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Local tax man jailed for fraud

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth tax accountant has been sentenced to 33 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$103,633 to the Internal Revenue Service for filing fraudulent tax returns.

U.S. Attorney Stephen Murphy announced Thursday that Brian Cox, owner of CFO Solutions, Inc., was sentenced after pleading guilty in April to 42 counts of filing false claims and 11 counts of preparing false tax documents.

U.S. District Court records indicate that while Cox pleaded guilty to filing false income taxes for four companies, cheating the IRS out of nearly \$197,000, he also filed — but was not prosecuted for - fraudulent tax returns for six additional companies, bringing the total to \$404,000.

According to court records, Cox, 49 — who lived in Salem Township before moving to Downers Grove, Ill. — was an accountant and tax preparer with an office on Main Street who targeted small business owners who were involved in tax disputes with the IRS.

Cox devised a scheme to defraud the IRS by preparing and filing false and fictitious tax documents which indicated that previously filed tax records were incorrect, and that tax refunds were now due, when in fact no refund was due,"

according to court papers. One of his victims was Joe Willing of Plymouth Township, who as owner of C.J. Electric paid Cox \$3,300 in 2003 to help him with IRS problems.

"He was a pretty good con. I thought he was going to help me," Willing said. "I put up money that I thought was helping me get out of my problems. My wife (Cathy) felt uneasy about him, but I was duped into it.

"He was supposed to file tax returns for us and get some abatement, but he never contacted anybody," Willing added. "When we tried to find him, he moved out of

PLEASE SEE FRAUD, A5



Mary Grotz and daughter Nancy Grotz re-hang the Granholm campaign sign that the city wanted removed.

Protecting her rights

Plymouth resident wins fight to keep Granholm sign

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Mary Grotz put up a 2foot by 8-foot political lawn sign in the front yard of her Sheldon Road home Aug. 22, all she wanted to do was show her support for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's re-election bid.

However, when the 81-yearold Plymouth resident was told the 16-square-foot placard violated the city's sign ordinance that allows political signs of only four square feet — and subsequently ordered her to take down her sign or face a civil infraction — Grotz removed it. But not without a fight.

Grotz contacted the American Civil Liberties Union, upset about what she felt was a violation of her First Amendment right to free speech.

On Friday, nearly two months later, Grotz re-erected the Granholm for Governor sign

PLEASE SEE SIGN, A5

Locals: Separate science, religion

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident Linda Brandt, who teaches evolution and behavior at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, does not believe science and religion should not be taught in the same classroom.

"I don't agree with leaving the door open to teaching intelligent design, or creation ism, in our science curriculum because intelligent design is not science," said

Brandt, who testified in front of the state Board of Education

What do you think about this story? E-mail your res bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

this week. "In science, we test hypotheses and we acquire evidence to verify or disprove

"Can we test God?" she said. "Of course we can't. Religion is based on faith and beliefs."

Brandt - along with the Rev. James Skimins of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township — testified Tuesday, moments before the state Board of Education unanimously approved a public high school curriculum that supports teaching evolution in science classes.

In its ruling, the state Board of Education decided the teaching of intelligent design should be left for other classes, and Brandt agrees.

'We really can't take time out of our science curriculum to teach ideas that aren't science because our students would lose. it would compromise the quality of science education for Michigan students," Brandt

PLEASE SEE SCIENCE, A5



Construction is completed, signs are down, and traffic is moving on the rebuilt Wilcox Road.

Project completion eases Old Village traffic

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Road construction season is finally winding down and at least one road project in Plymouth has come to an end, making it easier to get in and out of the city.

Mill Street between Wilcox and Starkweather, along with Wilcox from Mill to Hines Drive, has been reopened after nearly five months of construction by Consumers Energy to install a new 24-inch gas main. Part of the project also included completely

rebuilding Wilcox Road.

While the area was blocked to traffic and under construction, the City of Plymouth took the opportunity to improve the underground infrastructure by taking out an old pump house.

"We installed a new water main and took out some old pipe bypasses and extra pipe that weren't even connected to our water system, some of which we didn't even know about," City Manager Paul Sincock said. "We were able to take them out of the old system and install a new water main along Northville Road from Wilcox to

the tip of Pointe Park."

Getting around town hasn't been easy with the state Department of Transportation's \$38 million M-14 reconstruction project, as well as other road work being done in the

"Certainly, when you have that much construction as we've had this summer, it impacts traffic flows around town," Sincock said. "I'm sure motorists are happy it's finally coming to an end."

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State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, listens as Rev. James Skimins of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth testifies before the State Board of Education. Plymouth resident Linda Brandt, a professor of science, awaits her turn to address members of the State Board of Education on the issue of Intelligent Design.

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"Play it Again!" is a co-operative venture of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society and the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Volunteer corps

The Plymouth Family YMCA's Youth Volunteer Corps, sponsored by the Wilcox Foundation, is looking forward to its fourth year of offering service opportunities to local youth.

The YVC's mission is to create and increase volunteer opportunities for teens, address community needs and develop a lifetime ethic of service. This free program is open to all youth ages 11-18. Service projects are offered after school and on weekends throughout the school year. YMCA officials call the program "a great way to fulfill the school community service requirement or just have fun helping others and making a

difference in your community." To register for YVC and receive a Calendar of Opportunities, e-mail Jenny





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Chamber auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual meeting/auction Friday, Nov. 3, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Tickets for this year's auction, "The Magic of Plymouth," are \$75 each. Proceeds go toward chamber programs such as Showcase Plymouth and Taste of Plymouth, Community Shred Day, Ann Arbor Road Sales Days, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl and a host of others.

The event will feature a magic show, live and silent auctions, raffles, a 50/50 drawing hors d'oeuvres and a sitdown dinner.

Deadline for ticket sales is Oct. 27. Tickets can be purchased by mail, fax or in person, and can be ordered by phone using a credit card.

For more information, contact the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, or call (734) 453-1540.

'Elephant Man' auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth holds auditions for its production of The Elephant Man, by Bernard Pomerance, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 16-17, at 9389 Haggerty in the Fairwood West Complex just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Officials are looking for five men and three women. Actors should be prepared to present up to a two-minute monologue and a cold reading. They should also provide a headshot and resume, if available.

For more information regarding our audition and productions go to the company's Web site at www.justgob-

Costume ball

Urban Singles hosts a Halloween Costume Ball 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the VFW Mayflower



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New look

Plymouth's Officer Brian Walker is at the wheel of one of the police cars with the new decals. Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said the current graphics are deteriorating, and the new look is better looking and less expensive. 'I decided to go with a more traditional and simpler design,' Carroll said. 'When you see a paint scheme like that, even without the graphics, you know it's a police car. It's more visible and a

Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695. All singles are welcome and, although costumes are optional, a prize will be given for Best Costume. Entertainment will

be provided by DJ Dick Gerathy. Advance tickets are \$15, which includes dinner (at 7:30 p.m.) and refreshments.

The post is located at 1426 Lilley in Plymouth Township. For more information, call Mary Ann at (734) 654-0115 or Lynda at (734) 507-9173.

Civil War roundtable

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Craig DeCrane, a re-enactor with the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. C.

DeCrane, a member of the Greater Toledo Civil War Round Table and also the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be speaking about Gettysburg after the battle up until the present time.

The meeting takes place 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited, admission is free. For more information please call 734-459-7324.

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Movie night

Red Bell Preschool sponsors a Movie Night 7 p.m. every Friday in October (weather permitting).

Movie-goers should bring their own chairs, blankets and snacks. The event features episodes of "321 Penguins," and the movie will be shown on the play yard in front of the Monkey Mansion.

the school's Web site at RedBellPreschool.com or call (734) 453-5520.

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club holds a Membership Mixer 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Crossing Restaurant, 340 N. Main in Plymouth.

Club officials are hoping to draw new members to the club, a chapter of BPW/USA (www.bpwusa.org). Plymouth BPW is a group of local business women who come together on a monthly basis for dinner, conversation, networking and to plan events and fundraisers designed to give back to the community by providing assistance to area women in

For more information visit

Membership mixer

For more information, email sandrajkline@yahoo.com Thanksgiving concert

More than 100 voices will join in celebrating

Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbells and organ, as well as audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, the combined adult choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. The choirs participating are from First United Methodist directed by Dr. Marcia Van Oyen, Our Lady of Good Counsel directed by Dr. Michele Johns, First Presbyterian directed by Jerry Smith, St. John's Episcopal with director Kim Manz, and First Baptist, directed by Heather Kaye.

Handbell ringers from each church will be led by Sue Scott of First Presbyterian, and brass players from the Plymouth Community Band, led by Carl Battishill, will add to the festivities.

Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit a local charity. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, a mile east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance.

Family Harvest

Trinity Church invites you to attend their Family Harvest Festival Wednesday, Oct. 25.

A special kid-friendly dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. (reservations, please) followed by a presentation of the Jack O Lantern story, fun games, activities, candy & prizes. If you cannot make it for dinner join us at 7:00 for the rest of the fun. Wear costumes and bring friends.

For reservations or more information call Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 at (734) 459-9550.

MOMS Club

MOMS Club of Livonia S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland hosts an open house at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main Street, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8, in the Waldorf Room (across from the circulation desk).

Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Academy fund-raiser

Cross Bridge Academy hosts

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We want to hear from you. If you've got an interesting Detroit Tigers story, call us at (734) 459-2700 or e-mail Observer editor Brad Kadrich (bkadrich@hometownlife.com) or staff writer Tony Bruscato (tbruscato@hometown-

its third-annual charity dinner, "Fire Up the Grill and Light Up a Child's Life," Tuesday, Oct. 24, at bd's Mongolian Grill in Novi.

The event features seatings at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The \$50 ticket includes an all-you-caneat dinner. Bd's Mongolian Barbeque is located at 43155 Main in Novi. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy, a 501(c)3 school for children with autism.

For tickets, reservations and more information, call John Kim, (734) 812-9150.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a new exhibit, "Landscapes on Location," featuring watercolors by Carol LaChiusa, through

An artist's reception is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. The PCAC's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment.

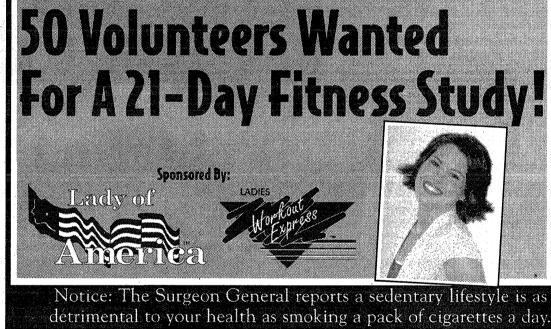
The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

DAR meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR Northville/Plymouth chapter meet for an evening meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Mill Race Village, Cady Inn in Northville.

Speaker Pam Yockey, a teacher and costume collector, will present a program on "Conservation of Textiles."

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Sparks fly at congressional race forum

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

A League of Women Voters candidates forum Thursday erupted into an emotional and vituperative exchange between Republican U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and his Democratic challenger Tony Trupiano.

McCotter and Trupiano participated in the forum at the Livonia City Hall auditorium with candidates John Tatar of the Libertarian Party and Charles Tackett of the U.S.

closing statements by the candidates. Trupiano criticized McCotter for campaign advertising showing Trupiano being abducted by space aliens with the tag "Far left, far out Tony" and saying that Trupiano favors "amnesty" toward illegal aliens. Trupiano called the ads "lies" about his position on the

He said McCotter was out of touch with the district and offered to provide him with a map. He also challenged McCotter to a one-on-one debate. The League forum is the only joint appearance that McCotter has accepted.

A grim-faced McCotter shot

"Politics is the only place where a skunk says you stink," he said. "The only liar in this campaign in you."

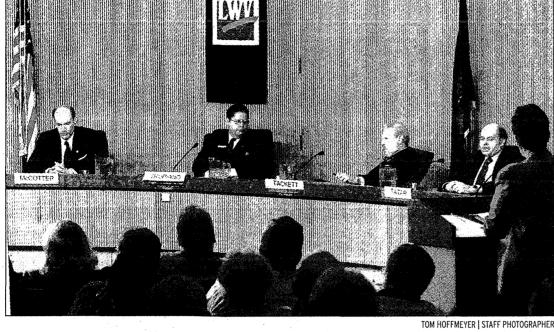
McCotter said Trupiano had lied about McCotter's use of his franking privileges to mail out circulars to 11th District residents. Trupiano said the mailings were not done according to Congressional rules. McCotter said he followed the accepted procedures, had full approval and that a phone call by Trupiano would have

cleared up the matter. McCotter said the offer of a map was an insult to him and to his family, who have had to put up with McCotter being away from home to attend

numerous community events. A segment of the sharply divided audience began to

down," he velled.

Taxpayers Party. The exchange came during



Candidates running for the 11th congressional district answer questions during a candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters held at Livonia City Hall Thursday night.

for amnesty and that Trupiano had changed his position on the issue and was a "chameleon." McCotter said he offered the "hard truth with teeth."

In response to Tackett calling him a Bush rubber-stamp, he said he has never been a rubber stamp for the President.

His comments were met with a loud mixture of cheers and boos. After the forum, the two major party candidates shook hands.

Prior to the closing verbal fireworks, the candidates drew strong audience reaction on their views on the war, and the budget deficit, key issues throughout the country where the Republican Party is trying to maintain its majorities in the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Department of Peace proposal also caused sharp response.

Despite being in his hometown, McCotter, running for a third term, appeared uncomfortable and grim during the entire forum, giving his views in a clipped, rapid-fire manner. This was in contrast to the loose, blunt spoken delivery of Tackett. whose observations often drew chuckles from the audience.

insurgency that would more effectively fight the enemy and to work at creating a viable government from the town council level up rather than from the top down.

Trupiano drew a chorus of boos when he said it was necessary to separate the war in Iraq from the war on terror.

We need to start to bring the troops home, certainly by the end of 2007," he said.

He was applauded by his supporters when he said the war in Iraq "has made us more vulnerable and less safe" since

The candidates were asked their views on establishing a Department of Peace. McCotter has made known his opposition to the idea. Trupiano led the response by saying he couldn't see how anyone would not favor a department of peace. Tackett responded that he believed in love and Tatar said he would

support such a department. McCotter said the idea was a "secular panacea for a spiritual problem."

"We have things that promote peace, churches and families," McCotter said.

He said the idea was just an designed to build a wall between church and state.

On the deficit. Tatar called it the number one issue in the campaign. He said the deficit was hurting everyone and that not enough was being done to

cut government programs. McCotter drew laughs when he said that the "Republican Congress has been responsible" on deficit reduction. He respond-

ed angrily to the laughter. McCotter and Trupiano had sharp differences on the Medicare prescription law and on universal medical coverage.

"We need to take Medicare Part D and dismantle it. It was a flawed plan to begin with," Trupiano said. "No one should have to decide between medicine and other needs.

McCotter said there was no need to dismantle the pro-

"It was designed to help seniors pay for their drugs and this district had one of the highest sign ups," he said.

He called the payment gap, or doughnut, when prescriptions reach a certain point a necessary cost containment feature.



Comcast employee Michelle Ruggiero and Walled Lake Central High School volunteers Kelley and Stacey Armstrong sort and box items donated for Comcast Cares Day.

Comcast event fills Corps' pantry shelves

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Christmas came early for hundreds of local residents, and they don't even know it

That's because volunteers from the local area, the Plymouth Salvation Army and Comcast collected, sorted and boxed more than 10,000 items in the "Fill the Pantry" project for which the Salvation Army and the cable giant partnered.

Nearly 100 volunteers spent hours Oct. 7 sorting through the donations, boxing them to be used for distribution this holiday season. The donations, which came from local government, churches, schools and businesses, helped ease some concern there wouldn't be enough to help

this holiday season. "We feel truly blessed to have had Comcast do this for us," said Bill Mortiz, social services director for the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton,

Northville and Belleville. "I was getting worried as our pantry was very low on the basic necessities that we give to our families.

Moritz said he expects to assist more than 200 families this Christmas.

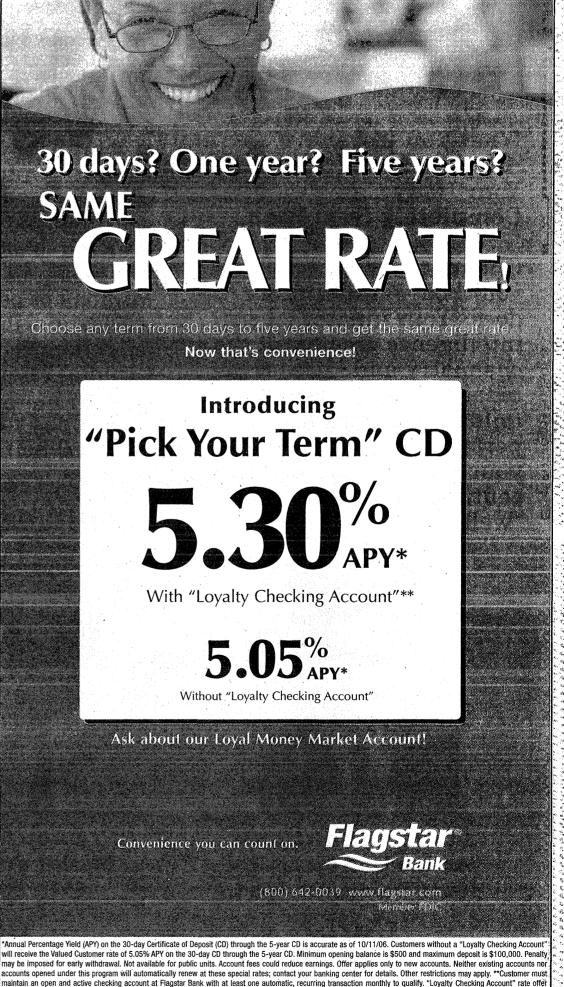
For the cable company, Comcast Cares Day, a nationwide effort, gave employees a chance to give back to the communities they serve.

"Comcast Cares Day is a national effort," said Maria Holmes, Comcast's local corporate affairs manager. "It's an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to improving the lives of citizens in the communities we serve."

Holmes said programs like this are critically important to the people who need them.

"The economy in Michigan is tough, and there are going to be a lot of people in need this winter," Holmes said. "It's imperative people understand the crisis organizations like the Salvation Army are going to be in in trying to help that need."





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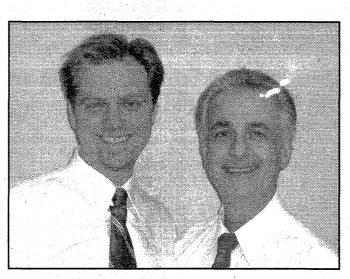
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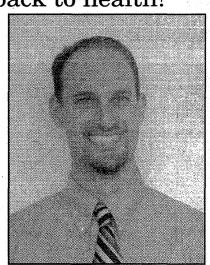
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said. "They can learn intelligent design in religion and philosophy classes, and can be part of the state standards in those fields."

Skimins agreed, saying science and religion should not be mixed in the classroom.

"Intelligent design is fine, but it shouldn't impede scientific discovery and research," Skimins said. "There's a place for it to be discussed, but science is not the best place for that to happen."

Stewart said he agrees with the state guidelines as passed by the state Board of Education.

"Science would not have credibility if we included intelligent design in the curriculum because it's religion," Stewart said.

"I believe science is consistent with my faith. I don't have time for something that isn't based on the truth," said Stewart, a Presbyterian. "Anyone can believe in the Big Bang theory, creationism, or that God created the world in one week, I believe is subject to interpretation."

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ects within the city:

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when city officials decided to avoid a confrontation with the ACLU and review its sign ordinance after receiving a letter suggesting legal action against the city.

"The city's ordinance discriminates between political and non-political speech," said Paul Stevenson, a co-counsel cooperating attorney for the ACLU Michigan. "It allows signs of other types that are much larger, such as those for special civic events (32 square feet), to be erected. The ordinance never defines special

civic events, and leaves the sole discretion to the city manager.

"To me, there's no more important special civic event than the political season up to an election," Stevenson added. "Courts around the country have uniformly struck down sign ordinances, such as Plymouth's, recognizing that free speech — especially political ideas — are paramount."

Stevenson — speaking on behalf of Grotz, who didn't want to comment — also noted the city's ordinance allows commercial signs that are larger than political signs.

In the Oct. 4 letter sent to city officials, including city Manager Paul Sincock and Mayor Dan Dwyer, the ACLU also stated:

■ The Plymouth ordinance calls for political signs to be taken down within 14 days of an election, while there is no time limit for commercial and "temporary ... special civic events" signs.

■ While the city ordinance on signs may be tailored to concerns of aesthetics, blight and safety ... "there is nothing about political signs, as opposed to commercial signs or 'special civic events,' that makes them a greater threat to aesthetics or safety."

Sincock declined to comment more expansively than what he wrote in an Oct. 10 response to Stevenson, noting the city will avoid a confrontation while the

ordinance is reviewed by city attorney Robert Marzano of Plunkett & Cooney.

We are reviewing a number of issues not directly related to the political sign matter ... and we will need some time to complete that review," Sincock said in the letter. "Since we were in the process of reviewing our ordinances, in the spirit of cooperation we will allow Mrs. Mary Grotz to keep the sign on her property pending that review ... without risk of prosecution within the city of Plymouth."

Stevenson said the ACLU urged the city to modify the sign ordinance to make it consistent with the requirements of the First Amendment, as

well as U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. District Court precedent.

"The city admits they have a problem with the ordinance wording, and we're willing to work with them and give some ideas on what they can do to fashion an ordinance," Stevenson said.

Since the Nov. 7 election is only weeks away, Stevenson said the ACLU was prepared to take legal action soon.

"We would have taken this to court, but wanted to settle it in an amicable way without litigation," he said. "We compliment the city manager's decision not to enforce this unconstitutional ordinance."

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his office and we didn't know where to reach him."

Willing said he mentioned the problem to an IRS agent, who advised him to contact the criminal division.

'We thought he was going to help us get through our tax problems and show us how to operate properly," Willing said. "Instead, we ended up closing

Cox, according to court documents, was convicted on two occasions for defrauding tax clients, and has had his certified public accountant (CPA) license revoked in Michigan and suspended in Illinois.

"Our tax laws depend upon the voluntary compliance of our citizens, as well as the honesty and integrity of professional tax preparers," Murphy said. "We take tax fraud seriously in this district, and we will continue to enforce tax laws that were set up for the good of all, and to deter those

who would subvert them."

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Bracelet brings cousin's memory back to life

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

James Mach and his cousin, Nathan Stahl, were close as cousins could be, considering their ages were six years apart, and Stahl grew up in Indiana, a good day's drive from Mach's home in Canton.

But Stahl was born to be a soldier - he knew it when he was a kid - and sometimes soldiers don't come home. While serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, 20-year-old Stahl was killed Sept. 21, 2004, when his vehicle was struck by



because they were so close and he was so young and they were so close in age," said

an explosive

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affected Jamie

device.

Mach's grandmother, Judy Volker. But James, along with the rest of his family, eventually moved on and had learned to accept their loss.

"Eventually I only thought of him a few times a year and when we would go visit his grave in Indiana," Mach said.

That changed earlier this school year when one of Mach's classmates, Morgan Fichtner, waved to get his attention in their English composition class.

On Fichtner's wrist is a black metal bracelet which bears the name of a soldier who died while serving. That soldier is Pvt. First Class Nathan Stahl.

"I asked her what the bracelet was and she took it off and tossed it to me," Mach said. The classmates were dumbfounded.

"I didn't believe that the guy on my bracelet was his cousin. I told him he better bring me pictures before I'd believe him, Fichtner said.

So Mach did just that. And Fichtner believed him.

"It was really weird to me. I always wondered what he looked like because I always have him on my wrist," Fichtner said. "I wear this bracelet every day so that I can pray for Nathan's family, and can keep his family in my thoughts. It's just weird that I know his family."

For Mach, the coincidence has brought back his cousin.

"This definitely brought Nathan's memory to life for me," Mach said.

Right trivia answer puts her in new car

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Winning a 2006 Hyundai Sonata can be a mixed blessing when you live in the state where driving domestic cars is sometimes paramount socially. And when your husband works at Ford it drives the loyalty issue home even harder.

But, Rebecca Culvert said getting a new car by answering the right question during a Live With Regis and Kelly show came at just the right time, even if it was the wrong manufacturer. She was in an accident in January and her car was totaled and she'd been driving a 1993 Cherokee ever

"Oh, my God," the Westland sident said. "Me and my sister were jumping like it was Christmas day."

