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Piano bar goes for laughs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

"Good evening, ladies and germs." The jokes are expected to be better and the laughs more vociferous when comedy returns to downtown Plymouth next month.

Realtor Jim Courtney of Plymouth Township, who performed stand-up comedy in the late 1970s, is bringing comedy to Plymouth's downtown piano bar, 336 Main.

"We're egomaniacs with massive insecurity complexes," explained Courtney, who is part-owner of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

Courtney, who emceed comedy nights at the Penn Theatre for a short time, will once again emcee - otherwise known as the opening act - Tuesday through Thursday

nights, beginning Oct. 3, in the lower level of the piano bar. The club will be known as "336 & 1/2" The Funny Half.

"When Mark started his first Comedy Castle, it was in the lower level of a restaurant, a very small room like the one at 336," Courtney said. "I was

Ettinger

thinking about that little room, and thought I bet we could bring in a few comics that would love to do work in an intimate setting of about 50 seats.

"We will have open mic on Tuesday nights, with a feature comic followed by a headliner on Wednesdays and Thursdays," Courtney said. "We'll probably charge \$5 for open mic nights, and \$8 the other two nights."

Most of the acts will be booked by comic Connie Ettinger of Franklin, who performs at such venues as Comedy Castle, Joey's in Livonia and Wise Guys in Novi.

"Plymouth is a good spot for stand-up comedy because there aren't any other venues around it," Ettinger said. "People aren't willing to drive far to see comedy, given its availability on television and DVD, and will only travel a relatively short distance if it's a national act. We're going to tap into the local market and show Detroit has a huge wealth of comedic talent."

Ettinger, who gave up a career as an attorney at age 42 "because of all the dumb lawsuits" to become a comic ("I don't do lawyer jokes, but I slam the legal system"), said don't be surprised when top headliners show up at "336 & 1/2" for a couple of nights before performing at larger venues in the metro Detroit area.

"Where there are two or more people gathered, and there's laughter, we're there," said Ettinger. "We are adrenaline junkies. Comedians need external validation. There's something very wrong with us."

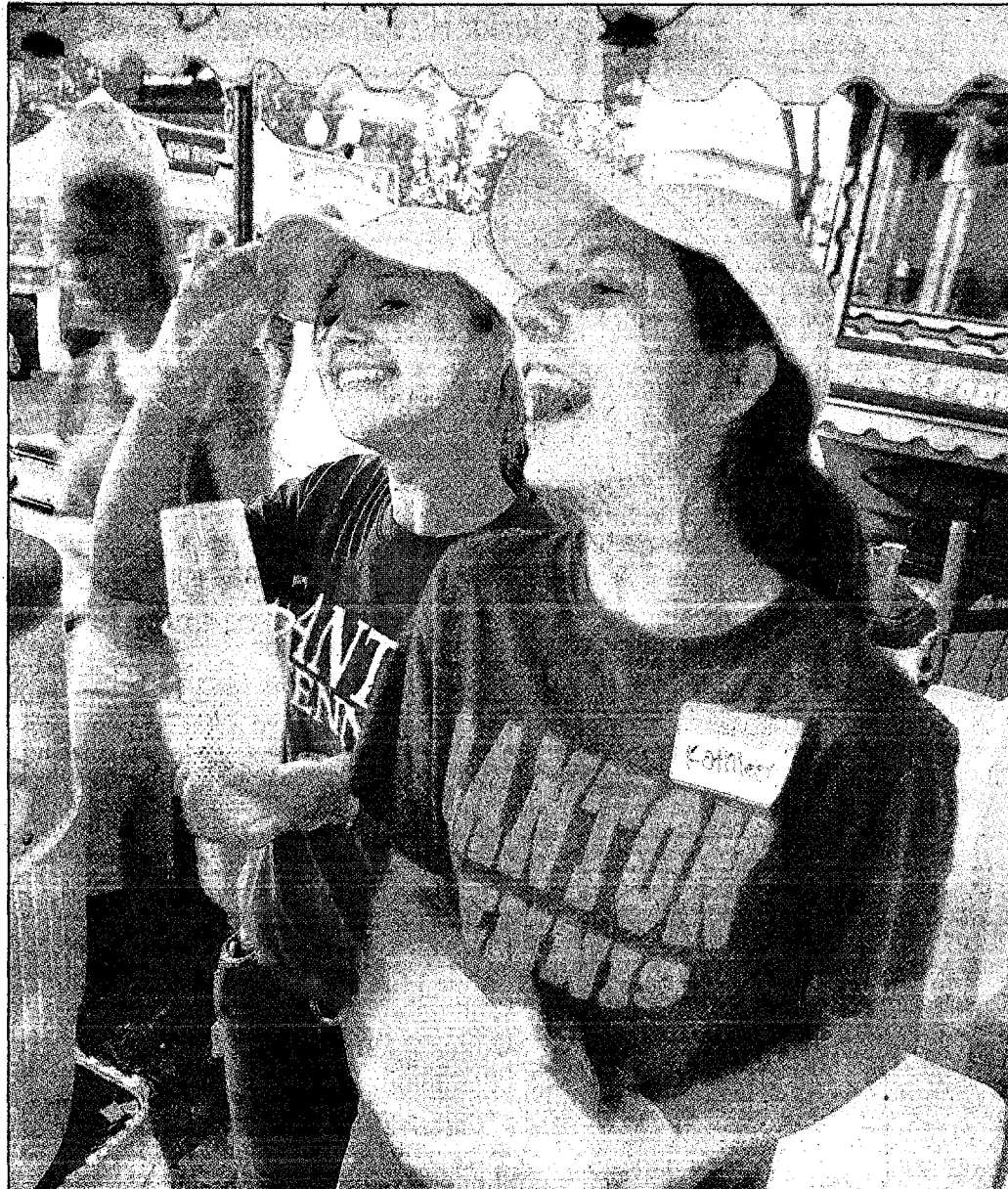
Ettinger said she's booked comedian Steve Lott of Sturgis, Mich. - who travels the country - for the opening week.

"We'll get a lot of local headliners, and even some out-of-town headliners who are in for other gigs," Ettinger said. "They'll hone their act and make a few bucks."

Tom Guina of Plymouth Township, who owns 336 Main, said he's excited about the possibilities of "336 & 1/2."

"It will be cozy and intimate down there with about 50-55 people," Guina said. "We've had a lot of interest already. We hope it becomes a popular entertainment choice for downtown Plymouth."

Ettinger said aspiring comics who want to perform on open mic nights can contact her at openmic336@aol.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fall Festival is all about the foods, from pierogis to yaki-tori. The Canton Chiefs tennis teams raised funds selling lemon shake-ups. Kathleen Marcinkowski and Emily Misko shake 'em up for the Fall Fest crowds.

Festival brings 'small-town feel'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Like all nonprofit groups with booths at the Plymouth Fall Festival, members of the Polish Centennial Dancers are hopeful forecasted rain doesn't play a large role in deterring efforts to raise much-needed funding for their organization.

"This is our one and only fund-raiser of the year," said Ken Selasky of Plymouth Township, busily preparing pierogis, kielbasa

and stuffed cabbage at the group's booth on Main Street. "We're a Polish dance group for kids, and we need the money for costumes, our choreographer and rental of practice facilities.

"They learn dances from different regions of Poland, a little bit of the Polish language and perform all over," he said. "Without a good weekend, we'd have to charge a lot more than the \$200 a year tuition."

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A6

Ryan offers ideas for next bond

New middle school, work on Central among items

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan is proposing a future bond issue that would cost taxpayers about half of the \$120 million voters turned down in May.

In a "straw design" of a future bond issue - most likely to come in February - given to the Board of Education Tuesday night, Ryan proposed a package totaling \$59.4 million, with slightly more than half that amount (\$30.6 million) for a new middle school in Canton

Township to replace an aging Central Middle School.

Ryan's plan also calls for the remodeling of Central to house alternative education, which is currently at Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth, the curriculum center and community education, at a cost of \$13.2 million.

Another \$12 million would be used to remodel and add a total of 15 rooms at East, West and Pioneer middle schools, to bring them up to par with the proposed new middle school and Discovery Middle School in Canton.

One of Ryan's priorities - addressed in the "straw design" - has been to reimburse the general fund \$2.3 million used to purchase land for the proposed new middle school on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center, in Canton. The board has only until April 1 to secure the money. There's also \$1.3 million for 13 new buses.

"I tried to focus very clearly," Ryan said, referring to an EPIC/MRA survey which indicated voters turned down the two-question, \$120 million bond issue in May partly because they thought the district was asking for too much money.

"We think the remodeled Central will be a radically improved situation for Starkweather," Ryan told the board. "We think it will be a great improvement

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'Our society will come out on top'

Five years after her daughter was killed in 9/11 attacks, Pat Whalen is hopeful about future

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pat Whalen lost her daughter, Meredith, in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Somewhere deep in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Spain, a bottle holds a note. The note is to whomever finds it and wants to read about Patricia Whalen's daughter, Meredith.

Though Whalen doesn't say exactly what's in the letter, it's about her oldest child, who on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, was at work early on the 93rd floor of the north tower at the World Trade

Center. She never saw it coming when a plane crashed into the building, killing her and 35 of her colleagues at Fred Alger Management Inc., who were also at work at 8:46 a.m.

But Meredith's story isn't really all about the way she died. It's more about the way she lived and what she left behind.

Meredith Whalen, a 1996 Plymouth Salem graduate, was working as a research analyst. She had just turned 23, and was a

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Coming Thursday

Birmingham's Art in the Park is one of summer's last festivals.

Tax day

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents Thursday, Sept. 14, is the final day to pay 2006 summer taxes without a penalty.

The Plymouth Township treasurer's office is located in the new township hall complex at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

For more information, call (734) 354-3214.

9/11 service

A service of Worship, Remembrance, and Thanks will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at Plymouth First

United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, a quarter-mile west of Sheldon in Plymouth.

All in the greater community are welcome to attend, with special invitations being offered to Public Safety Persons, Firefighters, Police, EMT's and First Responders.

The church would like to thank and honor those especially who work to protect and assist us in times of trouble. Please feel welcome to attend in uniform.

Ladies night

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "Ladies' Night Out" promotion 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

The evening is a night "for women to do some shopping and get pampered while enjoying an evening on the town," chamber executive director Fran Toney said.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

School of music

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has plenty of openings for its School of Music, designed to give group music lessons in keyboard, percussion and brass for kids ages 6 and older.

The 12-week fall semester starts Sept. 19 and runs 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$75 per semester. You can register 4:30-6:30 p.m., and for more

information call (734) 453-5464.

Active for Life

The Medilodge Group hosts the sixth-annual Senior Olympics Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights.

Residents with the desire to win the Loving Cup trophy have been participating in Olympic trials all summer. Seventeen facilities from Hillman to Monroe, including the one in Plymouth, will compete in the event. More than 100 residents will compete in six different senior Olympic games. Opening ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m.

For information, call (586) 752-5008.

Women's wellness

Fit Zone for Women-Plymouth/Canton hosts a series of free Health and Wellness Workshops during the month of September. Presented by members of Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center, the 45-minute workshops will be held 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Fit Zone for Women center, 7225 N. Canton Center in Canton.

Topics include Posture Movement Management, Sept. 11; Massage for Flexibility, Sept. 13; Women's Health, Sept. 18; Eating, Exercise, Energy and Metabolism, Sept. 20; Core Circuit Workshop,

Sept. 25; and First Line Therapy Introduction, Sept. 27.

For more detailed information, call Hope at Plymouth Chiropractic Wellness Center (734)-453-7090.

Entertainment Book

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling the 2007 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. Pick up your 2007 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The Entertainment Book offer is \$20 with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

Junior Miss Scholarships

The Michigan Junior Miss Scholarship Program has announced their 2007 At-Large program, open to all senior girls graduating in 2007 who have no local qualifying program available to them.

Those participating in the At-Large program can qualify to enter the Michigan Junior Miss State Program, held in Alpena in March. Michigan's Junior Miss will go on to compete in America's Junior Miss Program, held in Mobile, Ala. The categories in which each



Yuroz on display

During the month of September, Canton will display the artwork of the internationally acclaimed artist Yuroz at the Village Theater. Yuroz art exhibition is free and open to the public. Work will be on display at The Village Theater through Oct. 8, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, from 7-9 p.m., and Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Yuroz work is being presented in cooperation with the Lotus Arts Gallery in Plymouth www.lotusartsgallery.com. Walt and Mary Menard have brought this exhibition to the gallery at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

contestant is evaluated are scholastics, interview, talent, fitness and self-expression. The program's goal is to honor young women who excel in these areas and to encourage them to continue on the path of excellence by completing their college educations and assuming roles of leadership in their communities and professions, thereby setting examples for other young women to follow.

An informational meeting will be held 1 p.m. Sept. 23 at Jan's Dance Connection, located at 26032 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 562-1203 for details.

Anyone interested in attending the orientation meeting can contact Michigan Junior Miss At-Large Program Director Jan Sickle-Witte at 517-467-2589 or email JMSICKLE@comcast.net or Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744 or e-mail at cellfit@yahoo.com.

Basketball league

The Community Education Basketball League holds a walk-in registration 4:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 at Pioneer Middle School.

The league is open to boys and girls, grades 3-8. The season includes practice, games and end of the year tournament for grades 5-8. Teams consist of up to 10 players with

guaranteed playing time. Each player gets a jersey to keep.

Registration fees are \$100/player grades 5-8 and \$90/player grades 3-4. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. No registrations taken before Sept 12. E-mail cekl@pccs.k12.mi.us.

DFCU scholarships

DFCU Financial is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2007 Founders' Scholarship Program, through which DFCU Financial will award one \$2,000 renewable scholarship each year and two \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships to eligible high school seniors.

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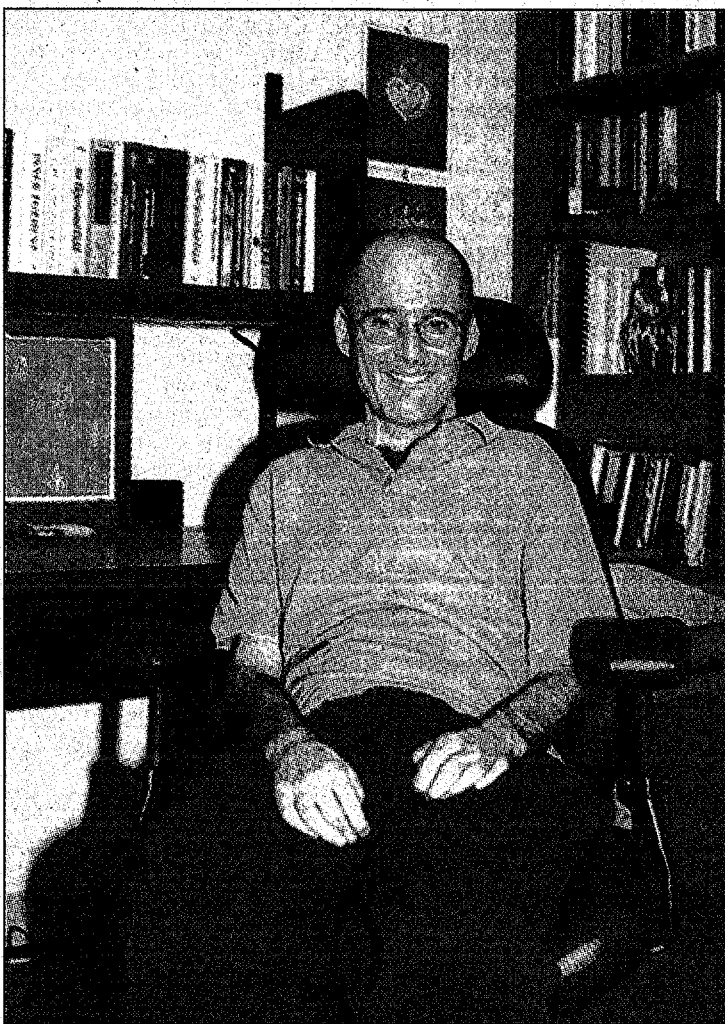
I was born in Detroit in 1963 to working class parents. I have two younger sisters. My family moved to Plymouth when I was in the fifth grade. I have always been an independent, hard-working spirit with a need to help others.

Perhaps my destiny to become a clinical psychologist was evident in my youth. Having deep childhood insecurities of my own, I was sensitive and would befriend kids who were unpopular. In kindergarten, I remember a teacher asking me to stay after school to help a less fortunate child who had worn pajamas to school.

When I was 11 or 12 years of age, I began my first job as a *Plymouth Observer* newspaper delivery boy. By the time I was 15, I had earned enough money from various jobs to make a sizable down payment on a luxury sedan. Through working while attending school, I repaid the loan in three years.

While attending U-of-M Dearborn full-time to earn a bachelor's in psychology and philosophy, I worked full-time helping people suffering from schizophrenia and manic depression. In preparation for admittance to Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology, I spent two years writing a 350-page research thesis to improve my chances of admission.

While in graduate school at MSU, I also worked, organized a fund-raiser for the local food bank, and raised several thousand dollars to make a multimedia presentation on poverty and homelessness available to 2,000 people at the perform-



Craig Oster is a clinical psychologist who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease.

ing arts center.

It seemed to be my nature to intensely express myself creatively in such an action-oriented way. Though I had asthma, physical expression through athletic activity also became deeply important. By the time I was 28, I had run a marathon, built-up the endurance to swim two miles

without stopping, regularly practiced yoga and bodybuilding, spent 12 days hiking in the Colorado mountains with 80 pounds on my back, and for one summer, made a 30-mile round-trip daily commute to work on my bicycle.

Looking back, even though I was becoming happier with

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each passing year, I can see how much of my identity, sense of control, and self-esteem was based on what I could physically achieve and how I could help others. I was much less comfortable receiving help from others and loving myself without conditions.

To some extent, I was continually trying to re-earn my sense of self-worth through achievements. Soon, something devastating would begin to crush this limiting sense of myself and provide me with the opportunity to develop, with much fear and resistance, a very different sense of who I am and what my worth truly is. I would also learn about asking

for help and allowing others to give to me in remarkably humbling ways.

The unthinkable happens

In August 1994, at the age of 30, I was diagnosed with a terminal illness. The medical team explained that ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) is a mercilessly progressive disease, and that eventually everyone experiences paralysis and dies from being unable to breathe or from other complications.

With terror, I observed my condition deteriorating rapidly. I was in my final two years of doctoral studies and passionately loved doing psychotherapy. I felt devastated as doctors told me that 90 percent of people with ALS die within 3-5 years, and that those living longer are mostly paralyzed. Terrified, I prepared to face a horrible death but remained steadfastly determined to discover whatever hope for healing was possible — and to earn my Ph.D..

Determined to heal

My initial review of medical literature on ALS revealed enough cases of reversal to dispel the belief that this condition always results in death. I continued with extensive research of leading-edge health and healing information.

With intensity and passion, I developed my own evolving holistic healing program incorporating this information along with some of the practices used by those who had reversed ALS.

I kept a strong vision of heal-

ing. Yet, there were innumerable tormenting dark nights of the soul in which I questioned the purpose of the destruction happening to my body and what my future would hold. My former pattern of having a sense of control through hard work was no longer working. Though my spirit refused to be defeated, I began to learn about patience, asking for help, and surrendering to the unknown after doing everything in my power each day.

Gradually, I began to see the value of simply being fully present and aware from the heart to whatever is happening, and to recognize the beauty and worth of myself regardless of my personal achievements or the condition of my body.

Oftentimes it has been like stepping into the boxing ring with a young heavyweight Mike Tyson, receiving one devastating hit after another, limiting what I could achieve physically. Visits to the ER after falls were not uncommon in the early years of this health challenge.

There has been significant grief in no longer being able to drive, being able to type only with great difficulty, not being able to eat with a spoon, having some breathing restriction, and needing help dressing and shaving. Right now I am living with forty less pounds of muscle than I had a decade ago. The list of losses is much longer; however, I usually focus on how fortunate I am to be able to do what I do and

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OSTER

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how much love and commitment I have in my life.

It is quite humbling to require a Home Help Provider nearly 40 hours each week.

Furthermore, for someone who has been so independent and hardworking, it has been especially painful to need to ask for financial assistance to pay directly for this help and my health/healing-related expenses.

It was also quite painful when strangers began speaking to me as if I was cognitively impaired because of my slurred speech. All of this challenged me to look deeper within to feel the worth of myself beyond what I do and how I appear.

My hopes were not false because through much prayer for guidance, loving help from others, and refusal to give up, the disease progression was slowed and there are hopeful signs of improvement. I am fortunate to be able to walk short distances with a walker, and to speak clearly enough to maintain a small psychotherapy practice.

I am also incredibly blessed to have so many people in my life who give and receive love with me from the depths of the heart. It is a joy to be able to use my experience, strength, and full presence to contribute to and enrich the lives of others.

When I speak with new psychotherapy clients about my health challenge, I explain, "My body may be weak now, but my mind and spirit are quite strong. This is what I will use to help you better understand yourself, and have more real power and control in your life."

If I had to choose

I am profoundly grateful about small signs of my physical recovery beginning to occur. Also, I have received beautiful gifts from facing and embracing this health challenge. These gifts include peace, joy, love, acceptance, courage, strength, compassion and determination beyond anything I previously experienced. I am immensely thankful for the rich understanding that I have received from facing mortality and for deeper realization of that which never

dies, the spiritual self.

If I had to choose between reclaiming the athletic body that existed prior to the ALS, and having the expansiveness, clarity and depth of heart and mind that resulted from facing and embracing this challenge, I would clearly choose the latter, even though it has taken me through the depths of grief with terror, fury, anguish and sadness. Fortunately, there is significant hope for the restoration of my body.

My intention is to continue to heal my body. I am moved to tears when I feel how much I desire to continue to live, to heal and enjoy helping others experience the deepest possible fulfillment regardless of what happens in their lives. Who we really are at the deepest level beneath achieving or not achieving, health or illness, fear or anger or other emotions is a Loving Presence to be expressed through the human heart.

Dr. Craig Oster is a clinical psychologist and a former Plymouth resident who is battling the effects of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. He can be reached at (517) 575-0151 or oster-cra@msu.edu

Local communities, DWSD close to reaching new water contract

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The pressure is nearly off. Or rather, it's nearly back on, for customers of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which has nearly completed its draft contract with all of its 126 customer communities.

The draft was presented Friday to the Conference of Western Wayne, an agenda-setting consortium of Wayne County community leaders.

"The old contracts date back to the 1950s. They were really very vague. Basically what it said was Detroit will supply water to the customer then charge the customer for it," said Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. "The new contract is much more specific. They guarantee that the communities will purchase a certain amount of water and in return DWSD will supply the water at a guaranteed pressure."

What that means is that dis-

tant suburban communities will have better water pressure, and inner ring communities - those which are close to Detroit, such as Dearborn and Grosse Pointe - will be guaranteed that their pressure will not exceed those high ranges of pressure, and they will have fewer problems with water main breaks due to spikes in pressure.

The contract, which is proposed for a 35-year term, will ensure DWSD that it will have the continued revenue it needs for capital improvements, and at the same time will provide municipalities with consistent quality they demand, Faas said.

The contract has been long overdue.

"Canton's contract with DWSD expired in 1989," Faas said. But Canton was unique in that the original contract had built-in automatic 10-year renewals. "So we have a few years before we have to renew."

The proposed contract is approximately 80 percent com-

pleted, and Faas anticipates that it will be approved later this year.

The relationship between suburban community leaders and the DWSD has at times been strained, Faas acknowledged. Under former leadership, communities often had some difficulty getting assistance when it came to understanding rates set by the water and sewer provider. Arguments have been known to erupt, and can easily get off-course and wander into issues of competence and even racism.

But the DWSD and suburban officials since 2002 formed a Technical Advisory Committee, or TAC, which has taken most of the political friction out of the contract process, Faas said.

Every one of the 126 communities served by DWSD are invited to participate in TAC, though only about a dozen or so regularly do. Canton is also represented on a TAC subcommittee which has been working on the new contract.

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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Aug. 30-Sept. 5:

- Tuesday, Sept. 5 — Industrial rescue run on Sheldon; residential rescue runs on rocker and on Lilley.
- Monday, Sept. 4 — Residential rescue runs on Newporte and on Woodgrove; rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty.
- Sunday, Sept. 3 — Residential rescue runs on North, on General and on Jackson; fire on N. Territorial; vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at M-14; mutual-aid-given run on Highland.
- Saturday, Sept. 2 — Residential rescue runs on Newporte, on Fox Drive and on Sheridan; investigation at Beck and 5 Mile; rescue runs on Church and at Starkweather and Church.
- Friday, Sept. 1 — Smoke investigation on Ann Arbor Road; mutual-aid-given and wash-down rescue run on Five Mile west of Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Fox Ridge, on Lilley and on Farmbrook; vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty; rescue run on Napier.
- Thursday, Aug. 31 — Downed wires at N. Territorial and Ridge; rescue runs on Main and on Sheldon; residential rescue runs on Oregon Trail, on Albert and on Redbud; rescue run to a public building/school on Beck.
- Wednesday, Aug. 30 — Residential rescue runs on Hartsough, on Rockledge, on Pinetree, on Sheridan and on Northville Road; rescue runs at Main and Starkweather and at 5 Mile and Sheldon; commercial rescue run on Concept.

BOND

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for the curriculum center where we do professional training and professional development, and it gives a more central location for community education.

"The middle schools would be set for the long, foreseeable future," he said. "I don't see anything you would have to do for a very long time."

Missing from the "straw design" are remodeling and additions to elementary schools, as well as a career and technical education center at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I didn't put any elementary or high school piece in this because I believe the board should think about a bond issue for '07 and beyond ... having the community discuss elementary and high school pieces," Ryan said. "New elementary schools versus additions is a concern, as well as what do we want to do with the growing percentage of students at the Park. Those are questions I don't think deserved a simple answer."

The Board of Education will discuss Ryan's proposal after Tuesday's regular meeting. Most board members believe Ryan is on the right track.

"I think it's a good starting point," said President Barry Simescu. "We have to keep in mind what the survey told us. I'm concerned about the Park being a little overcrowded. And, some kind of additions at the existing elementary buildings may be a possibility. There seemed to be high interest for that in the community survey."

Topping the list of priorities

voters would support, according to the survey, were 10 new buses at a cost of \$1 million (71 percent approval); spending \$13 million for adding classrooms, gyms and other improvements to the existing elementary schools (68 percent); adding classrooms, cafeterias and band rooms at the middle schools for \$11.1 million (69 percent); improving the existing Career and Technical Education facilities (64 percent); and construction of a \$28.3 middle school in Canton (63 percent).

Trustee Tom Wysocki said the bond ideas presented by Ryan are a good mix.

"It hits an area we need in the middle schools that can solve a lot of problems for many years," Wysocki said. "The elementary and high schools are probably for a future bond, potentially for next year. I want to get something the people will buy into, pass it, be successful and then move on and get to the next bond and focus on getting that passed."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski, who was against the May bond issue, said middle school enrollment numbers put him in support of constructing a new middle school in Canton.

"Given the information we've seen concerning our middle schools ... the growth, the demographics of where they're at, taking a look at how many students from Canton that are going to Central, East and Pioneer, and seeing how

high those numbers are and how much busing we have going on there," Ham-Kucharski said. "It's a wonderful idea to repurpose Central and expand the program we have at Starkweather."

"I don't think we should put buses on this bond," he said. "It doesn't make sense to finance a bus in a 25-year bond. We need to have a real bus replacement program in our budget."

Ryan also tossed out several options for consideration, including a new auxiliary gym at Salem and the remodeling of the Canton High School auto shop, instead of building a stand-alone career and technical center, as proposed in the May bond.

"We know we have an auto shop that, with some remodeling, could become nationally certified," Ryan said. "Kids who come out of a nationally certified program can move into our local auto dealers and make a six-figure income."

Board Vice President Judy Mardigian said she'll be watching closely how a new bond matches up with the survey.

"It (Ryan's proposal) certainly mirrors what the survey data says the community is willing to support, and it's not reaching far beyond that," Mardigian said. "I'm squeamish at this point. I'm going to be paying very close attention at what our community said in that poll."

DEATHS

C
 Julia M. Caldwell
 Caldwell, 89, died Sept. 5.
 Michael Cherepko
 Cherepko, 88 of White Valley, Pa., died Aug. 29.

D
 Barbara Ann Dahlmann
 Dahlmann, 73, of Rochester, died Sept. 6.

F
 Gale R. Furgison
 Furgison, 61, of Howell, died Sept. 8.

H
 Anne F. Hargis
 Hargis, 84, of Canton, died Sept. 5.
 Lenore M. Hudson
 Hudson, 94, of Plymouth, died Sept. 5.

L
 Alice Rose Kippola Lee

Lee, 78, died Sept. 6.
M
 Richard L. "Dick" McKinley
 McKinley, 67, died.
P
 Alfred F. McLoughlin
 McLoughlin, 72, died Sept. 4.
P
 Richard William Parent
 Parent, 52, died Sept. 5.
T
 Corinne E. "Corry" Parmenter
 Parmenter, 82, of Waterford, died Sept. 3.
T
 Marie E. Tianen
 Tianen, 89, of Redford, died Sept. 6.

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With great celebration and fanfare, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra hosts its opening-night concert, "Classical Brass," 8 p.m. Sept. 30 in the newly reopened Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. According to symphony officials the concert, featuring guest composer Jennifer Higdon, and guest artist, Ava Ordman, is already well on its way to being a sell-out performance.



Ordman Higdon

To commemorate the PSO's move to downtown Plymouth, the concert begins with brass choirs trumpeting the sounds of Giovanni Gabrieli in his two works, *Lieto Godea* and *Sonata Pian' E Forte*.

MSU music professor and trombone virtuoso, Ava Ordman, music professor at Michigan State and a trombone virtuoso, will be the

soloist for the Michigan premiere of the *Concerto for Trombone* written in 2006 by attending composer Jennifer Higdon.

The PSO's own brass section will be featured in Beethoven's dramatic *Leonore Overture No. 3*, as well as Igor Stravinsky's enchanting and exotic, *Suite from the Firebird*. Alexander Borodin's lushly romantic *In the Steppes of Central Asia* rounds out the program.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear an

on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring PSO Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn and composer Jennifer Higdon, a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program. A post-show reception will be held at Gem Asset Management for major donors to the PSO.

This concert is sponsored Community Financial. It is also supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for all PSO season subscription concerts are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and are free for students through 12th grade. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. Tickets for PSO performances can now be purchased using the secure Online Box Office on the PSO Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org, making ticket purchasing more convenient than ever.

Tickets may also be obtained by contacting the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by fax at (734) 451-3458, by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18 in Plymouth.

Other concerts in the series:

■ Music of Remembrance, Nov. 18, Northville High School Auditorium — In collaboration with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth District Library, Plymouth Community School District, Friends of the Penn, and Eastern Michigan University, the PSO joins in commemorating the tragedy of the Holocaust while celebrating the triumph of the human spirit through the magnificent art it inspired.

Opening the concert will be *Calm Seas and Prosperous Voyage Overture* by Nazi-banned Jewish composer, Felix Mendelssohn. The monumental Symphony No. 13 by Shostakovich, subtitled "Babi Yar," will feature a male chorus, and solo bass-baritone singer, EMU voice professor Donald Hartmann. The program will also showcase PSO/OC concertmaster, Mark Schuppener, who will solo on the evocative and hauntingly beautiful *Three Pieces from Schindler's List* for Violin and Orchestra by illustrious film composer John Williams.

■ Tchaikovsky & Friends, Jan. 20, Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton — A treat for fans of the acclaimed Russian composer,

"Tchaikovsky & Friends" features the lyrical sounds of his *Andante Cantabile* along with his only large-scaled work for string orchestra, the *Serenade* in C Major.

A new work performed by a quartet of OC musicians: Libby Larsen's *Four* on the Floor, inspired by both "boogie-woogie" and the composer's love of driving fast, is a hilarious parody of contemporary American life. In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, prominent African American composer William Grant Still will be featured in his lively *Danzas de Panama*. A captivating arrangement of Bartok's *Rumanian Folk Dances* rounds out the program.

■ Brahms and Bolcom, Feb. 10, Northville High School Auditorium — Former PSS Youth Artist Competition Winner and current University of Michigan senior Zachary Shemon heads up the talented young group, the Twelve-Ten Saxophone Quartet, as the soloists for the jazzy and virtuosic *Concerto Grosso* for saxophone quartet and orchestra by Grammy Award-winning composer William Bolcom.

As the concert title suggests, Johannes Brahms is also prominently represented on the program with his majestic

No. 1. The PCEP Middle School Orchestra and CYO "Strings" ensemble will join the PSO again in our annual "Side-by-Side" performance playing the St. Anthony Chorale and the finale to the Symphony No. 104 by Haydn.

■ Spring Fling, March 10, Penn Theatre in Plymouth — Celebrating spring, romance and just plain fun are the themes of the action-packed season finale, "Spring Fling." Center-stage will be a performance of the 20th century masterpiece, *Appalachian Spring* by Aaron Copland. On the lighter side, the utterly unique work by Elinor Armer, is *The Great Instrument of the Geggerets*. "Written in 1989, "Geggerets" is a collaborative composition with science fiction writer Ursula K. Le Guin.

