staying ahead in the game." Last year's event drew more than 700 real estate professionals.

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Jerry Moyer as property manager
Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services, Inc., a commercial, residential and industrial property management and development company, hired Jerry Moyer, CPM, as a property manager.

Previously, Moyer was a property manager at Finsilver/Friedman Management Corp. He has managed portfolios of more than one million square feet and office buildings as large as 970,000 square feet in his 13-year property management career.

Moyer earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, and an M.B.A. from Wayne State University. He has achieved the Certified Property Management designation from the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), and holds a state of Michigan real estate sales license. Moyer is the incoming 2006 secretary/treasurer of IREM's metropolitan Detroit chapter, and will become chapter president in 2008. He is also the

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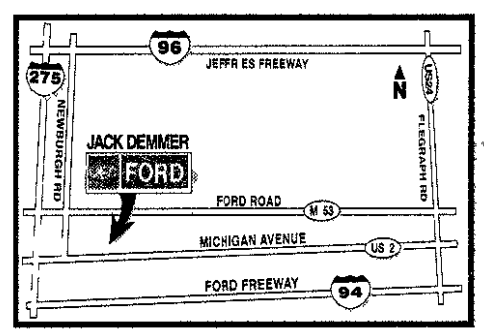
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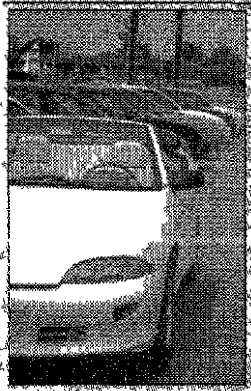
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By Dave Menard
Avanti NewsFeatures

Here's a news flash - gasoline prices are sky high and show no signs of dropping any time soon. That means you might have to ditch your SUV in favor of something smaller, right? Not necessarily, friend. You can get good mileage in an SUV plus get a tax credit, with the 2006 Lexus RX 400h.

The RX 400h is a gasoline-electric engine hybrid (hence the "h" after the 400 model number) and as such, qualifies for a tax credit under the Working Families Relief Act of 2004. I'm not going to play tax advisor here, but if you're interested in the RX 400h, you might want to speak to your tax man about whether you can get that \$2,000 credit.

Tax issues taken care of, let's get to the RX 400h itself. The RX 400h is a midsized SUV and has a sharp, clean look. It comes with HID headlamps with auto leveling, fog lamps integrated into the front bumper, power liftgate, an integrated rear spoiler, privacy glass, roof rack and graphite polished aluminum alloy wheels.

The hybrid engine is a combination of a 3.3 liter V6 gasoline engine and a pair of electronically-driven motors, and delivers a combined horsepower of 268 and 212 lb. ft. of torque at 4400 rpm, while still EPA rated at 31/27 mpg. The batteries that charge the electric part of the engine are recharged during normal driving, and you can monitor the engine status on a screen in the dash. The RX400h comes with an electronically-controlled continuously variable transmission with planetary gear unit for gear reduction and power splitting, and electronic all-wheel drive control. There's just the slightest hesitation if you mash the accelerator and downshifting back into the lower gears is slightly more noticeable, but



2006 Lexus RX 400h

for normal driving and passing, the setup performs very well. The ride is smooth and quiet, as you would expect from a Lexus. The suspension system consists of a McPherson strut system with coil springs up front, and dual link struts with coil springs in the rear. Lexus has given the RX 400h what it calls a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management System (VDIM) to handle and coordinate stability, traction management and braking functions. The Electronically Controlled Brake system (EBS) controls the others and will correct vehicle behavior before it becomes unstable (now how do we get the function for people?). The system functions very well - braking is excellent and the vehicle handles quite well.

Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard. The turning circle is a bit large, but this is, after all, still an SUV.

Being an SUV, there's plenty of room for cargo, both human and otherwise. With the rear seats folded down, you can get almost 85 cu. ft. of cargo room. Leg, head and shoulder room are plentiful. The power leather seats adjust 10 ways for the driver, and eight ways for the passenger, and are quite comfortable, it's easy to get good driving position. Heated front seats are an option. There are plenty of cupholders and a center console storage box.

The RX 400h is full of luxury features, so you're comfortable while you save the environment. Dual climate control system, power windows and locks, power tilt steering wheel, moonroof, cruise control, automatic headlights, programmable garage door opener, are all standard. Also standard is an integrated navigation system with rear back up camera (which should be standard on every car), Bluetooth, voice activation,

and the above mentioned energy use meters for the hybrid engine.

The standard audio system is six-disc CD system, combined with an AM/FM tuner and six speakers. An upgraded Mark Levinson system (Mark Levinson is a company that produces high-end audio-video equipment for the home theater market) is available and it sounds wonderful. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system is available for when the kids are driving you bonkers.

Even though the kids may be driving you bonkers, you still might want to protect them, and there are some solid safety features on the RX 400h. It comes with driver's knee airbag, front seat mounted side impact airbags, and front and rear side curtain shield airbags. You'll also get a theft deterrent system, and a full-sized spare tire.

Saving the environment in this kind of style doesn't come cheap - the RX 400h starts at about \$48,500. Add the rear DVD system, upgraded audio and the heated seats and you're a little over \$50,000. But this is a Lexus, and you're getting great mileage with an SUV. And maybe that tax credit will help.

Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com

2006 Lexus 400h
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Where built: Kyushu, Japan
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Base price: \$48,535
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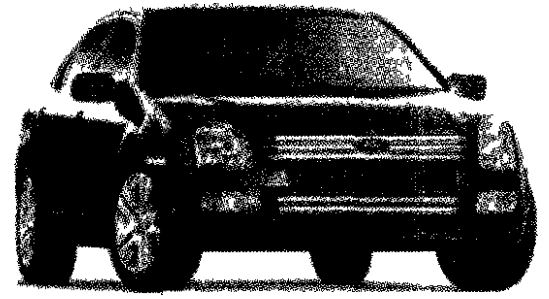
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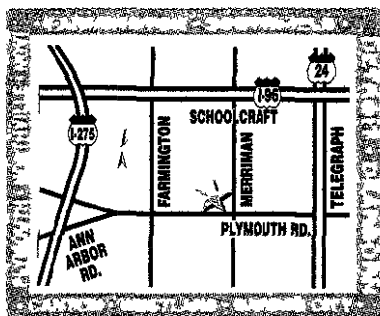
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