She got the call from LiveWith Regis and Kelly producers at 8 a.m. Aug. 10 saying that she would have a chance to answer the trivia question during the show. The question is always something taken from a previous Live With

Regis and Kelly. Her prize was determined by spinning a big wheel with prizes valued between \$3,000

Her first thought, she said, was that she had to win something, even if it was just pots and pans.

When she heard the wheel stopped on the car she thought: "I just won a car," she said. "But, oh no, because my husband (James) works at Ford and he's going to kill me. I could really use a new car an he's getting over that, because it was a free car."





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The ThreeOlBags — Sharon Hegwood, Linda Sparkman and Sandra Campbell — found a place they could relate to (the Old Bag Factory) while visiting Goshen, Ind.

ThreeOlBags host writer's workshop

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The call themselves the ThreeOlBags, three women who have made a name for themselves as writers.

Sandra Campbell, Linda Sparkman and Sharon Hegwood, who take their moniker from the travel bags, have been collaborating on travel stories since 1998 when they decided to take a chance on being published authors.

Now they're offering the tools they acquired along the way during a weekend Beginning Writers Workshop for Women, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21.

"They've been thinking about doing one for a year, and they finally talked me into it, I was the one dragging the feet," Hegwood said. "Actually, we're doing it because people have asked us how we do it. It'll be

just the basics."
The workshop will be held at Lynn's Bead and Breakfast in Harsens Island. The cost is \$50 and includes dinner Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. A \$10 non-

refundable deposit is required.
Campbell, a Garden City resident, is the rough-draft writer and researcher of group. She will lead classes focusing on the tools of the trade, which will identify and explain what

tools are essential to writers of any genre, "Bare Bones, where good writing begins," will look at finding niche and specialty markets.

Hegwood, also a Garden City resident, is the photographer of the trio, and her classes will deal with digital photography, choosing the right camera and working with photos for publication.

Sparkman, who is the "editor" of the ThreeOlBags — "because she tears everything we write apart and makes us redo it," Hegwood said — will explain the who, what, where, why and how of query letters and contacting editors and publishers.

"Our purpose is to encourage women to step out and do something they always wanted," Hegwood said. "Step out, be brave, try something new. Don't be afraid to follow your dreams."

"We'll give them enough knowledge to give them confidence to step outside their comfort zone," Campbell added. "In my case, I have two other OlBags to drag me along."

The women will draw from their experiences. They first got together as a small Bible study and prayer group. When Campbell signed up for a writing class that was canceled after three weeks, Sparkman, already a published writer, stepped in to teach her and Hegwood.

They peddled their first article and photographs about Oscoda to the *Observer Newspapers*. What they thought was a discussion with the editor about the article turned into a story about the trio and the publication of their first travel piece.

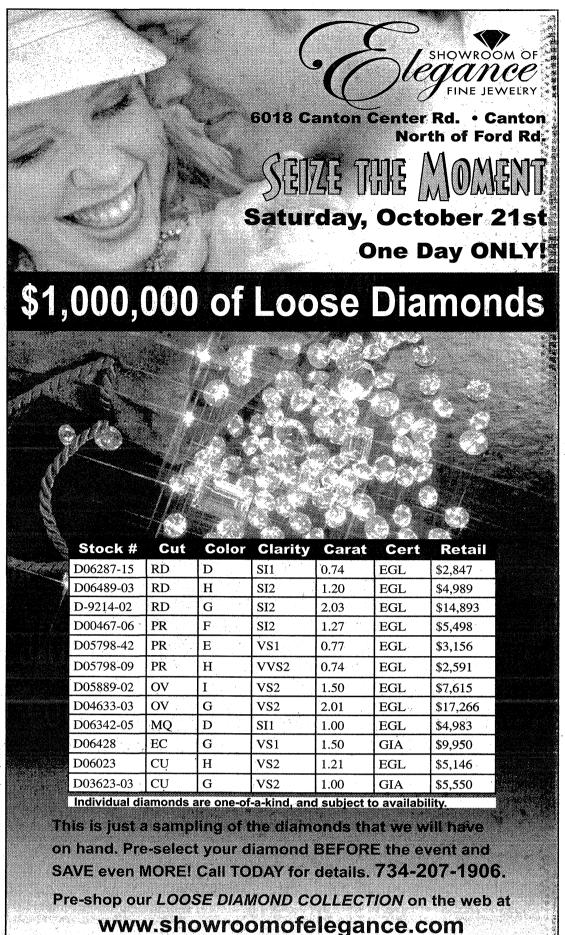
"Afterwards, we went out to the Coney Island and celebrated," Sparkman said. "Was it that easy all the time? No"

The story was so well-received, the trio heard from the owner of a flower shop in Oscoda that at least 30 people had come carrying the article. The ThreeOlBags have gone on to have 15-20 articles published and Campbell has branched out, getting her own work published.

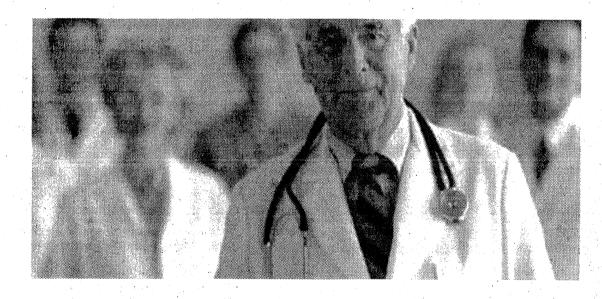
"It gave me enough knowledge and courage to see what would happen," she said. "It's been wonderful, and they've been there to encourage me. They're my cheerleaders."

The women still meet on Tuesday evenings for their prayer group, they do it before any "Bag business." Campbell said they tease each other that their collaboration is their own personal therapy session.

For more information on the workshop, call Campbell at (734) 427-9585 or e-mail threeolbags@wowway.com.



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Little Tiger fan Kaden Dailide, 3, of Westland is drawing attention everywhere he goes.

Even at age 3, he's 100 percent Tigers

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Kaden Dailide of Westland may be the biggest little Tiger

He's only 3 years old, but he already had been to 21 Tigers games this season - even before the American League championship series started with the Oakland Athletics.

"When I take naps, I get to go to the game," Kaden said

He became a Tigers fan even before the team hit its winning streak.

"I took him to his first Tigers game when he was 5 months old," grandfather Bud Somerville of Westland said. "We almost got

hit by a foul ball."

Kaden has become quite the celebrity since then.

No wonder. Just look at his Tigers costume and face paint. Television cameras can't get enough of him, and he even graced an inside page of Sports Illustrated that recently hit newsstands.

"Full families stop him on the street to get their picture taken with him," Somerville said.

Kaden answers quickly when asked to name his favorite player.

"Magglio," he said, referring to right-fielder Magglio Ordonez.

Why Ordonez? Kaden mumbled his response, prompting his mother, Tawny Somerville, to translate.

"I think it started with my dad," she said. "They would go to the games, and my dad would scream, 'Come on, Magglio.' Now, all Kaden talks about is Magglio."

Almost. But he also likes pitcher Joel Zumaya. Kaden seems humble for a youngster with sudden star

power. When asked what he thinks of his costume and face paint, he said, "It's fun."

Who knows? Kaden may graduate to donning a real Tigers uniform one day. His grandfather, long active in the Westland Youth Athletic Association, plans to sign Kaden up with WYAA when he's old enough at age 5.

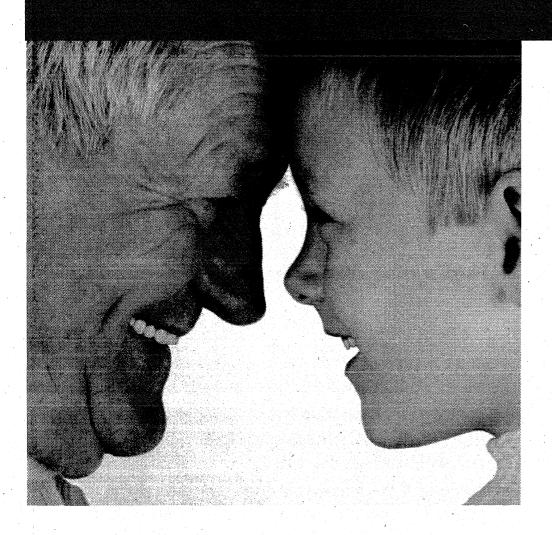




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Congressional campaign takes a turn to the ugly

learly there is no love lost between Thaddeus McCotter and Tony Trupiano. A tepid handshake at the end of Thursday's forum for 11th District congressional candidates didn't erase the angry

response McCotter made to a complaint by Trupiano about campaign advertising showing Trupiano with space aliens on the "left-wing mothership."

Funny but wrong. Trupiano's position on the issue is closer to President Bush, hardly a crew member on the left-wing mothership, than it is to McCotter's and the House majority's hard

line. But it is in line with the Senate immigration bill and argues for a strong border defense. He said in an interview with the Observer that he has moved toward a stronger position on controlling illegal immigration after visiting the Southwest and seeing the problems caused by that immigra-

Gallagher

The advertising comes on the heels of McCotter's own meeting with Observer editors during which he bemoaned the divisive partisanship on Capitol Hill and the lack of mutual respect. He said he was disturbed by the influence of such polarizing groups as the conservative Club for Growth and the liberal moveon.org.

"One of the right, one of the left. Moderates, the middle ground, ends up being cut from under you," he said. A good point but completely negated by

the tone of the advertising. The congressman is usually not one for sound bite politics. In conversations, he presents often complex thinking on public issues. Though a reliable vote for the conservative Republican leadership, McCotter has staked out positions that go against the party grain. While supporting the original attack on Iraq, he has argued that the Bush administration made serious errors in its handling of the insurgency and the creation of a new Iraqi government. He voted against the Central America Free Trade Agreement and has argued vigorously that we need to demand fair trade concessions

It may be true that "all's fair" in love and

from China (a position he shares with

politics, but this election year seems particularly strained. Perhaps it's because there is so much at stake.

For McCotter, Trupiano represents a different challenge than his previous opponents. In his first congressional campaign, he ran against former Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley. Kelley came out of the same political environment, attended the same Catholic high school and knew the same politicians. They were friendly political

In the 2004 election, McCotter ran against labor leader Phil Truran. Truran was a wellintentioned political novice, who was clearly uncomfortable in areas away from his labor

Trupiano is running a hard campaign in a district that many in his party had already ceded to McCotter. As a former radio talk show host, motivational speaker and media consultant, Trupiano is neither the old school Kelley or the novice Truran. He's media savvy. He believes he can win, and he's taking the battle to the Internet, the streets and as many public appearances as his campaign can schedule.

The political winds seem to be blowing in the Democrats' favor. The public is disillusioned with the Congress and the president. Voters seem upset by an unpopular war, the stability of the economy, lobbying scandals and a sex scandal that raises questions about whether the GOP leadership was protecting one of their own. A switch in just a few districts could move one or both houses of Congress to the Democrats.

Of course, political winds are known to shift in the opposite direction pretty quickly.

Perhaps it is politically astute for McCotter to avoid further meetings with Trupiano. After all, the smart money seems to be on his re-election. Why give his lessknown opponent another forum?

On the other hand, McCotter's constituents would be better served if he took up Trupiano's challenge for a one-on-one discussion of the issues without the sound bites, artificial time restrictions and the dim-bulb labeling in the now-notorious

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shocking, but none stands out as much as the murder of five Amish children and wounding of five more in a one-room school house in Pennsylvania.

Who in the world could imagine that such a thing could occur in such a place?

The Amish are noted for their deep respect for life. It is unthinkable for such a thing to happen.

Yet it did. In other recent incidents, a student in Wisconsin shot a school principal, and a man shot a 15-year-old girl in a school in Colorado. In fact, there have been more than 40 school shootings around the world since 1997, ranging from Sanaa, Yemen, to Dunblane, Scotland, to Littleton, Colo. You may have forgotten

Littleton, but you surely remember Columbine High School, the location of the most infamous of all the school shootings. There, 14 students were killed and 23 were wounded. Many of the school shootings took place in

schools that are not in inner-city areas where crime is usually higher but in upscale neighborhoods or areas where crime is rare. Taber, a town in Alberta, Canada, does not

leap to mind when one thinks of violent crime, yet a 14-year-old student killed one student and wounded another there in 1999. It was the first high school shooting in all of Canada in 10 We almost added to that terrible list of

tragedies locally. Last week two students were nearly carjacked in the parking lot of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Township. Fortunately the students escaped without being harmed. This happened on a school day morning, in just about the last place you would expect such a thing to happen.

Yet it did. The schools acted properly. Indeed, there is nothing to indicate that the school have not acted responsibly at any time to protect the students.

In the wake of the recent shootings the government has promised to take a good look at school security nationwide. Don't expect much from the effort. It's not that they won't try to come up with some answers as to why these things happen and what can be done to prevent them. But most schools are already doing everything possible. And there is no real protection against madness.

A lunatic with a gun, whether it's a student or an adult, will find some way to do harm if he's determined to. That's not to say that proper precautions shouldn't be taken. Some schools use metal detectors and have police officers in the hallways. There's even a movement to arm teachers or administrators so they could take action against an armed intruder.

Whether more guns are the solution is debat-

Perhaps the best thing the schools can do is to be aware of what the students are doing and saying, watching for signs of trouble. The Bloomfield Hills schools have already initiated a program to watch for signs of trouble — but it relates more to potential ethnic conflicts related to the Middle East. The schools also need to watch of more traditional dangers, like bullying and anti-social behavior, although realistically trying to distinguish anti-social behavior in an adolescent is a challenge, indeed.

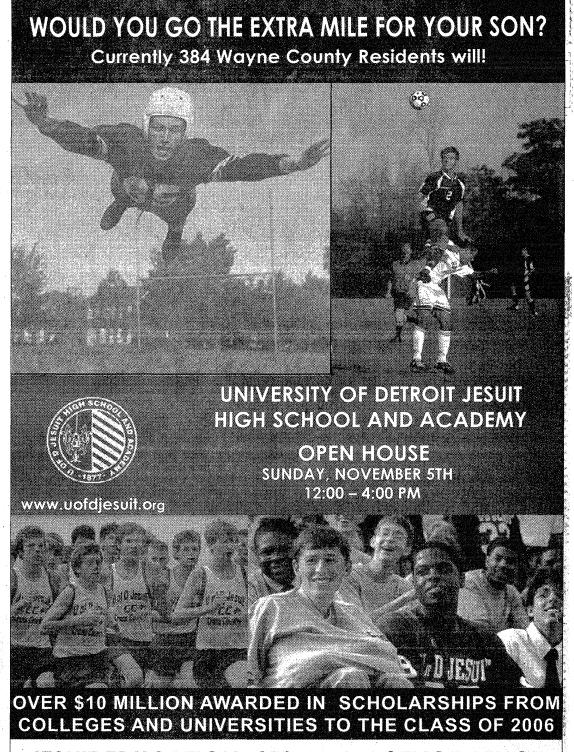
And not all the danger comes from within the schools. The man who shot the Amish children was a determined intruder. Short of a man with a shotgun at the front door, it's hard to see how he could have been stopped before he did damage. And there's no guarantee that an armed guard would have made a difference.

So while there are things that can be done to protect the students, they will remain at risk.

It all sounds rather bleak, but it isn't, really. One reason school shootings gather so much attention is because they are rare. That doesn't lessen the pain of any of those tragedies or reduce the need to be more vigilant than ever. But so long as there is madness in the world

these incidents will occur despite the best efforts to stop them.

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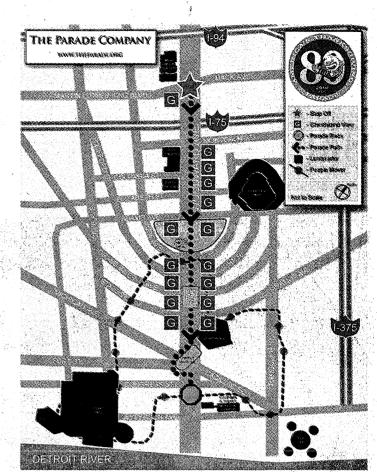
Thanksgiving for generations," said Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick. "This year's route will honor the Thanksgiving Day tradition that began more than 80 years ago, while providing parade-goers the opportunity to enjoy the transformation of our great City."

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Airport CEO elected to U.S.-Canadian aviation panel

Lester Robinson, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority, has been elected to the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) Board of Directors beginning a three-year term in January 2007.

"I am honored to be selected among an impressive group of airport leaders who will be setting policy for this critically important airport organization," said Robinson. "Airports, large and small, have many

common issues and concerns. and ACI-NA has been a powerful voice across the U.S., Canada and the world."

ACI-NA is the largest of the six worldwide regions of Airports Council International (ACI). The mission of ACI-NA is to advocate policies and provide services that strengthen the ability of air carrier airports to serve their passengers, customers and communities. Robinson will serve with the CEO's or directors of airports

located in Salt Lake City, Louisville, St. Louis, Las Vegas, Jacksonville and Sarasota among others. Robinson currently serves on the organization's Goals & Programs Committee.

"I look forward to working with the new leadership team in 2007," said incoming Board of Directors Chairman Rick Piccolo.

"We have a challenging year ahead with the FAA reauthorization pending and we'll use

all the resources at our disposal to accomplish our goals."

Other representatives from WCAA's management team with leadership positions in ACI-NA include Senior Vice President Steve Economy, who serves as the chair of ACI-NA's International Air Service Committee and Business Diversity Manager and Lori Ballard who serves as vice chair of the Economic Affairs Committee.

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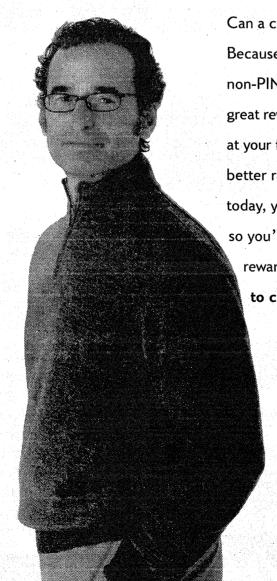
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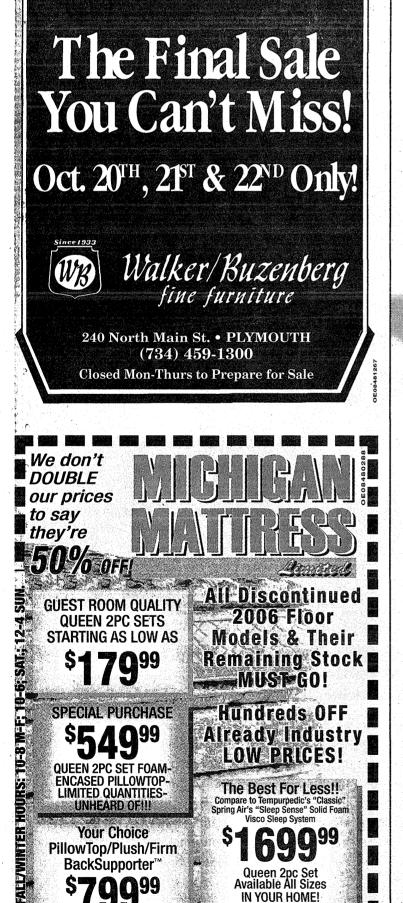
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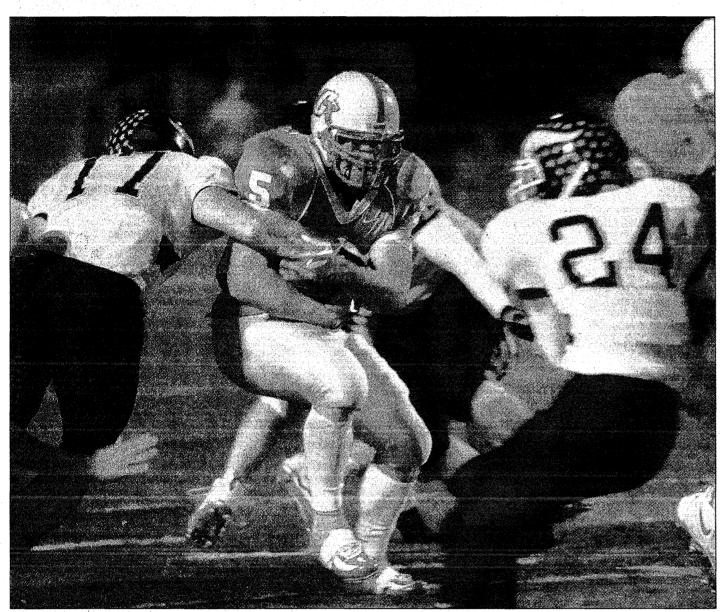
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Canton's Nick Moores fights through an attempted tackle by Walled Lake Central's Adonis Adonakis during Thursday night's WLAA championship game. Moores scored a pair of TD's in the Chiefs' 20-14 triumph.

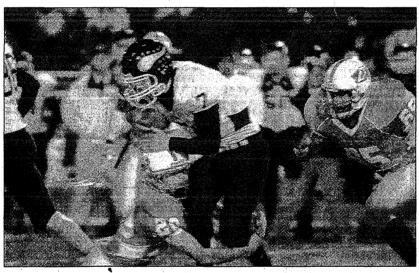
Canton reclaims league title with 20-14 triumph

STAFF WRITER

Canton's Nick Moores invented a new form of anti-freeze during the opening seconds of Thursday night's WLAA conference championship football game.

On a brutally cold, windy night that was better suited for ice-fishing, Moores sent a heat wave through the Chiefs' sidelines and the home crowd when he returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown against Walled Lake Central.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B3



Canton's Derek Perino puts the wraps on Walled Lake Central guarterback Torrey Stimson.

Plymouth swimmers nip N'ville

See complete meet details on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

There was a significant WLAA Western Division power shift in girls swimming Thursday night in Northville.

The epicenter of the ground-breaking occurrence was the Mustangs' pool, but the movers and shakers were wearing black-and-white Plymouth suits.

The Wildcats opened eyes and the record books by out-stroking Northville, 95-91, to earn first-place from the perennially strong Mustangs.

"This is obviously the biggest win in the history of our program," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the division. "It's another milestone in a five-year building process for us. Northville is a great team and they have a lot of state-level swimmers, so it was really fun to see our depth serve us as well as it did."

The Wildcats can clinch the Division title with a victory over Walled Lake Western Thursday night in the Salem

Among the many swimmers who shined the brightest for the Wildcats were freshman Sijia Hao, who touched first in both the 100-yard butterfly and the 500 freestyle.

Plymouth's trio of Hao, Maricat Eggenberger and Beth McReynolds swept the 500 while its 200 freestyle relay teams also took the top three spots in their event.

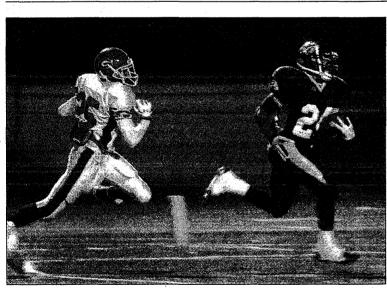
"Alyssa Liakos won the 50 free because she won the start by two yards, won the turn by a yard and had a flawless finish to win by a couple tenths of a second," said Schade.

What's been the secret to Plymouth's incredible success this season?

"We are a good team with a lot of depth," said Schade. "We don't have any state-caliber swimmers like a lot of the teams we face, but we are extremely versatile. One of our strengths is that we can match up with a team just about any way we want because we stress the importance of swimming multiple events with our girls.

"I can't communicate in words how proud I am of this team. Working with girls like this is a rewarding experience for our entire coaching staff."

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Plymouth's Nate Gholston outraces John Glenn's Ian Thornton to finish off his 49vard touchdown run in the third quarter of the Wildcats' 15-7 victory.

Happy homecoming

Gholston's royal night lifts Wildcats to 15-7 win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

A few minutes after Friday night's Plymouth's homecoming/senior night game against Westland John Glenn, Nate Gholston removed his black-and-silver football helmet and put on a black-and-silver crown.

The change in headgear was fitting considering Gholston had a night fit for a king.

The senior running back ran for a game-high 115 yards on 22 attempts to lead the Wildcats to a 15-7 triumph over the Rockets in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game.

Both teams now share 3-5 overall records. "We haven't lost a homecoming game yet at Plymouth, and we didn't want to start tonight," said Gholston. "Even though this season hasn't gone how we wanted it to, the seniors didn't want to end our legacy on this field with a loss, so we all came out tonight together and focused."