In addition to the more conventional musical instruments are two harmonicas and a bicycle wheel along with an array of "theatrics" from the orchestra players, which all add to the fun of this entertaining musical frolic. Rounding out the program are two favorites on the topic of "love": the seductive *Bacchanale* from "Samson & Delila" by Saint Saëns, and Tchaikovsky's tender *Romeo and Juliet Overture*.

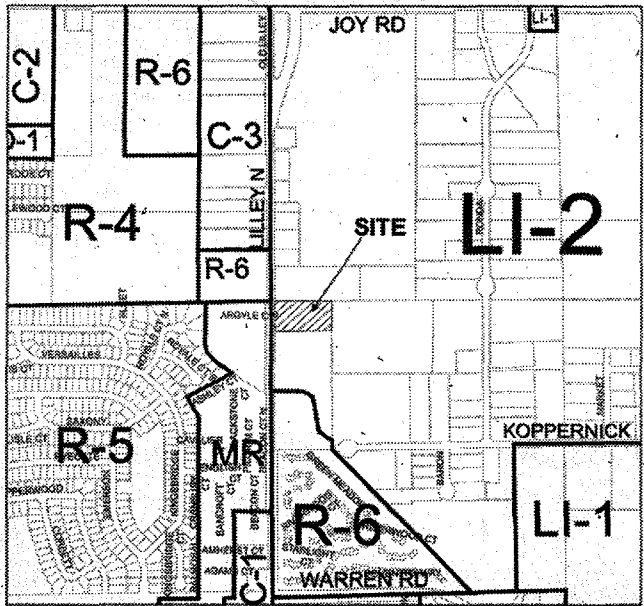
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 25, 2006 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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

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FESTIVAL

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Friday afternoon, Anna Adams of Plymouth Township — with her 4-year-old daughter, Riley, and mother, Gail Stevenson — made the traditional trek downtown to take part in the weekend festivities.

"It gives me a chance to walk around and see people I haven't seen for a while," said Adams. "There's a lot to offer, and it has

that small-town feel."

Riley, with the string from a red balloon tied around her wrist, said she likes the rides the best.

"I like the merry-go-round," said Riley, who added it was her favorite. "I like the horsey."

While the carousel is fairly tame, Riley admitted to being somewhat of a thrill seeker, also.

"I like the Ferris wheel," noted Riley, who said she wasn't at all afraid "because I'm brave."



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Brendan Roth, 7, and Tyler Mullen, 6 years old, find their way through the Monster House glass maze.

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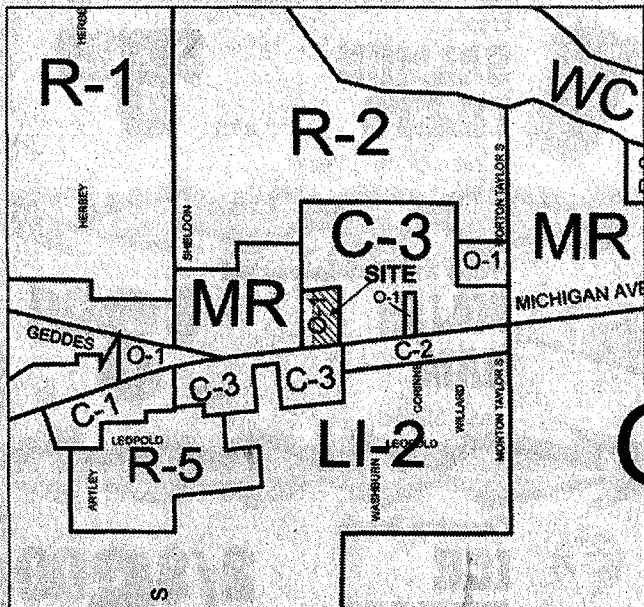
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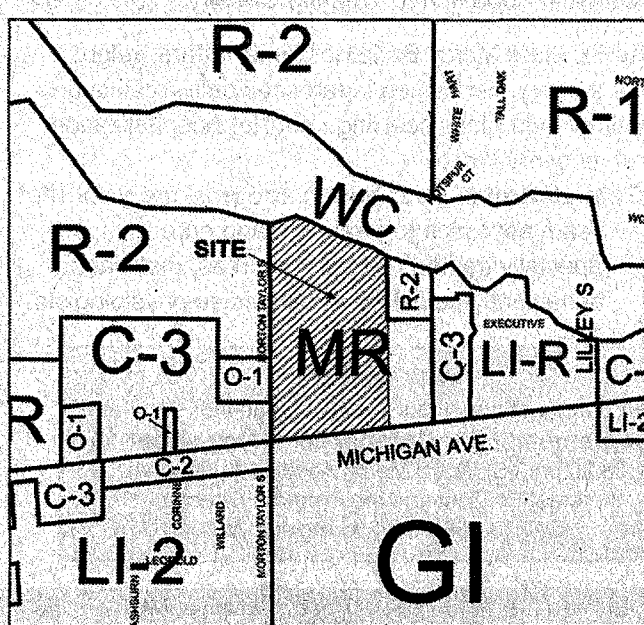
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JC DEV. REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 103 99 0001 003 AND 138 99 0004 000 FROM MR, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located east of Morton Taylor and north of Michigan Avenue.

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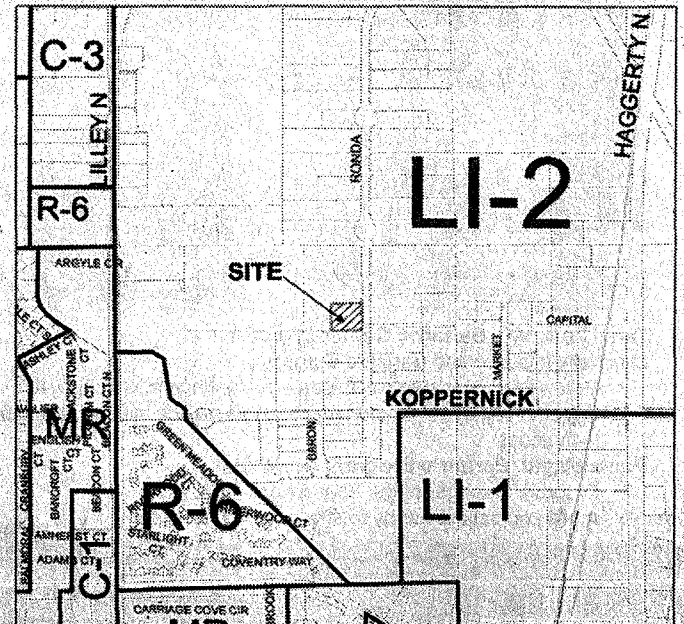
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MICHIGAN XTREME CHEER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A GYMNASIUMS/DANCE STUDIO USE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 008 99 0001 702 (7855 RONDA). Property is located south of Joy and west of Ronda (located in the Gilmar Industrial Building).

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OUR VIEW

Encourage U.S. senators to pass Rogers' trash bill

Today as you are about to slather cream cheese on your bagel for Sunday breakfast, pay attention to the first couple of steps in the process.

First, observe as you open the carton that there is an inner package. Peel it open.

Second, slice off some cream cheese, then close the inner package and replace it in the outer carton.

This is not a time study experiment. The wasteful dual packaging, however, is an example of part of the problem with trash in Michigan and elsewhere in North America.

There's too much of it. In fact, there's so much, Canadian cities and businesses have been importing their trash to Michigan landfills. The problem is not only are our dumps filling up, but the contents of that trash could be hazardous to our residents.

One family's trash is another's treasure, however, or at least it is for landfills. That's why the issue of Canadians importing trash to Michigan has been so difficult to deal with. Trash is considered a commodity, and is bought and sold for placement in Michigan landfills. As such, past practice has been for the feds to say trade agreements prohibit its regulation.

But there has been some movement on the issue. After a five-year struggle, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers has been successful in getting a bill passed in the House that would regulate Canadian trash.

The Senate has only four weeks to pass a companion bill, which has been gathering dust, before the effort dies completely.

Residents in Oakland and Wayne counties ought to place wake up calls to U.S. senators, demanding action and making this an election issue.

Rogers is organizing Michigan's congressional delegation to appeal to the Senate Majority Leader, Bill Frist. Phone him at (202) 224-3344 or write him at 509 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Call Rogers at (202) 225-4872 or e-mail him at www.house.gov/mikerogers to offer your support.

Rogers says that, faced with the prospect of the bill's passage, the Canadians were willing to reach an agreement with U.S. senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin

that would limit trash sent to Michigan — limit, but not eliminate.

Rogers' bill would move the process along more quickly. While the Environmental Protection Agency works on the trash issue, Michigan could outlaw Canadian trash for two years.

Only Canadian cities would begin to close out their trash shipments to Michigan under the Levin/Stabenow agreement. Commercial and industrial sources would still be able to send it over the border.

Adding to the uncertainty over the agreement is whether two senators can achieve a deal with another country that would have any teeth behind it.

Lest you think trash isn't an issue, because you don't live next to a landfill, consider those living and working in Farmington, where bait boxes and rat poison are being put out in bulk to control the rodents.

Rats live on garbage or other food sources.

Which brings us back to the core problem: There's too much trash coming out of, not only Canada, but our own homes as well.

Years ago, there was a substantive campaign for homeowners to recycle, and many communities instituted curbside recycling pickup. One of the more successful has been the Southern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority. SOCRRA has a facility in Troy where recyclable goods are separated, packaged and shipped out for reprocessing.

While SOCRRA recently expanded the list of items that are recyclable, in many communities in southeast Michigan, the call for recycling has diminished to a whisper. Some towns have found that goods placed at the curb aren't making it to the recycling process.

The Canadian trash issue ought to be our own wake up call when we're about to throw out that plastic carton after pouring milk in our Sunday morning coffee.

It may take a little extra effort to rinse out the carton and squish it before placing it in the recycle bin, but it won't be until we reuse and recycle that we ultimately prevent Michigan from becoming a trash heap.

American flag shouldn't have been dragged through the political mud

Anyone with no prior knowledge of the dynamics within the Canton Board of Trustees would probably be a bit puzzled over the recent flap surrounding the board's decision not to place a flag at Todd Caccamo's spot at the board dais.

The absentee trustee left in April to join the U.S. Marines, and is either in or headed to Iraq. At Caccamo's last board meeting in April, a group of supporters, including Dan McCausland and some local veterans, presented him a ceremonial "saluting" flag. They requested it be displayed as a reminder of Caccamo's service to the community and to his country.

At face value it seems a nice and appropriate gesture, considering Caccamo is risking his hide and hair to defend America, and doing so with absolute gusto. But nothing is ever that easy in the political world, is it?

As most observers of the Canton political landscape know, Todd Caccamo has been ramming heads, so to speak, with the rest of the Board of Trustees since almost the day he took office. In fact, he was a critic of Supervisor Tom Yack and his administration even before becoming a trustee. It was probably the main reason he was elected.

Caccamo has frequently and publicly criticized Yack and the board about a number of issues, but usually about government spending. He thinks Canton has spent way too much money on facilities and programs, and blames Yack and the others. Don't get me wrong, there is absolutely nothing wrong with scrutinizing and being critical of government spending. That is the job of an elected public servant. But sometimes Caccamo has been overzealous when being critical of his colleagues. Let's just say diplomacy is not one of his strengths.

It has gotten to the point other members of the board would not bend one iota to do anything for Caccamo. I can't say that I blame them. Who wants to cozy up to someone constantly pointing a finger at you and ranting about what a terrible job you are doing? It sometimes seems Caccamo is driven to bring down Yack and the board, which is certainly the case with some of Caccamo's most ardent supporters, who often blog with one another on The Canton Voice Web site.

And that brings us to the other factor in this flag situation. One cannot forget that Dan McCausland and his brother Bob have had an ongoing feud with Yack and his administration about the appearance and upkeep of their auto repair shop and property on Lotz Road. McCausland openly spars with Yack and the board on a frequent basis, and would like nothing better than to see Yack go away, or at the very least to look bad. McCausland is also one of Caccamo's biggest supporters. Maybe because Caccamo is currently the only other game in town.

So when McCausland and the veterans showed up at Caccamo's last meeting, with no warning to other board members, and presented the flag, you can almost read the thoughts that must have coursed through the minds of the other board members, who probably thought it was political stunt. And, therefore, it is almost no surprise that the flag unceremoniously ended up in a closet somewhere after the meeting ended.

My guess is that if it were Todd LaJoy, Melissa McLaughlin or any other board member going off to Iraq, there would have been a nice ceremony. Heck, when Tony Minghine, the township's former finance director, recently left for a job with the Michigan Municipal League — in far away Ann Arbor, of all places — they served cake at a board meeting.

Obviously upset about the slight, Caccamo's wife and parents showed up at a recent board meeting mad as hell. They said Yack and the board were not only disrespecting Caccamo's service, but also all the other soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. They didn't mince words about their disgust, but were only met with a cold response of "Thank you for your comments" from Yack. No other board member said a word.

The story got picked up by the media, and even led to Yack and Kay Caccamo (the trustee's wife) being interviewed on the Frank Beckman radio program on WJR-AM (760).

Frankly, the whole episode has been a bit ugly. You have to feel bad for Caccamo's parents, who traveled from their Auburn Hills home to question why the board was not displaying their son's flag. They are very proud of their son and don't understand why the board does not share that same pride.

But it wasn't Yack and the board who dragged the flag into this situation. In my opinion, flag presentations should be reserved for the highest of ceremonies.

The thought that comes to my mind is of military personnel presenting an American flag to a crying widow. When the flag was presented to Caccamo, who has never been shy about self-promotion, he hadn't even served in the war. I can promise you, all the other soldiers from Canton who have gone to serve in the war did not receive the same type of going away ceremony. They just went off to do the duty they swore they would do.

Steve Van Buskirk, National Director of Programs at the VFW Headquarters in Kansas City, said such a flag would only be appropriate if it were placed in a permanent display. He also said a flag being displayed at the board dais might suggest that the board is either pro- or anti-war, and a local body of government has no place making those kinds of statements. And he said that it really is up to the other board members to make the decision about what should happen with the flag.

Perhaps the easiest thing for the board to do would be to just display the flag like Caccamo's supporters want. But, as we all know, nothing is ever easy in politics.

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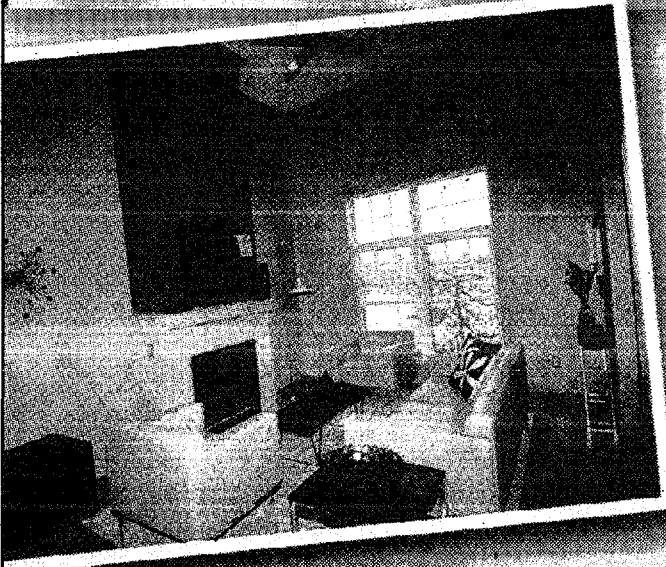
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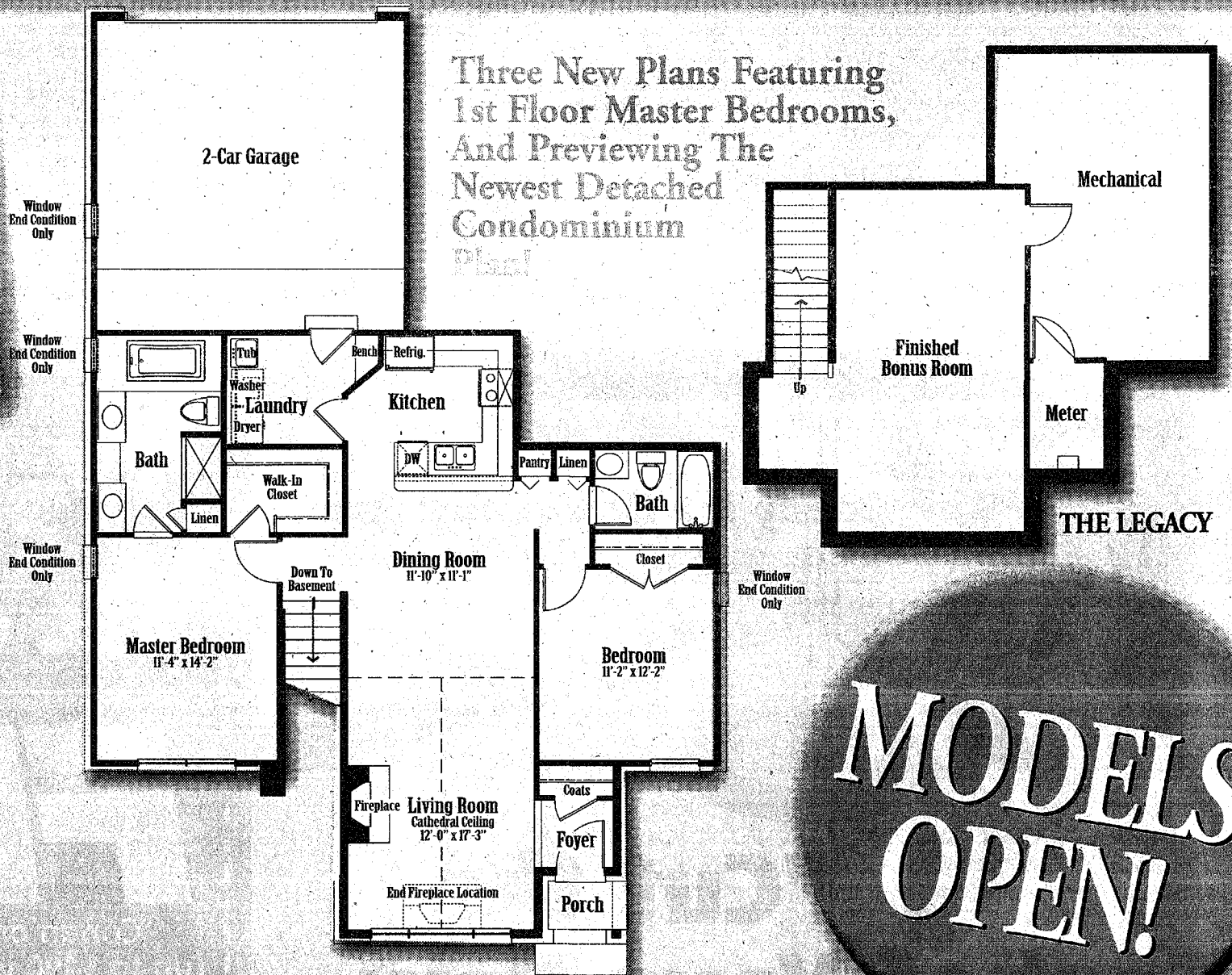
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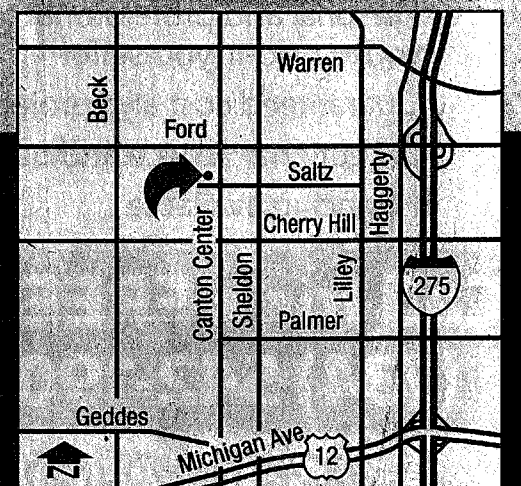
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Redford runner keeps moving for a cause

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Redford resident John Knorp will commemorate the fifth anniversary of 9/11 in his own way this week.

He'll lace up his shoes and head out into the community for a 10-mile run, carrying a flag to remember the victims of the national tragedy.

It won't be the first time Knorp has run a long distance carrying the memorial flag. He did the same during a marathon in Dublin, Ireland, just after the 2001 attack.

Knorp is about to return to Ireland next month for the marathon and for a good cause. After more than a decade as a long-distance runner, he will continue his mission as a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training.

It's a cause that hits close to home for John and his wife Pat Knorp. They have lost close friends and family to leukemia over the years. By running, and by raising awareness and funding, the Knorps contribute in their own way to finding a cure.

To date, John Knorp said he's raised about \$60,000 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a voluntary health organization dedicated to curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for those impacted by these diseases.

"While all of our Team In Training volunteers are incredibly dedicated to our mission, John's level of commitment is unbelievable," said Patrick Strait, campaign manager for Team In Training. "Around our office he has become synonymous with Dublin. The fact that John has continued to (raise money) and participate in our program for so many years is truly an inspiration, and he really embodies what Team In Training is all about."

NEW MOTIVATION

Knorp began running as way



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John Knorp of Redford runs along his street, training for the 10th marathon he will run in Dublin, Ireland next month. The annual events raise money to support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

to maintain a healthy lifestyle. He ran in local events, and was a member of the Redford Roadrunners.

When his own family felt the impact of leukemia and lymphoma, he found another motivation to run. It led him all the way to Alaska in 1994, where he first connected with the Team In Training program. Longtime friend Randy Step, owner of Running Fit, introduced him to the program.

In 1996 Knorp began traveling to Dublin for the annual marathon - a move that tied him with the cause and his own Irish heritage.

His wife Pat Knorp said whenever she sees him run, he's running with a smile. "I wanted him to train a little more this year," she admitted. "He has got great endurance."

The couple has lived in Redford since 1984 and have four children and eight grandchildren. John Knorp is a retired social worker and Pat Knorp is a music director at St. Damian Church in Westland. She also spent 14 years at St. Kenneth

Church in Plymouth.

Knorp raises money for the organization by creating a T-shirt and asking local businesses to donate to the cause. In exchange, he lists the donor's names on the back of the shirt.

He came up with the idea after participating in several races. He always looked forward to receiving a T-shirt as a participant. Knorp designs, produces and sells the shirts himself.

"It's been great," he said. "Everyone I ask wants to contribute. It just mushroomed. This year I have 60 sponsors."

Knorp raises money all year for the event. He focuses on local businesses as well as the Irish-American community.

In addition to the fund-raising, he's training for the event. Knorp said when running a marathon, athletes try to cover 30-40 miles a week. "The first 20 feet are the hardest part of running," he said.

DEDICATED 'FLAG MAN'

Knorp noted that the Dublin race is called "the friendly marathon" because so many people come out to support the runners. It's held on a bank holiday.

"There are a lot of people there to cheer you on," he said.

And, Knorp added, runners come from "all walks of life" to participate in the run. Over the years, he's earned his own identity.

"They call me the Flag Man," said Knorp. After 9/11 he continued the tradition of running with flags. He switched from the memorial flag to an American flag. The following year, Knorp added an Irish flag. He'll continue the tradition this year by carrying a flag promoting a decade of support for Team In Training. It denotes the names of those impacted by the diseases.

For more information about The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society call (248) 582-2900 or (800) 456-5413. To donate to the Society's mission, visit www.teamintraining.org/mi and indicate your support for John Knorp's efforts in the Dublin Marathon.

ANNIVERSARY

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recent graduate from the University of Michigan's business school. Her employer had called her a "rising star," and she was already making a name for herself in the international business world when she died.

She was finally able to afford to enjoy one of her passions (which she likely inherited from her mother) - travel.

Whalen and her daughter were scheduled to take a cruise from Barcelona just days after Sept. 11, 2001. Meredith was proud to be able to pay for her and her mother to go, Whalen said. But that didn't happen.

"I finally took that trip with my sister," Whalen said.

And on the trip in 2004, she asked the bartender on the cruise ship for an empty bottle. She wrote a letter about her daughter, put it inside the bottle, and threw it from the rear of the ship into the water.

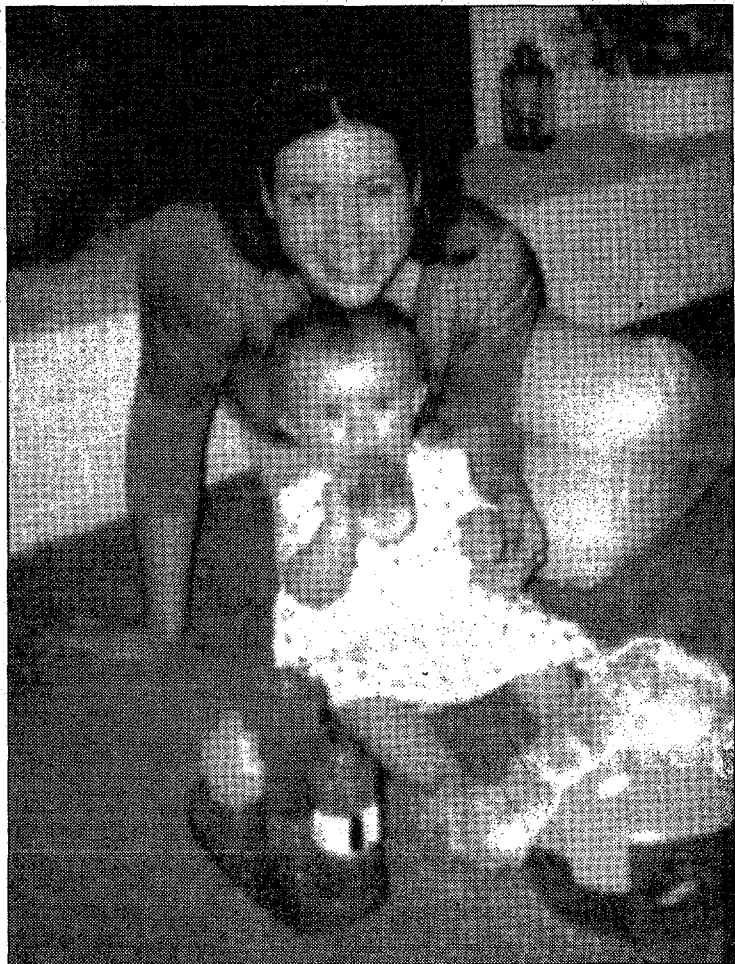
"I know you're not supposed to do that but I was thinking it would be something if someone found it and learned about my Meredith," Whalen said.

Whalen prefers to look at most things in the same hopeful manner, she said. She knows that the aftermath of Sept. 11 has been deeply felt by people around the world, and that United States citizens are divided in opinions about war and terror and the current presidential administration.

"But I can't dwell on that," she said. "In the long haul our society will come out on top. I like to think that the evils in this world will disappear ... I do pity (Meredith's) killers, as crazy as that sounds. I don't know if it's forgiveness, but I do think they were misguided when they took her life."

Monday, on the five year anniversary of her daughter's death, Whalen will be in Lansing.

"We found out last fall that the city of Lansing had erected



This photo of Meredith Whalen and niece Ellie-Jackson was taken on Labor Day weekend of 2001, just days before she was killed in the 9/11 attacks.

a memorial in a park two blocks from the capital," she said. Nineteen Michigan families who lost loved ones on Sept. 11 have placed personalized memorial bricks there, and there will be a small ceremony in Lansing that afternoon, which Whalen will attend.

Later this autumn, a tree and granite marker will be placed on the grounds of the state capital.

"That took a lot of effort, actually," Whalen said. "In fact, another tree had to die before we could get approval to plant a tree there."

Scholarships in Meredith's name - one at the University of Michigan, and one through the Canton Community Foundation - were set up shortly after her death, and Whalen thinks of them as a

way to ensure that her daughter won't be forgotten.

It's keeping the memory of Meredith alive that brings Whalen to the telephone when reporters make their perennial calls on the anniversary of that tragic Tuesday in 2001. And the memory is what made Whalen want to ask that bartender on the cruise she had planned to take with her daughter if perhaps she could have an empty bottle.

As for the message, it could be adrift in the ocean. Or the bottle could have smashed on the rocks, Whalen said. But she prefers to think something else.

"In my mind it could be out there, waiting for someone to read it."

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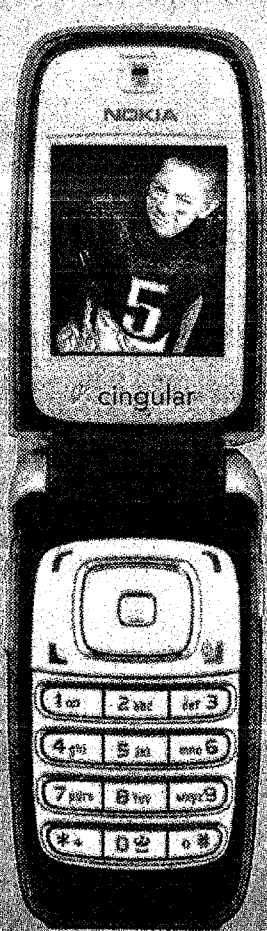
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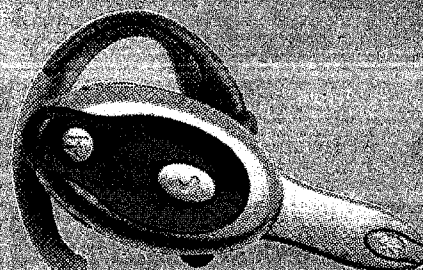
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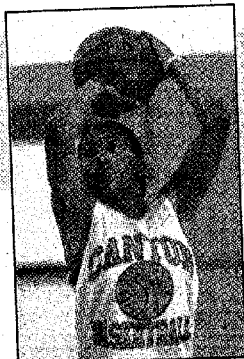
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Chiefs' comeback upends Wildcats, 35-24

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For almost two quarters of football Friday night, the balance of power at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tilted toward the west — away from Canton and toward Plymouth.

However, a last-minute touchdown pass at the end of the first half and a momentum-shifting turnover early in the third quarter helped the Chiefs overcome a 17-7 deficit and defeat the Wildcats, 35-24.

The victory improved Canton's record to 3-0 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-0 in the WLAAs Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 1-2, 1-1 and 0-1, respectively.

"They had us in the first half until that last drive," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "We finally figured it out, but I wish we could have figured it out a little

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earlier.

"Plymouth played a great game. They have some good athletes and their coach did a good job getting them ready to play. It was a heck of a good football game."

The Chiefs' first key play unfolded with 28 seconds left in the first half when senior quarterback Steve Paye, who was making his first varsity start, hit a wide-open Brandon Fender on a 20-yard scoring strike to cut the Wildcats' lead to 17-14. The play capped a six-play, 80-yard drive that took just 1:11 to complete.

The second came on Plymouth's first play from scrimmage in the third quarter when Canton senior cornerback Chris

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PRIMETIME PLAYERS

The following individuals turned in stellar efforts during Friday night's key WLAAs Western Division showdown between Canton and Plymouth:

■ Canton's Deshon McClendon picked up 118 yards and three TD's on 16 carries. His 77-yard scoring jaunt on the game's first possession set the tone for Chiefs' offense.

■ Plymouth's Myron Puryear gained 96 yards and a TD on 12 carries while filling in for injured starter Nate Gholston. Puryear's 62-yard sprint set up the Wildcats' first score, a 36-yard Jeff Lucco field goal.

■ Canton's Dalton Walsler rushed for 72 yards on nine carries and also hauled in a 33-yard scoring pass from Steve Paye.

■ Plymouth's Sam Jones caught six passes for 72 yards. He also anchored the Wildcats' defensive backfield.



Sidelines

Schmitt makes Pan-Am team

Allison Schmitt, a junior at Canton, was named recently to the United States women's swimming team that will be competing in the Pan-American Games, which are set for next summer in Rio de Janeiro.

Schmitt, a standout on the Chiefs' swimming team, will swim on the 800-meter freestyle relay team.

CEBL sign-ups

The Community Education Basketball League (CEBL) will be holding a walk-in registration session on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, between Sheldon and Beck.

The league is open to boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th. The season includes practices, games and an end-of-the-year tournament for the 5th- through 8th-grade divisions.

Teams consist of up to 10 players with guaranteed playing time. Each player also receives a jersey to keep. The per-player registration fee is \$100 for grades 5th through 8th and \$90 for players in 3rd and 4th grades. Registration will first-come, first-served. No registrations will be accepted before Sept. 12. For more information, forward an e-mail to: cebel@pccs.k12.mi.us.

