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DDA plan markets downtown

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will unveil a new logo and slogan this week that's intended to let visitors know there is more to downtown Plymouth than Kellogg Park.

"Downtown Plymouth, Not Just a Walk in the Park" will be prominently displayed by downtown

merchants in a marketing campaign designed to bring customers to town, as well as inform them there is more to do in Plymouth than what surrounds Kellogg Park.

"It addresses the key concern, which is our desire to spread the success of Kellogg Park," said Mike Wright, chairman of the DDA. "Kellogg Park is a prime resource, a distinguishing feature of Plymouth over other downtowns."

"The objective is to spread that impact out, and get folks out to the merchants and other segments of downtown, stimulating more success for those businesses," he added.

The DDA hired North Star Destination Strategies of Nashville, Tenn., to pinpoint where it should target its future marketing efforts. Among the outcomes:

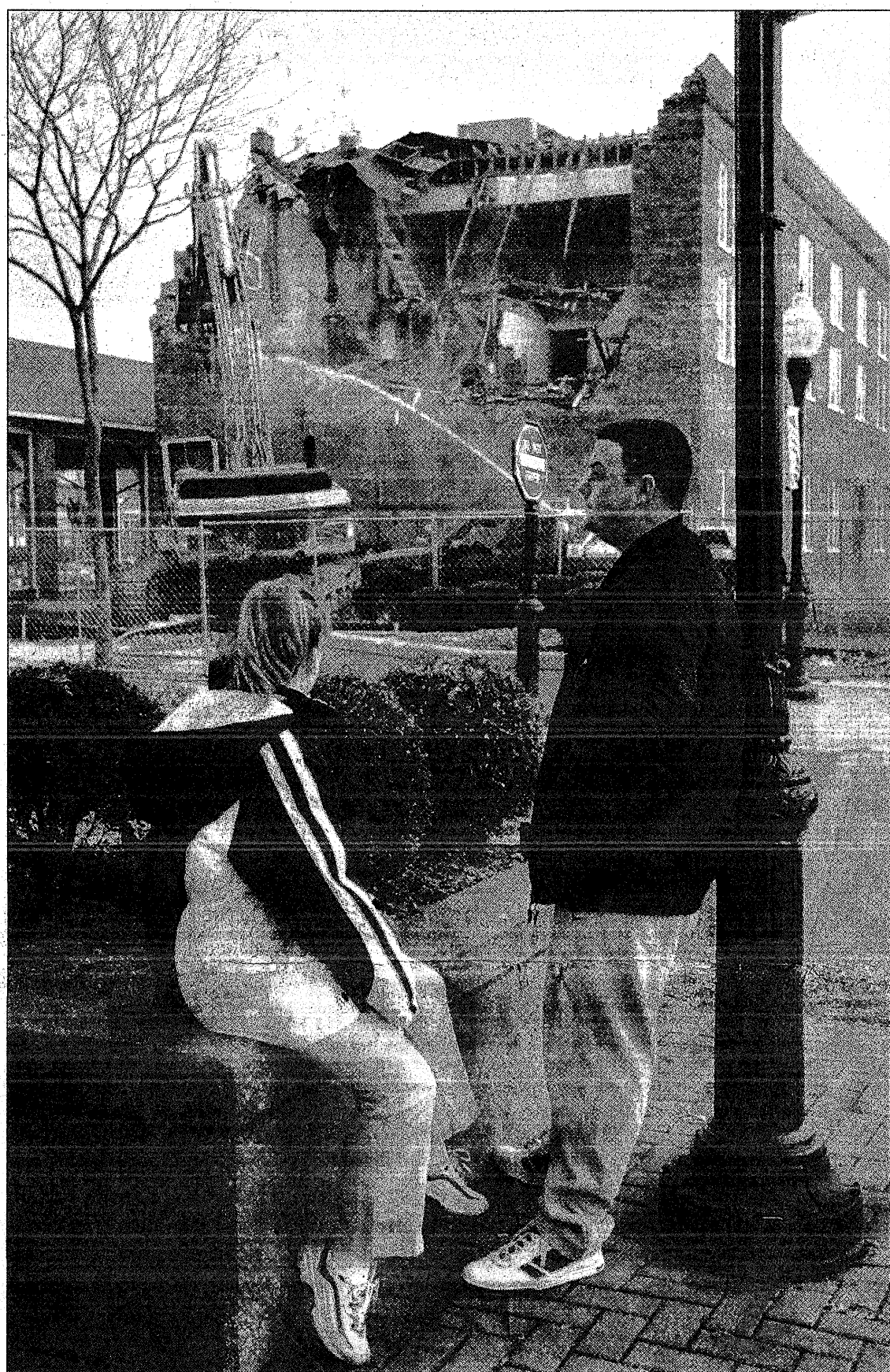
■ Downtown Plymouth's greatest competitive differentiator is Kellogg Park.

■ Good news and bad news: downtown Plymouth is defined by Kellogg Park.

■ The "anti-big box" shopping experience is part of what makes downtown Plymouth unique.

■ Downtown owners/operators are divided regarding how to approach progress.

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Walls fall

Patricia Chorba and Christopher Talarico watch the Wednesday morning demolition of the Masonic Temple, which is being razed to make room for a combination condominium-retail development. The local Masons sold the building for some \$1.2 million.