Gholston said being named the school's homecoming king at halftime was nice, but the honor paled in comparison to winning the

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B3

Rock gridders fall The Salem football

team dropped a 44-13 decision to Northville Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played on the Mustangs' turf.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 0-8 while the Mustangs improved to 2-

Regretfully, results of the game were not called in to the Observer.

MU boots Ind. Tech

The Madonna University women's soccer team earned a 2-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph Friday over host Indiana Tech in Fort Wavne.

Kelly Japowicz scoring her 16th goal of the season 6:53 into the match with Dina Allie being credited with the assist.

Kaila Moore added another at the 58:48 mark for the Crusaders. now 11-3-2 overall and 9 1-1 in the WHAC.

MU goalkeeper Traci Anderson notched her ninth shutout of the year.

Tech goalkeeper Jennifer Sanow had 16 saves for the Warriors (1-5, 1-9).

Former Canton High School football standout: Michael LaFata, a senior at St. Joseph's (Ind.) College was named "Defensive Player of the Week" in the Great Lakes Football Conference earli er this month after he forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass in the Pumas' 38-24 victory over the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners.

LaFata's performance helped the Pumas improve their record to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the GLFC.

Salem X-country

Members of the Salem girls cross country team... competed in the Ann Arbor Invitational Oct. 13 at Willow Metro Park. Following are how the Rocks fared (no team scores were kept): Megan Grady (15th in 22:33), Emily Rossman (17th in 22:38), Alli York (19th in 22:40), Freyal Shah (28th in 22:46), Emily Willer (31st in 23:41). Annie White (32nd in 23:43) and Rachel Morrison (35th in 23:45)



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Chiefs widen gap in Western Division

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BY ED WRIGHT

The gap between the Canton girls basketball team and the other five teams in the WLAA's Western Division isn't nearly as wide as the Grand Canyon, but it's getting there

The Chiefs improved their division record to 6-0 Thursday night with a convincing 65-27 victory over crosscampus rival Plymouth. Canton's four closest Western challengers — the Wildcats, Livonia Franklin, Northville and Walled Lake Western - all own 3-3 marks.

"We were up 32-19 at the half, so at halftime we talked about getting off to a good start during the first three minutes of the second half," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We ended up outscoring them 18-4 in the third, which really got us rolling.

"Our starters played well tonight, but we also received strong performances from our three reserves — Leslie Weisz. Hilary Payne and Thea Spittle. They all came in and played very_well."

Speaking of the starters, junior center Baylee Hollowell continued her stellar play by tallying 21 points and 10 rebounds. She also did a solid job of holding Plymouth's top scorer, 6-foot sophomore center Shaakira Haywood (two points), in check.

"I thought Baylee did a nice job tonight defensively on

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Haywood," said Samulski, "But our team defense also did a nice job helping Baylee out. We did a good job of not letting Haywood get to the rim."

Also excelling for the Chiefs were senior guard Becci Houdek (17 points, six assists and four steals), junior forward Ja'nee Morton (eight points) and senior guard Lauren Delapaz (seven points).

Plymouth guard Megan Davis continued her strong play by netting a team-high nine points for the Wildcats.

Canton improved to 11-2 overall while Plymouth slipped

Canton led 13-7 after one quarter, 32-19 at the half and 50-23 with eight minutes to

Canton hit 7-of-10 free throws; the Wildcats drained 7-of-13 from the line.

SALEM 48, STEVENSON 18: Three players scored in double figures Friday as the Rocks (11-2, 6-0) earned the WLAA-Lakes Division victory over Livonia Stevenson (2-11, 0-6). Lauren Kurtz led Salem with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Teresa Coppiellie also had a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Kaitlin O'Hara had a teamhigh four points for the Spartans.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 20 Plymouth at Mount Pleasant, 7 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Tuesday, Oct. 17 W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m. Southfield Christian at PCA, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20 PCA at A.P. Inter-City Baptist, 7:30 p.m. **BOYS SOCCER DIVISION 1**

Monday, Oct. 16 A.A. Huron at Salem at P-CEP varsity football stadium, 7 p.m. A.A. Pioneer at Canton at P-CEP varsity soccer stadium, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Pinckney, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 Semi-finals at South Lyon H.S Saturday, Oct. 21 Finals at South Lyon H.S.

ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (host) Monday, Oct. 16: (A) Canton Agape Christian at (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Ypsilanti Calvary Baptist Christian at (D) Lutheran High Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18: Plymouth Christian Academy at A-B winner, 4:30 p.m.; Ann Arbor Greenhills at C-D winner, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20: Championship final, 4:30 p.m. at Greenhills. (Winner advances to the Allen

DIVISION IV

Jackson Christian district champion.) BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Friday, Oct. 20 WLAA meet at Willow Metropark, 4:45 p.m. **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Park Inter-City Baptist regional semifinals vs.

Friday, Oct. 20 WLAA meet at Willow Metropark, 4:10 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Oct. 17 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 **MISCA Meet WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

Tuesday, Oct. 17 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21

Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, noon, MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Oct. 15 Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21

Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Tuesday, Oct. 17 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 Schoolcraft at Olivet JV, 4 p.m. COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Oct. 21 NJCAA Region Meet at Lansing CC, TBA

TBA - time to be announced



Onward and upward

The Plymouth Christian boys golf team placed second in their Division 4 District tournament last Thursday and qualified for the Regional round of the tournament today. Pictured (from the left) are Bobby Qualls, coach Tom Predhomme, Mitch Geracz, Scott Hampson, coach Kurt Johnston, Ross Gerulis, Derek Elenbaas and Aaron

SWIMMING RESULTS

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Thursday at Northville 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Ashley Filipowicz, Kelly Burford, Meghan Kanya, Blair Powers), 2:04.12; 2. Plymouth, 2:06.71; 3. Plymouth, 2:11.75. 200 freestyle: 1. Chelsea Miller (N), 2:15.53;

2. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 2:17.27; 3. Emily Clanton (P), 2:18.23. **200 IM:** 1. Emily Hopcian (N), 2:25.17; 2. Rachel Englert (N), 2:26.51; 3. Stephanie Goulet (P), 2:36.71.

50 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 27.25; 2. Chelsea Miller (N), 27.36; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.69.

1-meter diving: 1. Hannah Gill (N), 175.95; 2. Tori Beeler (P), 159.50; 3. Kelsey Libbe (N), 100 butterfly: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.17; 2. Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:11.19; 3. Elisabeth Morris (N), 1:13.84.

100 freestyle: 1. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 57.60; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:00.81; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:01.30. **500 freestyle:** 1. Sijia Hao (P), 5:43.38; 2. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 5:59.00; 3. Beth McReynolds (P), 6:08.63. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski, Michelle Chang), 1:50.53; 2. Plymouth, 1:53.81; 3. Northville, 1:56.45. 100 backstroke: 1. Tanya Tereszczenko (N),

1:07.80; 2. Rachel Englert (N), 1:09.07; 3. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:09.50. 100 breaststroke: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 1:14.88; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:15.63; 3. Meghan Kanya (N), 1:15.85. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Chelsea Miller, Alyssa Perkins, Kelsey Lehman, Tanya Tereszczenko), 3:57.33; 2. Northville,

3:58.54; 3. Plymouth, 4:05.33. PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: 5-1 overall, 4-0 in WLAA Western Division.

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Thursday at Canton 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt, Laura Landis), 2:00.39; 2. Canton, 2:16.49; 3. Franklin, 2:18.64. 200 freestyle: 1. Katie Kent (LF), 2:14.52: 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 2:17.78; 3. Christine 0'Keefe (C), 2:19.64. 200 IM: 1. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:24.99; 2.

Jordan Haymour (LF), 2:30.01; 3. Meghan

Sears (C), 2:34.98. 50 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 28.08; 2. Hannah Maxam (C), 29.15; 3. Gina Hovell

1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 181.70; 2. Meghan Powers (LF), 166.75; 3. Emily Quint (LF), 164.80. 100 butterfly: 1. Laura Landis (C), 1:07.92; 2. Maddy McDuff (C), 1:12.95; 3. Courtney Sears

(C), 1:23.06. 100 freestyle: 1. Katie Kent (LF), 1:00.55: 2. Hannah Maxam (C), 1:03.53; 3. Jessica Bielak (C), 1:05.32. 500 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C).

4:56.87; 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 6:00.98; 3. Jordan Haymour (LF), 6:04.26. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Meghan Sears, Alyssa Johnson, Julie Collins, Monica Blaesser), 1:53.37; 2. Canton, 1:59.40; 3. Franklin, 1:59.61. 100 backstroke: 1. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:11.05; 2. Maddy McDuff (C), 1:14.43; 3. Louise Kane

(C), 1:21.89. 100 breaststroke: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:17.77; 2. Erika Baker (C), 1:26.75; 3. Rose Carpenter (LF), 1:28.52.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Allison Schmitt, Katie Kubacki, Meghan Sears, Maggie Carlson), 3:58.23; 2. Franklin, 4:25.18; 3. Canton, 4:35.54 SALEM 104 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 82

Thursday at Salem 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Emily Bair, Katie Gorman, Ally Stencel), 2:03.58; 2. Churchill, 2:04.31; 3. Salem. 2:13.10.

200 freestyle: 1. Amanda Timson (LC), 2:08.63; 2. Allison Burke (S), 2:10.47; 3. Megan McManimon (S), 2:19.70. 200 IM: 1. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:26.46; 2. Emily Bair (S), 2:28.08; 3. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:31.03. 50 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 26.84; 2.

Lauren Krupsky (LC), 27.20; 3. Rachel Elery (LC), 27.61. 1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 217.80; 2. Katine St. Pierre (LC), 152.35; 3. Kallee Stancer (LC), 139.35. 100 butterfly: 1. Samantha Reid (LC),

1:06.64; 2. Katie Gorman (S), 1:07.32; 3. Emily Bair (S), 1:08.25. 100 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 58.81; 2. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 1:00.26; 3. Megan McManimon (S), 1:01.60.

500 freestyle: 1. Amanda Timson (LC), 5:35.83; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 5:43.99; 3. Allison Burke (S), 5:52,26. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Katie Gorman, Andrea Spohn, Rena Clark, Ally Stencel), 1:49.62; 2. Churchill, 1:51.01; 3. Salem,

1:57.49. 100 backstroke: 1. Emily Hiser (LC), 1:11.75; 2. Danielle Roy (S), 1:13.38; 3. Lorie Avenessian (LC), 1:17.10. 100 breaststroke: 1. Amanda Foulds (LC), 1:17.61; 2. Jennifer Grodus (S), 1:19.34; 3. Sara-Spala (S), 1:19.96.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Katie Gorman, Allison Burke, Emily Bair, Whitney Aumiller), 4:02.42; 2. Churchill, 4:07.39; 3. Salem,

CANTON 109 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 77 Oct. 10 at Livonia Rec Center 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Allison

Julie Collins), 2:04.73; 2. Ladywood, 2:06.97; 3. Ladywood, 2:13.65. 200 freestyle: 1. Laura Landis (C), 2:08.07; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:11.85; 3. Aliee Dugas (LL), 2:13.17. 200 IM: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 2:09.40; 2. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:24.03; 3. Megan Hodges (LL), 2:29.61.

Schmitt, Alyssa Johnson, Monica Blaesser,

50 freestyle: 1. Mandy Nemeth (LL), 26.58; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 27.60; 3. Maddy McDuff (C), 28.77. 1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 208.10 points; 2. Allison Spitzley (LL), 185.65; 3. Mikayla Armbruster (LL), 155.05.

100 butterfly: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:06.81; 2. Laura Landis (C), 1:08.28; 3. Kelley Hodges (LL), 1:10.61. 100 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Johnson (C), 58.78; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 59.00; 3. Aliee Dugas (LL), 1:00.37. 500 freestyle: 1. Maddy McDuff (C), 5:50.36;

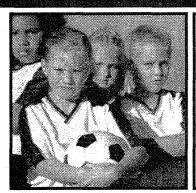
2. Megan Hodges (LL), 5:50.53; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 5:51.33. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Mandy Nemeth, Aliee Dugas, Shannon Kelly, Kelley Hodges), 1:49.71; 2. Canton, 1:52.11; 3. Canton, 1:52,68.

100 backstroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:10.07; 2. Brianna Wilson (LL), 1:11.99; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:12.82. 100 breaststroke: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:13.78: 2. Mandy Nemeth (LL), 1:14.86: 3. Cailey Ryckman (LL), 1:19.56. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Laura Landis, Monica Blaesser, Christine O'Keefe, Alyssa

Johnson), 4:01.69; 2. Ladywood, 4:07.53; 3. Canton, 4:08.05.

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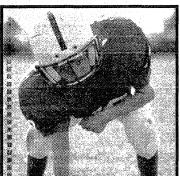
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100 freestyle Allison Schmitt (Canton) 52.01 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 55.03 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 56.37 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 58.14 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 58.19 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 58.82 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 59.37 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 59.60

Laura Landis (Canton) 59.70 Samantha Reid (Churchill) 59.99 200 freestyle Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:52.45 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00.66

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:01.41 Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:04.42 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 2:05.85 Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:05.93 Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:07.57 Kelley Hodges (Ladywood) 2:09.90 Sijia Hao (Plymouth) 2:10.01 Laura Landis (Canton) 2:10.43 500 freestyle

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Katie Kress (Stevenson) 5:44.65 100 backstroke Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:00.91 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:04.07

Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 1:04.30 Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:05.89 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:06.44 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 1:07.50 Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:08.58 Samantha Reid (Churchill) 1:09.58 Nicole Ambrose (Plymouth) 1:09.86 Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:09.86 100 breaststroke Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:09.31

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Rolfe's late goal leads Plymouth to victory

goals, including the game-winner with just 50 seconds remaining Monday night as the host Wildcats (13-4-4), ranked No. 10 in Division 1, cooled off Livonia Churchill (11-6-1), 2-1, in a game of thirdplace divisional finishers in the WLAA.

Colin Rolfe scored a pair of

Rolfe tallied a first-half goal to give Plymouth a 1-0 halftime lead.

Churchill's Drew Sieber tied it with only 10 minutes remaining in the match off an assist from Eric Puroll.

"It was a poor choice by me," Churchill coach Reid

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Friedrichs said. "We tried a formation at the end to try and win it instead of playing

straight up." Churchill had gone 2-0-1 against top-ten ranked teams in Division I prior to playing Plymouth.

CANTON AGAPE 4. BAPTIST PARK 1: On Tuesday, the Wolverines rebounded from a 1-0 halftime deficit to knock off the Eagles in a game played at Canton's

Independence Park. The victo-

ry improved the winners' mark

to 8-8-1 overall and 7-3 in the

Athletic Conference. BP slipped to 11-4-2 and 6-2-1, respectively. "We controlled play in the

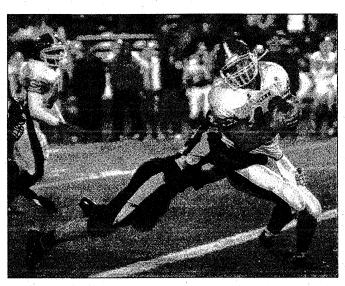
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first half, but we couldn't finish," said Agape coach Dan DeWitt. "We did a better job of passing and finishing in the second half."

Mark Mullett scored a pair of goals for the Wolverines. Donald Mullett and Tyler Majeski tallied on a piece. Brandon Pierson and Tyler Conlin contributed assists.

Junior net-minder Jared Miller recorded five assists for





Plymouth senior linebacker Nick Rosochacki sacks Westland John Glenn quarterback Kyle Acuna during the second quarter of Friday night's WLAA cross-over game won by the Wildcats, 15-7.

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game.

"The win is way more important because this group of guys has fought through blood and sweat together since the summer, so walking off this field for the last time with a win is very special."

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said Gholston's "Senior Night" performance was typical of his speedy, gutty offensive sparkplug.

"Nathan's been playing hurt all year, but he's still played great," said Blaylock. "He's just an awesome running back. He blocks, he's a great pass protector, he's just a very unselfish player. It was nice to see him have a breakthrough game tonight."

Gholston's backfield mate, junior Rico Tyus, all had a royal night, compiling 102 yards on just nine carries. Altogether, the Wildcats rushed for 201

On the flipside, the Rockets' offense struggled, managing just 115 yards on the ground and 42 through the air. Junior quarterback Kyle Acuna was pressured all night, which explains his two sacks - one each by Nick Rosochacki and Anthony Bono — and one interception — by Jeff

Schwartz. "I'm disappointed with the loss, but I'm not disappointed with our effort," said John Glenn coach Todd DeLuca. "The kids did everything we asked them to do, we're just having a hard time scoring partly because of the injuries

we've had on our offense. "We knew we were going to be in a battle with Plymouth tonight. On paper, they run a very simple offense, but you have to be on top of them every play, otherwise they're going to break a couple big

Break a couple of big ones is exactly what the Wildcats did in the pivotal third quarter when they turned a 7-3 deficit into a 15-7 lead on back-to-back possessions. The first scoring drive was capped by Gholston's 49-yard burst up the middle with 3:47 left in the stanza. The second game two minutes later when Tyus shot out of the backfield and to paydirt from 52 yards away.

"We called a 'Right Red 24' play and their middle linebacker stepped into the

gap and blitzed into the wrong hole," Gholston said, walking through his long TD sprint. "As soon as I got the ball I saw nothing but green grass ahead of me and there was no one between me and the end zone

"When I ran through the hole, I didn't know quite what to do because there was nobody there."

Glenn drove all the way to the Plymouth 38 on its opening drive, but was thwarted on a fourth-and-1 play when Plymouth's Spencer Tobin dropped Charles Woodford in the backfield for a three-yard

The Wildcats countered by driving to the Rocket 18 before senior Jeff Lucco made it 3-0 with a 35-yard field goal with 53 seconds left in the first quarter.

Glenn grabbed its only lead of the night, 7-3, when Woodford capped a fiveplay, 65-yard drive with a 4-yard scoring run. Andrew Hein added the extra point. The key play in the drive was Jerry's Smith's 50-yard run around the left end.

The Rockets moved to the Plymouth 37 late in the second quarter before the once-promising possession crumbled on an illegalblock penalty, Rosochacki's nine-yard sack of Kyle Acuna and Schwartz's interception.

The only thing that didn't work as planned for the Wildcats were their two extra-point attempts. Lucco as wide left on the first one, leaving the score at 9-7. Following Tyus's TD, the Wildcats' two-point conversion attempt was foiled with a John Glenn sack.

Smith had a nice night for the Rockets, gaining 97 yards on 14 carries. Acuna completed 5-of-12 passes for 42 yards.

The Wildcats' stellar defensive effort was led by defensive tackle Mo Hakkani, Bono and Rosochacki, who drew raves from Blaylock.

"Pound-for-pound, Nick's the best defensive player we've ever had here at Plymouth," said Blaylock. "He weighs 170, but he plays like he's 200. He's all over the ball and all over the field, which is why he always is in on a ton of tackles."

The Wildcats close their season next Friday at Mount Pleasant, which was 5-2 entering Friday night.

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The quick-strike play, combined with a stellar performance from the Chiefs' defense, led Canton to a 20-14 victory over

The Chiefs will take an 8-0 record into Friday's regular-season finale at home against 0-8

It was the fourth WLAA title Canton has earned in Tim Baechler's nine-year headcoaching tenure. Central, which had outscored its opponents 300-86 heading into Thursday's title clash, dropped to 6-2.

"They kicked the ball right to me and I went right up the middle," Moores said, recalling his tone-setting 80-yard return. "I got one key block then it was wide open. I was so excited that I started yelling as I got close to the end zone. I wasn't saying anything in particular, just screaming."

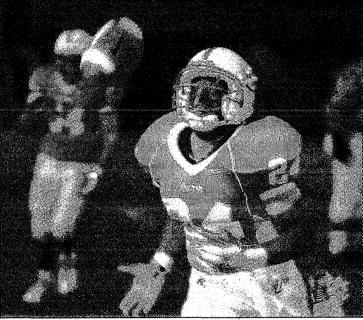
"It was a great way to start a big game like that," said Baechler, speaking of Moores' game-opening sprint. "Putting seven points on the board in the first few seconds gave us a lot of momentum."

Moores, a first-year senior transfer student from Novi Catholic Central, also paced the Chiefs' ground game with 55 yards on 17 carries.

"We run basically the same offense we ran at CC, so I knew what I was doing right away when I came over here," said Moores. "But I had to improve on a lot of things, especially blocking, which is something coach Baechler has really helped me with. Our offense is all about running people over and running hard."

The Chiefs expanded their lead to 20-0 before the Vikings scored two late TD's to make it close.

"Too little, too late," said Central coach Bob Meyer, refer-



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Canton's Antwaun Hawkins focuses in on an Adam Powers pass during the third quarter of Thursday night's WLAA championship game. The pass eventually eluded Hawkins, but the Chiefs grabbed the league title, 20-14.

ring to his team's fourth-quarter rally. "You can't put yourself in a hole like we did against a good football team like Canton. We had a nice drive going late in the first half, but it fizzled out. It would have been huge to go into the half trailing by just six.

'Canton is a very good football team. They're Division 1 and we're Division 2, so we won't see them in the playoffs, but I told my team before the game that they represent the best team we'll see in the playoffs. They're big and they play with precision, both offensively and defensively."

Baechler said winning the league crown was especially satisfying considering the Chiefs' long list of injuries to key players and because of the disappointment of not winning the first-place trophy last season.

"It feels really good," said Baechler. "We had won three in a row heading into last season and we felt we were the best team last year, but we didn't get . it done with the guys we had. Livonia Franklin got it last year and they deserved it.

"We thought it was ours last year, but there was nothing we could do about it except try to get it back this year. It's very satisfying because we've had a lot of injured kids this year, but others have stepped up and done a great job filling in."

Led by their defense — whose points-allowed-per-game average matched Thursday night's wind chill — the Chiefs dominated the first half, running 33 offensive plays to Central's 21. The Vikings didn't record a first down until the 1:30 mark of the second quarter.

Canton's mobile, wide-bodied defensive line of Jay Bailey, Donnie Laramie and Wardell Fugua — who tip the scales at a combined 840 pounds - combined with linebackers Colin O'Shaunessy, Dan Wanshon, Bill Turner and Chris Hasse to put the clamps on Central's vaunted

Wing-T running game.

And when Viking starting quarterbacks Torrey Stimson (first half) and Cody Rzeznick (second half) tried to pass, they were often thwarted by the Chiefs' defensive backfield of Chris Bogdanski, Chris Woudstra, Deshon McClendon and Derek Perino.

The Chiefs extended their lead to 13-0 with 5:52 left in the second quarter when Moores' 4yard scoring run capped a clock eating 12-play, 53-yard drive. The key play in the possession W was junior quarterback Adam Powers 10-yard hook-up with tight end Brandon Fender on a third-and-9 from the Viking 28.

Behind Rzeznick, who replaced an ineffective Stimson at the half, the Vikings drove to the Canton 33 before they were stymied on a fourth-and-9 pass

Canton then countered with the most significant possession of the game - a 16-play, 67-yard clock-eater that ended with Powers' third-down, 7-yard TD pass to Fender. O'Shaunessy's extra point made it 20-0.

The Vikings scored a pair of fourth-quarter TDs, the first coming on Kevin Long's 40yard sprint down the sidelines with 10:07 left in the game. Their last hurrah came on Rzeznick's 1-yard QB sneak with 27 seconds left.

Canton barely outgained Central, 172-167, in total yards. although it dominated the firstdown battle, 14-6. Junior fullback Jordan Raiford picked up 29 yards rushing for the winners. while Antwaun Hawkins and Powers both churned out 28.

Powers completed 3-of-6 passes for 32 yards.

Long paced the Vikings' sluggish offensive effort with 48 yards rushing — all but eight coming on his fourth-quarter TD run. Stimson went 2-of-9 passing for 18 yards. Rzeznick was 1-of-3 for 25 yards.

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Canton's Albers qualifies for state golf tournament

BY ED WRIGHT

Playing in weather only a ski-resort owner could love, just one P-CEP golfer managed to advance to the Division 1 state golf tournament at Thursday's Regional competition at Travis Pointe Golf Course in Saline.