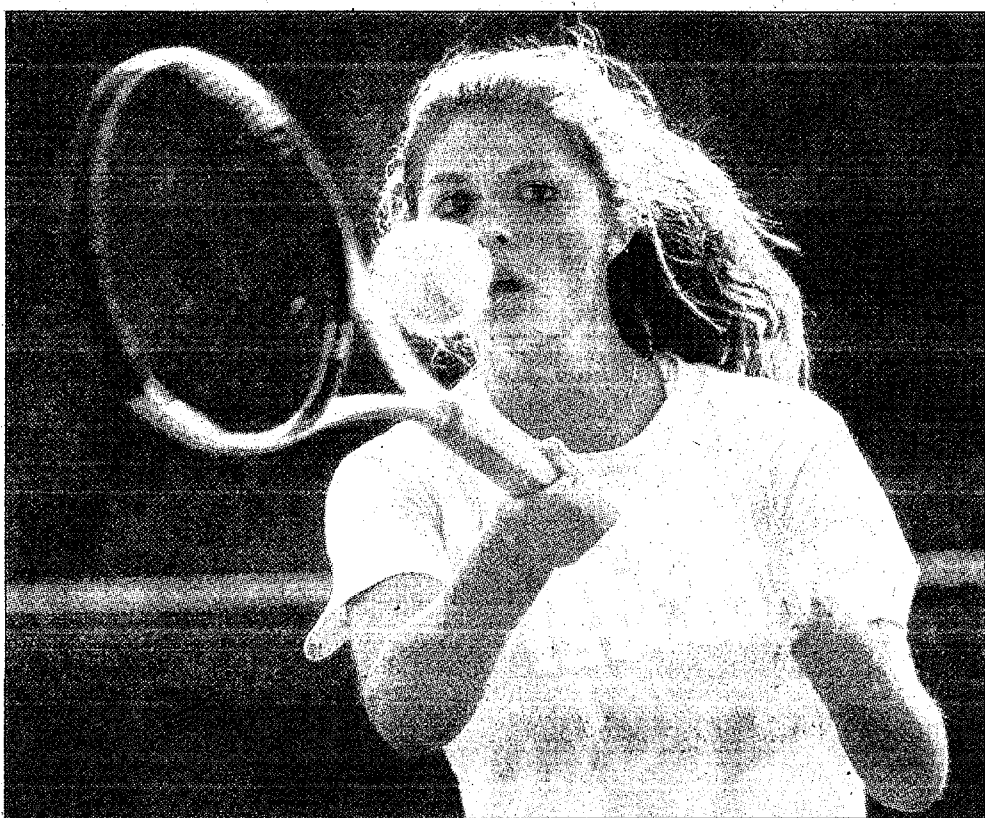
Results needed

Local prep sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their results this fall to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright. Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108; faxed in to (734) 591-7279; or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

Wright can be reached Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:30-11 p.m. If the answering machine comes on, please leave a message and he will return your call promptly.

Grady set to shine

Salem senior captain Megan Grady will be a key contributor to the Rocks' girls cross country team this season.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's No. 2 singles player Natalie Maurer returns a serve during Friday's match against Walled Lake Central's Sara Johnson. Maurer lost a hard-fought three-setter, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Close calls

3-set setbacks prove costly to Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At first glance, the Plymouth girls tennis team's 6-2 loss to Walled Lake Central Friday afternoon looks a little lopsided.

A closer look reveals a different story. Four of the Vikings' six victories were nail-biting three-setters, a fact that gave Wildcat coach Tom Kimball reason for optimism.

"As close as the matches were, I told the girls that if we went out there and played them again tomorrow, we could win," said Kimball, whose team fell to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We were in just about every match. They just didn't go our way in the end."

Playing under clear, blue skies, Central seized an early 3-1 lead after the singles matches. Viking Erica Rouleau won at No. 1, 6-0, 6-1, over Plymouth's Sarah Hillegonds.

Central won a pair of three-setters at No. 2 and 3 singles as Sara Johnson edged Natalie Maurer, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, and Liz Slusher nipped Kelly Armbruster, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The Wildcats' first win came at No. 4 singles when Emily Sinnott outlasted Renee Cronin, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Central clinched the victory with victories at No. 1 and 2 doubles. The duo of Stephanie Indianer and Afsha Kahn swept Amanda Hastings and Kylie Mackenzie, 7-5, 6-2, and the twosome of Danielle Martinek and Madison Bartlett rebounded to upend Ellen Mitchell and Lauren Strahm, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

Whitney Askew and Chelsea Craig earned Plymouth a point at No. 3 doubles when they defeated Aleshia Segnetz and Mackenzie Conn, 6-4, 6-4. The Vikings closed out the win when Angela Stawafz and Nicole Mehta won a three-set thriller over Elise Humphries and Lauren Thiele, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

Detroit Ignition inks second goalkeeper

The Detroit Ignition has acquired the playing rights to goalkeeper Danny Waltman as well as future considerations from the Chicago Storm in exchange for the playing rights to goalkeeper Jim Larkin, Ignition president Greg Bibb announced Friday.

Larkin was selected eighth overall from the California Cougars in the 2006 Major Indoor Soccer League Expansion Draft. Additional conditions of the deal were not disclosed.

"We are excited to welcome Danny to the Ignition," Bibb said. "He brings experience, enthusiasm and talent to our roster and I look forward to seeing him compete for our club."

"Danny's experience will give us two solid, veteran goaltenders as we enter our inaugural season," Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic said. "We are thrilled to add Danny Waltman to the Ignition."

A member of the Chicago Storm since he broke into the league in 2004, Danny Waltman has been named MISL Goalkeeper of the Week on six separate occasions. During the 2005-06 season, Waltman started 22 games for the Storm finishing with a 7-15 record and a 5.31 goals against average. Waltman was named to the 2005 MISL All-Rookie Team following a season in which he led all keepers in minutes played with 2,145. In 2003 he started 17 games as a senior at the University of Washington and finished the season with an 0.88 goals-against average.

Johnson named new Plymouth Christian AD

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Chris Johnson's job title has been altered over the past few months, but his workload will remain as heavy as ever.

On Aug. 1, the 34-year-old Rochester, N.Y., native was named the athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy. He succeeds Doug Taylor, who accepted a similar position in Fredericksburg, Va., earlier this year.

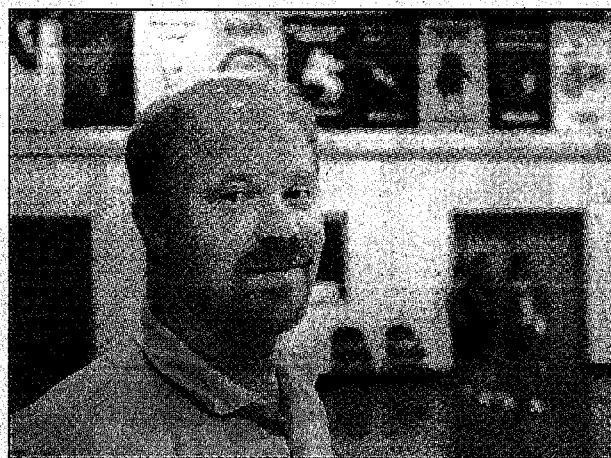
Along with overseeing the PCA athletic program, the former AD/softball coach/soccer coach at Rochester-based Northstar Christian Academy will serve as the 750-student school's dean of students, a role that puts him in charge of discipline for students in 7th through 12th grades.

Johnson admitted he'll miss his former head-coaching duties, but his new dual-responsibility position will keep him plenty busy.

"I love coaching, it's something I've done for the past 13 years," he said. "But with this new position Plymouth Christian has created, I can't commit to coaching from 3 to 5 every day as well as attending games. It wouldn't be fair to the kids."

Johnson enjoyed a success-filled coaching tenure at Northstar, leading the varsity boys soccer team to a 136-97-14 record over 12 seasons and the varsity softball squad to a 138-73 mark over 11 years. His soccer teams won one Class D state championship and five sectional titles.

"Coaching was always my first love, but Plymouth Christian brought me out here to be the athletic direc-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris Johnson was recently named the new athletic director and dean of students at Plymouth Christian Academy. Johnson formerly served as an AD and coach at Northstar Christian Academy in Rochester, N.Y.

tor and dean of students," Johnson said. "My job now is to help our coaches to better develop their teams."

Johnson said he is anxiously anticipating working at a school that is approximately twice as big as Northstar. "We had about the same number of sports (at Northstar), but a lot fewer students," he said.

"Since this is a new position, I'm kind of learning as I

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GOLF RESULTS

**OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 166
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 172**
Friday at Hickory Creek G.C.
(top four scores count)

Oakland Christian: Ben Vanbiesbrouck, 38; Matt Garza, 40; Alex Coyne, 43; Mike Stenets, 45.
Plymouth Christian: Ross Gerulis, 40; Aaron Lorincz, 43; Scott Hampson, 44; Mitch Geracz and Derek Elenbaas, 45.
PCA's record: 7-2 overall; 5-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

**PLYMOUTH 155
SALEM 162**
Thursday at St. John's G.C.
(top four scores count)

Plymouth: Nathan Conroy and Mike Gerisch, 38; Matt Talbot, 39; Jimmie Vicek, 40; Jeff Selasky, 41; Kyle Eisiminger, 44.
Salem: Tyler Jeleniewski, 38; Quentin Higgason, 40; Joel Cheesman and Aaron Thompson, 42.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 3-0; Salem 0-1.

**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 178*
SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 178**
Thursday at Plum Hollow C.C.
*Plymouth Christian wins tie-breaker
(top four scores count)

Plymouth Christian: Ross Gerulis and Derek Elenbaas, 43; Aaron Lorincz, 44; Scott Hampson, 48; Mitch Geracz, 49; Matt Saagman, 58.
Southfield Christian: Jordan Ronketto, 41; Austin Farah, 45; Alex Bartee and Joe Spears, 46; Ben Globke, 52.
PCA's RECORD: 7-1 overall, 5-0 in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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Bogdanski pounced on a fumble at the Wildcat 35. Three plays later, Deshon McClendon swept into the end zone from 15 yards out to put the Chiefs ahead for good, 21-17.

"In the first half, our offensive coaches came up with a good gameplan, the kids executed it, and it showed," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "We did almost anything we wanted to early on. We controlled the clock and the ball, which is something you have to do against Canton. You have to keep their offense off the field."

"At the half, we knew Canton was going to make some adjustments and our coaches made some, too. We did a ton of teaching. But we came out and made a mistake right away on the fumble, then we had a breakdown on a pass that led to another touchdown. The good thing about it is that they're all fixable mistakes. Plus, the kids never quit."

McClendon reeled off 77 of his game-high 118 yards on the second play of the night when he broke a pair of tackles near

the line of scrimmage and sprinted the rest of the way to the end zone putting Canton up, 6-0. Colin O'Shaunessy followed with the first of his five extra points.

The Wildcats retaliated quickly, driving to the Canton 19 before settling for a 36-yard Jeff Luco field goal to make it 7-3.

The Wildcats secured their first-ever lead against the Chiefs with 6:33 left in the half when junior running back Myron Puryear capped a 12-play, 51-yard drive when he plunged over the goal line from one yard out to make it 10-7 Plymouth.

Following a three-and-out from the Canton offense, the Wildcats increased their advantage to 17-7 on a perfectly executed 33-yard touchdown pass from Matt Barrera to Chris Sanchez with 1:39 remaining in the first half.

Baechler said his team's first-half deficit wasn't the result of a lack of effort.

"The kids were playing as hard as they could," he said. "We just talked to them about focus and the adjustments we made were technical football things. The defense went out

and stepped up right away by causing a fumble and then we scored a couple quick touchdowns."

After Canton jumped ahead 21-17 on McClendon's TD run, Chief defensive tackle Donnie Laramie helped keep the momentum on Canton's side when he sacked Plymouth's Barrera for a 16-yard loss at the Wildcat 4. Barrera was knocked from the game with an apparent leg injury and replaced by junior signal-caller C.J. Gregory.

"Donnie is a tone-setter for our defense," Baechler said. "When he makes a big play, it seems to fire up the defense. You want your D-line to free things up for your linebackers. When they're making plays, that's when you have a chance to have a great defense."

Canton extended its lead to 28-17 with 9:07 left in the third quarter when Paye and Dalton Walser hooked up on a 33-yard TD pass.

Plymouth bounced right back, though, when LaBrodrick Caldwell returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards to bring the Wildcats to within 28-24 with 8:48 left in the third.

The Chiefs closed the scoring on McClendon's third TD run of the night, a 5-yarder with 4:13 to go in the third.

Canton outgained Plymouth in total yards, 368-219. Complementing McClendon's big night were Walser (72 yards on nine carries) and Nick Moores, who gained 54 yards on nine attempts.

Puryear had a breakout game while filling in for the injured Nathan Gholston. The junior picked up 96 yards on 12 runs, including a 62-yarder that set up the Wildcats' field goal. Rico Tyus added 22 yards on nine carries.

Barrera completed 4-of-8 passes for 42 yards before his injury. Gregory was solid in relief, connecting on 4-of-10 throws for 43 yards.

Senior wide receiver Sam Jones hauled in six passes for 52 yards for Plymouth.

"I thought Myron and C.J. stepped up and played very well," said Blaylock. "It helps when the No. 2 kids step in and show that they're prepared to play when called on."

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PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 15
W.L. Western at Canton, 4:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 12
Salem at F.H. Mercy, 7 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at PCA, 6:30 p.m.
Saline at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Canton at West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 11
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12
Ypsi Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem at East Lansing Invite, 11:15 a.m.
Farmington at Plymouth, 1 p.m.
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.
PCA at Shrine, 11 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 14

Plymouth, Salem and Canton at City Championships at Plymouth H.S., 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Salem at Holly Invitational BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Sept. 14
Plymouth, Salem and Canton at City Championships at Plymouth H.S., 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Salem at New Boston Huron Invitational, 10 a.m.
Canton at Ludington Invite, 9 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 11
Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Salem at Saline Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 11
Canton at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

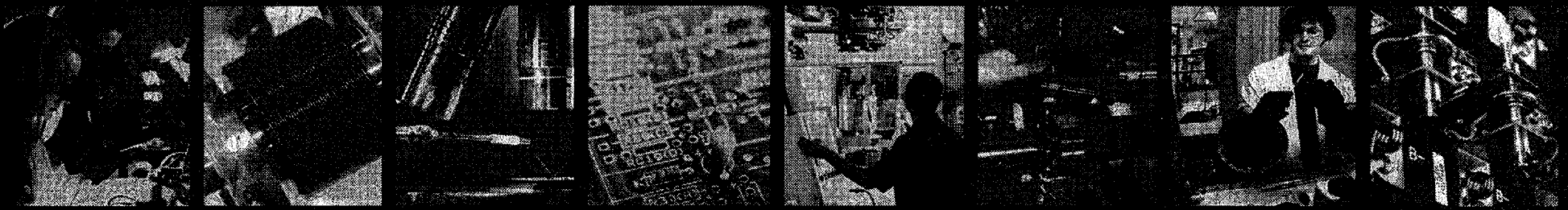
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13
Salem at W.L. Central at Edgewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15
Livonia Churchill at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 12
South Lyon at Canton, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 12
Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 14
Davenport at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Sept. 10
Cuyahoga (Ohio) West at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Concordia

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15
Schoolcraft at Bryant & Stratton (N.Y.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Herkimer (N.Y.), 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Sept. 10
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., noon.
Tuesday, Sept. 12
Madonna vs. Concordia at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 13
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Schoolcraft at Olivet JV, 1 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Wednesday, Sept. 13
Madonna in WHAC Jamboree (No. 2) at Quail Ridge (Grand Rapids), noon.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Madonna in WHAC Jamboree (No. 3) at Lenawee C.C. (Adrian), 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Monday, Sept. 11
Madonna in St. Francis (Ind.) Inv. at Elks C.C. (Fort Wayne), 1 p.m.
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PCA cagers outlast Clarenceville, 29-24

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Christian Academy gym doubled as a pressure cooker Thursday night during the Eagles' girls basketball game against visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

Both teams applied baseline-to-baseline defensive pressure, but PCA's was a notch hotter in its 29-24 non-league victory over the Trojans. The win improved the Eagles to 3-0.

Clarenceville slipped to 1-2. "Both teams struggled offensively," PCA coach Carol Gerulis said. "They pressed us most of the game. We finally started pressing them back so that we could get our offense going. We got a couple of big steals late in the game that turned into easy lay-ups. We had a tough time scoring out of our half-court offense, so we needed the points we got off turnovers."

Peggy Abraham and Lauren Beckett paced the Eagles' offense with eight points each. Megan Polera drained five points.

"Lauren Beckett and Megan Greve both rebounded well for us tonight," Gerulis said. "And Megan Polera had an awesome game. She played great defense and she made two big free throws down the stretch."

"Sara Ross played solid at the point for us, too. She did a good job handling the ball and passing."

Amanda Moody led the Trojans with 10 points.

Clarenceville led 5-2 after one quarter and 12-8 at the half. PCA took a narrow 18-17 advantage into the final stanza.

PCA swished 9-of-13 free throws. The Trojans struggled at the line, connecting on just 4-of-12.

The Eagles return to action Tuesday when they host Lutheran Westland.

SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 42, PLYMOUTH 37: On Wednesday,

the Wildcats battled back from an early 18-7 first-quarter deficit, but couldn't catch the host Titans in the end. The loss dropped Plymouth to 1-2 while Anderson improved to 3-0.

The Wildcats, who trailed 26-18 at the half and 32-27 with eight minutes to play, were done in by a 10-of-26 effort from the free-throw line. Anderson twined 13-of-23 attempts from the charity stripe.

Sophomore Kelsi Robinson led the Wildcats with 13 points. Stacey Klonowski also had a strong game, netting 10.

Lindsey Potter led all scorers with 18 points, six of which came on a pair of three-point bombs.

HOWELL 53, CANTON 41: Ja'nee Morton tallied 18 points and seven rebounds for the Chiefs (1-1), but it wasn't enough against the host Highlanders, who improved to 3-0.

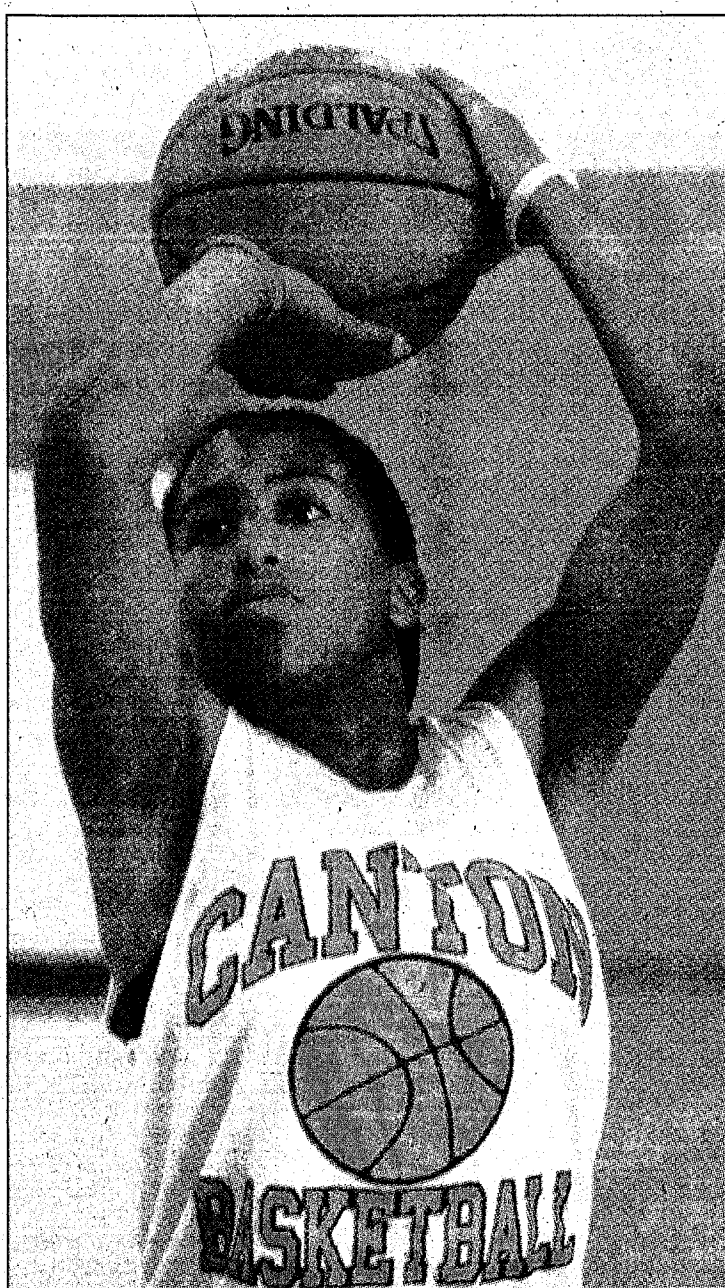
Howell jumped to a 15-7 first-quarter lead and a 27-17 halftime advantage. The Chiefs closed to within 40-33 after three quarters and whittled the Highlanders' lead down to three during a couple fourth-quarter runs.

"Every time we'd get to within three, Howell would either hit a three-point shot or convert an and-one to go back up six," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "When you give up 53 points like we did, you're not going to win many games. We're going to have to defend better in the future."

Samulski said the Highlanders' fast-break was a thorn in the Chiefs' side during the early going.

"They got off to a good start in the first quarter because of their transition game," he said. "We weren't doing a great job of getting back on defense."

"On a positive note, the girls started to adjust in the second half and they their way back into the game. We



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Canton senior forward Ja'nee Morton, pictured above during a recent practice, netted 18 points and seven rebounds in Thursday night's loss to Howell.

just couldn't hit a big shot when we had it down to three points."

Senior point guard Becci Houdek netted nine points and six rebounds, and Marie Martin poured in seven points for Canton.

Anna Patritto led the winners with 19 points.

Canton converted 9-of-14 free throws. Howell was 19-of-26 from the stripe.

BRIGHTON 41, SALEM 30: On Thursday at Brighton, the Rocks (1-1) led the highly touted Bulldogs 29-28 after three quarters, but struggled late after losing leading scor-

er Teresa Coppiellie to fouls.

"We played well early on against a very good team, but we couldn't sustain it," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Senior forward Taylor Langham led the Rocks with 11 points. Coppiellie finished with eight while junior point guard Alaya Mitchell contributed seven. Lauren Kurtz led the Salem rebounders, grabbing 11 caroms.

Coppiellie hauled down eight boards. Salem led 20-14 at the intermission.

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Floyd twins lead 'Cats to draw with Northville

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Twins Tyler and Trevor Floyd proved to be double trouble for Northville's soccer team Thursday night.

Both of the Floyd brothers found the back of the net once in Plymouth's 2-2 tie with the Mustangs in a game that was postponed Wednesday night due to stormy weather.

The tie left the surging Wildcats with a 4-3-2 record (1-1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division). Northville entered the contest with perfect 7-0 and 2-0 ledgers.

"I think it shows that we're legit," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose Wildcats stunned Salem, 1-0, last week. "I think it proves that we can play with the top clubs. Northville dominated the first half, but we really took charge in the second half and established ourselves."

The Mustangs led 1-0 at the half. Junior goal-keeper Brian Rissman kept it close by making several outstanding saves, Neschich said.

Tyler Floyd knotted the game at 1-1 when he scored off Colin Rolfe's corner kick mid-way through the second half.

Five minutes later, Northville scored on an own-goal, but Trevor Floyd retaliated a short time later off an assist from Steve Schaeffler.

Along with the Floyds, Neschich praised the play of central defender Travis Norris, mid-fielder Anthony Sasinowski, and forwards Jeff Lucco and Robert Matar.

CANTON 5, W.L. WESTERN 0: Five different players scored goals for the Chiefs, who improved to 6-1-1 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA and 3-0 in the Western Division.

Canton led 3-0 at the half thanks to goals from Pat Nolan (18:40), Tim Belcher (13:06) and Andy Huang (4:56). Kyle Gring (two), Austin Poirier and Eric Piwowar registered first-half assists.

Keith Campbell (31:01) and Poirier sealed the victory with second-half net-finders. Eric Zech assisted on Campbell's goal while Campbell and Sharif Hassanien were credited with helpers on Poirier's goal.

Senior goal-keeper Parker Laabs notched the shutout, stopping six Warrior shots.

CLARENCEVILLE 7, CANTON AGAPE 1: Daniel Steinholtz paced the Trojans' potent attack with four goals. Tyler Majeski tallied the lone Wolverine goal, which was assisted by Jack Anleitner.

Agape junior goal-keeper Jared Miller stopped 20 Clarenceville shots. Wolverine coach Dan DeWitt also praised the play of mid-fielder Mark Mullett and Billy Martin.

CANTON AGAPE 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 2: The Wolverines (1-3) earned their first victory of the season thanks to goals from Mark Mullett (two) and Donald Mullett. Jack Anleitner added an assist and junior goal-keeper Jared Miller was strong between the pipes for the winners, recording seven saves.

Andrew Fuco scored both goals for Franklin Road.

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TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8
CANTON 0
Sept. 6 at Stevenson

(LS) def. Johanna Alexander-Janelle Burdiss, 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 6-1; No. 2: Amelia Lepping-Courtney Bunna (LS) def. Katie Schwenn-Gunjan Malhotra, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Laura Dulude-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Vicki Chen-Amy Provost, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Katherine Morse-Katey Roberts (LS) def. Sana Raheem-Kathleen Marcinkowski, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA.

No. 1 singles: Amanda Moccia (LS) def. Emily Hoernschmeyer, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Ashley Madau, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) def. Janelle Karinemi, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Emily Misko, 6-4, 7-5.
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Local prep swimmers prepare for '06 campaign

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SWIM PREVIEWS

CANTON

Swimming has gone hand-in-hand with sharing the past few weeks for members of the three P-CEP girls swim teams.

Sharing one pool, that is. With Salem's pool shut down during the school's renovation project and with Plymouth pool-less from the outset, the squads have been passing like ships in the night in and out of Canton's facility since practice officially started early last month.

"Originally, we were supposed to be able to use Salem's pool beginning August 15," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "But now they've moved it back to September 23. It's been a tough situation, with the three teams sharing one pool, but the girls have handled it as well as can be expected."

The delayed opening of the Salem pool forced yesterday's Western Lakes Activities Association Conference Relays to be relocated to the Livonia Rec Center.

Salem coach Chuck Olson echoed Schade's comment regarding the swimmers' resolve throughout the pool-shortage ordeal.

"Because of the pool not being ready, our practice time has been moved back to 7:30 to 10, which is pretty late to be practicing," Olson said. "But the situation has hurt our attendance at practices. We have 64 girls on the team and they've all been great about continuing to work hard through this."

Olson said he's heard the pool could be usable by next week.

"One positive thing about this whole situation is that when we do get the pool back, we'll appreciate the little things that we took for granted before," said Olson.

Following are previews of the three teams' 2006 seasons.

A wrap-up of Saturday's WLAA meet will appear in Thursday's Observer.

The Chiefs will be led by junior Allison Schmitt, who is one of the most talented high school swimmers in the entire state, if not the country. Schmitt competed this past summer for the ultra-talented Club Wolverine, whose roster includes Olympic champion Michael Phelps, among other notables.

She has also earned a spot on the USA's 2007 Pan-American Games roster.

"Having someone with Allison's talent at practice raises everyone else up to the next level," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "The other girls try to keep up with Allison, which makes Monica Blaesser work harder. When Monica works harder, it makes Laura Landis better, and right on down the line."

The Chiefs placed fourth in last season's WLAA conference meet. With standouts like Schmitt, Blaesser (500 freestyle, 200 IM), Landis (freestyle events) and Chelsea Selden (diving, 50 freestyle) returning, a higher conference finish this season wouldn't surprise anybody.

"I think the top four teams in the conference — Northville, Livonia, Stevenson, Salem and Canton — have gotten tighter over the past year," Weber said. "One or two teams won't dominate like they did in the past."

Other Chiefs expected to make key contributions this season include Maddy McDuff, Katie Kubacki, Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson and Crissy O'Keefe. Carlson and O'Keefe are both freshmen.

SALEM

The Rocks are coming off an impressive third-place showing in the WLAA in 2005. The team should be deep and talented again with 64 girls on the roster.

Leading Salem's 2006 contingent

CANTON 98 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 85 Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Jill Peterson, Ashley Sells, Catlin O'Sullivan), 1:59.72; 2. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson, Monica Blaesser, Katie Kubacki), 2:03.17; 3. Canton (Kristin Graf, Ashley McClellan, Britney Sheeler, Paige Solo), 2:22.01.
200 freestyle: 1. Casey Peterson (JG), 2:09.96; 2. Laura Landis (C), 2:10.43; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 2:17.24.
200 individual medley: 1. Jill Peterson (JG), 2:19.59; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:25.84; 3. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:32.08.
50 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 24.32; 2. Jordan Burgess (JG), 27.18; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 29.18.
1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 177.05 points; 2. Katy Harris (JG), 118.10; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 93.10.
100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 57.93; 2. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:00.86; 3. Ashley Britt (JG), 1:14.31.
100 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (JG), 58.43; 2.

Casey Peterson (JG), 59.50; 3. Laura Landis (C), 59.70.
500 freestyle: 1. Jill Peterson (JG), 5:26.12; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:26.21; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 6:08.71.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Laura Landis, Meghan Sears, Monica Blaesser, Allison Schmitt), 1:49.56; 2. Canton (Chelsea Selden, Hannah Mayam, Maddy McDuff, Christine O'Keefe), 1:56.92; 3. John Glenn (Casey Peterson, Kimberly Raley, Ashley Britt, Natasha Falkiewicz), 1:57.56.

100 backstroke: 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:04.25; 2. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:06.42; 3. Catlin O'Sullivan (JG), 1:18.38.

100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:16.38; 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 1:22.82; 3. Katy Harris (JG), 1:24.55.

400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Jill Peterson), 3:57.77; 2. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff, Katie Kubacki, Allison Schmitt), 3:58.04; 3. Canton (Meghan Sears, Laura Landis, Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson), 4:08.70.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 1-0; John Glenn, 0-1.

will be a trio of talented senior captains: Megan McManimon (freestyle, distance events), Andrea Spohn (freestyle, breaststroke, IM) and Alie Stencil (freestyle and butterfly).

Providing valuable depth will be senior Rena Clark (freestyle, breaststroke); and juniors Allison Burke (freestyle, butterfly, IM) and Katie Gorman.

"I can't think of anything Katie won't swim this year," Olson noted.

The Rocks should also receive solid contributions from three 10th-graders: Katie Koetting (diving), Whitney Aumiller (all events) and Emily Bair (butterfly, freestyle, IM).

"Katie had a very nice freshman year for us," Olson said. "She really stepped it up at the league meet and at the Regionals."

PLYMOUTH

Schade said the Wildcats' depth should make them formidable in dual meets this season, but their lack of Schmitt-like swimmers could hamper them when it comes to the conference and Regional competitions.

"With 12 teams in the conference, you need a couple superstars to do well," he said. "We have a lot of very

good swimmers, but we don't have any superstars like Stevenson, Northville and Ann Arbor Pioneer who are going to go on and swim for a Division 1 college.

"But we should do very well in dual meets because of our depth. We were third in the Western Division last year and I think we have a shot at that again."

Serving as captains for the Wildcats this season will be seniors Sarah Palczynski and Stephanie Goulet; and juniors Beth McReynolds and Molly McKinstry.

Other key contributors include seniors Maricat Eggenberger, Emily Clanton and Nicole Ambrose; juniors Alyssa Liakos and Melissa McKinstry; sophomores Ellen Palczynski and Lauren Maslyk; and freshmen Sijia Hao and Michelle Chang.

Schade was especially complimentary of Ambrose's work habits during the team's preseason workouts.

"Nichole didn't have a great junior season, but she has come back for her senior year and totally re-dedicated herself to getting better," he said. "It looks like she's going to have a great senior year."

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JOHNSON

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go, but I love it so far and I'm looking forward to working here and living in this area."

"We are very pleased to have Chris joining our team," said Dr. Marilyn Meell, the head of schools at PCA. "He has enjoyed a successful career in athletics and has a very good track record in education. We feel he is more than capable of serving the needs of this newly created position."

Johnson said one of his top priorities in the early part of his tenure at PCA will be hiring a boys basketball coach, a role Taylor held until he left for Virginia.

"I've spent the majority of my time so far finding a cross country coach and girls basketball coaches," Johnson said. "The boys basketball coach is the next thing I plan on tackling. The boys basketball program is probably our most high-profile sport, so I want to make sure I find the right person."

"The job is posted on our Web site. I've received about six or seven applications already."

Johnson also revealed that the plan Taylor visualized to add football to the PCA sports roster has been placed on the back-burner, at least for the time being.

"If we had a large increase in the number of students we currently have, then I could see that being an option," he said. "But as of now, we have no immediate plans to add football."

Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of three children: Christopher, 7; Caleb, 5; and Carly, 2.

"My wife was a little hesitant about the move to Michigan initially," Johnson said. "But after I talked to Dr. Meell the first time about the job, we went on the Plymouth Christian Web site and checked out the school. Then, once we came out here to visit, we absolutely loved the school and the area."

"We prayed a lot and then finally decided to follow the direction God leads us in. This is where he's led us."

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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

HOW DOMINANT IS TIGER?

Now with five consecutive wins on the PGA Tour, one cannot help but repeatedly wonder how great is this guy? "This guy" of course is one Eldrick "Tiger" Woods, who since the British Open has been playing the best golf of his career.

He has seven victories this year including two majors. He has twice reinvented his swing over his career to get better when he already was the best there ever was. He is 12 for 12 in victories when entering the final round of a major championship in the lead or tied for it. That's strong.

He is on the same kind of run he had back in 2000 and 2002 only this is more impressive. This time it is with a new swing coach (Hank Haney) and a completely different swing than he had four years ago. It is impressive to see how any of his playing partners in the final round of a major seem to fold up like a tent with the tournament on the line. It would seem the pressure and all the expectation should be on Tiger to win. After all, he is always expected to. Yet it seems it is always the other guy who cannot handle the pressure.