Coca-Cola pact pops \$500K hole in budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The agreement by the American Beverage Association and the nation's largest beverage distributors in May to stop nearly all soda sales to public schools will mean the loss of nearly a half-million dollars to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The Board of Education approved Tuesday a seven-year contract with Coca-Cola, Inc. of Belleville to supply middle school and high school beverage vending machines, which is expected to realize revenue of \$795,000 over the length of the deal. That's far less than the previous five-year contract, which netted Plymouth-Canton Schools approximately \$1.3 million.

"In the past, we used to receive — at the district level — \$155,000 a year for an exclusive vending contract, in addition to commissions at the building level," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services. "That is no longer being offered."

"Now we will only sell diet pop, sports drinks, juice and water," she said. "The fact is, given a choice, students most likely would choose a sugar pop over diet, which sold more and garnered more commissions."

Brand said elementary school students do not have access to the Coke beverage machines, but students can purchase milk products. Middle school and high school students also have the option of separate milk machines that are not covered under the Coke contract.

Teresa Arnold, the district's food service director, said the Wellness Committee took a hard look at what is being offered in the vending machines.

"Anything high in sugar and high in fat were the things we didn't want available to students," Arnold said. "The vending machines were on all the time and students had access to pop. Parents felt that con-

PLEASE SEE COKE, A4

Lawyer, Northville supervisor face off for 20th House seat

Knowledge key in 2nd run at seat

"State rep is an extremely important job, and I think it is important for me to fight as hard as possible to win this race."

— Marc Corriveau
candidate, 20th District state representative

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Marc Corriveau settled on health insurance cuts for his small business, he didn't realize the awkwardness he'd feel as a father.

The increased out-of-pocket expenses left him subconsciously assessing how bad his family needed health care visits — a position Corriveau said he doesn't want to see anyone else in.



Corriveau

First-hand knowledge of the issues area residents face — including needed changes in the health care industry — is what Corriveau said makes him the best candidate for 20th District state representative in the Nov. 7 general election. Including needed changes in the health industry.

THE DIRECTIVE

If elected, Corriveau, a Democrat, said he would focus his determination toward health

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Hopeful touts background, experience

"I believe I have the abilities to find consensus and move issues forward."

— Mark Abbo
candidate, 20th District state representative

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo has had the same part-time job for years.

After a detailed day as vice president of STM Power, a renewable energy company in Ann Arbor, he focuses his duties toward another passion — serving as Northville Township supervisor.

Abbo, a 53-year-old Republican, said it is the combination of his accomplished business



Abbo

background and passion for local government that makes him the best candidate for 20th District state representative.

For the past six years, Abbo has served as township supervisor, preceded by eight years as a Northville Township trustee.

Abbo said he combines his governmental understanding with 30 years of business experience, including success as a certified public accountant and in the private sector.

"I believe I can bring together my knowledge

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Book signing

Thomas Forsthoefel, a graduate of Fordson High School and currently the chair of the religious studies department at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., will be at The Book Cellar & Cafe noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, to sign copies of his book, *Soulsong*.



Forsthoefel

The book, published by Orbis Books, examines models of holiness from a variety of the world's religious traditions, focusing on what it means to be human, drawing upon wisdom, poetry and lived examples found across the globe.

Although Forsthoefel will use the book in his own courses, *Soulsong* is not meant to be a traditional academic textbook. "This book is intended to be accessible to anyone," Forsthoefel said. "Anyone thinking and reflecting on key questions in their lives, including issues of meaning, value, heartache and challenge."

Forsthoefel, who earned a doctorate in the history and philosophy of religion from the University of Chicago, has taught at Mercyhurst since 1997.

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 sit-down 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.

Medicare/Medicaid speaker

The Plymouth Community Council On Aging sponsors a speaker talking about Medicare Part D and Medicaid 1-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature a qualified specialist who has been trained in Medicare and Medicaid law and regulations. Their mission is to educate, counsel and empower individuals to make informed benefit decisions.

For more information and to sign up, call the Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Flu shots

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors flu shots 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 20, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Sign-ups start Nov. 1. To register, call (734) 453-1132. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Holiday celebration

Tickets are now available for the Dec. 11 holiday celebration featuring Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts/American Harvest Restaurant, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Chefs will prepare and serve two holiday appetizers. Cost is \$1. The event takes place 1:30-3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Pilgrimage of faith

The third-annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador).

The pilgrimage takes place Feb. 11-18. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice

and experience of the poor and marginalized. Participants will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics and economy of El Salvador.

For details call coordinator Richard Dahlke, (734) 455-6474.

Coat drive

The Children's Christian Alliance is conducting its annual collection of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens and blankets to be distributed to low-income families living in Wayne County.

The Children's Christian Alliance is committed to organizing and funding activities to educate, inspire, and promote positive change in individual's by teaching God's word.

Drop-off sites for this year's drive are: Maurice's, 44620 Ford Road, in Canton, (734) 207-5001; and ROC International, 16115 Beck Road in Northville, (734) 404-0270.