Playing in swirling winds mixed with snow flurries, Canton's Clark Albers carded an 81 to move on to next week's state finals at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf

The junior was also the Chiefs' top scorer at Tuesday's



Western Lakes Activities Association league meet at Pheasant Run in Canton when he fired

Plymouth

missed qualifying as a team by just three strokes and placed fifth overall behind first-place Saline (326), Ann Arbor Pioneer (339), Temperance Bedford (347) and Ann Arbor Huron (349). Canton placed seventh with 355 while Salem was 11th at

DIVISION I REGIONAL **BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Saline. 326 strokes: 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 339; 3. Temperance Bedford, 347; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 349: 5. Plymouth, 350: 6. Monroe, 355; 7. Canton, 355; 8. Livonia Churchill, 359; 9. Livonia Franklin, 359; 10. Garden City, 367; 11. Salem, 367; 12. Belleville, 368.

Oct. 12 at Travis Pointe

Individual co-medalists: Matt Paterini (Saline), 78 (won playoff).

Plymouth's scores: Jeff Selasky and Mike Gerisch, 86; Matt Talbot, 88; Ben Kosmalski, 90: and Jimmie Vicek, 95.

Canton's scores: Clark Albers, 81; Andrew Rickerman, 90; Derek Trosper and Michael Haar, 92; and Jake Andrews, 102.

Salem's scores: Tyler Jeleniewski, 86: Joel Cheesman, 90; Quinton Higgason, 93; Matt Smidebush, 98; , Brian Fifield, 108.

Taylor Lanes to host world's greatest bowlers

ere come the pro bowlers. Nov. 1 is the start of the Denny's PBA Tour Motor City Open at Taylor Lanes, located on Eureka Road (west of Telegraph).

Pro-am squad action will be Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 4. The nation-

ally televised finals will be at 1 p.m. Sunday Nov. 5. As in the past, this event features the

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Allen, Chris Barnes, Steve Jaros, Tommy Jones, Mika Koivuniemi, Doug Kent, Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli, Robert Smith, along with some of the local top guns who might qualify.

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For more information or pro-am entry forms, call Taylor Lanes at (734) 946-9092. n The Detroit bowling scene

is rich in history and tradition. Seventy-six years ago, some wise men put together an event which would grow each year to the point where it has become an icon for our area.

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Squad action will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. followed by the banquet at 3:30 p.m.

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ing center. Competitors will bowl scratch against men in the following age brackets: under-50; 50 to 59; 60 to 64; 65 to 69; 70 to 74; 75 to 79; 80 and over.

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■ The oiling machine must have been working really well recently in the University Men's League at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills as Scott Jones rolled an 815 series last Tuesday night on games of 299-279-237.

In Greenfield Mixed on Friday night (Oct. 6), Mike Weed scored a 290 game and Ted Mac had a nice series with 259-237-248 for a 744 total.

Livonia's Woodland Lanes will be the host site on Saturday, Nov 11 for the Tailwaggers Bowl, an annual fundraising event to benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

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Woodland Lanes also featured some hot shooters in the Ford Parts League as Bruce Doran and Nick Corry each rolled 300s, while Gene Piotrowski added 298.

John McLean recorded an 804 series in the Midnighters, while Roy Hixson, Jr. had a perfect 300 in the St. Edith League.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and a league secretary. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WLAA-LAKES DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE

Oct. 12 at Cass Benton Park BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 28 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 63; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 71; 4. Walled Lake Central, 90; 5. Salem, 125; 6. Westland John Glenn, 168. Individual winner: Brandon Grysko (Churchill),

17 minutes, 8 seconds (5,000 meters). Churchill finishers: 1. Grysko, 17:08; 5. Mark Waterbury, 17:42; 6. Joe Varilone, 17:43; 7. Mark Pilat, 17:44; 9. Brian Robertson, 17:49; 12. Nathan Wise, 18:01; 13. Jim Waterbury, 18:06. Northern finishers: 8. Minkey Maves, 17:46; 10. Brian Carter, 17:50: 11. Chris Platt, 17:51: 14. Corey Brown, 18:12; 20. Andrew Roeser, 19:00; 23. Dan Stecher, 19:11; 30. Pat Keenan, 19:40. Stevenson finishers: 4. Kevin Reschke, 17:38; 15. Dave Antishin, 18:15; 16. Dave McIntyre, 18:17; 17. Mike Gibbons, 18:26; 19. Alan Stackpoole, 18:53; 26. Shawn Howse, 19:13; 32. Blake Morgan, 19:49.

Central finishers: 2. Tony Sanfilippo, 17:31; 3. Kyle Rocke, 17:32; 24. Drew Prueter, 19:12; 27. Chad Norton, 19:23; 34. Eric Nodge, 20:24; 35. Jason Russell, 20:26.

Salem finishers: 21. Matt Korovesis, 19:04; 22. Matt Devey, 19:08; 25. Drew Furbacher, 19:12; 28. Eric Volstromer, 19:26; 28. Alex Volstromer, 19:29; 31. Alex Lang, 19:40; 33. Neal Gerlach,

John Glenn finishers: 18. Tim Boes, 18:48; 36. Jeff Adkins, 20:40; 37. Mike Gardner, 20:46; 38. Eric Mlynar, 21:53; 39. Ryan Lockhart,

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 22 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 52; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 57; 4. Salem, 94; 5. Westland John Glenn, 139; 6. Walled Lake Central, 176. Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 19 minutes, 19 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 2. Alyssa Mira, 19:30; 3. Megan Maceratini, 19:34; 4. Sara Kroll, 19:40; 5. Rachel McFarlane, 19:51; 8. Lindsey Marlowe, 20:32; 16. Lindsay McMullen, 21:26; 19. Hannah

Stevenson finishers: 1. Calka, 19:19; 9. Kristen

Frey, 20:46; 10. Denee Meier, 20:55; 14. Stephanie Perez, 21:15; 18. Victoria Saferian, 21:48; 25. Megan Muzzell, 22:576; 27. Kelly Kogelmann, 23:04.

Northern finishers: 6. Rachel Quaintance. 20:01; 11. Lauren Quaintance, 21:05; 12. Kristen Olsen, 21:06; 13. Ashton Williams, 21:11; 15. Stephanie Baugher, 21:19; 21. Jourdon Kopec,

Salem finishers: 7. Hannah Cavicchio, 20:20: 17. Kelly Determan, 21:44; 20. Kourtney Marsh, 22:16; 22. Lauren Olsen, 22:29; 28. Sabrina Burcoff, 23:30

John Glenn finishers: 23. Stacey Richardson, 22:40; 24. Alexi Scheidemantel, 22:53; 26. Ashley Bailey, 23:01; 29. Danielle Levy, 23:32; 30. Megan Nikula, 23:35; 31. Jaimie Medel, 23:36; 32. Joslyn DeGroot, 23:37; 37. Michelle

Central finishers: 33. Bridget Nash, 23:43; 34. Bianca Butler, 23:47; 35. Cimone Safilian, 24:23; 36. Stephanie Walden, 24:43; 38. Ashley Siemer, 26:46; 39. Amanda Laird, 26:50.

WLAA-WESTERN DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE Oct. 12 at Wayne Memorial

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 23 points; 2. Walled Lake Western, 50; 3. Northville, 69; 4. Wayne Memorial, 113; 5. Livonia Franklin, 125; 6. Canton, 146. Individual winner: Jasen Turnbull (Northville).

17 minutes, 21 seconds (5,000 meters). Plymouth finishers: 2. Anthony Scaparo, 17:23; 3. Patrick Slavens, 17:50; 4. Derek Lax, 17:51; 5. Justin Huey, 17:56; 9. Cristian Chagas, 18:26; 17. Alex Noble, 18:55: 23, Henry Xu, 19:19. Western finishers: 6. Chris Schnaible, 18:08; 7. Todd Bowmar, 18:11; 10. Brian Cheadle, 18:29; 12. Jason Mahakian, 18:34; 15. Jon Rhodes, 18:39; 19. Mehringer, 19:00; 26. Kousei Yajima, 19:23. Northville finishers: 1. Turnbull, 17:21; 13. Nick Kolbow, 18:37; 14. Frank Griffiths, 18:38; 16. Jake Myers, 18:45; 25.Nitin Jarob, 19:22; 29. Ben Marti, 19:35; 32. Charles Oehmke, 19:46. Wayne finishers: 8. James Holbrook, 18:19; 19.

Abraham Mendez, 19:03: 24, Jacob Schofield.

19:20: 28. Keivin Lewis, 19:28: 34. Brandon

Coffey, 20:09; 38. Kevin Whittenberg, 22:01. Franklin finishers: 11. Evan Sirena, 18:30; 20. Doug Cole, 19:08; 30. Pete Walblay, 19:36; 31. Robert Freed, 19:44; 33. Dylan Taylor, 19:49; 35. Josh Walker, 20:20; 36. Jason Riffel, 20:21. Canton finishers: 21. Aaron McClellan, 19:15; 22. Josh Osinski, 19:15; 27. John Peck, 19:27; 37. Antoine Schauerte, 20:49; 39. Jay Jasinski, 22:23; 40. Dave Austin, 22:58; 41. Matt Cipolla,

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 18; 2. Plymouth, 15; 3. Canton, 11; 4. (tie) W.L. Western and Livonia Franklin, 8; 6. Wayne Memorial, 3.

Individual winner: Sarah Thomas (Canton), 20 minutes, 52.5 seconds (5,000 meters). Northville finishers: 2. Mary Sprader, 20:53.9; 3. Lindsay Hagan, 21:02.9; 9. Karina Duskinus, 21:41.4; 11. Stephanie Homel, 21:49.5; 14. Anna Hardenbergh, 21:54.8; 16. Kelsey Katynski, 22:09.3; 24. Amy Baditoi, 23:10.0.

Plymouth finishers: 4. Beth Heldmeyer, 21:13.9; 6. Pam Bhullar, 21:25.3; 13. Molly Slavens, 21:54.0; 17. Lauren Ahearn, 22:15.4; 19. Paula Green, 22:39.5; 25. Sarah Balgooyen, 23:13.1; 33. Kristin Callahan, 23:49.4; Canton finishers: 1. Sarah Thomas, 20:52.5; 12.

Katy Galm, 21:51.6; 18. Annie Murphy, 22:37.9; 20. Paula Schubatis, 22:41.4; 21. Katelin David, 22:43.2; 27. Katie Rymond, 23:24.5; 29. Melanie Kulczycki, 23:33.8.

Franklin finishers: 7. Meghan Horgan, 21:38.3; 8. Kelly Roulier, 21:39.6; 15. Kari Saarela, 21:59.0; 30. Victoria Church, 23:41.2; 31. Devan Walley, 23:44.0; 32. Laura Marshall, 23:48.9; 35. Kelsey Kaplan, 24:02.2.

W.L. Western finishers: 5. Rachael Wessel, 21:21.7; 10. Lindsay Doherty, 21:41.9; 22. Kelsey Young, 22:53.2; 23. Carolina Guimaraes, 22:57.2; 26. Chelsea Burke, 23:21.1; 28. Dasha Dakshina, 23:31.0; 37. Annie Walton, 24:52.4. Wayne Memorial finishers: 34. Claire Moro, 24:01.9; 36. Melissa Smith, 24:12.9; 38. Chelsea Gilbert, 25:15.2; 39. Kathryn Trudeau, 26:28.2; 40. Esmerelda Rivera, 26:50.6; 41. Ashley Cyprus, 27:05.5.

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MU spikers defeat Concordia in 3

The 10th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team defeated Concordia University in convincing fashion on Friday night at the **Activities Center.**

MU, now 28-2 overall and 9-O in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, needed just 51 minutes to pick up a 3-0 win over the 4-23 Cardinals by scores of 30-15, 30-11 and 30-7

Whitney Fuelling led the Crusaders with a game-high seven service aces in addition to eight kills.

sophomore Lubovj Tihomirova

Senior Caryn Inman and

Sophomore outside hitter

each recorded 11 kills to lead the Crusaders on offense, while Inman also posted a gamehigh .444 hitting percentage in 18 chances.

Freshman setter Natalie Niblock recorded 22 assists while guiding the Crusaders' offense to a .383 hitting percentage against the Cards, who fell to 1-8 in the WHAC.

Madonna head coach Jerry Abraham, meanwhile, moved one step closer to the 800 wins plateau, notching his 799th career victory in 20 years at the helm of the Crusaders pro-

The league-leading Crusaders will visit Siena Heights on Tuesday, with Abraham looking for his latest milestone victory.

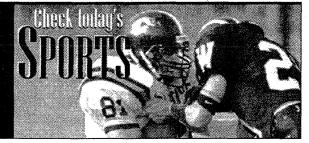
On Thursday, it was another WHAC match, it was another victory for the Crusaders, who earned a 30-19, 30-16 and 30-21 triumph over visiting Siena Heights (7-17, 4-4).

Tihomirova again led MU with 18 kills, while Inman contributed 12 kills along with four defensive digs and three block-assists.

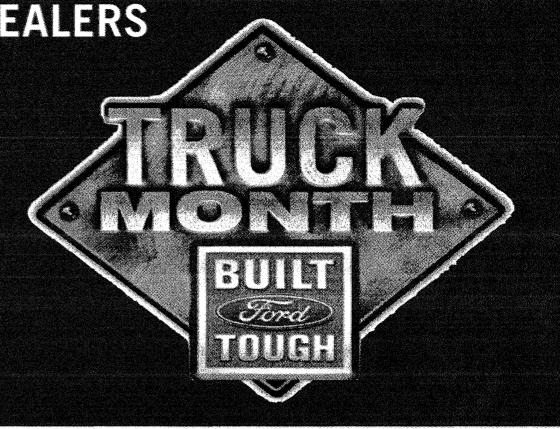
Niblock and freshman setter Inta Grinvalds collected 18 assists each. On the defensive end,

Fuelling contributed nine digs.

Got Game? Yep, got scores, too.

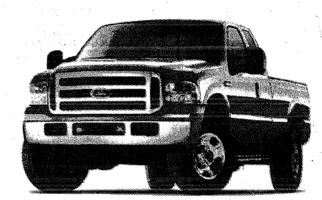






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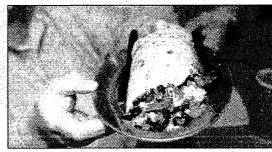
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Tori Sue still needs a home. She has undergone two eye surgeries but is in need of a third.

Party helps pets get homes

irthday parties should never be nerve wracking, but my sister C were not looking forward to celebrating the arrival of Clancy, our big blond Irish Wolfhound one year ago. We worried that he was still a puppy and even though the

event was a fund-raiser for homeless animals it could turn into a disaster. There would be cake for dogs and humans. Would we be able to control him?

Linda

Chomin

All of our dog obedience classes at the K-9 Academy in Wayne paid off. Clancy stood for four hours as little girls pawed and cooed over him in the treat aisle at Pet Supplies Plus in Canton. More importantly, the event

was a success for animals in need of homes. Out of the 30 dogs and cats available that day, nine were adopted. Guests brought blankets, towels, laundry detergent, bowls, and money. Human guests were treated to cake courtesy of the store. Dogs enjoyed cake from the Doggy Deli in Clinton Township (www.doggydeli.com). Deli owner Diane Ingram says she was just happy to be part of the fund-raiser because she lives with four rescued dogs and works with rescue groups.

Everyone went home happy except for the animals that weren't adopted. Tori Sue still needs a home along with the rest of the dogs and cats rescued by Critter Connection. The boxer/American bulldog was taken in by Kathie Brown, a Farmington Hills volunteer with the nonprofit, after she was found in Detroit.

Carrie Marsh began rescuing dogs from the streets when she was a police officer in Detroit. Today the Canton woman is still bringing strays home so she was grateful for the donations guests brought to the Sept. 23 event. Marsh still needs dog and cat food. Critter Connection has a no kill policy. Volunteers bring animals to the Canton store on Ford Road from noon to 4 p.m. every Saturday; until they're adopted, volunteers must feed them. Prospective parents are able to foster animals for a week before finalizing the adoption.

"I still have two kittens now five months old, all black, Ben and Miranda and two rottweilers to feed," said Marsh.

Kathie Brown feeds her foster animals Pro Plan when possible so as not to upset their digestive system by changing foods all the time. She still needs medium size noslip collars but also small sizes for a litter of puppies born three weeks ago. Of course, gift cards to Pet Supplies Plus or monev would be ideal. Tori Sue needs one last surgery on her eye which was badly infected when found. One visitor to the Canton store has already donated \$1,000, but \$300 is still needed.

"Pet Supplies Plus has been good giving us broken bones or treats," said Brown.

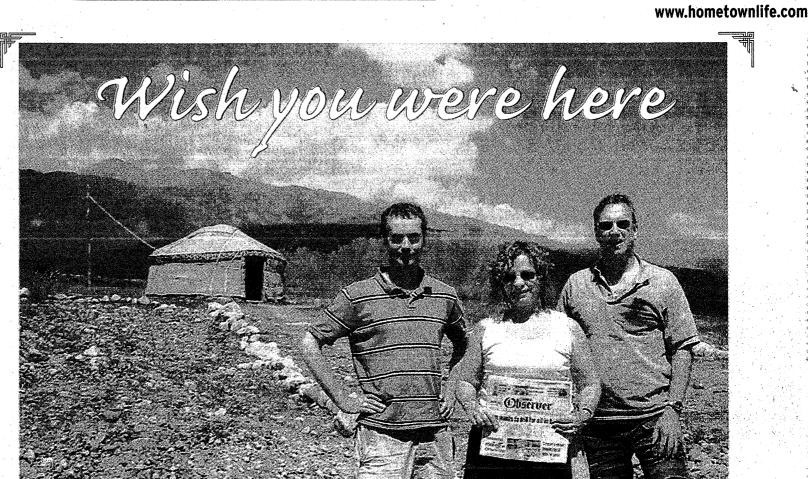
For more information about the Critter Connection, call (248) 615-0560. Animals can be viewed at www.petfinder.com, click on rescue groups in Wixom.

Their next fund-raiser, a Halloween Costume Contest, is being held noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Pet Supplies Plus at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Prizes will be awarded for best animal and human costumes. On Oct. 28, the nonprofit will not be at the Canton store with adoptable pets, only the Livonia store but returns to Canton the following Saturday.

Several of the Pet Supplies Plus stores carry goodies from The Doggy Deli including its HealthSmart treats made with all natural ingredients and no preservatives. For more information about the deli, call (586) 228-WOOF.

The Doggy Deli cake was delicious and almost remained on the table until the party ended. Clancy just had to snatch a piece at the very end.

Linda Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or Ichomin@hometownlife.com.



Christine Cole Johnson traveled to Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia with her husband, Bruce, in early August to visit their son, Philip, who is in the Peace Corps. Behind them is a yurt, a structure where shepherds live.

Feature remains popular with readers over the years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Christine Cole Johnson loves her Observer so much she took the newspaper to Kyrgyzstan in central Asia in early August.

Over the years, readers have taken us with them when vacationing and traveling worldwide. Back in the late 1980s, Sue Mason, then editor of Street Scene, an alternative section for young people, asked readers to mail in their vacation photographs. The idea evolved to include in the composition the newspaper they received at their homes in Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, and Farmington. The response was so overwhelming that the community editors began running Wish You Were Here in their specific cities.

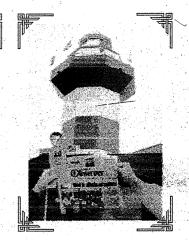
Christine Cole Johnson and her husband, Bruce, were visiting their son in the Peace Corps and took their photograph in front of a yurt, a structure where shepherds live. It is a common sight in the countryside where Philip teaches English to children. He is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School in

'We always read our Observer and always get a kick out of the pictures," said Christine Johnson, director of epidemiology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. "We were looking for a place that looks really exotic to take the photo. We were there nine days and it was an incredible experience. We stayed with the families (of students). We had their native drink - fermented mare's milk. You feel like you're in biblical times."

Erin Rzepka brought the Livonia Observer to Heredia, Costa Rica, at the suggestion of her parents, Colleen and Jerry. The Rzepka family has the newspaper delivered every Sunday and Thursday.

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Livonia residents Steve, Bill, 12, Jimmy, 10, and Joan Crandall enjoyed building a sand castle in Garden City Beach, South Carolina. The family spent a week on the beach in June with their Observer.



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Relax: Spa event on Oct. 26 to raise funds for Phoenix Mill women's history project

STAFF WRITER

The dream of documenting women's history is one step closer to reality thanks to volunteers, but without the support of the community it could be years away from completion. That's why a Spa Pampering fundraiser is so important. The Phoenix Mill Women's Museum project needs money to produce panels that can be taken into the classroom, libraries or clubs to tell the story.

From 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, guests can travel from vendor to vendor receiving free samples or services at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft near Inkster, Livonia.

Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 522-Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be available as well as a cash bar.

"Women will receive a shopping bag when they come in," said Lyn Bankes, executive director of the Phoenix Mill Museum project. "The Pampered Chef will have food samples. It's really a fun evening. Women can get hands and backs massaged, a facial. They should be able to go around the room and feel pampered. In addition there will be jewelry, purses and clothing so they can shop for Christmas."

Bankes is still in need of items for the silent auction.

"We really need women's support if we're going to keep this going," said Bankes. "This is not going to go forward without the support of lots of

"We have people in Michigan trying to include women's history in

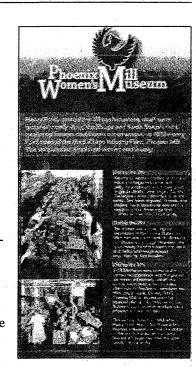
textbooks for years without success. We found a fun way to create women's history and take it into the classroom."

Bankes says to picture a movie screen that pulls up 6 feet from the ground with content covering the 1920s to 1940s.

"The panels will have different segments of history on each one," said Bankes. "In the 20s women get the right to vote, the 30s was the Depression, and the 40s World War II. Schools, libraries or clubs will be able to request these. It will stimulate conversation in the classroom."

The project is offering women's clubs like the League of Women Voters the opportunity to sponsor panels to relay their story. The board

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Proceeds go toward producing panels that can be taken into the classroom, libraries or clubs to tell women's history.

AROUND TOWN

Olivet scholarship Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to chose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

Genealogical societies The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia, Local historian/librarian Al Smitley will speak on "The Ditch That Built Northville: The Erie Canal." A tour of the library or genealogy video will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome to the free meetings.

Margie, (734) 522-4050 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~ miwwcgs/ On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Finding Your Irish in the Canada/U.S. Border Crossing Records," with Jan Zaleski, the author of "Guide to Records of Border Crossings Between the United States and Canada 1895-1954." The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the

Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., (four blocks west of Tiger Stadium). Fenced-in parking is available behind the building. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. For more information, call Michael Brautigan (734) 454-3495.

Sommelier Dinner

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The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th-annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor. Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty: Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, "The Ride": Charles Crone,

Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology; Jim Jong, Key Bank; Barbara Kaye, Dykema Gossett PLLC; Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks; together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lumm, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

Crafters needed The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128.

Circle of Hope

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the 14th-annual Circle of Hope Gala 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 13, at Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. Musical entertainment, Rhythm Society

Orchestra featuring vocalist Paul King, is a 16-piece dance band specializing in swing music. Guest reservations are \$125; proceeds contribute to hospital renovations in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and new, leadingedge technology. For information, call (734) 655-2980.

ABWA craft show

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th "Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor. The fair features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Admission is \$2, children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking is free. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for Scholarships and Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

Ann Arbor Art Center The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information. contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

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.

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

Grief support New Hope Center for Grief Support is

(734) 416-4906 for more information.

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.newhopecenter.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-

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 robertplusjanet@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 quest 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 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 smallgroup 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.

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 informa-

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 informa-

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 informa-

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.





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Erin spent a month studying and volunteering in the area through the Amistad Institute (www.amistadinstitute.net). She is pictured outside the local soup kitchen with a group of children she met while serving meals.

Rzepka is a full-time student at Madonna University double majoring in marketing and Spanish. On her first trip to the area in 2005, she traveled with a group from Albion College. She decided to return on her own this summer.

"I'll bring the newspaper with me the next time I travel," said Rzepka, 21. "We always have it around the house. It's just a fun thing to do."

The Rev. Steve Schafer can't take credit for bringing the newspaper along on a group tour of Israel in late June. It was Glen Lundgren's idea. Schafer was too busy planning the itinerary for the members of Mt. Hope Congregational Church in

Dolores Kapanke never leaves home without her Garden City Observer.

She's taken it with her to Poland. the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Ohio, and Quebec where she had her photograph taken on the Rosary Bridge in August. This was her 16th visit since 1966 to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape. So far, she's mailed the Observer four Wish You Were Here photos just for the fun of it. The first time was after



Noah Thomas Erickson, of Farmington, brought his Farmington Observer with him to the banks of Green Bay at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse in Peninsula State Park in Door County, Wis.

visiting the Ohio shrine.