Now with 11 major championship wins, it is inevitable he will eclipse the Jack Nicklaus record of 18 majors. The only question is by how many.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding a second tryout for the 2007 season on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6-8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located at the intersection of Haggerty and Plymouth roads. Eligible players must be

younger than 13 years old on April 30, 2007. Call Larry at (734) 812-3280.

'Y' FALL SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program, which is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The leagues are forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices will start the week of Sept. 18, and

games will begin Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven games for each squad.

The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, the cost of which is \$15.

All parents of interested players or potential coaches should call (734) 453-2904 for more details.

KVBSA SEEKS TEAMS

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2007 season. There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball (U9-U18) and softball (U10-U18). Contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646; e-mail jeff.david@kvbsa.com; or visit www.kvbsa.com.



Members of the Michigan Synchro Masters team include (bottom row, from left) Carrie Tluczek, Garden City; Patti Poirer, Livonia; coach Joyce Lindeman, Ypsilanti; Scotti Nichols, Livonia; Maureen McMurray, Beverly Hills; (top row, from left) Rhonda Madej, Plymouth Township; Nancy Gorham, Canton; Peggy Brady, Beverly Hills; Marie Lamberg, Livonia.

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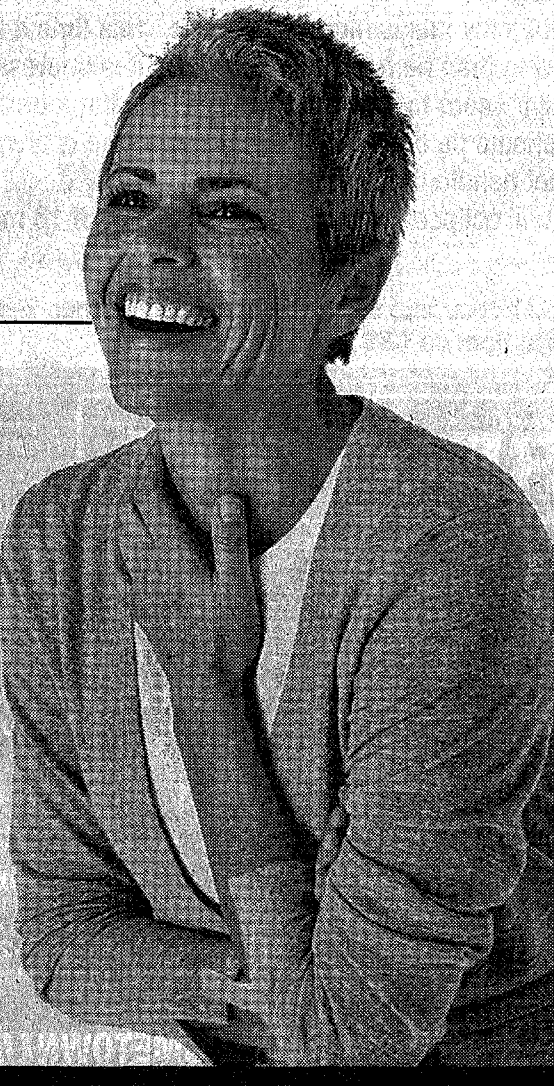
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Local synchronized swimmers' old-school approach pays off

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Synchro Masters swim team took an "old-school" approach to winning last month's FINA World Aquatic Masters team synchronized swimming age-group championship.

"Lots more practice and a good routine," said coach Joyce Lindeman, who has been in the sport for over 50 years.

The event, held Aug. 14-17 at Stanford University's four Olympic-size pools in Palo Alto, Calif., attracted a total of 8,500 masters and grand masters competitors in speed swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming.

The synchronized swimming program features four different categories including solo, duet, trio and team.

A visit earlier this spring by former Olympic and U.S. National Team coach Charlotte Davis, who conducted a clinic at Schoolcraft College, also provided the Michigan Synchro Masters (ages 35-45) a boost.

"She gave us a lot of help," said Lindeman. "We swam six hours in one day. We learned a lot training, as far as transition skills and technique."

The Michigan Synchro Masters won by the narrowest of margins in the field of eight - 4-100ths of a point over a team from Edmonton, Alberta and 6-100ths over a team from the Netherlands - to earn the gold medal.

Lindeman's squad led after the technical round, an 80-second compulsory skills routine, performing in a required sequence.

And two days later in the five-minute freestyle routine, the Michigan Synchro Masters were able to maintain their lead and cement their crown.

"It's fun to win, especially when you don't have any idea what competition is going to be like," Lindeman said.

Six of the eight Michigan Synchro Masters team members have been together since they were 8 years-old. They were original members of the synchronized youth program sponsored by the Garden City Department Parks and Recreation under coach Shirley Burlingame.

The original six include Rhonda Madej, who now resides in Plymouth Township.

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Nancy Gorham, Canton; Carrie Tluczek, Garden City; Marie Lamberg, Patti Poirier and Scotti Nichols, all of Livonia.

Rounding out the team is Peggy Brady and Maureen McMurray, both of Beverly Hills. (Madej and Brady also took a third place in Duet.)

Lindeman, who resides in Ypsilanti, has a rich history in the sport. She started a synchronized swimming club when she taught at Redford Thurston High School.

In 1964, she was manager for the U.S. team on a three-month world tour to promote and help it become an Olympic sport. Lindeman was also an officer for U.S. Synchronized Swimming for 10 years and has been a team manager for several national teams.

She is retired from the University of Michigan where she served as an Associate Professor and Associate Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Kiniesology. During her tenure at U-M, Lindeman was in charge of the synchronized club and was the University's varsity coach.

The Michigan Synchro Masters, who train three days a week at Schoolcraft College, competed six years ago in the FINA World Aquatic Championships in Germany and were coming off an appearance last October in the U.S. Nationals held in Sacramento, Calif. The 2006 nationals will be held next month in Portland, Ore. followed by the 2008 Worlds in Perth, Australia.

But this most recent accomplishment certainly has to be the most gratifying.

"We're considered world champs in our age-group," Lindeman said. "We had a barbeque afterwards at a beautiful condo. We danced and celebrated."

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Fishing in Great Lakes has been hotter than summer

Fishing has been hot this summer – hotter than the summer itself. Walleye fishing has been fantastic in Lake Erie and Saginaw Bay. Salmon fishing has been terrific on Lake Michigan. One of the fisheries a little closer to home that has been sizzling all summer is the bass fishery on Oakland County's Maceday Lake.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

"It's been on fire," said Mike Weidman, manager of KD Outdoors in Waterford, when asked about the bass fishing on Maceday. "In years past, when they held a tournament out there seven or eight pounds would usually be enough to win it. This year they're coming in with 15 pounds. It's been unbelievable."

There are a few theories as to why the fishing has been so good.

Perhaps, there was a great year class of bass a few years ago that have grown to legal size.

Maybe a new technique called drop-shotting, which became legal this year in Michigan, is allowing anglers to catch more fish.

Weidman thinks it may have something to do with large mouth bass virus.

"Four or five years ago they had a big problem with LMBV. It killed off some bass in some lakes around here," he said. "What they have found down South is that when a lake gets hit by LMBV, they tend to come back stronger than ever. It's kind of like survival of the fittest. The strongest bass survive and reproduce."

"Lake Orion had LMBV and they're starting to catch big bass over there again. Maybe that (virus) had something to do with it."

Regardless of the reason, bass bite on Maceday has been great and there is no reason to think it's going to slow down any time soon. Most bass anglers practice catch and release so the resource is not suffering.

Some of the best fishing of the year takes place in the fall, when most anglers have stashed their fishing poles for a shotgun or rifle. Put Maceday Lake on your "To Do" list this fall.

The public access site is at the south end of the lake off Williams Lake Road. It has a paved ramp and ample parking.

While you're there you may be tempted to tap into the lake's unique trout fishery.

Maceday is a deep lake, dropping down to a maximum depth of 117 feet. A large area of the 234-acre lake is over 50 feet deep. This deep, cold, oxygenated water is what trout need to survive in an inland lake in southern Michigan.

The Department of Natural Resources has

been planting rainbow trout and splake in Maceday Lake for years. (A splake is a hybrid cross between a brook (speckled) trout and a lake trout.) The DNR plants an average of 14,000 bows and 11,000 splake annually. In 2003 the state also planted 50, 16-inch whitefish, and 250, 17-inch lakera.

Maceday also has a reputation for producing some pretty good walleyes, although the numbers aren't really great.

"When people talked about Maceday in the past they always talk about the splake and the walleyes," Weidman said. "This year, all the talk is about the bass."

SPORTSMEN'S DAY IN LANSING

On Sept. 13, state Reps. Dave Hildenbrand and David Farhat are hosting the inaugural Sportsmen's Day at the Capital.

The day starts off at 9 a.m. with a meeting on the DNR budget between the House Appropriations Subcommittee and the House Committee on Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation. Beginning at 10 a.m., legislators and the general public can talk with conservation leaders from a wide variety of organizations. Some of the groups scheduled to have a booth at the event are: Great Lakes Shooting Sports Association, Quail Unlimited, the Dove Sportsmen's Society, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders & Hunting Preserves, Michigan State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club International, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, Michigan Bear Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited, the National Trappers Association and others.

WEEKEND ADVENTURE

If you're looking for something to do this weekend take a mid-day trip down to Trenton and check in on the Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League Michigan division Super Tournament. The event will be held Sept. 9-10 at the Elizabeth Park Marina in Trenton. Weigh-ins will be held at 2 p.m. each day.

For more information or to enter the tournament, call (270) 252-1000 or visit FLWOutdoors.com. Tournament entries will also be accepted on-site during registration Sept. 8, 4-7 p.m. at the Wal-Mart store located at 23800 Allen Road in Woodhaven. Entry fees are \$200 for boaters and \$100 for co-anglers. A \$25 late fee also applies to entries taken on site along with a \$25 membership fee for anglers who are not yet members of FLW Outdoors.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

Schoolcraft kickers boot foes

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

A blend of solid freshmen and returning sophomores bodes well for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team this fall.

And head coach Bill Tolstedt got an early return on that prediction when freshman forward and Livonia Franklin graduate Jessica Austin scored the Lady Ocelots' first goal of the year – which kicked off a 3-1 triumph against Concordia on Aug. 15.

Another freshman, forward Gloria Soyad (Regina) made it 2-0 and then Redford Union alum Stefanie Stephens, a sophomore defender/forward set up the third tally, scored in the second half by freshman midfielder Alexandria Saba.

"It was a game during which we controlled the tempo and field of play from beginning to end," said Tolstedt, noting the Lady Ocelots maintained a 24-7 advantage in shots on goal.

On Sunday, at home against Indiana Tech, Schoolcraft improved to 2-0 with a 3-0 victory.

Tolstedt is enthused about the mix of talent and overall team chemistry despite the team having just 16 players (down from the usual 20).

"This year's Ocelot team is one of the best classes that I have had," said Tolstedt, adding that the players are "technically and tactically sound."

The 2005 version finished fifth nationally and qualified for its fifth trip to the national championship in six years. But it looks as if the '06 squad could be up there once again; the Lady Ocelots were selected fifth in the pre-season NSCAA National Poll.

Up front, Schoolcraft will feature sophomores Shari Trandell (Sterling Heights

Stevenson), Steph Vargas (Southgate Anderson) and freshmen Austin, Soyad, Megan McCabe (Pinckney) and Monica Warda (Brighton).

Backing them up in the midfield will be sophomore Julia Zilan (Walled Lake Western), freshmen Saba and Nicole Polite (Troy Bethany Christian).

Stephens, whose versatility is important to the team, is a big part of the defense. Also providing stability are sophomore defenders Sarah Davies (South Lyon), Lauren DeRoo (Waterford Kettering) and Chelsy Wagner (Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Augmenting that quartet will be freshman defender Ashley Erickson (Walled Lake Central).

Handling goalkeeping duties for Schoolcraft will be sophomore Stephanie Squires (Rochester Hills), a transferee from the University of Michigan. In the reserve role will be freshman Jessica Tuggle, a Westland resident who graduated this year from Livonia Ladywood.

Helping Tolstedt out on the sidelines this season are holdovers Doug Lyon and Bob Rowland, as offensive and defensive coaches, respectively.

Managing the midfielders is former Schoolcraft All-America Lisa Tolstedt. "I remain impressed with our collective work ethic and see good things for us in the 2006 campaign," Bill Tolstedt said.

In Sunday's victory, McCabe made it 1-0 with a marker at the 20-minute mark. Adding goals after intermission were Saba and Trandell to support the shutout goaltending of Tuggle.

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MU recipe for success: Talent, hard work

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Talent, as always, dots the roster of the men's soccer team at Madonna University. But head coach Tino Scicluna, although expecting more good things from the Crusaders this season, knows it takes more than sheer ability for teams to succeed in the always-tough Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. "We've always had a talented team," Scicluna said. "I think it's one of the benefits of being where we are, such a hotbed of talent in this area.

PREVIEW

"(But) talent doesn't always get the job done. In order for us to be successful, we have to play on both sides of the field. We have to become a better defensive team and we have to learn to not give up goals." Despite giving up two second-half goals against Davenport University in Wednesday's 2-0 conference-opening defeat at Greenmead Field, Scicluna's squad so far is playing good two-way soccer. The Crusaders (2-1-1 overall and 0-1-0 in the WHAC)

outscored opponents 5-3 in a three-game California trip, featuring 2-1 wins over No. 23-ranked Bellevue (Neb.) and Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.). Even though Scicluna said the 2006 squad is one with the greatest personnel turnover during his tenure, there remains a solid group of returnees from last year's WHAC regular-season champions (16-4, 11-1). Most of that group plays midfield, capable of making it tough on opponents to control the ball. The list is headed up by Redford Catholic Central alum Pat Griffin, a 5-foot-2 senior

midfielder-forward. But Madonna's midfield lineup also features senior T.J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), senior Derrick Mudri and sophomore Doran Dral. "We have a lot of players that read the game in our midfield and have the ability to hold onto the ball," Scicluna said. "For us to have success, we have to be a team that can win the turnovers, and just let the ball do the work for us." According to Scicluna, strong play from his midfielders and forwards will help a mostly young group of defenders grow into solid contributors.

"Our back line is pretty new, only one player who has returned from all of our defenders (sophomore Cory Maupin)," he said. Junior Darrel Quinn will be one of the cogs of the MU defense, helping support junior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons. Scicluna's other defenders lack experience at the WHAC level. Those include junior Patrick Kolodziejczak, who comes over from Schoolcraft College, and freshmen Jason Clark, Dan Pichler (Livonia Stevenson) and Eric Kelly. Up front, looking to score for the Crusaders will be Griffin, returning senior forward Ryan Montague and sophomore Cody Pickren (Plymouth Christian Academy).



One of the players who could provide plenty of offense for Madonna University's men's soccer team is senior forward Ryan Montague.

"I think the finishing will come along," Scicluna said.

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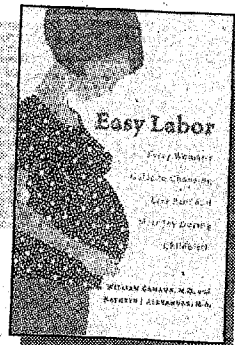
Davenport is still a thorn in MU's side

The story was disappointingly similar for Madonna University's men's soccer team. On Wednesday, the Crusaders — just back from a 2-0-1 California trip — opened their conference schedule with a tough defeat to Davenport University, 2-0. The last time the two teams met was in last season's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament final. A fluky goal just 14 minutes into the second half gave the Panthers (3-1-0, 1-0-0) all they needed to get past Madonna (2-1-1, 0-1-0). Junior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons tried to boot the ball out of his end, only to have it blocked by incoming Davenport midfielder Anes Suhonjic. The ball trickled into the cage behind Lyons, who desperately tried to reach it in time. Davenport added an insurance marker with approximately eight minutes left when sophomore forward Lebogang Thelele skirted around the right side, cut in front of Lyons and found the target despite falling to the turf. Madonna had quality chances to score during the second half, only to be thwarted by sophomore goalkeeper Tyron Avnit. With 20 minutes to go and the score still 1-0, Avnit leaped to his left and deflected a rising free kick from senior midfielder Pat Griffin (Redford Catholic Central).

MU streak ends vs. Cedarville

Madonna University's volleyball team Friday night lost a regular season home game for the first time in five years, falling 25-30, 27-30, 21-30 to Cedarville in the nightcap of the seventh annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament. The loss snapped a 71-match victory string (regular season only), and gave the Crusaders a 9-2 record this season. Cedarville upped its record to 9-0. MU's last home loss during the regular season came on Sept. 8, 2001 to Lake Superior State University — also during the Martin tourney. "We simply got outplayed tonight," said Madonna head coach Jerry Abraham. "We just played terrible and the other team played excellent. We didn't pass and didn't attack and just didn't play well enough to win tonight."

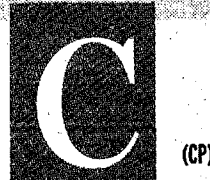
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When you are angry, listen first

My 16-year-old son flew to Orlando, Fla., with me to attend his third year of leadership camp. While I was attending professional development training; my son was developing skills and friendships with kids from across the country. The last night of the event was an emotional one for Alex. Being at the tail end of the age group, this was to be his last year in the camp. He had developed some deep friendships, and this evening would be the last time he would see those he had come to care so much about.

I was so proud of him. It seems like last week he was a little boy, and now standing before my eyes was a handsome young man, with the emotional sensitivity to have a shimmer in his eyes at the idea of saying goodbye to his friends.

Each day, I asked Alex to give me a specific time to expect him back in our hotel room for the night, and he always showed up on or before the time we agreed on. This year, I had given him a lot of breathing room after proving over the last few camps that he could handle it. This last night, he asked me to please not pin him down to a specific return time, but just trust that he'd get back when he was ready. The kids would be staying on the hotel premises, there was a big group of them, and I felt that he was safe and in good company.

While he enjoyed his dinner dance, I enjoyed mine, with colleagues and friends. It was a fabulous night. When I got back to the hotel room, I was tired. I packed my bags and just before going to sleep, I wondered if I should call Alex and check in with him. No. I decided to let him have his space. I made it clear that we had to get up at 5 a.m. to leave for the airport. If he stayed out too late, he'd get to experience the results of his decision, which would teach him more than a phone call from me.

It felt weird going to sleep that night without knowing the exact time of Alex's return. I realized I had a choice to make. I could either make peace with my agreement to let Alex choose his return time, or I could have a fretful night. I stood by my decision, labeled that lingering anxious feeling as normal for a mom letting her son test the waters of responsibility, and promised myself to get an exact return time should I find myself in this position again.

At 5 a.m. my wake up call rang. One second later, time stood still. I looked over and realized that Alex was not in the room. I could hear my thoughts send shock waves through my head. My heartbeat was pounding in my chest and thumping in my ears. I reached for my cell phone and called him. One ring, two rings, three rings. I took a deep breath. After the fourth ring, it went to voice mail.

"What now?" I thought. I imagined myself running around the gigantic hotel like a maniac, looking for him. Shaking, I took another quick breath, and dialed him again. No sooner did I dial, than I heard his cell phone ringing on the other side of the hotel door. I opened it up, and there he was at 5:02 a.m.

"Where have you been? Are you crazy? Who do you think you are? You are in so much trouble Mister. You can forget about the rest of your summer. It's over. Don't you ever scare me like that again." That's what I would have said, if I hadn't learned from painful experience, to listen first before reacting, especially when I'm upset.

As I stood at the door, listening, Alex talked. "Mom, I'm so sorry I wasn't in the room before you got up. I hope I didn't scare you. A big group of our leaders had to leave for the airport at 5 a.m., so they decided to hang out all night in the lobby with their luggage. A whole bunch of us hung out with them. Mom, it was so emotional saying goodbye."

I listened, and stayed silent long enough to absorb what he was telling me and check in with my own feelings. I was relieved to know he had been in the lobby with the camp leaders. Then I spoke, "Alex, I called and you didn't answer your cell phone." Alex said, "I'm sorry, I was running for the room, because I didn't want you to wake up without me being here. I was probably in the elevator when you called and my cell didn't pick it up."

I said, "Alex, I need you to hear me. I need you to understand how scared and upset I felt when I woke up and realized you hadn't come back. I need to know that you understand what that was like for me?" I could see in Alex's eyes and hear in his words that he got it.

I know at a visceral level what would have been lost, had I reacted with hostility, and what was gained by suspending my judgments long enough to hear my son, and respond to both our needs.

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Jan Stevenson (left) and Susan Horowitz stand alongside the delivery van for their publication 'Between the Lines' in their new Livonia location. In the early years, they used their minivan to deliver the publication.

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Equal

Issues remain the same although times change

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Susan Horowitz and Jan Stevenson haven't been able to park their cars in the garage of their Farmington Hills home for the last eight years so they couldn't be happier about liberating the space that housed their *Between the Lines* archives. In late August, they moved the publication for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders from a commercial office building in Farmington and their home garage to Livonia, doubling the size of their operations.

Since their first issue as owners was printed in December 1995, the paper has grown from a monthly to a weekly which now reaches 20,000 readers in Ferndale, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Plymouth, West Bloomfield, Ann Arbor, Lansing, and as far north as Traverse City and Escanaba.

As far as content, not much

has changed since a group of students from the University of Michigan started the publication in March 1993. Stevenson knew firsthand about the issues facing lesbians as she helped found then served as executive director for Affirmations, the gay/lesbian community center in Ferndale. Horowitz had started a lesbian-owned printing company in 1975 in New York City to publish some of the first AIDS posters and gay newsletters. By 1995, they were publishing *Between the Lines* in the basement of their Farmington Hills home where they remained for the next 2 1/2 years until moving into the offices just down the street.

SHARING THEIR MESSAGE

"Over the years it's changed," said Stevenson, 51, who recently was part of a host committee with Horowitz for a fund-raising event for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Their Pride Source Media Group publishes a voter's



Publishers Jan Stevenson (right) and Susan Horowitz look over the archives of 'Between the Lines' in their new Livonia office.

'The gay community is seen as a force in Michigan. It's very hard to organize without being able to reach people. That's where the paper comes in.'

Jan Stevenson
Between the Lines co-publisher

guide every other year and a Michigan resource directory of gay-friendly businesses, companies and organizations annually.

"The gay community is seen as a force in Michigan," said Stevenson. "It's very hard to organize without being able to reach people. That's where the paper comes in."

Between the Lines gives gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders a voice. Stevenson and Horowitz have been activists since the early 1970s, advocating not only for the gay rights, but civil liberties in general. The two met while serving on the

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Mall kiosk makes funeral pre-planning simple

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A steady stream of shoppers stop for a closer look at the display of urns and photographs of caskets in a kiosk at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia. Once people overcome the initial shock from viewing the objects, David Griffin says they become interested in learning about Guardian Memorial Society's pre-planned funerals.

Guardian is not only making funerals more affordable, but appealing to those who want arrange-

ments that are less traditional than one or two days of visitation followed by a procession to the cemetery and burial. One woman signed a contract to hold a lakeside service on her 40 acres. Golf courses, VFW halls, just about any location is possible, even the home.

"The response has been one of interest because they've never seen this type of set up at a mall," said Griffin, who grew up over a funeral home in Detroit. Griffin Funeral Homes has been in business since 1954 and has two locations in

Westland and Canton. Griffin founded the society nearly three years ago to provide affordable arrangements through a network of independent funeral providers.

"We serve about 550-600 families every year," said David Griffin. "We saw a dramatic change from families going away from traditional funerals because of finances, uneasiness. Guardian Memorial Society was started for a different clientele. We have a limited package for the family who wants something simple,



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Mary Costanza (left), David Griffin, Thekla Szlinis, and Dan Desentz II of the Guardian Memorial Society stand alongside their kiosk in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

dignified, affordable." The \$2,300 package allows one-hour of visitation at a church, cemetery or family's home and funeral service. The price

does not include the cost of a casket, procession, cemetery lot, or cremation. The caskets on display in the

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kiosk cost \$1,250 and \$1,875. So far, about 300 people have signed contracts with three-, five- and 10-year payment plans. Costs generally run less

than a traditional funeral due to lower overhead since funeral homes don't have to store caskets. Guardian simple contacts the manufacturer directly.

"We don't even make arrangements at the funeral home," said Griffin. "We meet them at their home or at

church with their clergy. We work with about 30 cemeteries throughout the state to finalize their arrangements. We're bringing the services back to them.

"For some it's back to the home where they are more comfortable and lived their life.

"We're a real traditional funeral home. We wear black and white. Guardian Memorial Society is filling a niche for families that don't want that. This is not for everybody but it's becoming more acceptable."

Linda Carlton chose to bury her mother, Beulah Tarbet, 85, in a simple, graveside service last Tuesday. She originally made the arrangements

through Guardian Memorial Society in March 2005.

"She passed away in Florida," said Carlton of Howell. "I don't know what I would have done without Guardian Memorial. We knew we wanted her buried next to dad in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. We wanted to have a simple service, no visitation.

"David phoned me and immediately got the necessary paperwork to get mom back to Michigan. Originally the cemetery told me it could cost several thousand dollars to bring her up here and how would I know how to do it?"

Carlton's total cost was \$4,900 and included an annuity policy that gained interest

to cover some of the costs.

"It's like any pre-need arrangements, you're not as emotional about it and there's a real settling feeling," said Carlton. "I didn't feel a confusion about what I was going to do. There was time to do things."

"We make it simple, affordable and still have dignity," said operations manager Thekla Szlinis of Canton. "They call the 800 number. The society determines the need and then locates a provider for them."

Mary Costanza, a pre-arrangement advisor, then meets with the family or individual. She's even discussed services at a coffee shop before.

"We're trying to help families with planning affordable funerals without being a burden to families, locking in prices of today," said Costanza. "By planning ahead they're giving their family peace of mind. Their family is in a better state of mind to celebrate their life."



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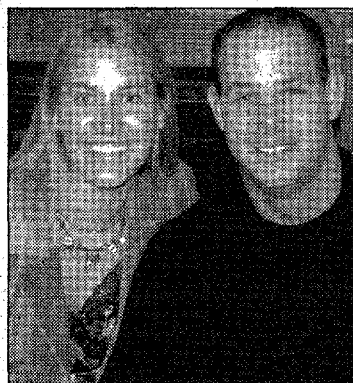
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Krol-Russo

Walter and Donna Krol of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann Krol, to Christopher Allen Russo, son of Charles and Linda Russo of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed at Ford Motor Co. working in human resources and is in the process of obtaining her master's degree in business administration at Madonna University.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Canton High School. He is a firefighter and paramedic employed with the Brownstown Township Fire Department.



A September 2007 wedding is planned at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church in Garden City, followed by a reception to be held at the Italian American Club/Conference Center in Livonia.

Harding-Anders

Pastor and Mrs. Richard Harding of Williston, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Harding, to Ryan Anders of Westland.

The bride to be is a home school graduate.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Anders of Westland. He is a home school graduate, an International ALERT Academy graduate and a graduate of School Missionary Aviation Technologies. He is employed with Triangle Aviation of Leesburg, Fla.

A November wedding is planned for Williston, Fla.



ANNIVERSARIES



Evanses celebrate 50th anniversary

Glenn and Nancy Evans celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 8 with family and friends at historic Greenmead Village.

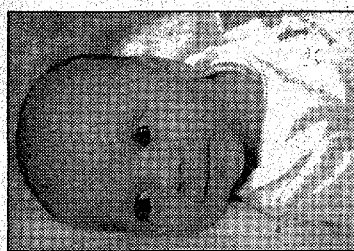
They were married on June 30, 1956, at the Southfield Community Church by pastor Raymond H. Baine.

Their children, Tim, Craig and Teri, with their spouses and all nine children took part in anniversary celebration. The Rev. Hal Edmonds of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated the renewing of their vows at

the Newburgh Church. A reception followed at the Alexander Blue House.

They have been residents of Livonia for 48 years. Glenn is a graduate of Lawrence Tech and worked as an engineer at Detroit Diesel Corp. He retired after 43 years. He served as past president of the Bentley Dad's Club. Nancy remained at home as a homemaker. Together they were active in community, school and church activities. They enjoy volunteering at Greenmead, due to many years of collecting antiques.

NEW VOICES



Jake Bargowski

Chris and Carrie Bargowski of Chicago announce the birth of their son, Jake Leo Bargowski, born June 16, 2006. Chris Bargowski is a former Canton resident.

Jake weighed in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches long at birth. He joins sister Caden Nicole, 3, and Kyle Christopher, 11 months.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton and Leo and Terry Bell of Palatine, Ill.

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JULIA M. CALDWELL

September 5, 2006, age 89. Wife of the late John R. Caldwell, M.D. Dear mother of John (Karen), Ann Kelly (James), Sally Fisher (Gregg), Beth Simon (Dan) and Mark (Nancy). Also 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Sister of Edward Matthews (Betty). Funeral Services were held privately. Memorial Tributes to Save the Children, 54 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06880. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



BARBARA ANN DAHLMANN

Barbara Ann Dahlmann passed away peacefully September 6, 2006, at age 73. "Babs" was born in Detroit to her late parents, Hazel and George Muggleton and made her home for over 50 years in Rochester, Michigan. She belonged to the University Presbyterian Church where she shared her beautiful singing voice as a choir member. Barbara was an avid golfer and swimmer. Her love of nature and gardening was nurtured as a participant in the Rochester Garden Club and she dedicated many years to the well being of the actors and staff at Meadowbrook Theater as a volunteer and fundraiser. Most of all, Barbara cherished the love of her children and many friends and the joy brought to her by her grandchildren. She was the loving mother of Duane (Andrea) and Gregory (Tracy) Utech of Rochester, MI, Christopher Utech of Kingston, WA, and Jenie (Vincent) Altruda of Ann Arbor, MI. Barbara was the proud grandmother of Christopher, Pilar, Clifford and Benjamin. She was a dear sister to Kathleen (Richard) Miller and the late Dolores Koch. Her radiant smile, infectious laugh, and vibrant presence will be missed and remembered by all who knew her. A public celebration of Barbara's life will be held Saturday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m. at The University Presbyterian Church, 1385 South Adams Road, Rochester Hills. In lieu of flowers, those who would like to honor her are asked to make donations in her name to the: Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 888-992-CARE, www.arborhospice.org or to Meadowbrook Theater, 207 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309, 248-370-3316. www.mbttheatre.com

GALE R. FURGISON

age 61, of Howell, died Friday, September 8, 2006. Beloved wife of James Furgison, dear mother of Robert Silvani of Plymouth, Jackie (Doug) Gordon of Livonia and Jody (Jerry) Di Giovanni of Royal Oak, grandmother of six and sister of Judy Stoll of Rochester and Diane Mann of Macdonald. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell, interment following in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell. Visitation Sunday and Monday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. with rosary Monday at 7 p.m. at Macdonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club or Arbor Hospice. Visit online guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

ANNE F. HARGIS

Age 84, of Canton Township, died September 5, 2006, after a brief illness. She was born February 28, 1922, in Philadelphia, PA, the daughter of Henry A. and Lelia E. (Haymes) Chappell. On August 14, 1950, she married Samuel "Mitch" Hargis, and he preceded her in death August 23, 2004. Mrs. Hargis worked for the city of Philadelphia for 32 years. She was a member of Isom Memorial C.M.E. Church, Belleville. Survivors include her son, Samuel (Priscilla) Hargis of Canton; grandchildren Marquina and Samuel III; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, George Epps, four brothers, and three sisters. The funeral service was held Saturday, September 9, at Isom Memorial Christian Episcopal Church, Belleville, with burial following at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Arrangements by Stark Funeral Service, Moore Memorial Chapel. Please sign her guestbook at www.starkfuneral.com



LENORE M. HUDSON

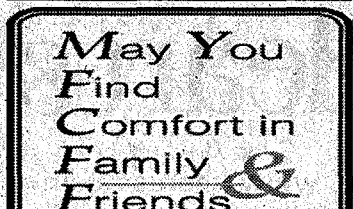
age 94 of Plymouth, passed away in her sleep on September 5, 2006. She and her late husband Joseph (who passed away in 1994) were long-time Plymouth residents. Lenore continued to live actively in her home until her death. Dear mother of Richard (Pamela); Joyce (Ron) Finney; and John (Sally). Also leaves 10 children and 22 great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence, www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ALICE ROSE KIPPOLA LEE

Age 78, died Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at her home. Mrs. Lee was born July 16, 1928, in Ishpeming, MI, the daughter of Mayme J. Norkali Kippola and John August Kippola. She was previously employed as an Activities Therapist at Northville State Hospital. She was a member of St. Helena's Episcopal Church (Beaufort) and the Preservation Trust for Historic St. Helena's Church. Survivors include her sons, Kimball Lee of New Port Richey, FL, and Russell Lee of Jasper, IN; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to The Preservation Trust for Historic St. Helena's Church, Inc., PO Box 1043, Beaufort, SC 29901. Arrangements by Copeland Funeral Home, Beaufort, SC

RICHARD L. "DICK" MCKINLEY

age 67. He married Geneva I. Button on March 9, 1958 in Winamac, IN. He is survived by his wife, Geneva I. McKinley, Sons Doug (Sharon) McKinley of Winamac, IN and Steve (Theresa) McKinley of Rochester, MI, and a daughter Lisa (Randy) Sommers of Kewanna, IN. He is also survived by his 7 grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 1 brother. Visitation was Saturday, Sept. 9 & Services were Sunday, Sept. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, Winamac, IN. Burial will take place in the McKinley Memorial Gardens Cemetery located at Winamac, IN. Memorial Contributions may be given to: First United Methodist Church Accessibility Project or Pulaski Memorial Hospice. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.frainmortuary.com



ALFRED F. McLOUGHLIN

September 4, 2006, age 72. An over-the-road truck driver with a love of boating. Dear husband of Jeanne. Dear father of Sharlene & Ronald Kessler and Shella & Gary Smith. Grandpa of Zachary, Nathan, Hannah, Grace and Calvin. Brother of Kathleen Sherzer and William M. McLoughlin. Visitation Thursday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. & 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation Friday 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11 a.m. from Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi.