Pick-up can also be arranged by calling (734) 844-8472 or (734) 812-4502. For more information on the drive or on Children's Christian Alliance, visit the group's Web site at www.childrenschristianalliance.org

Walk of Trees

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual "Walk of Christmas Trees" in Kellogg

Park in downtown Plymouth.

Any family, club, scout troop, school class or business interested in decorating a tree should contact the chamber. Cost is \$75 per tree, which includes 200 white lights strung on each tree, and the group/company name on a sign.

Trees will be assigned at random, and signs will be in place by Friday, Dec. 1. Decorating days are Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3.

To reserve a tree or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Holiday marketplace

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors is gearing up for its annual "Holiday Marketplace" vendor show 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

All proceeds from the event will go to a local family in need, providing an opportunity for holiday meals and gifts that would otherwise be impossible.

The Holiday Marketplace features products and services from nearly 20 different vendors. Past participants include Arbonne International, Discovery Toys, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pampered Chef, Silpada Jewelry, Tupperware and more. Many vendors will offer special discounts, samples and prizes.

In addition, the Holiday Marketplace will provide free refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

Limited space is still available for vendors. Tickets are not required in advance, and admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact Patti El-Amin at (734) 414-8698 or pattielamin@aol.com.

Holiday Extravaganza

The Plymouth/Canton Direct Selling Women's Alliance (PCDSWA) invites shoppers to a day of shopping the easy way, where Arbonne, Creative Memories, Daisy Blue Naturals, Lia Sophia, Romance 101, Southern Living at Home and Warm Spirit will be available.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.

The DSWA promotes a spirit of cooperation, mutual support and respect for each individual's desire for success in a no cross recruitment atmosphere. For more information, go to www.dswa.org or contact the PCDSWA at pcdsawa@yahoo.com or call (734) 667-2930.

Nursery open house

Plymouth Nursery's Holiday Spectacular Open House takes place 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

There will be refreshments, and special sale prices on

items. Visitors can see the nursery's dramatic Department 56 display, unique gifts and garlands. Visitors are also welcome to explore the nursery's theme trees, decorated from elegant to fun.

Plymouth Nursery is located at 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5500.

New Year's Eve party

Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m.

The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt).

Tickets are \$50 per person until Dec. 8; \$60 after Dec. 8, and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22.

For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

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. Come and meet stay-at-home moms and their children.

Voter guides

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has recently distributed 8,000 Voter Guides to public libraries in the area. Each library was given a set of Voter Guides produced by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, which contain non-partisan candidate information about the statewide candidates as well as pro and con positions about the five ballot proposals.

Also distributed were Voter Guides produced by the NW Wayne County League which cover candidates for State Senate, State House of Representatives, Wayne County Executive, Wayne County Commission, Wayne County Probate Court, the 3rd Circuit Court and District Courts.

Voters are urged to pick up both Guides for complete election information. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization which never supports or opposes any political party or candidates. Both Voter Guides are also available on the League's Web site at www.lwvnmw.org.

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World traveler

Japan jaunt a learning experience for New Morning director

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Elaine Kennedy has just about recovered from her trip earlier this month as part of the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund program. She's back at Plymouth Township's New Morning School, a preschool through eighth-grade parent cooperative where she's executive director, sharing what she learned.

Kennedy, a Northville Township resident, didn't have to wait until her plane landed to share what she was discovering. Thanks to modern technology, she was able to share her experiences with New Morning students and staff while still in Asia.

"It was wonderful," an exuberant Kennedy said Wednesday. "We felt like we were treated like royalty. The people of Japan made the trip really special."

The Fulbright program, sponsored by the Japanese government, involved some 200 educators who visited along with Kennedy. They started with a day of orienta-



Elaine Kennedy learns to make sushi from her host family's grandmother Kimiko Motoyama.

tion in San Francisco.

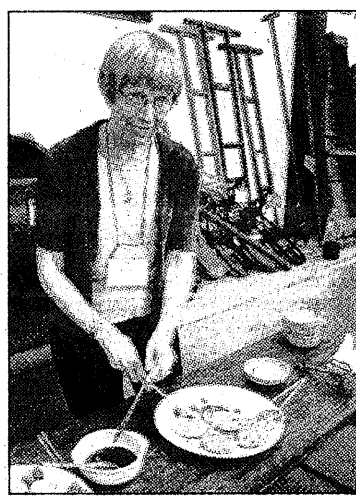
"The intent of the program is to spread good will," said Kennedy, who visited schools from university to preschool level. Teachers at New Morning worked on Asia lessons while she was away, and now plan a day of Japanese activities for Wednesday, Nov. 8.

That day, third- through fifth-grade students from near-

Plymouth-Canton public school, will do joint activities with New Morning children.

Kennedy started her trek in Tokyo for five days, and was busy with program activities which left limited time for sightseeing and shopping. Evenings, she'd return to the hotel to do her blog/Web work to share with her students in real time.

The veteran educator agreed



Elaine Kennedy learns to make sembei, rice crackers, a specialty in her host city of Soka.

she wouldn't have imagined such a possibility when starting her career. "It wasn't even in our thoughts that something like that could happen," Kennedy said.

She found her students were excited about her experiences in Japan. They had a lot of questions, and Kennedy tried to have artifacts to share. One evening, she dressed in a kimono for students.