"I sent it in on a lark to see if they would publish these things," said Kapanke, who might be taking a trip to Italy with her Observer in the coming months.

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The school's third- and fourthgraders sent photographs of their flat selves to locations around the world. Flat Patrick traveled to Kuwait, took a road trip to Texas, and visited Colorado and Turin.

"We thought it would be fun to get our picture in the paper," said Patrick's mother Marlene. "The kids learned about different places they went to kind of like a geography les-

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meets with Exhibit Works in Livonia on Monday. Bankes plans to leave there and start raising money for this educational program.

"It's not exclusively for the classroom because education needs to be done everywhere," said Bankes. "We don't have a women's museum except in Lansing.

The project will have a permanent exhibit at Plymouth Historical Museum where workers are already building a replica of the Ford factory facade on Northville Road. Inside Gary Stone, a Plymouth Historical Museum board member, is designing an interactive assembly line.

The women's museum board still has plans to renovate Phoenix Mill and turn it into a women's history museum. Wayne County has hired a firm to do a feasibility study on the restoration. Until recently the facility was a Wayne County roads yard but has been vacated. In 2009-2011 it will be turned over to Wayne County

"The museum idea has not been given up, but we can't wait for women's history when we have good ideas right now," said Bankes.

For those who can't attend the event, but want to support the Phoenix Mill Women's Museum project donations should be sent to Lyn Bankes at 16834 Bell Creek Lane. Livonia MI 48154.

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WEDDING

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Walsh-VanSickle

Laura Anne Walsh and Stephen VanSickle were married May 6 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Eileen Walsh of Livonia. She is a 1986 graduate of Stevenson High School. She received her bachelor's degree in marketing from fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and a master's degree from Walsh College.

The groom is the son of Robert and Camille VanSickle and the late Theresa VanSickle of Midland. He is a 1986 graduate of H.H. Dow High School. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Michigan State University and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. in Plymouth.



A reception was held at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

They are making their home

BIRTH

Joe Snider III and Michelle Lemaux announce the birth of their Fourth of July weekend.

Grandparents are Chris Lemaux of Trenton and Catherine Lemaux of Westland and Patrick and Patricia Kelly of Westland.



DeNapoli 25th

Paul and Debbie DeNapoli of Livonia celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by hosting a Hawaiian themed luau for their family and friends at the Italian American Club over the

Paul and Debbie were high school sweethearts while attending Livonia Franklin High School and after both finished college were married on Oct. 10, 1981, at Redford Aldersgate Methodist Church.

Paul is a senior captain with Livonia Fire & Rescue and Debbie is the safety director at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak,

Paul and Debbie have two children, daughter Danielle is a sophomore at Western Michigan University majoring in Fine Arts (dance) and their

son, Christopher is a sophomore at Churchill High School. Paul and Debbie will be getting away for a mini vacation to Niagara Falls in October.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fedrigo 60TH anniversary Alex and Gwen Fedrigo of

Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept.

The couple married in 1946 at St Angela church in Windsor. They have resided in Livonia for the last 40 years.

They are the parents of five children: Larry Fedrigo of Novi, Judy (Roy) Hayes of Plymouth, Tom (Niedja) Fedrigo of Northville, Jane (Pat) Polzin of Milford and Carol (Jack) Lee of Northville. They have 12 grandchildren.

Alex is the retired owner of Sun Swimming Pool Chemicals



and Gwen still works hard as a volunteer for Angela Hospice. They have been blessed with good health and a great atti-

They celebrated this grand occasion with family.

Werdas' 40th anniversary

Alan and Diane (Margalski) Werda of Canton celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 15.

The Werdas were married Oct. 15, 1966, at St. Suzanne's Catholic Church in Detroit. They moved to the Plymouth-Canton area in 1979.

The couple have two daughters: Michele (Tim) McElroy of Canton and Amy (Ken) Humphrey of Livonia. They have five grandchildren.

Alan is retired from advanced transmission with Ford Motor Co. Diane is retired from office work with at a Plymouth



optometrist's office.

The couple enjoy traveling and spending time with the family,

The anniversary was celebrated with a dinner at Rose's Restaurant in Canton for family and friends.

Bryson Thomas Snider

son Bryson Thomas Snider on May 15 at Garden City Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces at birth.

Great grandparents are Frances Strong of Livonia and Elmer Fisher of San Diego. He has an uncle, Jonathon Lemaux of Westland and an aunt, Rheanne Howard of Westland.

Metroparks offer fall crafts, nature programs

Huron-Clinton Metroparks can help you celebrate fall with pumpkins, leaf prints and more.

Wolcott Mill Metropark in Ray Township, northeast of Rochester, will have pumpkins to take home or carve on site, along with cider, doughnuts and wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, from noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at its Farm Learning Center. Cost is \$4 per person. For more information call (586) 463-

Youngsters can feel actual artifacts and throw a spear at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1 at

Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester. The Great Lakes Indians program also will cover topics such as hunting, housing, farming and tools. The fee is \$3 per child. Register by calling (586) 781- $42\bar{4}2.$

Find out the secrets of fall color changes and then decorate a shirt with leaf prints at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21 at Kensington Metropark, near Milford. Participants must supply their own white or light colored shirt. The fee is \$3 per person. Nature takes on a literary theme at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, with "Harry Potter's World of Nature." Fee is \$4 per child. Pre-registration is required for both programs. Call (800) 477-3178. s

Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake offers "Fall Nature Adventure" at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21. Youngsters will learn all about fall at the park nature center. Fee is \$2 per child. At 1 p.m., the following Sunday, Oct. 29, children can learn about owls, owl pellets and the bird's unique adaptations for hunting. Fee is \$2 per child. Preregistration is required for both programs. Call (248) 652-6640.

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Moon Over Buffalo at the Schoolcraft College Dinner theater Friday, Oct. 20. Dinner will be a 6:30 p.m. at the VisTaTech Center followed by the play. For information, call Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

Breakfast meeting

9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road Garden City. For information, call (734)513-

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Volleyball Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m.

Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park,

Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2. Co-ed Bowling League

Signup Sundays, Oct. 8, 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road, Farmington

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in the Sanctuary at Ward Church. ■ Men's Bible Study _ 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

ENGAGEMENTS

Johnson-Battle

Penny and Matthew Johnson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Ann Johnson, to Matthew Shane Battle of Valdosta, Ga. The bride-to-be is a 2000

graduate of Stevenson High School and 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as a fire and theft investigator for Progressive Insurance.

The prospective groom is the don of Sally and David Battle of Beverly Hills. He is a 2000 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and a 2005 graduate of the Embry Riddle



Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. He is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force engaged in pilot training in Valdosta.

A Dec. 29 wedding is planned for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Bruce and Sandra Faber of Wixom announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Marie Faber, to Jeffrey Richard Haar of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in child development and early education. She teaches first grade at Hawkins Elementary School.

The prospective groom is the son of Dick and Maguerite Haar of Canton. He graduated from Salem High School and is a 2005 graduate of Michigan



State University with a degree in business management. He is employed as a mortgage banker at Rock Financial in Farmington Hills.

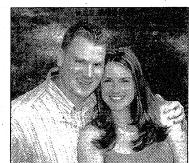
An Aug. 18, 2007 wedding is planned for St. Mary's in Milford with a reception at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills.

Brama-Ward

Melissa Brama and Chad Ward will be married Nov. 4 at the Wyndham Resort in Nassau Bahamas.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Cindy (Briody) Dunn of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a former Grand Valley State University student. She is employed at Applebee's in Indiana as an associate manager.

The prospective groom is the son of Sam and Sherry Ward of Battle Creek. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and is employed as an associate manager at



Cracker Barrel in Indiana.

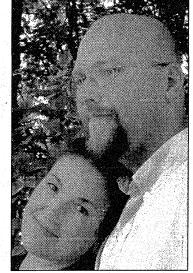
The couple became official engaged on June 18, 2005, with a surprise engagement dinner in Grand Rapids. The couple live in Lafayette,

Haines-McGowan

Russ and Lonnie Haines of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn Haines of Livonia, to Alan McGowan of Wixom. The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Plymouth Canton High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She is employed as an occupational therapist. The prospective groom is the

son of Harvey and Carol McGowan of Mansfield, Ohio, and Marc and Christine Brenneman of Mansfield, Ohio. He is a graduate of Mansfield High School. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Cincinnati. He is



employed as an engineer with Daimler-Chrysler. A May 4, 2007, wedding is

planned for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

AMY LEONE CHARRON

Age 90, of Cohactah, formerly of Farmington Hills/Novi, passed on October 9, 2006. Amy was an Avon representative in Farmington Hills for 25 years. She is survived by children, Sylvia Aston, Paula Klein & Steven Charron; three grandchildren: one great-grandchild and her brother Richard Selleck. Viewing will be at Niblack Funeral Home in Fowlerville on October 15. Visitation 2-4 pm. and 6-8 pm. Memorial begins at 7:00 pm. Internment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield on

October 16, 11:00 am. Luncheon fol-

lows at 1:00 pm. St. Agnes Church in

Fowlerville. Donations are being accepted by Niblack Funeral Home.



PAULA A. ERVIN

Age 91, of Plymouth, passed into eter nal life, October 9, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Robert R. Loving mother of Thomas (Nancy), (Barbara), Joseph (Elizabeth), Michael (Mary Jo), David (Marianne), and Catherine (Thomas) LeBlanc. Dearly loved grandmother of 32 and greatgrandmother of 32. Published author and founding and active member of Right to Life-LIFESPAN. Visitation was held Wednesday October 11 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Rosary, Wednesday at 7 PM. A 10:30 AM funeral mass was held Thursday, October 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial, (at Beck) Plymouth. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribuions may be made to Right to Life-LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar Street, Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152-2193; or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154-5010. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

NATASHA FAYE **GARDELLA**

Age 20, of Harrison, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, in an automobile accident in Roscommon County, Michigan. Natasha was born August 6, 1986, in Farmington Hills, Michigan, the daughter of Andrew J and Laura Marie (Hall) Gardella. Ms. Gardella had resided in Harrison since 2003, coming from Redford, Michigan. Memorial services were held on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from Leota Community Church, with Reverend Jerry Britton officiating. Contributions in memory of Natasha may be considered to: Leota Community Church or the Gardella family. Arrangements were entrusted to Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison 989-539-7810. To share an online condolence with Natasha's family, please

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HARRIET GEORGENA PELL (Wildmer)

Age 92, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2006 at William and Julie Pell's home in Kalamazoo, MI. Harriet was born on September 24, 1914 in Buffalo, New York to George and Minnie Widmer and was married to Warren Pell in 1942. She is survived by her three sons, Gregory of Okemos, MI, Gary of Grove City, PA and William of Kalamazoo, MI. She lived at Grand Court in Farmington Hills and was a resident of Farmington for over thirty years. She was blessed with many friends and was a member of the Nardin Park United Methodist Church as well as many community clubs and groups. According to her wishes, a family ceremony will be held at Nardin Park Church and she will be buried along with Warren in the Memorial Garden. Memorials may be made to the Nardin Park Church 29887 West 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Arrangements by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo. www.langelands.com



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(nee Mellor), Age 72 of Rochester Hills, passed away peacefully with her family at her side October 11, 2006. Loving wife of Fred. Dear mother of Ellen Williams, Karen Bushman, David Parker and Fred Jr. (Jean) Parker; grandmother of Kevin Michael and Melissa; great-grand mother of Gabriel and Autumn; sister of Linda, Sandy, Evelyn, Eddie and the late Benjamin and Freddy. Memorial Service Monday, October 16, 2006, 12:00 Noon at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester The family wil receive friends Monday 11:00 AM until time of service. Family suggests memorials to Breast Cancer Society or Lymphoma. Online guest book

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8 keys to becoming financially independant

Most people aspire to become financially independent, but few actually think about or take the actions necessary to reach independence

Financial independence means having sufficient financial resources to comfortably choose whether to work or not work, or perhaps work in a highly desirable job that otherwise couldn't support your standard of living. It means being able to withstand the inevitable financial storms along the way. But what key steps does it take to achieve financial independence?

1. Set specific goals. Goals define what financial independence will look like for each of us. Goals, particularly specific goals written out with timetables, can motivate us to initiate and stick with the other keys to financial independence.

2. Consistently spend less than you earn. Yes, your mother probably taught you this when you were receiving an allowance as a youngster, but so many of us forget this basic principle. Unless you spend less than you earn, it's impossible to become financially independent short of winning the lottery. Consistent saving is even more important than the investment rate you might earn with that savings. Aim for saving at least ten percent

of your pre-tax income. If you're unable to save ten percent now, saving a smaller percentage will help you — especially if you start saving while you're younger and can let the power of compounding work for 3. Create a spending plan. The

key to spending less than you earn is to create and follow a spending plan. In general, if you subtract your expenses from your earnings, the amount left should be your savings. Another way to view your savings, though, is to treat savings as an expense item and put it at the top of your budget. Simply have the money deducted from your paycheck and deposited into your savings account. You won't miss it, and you won't be tempted to spend

4. Invest. To build financial independence, you'll need to earn a reasonable return on your savings. A savings account alone is not enough. Invest in stocks, bonds, and other assets that involve an acceptable level of risk. Yes, there's the risk of some loss of principal, but

understand that investing is for long-term goals that are at least five years away. When you are closer to reaching your goals, shift the invested funds into those lowerearning but less risky savings accounts and money markets.

5. Stay invested. One of the big mistakes many investors make is waiting to invest until the market is really strong — and then bailing out when it sinks. In short, they buy high and sell low. Get in and stay in

- and make adjustments if necessary. Keep in mind that the bulk of the returns of a bull market tend to come early in the upswing, and people often miss out on them because they're waiting for the market to turn "hot."

6. Diversify. It's important to diversify your assets. Overloading on company stock, on stock in the industry in which you work, or on other higher-risk investments is an open invitation to trouble. By spreading your investment money among several asset categories, you minimize the impact of the downturns of a particular segment.

7. Use tax-favored accounts. Retirement plans and individual retirement accounts are the most efficient way to build toward financial independence because you get more bang for each invested buck, especially if your employer matches your contributions.

8. Bulletproof your independence. As you accumulate money for financial independence, you need to protect it. The primary way is insurance — not just life, health, auto and homeowner's insurance — but disability and liability coverage. Disability insurance helps offset the loss of income if you can no longer work due to a disability, and liability coverage is a cushion against lawsuits. Another form of insurance is a cash-reserve emergency fund where dollars are kept in a savings or money market account to see you through emergencies or a stretch of unemployment, so you don't have to dip into retirement accounts or other investments.

This article was submitted by the Financial Planning Association, the membership organization for the financial planning community. FPA members are dedicated to supporting the financial planning process in order to help people achieve their goals and dreams.

How to raise your credit score

Credit scoring is a method lenders use score – even if you are making timely to make lending decisions. Your credit score is a numeric value based on the information in your credit report. It tells lenders how likely you are to repay loans and credit card bills on time. It affects whether you can get credit and how much you pay for that credit. In general, the higher your credit score, the more likely you are to be approved and to pay a lower interest rate on new credit. reports the Michigan Association of

To determine your credit score, most lenders use a system developed by Fair Isaac Corporation. The system uses five factors to arrive at your credit score. Each factor counts as a percentage of your total FICO score: payment history (35%); how much you owe (30%); the length of your credit history (15%); new credit (10%); and other factors, such as having a mix of credit types in your credit report (10%).

Check your credit score

FICO scores typically range from 300 to 850. Most lenders consider scores of above 700 as good. If you would like to know your credit score, contact the Fair Isaac Corporation at www.myfico.com or by calling 1-800-342-6726. You may also order your credit score from the Annual Credit Report Service at www.annualcreditreport.com or 1-877-322-8228. Whichever you choose, there is a small fee involved. If your credit score is lower than you would like, CPAs suggest you take the following steps to build up your score.

Pay all bills on time

One of the best ways to improve your credit score is simply to pay your bills on time. Late payments lower your credit score. Since your credit score changes as new information is reported by creditors, you can improve your score by catching up on back payments and staying current. Although late payments generally remain on your report for seven years, as time passes, and your payment habits improve, those late payments will have less of an impact.

Keep balances low High outstanding balances on credit cards and other debt can lower your payments on your current debt. Lenders know that the more debt you have, the more difficult it would be to pay your bills if you were to lose your job, face a sudden illness or get divorced. Try to keep your outstanding balances below 50 percent of your credit limit. Don't apply for credit too often Every time you apply for credit, an inquiry is placed in your file. A large number of inquiries within a short period of time may be interpreted as a sign that you are having financial difficulties and lower your credit score. Do not open new credit just to have a better credit mix or to show that you can get approved. This strategy isn't likely to

Pay off debt

balance account.

Consolidating your credit card debt on one card or spreading it over multiple cards isn't likely to change your score. In fact, frequently moving your balance from card to card may raise a red flag to lenders. It is better to pay off your debt rather than move it around.

raise your score, nor will closing a zero

Check your credit report regularly Don't let your credit score suffer as a

result of incorrect information. Check vour credit report at least once a vear and report any errors to the credit reporting agency and to your lender. Requesting a copy of your own credit report won't affect your score.

Avoid quick credit fixes

A good credit score is created over time and reflects a number of interrelated factors. Don't fall for any quick-fix deal that promises to improve your credit score. A better idea is to consult with a CPA who can provide practical advice for managing credit.

You seek the expertise of CPAs at tax and audit time, of course. But CPAs also promote personal and professional financial security year round. Visit the CPA Referral Service on the MACPA Web site to search for a CPA in your geographical area or specific area of

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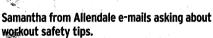
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Breakfast bagels big in calories

Mathew from Almont e-mails asking if bagels are a healthy choice for breakfast.

Mathew, before you eat the next bagel, listen up! Did you know that the average bagel packs 300 calories? Let me paint you another picture of 300 calories.

For example, you could have three egg-white omelets, packed with high protein and low fat, and that's only 36 calories. In addition, you can also have a bowl of puff rice cereal, a half of an English muffin and I'll even let you have your coffee (if you have it black). And all that together equals 300 calories! Psychologically, that's mind-boggling! The choice is definitely yours! So make sure when choosing foods, you're making your calories work for you, not against you.



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Principles

Samantha, without the right precautions, a trip to the gym can turn out to be downright dangerous. It's especially sad when a healthy young athlete dies while working out. They usually have some type of heart disease that may have gone undetected by their doctor. But even healthy people can die during a workout. A crushing blow to the chest area is particularly dangerous. It can actually stop the heart beating in its tracks. At least five people die annually from a severe blow to the chest while bench pressing. They have also found that many accidents happen at home without proper supervision.

These tragedies hammer home the importance of always using the right techniques during workouts and having someone standing by in case you run into any

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Beating diabetes

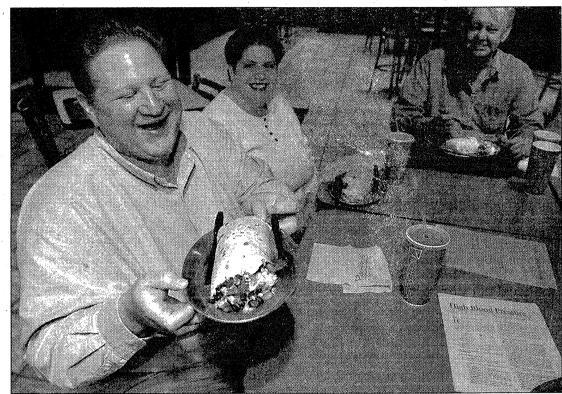
Vegan diet improves blood sugar control

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Caroline Trapp is convinced that consuming a vegan diet reduces the incidence of type 2 diabetes and its complications. A recent National Institutes of Health-funded study by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), George Washington University and University of Toronto confirms her conviction. A nurse practitioner, Trapp has been treating patients with the disease for 20 years. She found even though she was writing increasing numbers of prescriptions for oral medications and insulin, diabetics continued to develop kidney and heart problems and required even more medication. Frustrated, she began researching the disease and discovered PCRM's recommendation for a plant-based, high fiber, low-fat

At the same time Dr. Neil D. Barnard was just completing the PCRM study which demonstrated the vegan diet was more effective in controlling blood sugar and cholesterol in type 2 diabetic patients than a diet based on American Diabetes Association guidelines. When the opportunity arose to become part of a PCRM pilot project that spun off from the research Trapp was eager to introduce healthy eating to diabetics seen at the Millennium Medical Group in Southfield. The cooking classes ran seven-weeks and included a field trip to Panchero's Mexican Grill in Southfield. The pilot project took place in Washington, D.C. where PCRM and George Washington University are

"We focus first on foods that don't come from animals," said Trapp, director of diabetes care for Premier Internists and Northwest Internal Medicines, Divisions of Millennium Medical Group. "The concern is that something as healthy as chicken or fish has almost as much fat as beef. Low fat diets have not been effective in curing diabetes. The old way of thinking is focusing on sugar and starch. Fat intake interferes with the body's ability to utilize insulin."



Ira Goldberg, West Bloomfield, holds up a vegetarian burrito as his wife Nancy and Paul Hogston, Redford, look on at Panchero's Mexican Grill in Southfield on Sept. 25. The three were learning to eat out as part of a diabetes cooking class.

At Panchero's class participants were treated to a burrito made with grilled veggies and beans.

"With this diet you can eat as much as you want of beans, peas, lentils. The thinnest people on the planet are the rural Asian people. They eat rice and noodles," said Trapp of Farmington Hills.

"But probably the most important thing we teach is these foods taste good. People come in thinking how can I live without eating meat. People find over time if they get dairy products out of the diet, joint problems may clear up. If they get fat out of their diet, they find stomach problems

Barnard isn't saying the American Diabetes Association (ADA) diet doesn't work. He wants people to be aware "there's a healthy alternative that doesn't require weighing and measuring portions." Barnard's research findings were published in August 2006 in Diabetes Care, an ADA journal The study randomly assigned individuals with type 2 diabetes to a low-fat vegan diet or a diet following ADA guidelines. After 12-weeks 43-percent of the vegan group and 26-percent of the ADA group reduced their diabetes medications.

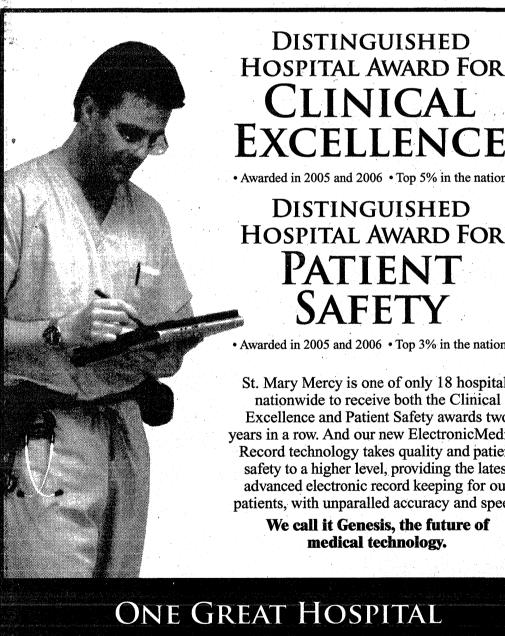
"The low-fat vegan diet was very effective at controlling blood sugar and with good side effects

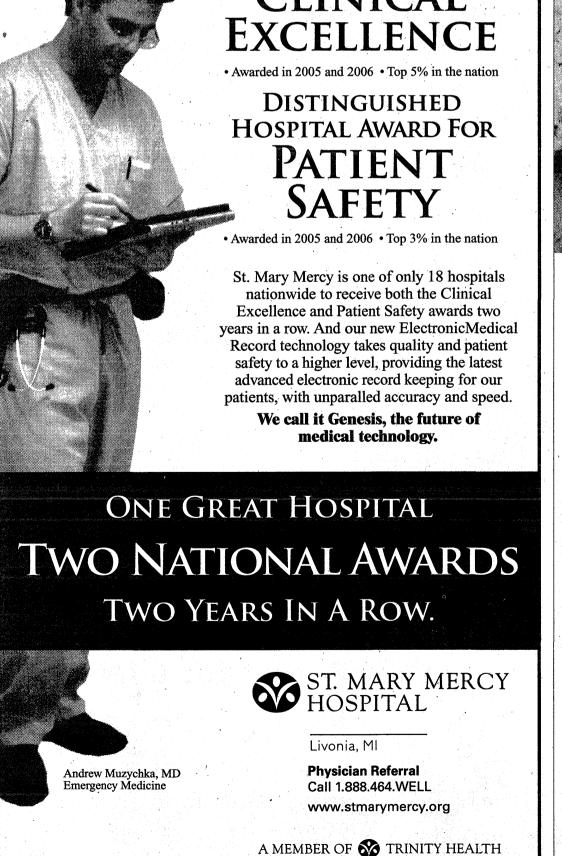
- weight loss, better digestion. And it's surprisingly easy. We actually asked people how they felt about it. Following a vegan diet was easier than people thought it would be. You don't have to count calories, carbohydrates, don't have to eliminate anything. Some things you're never going to eat at all - meats, eggs, cheese. If you go to Taco Bell, you can't eat meat but can have as many bean burritos as you want," said Barnard, author of Breaking the Food Seduction: The Hidden Reasons Behind Food Cravings - and Seven Steps to End Them. Barnard, an adjunct associate professor of medicine at George Washington University, releases his latest book in January from Rodale Press - Dr. Neil Barnard's Program for Reversing

Ira Goldberg is proof the vegan diet works. Since taking the cooking classes he says he feels better, has lost 45-pounds and his blood sugar is finally under control.