CORINNE E. "CORRY" PARMENTER

Age 82, of Waterford, died September 3, 2006. Corry, with her husband owned Parmenter Florist in Birmingham, a family business for over 70 years. She lovingly raised her children with strong morals, deep respect for others and with a great sense of humor. Beloved Wife of the late Gene. Loving Mother of: Deborah (Martyn), David (Georgia), Corry (Gary) Roberts, Mary (Michael) Mejia, Elizabeth (Bob) Braun and Sally. Proud Grandmother of: Steve (Tiffany), Lauren, Heather, Jessica, Justin, Alyssa, Kristy, Amie, Chelsea and Jordan. Great Grandmother of Leigha and Kevin. Dear Aunt of Cheryl (Bob) Johnson. Also survived by dear friends Dorothy Dreyer and Kathy (George) Williams. The family would like to share their deep gratitude for the doctors and nurses at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, for the great care they received. Private family services are being held. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, American Lung Association or Leader Dogs for the Blind. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home. Sorry Mom, we all "folded".

I. ELIZABETH RIDENOUR

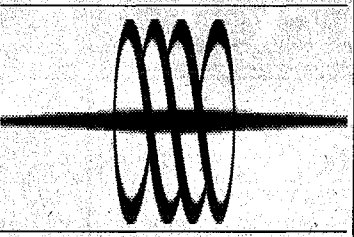
Age 57, Farmington resident and long-time Farmington Public School Teacher. Beloved wife of James Ridenour of Cincinnati, OH, and loving mother of Tiffany Lynn Humes (Okopyn), Matthew Christopher Okopyn, and Jared Ridenour. She loved her daughter-in-law, Jill Ridenour, and her new son-in-law Jeffrey Humes. Liz had just retired early from a long award-winning career in the Farmington Public Schools in June to join her husband in their new house in Cincinnati. Liz had experienced some heart difficulties and was waiting for a heart transplant at the Cleveland Clinic where she died on August 25, 2006. Born in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, to Bud and Helen Cann, who preceded her in death, she enjoyed much of her early life visiting the deep woods in upper Canada and her Aunt Irma's farm. She graduated from Fordson High School, and then Eastern Michigan University in Education. She received her Masters from Texas A&M in Educational Technology before returning to Michigan and teaching in the Farmington Public Schools, primarily in the gifted program at Woodcreek, William Grace, and Lanigan. She was most proud of her family and sharing in the joy of their successes and supporting them in the face of their challenges. She sat in the rain, sleet, snow, and sun to attend the many soccer, baseball, and basketball games as well as gymnastics and dance competitions. She recently said how happy she was that her children were doing so well. Despite being very ill when she entered the hospital in July, she fought to improve and keep strong for her daughter Tiffany's wedding. While she was not able to attend, Liz was able to view a live two-way telecast of the wedding and reception in her hospital room. She volunteered for several activities over the years with the schools, the Red Cross, Hospice, Renaissance Unity Church, girls' and boys' soccer clubs, and SFBI baseball. There will be a memorial service held to honor and celebrate her life on Saturday, September 30th, at 11:00am. Please arrive at 10:30am at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, Michigan, 734-453-7272.

ALICE OSTERMANN SMITH

Of Birmingham, passed away on July 16, 2006 at the age of 91. Alice was born January 29, 1915 in Pleasant Ridge, MI to A. Gustave and Nina H. Ostermann. Alice and family moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1920 and attended Brookside School when it opened as a one room school house. She was a member of the first graduating class of Kingswood School in 1932, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1937, and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Alice loved golf, bowling, and gardening and was a talented painter, writer, and composer having composed the lyrics to the Hymn for Brookside School. Alice was preceded in death by her loving husband F.M. "Tex" Smith, sister Virginia Murphy, and brother William Ostermann. She is survived by and greatly missed by children Stephen Smith (Carol) of Empire, Stephanie Dixon (John) of Bloomfield Hills, Lauri Beldo (Dr. John) of Menominee, and Mark Smith (Peggy) of Brighton, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A private memorial service was held at Christ Church Cranbrook on July 25 with interment in the Columbarium. Memorials may be directed to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, Kingswood School or Brookside School, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801

MARIE E. TIANEN

Age 89, September 6, 2006. Redford resident for over 40 years. Beloved wife of the late Carl. Dear mother of the late Betty Bennett. Also preceded in death by her siblings Margaret Joly, Lillian Maloy and Thomas Harvey. Survived by her grandchildren Luann Reynders and Jim Bennett, great-grandchildren Melanie, Courtney, Zach and Chance and one great-great grandchild, Camden. Also survived by nieces and nephews Shirley, Richard and Harry Joly, Delores Lichtman, Bob Maloy, Judy Mastura and several cousins. Funeral Mass was held Saturday at her beloved St. Valentine Catholic Church. Memorials to American Heart or American Lung Associations would be appreciated. Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Home, Redford Twp.



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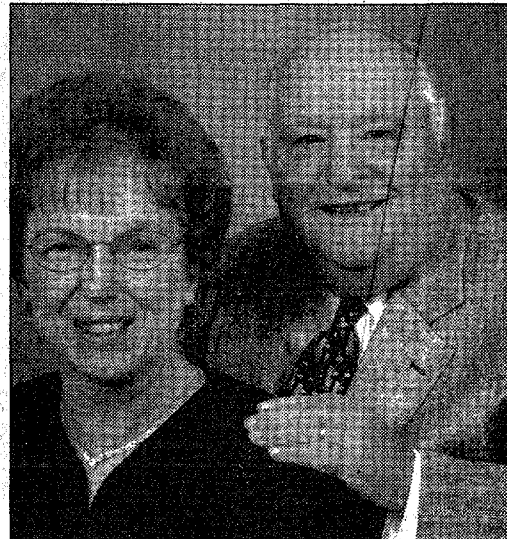
Harry and Carol Westhaus, residents of Livonia since 1974, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 17 with a noon Mass at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia. Following Mass they will be guests of honor at a luncheon at the Dearborn Inn.

Harry Westhaus and Carol Kimmel were married on Sept. 15, 1956, at the Bluffton Mission Church in Bluffton, Ohio. The Rev. Yaeger performed the ceremony. Harry Westhaus retired as an assistant manager from the Insurance Services Office, where he was employed for 42 years. He also served as a navigator in the U.S. Air Force. Carol Westhaus retired as a secretary from PPG Industries and as an assistant to the CEO at Valley X-Ray Co. They have been retired for 10 years.

The couple have six children: Randy Westhaus of Moorpark, Calif.; Perry (Marianne) Westhaus of Dayton, Ohio; Rita

(Joseph) Kane of Traverse City; Susan Patterson of Garden City; Julia (Christopher) Brough of Commerce Township; and Christine (Christopher) Lonie of San Diego, Calif. Their daughter Commander Christine Lonie is currently serving in Kuwait and Iraq.

They have nine grandchildren. Harry enjoys collecting stamps and lighthouses. Carol enjoys reading and scrapbooking. Both are members of the Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Club and enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.



Gartners celebrate

50th anniversary

Daniel and Lois (Petrowsky) Gartner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Aug. 12, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wayne.

They have five children, Linda (Christopher) Klein, Beverly (the late Scott) Marincic, Kenneth (Carrie) Gartner, Hope (John) Hunter and William (Deborah) Gartner. They have 12 grandchildren. Dan is retired from the Internal Revenue Service. Lois worked as a child caregiver at

Jackson Center. They celebrated their anniversary with family and friends at the Alexander Blue House in Greenmead Historical park.



Knoxes celebrate

50th anniversary

Robert and Anne Knox, formerly of Westland, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, 2006.

They were married at Calgary Baptist Church in Dearborn. They have three children, Robert (Michele) Knox, Kathleen (Michael) Lenhardt and Karen (Jim) Schramm.

Grandchildren are Stephen (Kathryn) Lenhardt, Christopher Lenhardt, Erica and Kristen Knox and Andrew and Robert Schramm. Great-grandchild is Tyler Lenhardt.

Robert retired nine years ago as an international representative for the Teamsters for Michigan and Illinois.

Anne retired nine years ago from Wayne State University; she was a secretary III in the Psychology Department.

They now reside in Holiday, Fla., during the winter months and Attica, Mich., during the summer months. They are celebrating their anniversary with family.



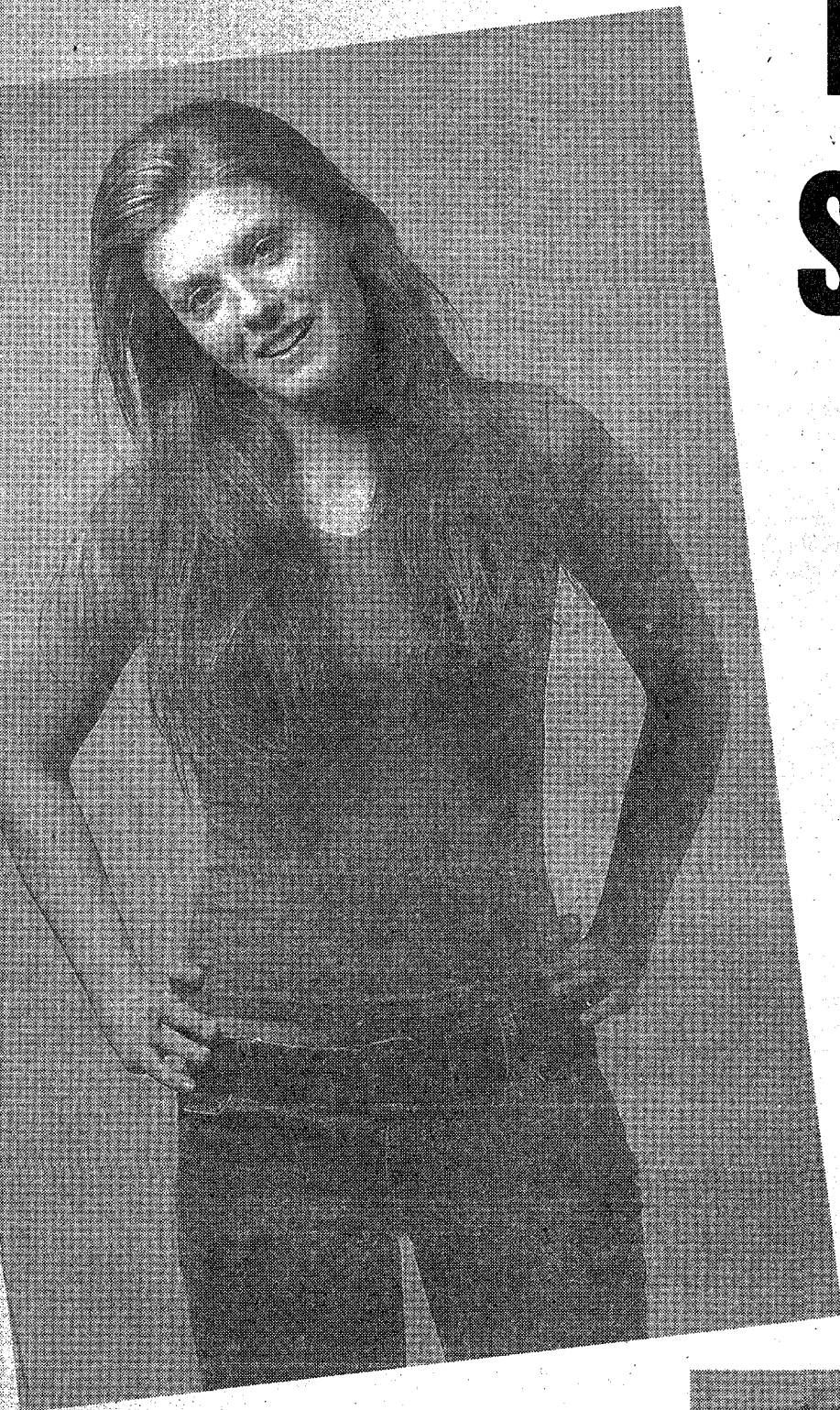
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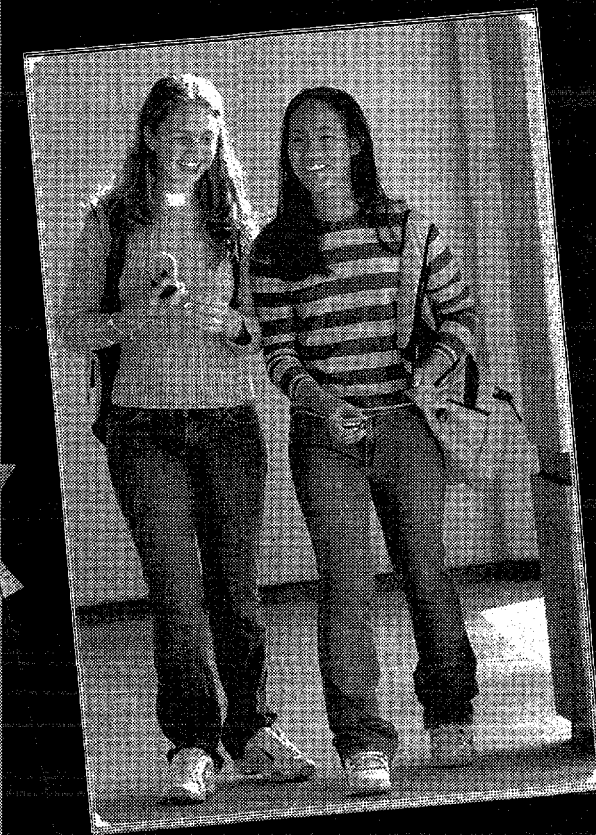


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Easy labor

Author delivers options to lessen childbirth pain

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kathryn J. Alexander suffered through eight hours of labor before receiving an epidural. The spinal injection relieved the agony, allowing her to relax and feel the joy of giving birth to her daughter, Alexandria, 10 years ago.

Alexander wants expectant mothers to know it's possible to take pleasure in the entire experience by researching options beforehand. Her new book, *Easy Labor: Every Woman's Guide to Choosing Less Pain and More Joy During Childbirth*, was written with William Camann, an M.D., to help women formulate a birth plan using medical or non-medical pain-relief techniques, or a combination of both. The lack of reading materials and vagueness of childbirth educators during her first pregnancy were two of the reasons the Farmington High School graduate wrote the book. Camann, director of obstetric anesthesia at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, is internationally recognized as an authority on pain control during childbirth. Alexander, 47, is a former child and family therapist whose articles have been published in national parenting publications and women's health Web sites.

The book covers the pros and cons of pain-relieving medications, the effectiveness and safety of today's epidurals, and the use of complementary and alternative methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, and water immersion to provide relief. Camann culled the latest research on techniques, interpreted the findings and edited the book published by Ballantine, an imprint of The Random House Publishing Group.

Alexander admits that labor is never pain-free, but information contained in the book can help make the birth of a child easier.

"It's one of the most painful experiences they'll endure unless they choose medical intervention," said Alexander, who now lives in Charlotte, N.C. "I don't want to scare women, but studies have compared the pain against other diseases and injuries, and it's second only to amputation of a finger."

In writing the book, Alexander says she counted on women wanting to hear the truth about childbirth. She describes her first labor as starting out with a bang. It was so difficult, she chose a Caesarean section for the birth of her second daughter, Priscilla, five years ago. Alexander says she wishes she knew then about the options she discovered while writing the book over the last four years. If Alexander was planning to have another child, she would be more vocal and enlist the support of doula, a birth



Kathryn J. Alexander

assistant trained and certified in labor support and childbirth, because she says "most partners are clueless and overwhelmed" by the experience.

"Whether they choose epidural, hypnosis, it's OK for them to say they don't want to be in pain," said Alexander, "whatever course they want to take. I want them to be aware that there is more than one right way and to find a caregiver (obstetrician, midwife or doula) who'll support you in your decision."

"With the use of hypnosis, I was intrigued by the fact that a lot of women who were afraid of needles and epidurals and opposed to any kind of medication, committed to taking a self-hypnosis course for childbirth. One woman told me she had an entirely pain-free delivery, an intense state of relaxation, knew what was going on, didn't even have discomfort. That's very surprising."

Dr. Ann Rehm cautions women to discuss pain-relieving options with their physician. Rehm, an obstetrician and gynecologist, delivers between 140 and 200 babies a year at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. In the book, she tells of one mother with a birth plan that called for minimal medical intervention. As a result, the woman had a difficult delivery and the baby complications.

"I now try to talk to patients when they give me a birth plan that's so black and white," said Rehm, an M.D. who lives in Bloomfield Hills and shares an office with Dr. Joseph A. Beals in Birmingham.

"The book allows women planning to have or expecting a baby to realize that there are two sides to every coin. Everything is not a cookbook. The majority of my patients will get epidurals, if not some sort of pain medicine through the IV or injection. Some women are still very hesitant to have something injected into their back, but it's a very rare event when women arrive and the baby arrives in 10 minutes."

Rehm had epidurals for the vaginal births of daughters, Alana, now 11, and Sarah, 8, when she was 31.

"I would tell women to be flexible. Research is good. Attend classes. Talk to their mother or sisters for advice about pregnancy and labor itself," Rehm said. "I didn't have a sister. My mom was in Florida. I talked to some of the nurses at the hospital. With my first child, I didn't even know I was in labor when my husband

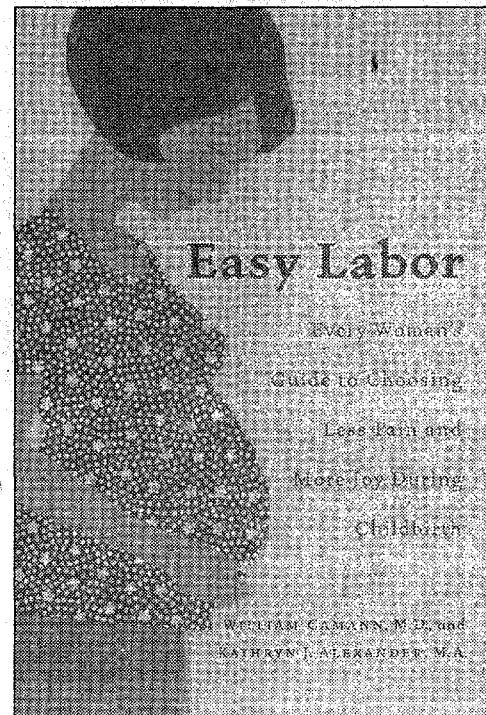
took me to dinner in Birmingham.

"Pregnant women should definitely get prenatal care, and women considering having a baby in the future should bring it up with their doctor ahead of time. This gives them time to research familial illnesses or medications that they take. We should all be taking a multi-vitamin and folic acid, which reduces the chances of having a baby with spina bifida."

"I really think women should deliver in a hospital. We live in a developed country and they should take advantage of the resources we have. Pregnancy and childbirth is seen as a natural event, but sometimes problems can be averted if we use today's medicines."

For more information about the book, visit www.easylabor.net. *Easy Labor: Every Woman's Guide to Choosing Less Pain and More Joy During Childbirth* is available at Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores.

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'Easy Labor' was recently chosen as the Editor's Pick by three national publications: *FitPregnancy*, *ePregnancy*, and *Pregnancy Magazine*. Co-author Kathryn J. Alexander is a former Farmington Hills resident who graduated from Michigan State University.

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Karmanos program promotes wellness for everyone

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kristine Frias strongly believes in the benefits of using complementary and alternative therapies whether to stay healthy or battle illness. The Karmanos Cancer Institute music therapist is encouraging everyone to take an active role in their health by attending the Experience Wellness program 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive. Frias came up with the idea for the event promoting the use of complimentary therapies for cancer patients as well as the general public.

Registration is \$15 for current Karmanos patients, \$25 for general public, and \$50 for VIP seating. For more information or to register, call Carol Kudron at (313) 576-9281. Deadline to register is Sept. 14.

"We're hoping to make it an annual event," said Frias, program administrator of complementary therapies including music, massage, art and pet therapies; Reiki; healing touch, and yoga at Karmanos in Detroit. "I wanted to promote wellness for anyone, not just cancer patients. I'm especially excited about two Karmanos research presentations in layman's terms during lunch."

Q. Ping Dou, Ph.D., leader of the Karmanos prevention program talks about green tea and cancer prevention and "how tea polyphenols deter cancer cell growth through a unique mechanism." Dou's been studying green tea and cancer prevention for about seven years. Dou says there is a correlation between how much you consume and the decrease of cancer risk. Some enzymes can modify green tea and some people can be less responsive.

Pratima Nangia-Makker, a

Ph.D. in the tumor progression and the metastasis department, Karmanos Cancer Institute, talks about the effects of citrus pectin and holy basil on cancer cells.

The keynote speaker is Peter Nielsen, an Observer & Eccentric columnist and health and fitness expert for WDIV-NBC 4 and WWJ News Radio 950.

"We wanted to have Peter because he inspires people to take a more active role in their health through complementary therapies, encourages people to take a walk rather than lie on the couch, to choose a piece of fruit instead of a candy bar," said Frias, a Birmingham resident. "After lunch people can experience and observe several complementaries including massage, craniosacral therapy, a technique that helps people with pain issues from migraines to sinus problems."

A silent auction offers 17 items ranging from a gift basket from Whole Foods to a television appearance with Peter Nielsen, a personal healthy cooking chef's services, an all-organic tea gift basket, a one-hour session at the Center for Complimentary Healing in Troy, and a haircut and make-up application at Bashar Salon in Birmingham.

"It's primarily an educational awareness event," said Frias. "It's called Experience Wellness because it's a dimension of health that's beyond disease. You can use music, art, yoga to maintain a sense of wellness. It's not necessarily a cure, but despite a diagnosis of cancer or any disease it could help patients cope with symptoms. One patient after taking a yoga class didn't have to take her pain medication for the first time in two years."

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Fat in gut is serious concern



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Randy from Detroit e-mails asking for help settling a bet. His cousin says that gut fat is more dangerous than fat stored elsewhere in the body. Randy says that fat is fat and where it is makes no difference.

Randy, score this one for your cousin! Fat stored in the gut is indeed much more dangerous than fat stored on the backside or other body location. Abdominal fat deposits are linked to high cholesterol, high blood pressure, blood clotting problems, as well as other serious conditions.

Scientists usually estimate gut fat by measuring waist circumference or hip to waist ratio. This method is effective but can't show the amount of fat stored in the abdominal cavity. Bio-electrical impedance or BIA is a simple way to measure body fat and muscle mass. It involves sending an electrical impulse that shoots through the body. It is now being used to measure abdominal fat and is viewed as a medical

development that actually could be a life-saver!

Dale from Westland e-mails that prunes are a regular part of his diet and wants to find out if they really are healthy.

Dale, hold on to your seat because prunes are about to disappear from stores forever! Relax though, they're just getting a name change. Plum growers recently won the right to change the name of their products from prunes to dried plums. It's all about image and they feel the name "prune" conjures an unattractive image. The name change, however, won't change the health benefits. Here are just a few: Just 6 dried plums have 3-1/2 grams of fiber plus calcium, magnesium, potassium, and Vitamin C! In addition, dried plums help lower blood cholesterol, probably because of the soluble fiber. They're also a great source of anti-oxidants (even more so than berries or oranges). And finally, the best thing is they're known as a natural laxative.

So for all the added health benefits, enjoy dried plums whenever you can. Try them in foods like cereal and yogurt for a great treat! If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Tai chi classes

Begin the week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a non-profit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

CHADD meeting

Child and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Sept. 11, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Two meetings in separate rooms address parent and adult concerns. Parent meeting features Fran Parker, PhD, psychologist in Private Practice and Coordinator of EOC CHADD, presenting on Parent-to-Parent: Tips for raising AD/HD kids through the lifespan. It is an introduction to the National CHADD program to empower parents. Wilma Fellman, MEd., LPC, a Career Counselor in Private Practice and renown author speaks on Making your Career Work Better with AD/HD. Sign in is at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. All meetings free to CHADD members, \$5 donation for non-member families. Call (248) 988-6716.

Benefit performance

The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free for a performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas

performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets \$50, \$110 for a special pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyne will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, at Women's Resource Center Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Chronic care workshops

Workshop series on managing chronic care. Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions is based on the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program which was developed and tested by Stanford University. The workshop is not disease-specific and is designed to help participants build confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives, and deal with frustration, fatigue, depression and pain. Cost is \$30. There is an optional text book available for additional charge. Workshops begin Sept. 13, every Wednesday for six weeks, at Older Persons Commission, 650 Leticia Drive, Rochester (248) 656-1403, and Sept. 14 every Thursday for six weeks, at Macomb Senior Center, 19925 23 Mile, (586) 992-2900. Call (248) 475-5711 or visit www.miteam.org.

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Eventually, no therapy will give you the mobility you need. When the physician informs you he can do no more, that all that could be done is done, accept his assessment. Now it is your turn to hear out what the orthopedist says on knee replacement surgery.

To illustrate what should be done, let me use the example of fibromyalgia. To supplement the diagnosis your doctor needs to undertake only a small number of laboratory tests such as complete blood count and a sedimentation rate, and possibly x-rays where pain is intense such as a hip or shoulder; visits to many specialists or MRI imaging is not in order. If fibromyalgia is your diagnosis accept it. You waste time, money and emotional capital seeking opinions from more specialists, or worrying that your doctor is not doing enough testing. You serve your best interests by concentrating on what you can do to control the fibromyalgia rather than seeking an alternative cause.

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FIND ME
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45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. ☎962317

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SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

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Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. ☎959193

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TAKE ME GOLFING
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SHALL WE DANCE?
I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

NATURAL BBW
SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

A GOOD FRIEND
SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. ☎969547

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, race open, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART
Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-48, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SEARCHING FOR YOU
SBCM, 43, seeks educated woman, 25-44, N/S, slim to medium build, who has a great personality, and loves the lord. ☎121167

WHAT HAVE U GOT 2 LOSE
SM, 47, on disability, honest, good-hearted, homebody type, loves movies, quiet times, togetherness. Seeking romantic, open-minded, non-judgmental, caring understanding lady for friendship, fun, LTR? ☎124127

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, N/S, enjoys conversations, college football and new activities. Seeking a down-to-earth SF. Age/area open. ☎982364

SHARE GOOD TIMES
SBM, 27, 6', 162lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

DATING FOR A BIT
SBM, 44, 5'6", 162lbs, clean-cut, brown/brown, Taurus, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, likes bowling, concerts, movies, fishing, seeks WF, 39-59, feminine, well-dressed, happy, similar interests, companionship. ☎117697

FRIENDLY BLACK MAN
SBM, 46, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, sociable, likes cooking, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-60, friendship, hopefully more. ☎114530

THE REAL DEAL
SWM, 41, 6'2", 165lbs, brown/blue, likes movies, long walks, romantic dinners, seeks WF, 18-41, for possible LTR. ☎119789

SEARCHING...
SBM, 41, 5'10", 195lbs, medium build, marriage-minded, likes church, family time, seeks SWF, 28-45, for possible LTR. ☎120475

HOPE YOU'RE MY LADY
SBM, 40s, N/S, loves plays, movies, travel, jazz, comedy clubs. Seeking sincere, loving, genuine woman, with open heart and mind, who enjoys a finer lifestyle. Age/race open. ☎124024

HELLO OUT THERE
Loving, sincere man, 58, 5'4", 146lbs, likes camping, movies, dining, bowling, more. Looking for a sweet, easygoing, fun-loving woman, 22-39, with like interests to share friendship, maybe more. ☎118656

WHAT'S UP LADIES
SBM, 22, 6'4", 215lbs, brown complexion, athletic, looking for a good-looking, cool, sweet lady to kick it with, talks to. ☎120954

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWM, 40, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys movies, dining out, simple times. Looking for a nice woman, with children ok, to share friendship and/or relationship. Race open. ☎117687

SEEKS DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBM, 37, 6'1", 265lbs, Gemini, smoker, fun-loving, outgoing, hard-working, likes clubbing, movies, seeks BF, 27-41, honest, down-to-earth, for friendship, possible romance. ☎115848

JOIN ME?
Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎982461

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

THAT'S ALL
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED
SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5'8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

CALL ME AND SEE
DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling, family/friends, more. Looking for SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎950678

HELLO LADIES
SWM, 23, 5'10", 150lbs, brown/brown, looking for a fun, easygoing, sweet lady under 150lbs, to share talks, dates, friendship and then who knows? ☎117399

SECURE
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

HOLLA AT ME
SBM, 26, 5'9", average build, Virgo, smoker, outgoing, adventurous, seeks BF, 35-45, smoker, laid back, open-minded, for LTR. ☎114532

GIVE ME A CALL
SBM, 24, 6'2", chocolate skin, hazel eyes, 180lbs, HWP, likes good conversation, seeks cool, laid-back, down to earth, honest female, 24-30, for friendship, and more. ☎120224

GET AT ME
SBM, 20, 5'8", 150lbs, dark complexion, athletic build, well-groomed, seeks woman, 18-28, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎120392

SHARE GOOD TIMES
SBM, 32, 5'7", 165lbs, average build, brown/brown, seeks mature, respectful, independent BF, 18+, for friendship, and more. ☎120737

THE BASICS
SWM, 66, 5'9", slim build, youthful, 160lbs, seeks WF, 40-61, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116789

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 46, 160lbs, 5'11", brown/hazel, adventurous, down to earth, smoker, likes Harley's, movies, seeks WF, 40-47, for friendship, and more. ☎114545

SIMPLE REQUEST
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

ECONOMICALLY VIABLE
SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WFF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. ☎984220

TURNER SEEKS FONDA
Brush, outspoken, attractive, educated, trim, salt and pepper businessman, 54, NW suburbs, seeks liberal lady, whose interests include art, architecture, classical, jazz, good conversation, 46-56. ☎970990

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, WFO, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 48-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎312726

NICE GUY
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

LET'S TALK
SBM, 58, 5'10", medium brown complexion, brown eyes, mustache, medium build, 190lbs, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, dining, cooking, travel. Seeking A loving lady for friendship and more. ☎952241

POSITIVE PERSONALITY
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks WH/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

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Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confident, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

SHALL WE DANCE?
I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

NATURAL BBW
SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

A GOOD FRIEND
SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. ☎969547

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

POSSIBLE LTR
SWFF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

GREAT CATCH
Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎119193

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

someone SPECIAL
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

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AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk
Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K non-competitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30, at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Hospice series
Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many. Heartland Hospice is offering a six-week series, "Loss of a Spouse," 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor, 3840 Packard, and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 973-1145 or toll-free (888) 975-1145.

Genealogical meeting
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 18, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. At 6:30 p.m., there will be the video "Finding a Maiden Name" and, at 7:30 p.m., the program will be "Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities," with Ceil Jensen as the keynote speaker. Further information can be found on the society's Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwegs/ or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050. Meeting, class and program are free of charge and open to the public. Guests are welcome.

Radio control airshow
The Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club sponsors a Radio Control Airshow 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16-17 at the group's airfield at Geddes and Ridge in Ypsilanti. The show is AMA-sanctioned and will follow IMMA guidelines. Planes to be flown and shown are "giant scale," meaning the model must be at least a quarter-size the real aircraft. Admission being requested is \$5 per vehicle. For more

information, call Jim Repp, (248) 941-8731.

Baby Walk
The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17, at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival
Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festivals by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

Bariatric seminar
St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free

educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

Flea market
The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Art/craft festival
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyomalley@aol.com

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no

cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on

child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft

Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

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

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

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

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 06-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING ARTICLE IV SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS

Section 1. The City of Plymouth Ordains:
Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2. Modify Section 78-221 Definitions
Attic finished:

Means the area between the roof and framing and the ceiling of the rooms below which has been made occupiable through the use of permanent stairs, electricity and finished walls. No finished attics may exceed 1/3 of the floor area of the story below. (Section 78-21)

Section 3. Modifying Article IV R-1 Single Family Residential Districts Section 78-43 Single Family Dwelling Unit Standards

No residential structure, mobile home, manufactured home, modular home or prefabricated home shall be built unless the dwelling unit has been reviewed by the building official subject to the following conditions:

- Dwelling units shall conform to all applicable city codes and ordinances and state and federal requirements with respect to the construction of the dwelling.
- Dwelling units shall be permanently attached to a perimeter foundation. In instances where the applicant elects to the set the dwelling on piers or other acceptable foundations which are not at the perimeter of the dwelling, then a perimeter wall shall be constructed. Any such perimeter wall shall also be constructed of durable materials and shall also meet all local requirements with respect to materials, construction, and necessary foundations below the frost-line. Any such wall shall also provide an appearance which is compatible with the dwelling and other homes in the area.
- Dwelling units shall be provided with exterior finish materials similar to the dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- Dwelling units shall be provided with roof designs and roofing materials similar to the dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- Dwelling units shall be provided with an exterior building wall configuration which represents and average width to depth or depth to width ratio which does not exceed three to one, or is in reasonable conformity with the configuration of dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- The dwelling shall contain storage capability in a basement located under the dwelling, in an attic area, in closet areas, or in a separate structure of standard construction similar to or of better quality than the principal dwelling, which storage area shall be equal to ten percent of the square footage of the dwelling or 100 square feet, whichever is less.
- The building official may request a review by the Planning Commission of any dwelling unit with respect to subsection (3), (4), and (5) of this section. The building official of Planning Commission shall not seek to discourage architectural variation, but shall seek to promote the reasonable compatibility of the character of dwelling units, thereby protecting the economic welfare and property value of surrounding residential uses and the city at large. In reviewing any such proposed dwelling unit, the building official may require the applicant to furnish such plans, elevations, and similar documentation as is deemed necessary to permit a complete review and evaluation of the proposal. When comparing the proposed dwelling unit to similar types of dwelling areas, consideration shall be given to comparable types of homes within 300 feet. If the area within 300 feet does not contain any such homes, then the nearest 25 similar type dwellings shall be considered.
- The total width of a garage attached to a single family dwelling, shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the width of the entire front facade for the residential dwelling.
- Attached garages shall not protrude more than six (6) feet in front of the front facade or covered porch of the living area for the residential dwelling.