After Tokyo came Soka in the Prefecture (state) of Saitama, a suburb of Tokyo. She found that a quaint area with people on bicycles sharing the road with fast cars.

There was a Sports Day with fun, noncompetitive activities, like basketball throws and folk dancing in a circle. "Music is such a universal language," Kennedy said.

She stayed two days and one night with a host family and really enjoyed that. They ate on low tables covered by food, including special treats and green tea.

"We made sushi," Kennedy said. "You just feel like you're eating and eating." She was impressed with the way food was presented, and the number of plates and bowls for each person.

The family spoke limited English, but pulled up the New Morning Web site and was able to translate it into Japanese. Kennedy took gifts for family members and received a number of gifts during her trip.

She also visited the Nikko national park, where there are temples and shrines. Kennedy,

who had been to Europe three times and Canada and Mexico, hopes to stay in touch with her host family.

"I do want to go back," Kennedy admitted. "When you're traveling, you can't get to everywhere you want to go."

Her husband, Sam, has friends in Japan so they could return. Kennedy spent time in schools, and did part of an English lesson.

New Morning fifth-grader Josh Kramer, 10, was glad to be part of Kennedy's learning. "I thought it was really cool," the Plymouth resident said. "It was a Webcast with her so we got to talk to her while she was in Japan."

Kramer found the Japanese like baseball, and "the food is really good there."

New Morning fourth-grader Marisha Hackett, 10, agreed.

"I liked it because we got to see her on the webcam," the Northville resident said, adding she liked learning about Sports Day. "She got to see all the different things they did there."

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Sheldon's M-14 ramps to close

Contractors working on the M-14 construction project will close the entrance ramps to east- and westbound M-14 at Sheldon beginning Wednesday, Michigan Department of Transportation officials announced.

Exit ramps to east- and westbound M-14 at Sheldon Road were closed earlier this month but are scheduled to re-open November 22. All M-14 traffic will be detoured to Beck Road and drivers are advised to seek alternative routes to avoid anticipated backups.

In addition, lane restrictions on east and westbound M-14 between Gotfredson and Newburgh Roads will remain until early November.

Construction in this area is part of a large scale project to rebuild a portion of M-14 in Western Wayne County. Construction being done includes miscellaneous bridge repairs on 17 Wayne County bridges, pavement patching from Sheldon Road to Haggerty Road, and reconstruction on lanes from the Washtenaw-Wayne County Line to Sheldon Road.

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Auto dealer grant helps First Step fund kids' safety program

First Step, Western Wayne County's only agency providing comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence, got a \$30,000 grant from the Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The grant money will be used to support and expand First Step's Keeping Kids Safe program, which seeks to increase awareness, provide education, and information regarding family violence and available community resources to elementary aged children, parents and educators. The Keeping Kids Safe program began in 2000 with a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Working with schools and summer camps, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association grant will allow the program is to reach over 1,300 new students (primarily third and fourth graders). In addition, follow-up individual sessions and materials will be

offered to at-risk students, parents and teachers requesting more information.

"Teaching children about family violence—how to recognize it, how to cope, how to reach out for help—is a key step in reducing violence," said Desiree Herrick, First Step's Children's Program Coordinator. "We are grateful for the support of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, and are excited about the impact this partnership will have on our community."

The sessions will be offered throughout the 2006-2007 school year. Over 40 Wayne County schools have participated in the program to date. Schools interested in having a parent-teacher orientation session and/or receiving the program in their third- or fourth-grade classrooms should call Rebecca Wiggins, Prevention Specialist at First Step at (734) 416-1111, ext. 208. Sessions will

be provided on a first-come, first-served basis as scheduling allows.

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Foundation has assets of \$492 million and, since its inception, has distributed more than \$235 million in 25,159 grants to nonprofit organizations. The Foundation web site is www.cfsem.org.

ABOUT FIRST STEP

Founded in 1978, First Step is a Wayne County-based service whose mission is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. First Step offers shelter, 24-hour assault response, a 24-hour hotline, food, clothing, transportation, legal information, legal clinics, court accompaniment, parenting education, community education/prevention programs, group counseling, individual counseling, transitional supportive housing, aftercare, housing assistance, children's counseling, children's art therapy programs, information and referral. Last year, more

than 6,500 people were helped by First Step.

First Step has developed at least five award-winning programs including an on-site medical clinic developed in partnership with Oakwood Healthcare System at the First Step shelter facility. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has partnered with First Step for over five years to bring model-prevention programs to children in Wayne County. First Step's pro-bono legal program was lauded as a model and replicated throughout the state of Michigan.

Prevention of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention is the ultimate goal of First Step. The work of First Step is based on the belief that domestic and sexual violence are damaging to those individuals directly involved and to society as a whole. For more information, see www.first-step-mi.org



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tributed to the obesity problem.

"From a parents' perspective, all pop would have been gone," Arnold added. "Parents on the committee didn't even like diet pop because of the artificial sweeteners in those drinks. They really only wanted one-percent milk, white skim milk or water. But, realistically, we have to have a balance."

Arnold said the committee decided that along with diet pop and water, only 100-percent juice products and sports drinks low in sugar would be sold in beverage vending machines.