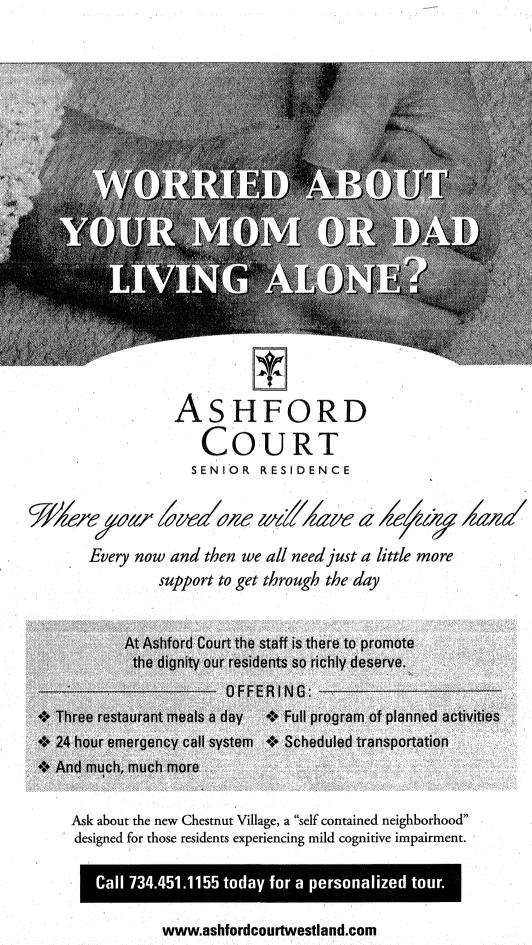
"What was good is that spouses can come (to the classes). If you have a support network it makes it easier," said Goldberg, a $\widehat{41}$ -year old West Bloomfield resident who teaches at Berklev High School.

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OCTOBER

Personal Qigong sessions

Deadline to register is Oct. 16 for a session with Master (Dr.) Wan Su-Jian from Beijing, China. Sessions will take place at the Quality Inn and Suites Hotel on Plymouth Road, north of Middlebelt, Livonia. To register, call (734) 591-3530, or pick up a health form at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, 38121 Ann Arbor Road at Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, or fax a request to Sally Rich at (248) 338-1739.

Wan is director of the Beijing Red Cross Traditional Medicine Exchange center and the Beijing ShiJing Shan District Red Cross Shao Jia Po Rehabilitation Hospital. Through medical research he has developed a special gigong treatment for various physical conditions. He will be in the Livonia area from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2 to conduct instructional seminars on the Chinese healing art of gigong (chee gong).

Exercise classes

For men and women with Jeanie Weaver, personal fitness train and certified physical education teacher and group exercise instructor, classes continue through December at Metropolitan School Gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. An exercise therapy class geared for seniors wanting to improve balance, strength, stamina, and bone density 8:45-9:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Core strength and performance class runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and includes jump rope, weights, bands and full body weight training loads to increase strength, dynamic flexibility and core strength. Intensity is intermediate to advanced.

Cost for both sessions is \$6 drop in fee. For information, call (248) 446-9176 or send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net. Flu shots

From the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses, cost is \$33 for flu shots, \$82 for pneumonia shots. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare Part B, M-Care, CareChoices and HAP, all of which cover the entire cost of the flu shot. Clinics are open to the public and most clinics are limited to people 18 and older. For a weekly listing of flu clinics, call MVN's flu hotline at (888) 547-7295 or visit www.umvn.org. Clinics are scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Busch's, 24445 Drake Road, Farmington Hills; 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Michigan Visiting Nurses, 2850 S. Industrial Hwy, #75, Ann Arbor; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Busch's, 3188 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Health savings seminar

A free presentation on how to save for health care costs by using a health savings account, a fast-growing health care option combining a qualified high-deductible health care plan with a tax-free savings account 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. To register, visit www.What IsHSA.com/seminar.

Presented by the Women's Committee for Hospice Care 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Birmingham Country Club. During the event members and guest will have an opportunity to visit with the different hospice organizations that WCHC supports. For more information, call (248) 646-9601 or visit www.wchcinc.org.

Breast health fair

With information about guided imagery, genetics, breast selfexam, lymphedema, support, nutrition, and Mark Moyad, M.D. on Fad Diets, Supplements and Rx from A to Z: What Works and What's Worthless Thursday, Oct. 19, breast fair is 4-6 p.m., reception and Dr. Moyad's presentation from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Breast fair will be held in the Imaging Center, reception and Movad in the Administration Building. No charge for the fair, \$20 for the reception with hors d'ouevres by chef Peter Julian of Hiller's Markets and Moyad's talk. To order tickets, call (800) 633-

Michigan's best healthy recipes sought for contest

As a way to raise awareness of diabetes in Michigan, the American Diabetes Association has teamed with the Amylin-Lilly Alliance to host the second year of Michigan's best healthy recipes contest for Michigan residents. Recipe submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, with a cook-off among the top finalists on Nov. 6, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The goal of the contest is to share creative and tasty recipes that can be enjoyed by individuals adhering to a diabetic diet.

Three prizes will be awarded in each of two recipe categories - main course and dessert. The first-place winner in each category receives \$150. The second-place winner receives \$100 and the third-place winner \$50. One recipe entry per person is allowed and entrants must be 21 years of age or older. Entrants cannot be professional chefs. Recipes can be submitted to the American Diabetes Association via email: cscott@diabetes.org state Recipe Contest in the subject line); fax: Recipe Contest, (248) 433-1095; or mail to Recipe Contest, American Diabetes Association, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 117, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-

Recipes will be judged by a panel of Michigan food experts to be announced in late-October.

Maintaining a healthy diet is a key to managing diabetes, which affects more than 826,000 (7.9 percent) Michigan residents, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Michigan Department of Community Health studies indicate an additional 227,900 Michigan adults have the disease but remain undiagnosed.

All eligible entries must adhere to the American Diabetes Association's guidelines for a diabetic diet and practicality. More information on the ADA's food guidelines is available at www.diabetes.org.

Qualified entries will then be reviewed in a first round of judging by Gordon Bowman, executive chef for William Beaumont Hospital. Ten recipes in each category will be selected as finalists. Recipes will be judged on taste (70-percent), ease and practicality of preparation (20-percent), and creative appeal of prepared dish including color and texture (10-percent).

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"It's something you can implement in your daily life without much effort. For years I never even considered it because of the perception there wouldn't be things to satisfy me. There's an entire universe of options."

Goldberg starts his day with a peanut butter sandwich. Lunch can be a bean burrito or a Middle Eastern mujadra made from cracked wheat, lentils and

caramelized onion. For dinner out he usually chooses a veggie stir fry. At home he'll cook up a pot of whole grain pasta with a marinara sauce, mushrooms and chick peas.

"There was so much information in the classes," said Goldberg. "I hope they're (Trapp and Barnard) on the cutting edge of a dietary revolution."

For more information about the low-fat vegan diet or the cooking classes, visit www.pcrm.org or call (202) 686-2210.

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DUPUYTREN'S CONTRACTURE

The name of this condition honors the Frenchman, Dupuytren, who was the first to publish on it in 1873. The features he described then remain valid today. Dupuytren's contracture refers to a thickening in the palm of the hand that runs between the two creases in the palm. The effect of this thickening is to bind down the tendons that run throughout the palm into the fingers. When those tendons cannot move, your fingers are caught in a manner that prevents the tendons from

shifting from a flexed position back to a straight or extended position.

Your fingers begin to hurt and your ability to hold an object becomes impaired. The sustained flexion is harder to reverse in the morning because at night your body temperature lowers. Cooling even to a slight extent makes Dupuytren's worse as cold contracts body tissues.

If you are a diabetic, have hypothyroid condition, or repeatedly use vibrating tools, you are at risk for Dupuytren's contracture. However, most people with Dupuytren's have no association with the risk factors noted above. The problem can come in only one hand, and not necessarily the dominant one

Treatment consists of heat to the involved hand, often running the hand over warm water in the morning suffices to bring the fingers back to their usual flexibility. A paraffin bath provides a more efficient form of heat. Injection of local anesthetic cortisone may give prolonged relief if Dupuytren's affects only the 4th or 5th fingers. If these measures fail, then you should look to surgery.

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Bouquets promote breast cancer awareness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

When Thrifty Florist approached St. John Health about promoting breast cancer awareness by selling a pink bouquet of carnations, daisies and baby breath, Karen North knew exactly where she wanted the money to go. \$1 from each St. John Health Hope Bouquet benefits the system's cancer centers including Providence Southfield and Providence Assarian, Novi.

The St. John Health Hope Bouquet retails for \$7.99 plus tax and is available at all 16 Thrifty Florists in metro Detroit.

"It will be put into a general breast care fund and go primarily toward education and research," said North, administrative director, Providence Cancer Centers in Southfield and Novi.

St. John Health regularly presents educational programs for health care

providers to remain current on breast cancer. Lunch and Learns with physicians answers questions about the topic in the community. The money will also fund Breast Care Navigators to coordinate care for patients with breast cancer and genetic counseling for those concerned about breast cancer. Any woman with questions about breast care or breast cancer can call (800) 341-0801

for information. Some of the funds will support clinical trials for treatment as well.

Thrifty Florist is located locally at 1088 E. Maple at Adams, Birmingham; 29410 Five Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia; 211 S. Telegraph at Vorhees, Pontiac; 35363 Ford and Wayne roads, Westland; 26989 Woodward at 11 Mile, Huntington Woods, and 50992 Van Dyke at 23 Mile, Shelby Township. For other locations, visit www.thriftyflorist.net or call (888) 847-4389.

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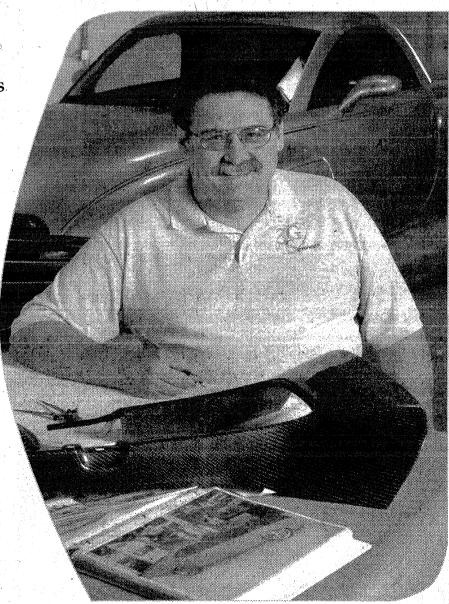
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- "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
 "The Thirteenth Tale," Diane Setterfield
- 3. "Under Orders," Dick Francis 4. "The Road," Cormac McCarthy
- 5. "The Book of Fate," Brad Meltzer

NON-FICTION

- 1. "Cultural Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
- 2. "State of Denial," Bob Woodward "The Greatest Story Ever Sold," Frank Rich
- 4. "Saving Graces," Elizabeth Edwards

5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

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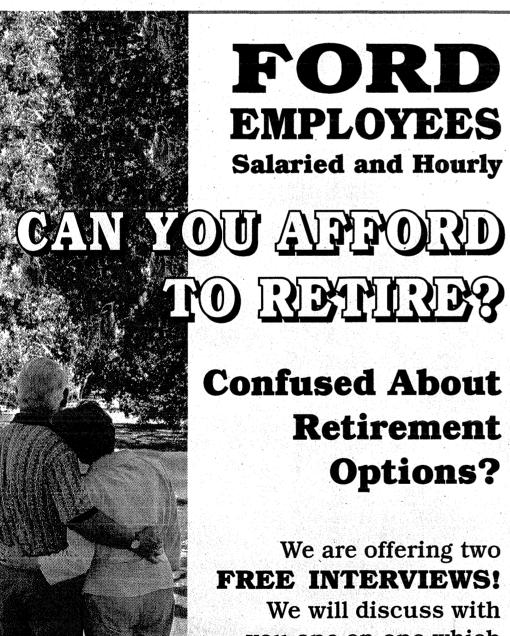
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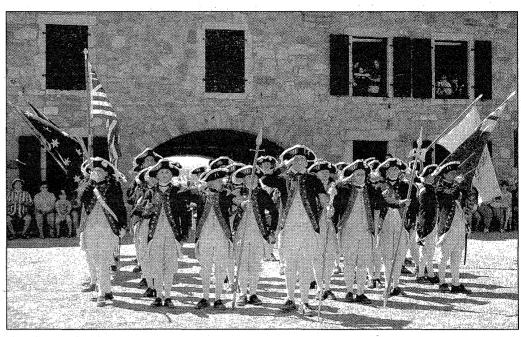
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Fife and drum recruiting

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, shown here performing at Fort Ticonderoga in New York, holds an informational recruitment meeting at Canton High School 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the orchestra room. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to learn more about PFDC, which consists of students from a variety of communities and range from 12-18 years of age. They perform 40-50 times per season at parades and festivals throughout the Midwest, New England and Canada. Recruiting efforts will be for open positions in fifes, drums, and color guard. No previous musical experience is necessary. Instructional information is provided by PFDC instructors. Uniforms are provided by PFDC. For additional information or to contact the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, refer to the PFDC web site at www.pfdc.us

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CLASS REUNIONS

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REUNIONS

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.

Clawson High School

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

Lake, (248) 684-4200. **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 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 ilscranton@yahoo.com

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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.

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.

Fordson High School

Class of 1969 Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kavninilu@aol.com or Kathv Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-

core.com. **Garden City High School** Class of 1987

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.

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

Garden City East Class of 1976

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

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: gcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

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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-



Livonia Churchill Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Cost \$10 per person includes hot hors d'oeuvres and DJ. Cash bar. To RSVP, call Erirn Leedle Atkins at (734)449-8223 or Mike Fox at (313)268-5200.

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: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson 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.

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth

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.

Redford Thurston Class of 1976

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

Redford Union High School Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734)787-9954.

Roseville High School Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Sacred Heart School, Detroit Annual alumni weekend

Oct. 21. Dinner bash 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Activity Building, \$16. Reunion Mass 10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church. Contact Barbara (Battle) Hunt at (313)832-6358, Maxine (Jaggers) Adams at (313)526-6322 or Almeta (Carruth) White at (313)862-2064

St. Damian Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Montana's in Westland. Contact Kathy Mimnaugh Story at

alandkathys@vahoo.com or by phone at (734) 483-9201. All School Reunion - 11/25/06

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stdamianalumni@aol.com or call the parish at 734-421-6130 or the alumni page at www.stdamian.com for more

Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

St. Mary of Redford High School class of 1956 Grade School class of 1952

Looking for graduates. Contact (734) 525-5888 or e-mail: kheenan@glis.net. **Utica High School**

Class of 1981

A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006. Please send updated address information and inquires to: Todd Richter (trichter26@comcast.net)

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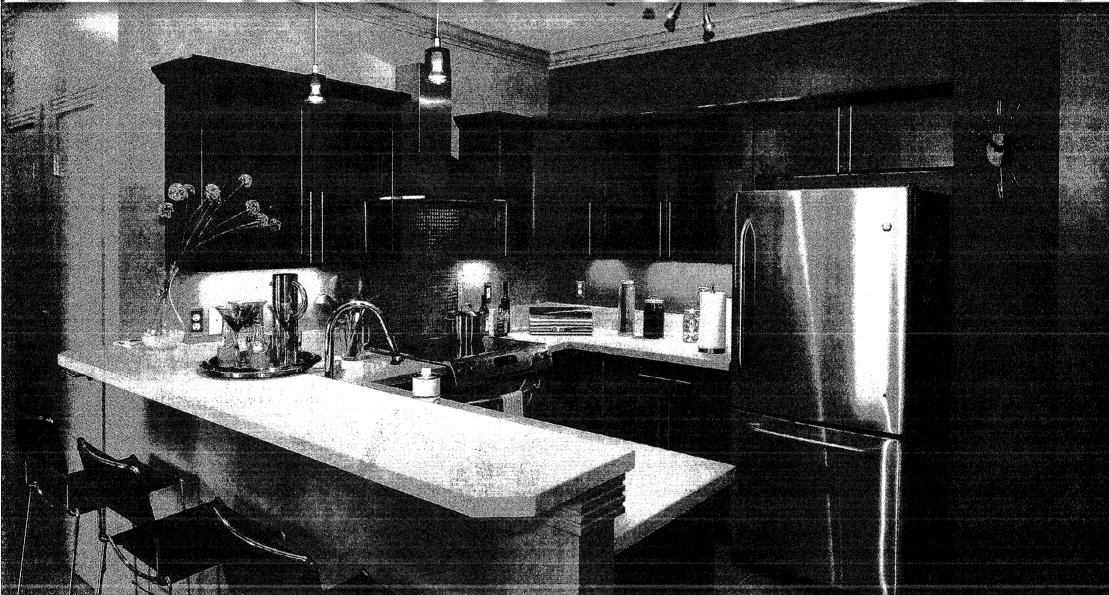
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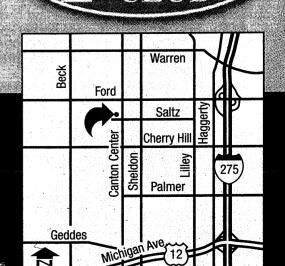
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If you're looking for a job, Chris Brant recommends enlisting the help of friends, family - and beyond.

Tell everybody you know that you're looking for a job," said Brant, director of career services at Madonna University in Livonia. "It's amazing how people know somebody who knows somebody."

She urges job seekers to pursue jobs fairs and help from college/university placement offices, even if they've been out of school awhile. Those you know socially often learn of job openings, Brant has found.

Help wanted ads have their use, but shouldn't be your sole source, she said. "You're missing a whole group of jobs that may never get an ad."

Attending a conference in your field, you just may hear "I heard that they might be having an opening in a month," Brant said. Having the name of someone who knows a potential employers helps to put your

resume at the top of the stack. She recommends that

Madonna students and graduates check Web sites and apply directly for jobs, taking a more proactive approach. Brant agreed some people feel uncomfortable asking for job search help, but usually others are willing to help.

"A lot of people are willing to help you if they can," she said. Bob Thomas, director of

career services at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, agrees that networking matters for younger job seekers and those more experienced. "It never stops," he said. "You just keep doing it. It's kind of a way of acting. Be active in your community, be active in professional organizations. You look for connections."

One recommendation is doing volunteer work in your field, in part to make contacts. A consideration for experienced professionals is attending chamber of commerce and service club meetings. "You can meet a lot of local business people that way," Thomas said.

Networking's a mutually beneficial exchange of information. Thomas recommends to graduating students and alumni that

they make a list of all they know and contact them for informational interviews. How you'll approach each one depends on the nature of the relationship, he said.

A lot of schools have alumni mentoring programs, some online, Thomas noted. Professional organizations, some of which have student chapters, are a good networking source as well.

OU and other schools have career fairs at which alumni can collect business cards and make connections. In addition, some companies have information sessions on campus, either on the business itself or on such topics as resumes.

Thomas finds the follow-up informational interviews help job seekers. "People like to talk about themselves and that's how you establish relationships." It's essential to follow interviews with thank you notes, Thomas said, and to offer assistance to the other person.

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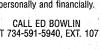
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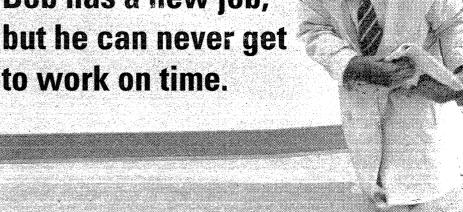
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Cooking up a colorful kitchen remodel Home inspections

(NAPSI) - As floor plans are becoming more open and the kitchen is more integrated into the main living areas of the home, it becomes increasingly important to carry good design practices into the kitchen. This includes decisions on appliances, cabinetry, accessories, backsplash color, among other things.

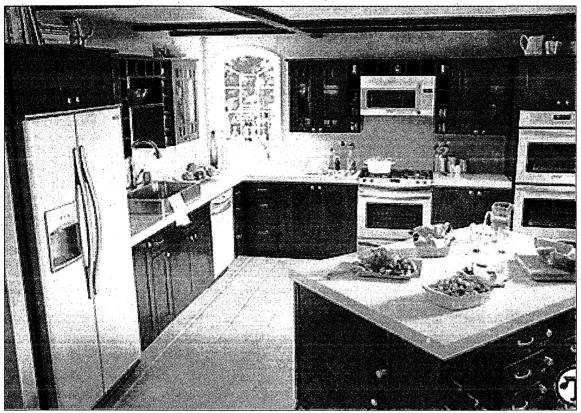
The kitchen is seeing renewed attention as an area to make improvements, particularly among do-it-yourselfers. According to a recent survey, more than 70 percent of women homeowners surveyed said they feel prepared to be solely responsible for their home, including maintenance, repairs and improvements.

Nearly all of these female homeowners said they prefer to take on these projects without professional help, a significant increase over what they said just three years ago. According to the survey findings, the kitchen is the most popular room to upgrade.

Renowned design expert and HGTV host Sarah Richardson recommends a starting point to help make sense of kitchen design trends. "It's important to consider three main points when determining design direction: color, materials and the function the space will serve for the family," she advises.

When people think about introducing color into kitchen design, they generally go directly to the wall color or backsplash pattern or flooring. Today's color choices extend beyond those areas to dishes, glassware, small kitchen appliances, pots and pans, cabinetry, countertops and furniture.

"Yesterday's neutrals have given way to an intense color palette. A few hot trends are poppy red, blue-gray and lumi-



Kitchens are often redone by homeowners looking to make changes in their lifestyle. According to a recent survey, more than 70 percent of women homeowners surveyed said they feel prepared to be solely responsible for their home, including maintenance, repairs and improvements.

nous, metallic finishes," according to Richardson.

Even homeowners not ready to make a bold color choice on the walls can add colorful accents to the room by choosing bright accessories or adding beautiful fabric upholstery to the kitchen chairs.

As color choices in the kitchen are evolving, so are appliance finishes. In the past, solid colors, such as white and black, were the standard options for appliances. Now stainless steel is a top-seller and trends point toward the growing popularity of a new metallic neutral. For example, the Frigidaire Elements line offers an industry-first metallic nickel

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Another trend in a kitchen re-design is the traditional granite and wood choices for counter tops and cabinets elements are being swapped out for metals and more exotic materials. As environment issues are becoming more topof-mind, they're affecting the choices homeowners and designers are making. In fact, other natural materials such as bamboo are replacing wood in flooring and cabinetry.

Essential to any kitchen design is the work and traffic flow. A traditional theory on

kitchen layout is the triangle relationship among the refrigerator, oven and sink. That shape has evolved into circles, squares and many other configurations as unique as the individuals who use them.

Despite this evolution, the emphasis on function remains essential. Many homeowners are installing two of everything, from dishwashers to ovens to sinks. The added functionality of having pairs of appliances allows for more family members to be involved with cooking, provides more space to store food and makes entertaining more of a breeze as food preparation and clean up are twice as fast.

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Most purchase agreements allow the option of having a private home inspection. This means that you have a right, even after an accepted agreement, to have a private home inspection. If you take this option you can hire a private home inspector to inspect the home. Most good home inspectors cost between \$300-400.