Section 4. Rights and Duties.
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. Validity.
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. Ordinances Repealed.
All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: August 21, 2006
Enacted: September 5, 2006
Effective: September 11, 2006

DAN DWYER
MAYOR
LINDA LANGMESSER
CITY CLERK

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, September 18th 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

MICHELLE COWAN	C62	20x10	Household Goods
DANIEL LATOWSKI	E181	10x10	Moose head, Antlers, Marlin Fish, Golf clubs, Snow blower, Etc.

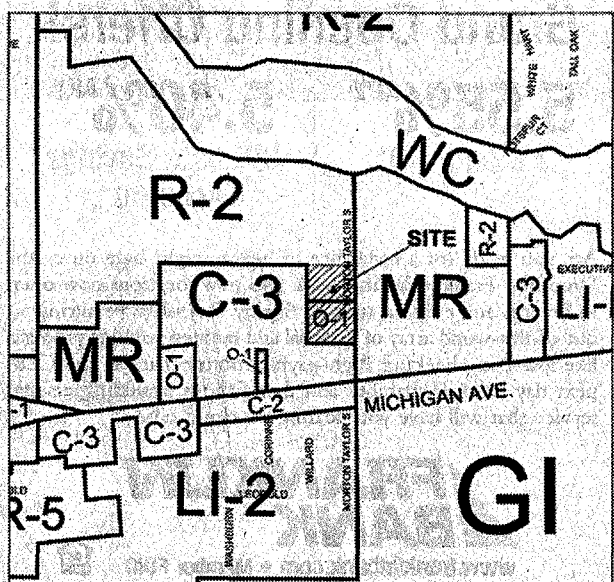
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 110 of 2006, 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, September 25, 2006 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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

M.A.L.A.C. LLC REZONING NO. 1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 133 99 001 133 99 0001, AND 002 133 99 0001 003 FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL AND PARCEL NOS. 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR) AND 133 99 0002 000 (3700 MORTON TAYLOR) FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located west of Morton Taylor Road and north of Michigan Avenue.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 21, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



M.A.L.A.C. LLC Rezoning No. 1 133-RZ-102



Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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
(734) 394-5260

Advertisement for Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project:

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE FOR DDA STREETS/SCAPE

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on September 21, 2006 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Maintenance on forty-eight (48) decorative street lights and four (4) illuminated street name signs. Supplies include as-needed repairs and replacement of poles, luminaries and lamps.

General Description of Project Area: The decorative street lights are located along Ann Arbor Road from Eckles Road to Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township. The illuminated street name signs are located at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any bid if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUIREMENTS

- The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work.
- Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
- The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the DDA.
- The term of the Contract is one year and may be renewed by written agreement of both parties at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date.
- The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Mr. Thomas R. Hollis, DPW Manager
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 N. Haggerty
Plymouth, MI 48170-4673
Ph: (734) 354-3270 Ext. 3

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ms. Marilyn Massengill
Plymouth Township Clerk
9955 N. Haggerty
Plymouth, MI 48170-4673

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Belleville High School
All-Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chair, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or e-mail jppope14.tampabay.rr.com.

Birmingham High School
Class of 1956
Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko, (248) 644-8797 or barbaradrisko@hotmail.com.

Bishop Borgess High School
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion will be held

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. For more information, e-mail borgess87@hotmail.com.

Cass Tech High School
Class of 1955-57
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield. Contact Rich Baylerian, (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfranek, (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead, (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

Clarenceville High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information, call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

Cherry Hill High School
Class of 1986
A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown) Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734)466-9939.

Clawson High School
Class of 1973
6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$75, contact Linda (Morrill) Hale, (248) 761-5550, or Dave Lake, (248) 684-4200.

Clintondale High School
Class of 1986
A 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14. For information, e-mail clintondale1986@yahoo.com.

Denby High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey
Class of 1956
Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at Swaulor@aol.com; or Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 or Harry Wierwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Detroit Cooley
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or e-mail: jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Eastern
Annual All-Class Reunion
The Annual All Class Reunion of Detroit Eastern High School will be held 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with an open bar and sit-down dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person, with pre-paid ticket pickup at the door. Advance reservations only before Sept. 24. Contact Bob Butler, (313) 824-7230; Terry DesRivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562; or e-mail: EHSReunion2006@aol.com.

Detroit Mackenzie
Classes Jan., June and Summer 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.

Detroit Northwestern
Classes of 1950-51
Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Holiday Inn West, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Contact Marlene (Olson) Hanna, hamharold@aol.com.

Detroit St. Andrew
Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion planned for Sept. 23. Call Sue Czut at (734) 425-4126.

Detroit Western
Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranton at jscranton@yahoo.com

Detroit Southwestern
Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Detroit Southeastern High School
Class of 1946
A 60-year reunion 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Vintage House in Fraser. For more information, call Jeanne Eversham at (586) 778-1913 or Fran Durham at (248) 344-4613 or frn.md@aol.com.

Epiphany Grade School
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Farmington High School
Class of 1976
30-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Livonia West. Alumni can update their address at (734) 261-3264, celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Fordson High School
Class of 1969
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Garden City High School
Class of 1967
Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact

GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Garden City East
Class of 1976
Oct. 21 at Roma's of Garden City, contact Linda Fischer at (734) 591-9103 or sunniedai@twml.rr.com for more information.

Garden City West
Class of 1981
Garden City West Class of 1981 A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please e-mail: gwestclas-sof1981@yahoo.com.

Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylor-reunions.com.

Livonia Bentley
Class of 1966
The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com.

Livonia Stevenson
Class of 1986
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their address by calling (734) 261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Class of 1976
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now.

Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" - mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information, e-mail dlindenm@hotmail.com.

Oxford High School
Class of 1996
A 10-year reunion committee is searching for class members. Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 30 at Oxford Hills Golf Club, 300 E. Draher in Oxford. For more information, including links to classmates, go to www.myspace.com/ohs96reunion.

Plymouth High School
Class of 1944
A 62nd reunion 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Main Street in Plymouth. For more information or to make reservations, call Marian Owens, (734) 453-2609

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Class of 1986
Twenty-year class reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Italian American Club, Livonia. \$65 per person; \$115 couple, dinner, open bar, DJ, band, dancing. Contact canton-salem@yahoo.com.

Class of 1996
Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

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A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., food-entertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

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So you're looking for a job? Don't forget that your public library has extensive resources to help job seekers.

A request at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, turned up these titles from the Job Search collection and as e-books. Library staffers note that these titles are available at other area libraries as well. The Plymouth library also provides links to job hunting resources online on its Web site at <http://plymouthlibrary.org/job.htm>.

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- *Amazing Resumes: What Employers Want To See - And How To Say It* by Jim Bright, 2006
- *America's Top Resumes: For America's Top Jobs* by J. Michael Farr, 2002
- *eResumes: Everything You Need To Know About Using Electronic Resumes To Tap Into Today's Job Market* by Susan Whitcomb, 2002
- *Resumes for Dummies* by Joyce Lain Kennedy, 2003
- *Resumes That Get Jobs* by Ray Potter, 2002
- *Winning Resumes* by Robin Ryan, 2003

COVER LETTERS

- *Cover Letter Magic* by Wendy Enelow, 2004
- *The Guide To Basic Cover Letter Writing*, 2nd edition by the Public Library Association and the editors of VGM Career Books, 2004
- *175 High-Impact Cover Letters*, 3rd ed. by Richard Beatty, 2002
- *Winning Cover Letters*, 2nd ed. by Robin Ryan, 2003

INTERVIEWING AND WAGE NEGOTIATION

- *Get Paid What You're Worth: The Expert Negotiator's Guide To Salary and Compensation* by Roblin L. Pinkley and Gregory Northcraft, 2000
- *Keywords To Nail Your Job Interview* by Wendy S. Enelow, 2004
- *Mastering The Job Interview and Winning The Money Game* by Kate Wendleton, 2006
- *Salary Negotiation Tips for Professionals* by Ronald Krannich, 2005
- *Winning the Interview Game* by Alan Nierenberg, 2005

JOB SEEKERS' GUIDES

- *Career Comeback: 8 Steps To Getting Back On Your Feet When You're Fired, Laid Off, or Your Business Venture Has Failed*

by Bradley Richardson, 2004

- *Getting the Job You Really Want: A Step-By-Step Guide To Finding a Good Job in Less Time*, 4th ed. by Michael J. Farr, 2002
- *The Job Hunting Guide: Transitioning from College to Career* by Ronald Krannich, 2003
- *No One Will Hire Me! Avoid 15 Mistakes and Win the Job* by Ronald Krannich, 2002
- *Over-40 Job Search Guide* by Gail Geary, 2005
- *The Savvy Networker: Building Your Job Net for Success* by Ronald Krannich, 2001
- *Shortcut Your Job Search: The Best Way To Get Meetings* by Kate Wendleton, 2006

CAREER INFORMATION

- *America's Top Jobs* series (includes *America's Top Jobs for College Graduates*, *America's Top Jobs for People Without a Four-Year College Degree*)
- *Jobs Rated Almanac: The Best and Worst Jobs* by Les Krantz, 2002
- *Occupational Outlook Handbook* by U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2006-07 ed.
- *Top 300 Careers* by JIST Publishing, 2006



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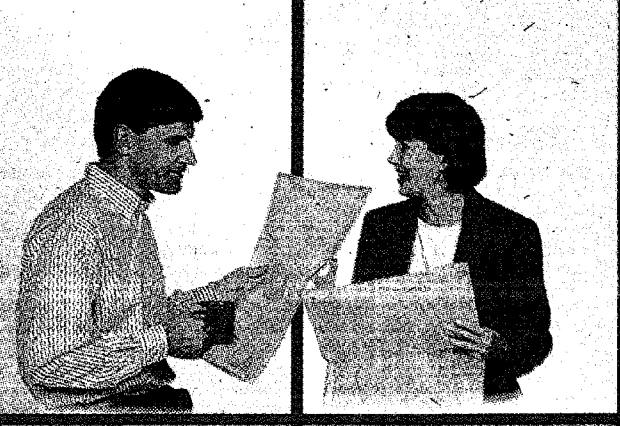
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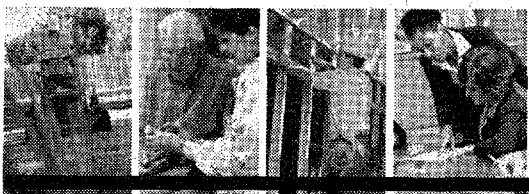
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LABORER
Local power washing company expanding. Looking for laborer with potential to become crew manager. \$10 p/hr to start. Fax resume w/references to 248-474-4255

Landscape & Lawn Maintenance Company
is now hiring All Positions. Full & Part Time Available. Please call: (734) 718-9778

LANDSCAPING POSITION
Part time, Temporary. Requires 1+ yrs. of brick exp. Blackstone Landscaping Inc. 248-939-3659

Lawn service/Landscaping
Canton Co. looking for laborers & Foreman. FT or PT. Must have clean driving record & valid D.L. Pay depends on exp. 734-891-8994

LEASING CONSULTANT NEEDED
For Northville property weeks required. Fax resume to: 248-335-0579

LITIGATION SUPPORT PARALEGAL
Small Birmingham defense firm seeks litigation support paralegal with 0-3 yrs experience. Duties to include obtaining, reviewing and summarizing discovery; research; brief writing; and assisting attorneys in all phases of trial preparation. Please provide resume, writing sample and references to Barone Defense Firm, c/o Brian Corby at phone 248-594-4554 fax 248-594-4549 email: bcorby77@yahoo.com

MAINTENANCE SERVICE TECHNICIAN ASSISTANT FULL TIME
FOURMIDABLE, a premier property management company, is seeking a full time maintenance person for a condominium community located in Dearborn, Michigan. Applicants must be mechanically inclined, able to climb a ladder, self motivated, dependable, and able to lift 50 lbs. Must be available for overtime/on call and be available for snow removal in the winter. Please fax/send a resume with salary requirements to 313-562-2533. Normandy, 24320 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48124 or contact 313-562-4024. EOE

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR NEEDED
For Northville property. Strong HVAC skills req. Fax Resume to 248-349-1848

MAINTENANCE
Beautiful Autumnwood of Livonia, recently renovated is seeking an individual to be Maintenance Assistant. Must be knowledgeable in general plumbing, electrical & building maintenance. We are also seeking an individual to fill a Floor Care Tech position. Must be knowledgeable in stripping, waxing & buffing. Please fax resume or apply in person to: 14900 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154 Phone-734-425-4200, Fax-734-425-4200 or Email middlebelt_payroll@clenafacilities.com

Maintenance
Edward Rose & Sons seeks to fill full-time maintenance positions in Metro Detroit area. Positions require proficiency in the following: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, appliance repair, and HVAC certified. Pay commensurate with experience. Mail to PO Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154, email resumes to sitejobs@edwardrose.com or fax resume to: 248-539-2135

MAINTENANCE
Part-time maintenance position available in Southfield. Duties include general maintenance as well as shipping & receiving support. Must be motivated and willing to learn. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License and strong driving record. Hi-Lo license a plus. Applicants may apply in person or send resume to: Maxtrol Company Attn: Human Resources 23555 Telegraph Rd. Southfield, MI 48034 Email: hr@maxtrol.com

MAINTENANCE WORKER
Maintenance Worker requires 3-years of maintenance exp. Must be able to perform basic carpentry, electrical, plumbing and millwork repairs. Some events set-up, materials delivery, custodial tasks and outdoor work also required. High School or GED required.

CRAFTSMAN
Craftsman requires minimum 8 years trade experience and/or skills trade certification/licensure. Must be capable of performing major and minor repairs including and not limited to carpentry, electrical, plumbing, millwork and masonry work. Must have ability to identify and solve problems in an effective and timely manner. High School diploma or GED required.

PRINT SHOP
Part time mornings. Experience very helpful but not necessary. Call 734-793-0100

PRODUCT ENGINEER
Experienced. Resume needed. Apply with resume & salary req. to: Flamm Technologies, LLC, 1550 Leason Ave., Cadillac, MI 49601

UPHOLSTERY WORKROOM
Looking for Seamstress & Upholster. Full/Part-Time. Contact Gina: (248) 890-6647

TRUCK DRIVERS
CDL-A with experience for Plymouth Co. Mon-Fri. Days. Benefits. Local deliveries. 517-223-7339

TITAN ROOFING SIDING
Res. specialist. Lic./Ins. No subcontracting. (313) 574-7277 or (248) 974-7028

TOWING DISPATCHER
Basic computer knowledge, customer service oriented, able to multi-task. Dependable afternoons / weekends. Northville. Call 248-349-2550

RECOVERY AGENT
Finding & repossessing assets and transporting them to our holding lot. We provide repo truck & fuel. Commission based. Can earn between \$65-\$75 per repo. Average earnings 30k-50k p/year. Fax resume to 248-478-2638

WAREHOUSE HELP & DRIVER
Rentacrate, the nation's leader in the rental of moving equipment has 2 open positions. One in our warehouse & one for a driver. We offer competitive salary and benefits along with a great work environment. Please call 734-432-6994 or apply in person to 13119 Waco Court Livonia, MI

WAREHOUSE PART TIME
Livonia based distribution co. has full-time warehouse positions available. Need to be able to lift up to 30 lbs. repetitively. Starting wage of \$9/hr. Position offers full medical, dental, optical after 90 days. Please send resume to ekulowski@krclogistics.com or apply in person 31750 Enterprise Dr, Livonia, MI (off Plymouth, between Farmington and Merriman).

WAREHOUSE PART TIME
Immediate openings for blue jean job in our clean, modern distribution center. Permanent positions in order selecting for women or men in good physical condition. Lifting required. Must be able to work Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am -5pm. Must pass physical and drug screen. Up to \$10 hour for qualified individuals. Fax resume or letter of interest with background info to: 248-374-6065 or e-mail: warehousejob@comcast.net

WINDOW INSTALLERS
Needed to work on crews. Year round work. Exp. only. Leave message 586-623-8193

YOUTH DIRECTOR
Part time. www.stmatthewsvivonia.com

CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM
To earn industry-standard IT certifications. Program includes job placement assistance. Classes begin Oct. 16th. 1-866-307-1436

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Part-time. Strong computer skills necessary. Send resume with cover letter to: Box 1412, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (PART-TIME)
For Farmington Hills tech school's Publishing Services Dept. Must be highly organized, have exc. oral/written communication skills and be proficient in MS Office. Editorial or journalism exp. a plus. Mon-Fri., 20-30 hrs./week. Send resume: barb.cheney@concrete.org or FAX 248.848.3771.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Medical supply company seeking an enthusiastic person to complement our stellar office staff. Experience in medical field a plus. Candidate should be self directed, flexible team player, with ability to learn computer programs quickly. Ideal candidate will possess a Associates or Bachelor's Degree, or be in active pursuit of a degree. Please forward resume with salary requirement to: jflewelling@amms.net

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
In desirable downtown Birmingham. Must have computer experience and good communication skills. Call Tammy at 248-646-3353 or fax resume to 248-646-3828

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
To work in Garden City neighborhood. This will be a fulltime position with no benefits. Call 734-425-9200 for further info

AN OUTSTANDING PERSON NEEDED!
We need a mature, reliable, helpful, friendly, professional, positive person to help us with our busy insurance office in Plymouth. We will provide all training & a professional workplace. Work hrs. for this position are: Mon-Fri. 1-5p. Permanent position with growth potential. \$10 p/hr Call: (248) 596-1552 to /w/ btwn 8-6p M-F only

ASSISTANT-PART TIME
To help with office duties. Must be friendly & have good phone etiquette. Call 734-377-1674

BOOKKEEPER- PART TIME
Knowledge of QuickBooks. 734-354-9591

CLERICAL
FT for office in Royal Oak. Computer skills a +. Fax resume to Tim: 248-545-9210

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST
Local real estate company looking for receptionist/executive assistant. Duties include executive assistant role, receptionist duties, strong word processing skills req. Generous salary & benefits. Must be dedicated and career oriented. Please respond in confidence to: Human Resource Manager, P.O. Box 1709 Royal Oak MI 48068

FRONT DESK
Duties include cashier, assisting, receptionist as well as hosting manager, maintaining scheduling, traffic flow of clients & record keeping. Part time even & Sat. Canton Salon 734-718-7663.

GENERAL OFFICE
Dental Supply Co. is looking for an individual who is personable, able at office functions, organized & have computer skills. Approximately 3 days/wk. Ask for Linda or Mel: 734-293-7500

LEGAL SECRETARY
With litigation exp. for Troy law firm. Collection, domestic and bankruptcy exp. helpful. Competitive salary and benefit package. Submit resume to: Office Administrator, P.O. Box 7037, Troy, MI 48007-7037.

GENERAL OFFICE
Livonia co. seeks an organized dependable person for various office responsibilities. Phone contact with customers, strong computer skills including Microsoft, Word & Excel. You must be detail oriented. We offer a stable, pleasant environment and good pay: 25 - 30 hrs., flexible, Tues, thru Fri. Fax resume to 734-427-8370 or Email: jim@totalvend.com

LEGAL SECRETARY PART TIME
Livonia law office. Flexible hrs. Fax resume 734-462-3657 or call Frank 734-432-0961 email: Juristj@aol.com

OFFICE CLERK
Entry level. Must be detail oriented & able to multi-task. Duties include processing paper-work, communication w/customers, AP & AR. Must be able to pass drug screen. Benefits include medical, dental & 401K. Please fax resume to: 248-363-7096 or mail to: Cabling Concepts, 4305 Pineview Dr., Suite 200, Walled Lake, MI 48390

OFFICE MANAGER
Experienced. Needed for growing office. Wide range of duties. Must be Excel & Word proficient. Accounting exp. preferred. Good customer service skills. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 222, Novi, MI 48376-0222. EOE

RECEPTIONIST
32 hrs/wk for financial services firm, phones, clerical & client contact duties. Word & Excel. Resume, salary requirements: LPL, 31700 Middlebelt Rd. #145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or fax: (248) 626-2003

RECEPTIONIST
Medical practice in Livonia seeking friendly, detail-oriented person for full time position. Apply in person only, 8:30-11:30am, 2:00-4:00pm, 29927 Six Mile Road

RECEPTIONIST
Part time, 4-7pm, Monday-Friday. Alternating Saturdays, 7:30-11:30AM. Position in Plymouth. Please fax resume: 734-416-3903.

RECEPTIONIST
Part-Time. No exp necessary for a Livonia dental office. Call: (248) 442-8885 or Fax 248-442-7727

RECEPTIONIST
PT for busy OBGYN office in Livonia. Computer knowledge helpful. Duties include making appts., phones & billing. Fax resume to: 734-422-0907

RECEPTIONIST/ADMIN ASSISTANT
Male or Female. Farmington Hills consulting firm seeks a self starter, with great computer and written communication skills. Degree helpful. Fax resume to 248-553-5840 Attn: Erika

RECEPTIONIST/PART TIME
Mon-Fri. Noon to 5pm. Shipping/receiving exp a plus. Farmington Hills. Call 248-324-1800 x123

SECRETARY
Southfield bankruptcy law firm. Wordperfect exp required. Fulltime. 401(K) & medical benefits avail. Please email resume to: cpitts@jlmcc.com

SECRETARY/ OFFICE ASSISTANT
Fast paced Southfield family law firm seeking full time Secretary/Office Assistant. Must have multi-line phone exp., superior people, organizational, computer and writing skills. Salary will commensurate with exp. Please email resume to: familylawattys@yahoo.com

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
Permanent part-time mornings. Mon-Sat. front & back office responsibilities. Willing to train. Must have good clerical skills & a strong work ethic. 27527 Joy Rd., 1/2 block W. of Inkster Rd. (734) 522-5501

CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR
Needed for private medical assistant career school in Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor area. This is a part time, permanent, day position, 9-13 hours per week. Subjects include clinical procedures, theory, and A&P. Paid training. 3 yrs. experience a must. Certificate or degree required. Fax resume to 734-434-8579 or email psadler@grosslearning.com

CLINICAL RESEARCH NURSE
The Research Division at Michigan Head Pain & Neurological Institute in Ann Arbor, is seeking a full-time Clinical Research Nurse. Exciting opportunity for an energetic, self-motivated RN to conduct clinical trials in a progressive, JCAHO accredited specialty center. Responsibilities include subject recruitment, patient assessment, data collection, and interfacing with multi-disciplinary staff and pharmaceutical industry. Previous research experience preferred. Please email resume to: ssszlay@mnhni.com or fax to: Shawn Szalay 734-677-0227

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED
Growing medical supply company located in Livonia needs several customer service representatives. A medical background is a must; it can be medical terminology, insurance background or medical assisting. Any insurance coding knowledge is a plus! Computer experience must be advanced enough to work with several software programs. This is a multi-task position. Please email your resume to: ksiver@landmedical.com or fax to: K. Siver at 248-900-9059 to set up a personal interview.

FILE CLERK
We are currently seeking a full-time File Clerk in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Responsibilities include: filing correspondence and patient records, labeling and indexing files and other related clerical duties. High school diploma and patient confidentiality is a must. Full benefits include paid vacation/holidays, medical, dental, vision, retirement and flexible spending. If you are interested and meet the qualifications, please fax your resume to: Ms. Foster 313-993-4517.

FRONT DESK
Our dental office is in search of a fulltime experienced dental receptionist. Dentrix experience preferred. Great salary & benefits. Mon-Thurs. Reply SouthfieldDDS@aol.com or 248-356-8790

FRONT DESK/ DENTAL ASSISTANT
Progressive, modern dental team looking for someone to manage doctors schedule & make appointments. Dental exp preferred. 248-557-5756 Fax: 248-557-0721

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For perio office. Please fax resume to 248-380-7905

GENERAL DENTISTS & ORAL SURGEONS:
General Dentists & Oral Surgeons or General Dentists with strong OS skills. New local offices. Terry Herr 716-982-7950. See www.alcareadent.com for more info

RECEPTIONIST/ OFFICE MANAGER
F/T, Dental exp. req. Livonia office. 734-674-7728

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Medical office seeks exp. receptionist. Full time with exc. pay & benefits. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Only medical office experience needed. Fax or email resume to: a2derm@aol.com

Aides, Mas, Patient Techs, GNAs
THE MEDICAL TEAM has immediate openings in senior living communities throughout the tri-county area. All shifts, flexible schedules. Special needs: Allen Park, Royal Oak, W. Bloomfield & Pontiac. Fax resume to R. Hughes (734) 779-9799, or email rhughes@medteam.com

CAREGIVER
Assisted living building looking for experienced part/full time Health Caregivers in the Westland & Northville area. Fax 248-735-1010

HOME HEALTH AIDE
For Novi, Northville & Farmington Hills locations. CNA's & nursing students preferred. Trained in lifting, transferring patients & geriatric care. Call 313-562-0442

LASER HAIR REMOVAL TECHNICIAN
Experienced only, pay commensurate with exp. Resume: a2derm@aol.com or fax: 734-996-8767

LPN
Experienced for busy medical practice. Please fax resume to: 734-477-8905

LPN
Wanted for GROUP HOME MANAGER. Prefer experience with elderly. DD adults and/or dementia. Full time with benefits. Must have good driving record. Fax resumes: 248-778-8620

LPN
With geriatric experience required to work at a chain of senior living residences in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties. Email resume to: ahresumes@comcast.net

LPN/RN
Flexible hours. Excellent salary. Benefit package avail. Ypsilanti location. Please email resume to: Administrator@fairfaxmanor.com

LPN/RN
Livonia Assisted Care 8a-12p, 6-7 days/wk for Resident Health Care & Alzheimer's Unit Setup. Excel exp'd. 248-802-8989 email: lpwad@aol.com

MA NEEDED
For Southfield office. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat. Fax resume to 248-358-3425.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Full time position for experienced MA in fast paced family practice. References req. Fax resume to: 248-474-4224

RECEPTIONIST
Internal Medicine practice in Canton's Cherry Hill Village is seeking 2 medical receptionists, one full-time @ 40 hrs/week and one part-time @ 24 hrs/week. Qualified candidates will greet and assist patients, obtain and communicate necessary information to billing staff, schedule appointments and facilitate efficient patient flow. Must have strong customer service background, be team player and have computer experience. Knowledge of medical billing, insurance, and referrals is preferred. Competitive salary and excellent benefits package offered. Please send resume to: Reception Supervisor, 49650 Cherry Hill Road, Ste. 120, Canton, MI 48187 or fax to 734.398.7805.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ ASSISTANT
Part-Time, West Bloomfield area. X-Ray exp., necessary. Please fax: (248) 855-1323

Medical Receptionist/Biller
Exp. Full time. Also part time File Clerk for busy OBGYN office in W. Bloomfield. Exc. benefits & 401(k). Fax resume to: (248) 932-1179

OPTICAL CONTACT LENSE TECHNICIAN
in Farmington Hills optometric practice. Call 248-737-3937 or fax 248-737-2816

LPN/RN's
Newly renovated Autumnwood of Livonia with its expanded sub acute and rehab dept., is seeking full and part-time nurses with LTC experience.

Wages RN - \$25/hr. LPN - \$23/hr.

Please fax resume or apply in person to: Autumnwood of Livonia 14900 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154 Phone 734-425-4200 Fax 734-425-4327, Email: middlebelt_payroll@clenafacilities.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANT or RN
Part-Time to work for suburban pediatric practice. Experience, reliability & team attitude needed. Fax resume: (248) 788-2346

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Part time. Clinical Experience preferred. Livonia Office. Fax resume Attn: Mary: 248-474-5714

MEDICAL BILLER
Farmington Hills Internist. 4 days. Experience necessary. Fax resume: 248-855-0190

MEDICAL BILLER NEEDED
Medical supply company in Livonia requires a DME biller as soon as possible. Must have DME medical billing experience of at least two years. Growing company has high volume claims. Requires vast awareness of different medical software or the ability to learn new customized software quickly. Only EXPERIENCED DME biller's apply. Kindly send your resume to: vmarshall@landmedical.com or fax to (248) 980-8059 for personal interview

MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING
Candidates needed for training program to achieve industry standard certifications. Program features internships and job placement assistance. Classes begin Oct. 11th. 1-866-865-8379

MEDICAL OFFICE CAREERS:
Many locations; 2+ yrs. exp. req. *Reimbursement Reps \$15-18/hr., *Receptionists \$12-14/hr., *Ophthalmic Tech \$18-22/hr., *Home Health Biller \$35-50,000. Resume to: kelli@harperjobs.com Fax: 248-932-7214 Phone: 248-932-1204 Harper Associates www.harperjobs.com

RECEPTIONIST/ MEDICAL BILLER
Wanted for busy Redford Livonia area physician office. Competitive salary w/benefits! Fax resume to 313-537-6544

RN or LPN
Busy Bingham Farms pediatric office seeking full & part time Nurse. Competitive pay. Call Becky or Lynn at: (248) 842-7701

RN
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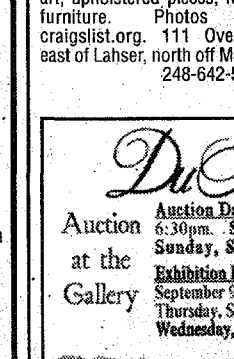
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- ACROSS**
- Cookout plus
 - Squelch
 - Kid's ammo
 - Galley slave's tool
 - Brother of one's mother
 - Not just my
 - Video-game pioneer
 - Delhi attire
 - Bellow
 - Milne marsupial
 - Dropped by
 - on the wrist (mild punishment)
 - Type of elec.
 - At no time
 - Merry king of rhyme
 - Grassy field
 - Kitchen gadget
 - Fireworks noise
 - Metal rooster
 - 40 Wiser
 - Niagara Falls loc.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

TAB ROBIN SUM
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- DOWN**
- RV haven
 - Don the feedbag
 - Neural tones
 - Bee participant
 - Worldwide org.
 - Statute
 - Disparaging remark
 - The good guy
 - Tropical snake
 - Cinnamon goody
 - Almost-grads
 - Bridle part
 - Juicy pear
 - Denims
 - Heart part
 - Mountaineer's aid (2 wds.)
 - Coffee order
 - Hack off
 - Unescorted
 - Prolific diarist
 - Stately
 - Miscellaneous
 - Kicks back
 - Madame
 - Bovary
 - Engrossed
 - Transactions
 - Basilica part
 - Hedge shrubs
 - Authorizes
 - Opposite of "paleo"
 - Bear's foot
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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| BEANS | CELERY | PEAS |
| BROCCOLI | CORN | POTATOES |
| CABBAGE | KALE | SQUASH |
| CARROTS | LETTUCE | TOMATOES |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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Market Place

7/100 Estate Sales

ROCHESTER HILLS
Thornridge Sub. 3619 Aynsley Dr. Adams & Tienken Rd., Sept. 15th 9-3pm, Sept. 16th, 9-12pm. Ends-Up Furniture, other furniture, household. Lots to choose from!

WATERFORD Leather sofas, chairs, leather coats, household. Sept. 14-16, 9am-4pm, 3265 Harbours Blvd., Cass Lake & Cass Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Garage Sales

BEDROOM SET 5 piece, 1900s French style, \$550; 1950s Paul McKay nightstand & dresser, \$300; antique oak china cabinet, \$400; antique cherry drop-leaf table, \$150. (248) 673-3152

BEVERLY HILLS Garage Sale - Thurs.-Sat., 9/14-16, 9am (10:30 on Sat) to 4pm. Table, chair, dressers, mini futon, girls/women's clothes, toys, books, games, bikes, child's table/chairs, etc. 3205 Bellevue Trail. S 14 Mile Rd./E. of Lahser.

BIRMINGHAM 1342 Haynes Ct., btwn. Bowles & Lincoln Rd. Sept. 15-16th, 9-3pm. Variety of misc. items. Some furniture.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Sept. 14-15, Thurs.-Fri., 9am-5pm. 1690 Ledbury Dr., Adams & South Blvd. Lots of tools & household items.

BLOOMFIELD - Vintage clothing, furniture, collectibles, crystal & silver, roll top desk. Sept. 15/16, 10-4pm. 580 Fox Pointe Ct., off Square Lake Rd.

CANTON - MOVING SALE! Sept. 14 & 15, 8-5. 7298 Willow Creek Dr., Warren/Liley. Furniture, kids & misc. items. Everything must go!