Arnold, who is in charge of the school cafeterias, said when it comes to menus, the district is very active in deciding what is chosen for student lunches. "We look at the fat content of the meal, as well as the sodium and sugar contents," Arnold said. "The number of carbohydrates plays a large role, and we look at how much protein students are getting."

"I think it's all going to result in a good avenue for students to get more education on what nutrition is as they notice what's available (in the beverage machines and lunch lines)," Arnold said.

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The Canton Chamber of Commerce Spell Checks – Rob Bovitz, Hussien Fawaz and Dan Schwartz – won the 2006 spelling bee.

Chamber team wins spelling bee

Nine-year-old Chloe anxiously listened as her dad, Hussien Fawaz, spelled out yet another word along with his team, in the final round of the Community Literacy Council's 16th-annual Spelling Bee Benefit.

Sponsor and fellow team member of The Canton Spell Checks from the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Rob Bovitz remarked, "It was great to see the interest in the community in promoting literacy. It was also rewarding to experience the tough competition, especially from the National Honor Society team." Dan Schwartz was the third and final member of the team.

The Michigan Education Excellence Foundation's team, represented by the PCCS National Honor Society members, had also nudged out nine other teams to make it to the final round.

"It was very competitive, but a good-natured competition and very well done event," team member Steve Elliot said. "I was glad to be a part of it."

The benefit took place at Yazaki North America, the



Audience members cheer on their favorite spellers in the 2006 Community Literacy Council Spelling Bee.

primary corporate sponsor of the event for the sixth year. Proceeds from the benefit support the CLC's Adult Literacy Program. A nonprofit organization, the CLC trains and certifies volunteers on how to teach other adults to read, write and communicate in English.

"Literacy is a fundamental building block for a robust economy," Dennis Neubacher, Channel 7 pilot and new CLC spokesman, said. "By supporting this

effort, community businesses help to ensure they'll have an educated and literate work force."

At the 23rd word in the elimination round, Chloe finally breathed a sigh of relief, followed by a cheer when the Canton Spell Checks triumphed by correctly spelling, "arachnophagous."

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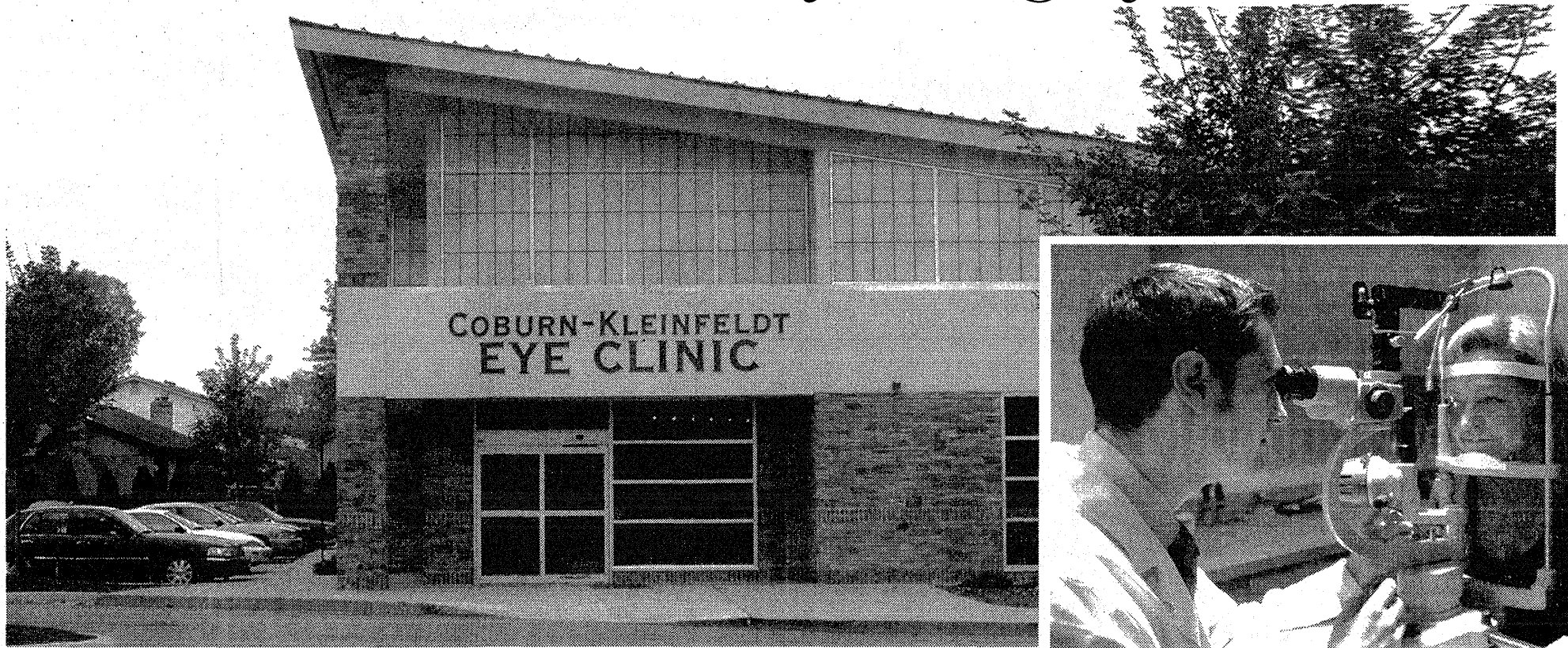