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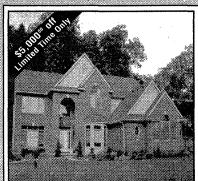
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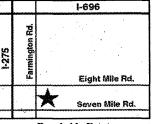
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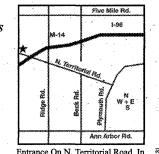
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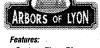
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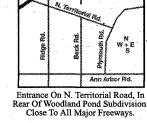
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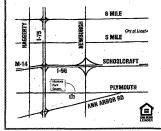
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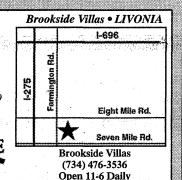
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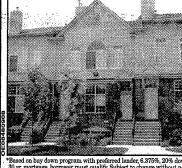
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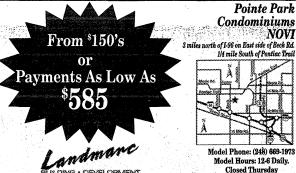


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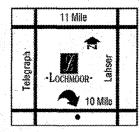








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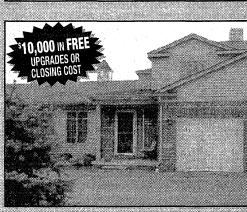


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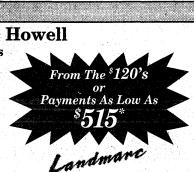
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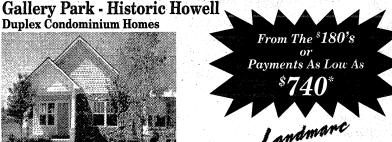


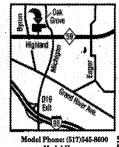




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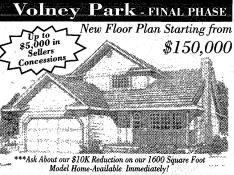
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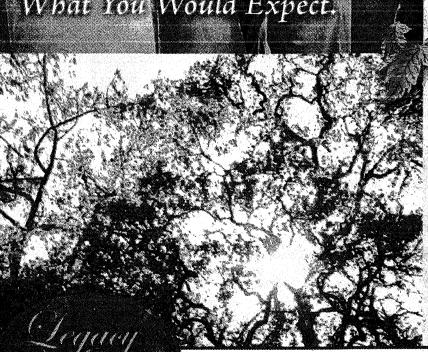




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"Creating Sanctuary: Using Feng Shui & Design" 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Susan Haifleigh of Environments & Energy will discuss developing sanctuary in site plans and home designs and model homes that outperform competing products. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Remodelors Council will have a "Know Thy Customer" seminar 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Rick Ritivov of Mr. Fix It Building Co. will discuss how to fire bad customers, how to cut the number of clients in half yet double business, landing customers before competitors and knowing what customers are buying. Fee is \$30 for Remodelors Council members, \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$50 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1008.

■ MIOSHA safety seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 23, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Patrick Sullivan of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth will discuss a new MIOSHA directive for residential construction, the builder's responsibility for Fall Protection, review of Fall Protection criteria and practices, and Fall Protection liability. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Field Superintendent course on "Codes & Quality Control" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder **Professional Services Group** Inc. will instruct attendees on how to set performance expectations based on quality control foundations. The course

will outline the superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provide tips on how to enforce code compliance on the job. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor a "Fair Housing - For the Birds" seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Star Southfield Theaters, 25333 W. 12 Mile in Southfield. Nadeen Green, senior counsel with For Rent magazine, will discuss fair housing. Fee is \$35 for PMC members, \$40 for AAM or BIA members, \$55 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-

■ Effective Business Management Seminar, "Are You a Corporation, LLC or Partnership? Choosing the Right Legal Structure for Your Company" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Lawrence Stawiarski of Foley, Baron & Metzger PLLC will discuss various types of legal structures. Also covered will be who actually owns the business and how its activities are defined. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Effective Business Management Seminar, "An Introduction to Land **Development Using Other** People's Money" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kenneth Silver of Hertz, Schram & Saretsky will discuss raising money safely, deal structuring and managing investors. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for **BIA** or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

"How To Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of the Sales & Marketing Council 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at LaSalle Bank headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Reservations are required, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and their representatives. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

A series of builder's license preparation courses 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to pre-

pare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is \$200. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Systems and Interior Finishes" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder **Professional Services Group** Inc. and is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. It will identify codes and requirements affecting the design and installation of mechanical and interior finish systems. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Effective Business Management seminar, "A Guide to Condo Conversions," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management and Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises will discuss condo conversions and how to know if a property is conducive to converting. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Sales & Marketing Council will present "Essential Closing Strategies" seminar 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Charter One Bank in the Backman Center, 1250 W. 14 Mile in Troy. Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates will be the instructor. The course is part of the Master Certified Sales Professional series. Fee is \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor a "Super Leasing Extravaganza" 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 10, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover the entire leasing process. Fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

BIA will sponsor a lien law seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 14, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The focus is "What's New in Michigan Construction." Fee is \$50 for BIA members, \$75 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-

■ "How To Sell, Serve and

Succeed" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The Radisson Hotel, 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. This is presented by the Sales & Marketing Council and will feature Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates. Fee is \$45 for SMC members, \$65 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Off-Site Project Management" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar, part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor series, will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder **Professional Services Group** Inc. It will review the role of the project manager off-site on a construction project. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Field Superintendent course on "Safety and Security' 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 21, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to protect the job site by learning essential components of a safety program. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

"Customers for a Lifetime" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Janine LaPorte and Rick Weaver of Executive Image Group will present the program. Fee is \$45 for **Apartment Association of** Michigan or BIA members, \$65 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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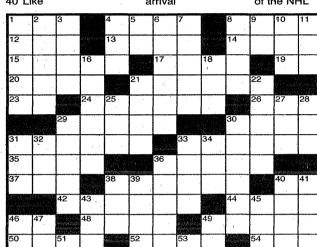
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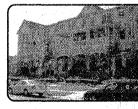
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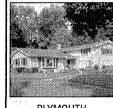
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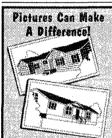
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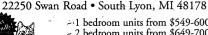
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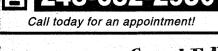


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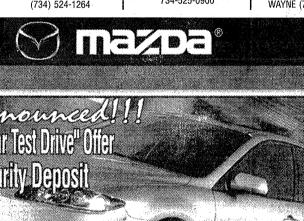
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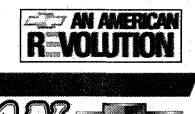


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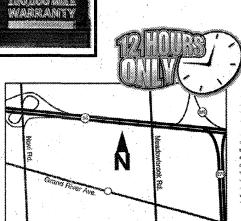
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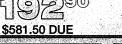


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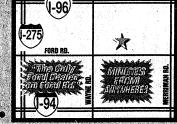


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By Dave Menard **Avanti NewsFeatures**



We re in the process of getting our daughter a car to drive back and forth to college (and yes, she s going to contribute), so when I scheduled the 2006 Volkswagen GTI to review, I had one eye on it a possibility for her. I m sorry to say the GTI isn t on the list any longer.

She d have way too much fun driving it. That pretty much sums it up —the GTI is fun to drive, with some sharp styling and a hip factor that might make her a little too popular. Nice problems to have,

Although the GTI has been redesigned for this year, it s still built on the Golf platform, as it has been since it was introduced in the U.S. in 1983. Although it shares a platform with the Golf, the GTI is different. It s much more aggressive-looking, with a black honeycomb design front end, and a red frame strip outlining the radiator; the brake calipers are painted red, which looks sharp. The lower grille is also done in the honeycomb style and it houses the standard fog lights. High-intensity Xenon headlamps with washers are standard, as are power, heatable outside mirrors, 17-inch alloy wheels (18-inch wheels are available as an option) and a rear spoiler over the rear hatch. The rear hatch opens by pushing in the VW logo on the back, which is kind of a neat feature.

The GTI is powered by a new 2.0T turbocharged fourcylinder engine, rated at 200 hp and 297 lb.-ft. of torque. The engine incorporates dual overhead camshafts, four valves per cylinder and a fully electronic engine management system, which includes drive-by-wire throttle control and direct fuel injection. The engine is mated to either a six-speed manual transmission, or an optional six-speed automatic direct-shift gearbox. Paddles shifters are located on the steering wheel, if you feel the need to use them. The test car had the automatic, and it shifted quickly and smoothly; without having driven the manual, I can guess it would perform very well.

Either way, the car accelerates nicely and will give you plenty of power for passing and merging. It s recommended vou use premium fuel, but vou can use regular in a pinch. It s EPA rated at 25/31 mpg.

You ll like the way the GTI rides and handles. The front



2006 Volkswagen GTI. Vehicle class: Compact car. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 25 city / 31 highway. Where built: Wolfsburg, Germany. Base price: \$21,990. Price as tested: \$25,065.

suspension is a MacPherson strut system with lower wishbones that includes a tubular anti-roll bar. In the rear, the four-link system includes coil springs, telescopic shocks and a tubular anti-roll bar. The ride is comfortable without being mushy, and benefits from the standard traction control. The power rack-and-pinion steering allows for tight cornering and easy maneuvering. The standard anti-lock brakes are very good.

Inside, the GTI looks and feels like a German sports car. Cloth seats are standard; you can order leather seats, which can be heated. The seats are adjusted manually (power seats are an option) and take a few minutes to a good driving position. The three-spoke steering wheel is leather-wrapped and includes controls for the audio system. Alloy touches are placed throughout the cabin, and contribute to a modern look, and the gearshift knob and the handbrake lever are leather-wrapped, as well.

The instrument panel is well laid out and includes a tachometer, and a coolant temperature gauge. In addition, you ll find a message center in the middle of the cluster that displays the time, compass and gear selection, for the automatic transmission. In addition, the trip computer can also display current fuel consumption, miles-to-empty, and radio station selection. There are two power outlets in the center console and another in the trunk.

The GTI comes with easy entry for the two-door model. A special handle moves the seatback forward for easier entry to the rear seats. While it is fairly easy to get into those rear seats, you might not want to stay there long. Leg room is rather tight, particularly if you have that combination of tall driver and tall passenger. The rear seats fold down in a 60/40 arrangement that allows more storage area in the rear.

Volkswagen has equipped the GTI with lots of standard features, including air-conditioning, cruise control, power windows, keyless entry, tilt steering column, and an antitheft alarm. A power sunroof, leather seats, and dual zone automatic climate control are available as options.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system, which also reads mp3s and features 10 speakers, and it sounds great. You can add either of the two satellite radio services (XM or Sirius) into an integrated receiver as an option, and you can also add a GPS navigation system.

Since the reason we re getting a new car is that my daughter wrecked the one she was driving, we re paying close attention to the safety features of the cars we re looking at. The GTI comes with front airbags, driver and passenger side thorax airbags, a side curtain supplemental restraint system, and crash active front headrests.

Volkswagen backs up the GTI with a four-year/50,000 warranty, and a five-year/60,000 mile powertrain

The 2006 Volkswagen GTI starts at about \$22,000. Add the automatic transmission, power sunroof and satellite radio, and you re at about \$25,000.

If you decide to grab a GTI, be sure to let us know how you like it. One thing is for sure -our daughter won t get that chance.

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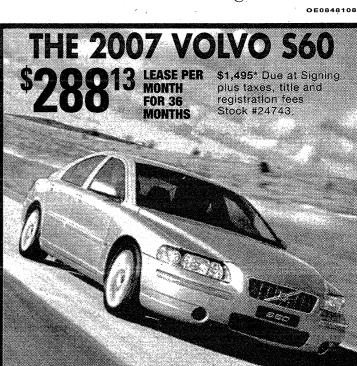
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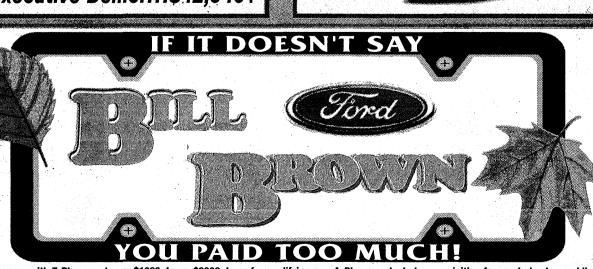
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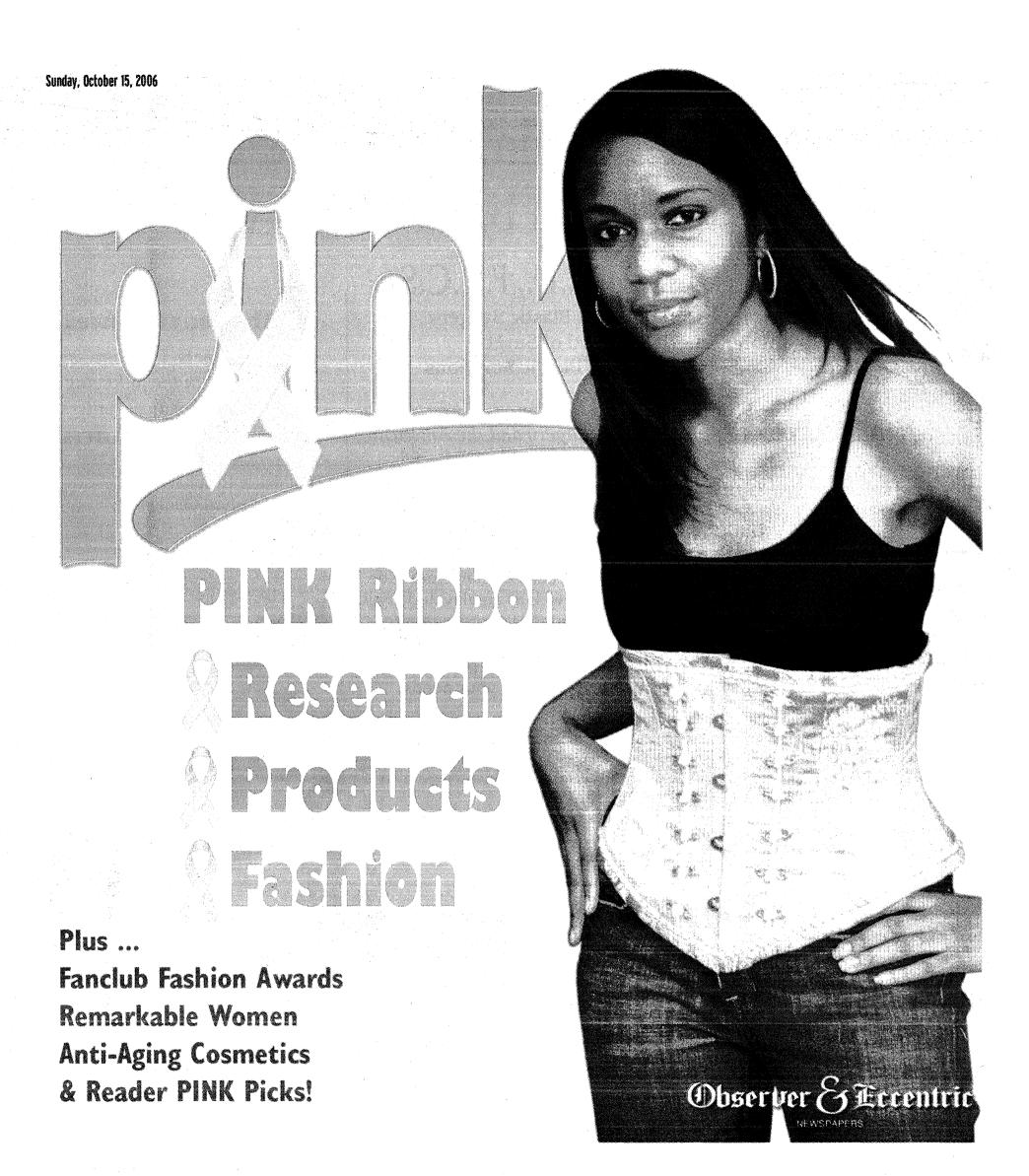
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Fanclub Fashion Awards

Fashion designers and models sought for contest

illed as Detroit's answer to 'Project Runway" and "America's Top Model" combined, the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards are gearing up for their best year yet. Now streamlined and under new management, the FAFFAs seek the area's top talent in fashion design and modeling. Prizes include \$1,000 cash, and a fashion spread in PINK Magazine!

To enter, clothing designers must submit sketches of up to five couture garments for review. A panel of ARTrageous judges will pre-select up to 10 finalists, who will be asked to construct their designs for a runway show at Fanclub's annual

ARTrageous charity gala. One emerging designer will be chosen to win the FAFFA, along with a host of fabulous prizes including a cash grant, a buying trip to one of New York City's top clothing shows, a window display and floor space at Shapes Boutique, and a photo spread in PINK Magazine.

New this year, a concurrent competition will search for models to present the FAFFA finalists' designs in the ARTrageous runway show. To enter, models must submit photos and

compete on the catwalk during an ARTrageous preview party. There, one top model will be selected to represent "The Face of the FAFFAs," and will score a prize package featuring a cash award and a 5-look portfolio shoot with photographer Christopher A. Jablonski. She will also model the winning designer's garment in the pages of PINK.

"We are more excited than ever for this year's FAFFAs," said Fanclub Arts Foundation director Allison Jewett. "Fashion is an important art form, and Fanclub loves to support the medi-



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER A. JABLONSKI

staged at a new venue. It will be one of the inaugural events at the new Museum of Contemporary Arts. Set for Feb. 10, it will be a don't-miss evening of food and wine tastings, art, shopping and entertainment amidst the inspiring setting of

Fanclub Arts Foundation raises money throughout the year to fund arts and culture education throughout the state. ARTrageous, formerly known as Swingtime, is one of Fanclub's largest events.

FAFFA Prizes:

For FAFFA's top model:

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- \$1,000 cash grant
- A feature in PINK Magazine
- A trip to a NYC buying show
- A month-long window display and floor space at Shapes Boutique

 For information or to download a FAFFA application and complete rules, visit www.fanclubarts.com

This will mark the third annual

In addition, ARTrageous will be

Girl Talk

Wendy Mitzel hits the gym to find out how local ladies stay fit

PINK Mommy

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Beyond the Window

Lainey takes us 'through the

looking glass' for pink ribbon

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shopping swaps & more!

Wendie DeLano scares up a family-friendly Halloween

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Christina Kallery offers tips and products for anti-aging skincare

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Tune in to Lisa Marie on MetroChick radio

PINK Picks

A long list of Reader Picks, plus a few of PINK's own

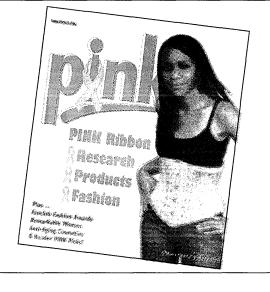
PINK Carpet

Photos of the area's most 'Remarkable Women!'

On the Cover

International Academy of Design & Technology students recently designed pink bustiers for a breast cancer research benefit at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. Here, IADT alumna Kayla Collins models a brocade underbust variation detailed with rosettes, created by Natashia Lie. For more, see Page 9.

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ArtServe honors Reese and Sui

PINK has long coveted the styles of highprofile designers Anna Sui and Tracy Reese, and now the Michigan natives are being honored by the ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture.

Both fashion designers will be given International Achievement Awards, and are slated to attend the ArtServe awards banquet Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Detroit Opera House.

Anna Sui, formerly of Dearborn, is considered fashion's rebellious rocker chick. Sui taps





Tracy Reese

Anna Sui

into all decades and motifs equally as she designs her seasonal collections. In the early nineties, editors fell for Sui's charming and cheery designs, and after her debut on the runway in 1991, business boomed. The following year she opened a flagship store on Greene Street in New York City, then launched a successful beauty line.

Tracy Reese, formerly of Detroit, has found great success with her namesake label Tracy Reese along with another line, Plenty by Tracy Reese. The Tracy Reese look has been described as ultra-feminine and vintage-inspired. Recently she combined her lavish clothing lines and home design with the opening of her flagship boutique in Manhattan.

Both designers currently live in New York, and are scheduled to fly in and accept their awards in person.

The ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture are the oldest and most prestigious honors of their kind in the state.

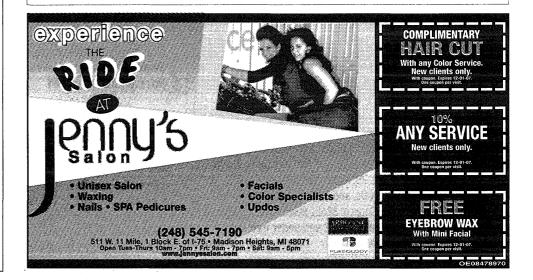
Tickets for the ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts ♂ Culture Gala are \$50-\$300 and benefit ArtServe programs and services. Call (248) 557-8288 ext. 21 or visit www.ArtServeMichigan.org. For more information on the designers, visit www.annasui.com and www.tracyreese.com.



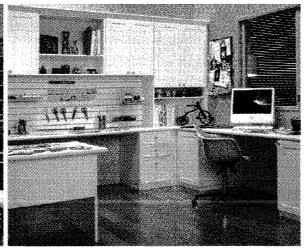
PINK pulls up a chair at Cranbrook Holiday Tables

PINK will be among more than 20 exhibitors creating lavish displays at Cranbrook Holiday Tables 2006. This year's theme, "A Tapestry of

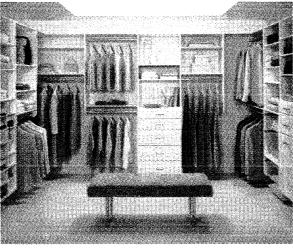
Tables," is sure to inspire homemakers to step up the fab factor of their holiday decor. Get ideas for centerpieces, floral, dinnerware, linens and gorgeous presentation during Holiday Tables public viewing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 17-19 at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills. The event kicks off with an invitation-only Benefactor Gala hosted by Ralph Lauren Somerset Collection Wednesday, Oct. 25, and continues with a Patron Tea and Preview Thursday, Nov. 16. For information, call (248) 645-3147 or visit www.cranbrook.edu.











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Sephora's Tricks and Treats

Boo! Is your skin scary? Celebrate Halloween noon-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Sephora Somerset, by trying on magical masks designed to transform your skin. Or, concoct a "Witches Brew" at the store's fragrance mixology event, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Mix scents to create a potion all your own. Appointments recommended. Call (248) 458-0100.

Go Vintage at Annual Sale

Whether you're looking for trends reflecting 1940s Hollywood glamour, 1960s mod or 1980s punk rock, you'll find them at the Bloomfield Hills Antique and Vintage Apparel Show, 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. More than 30 vendors will sell jewelry dating to the 1800s, and clothing of all eras at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$5 adults, kids 12 and under free. Call Larry Barnett at (248) 988-0924.

Top Model Visits Macy's

Yoanna House, host of TV's "The Look for Less," will present trends from Style&co's fall collection during a fashion show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Macy's, Southland. House, winner of "America's Next Top Model" second season will offer tips on building a wardrobe that will take you from work to weekend flawlessly - and without breaking the bank. One winner will score a \$500 on-the-spot shopping spree with House, R.S.V.P. by Oct. 26 at (248) 443-6248.

Macy's Seeks Designers

Aspiring fashion designers from around the greater Detroit area are invited to present their sketches and/or samples to Macy's buyers and trend managers noon-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Macy's Somerset. A panel of judges will provide relevant feedback and direction during this annual competition. The designer awarded best-of-show will receive a cash prize. No reservations required.

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Simply Shopping at Somerset

The Troy Chamber will host its annual "Simply Shopping" Extravaganza 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Somerset

Troy Chamber's Collection. Start the day by donating clean, gently-used business attire to "Dress for Success." Then, enjoy breakfast and an exclusive look at what's hot in gifts

> and accessories at Nordstrom. Tickets, \$60, include valet, a signature bag, gift wrapping, bag retrieval, a \$10 gift card for lunch, prizes, and hors d'oeuvres at

Simply Shopping McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant. R.S.V.P. at (248) 641-8151 or e-mail theteam@troychamber.com.

Fashion Swap Benefit

Score some great garb and contribute to a good cause as the Rochester Junior Woman's Club hosts its first-ever Fashion Swap, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. To participate in this fun fashion free-for-all, grab your friends and bring at least six items of quality clothing and two accessories to OPC, 650 Letica Drive in Rochester. Then, swap it up! Take as many items as you bring - anything left will be donated to charity. Tickets, \$20, benefit Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and Christmas Parade. Call Kim, (248) 370-9040, or e-mail dkgam2@sbcglobal.net.