CANTON-SUNFLOWER SUB Thurs. Sept. 14 - Sat. Sept. 16, 9am-7. W. of Canton center and N. & S. of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.

CLAWSON it's a sale! Toys large & small, household goods, collectible glassware, girls clothes 0-5, more. 747 Broadacre, E of Crooks, N of 14 Mile. Sept. 15 & 16, 9-5

FARMINGTON HILLS 32671 11 Mile Rd., Rain or shine. Sept. 14-16th, 9-5pm. 40+ yrs. items. Old toys, Lionel, Erector, 50's metal trucks, cast/painted toy soldiers, misc. antiques & collectibles, Hummels, Waterford, books, DVD's, laboratory glassware, color enlarger, NASCARS, auto parts/Muncie, older Apple & Mac, 90's Bolens tractor parts, RC aircraft, engines, radios, 1996 Harley Davidson wide glide (exc. cond.). No Early Sales! 2 bks. E. of Farmington Rd. Park, 1st house E. in circle drive.

FARMINGTON HILLS 39153 Plumbrook Ct., N. of 12 Mile & E. of Haggerty Rd., Sept. 14-16, 8:30-4:30. Furniture, household, rubber stamps, scrapbooking supplies.

FARMINGTON HILLS: COPPERWOOD EAST SUB SALE
13 Mile & Halstead, Sept. 13-16, 9-4. Art, brand name clothing, housewares & garden, furniture, lamps, toys, books.

GARDEN CITY 29118 Kathryn, Middlebelt & Cherry Hill Rd. Sept. 16-17th, 9-4pm. Multi-Family Sale. Patio set, bikes, clothes, etc.

GARDEN CITY Gigantic Rummage Sale! Fri.-Sun, Sept. 15, 16, 17, 10am-5pm. Glassware, pots & pans, knick-knacks, rug cleaner, bikes, color enlarger, NASCARS, reasonable. High chair, Barbie dolls, oak Nordic Track exercise machine, very large circular saw. Baby, women & men's clothes. Lots, lots, more! Everything must go! 30835 Rosslyn, btwn Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill, E. of Merriman.

LIVONIA 19516 Brentwood Fri.-Sun, 9/8-9/10, 10am-6pm. Air conditioner, women's clothes & shoes, toys, household goods, top computer, bar stools, riding lawn mower. Great Bargains! Located off north side of 7 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

LIVONIA BLOCK SALE
Maryland St. between Hubbard St. & Ohio St. N. of Joy, E. of Farmington Rd. Sept. 14-16th 9-4pm.

LIVONIA HUGE Multi-Family Garage Sale! Baby/Kid Clothes, Toys, Books, Housewares, Maternity, & MORE! Thurs.-Sat., Sept. 14-16, 10am - 6pm. 18824 Blue Skies St., (7 Mile & I-275). NO EARLY BIRDS!
734-542-5545

LIVONIA Sept. 14 & 15, On Lyndon between Hubbard & Farmington. Kid toys, bikes, baby stuff, dance costumes, & home goods.

NOVI Dome Soccer game, metal twin beds, some antiques, plus much more! Friday and Saturday, 9am - 4pm, Sept. 15 and 16th. 24636 Picara Dr., Novi 48374, North of 10 Mile & East of Beck Rd.

OAKLAND TWP Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 14 & 15, 9-5pm, 854 Darien Cir. Take Brantford E. off Orion Rd. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools, toys, and clothing.

PLYMOUTH - Group Garage Sale. Thurs. & Fri. Sept. 14 & 15, 9-4pm. 1227 Maple, corner of Maple & Herald, downtown Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH 39646 Ann Arbor Trail, btwn. Hix & Haggerty Rd., Sept. 13th, 8-7pm. Huge Sale! One Day Only! Furniture, computer, microwave, bed etc.

PLYMOUTH FOUR FAMILIES! Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm. Household items, tools, some antiques. 945 Sutherland, btwn Main & Harvey.

REDFORD 15765 Lanore, 5 Mile & Telegraph. Sept. 14-16th, 9-5pm. Huge sale! Glassware, collectibles, antiques, Barbies, much more! NO EARLY BIRDS!

Garage Sales

REDFORD Sept. 15 & 16, 10-4 13488 Farley (Schoolcraft & Beech) Cherry/Maple 1940's furniture, dishes, kitchen stuff, luggage, lots of stuff.

SOUTHFIELD CHURCH GARAGE SALE! Sunday, Sept. 10th. Items include a boat, appliances, china, and much more. Get your car washed while you shop. Living Water Church 23481 Lahser Rd.

TROY-Giant Sale! Home decor, tools, 50" TV & much more. 871 Portmouth, 16 1/2 Mile & Crk. Fri. 9/15, 9am-6pm & Sat. 9/16, 9am-3pm

WESTLAND - COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - Sat., Sept. 16, 9-4pm. 36601 Ford Rd. 100 spaces. 734-722-7620

WESTLAND 5652 HARVEY, N of Ford Rd., W of Wayne Rd. Sept. 14 & 15, 7:30am-4pm. 27" RCA TV, furniture, office equip., tools, misc.

WESTLAND Garage Sale at 3168 Creekside Dr. (Off Joy, S. on Echles), Sept. 14, 15, & 16, 9am to 4pm. Household, baby, and handicap items. Books, tins, crafts & more.

WESTLAND Large Garage Sale 8544 Sanford, Thurs.-Sun, Sept. 7-10, 9am-6pm.

WESTLAND MEGA HUGE SALE! Multi-family. The good stuff. Thurs.-Sat., Sept. 14-16, 9am-4pm. 8630 Ravine, S/Joy, E/Newburgh. Don't miss out!

WORTHVILLE New dining set, bdrm. dresser & chest, sports, electronics, household, kitchen items, lots of misc. Must Sell! 248-735-2993

SOUTH LYON Sept. 16 & 17, 8am-5pm. Furniture, tools, appliances. John Deere lawn tractor, dining room set, seasonal decorations. Everything must go! 21485 Griswold, btwn 8 & 9 Mile Rds. Call 313-204-4205

Household Goods 7/100
BED - 1 ABSOLUTE ALL BRAND New Cherry Sleigh Bed - still in boxes - \$275. Can deliver. 734-231-6622

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COFFEE TABLE - Beautiful, distressed black w/gold accents. 4'Lx33.5wX20.5h \$590, originally \$1480; Center Piece of flowers, (red & yellow) w/ fruit-\$360, originally \$995; Lamp, brass w/wood base, trimmed in leather \$285-originally \$715. All from Michigan Design Center, never used. Best offer. 248-647-4628

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FURNITURE - Living room off white leather sofas & chair. Kitchen glass table/chairs. Queen brass bed, AND misc. furniture. 248-879-6119

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PIANO - Sohmer Consolate \$250. POOL TABLE - \$200. 586-247-1103, West Bloomfield.

POOL TABLE - Good condition. \$400. HOT TUB-6-8 person. Maroon w/new cover, older model. \$500. 734-564-7629

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Household Goods

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2 Bedrooms, basement, court setting, Open Sun. 1-4pm.
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Adorable ranch, all new 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2.5 garage. \$964 Lamont, \$219,500. By Owner: 734-546-1275

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Spacious 4 bdrm Cape Cod w/ oak kitchen, full bsmt, garage & fenced yard. \$119,900
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Bloomfield
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3 bdrm, 3.5 bath ranch, 2.5 car garage, 2100 sq. ft. Must see! \$269,900 (248) 910-0176

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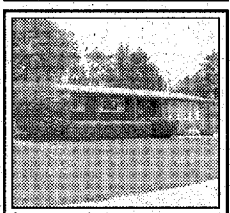
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PLEASANT RIDGE FSBO. Enjoy the lovely brick 2 family home (total 2600 sq. ft.). Easily converts to lovely single home. Always owner occupied. Hardwood, c/a, garage floor & doorwall.
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4 bdrm, 3.5 bath home on a large fenced lot is ready for you! Updates: siding & gutters '01, ceramic flooring foyer, kitchen, newer windows, roof, kitchen, furnace & c/a, garage floor & doorwall.
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Tile roofs a good bet for any climate

(NAPSI) — A common misperception among consumers and even some home builders is that tile roofs are only suitable for warmer climates.

History, and a growing body of research, have demonstrated that tile can weather any climate and can be used virtually anywhere in the world. The only variable from climate to climate is installation method.

When most people think of tile, they picture timeless Mediterranean scenes of red clay tile-roofed neighborhoods. There's a reason for that: Other than minor weathering, tiles are impervious to sunlight and can last virtually forever.

Asphalt shingles, by contrast, lose their granular covering over time, exposing the asphalt beneath to damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays and leading to eventual failure.

Tile roofs keep houses cooler and save energy, too. A recent study concluded that, because of their thermal mass and the air space formed between the tiles and the roof deck, tiles can reduce heat flow into an attic by up to 70 percent.

In alpine climates, snow and ice require that more attention be paid to roof ventilation and snow retention. Improved ventilation designs and special attachment devices are available to prevent the snow from sliding up and to reduce the formation of "ice damming."

In hurricane-prone regions such as the Gulf Coast and parts of the Eastern seaboard, extra fasteners are used during the installation process to guard against high winds. Standard-weight tiles even endure hail well. However, if unusual weather does bring hail that



Tile roofs offer energy savings, longevity and aesthetic appeal in any climate.

breaks tiles, they can usually be replaced individually, without replacing the entire roof.

Regions that experience high levels of rainfall, such as the Pacific Northwest, require surface-mounted and step flashings to keep water and debris (such as leaves and pine needles) on top of the tile where it can drain away. Counter-batten systems are also used to help

the roof breathe and drain better.

Roof tiles can be made to look like almost any conventional roof covering. Cedar shake look-alikes that appear to be brand-new or weathered (in a range of colors) are growing in popularity.

For more information about advances in tile roofing, visit www.tilerroofing.org.

Selling your house in a tough market

I have been trying to sell my house for a long time. What can I do to get my home sold?

There are many sellers in this situation these days. There are some key elements that involved in getting a house sold. Here are some of them:

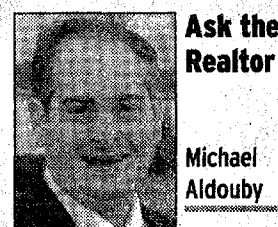
■ The price. This is by far the most important criteria. Every house will sell if it's priced at its market value. Some sellers these days are unwilling to price their house based on its current value and this leads to their house not selling.

How is market value determined? It's based on what similar houses in the same area sold for. And no, just because your kitchen has white walls, doesn't mean it's worth \$10,000 more than similar houses that recently sold.

You also need to determine how much money you will need to close. In other words, you will need to pay off your existing mortgage, your real estate fee, title insurance, and state & county taxes.

If the purchase price doesn't cover all these expenses, you will need to bring money to the close. Not a fun situation. In fact, there are sellers that need to bring a good chunk of money to the close to get their home sold.

■ The terms and conditions. To make your house more appealing to buyers, you may want to consider making attractive terms and conditions. Perhaps consider offering owner financing. Make possession, the



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amount of time that buyers have after close to take over the house, immediate.

■ Give incentives. Why do the big companies constantly have commercials giving discounts and other incentives in order to entice customers to buy their stuff? Because it works. Some incentives you can offer are to pay the buyers' closing costs. Perhaps consider giving a gift card to buy appliances and furniture. Maybe offer a \$1,000 rebate. After all the buyers' costs, they may not mind having an extra grand in their pocket. Be creative.

■ Make sure that your house is immaculate. It's a lot of work keeping your house in great shape for a prolonged time. However, buying a house is an emotional experience. You are also asking buyers to give you perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars. Your house has to look beautiful all the time. Not doing so could end up costing you mega bucks.

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Joint venture focuses on development projects

Two prominent Michigan development families and companies — Gershenson Realty & Investment, LLC of Farmington Hills and KIRCO of Troy — have joined forces to develop over \$200 million in projects consisting of more than two million square feet of space.

Bruce, Richard and Joel Gershenson, the principals of Gershenson Realty & Investment, bring a century of combined retail experience, most recently as officers of Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust (RPT), a \$2.5 billion Real Estate Investment Trust with more than 85 properties in 13 states.

With more than four decades of real estate experience, KIRCO has planned and developed more than 11 million square feet of office, residential, institutional, municipal, retail and industrial developments totaling more than \$1 billion.

The joint venture is to provide the multi-disciplined background required to develop mixed use properties without the necessity of bringing in diverse companies to focus on different elements of the project. Mixed use, the hot topic in both urban and suburban development, will be the focus of attention for the venture.

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KIRCO, is poised to develop projects in several states, with a focus in Michigan and the Southeast. The following list is a summary of current projects targeted for development in Michigan:

■ The Gardens of Rochester Hills, a proposed 350,000-square-foot lifestyle center situated to serve upscale northern Oakland County cities.

■ E Street, Grand Rapids, Mich., the current development plan contemplates the addition of a movie theater, retail, and restaurants, as well as hotel and condominium uses, to the already burgeoning entertainment district in a live/work

environment.

■ The Village at Springfield, Springfield Township, a proposed 650,000-square-foot hybrid-style retail center that combines Power Center anchors with "Main Street" type specialty stores.

■ White Lake Township, White Lake, Mich., a proposed mixed-use project will have a retail component of 147,000 square feet and a medical office building of approximately 77,000 square feet.

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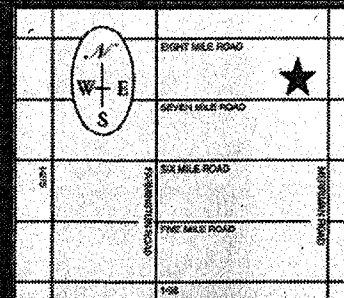
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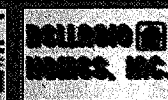


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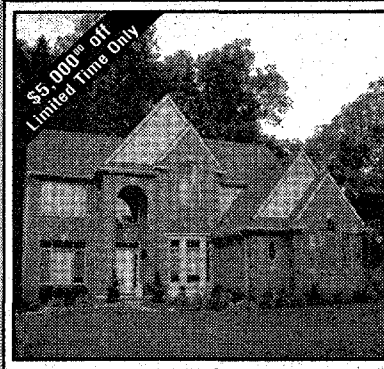
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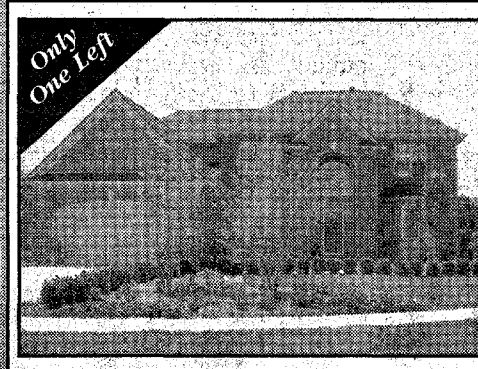
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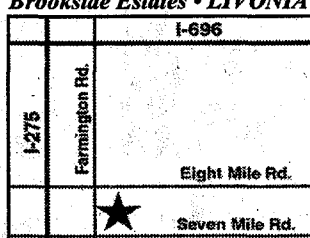
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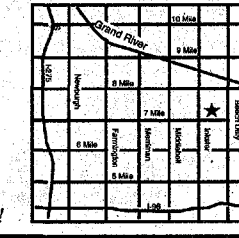
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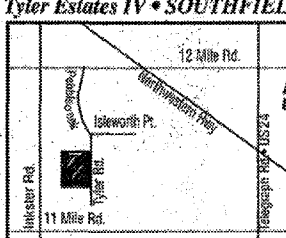
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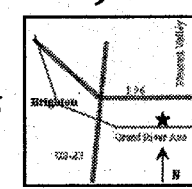
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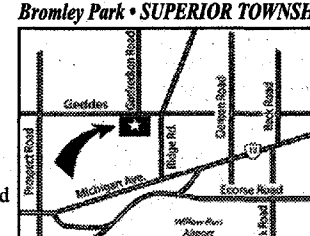
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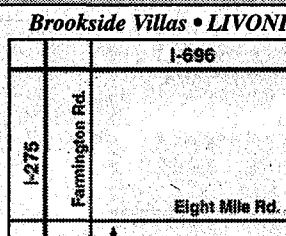
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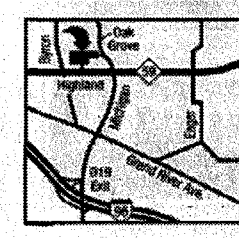
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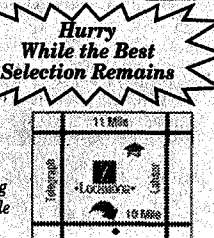
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Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. RSVP: (734) 459-4700.

Buying a home

A Free Homebuyer Class will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. A home inspector will be present. Attendees are both first-time home buyers and experienced buyers. It covers why it is important to be pre-

approved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent working only for you - not the seller; how to get seller's concessions to help cover your costs; how to decide on a good offer price. Call for reservations (24 hours) at (734) 420-9600 or e-mail at: info@rfirestone-team.com.

Investment Property

Buying Investment Property: free seminar. Topics will include buying a foreclosure, fix and flip vs. rental properties, lease/option to buy and financing. The seminar

will be 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Metropolitan Title, 134 N. First St., Brighton. Call Diane Adamick at (734) 455-2219, Ext. 217, to register.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:
 ■ A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination by Lake Orion Community Education and the institute, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 and 5, in the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps in Lake Orion. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate

investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 22 to Lake Orion Community Education, (248) 693-5436.

■ A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination by Royal Oak Community Education and the institute, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Sept. 25, 27, Oct. 2, 4 and 9, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak. The course is for those who want to

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Michigan is offering:

■ "Real Estate Continuing Education" course as part of the Sales & Marketing Council, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Each daylong course meets state-mandated requirements for six hours of continuing education. Fee is \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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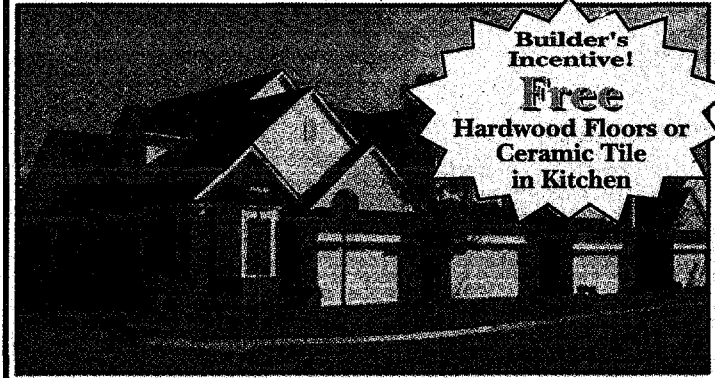
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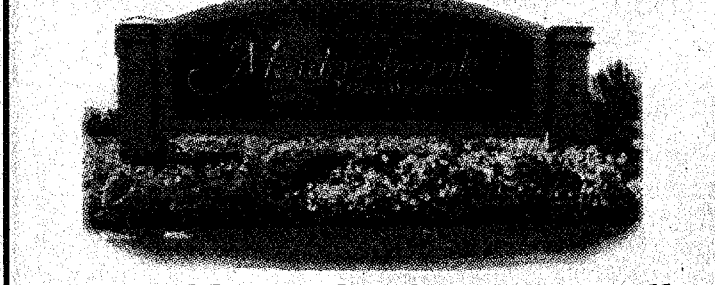


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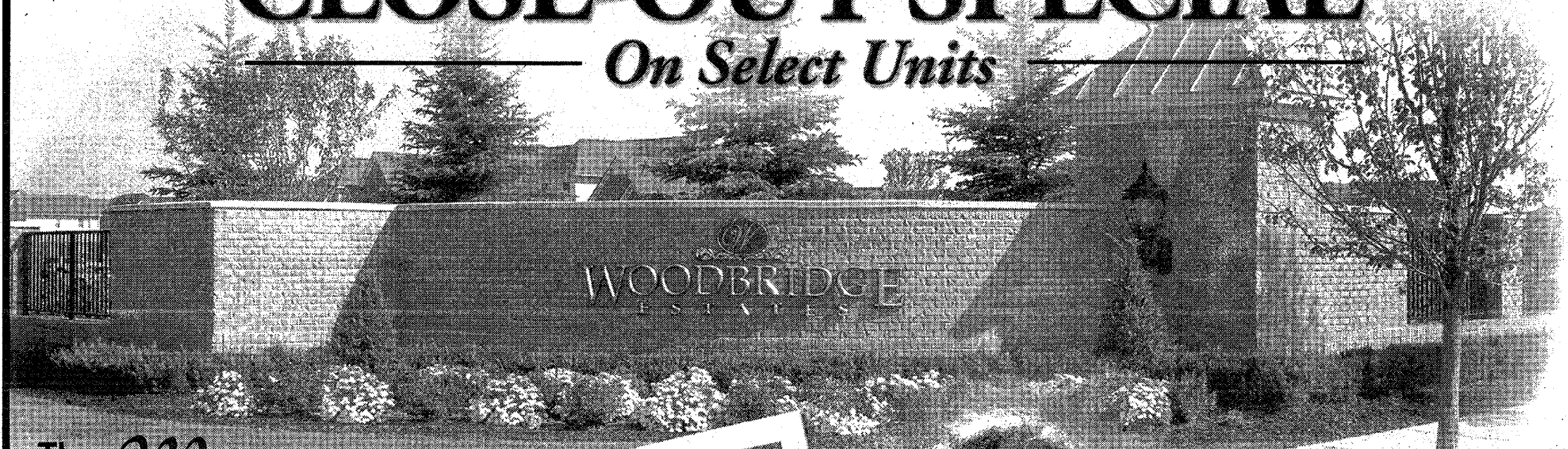
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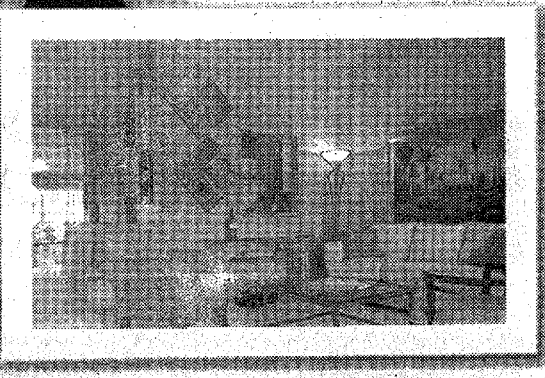
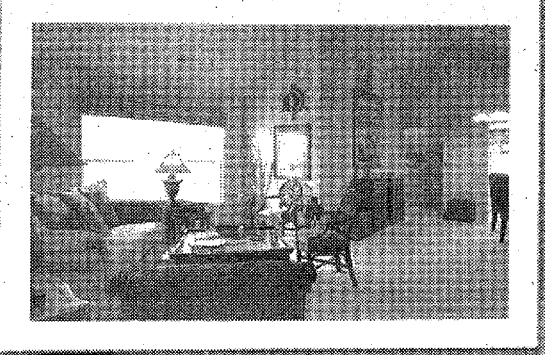
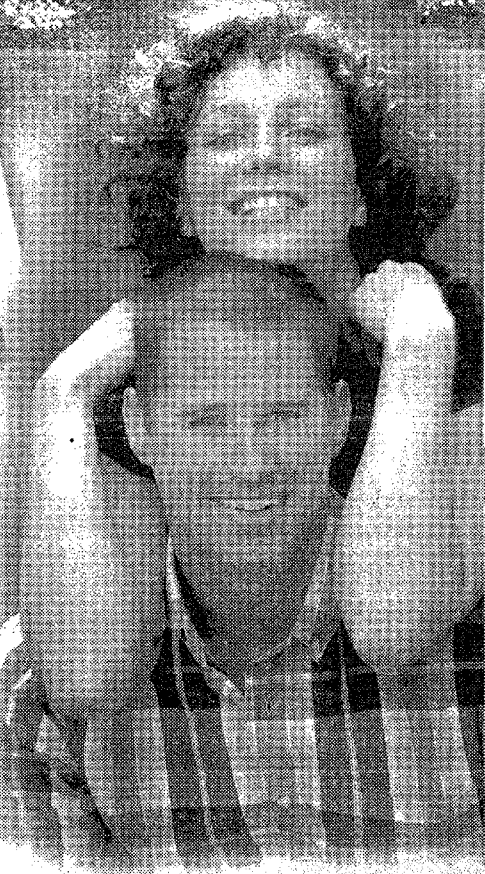
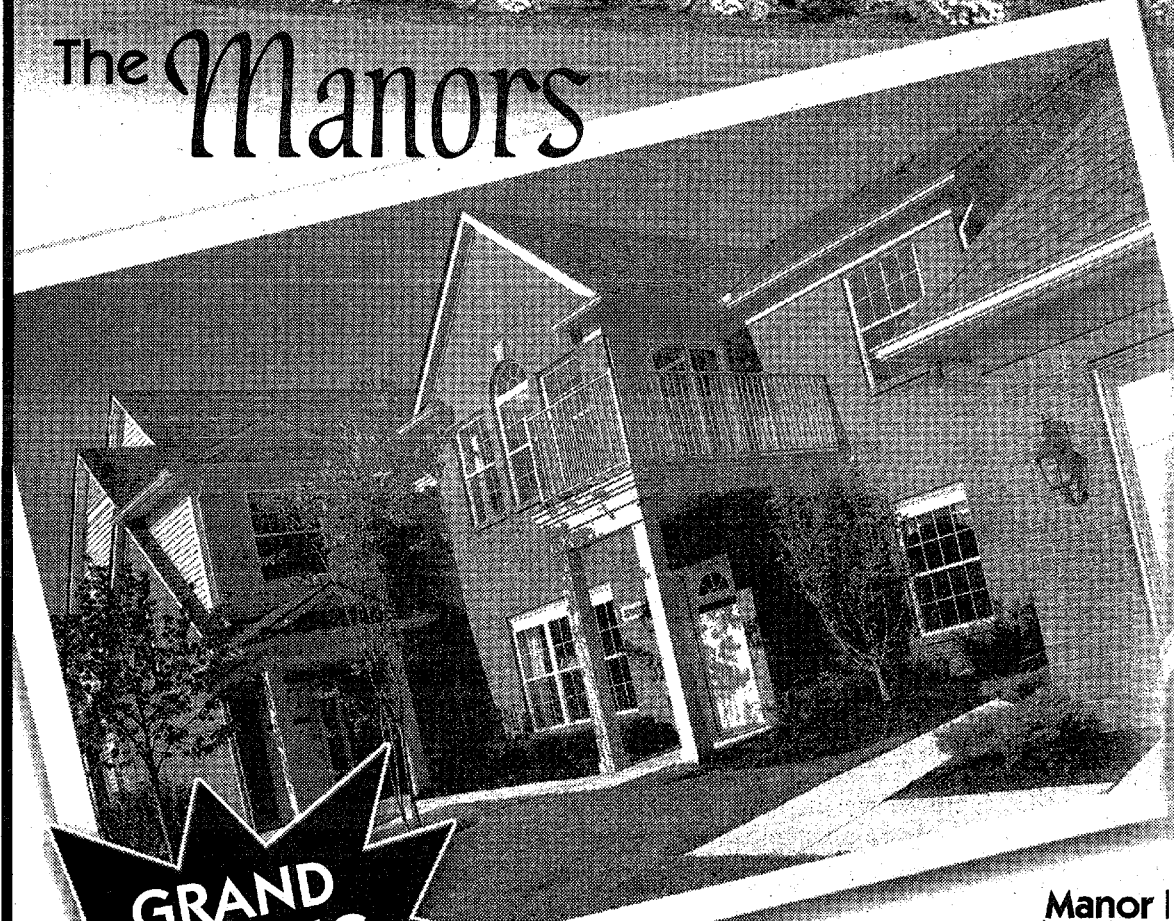
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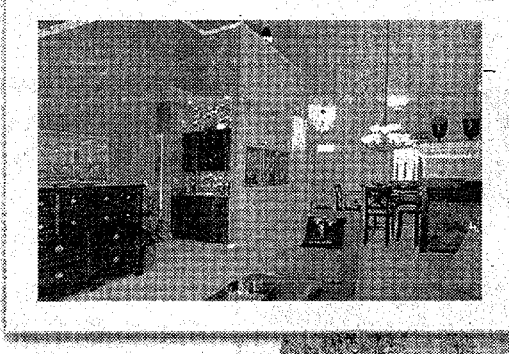
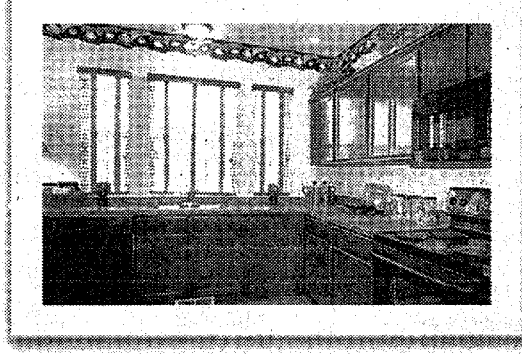
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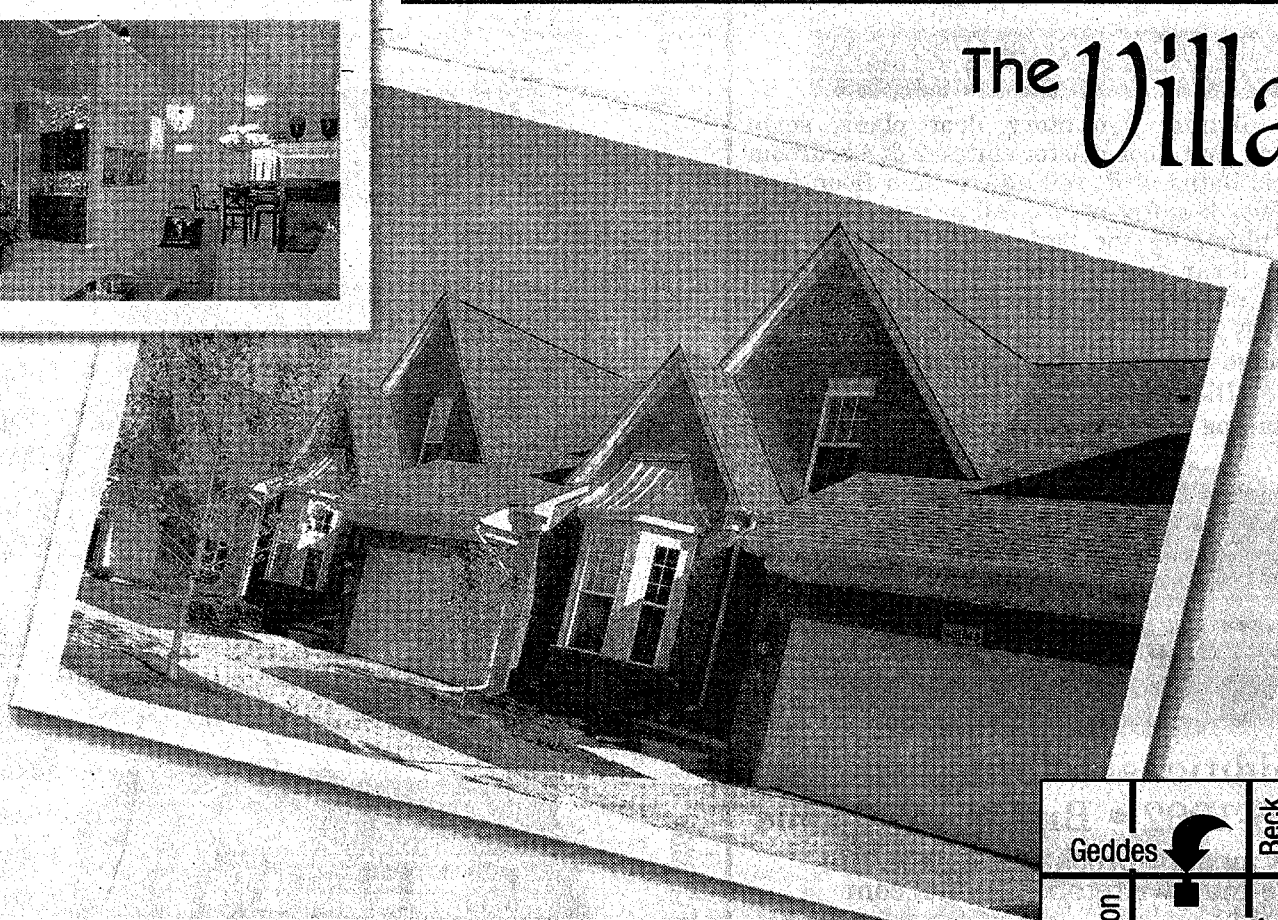
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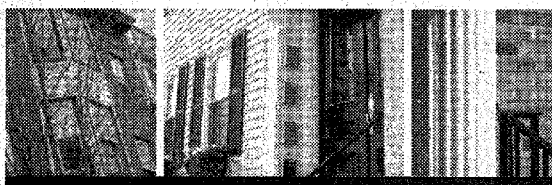
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Chrysler was one of the first automakers to introduce a crossover vehicle during the 2004 model year—a minivan, car and sports utility vehicle rolled into one.

Now, it has expanded the crossover concept, which it calls a sports tourer, with the 2006 Chrysler Pacifica. The Pacifica is available in three models: The entry-level, five-passenger Pacifica, the six-passenger Touring and a top-of-the-line Limited model.