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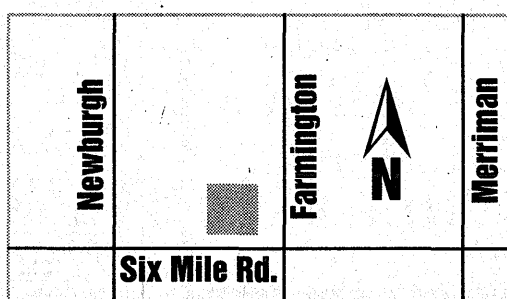
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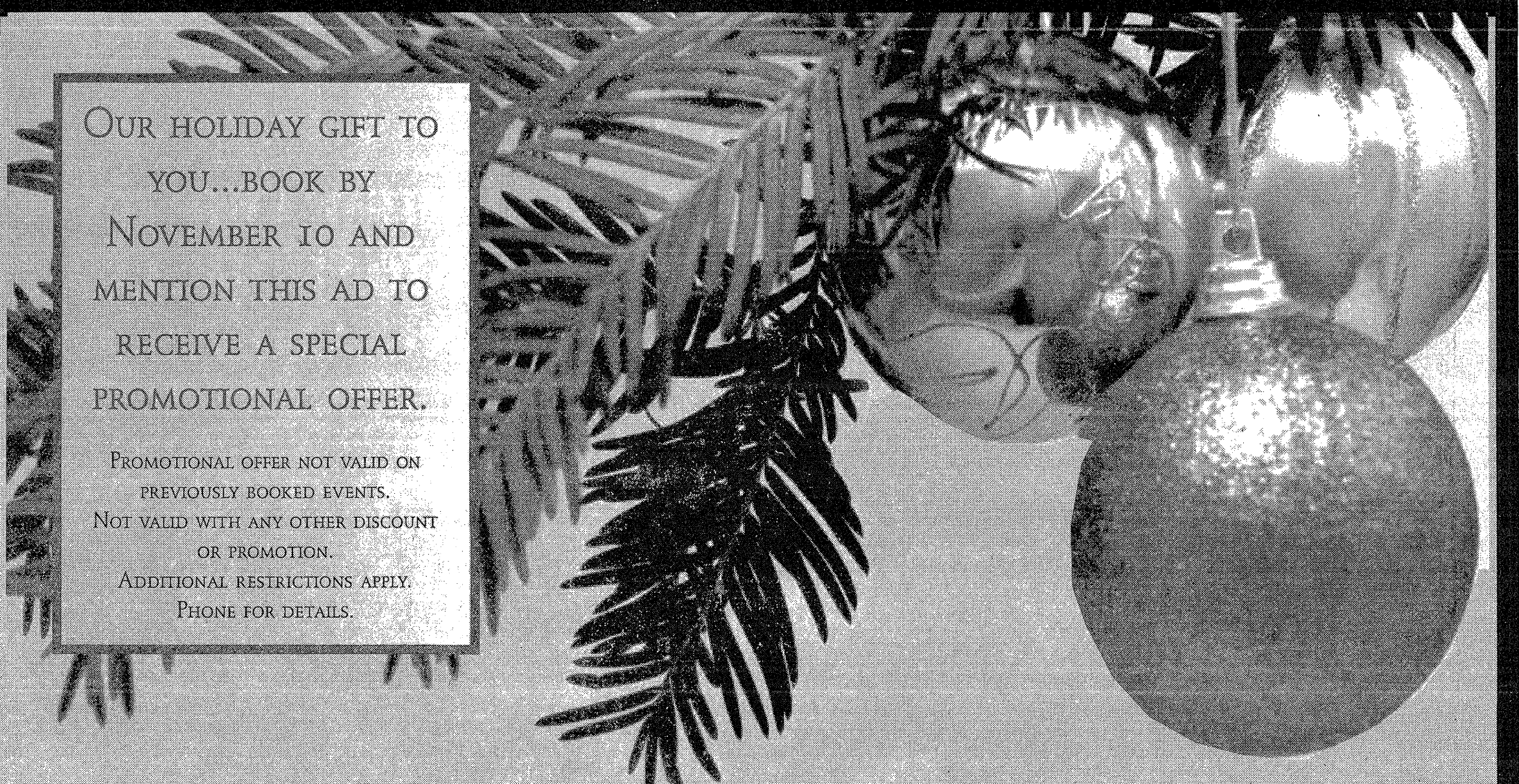
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CORRIVEAU

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care, jobs and education. A needed start, he said, is with education. "I'm such a believer in what the public schools are and what they represent," he said. "I think it is such a wonderful idea that no matter what, I can say to my brother's new baby girl, we can educate you."

Maintaining high-quality, free education by keeping state dollars in local districts through disproving a voucher system are qualities Corriveau said he stands for.