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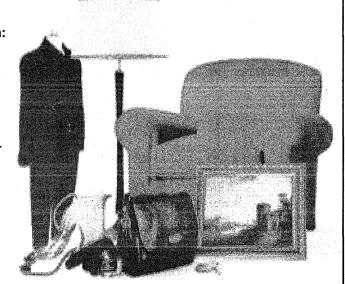
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By Elaine Perlin Crossley

That endearing little Pink Ribbon sends a huge message of support for breast cancer awareness and the quest for the cure. Kudos to the many manufacturers, designers, retailers, advertisers and others who create and promote the sale of unique Pink Ribbon items – and also to the world of consumers who purchase them. Let's keep the ball rolling by wandering beyond some windows and Web sites to find just a few of many Pink Ribbon novelties with personalities of their own – from pink Kitchenaid blenders to Pink Ribbon TicTacs, and lots in between!

First Stop? Macy*s

Macy*s tempts with Frango Pink Mint Chocolates. The attractive limited edition 1/3 lb. box was designed by Miranda Moss, a Minneapolis artist and breast cancer survivor.

Gotta get a Gund? Check out Macy*s plush **Pink Ribbon Gund** "labradoodle" dogs and teddy bear, then look for Karen Neuberger's Pink Ribbon Signature Collection of PJ's, slippers and socks. Glam it up with Pink Ribbon items by **Estée Lauder**, Prescriptives and Bobbi Brown, or pick up Clinique's 'In the Pink' lipstick or Origins 'Flower Fusion' hydrating lip color. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Visit www.macys.com/pink ribbon.

Bejewel Yourself Pink

Hit the Internet with a visit to www.swarovski.com for the **Swarovski Pink Hope** brooch, with proceeds to the Libby Ross Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Emery's Creative Jewelry of Farmington Hills carries Pink Ribbon charms by Nomination, Pandora, or Rembrandt, a delicate bracelet by Oro International with white gold hearts and pink gold ribbons, and sparkly Patricia Locke multi-hued pink ribbon crystal pins.

Haig's of Rochester Fine Jewelry is featuring custom designed pink themed jewelry by Tim Johnstone during the month of October. Ten percent of sales will go to the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EFI) Women's Cancer Research Fund in partnership with the Lee Jeans National Denim Day effort.

(Speaking of **Lee Jeans**, visit www.lee.com to check out the cute jeans with a pink sash, and other Pink Ribbon apparel.)

Sporting Good Vibes

Calling all Tigers fans! Go to www.CBSSportsStore.com for Pink Ribbon Detroit Tigers caps. (Take it all, Tigers!) Racers for the cure can click on www.nbdetroit.com or nbwebexpress.com for New Balance Pink Ribbon footwear, accessories and active wear to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure, with Detroit's race organized by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

A Group Effort

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And don't forget to stop at **your local post office** (or visit USPS.com) to purchase breast cancer research postage stamps, Pink Ribbon note cards, pencils and the sweetest little stuffed Pink Ribbon bear.

"Lainey" Perlin Crossley strongly advocates protection by early detection. Reach her at (586) 612-7177.

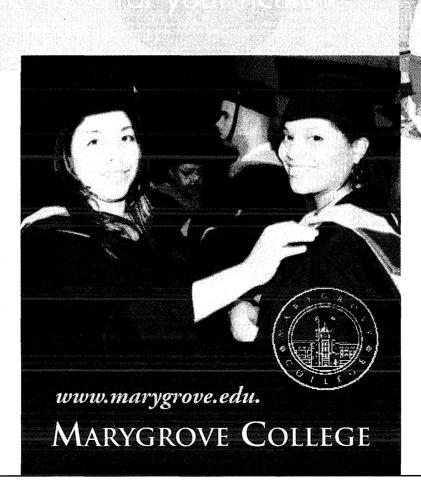
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Pink Ribbon medicine

The latest research on breast cancer treatments, diagnostics

By Linda Ann Chomin Staff Writer

Soy Shows Promise

Dr. Philip Philip isn't recommending soy isoflavones as yet for the treatment of breast cancer, but he is hopeful about future use. For the past two years, researchers at the Karmanos Cancer Institute have been studying the flavonoid in clinical trials. Genistein, which belongs to the isoflavone class of flavonoids and is found in soy, recently has been shown to induce breast cancer growth inhibition – but it will be years, says Philip, before the results are known not only in regards to breast but pancreatic and prostate cancer.

"There has been a lot of pre-clinical information coming from the lab that adding soy to drug therapies improves the outcome of treatment," said Dr. Philip Philip, professor of oncology at Karmanos and Wayne State University, and a Farmington Hills resident. "We're trying to translate that into the clinic to treat patients with conventional chemotherapy. If you get soy isoflavones by themselves they are pretty nontoxic, no hair loss, vomiting and they don't increase side effects."

Saving the Breasts

Twenty years ago mastectomy was the standard treatment for breast cancer. Today, breast conserving surgery, partial breast accelerated radiation, chemotherapy, and the use of anti-hormone drugs are reducing mortality rates thanks to studies at major cancer centers including Karmanos. Years ago researchers only had a vague idea of what genes were causing the cancer. Today, many believe gene therapy is the future of breast cancer treatment.

"The key thing is we now understand much better how cancerous cells become cancerous and divide and spread and we're devising new treatments accordingly," said Philip who's been involved with research for 20 years.

One of the reasons Dr. Scott Schell took the appointment as director of breast care centers for Beaumont Hospitals is the research being done by staff radiation oncologist Dr. Frank Vicini.



"We're continuing a long-standing commitment of ensuring the patients we treat have access to tomorrow's technology today," said Schell. "As more are treated with breast conservation, they need radiation so what happened in the cell doesn't happen in the rest of the breast. In the past, historically it's taken six weeks of daily treatment. Vicini has been a pioneer in partial breast irradiation which is limited to the area where cancer is most likely to return. He reduced the treatments down to one week and an increasing number of patients are now down to two days with accelerated partial breast irradiation."

Detection Technology

The future is getting closer at Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ten years ago, a new breast imaging device that makes use of ultrasound tomography was invented to painlessly detect without radiation certain types of breast cancer that mammography misses. The procedure requires a patient to lie face down on a table and suspend her breast in water. It is being tested on patients in clinical studies and is about two-years away from being available, said Neb Duric, professor of radiation oncology at Wayne State University and program leader for imaging at Karmanos. Duric says the device would allow younger women with a family history of breast cancer to receive regular mammograms.

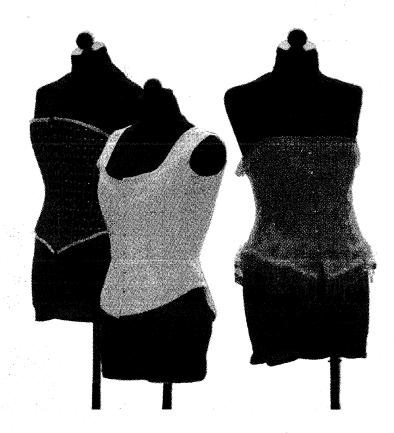
"I thinks there's a lot of reason to have hope," said Dr. Daniel Hayes, clinical director of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center breast oncology program.

Hayes began treating breast cancer patients since 1982. "We've made a lot of progress. Mortality continues to drop all over the western world. That's because of the clinical trials. That's why it's important for patients to participate in research."

Linda Chomin is Health & Community Life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric. Reach her at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (734) 953-2145.

Bustiers for Breast Cancer

ace and laces. Ribbons and ruching. Underbust, overbust and straps. Every garment at "Bustiers for Breast Cancer" was unique, but what tied them together was that they all were fashioned for a cure. Second-year students at the International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy crafted the haute couture bustiers to compete for scholarships and raise money for breast cancer research. Each bustier had to be pink, and lined with pink ribbon fabric, but the rest was open to interpretation. During a gala on Oct. 12 in the north lobby of Crittenton Hospital, the public, students and medical experts came together to enjoy an evening of entertainment and hors d'oeuvres, and to bid on the bustiers during a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction, along



IADT-Troy student Amber Nicholis models a strappy pink bustier edged with pleated brown ribbon trim, designed by Jacqueline Floyd.

PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND

with ticket sales, will fund breast cancer research and programs.

These "Bustiers for Breast Cancer" were designed by (from left) IADT-Troy instructor Rebecca Moore, and students Jennifer Soulliere, Betty Norris and Robin Chinn. They were among a wide array of bustiers displayed on dress forms in the Crittenton Hospital lobby and auctioned during a benefit gala.

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Local ladies weigh in

By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

When the weather gets cooler and trees change to glorious shades of orange, PINK just wants to crawl under the covers with a bowl of comfort food and a good book. But being a couch potato is out of the question, so PINK headed to Fitness USA in Westland to ask some of the hard working clients there:

"What's one of your personal tricks to staying healthy?"

"I try to work out every day because it makes me feel good mentally and physically,"



"My big trick is chasing my 2year-old, Hannah. She goes everywhere,"

Grechen Heldenbrand, Livonia





lots of water and do weight training," Holly Yeager, Vestland

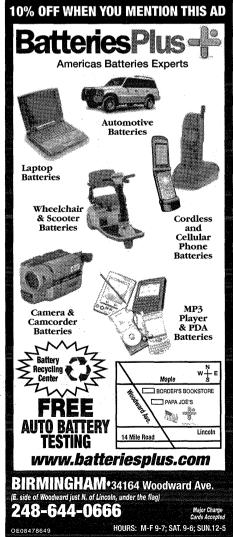
cardio, drink



"I stay focused and have a set routine three davs a week."

> Athena Flowers, Dearborn





Scare up some Halloween fun

Bv Wendie DeLano

OK — so Halloween is only a couple weeks away and you still haven't figured out what to make for dessert and the costumes left at the store will only fit your golden retriever. Don't worry; there is still plenty of time to come up with a spooktacular costume for your little one and dessert that the kids will love.

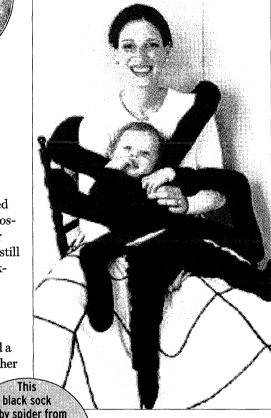
Trick out some costumes

With supplies from the craft store and a few things from home you can put together a costume without having to sew a thing! I found some great no-sew costume ideas at baby spider from

www.marthastewart.com that marthastewart.com is a are really simple to make. Just no-sew Halloween costume idea that can to be sure. I made one of the work for the whole costumes myself to see if I could family. do it. The sock baby spider was really easy and turned out to be the perfect costume for the whole family. Wearing a simple white t-shirt and an old white sheet for a skirt I will be the web. My daughter will be a spider made out of my husband's old black socks. And just so he isn't left out, I made my husband a spider too. "Daddy Long Legs" has a few less socks in his drawer, but he will never miss them!

Scare up some treats

If you volunteered to bring a treat to your neighbors' Halloween party and have no time to actually make something, let the bakers at Cookies by Design in Livonia help. They have many Halloween



cookie bouquets, as well as a Halloween Cookie Favor Trav and an adorable Jack-O-Lantern Pan Cookie. These yummy treats will be a big hit and

are well worth goblin' up! Go to www.cookiesbydesign.com to see designs or find a location near you.

And hit the trail

Don't let this Halloween go by without visiting Zoo Boo at The Detroit Zoo. This annual family friendly event is merry not scary - and happens Oct. 19-22 and 26-31. Lead your costume clad kids down the trick-or-treat trail through the zoo and then see live entertainment at the Zoo Boo Revue. And don't forget to visit the Ghouly Games tent! For more information, check out the Zoo's website at www.detroitzoo.org.



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It's nearly impossible not to walk into Les Cheveux and instantly want to try on every wig in every color. What is it about a girl and wanting to change her hair? Les Cheveux is an upscale boutique in



Birmingham that specializes in wigs for cancer patients and others undergoing chemotherapy.

The shop, which also carries popular hair extensions and hairpieces, has wigs ranging from synthetic (which start in the low hundreds) to real

hair (which run into the thousands.)

The store also offers custom made wigs in the color and cut you want

them. It takes about a month and a half to receive them. but they are well worth the wait. Les Cheveux also has a stylist oncall if you choose an instore wig but



would like it styled differently or want to add some highlights.

A quick word of warning: As of November 1 the store will be in a new location at 33255 Woodward Ave., in Birmingham.

— Christy Breithaupt

Tips for younger looking skin By Christina Kallery



(except for knowing when to say no thanks' to, say, fishnet leggings or bubble skirts). When it comes to matters of the complexion, who wouldn't

rather look defiantly less mature? But with the endless swell of products flooding beauty counters, choosing an anti-aging regimen can be a mystifying-and debit card-exhausting-enterprise. To ease the pain, Dr. Dennis Gross, Manhattan dermatologist, creator of MD Skincare and author of "Your Future Face," dispensed some of his favorite look-younger

• Eat right. "There is no question that diet is important for skin," says Dr. Gross. Eat foods rich in essential fatty acids like avocado and olive oil, plus leafy vegetables. "Make sure your salad has different colors in it. The more col-

ors, the better." Gross also recommends B vitamins, which calm complexionbusting stress.

 Get your beauty sleep. Or Sebach "More sleep can significantly improve the appearance of your skin," says Gross.

> • Ditch vices. "Avoid cigarettes and alcohol. Alcohol is dehydrating and a direct toxin."

• Multi-task. "Ingredients applied directly to the skin are the most effective means of preventing aging," asserts Gross. When assembling your beauty arsenal, "Look for products that contain multiple active ingredients, such as Vitamin C, Coenzyme Q10 and Peptides."

• Prevent. "Applying ingredients to your skin early on can make a significant difference." Also key: wear SPF daily.

Blush Picks:

MD Skincare Alpha Beta Daily Face Peel-These daily pads boost skin tone, texture and clarity.

> www.mdskincare.com Dr. Sebagh Crème High → Maintenance — Boasts seven patented active anti-aging ingredients. www.blissworld.com

Cellex-C Advanced-C Serum-An oilfree serum infused with Vitamin C, zinc and grape seed. www.sephora.com

Olay Definity Correcting Protective Lotion with SPF 15—Shields, hydrates, improves dullness and dark spots. At drugstores.

RoC Lift and Define Eye Cream— Oil-free and noncomedogenic, so no worries about unsightly bumps. At drugstores.

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Be 'Queen for a Day'

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Women's Health Boutique in Livonia will crown one breast cancer survivor "Queen for a Day." To enter, survivors must submit an entry form by Oct. 30. The winner, drawn randomly on Oct. 30, will receive a grand prize package.

prostheses to uninsured women through Oct. 31.

WHB also will provide free breast

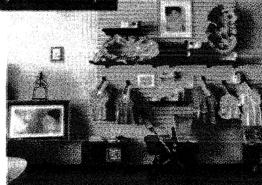
Women's Health Boutique is dedicated to women's special needs, and is located at 31209 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Call WHB at (734) 762-9324.





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MetroChick radio

Talk show host highlights talented gals

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Talk about girl power ... that's all Lisa Marie O'Sullivan does. Every Wednesday morning the 45-year-old Royal Oaker hosts MetroChick radio, a fun, informative talk show that highlights talented and accomplished Metro Detroit women. MetroChick radio is an advertising vehicle for gals to get the word out about their talent, business or service. Lisa Marie said she started MetroChick to help women with budgeting, divorce, dating, fashion faux pas and host of other issues. We caught up with her at the recent Ladies Who Launch LIVE event at the Reserve in Birmingham to find out more about her innovative MetroChick concept.

Tell us more about MetroChick radio.

I lease air time every morning from 8-9 a.m. on 690 AM WNZK, and bring three women on for each show. Each of them presents a 12-minute segment. The beauty of this is nowadays it doesn't matter where you're at, it's webcast. Right from my website, you can click on my radio show and listen to it anywhere in the world.

How do you find guests for your show?

I attend a ton of functions and talk to a ton of awesome women. I did this to help other people but I have truly met some incredible women. Sometimes I get chills when I think about all the unbelievable women out there.

How did you start this business?

I am a single mom, and raised three daughters. My background is in interior design. I started an interior design talk show because my father is a broadcaster, but I really felt that if I had the opportunity to have a voice, I wanted to convey a bigger message. I've found my calling.

What are some of the topics women touch on during your show?

We've had Michelle Richards from the Michigan Women's Business Council talk about micro loans to help women starting a business. We've had Jill Jones, the Vice President of Cadillac Travel, talk about girl vacations, and Liz Martinez of VIP Events with dating tips. We've had Kerry Doman of After5Detroit.com.

We've had topics like legal issues, financial planning or how to avoid back and neck pain caused by handbags and high heels. There's really neat stuff out there,

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Lisa Marie / MetroChick radio 8-9 a.m. Wednesdays / 690 AM WNZK www.MetroChickradio.com



Lisa Marie at Ladies Who Launch LIVE, Sept. 7 at The Reserve in Birmingham.

and we want to give women the opportunity to find out about it.

You also have a website?

Yes, you can buy a link on my website that lasts six months, at \$60 a month. I really advocate non-profit organizations that help women and children. The website also has MetroChick's "Favorite Finds," "Businesses We Love" and "Boutiques to Drive For."

What else?

I have created Team Metro Chick, and four times a year we meet for events like Gilda's Comedy Walk and Race for the Cure. It's through helping other people that you really help yourself. That's one of my mottos because it's through some of the painful times in my life that I've gone out and started volunteering. It's a great way to get out of your own head.

So how's business?

Obviously I have to try to make a living at this as well. Because I'm a businesswoman I realize one thing — that advertising is really costly. I wanted to offer something fun and different. I think women like to come on the radio and talk. I think it gives them a sense of empowerment.

For more information or to webcast Lisa Marie's talk show, visit www.MetroChickradio.com.

Reader PINK Pick Honorable Mentions ...

The top prize winner in our annual Reader PINK Picks contest was announced in August, but so many readers gave us fantastic picks, we can't stop printing them! Here's a sampling:

Wear It!

Inkslingers USA Denim

● Natalie Hagopian, Milford

Wear It!

Wide belts at the waist

Patricia Romero, Livonia

Wear H

A bright white smile

Brooke Brennan, Wayne

Wear It!

Gauchos

• Diane Rydman, Farmington Hills

DON'T Wear It!

Gauchos

● Yvette Broda, Garden City

DON'T Wear It!

Chipped nail polish

• Gretchen Kloyz, Birmingham

Accessorize It!

Polka dot scarf headband

● Emily Fellows, Bloomfield Hills

Accessorize It!

Scarf as a belt

• Cristen Jablonski, Canton

Tote It!

Botkier handbags

• Sharon McGladdery, Farmington Hills

Tote It!

A hot man on your arm:)

• Shelly Hrecin, Madison Heights

Tote It!

Your kids, anytime, anywhere

- they grow fast!

• Jill Gayford, Lake Orion

Hands-free cell phone while driving

● Olivia Boitos, Westland

Use It!

Tide-To-Go Pen

Deva Gibson, Farmington

Drink It!

Power Aid Fruit Punch (cures hangovers!)

• Rachel Lawnicki, Garden City

Drink H

New Godiva drinks at Somerset — to die for!

Mary Kokoska, Livonia

Any of the sandwiches at Crawford's Kitchen in Plymouth

Carol Clarke, Westland

Hear It!

Newcomer by Corrinne Bailey Rae

Stacy Duff, Livonia

Hear Iti

The Wreckers

Ashley Stohler, Milford

TiVo It!

Grey's Anatomy

• Rachel Lawnicki, Garden City

TiVo It!

The Hills on MTV

Jennifer Hensel, Shelby Township

TiVo It!

The View with Rosie O'Donnell

Ashley Stohler, Milford

DVD It!

Click (it's a re-evaluate your life movie)

• Melissa Mousel, Auburn Hills

DVD H

High School Musical

• Stephanie Brockmiller, Webberville

Experience It!

Helping your neighbor

• Carol M. Swales, Livonia

Experience It!

A day without your cell phone

Andrea Herzog, Troy

Experience It!

Love

• Jill McGlinch, South Lyon

Face It!

Bobbi Brown SPF tinted moisturizer - awesome!

• Sandy Menczer, Birmingham

See the Detroit Roller Derby Girls

• Autumn Butler, Ann Arbor

Do Itl

Pure Barre at Studio Surge

● Jen Moore, Clinton Township

Plan a girl's night out once a month

• Katy Thomas, Milford

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● Lisa Gibbins, Canton

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Skulls

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Mane It!

Kick It!

Click It!

Hear It!

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DON'T Wear It!



TiVo It!

Smell It!

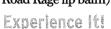
Jo Malone Red Roses

Lost

DON'T TiVo It!

Fashion House Face It!

Motor City Makeup (try D-Town Diva lip gloss or Road Rage lip balm)





in Rochester

See It!

Marie Antoinette

Drink It!

Pink Cocktails at the bosco in Ferndale











Live Talk Radio for Women WNZK 690am Wednesdays 8 - 9 am

also web-cast www.metrochickradio.com

Guest speakers will cover different topics each week such as:

- Relationships Legal
 - Home
- Travel Finance
- Beauty
- Health Weekend chick picks

and more.





Tune in to MetroChick radio 8-9a.m. October 25 with PINK's own Wensdy Von Buskirk who will give tips on getting media coverage for your business!





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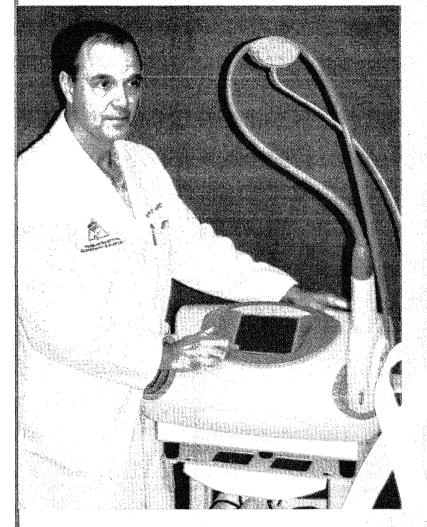
More than 600 women from throughout Metro Detroit attended the 7th annual Remarkable Women luncheon, Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Ritz Carlton Dearborn. Hosted by Weight Watchers, the event honored women in the media, and featured keynote speaker Lynn Scherr, correspondent for 20/20. Tickets benefited the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, U-M Cardiovascular Center and the Beaumont Women's Heart Center, and for the first time, the

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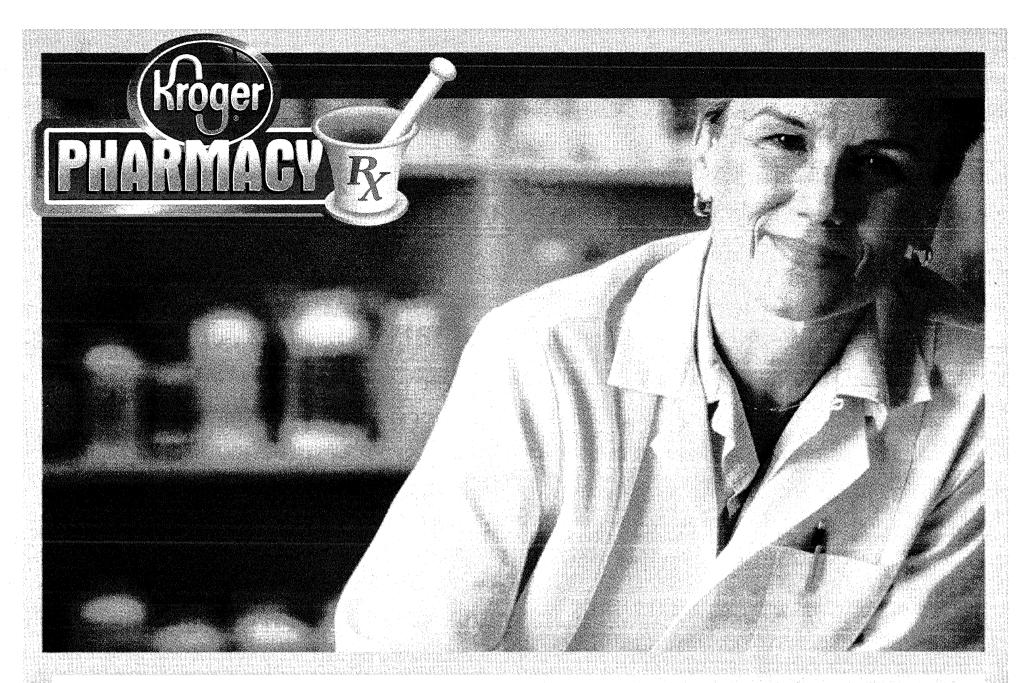
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