The Limited is built only with all-wheel drive, while other models have front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. All models are equipped with a four-speed transmission with an AutoStick manual mode.

The mid-size vehicle has enough space to haul a carpool, but what we liked is that it doesn't blame mommobile. It's got enough room to transport kids to and from soccer practice, but then again, it's OK if you don't. It's a good alternative to the mom who wants a vehicle big enough to carry everyone around, while satisfying the dad who wants a stylish vehicle.

It's almost as tall as most SUVs, flanked by a masculine design with an eggcrate grille and a long, boxy shape. Inside, it's packed with amenities such as second-row captain's chairs and is perfect for a long trip.

The Pacifica shares a platform with other minivans, but that's where the similarities with minivans end. The Pacifica is like no minivan we've ever driven, with stylish features and chock full of luxury amenities. We hate to use the word stylish again, but it's a fashionable alternative to a minivan, with the flexibility of a minivan, wagon and SUV.

Why compromise when you have all three? Available in five-seat and six-seat models, the Pacifica is equipped with folding seats, luxury leather heated first and second-row seats, and a ParkSense rear back up system.

The Pacifica had a quiet, comfortable ride with sharp handling that was almost car-like.

Fold up the seats and the Pacifica is roomier than a Jeep Grand Cherokee. But it falls short when the seats are not folded up. A tiny space, hardly enough room to hold five or six bags of groceries, is all that's left on the Limited



2006 Chrysler Pacifica Limited FW. Vehicle Class: Mid-size, six-passenger crossover vehicle. Power: 3.5 liter, V-6 engine. Mileage: 17 city/23 highway. Assembled: Windsor, Ontario. Price as tested: \$40,045.

model when the seats are not folded up. We don't think you should be forced to choose between folding the rear seats up and storing small amounts.

Maybe Chrysler had to skimp on the storage because the seats in the Pacifica are so large. The back seats have enough room to comfortably carry four adults on the Limited model. It's easy to see why Chrysler calls this a tourer—finally, a vehicle that is refined enough to carry its occupants in style.

The Pacifica is loaded with safety features: three-row side curtain air bags, driver's side inflatable knee blocker, driver and passenger air bags and anti-lock brakes. The Pacifica earned the U.S. government's highest crash test rating of five stars for front and side impact, when equipped with optional three-row, side curtain air bags. The Pacifica also received a four star rating for rollovers—the highest rating in its class—from the government. It also received a Best Pick rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in frontal crashes.

Anti-lock brakes, power eight-way driver's seats and power four-way passenger seats are standard, while three-row side airbags and 17-inch wheels are optional.

What we really liked about the Pacifica is that it has the best features of an SUV, wagon and minivan. The Pacifica's design is SUV-like, with a prominent face and sleek body, monochromatic exterior and 19-inch chrome wheels.

Leather seats are standard on Touring models, while power heated bucket seats, traction control and power adjustable pedals are optional. Another huge bonus: Step across entry and exit made it easy to get in and out of the vehicle. Even my five-year old could get in and out of the

Pacifica with no help. For more petite drivers, it's a relief not to use a step-up to get in and out.

The Pacifica has the power and features of a sedan, thanks to front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive, 3.5-liter, V-6 engine. But the V-6 struggled to gather enough power to navigate the hilly terrain of Georgia roads, at times seeming to momentarily stall before engine power kicked in.

The Limited includes standard all-wheel drive, exclusive interior trim and leather steering wheel and shift knob with wood trim accents, and a six-disc CD changer that plays DVDs, MP3s, DVD audio and video.

A 385-watt Infinity surround system, which includes eight speakers with a subwoofer, SIRIUS satellite radio, rear seat video system and navigation system are extra.

Our model was equipped with an in-dash screen navigation system that made driving even more pleasurable. The navigation system's screen position inside the dash near the steering wheel made it easy to navigate the road and pay attention to the map.

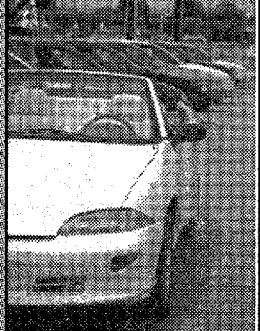
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The Pacifica is available in Brilliant Black Crystal, Stone White, Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat, Bright Silver Metallic, Butane Blue Pearl Coat, Magnesium Pearl Coat, Linen Gold Metallic and Midnight Blue Pearl Coat.

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Oakland University is a nationally ranked university offering students a personal, high-quality, affordable education through a diverse combination of liberal arts, professional instruction, and cultural and social experiences.

Since its founding in 1957, Oakland has grown from 570 students to more than 17,000 in 2006. While the university has shown tremendous growth and change, the core mission has stayed the same: to deliver an undergraduate and graduate education that prepares students with a portfolio of skills and values necessary for success in the workplace and society.

Located in Rochester, Michigan, the university fosters collaborations with business and industry to help graduates meet the demands of a highly educated work force.

Diverse programs, diverse opportunities

A campus that thrives on vision, challenge and hard work, we take seriously our responsibilities to provide a high-quality education to the residents of our community, state and nation.

Students may choose from 114 undergraduate degree programs and 87 graduate degree and certificate programs. Through core undergraduate curriculum requirements, students hone their skills and develop a greater awareness and understanding of the world we live in through exposure to a diverse learning environment, and through opportunities to study and live abroad.

Internships give students a head start

Oakland students are often rewarded with prestigious internship and co-op opportunities at leading organizations and corporate institutions including NASA, the Mayo Clinic and the Brookings Institute. Students also work with faculty mentors on significant research projects in partnership with many of the nearly 200 Fortune 500 companies, 400 foreign-based corporations and other businesses, educational institutions, hospitals and government entities located throughout Oakland County.

A hometown feel

More than 1,600 Oakland students live on campus and reap the benefits of an enriching, unparalleled living environment. With a variety of options available – from six residence halls and a family housing complex to the new University Student Apartments – students find the perfect fit to bring learning to new levels.

Capture the college spirit

OU is home to the Golden Grizzlies, participants in the 2005 and 2006 NCAA Big Dance. The university supports more than 140 student organizations, which keep students actively involved in academic competitions, charitable activities and community events.

Recreational and cultural attractions

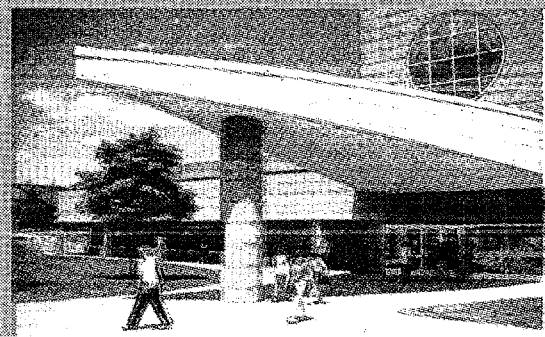
Oakland's state-of-the-art 250,000-square-foot Recreation and Athletics Center is complete with an indoor arena, natatorium and high-tech workout facilities. And, don't miss Oakland's famous Meadow Brooks: Meadow Brook Hall & Gardens, a 100-room historic house museum; Meadow Brook Music Festival, an outdoor summer amphitheatre; and Meadow Brook Theatre, which stages comedies, dramas, mysteries and musicals. The Oakland University Art Gallery sponsors a number of free exhibitions and lectures.

Nationally recognized

Thanks to the reputation it is gaining within the region and beyond, Oakland has been recognized by several national organizations. The Princeton Review named OU in its first edition of *The Best Midwestern Colleges, 150 Great Schools to Consider*. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching categorizes Oakland as one of the country's 82 doctoral/research universities. *U.S. News and World Report* consistently recognizes Oakland in its annual report about America's Best Colleges.

Visit us today

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PURSUE YOUR PASSION



AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

With 114 undergraduate degree programs and 87 graduate degree and certificate programs available, Oakland University is a nationally recognized university that provides a distinctive, high-quality, affordable education.

Experience the OU difference

- The Princeton Review named OU in its first edition of the *Best Midwestern Colleges, 150 Great Schools to Consider*
- 90 percent of full-time faculty hold doctoral degrees
- Less than 1 percent of classes are taught by graduate assistants

Achieve remarkable success

- 89 percent of OU grads are employed within six months of graduation
- Internships available at Fortune 500 and foreign-owned firms

Capture the college spirit

- Division I Golden Grizzlies participated in the 2005 and 2006 NCAA Big Dance
- More than 140 student organizations
- 250,000-square-foot recreation center

Learn more about OU during

Discover OU Day: October 13, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grizzly Day: October 25, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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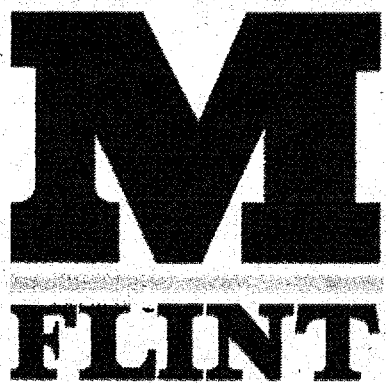
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"OU's small community has helped me grow as a person. Through student orgs, gospel choir and my experience as an Orientation Group Leader, I've stepped out of my comfort zone. Whether you live on campus or commute, it's easy to get involved and have fun."

— Nerissa Brown,
human resource development major



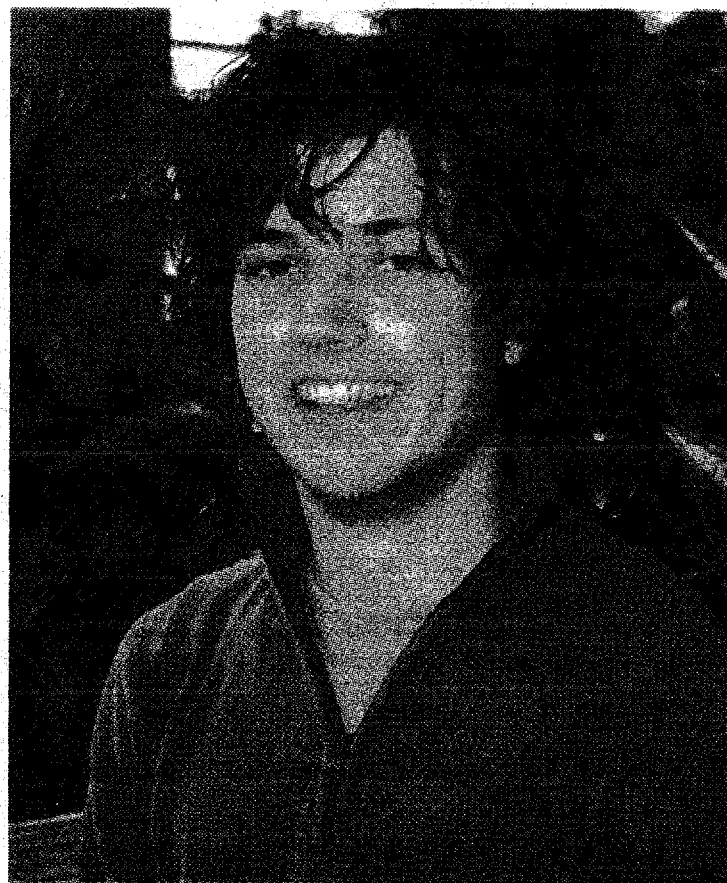
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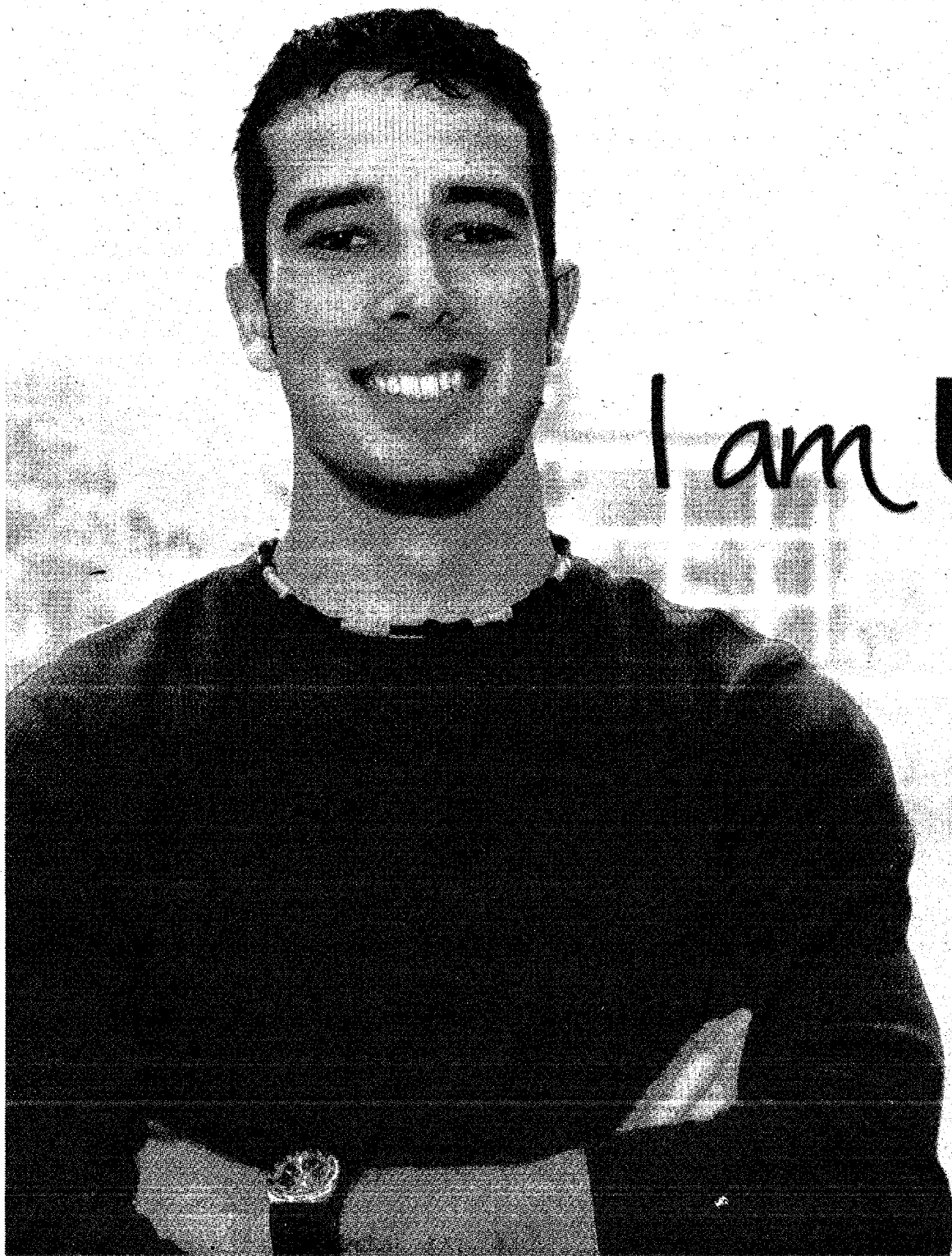
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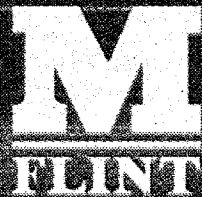
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Kettering keeps its No. 1 ranking and remains among the best engineering schools in the country, according to the 2007 rankings from U.S. News & World Report. Kettering kept the No. 1 ranking in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering for the seventh straight year and jumped to third in Mechanical Engineering and seventh for Electrical and Computer Engineering. Kettering is now ranked No. 12 in the nation overall. The "America's Best Colleges Guide" places Kettering in the undergraduate engineering school category, whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's degree.

- #1 - Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
- #3 - Mechanical Engineering
- #7 - Electrical and Computer Engineering
- #12 - Overall ranking for Kettering University

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Kettering University offers 10 undergraduate degree programs. Engineering: Mechanical, Electrical, Computer, Industrial (some of the more popular specialty concentrations include: Bioengineering applications, Automotive, Crash Safety, Fuel Cell, Electronics, Human Factors, Quality Assurance & Reliability, Manufacturing Systems); Computer Science; Applied Physics (specialties include Acoustics, Optics, Materials); Chemistry; Biochemistry; Applied Math; Business (Accounting/Finance, Information Systems, Manufacturing Management and Marketing).

Founded in 1919, the school changed its name to Kettering University in 1998 to honor Charles F. Kettering, a noted inventor and a pioneering proponent of cooperative education. The school enrolls more than 2,000 undergraduates and more than 500 graduate students in management, manufacturing operations, engineering and information technology.

Other Kettering facts:

- ** 145 full-time faculty
- ** 12:1 student to faculty ratio
- ** 100% professional co-op for all degree programs
- ** Mechanical Engineering is the largest degree program area
- ** Study Abroad Programs offered
- ** More than 90 percent of undergraduates receive some sort of aid
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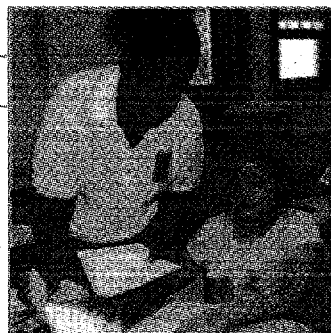
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- Successful students

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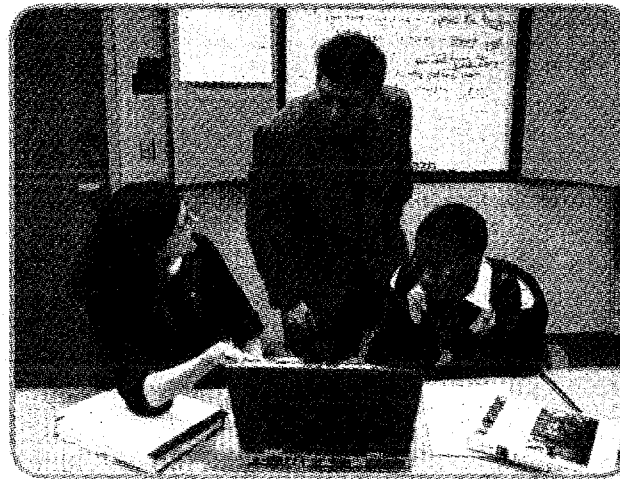
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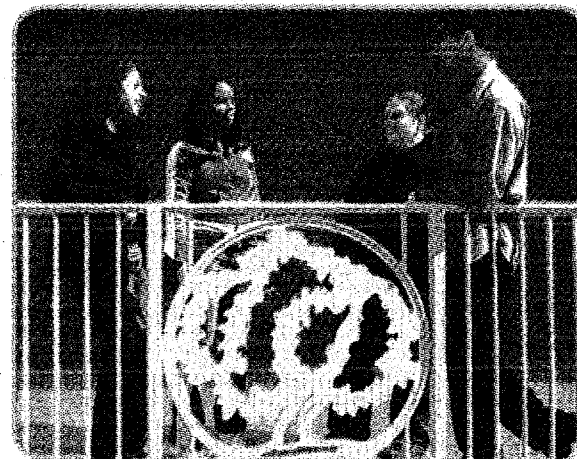
You'll Like Learning

We offer nearly 1000 courses, so you'll easily find a subject that interests you. Student organizations, campus events, performances, exhibitions and lectures add excitement to your learning experience. You'll like learning at HFCC!

You're Among Friends

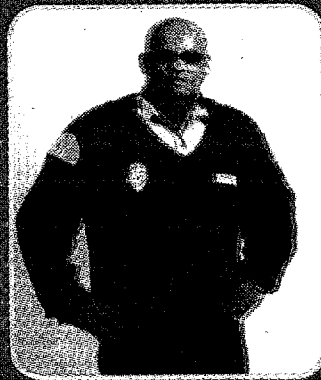
There are nearly 3,000 students from western Wayne County, from cities such as Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford, who attended HFCC in the last year. You will be among friends. And, you will meet new ones fast with nearly 30 students clubs and organizations and many activities to get involved with on-campus.

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Every college must define its unique characteristics: why it exists, what its goals are, how it views education, and what the core influences on its culture are. When considering a college to further one's studies or when employing a graduate, it is important to consider these characteristics. As an accredited, independent liberal arts college that pursues academic excellence in a Christian setting, Rochester College exists "to engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service."

At Rochester College we uphold the beliefs that:

- A quality education stresses excellence and trains students to perform scholarly research, to write and speak with eloquence, and to think critically and creatively.
- An educated person reveres God and is committed to truth and justice.
- An educated person is able to connect coherently the spiritual truths of God with the wisdom of humanity embodied in the arts and the sciences
- A Christian education demonstrates that a vibrant faith compels a life of private virtue and of social responsibility.
- An educated person possesses a lifelong desire to grow intellectually and spiritually.
- An educated person views a vocation as an opportunity for service and stewardship, rather than a passport to privilege.

ACADEMIC

Rochester College offers several academic programs from which students can choose.

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Communication
English
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Music

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

Accounting
Business Communication
Management
Marketing
Sports Management

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Behavioral Science
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Communication
Education
English
History

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Rochester College also provides degree programs that are specifically designed for working adult learners. These programs are delivered in a convenient 2-week accelerated model on evening and



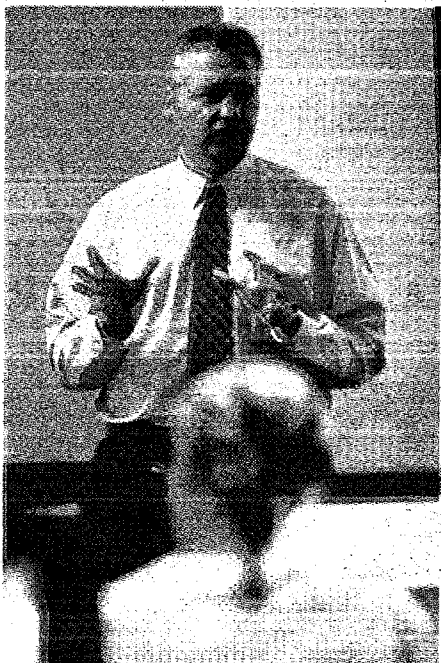
EXCELLENCE

In addition to being affirmed as an outstanding institution by organizations such as U.S. News and World Report, which recognize Rochester College as a top-ranked institution among its peers, we believe that Rochester College is uniquely qualified to provide an excellent educational experience to help you make the most of your life, not just your career.

EXTRAORDINARY PROFESSORS:

A student's learning experience begins with the people from whom he or she will learn. Therefore, Rochester College places faculty in its classrooms who have the experience and skills to make them leaders in their fields and who also have a heart to mentor and mold students.

- 63% of our full-time faculty hold doctorate degrees or are in doctoral studies programs
- Our faculty members are highly qualified and active in their disciplines, as evidenced by:
 - Two psychology professors who have participated in an elite round-table discussion hosted by Oxford University in England
 - Several professors who have recently published books within their fields of study
 - A music professor who performs on occasion at the Detroit Opera House
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- Study abroad in Vienna, Austria for a semester and travel throughout Europe to countries including England, Italy, France, and Switzerland
- Participate in an international internship in Uganda, Africa for six weeks, during which time invaluable insight can be gained into mission work and/or business in a third-world setting.

A COMMUNITY ENGAGED IN SCHOLARSHIP

At Rochester College, administrators, professors, and staff members interact with students on a personal level. We believe that if students engage in only books and lectures, they will become as one-dimensional as the facts they acquire. We want our students to apply their knowledge in the context of well-rounded lives.

- Students are paired with a faculty advisor to help chart their academic and professional course throughout the college experience
- Class sizes are small (12:1 student-to-faculty ratio), allowing professors to know each student by name
- Rochester College employees are men and women who care as much for students as they care about their professions, which explains why it is common to see such things as administrators eating in the student cafeteria or professors playing pick-up basketball with students in the gym
- Events are organized like "Dinner at Six," where employees invite groups of students into their homes for dinner in order to provide opportunities to build relationships outside the classroom
- Some academic departments host colloquiums, where professors share their homes and extensive knowledge with students in an informal setting

CHRISTIAN SETTING

Rochester College's founding fathers intended for their college to be different. They desired the greatest difference to be the deliberate celebration of simple Christianity in every part of the College's existence. We hope Rochester College will always be known for academic excellence, innovative leadership, and natural beauty, but our greatest hope is that it will always be known for its Christian culture.

The College's founding fathers established several traditions that have carried this Christian commitment forward for nearly 50 years. Some of the traditions are:

- Chapel—a daily gathering of the Rochester College community to build the bonds of Christian fellowship through Bible study, prayer, and worship
- Faith core—required courses that present an open-ended exploration of the Bible and the teachings of Jesus Christ
- Church of Christ heritage—in the spirit of the American Restoration Movement, we seek the unity of all believers in Jesus Christ through the Spirit of fellowship, reconciliation, and mutual exploration of the Bible as God's conclusive Word.
- The Offering—weekly student-led time of praise and worship
- I.M.A.G.E.—a student social service organization that participates in various Christian outreach activities such as feeding the homeless of Detroit, working with Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac, and sponsoring international mission campaigns to places such as Australia, Honduras, Uganda, and Brazil



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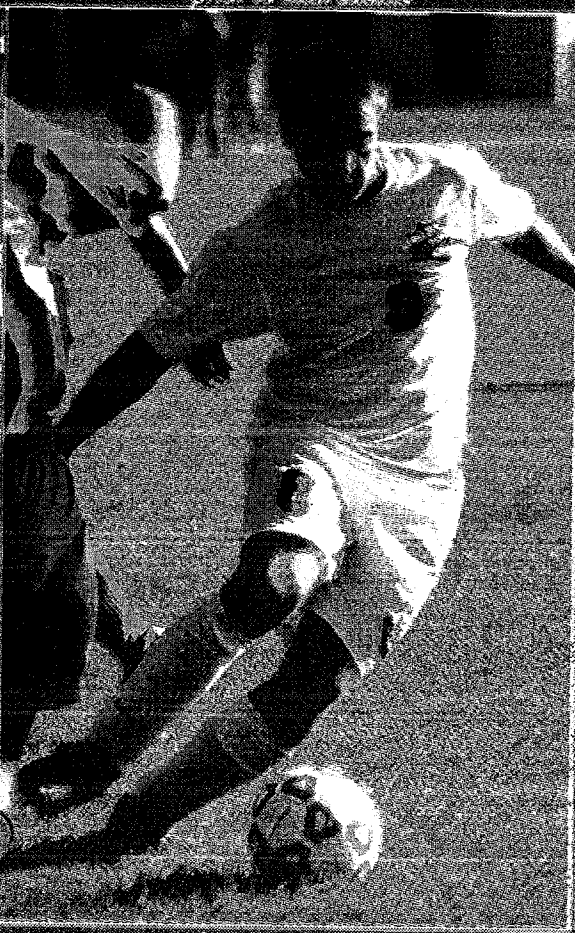
Family and staff bring weekend breakfast party to life



Students take a "live" while on mission trip in Ghana, West Africa



Students at archaeological dig in Turkey, Israel



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The Honors Fast Track Program begins at a community college, where students will first complete their associate's degree, plus an additional year's worth of coursework prior to transferring to Walsh to complete their Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) degree with a major in accounting processes, finance, management or marketing, then an MBA degree through Walsh College. Of course, our hallmark accounting program is also a part of this opportunity.

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That's what makes a Walsh degree so valuable. And why hundreds of companies recruit at Walsh College every year. With over 19,000 alumni, Walsh is not only dedicated to providing a quality, practical business education, but providing tools that will support lifelong career development. Our success is embodied by alumni who do more than fill a role – they drive business.

This is why Walsh is committed to providing quality programs, superior services, and supports the success of students before and long after they graduate. Developing curriculum that speaks to the ever-changing needs of the business community has been at the core of our mission at Walsh and continues as we develop quality programs that support students as they go on to become alumni and successful business professionals in an evolving global market.

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From high school to college
One third of local graduating seniors make Schoolcraft College the first step in their collegiate careers. They choose Schoolcraft because of its variety of programs and affordable tuition. The program choices include those focused on the first two years of a bachelor's degree and those focused on quick entry into the job market. Tuition rates at Schoolcraft are generally half of the average rate charged by Michigan's public universities.

From associate degree to bachelor's degree
Schoolcraft participates in a statewide program that matches up community college courses with the general education requirements at four-year colleges and universities. In addition to this program, Schoolcraft has negotiated 30 articulation agreements with 14 universities and colleges. These agreements connect a specific Schoolcraft associate degree with a specific bachelor's degree at the four-year school.


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• **Mentor Magic:** Get to know your counselor/adviser. Allow him to learn about you and your interests. Not only will he be there when you need help, but when opportunities for projects, programs, jobs or whatever hit his desk, you're the one he's likely to think of. Also, it's your counselor who college admissions people will want to talk to about your application — make sure you're more than just a name. Then there are recommendations. You also need to make sure there are a couple of teachers/professors who know you well enough to write one — especially a professor who specializes in subject area you wish to pursue. Make sure he or she can do more than put a face to a name in an attendance roster or grade book.

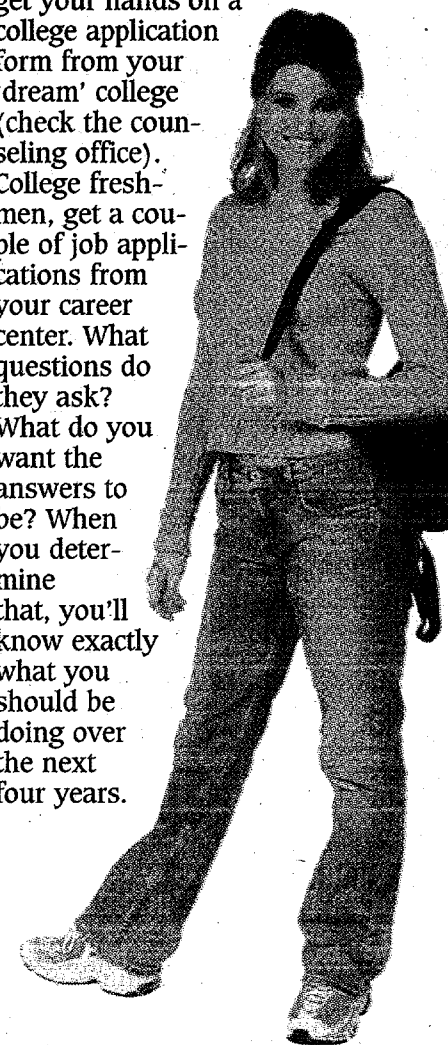
• **Hit the Books:** Local bookstores and Amazon.com can arm students with great advice, too. For collegians, the award-winning *Been There, Should've Done That* provides a compilation of hot tips and solid strategies for success straight from 'the horse's mouth' as college students across the U.S. share their hard-earned lessons on a multitude of issues both in and out of the classroom.

"You can talk to students until you're blue in the face about things like time-management skills," says former college adviser Suzette Tyler, who compiled the book. "But when a fellow student says, 'I got great grades and never missed a party, and here's how to do it...' — as a grad from Ohio University reveals in the book — it has far more impact." For high schoolers, there's *Countdown to College: 21 'TO DO'*

LISTS for HIGH SCHOOL. With checklists that begin the very first day of high school, this four-year, step-by-step guide shows students (and parents) what to do and when to do it. There should be no missed deadlines or missed opportunities as students learn the tricks to mapping out a four-year plan, taking SATs, AP's, choosing a college, making summers count, and getting into the right schools. (Both books can be ordered at 1-888-484-1997)

• **Join:** Whether high school or college, this is the time to learn — about you. So, if it's a club, a sport, a trip, a project, a job — go for it. You may discover (or develop) a talent or an interest, or you may find out that you hate a particular activity. Whatever the case, it's one more thing you know about you and that's going to make your life a lot easier when it comes to picking a major in college and, eventually, a career. Plus, extracurricular activities look good on college applications and job resumes.

• **Heads Up:** High school freshmen, get your hands on a college application form from your 'dream' college (check the counseling office). College freshmen, get a couple of job applications from your career center. What questions do they ask? What do you want the answers to be? When you determine that, you'll know exactly what you should be doing over the next four years.



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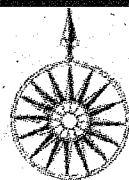
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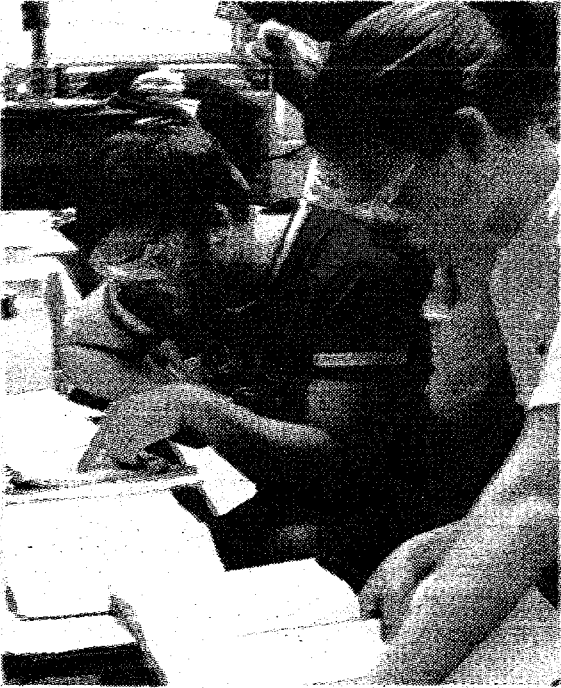
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