Corriveau said now that the state's job market is moving away from a manufacturing base, building a knowledge-

AT A GLANCE

- Candidate: Marc Corriveau
- Resides: Northville
- Age: 35
- Professional: Attorney, family practice
- Personal: Married 11 years, two children
- Political affiliation: Democrat
- Background: Graduate of Michigan State University and University of Detroit Law School. Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve.
- Quotable: "People feel comfortable with me as a moderate to represent them."

based state with educated communities is paramount. "It's not a coincidence Google ended up in Ann Arbor," he said. Corriveau, 35, said his eco-

nomie goal is to create an incentive plan to keep the manufacturing jobs Michigan has for the short term. Creating a change toward becoming an education-based

state is his long-term solution. "I believe in the governor's higher education plan," he said. "In addition to holding on to jobs, we need to be investing in education, which begins at the preschool level."

But, Corriveau said, the health of the state's job market and interrelated educational system is reliant on stabilizing an unstable health care industry.

"I'm very passionate about coming up with solutions for health care, including alternatives for families, small businesses and even corporations coming to the table," he said.

Corriveau said a good starting place is getting all parties involved, from providers to the insured, to agree on reducing administrative costs. "Nobody loses when figuring

out a way to reduce costs for everyone," he said.

THE PEOPLE

Corriveau said he would feel privileged to represent everyone in the 20th District. Growing up in the Wayne-Westland school district and later moving with his family to Northville, Corriveau said he understands all his constituents' needs. The 20th District includes areas of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.

Corriveau said as an attorney, he's made a career of fighting for others. "I do that every day," he said. "Instead of the courtroom, I would be in Lansing."

Corriveau said another key to his success is understanding the importance of relying on key people.

"What I feel I'm good at is going to people I would consider experts in the area," he said. "I don't pretend to know all the answers."

Corriveau ran for the 20th District seat two years ago and was defeated by state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth). He faces Northville resident and township supervisor Mark Abbo in November, both vying for Stewart's term-limited vacancy.

"I believe in fiscal restraint, and I believe in fiscal responsibility, and I believe in helping those who truly need help," Corriveau said. "I will fight hard for these things. State rep is an extremely important job, and I think it is important for me to fight as hard as possible to win this race."

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ABBO

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and my real-life experiences," he said.

EDUCATED COMMUNITY

Abbo's three daughters went through Northville Public Schools, a fact he is proud to tell.

Education is one topic on Abbo's priority list, which includes utilities, tort reform, cultural needs, transportation and health care.

"We need to focus on education attainment and build an educated workforce," he said.

The Republican candidate proposes spending more money in the classroom by reducing administrative burdens.

He offers consolidation as a solution, and said he does not support an educational voucher system.

But, Abbo said, a large part of reforming the state's education system is by creating jobs.

"We have some of the greatest universities in the state, but when they graduate, there are no jobs," he said.

Abbo said Michigan's job market must improve to keep the state's educated workforce

AT A GLANCE

- Candidate: Mark Abbo
- Resides: Northville
- Age: 53
- Professional: Vice president, STM Power and Northville Township Supervisor
- Personal: Married 32 years, three children
- Political affiliation: Republican
- Background: Graduate of Eastern Michigan University and Certified Public Accountant
- Quotable: "The fact is employers create jobs and jobs create quality of life and self-worth."

from leaving, requiring statewide economic reform.

Abbo said credit is often given to the current administration for bringing Google to Ann Arbor, but in reality deep economic concessions, including land cost reductions and tax credits and abatements, made it happen.

He said a large part of creating more Michigan jobs is bringing in businesses without concessions.

"We're losing dozens of companies because the fundamentals are not right here," Abbo said. "Too many times, we're on the short list."

Other economic boosters Abbo champions include pro-

moting in-state manufacturing exporting companies and pushing Michigan toward becoming the leader in alternative fuel sources.

"What better way to preserve the auto industry than for Michigan to become the leader in alternative fuels," he said.

HEALTH CARE AND EQUAL RIGHTS

For Abbo, a solution to the state's health care downturn lies within the setup. "It's not demand driven. Market forces are not in play," he said. "There is not an opportunity for input by the user in the system."

Abbo said user incentives

need to exist so smarter choices can be made about resources spent. Examples include utilizing health savings plans and removing health care bureaucracy.

He said his health care reform plan places the emphasis on the employee instead of the employer.

Abbo said he also believes in equal opportunities for men and women and equal pay for both.

"Remember, I have three daughters," he said.

Creating an equal playing field includes Abbo's stance against affirmative action.

"If disparities exist," he said, "I'm for helping, but right up front, early on."

Abbo faces challenger and Northville attorney Marc Corriveau at the polls Nov. 7. Both are vying for the 20th District term-limited seat of John Stewart (R-Plymouth).

Abbo said if elected, he will hit the ground running.

"I believe I have the abilities to find consensus and move issues forward," he said. "It's not only about how great your ideas are ... it's moving them toward a resolution."

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Commonly quoted limitations such as three times a year or no more often than every 3-4 months, often are based on concern for infection. But the chance of infection occurring is not related to number but to the circumstances of each individual injection. Ultimately, the timing of a joint injection depends on your needs. In particular in arthritis, your doctor's training emphasizes tailoring this common therapy to the particular patient. The decision to undertake injection and to repeat it relates best to expected benefit rather than arbitrary limit.

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Breaking silence leads to drug abuse recovery movement

I'd like to thank Diane Montes for her efforts in planning and facilitating the Save Our Youth Taskforce meeting. She did a great job planning the meeting, but did an even better job facilitating the meeting. She created a safe and respectful space for people to share their experiences and views.

I spent most of my youth in Livonia and neighboring communities. I used drugs and alcohol for the first time at age 11, developed serious problems by high school, and hit bottom by age 19. This taskforce has been badly needed for a long time. This month I'll celebrate 16 years in recovery. In those years my family relationships have since been healed, I have a satisfying career helping

other people recover, and I have a wonderful family of my own. As someone with personal and professional experience with addiction, I'd like to offer a few points of perspective on what this taskforce faces.

First, something is not always better than nothing. The history of substance abuse prevention is full of programming that makes adults feel good about doing something, but under closer scrutiny they had little impact and in some cases had a negative impact.

For example, a recent study found that viewing anti-drug television ads by the Office of National Drug Control Policy was correlated with increased drug use. It appears that many of the ads created the perception that young people use marijuana at higher rates than they actually do. They changed the young viewer's perception of what is "normal" among their peers and many teens tend to base decisions on what they believe is normal. This isn't to say that prevention is not worthwhile, the lesson here is to choose prevention strategies carefully, monitor their impact, and make adjustments as needed.

Second, addiction is a chronic illness. While many people experience a transformational change that leads to stable recovery on their first attempt, this is not always the case.

Like other chronic illnesses, the path to stable recovery is often rocky and not always assured. The good news is that more than 600 scientific papers have concluded that treatment works and studies consistently find outcomes that compare favorably to hypertension, type

II diabetes and asthma. Third, we appear to be at the end (I hope) of a period in which addiction has been radically recriminalized and demedicalized. In response to the rise of crack cocaine in the 1980s, incarceration rates for drug crimes have skyrocketed.

Federal prison inmates whose most serious conviction was a drug crime rose from 4,749 in 1980 to 77,867 in 2004 (a 1,540 percent increase). In state prisons, they rose from 19,000 in 1980 to 246,100 in 2001 (a 1,195 percent increase), in jails they rose from 20,420 in 1983 to 155,249 in 2002 (a 660 percent increase). In addition, the average term drug offenders entering prison could expect to serve rose from an average 30 months to 66 months from 1986 to 1999 (a 120 percent increase).

While incarceration rates have risen, access to treatment has dramatically decreased. Twenty years ago just about every community hospital in the area had addiction treatment units and many had adolescent treatment units. Almost all of these are gone today and most health plans severely limit access to treatment my imposing coverage limits and high copayments. Health care spending on addiction treatment fell over 73 percent from 1992 to 2001 - this was a period where annual double digit increases in spending are the norm.

Fourth, concerned family members and recovering people are crucial to advocacy efforts to challenge stigma and change social policy. History teaches us that when professional treatment systems collapse, recovering people and loved ones affected by addiction will rise up to create new systems to support recovery and challenge the beliefs that led to demedicalization and recriminalization.

Most people would be surprised to learn that there were relatively large recovery movements and treatment systems in the late 1800s.

By the time prohibition was passed, these systems were destroyed, only to be reborn 20 years later by a new movement of recovering people and their families.

Over the last several years, communities of people affected by addiction have banded together to address these problems. I'd like to thank Diane Montes and the Montes family for breaking the silence and creating conditions for such a movement in Livonia.

Jason Schwartz is a Livonia resident and clinical director of Dawn Farm.



Jason Schwartz

Rotarians reach out to bring life-sustaining water to all

As residents of the "Great Lakes State," it is easy to take safe, clean drinking water for granted. A simple turn of the faucet brings a cheap, unlimited supply of water for drinking, cooking, laundry and watering lawns.

That is why the following statistics from Rotary International and the Centers for Disease Control boggle my mind, and break my heart.

Consider:



Joe Bauman

■ One in three people in the developing world do not have access to safe drinking water.

■ 1.7 million deaths each year (est.) are caused by unsafe water.

■ An estimated 30,000 children die each week from illnesses linked to unsafe drinking water.

How can it be that in a world so rich, and in a land of such plenty, such a tragedy is allowed to continue to exist? Because for most of us, the untold suffering is out of sight, happening in third-world countries far from our borders and out of the camera lens of the mass media.

But not all is lost. A worldwide effort is under way, spearheaded by Rotary's 1.3 million members belonging to more than 32,000 clubs in 171 countries to ensure that children everywhere have safe, clean and life-giving water available to them.

Rotary clubs everywhere are raising money and partnering with clubs in developing countries to design and install bio-sand filters to make existing water sources safe to drink, and construct deep wells to bring new sources of water to the surface.

One of the more ambitious undertakings is taking place right here in Oakland County. The 80 professional men and women that comprise the Birmingham Rotary Club have partnered with a Rotary club in the Philippines to construct an entire water system to serve a village on the outskirts of Manila.

When completed, the 10 artesian deep wells will bring life-sustaining water to more than 2,600 households and nearly 16,000 people.

Currently, villagers in the Bagong Silang region rely on water being trucked into the village by the local government and have to purchase it on a daily basis.

The stagnant water is responsible for a number of illnesses and diseases caused by parasites and other water-borne contaminants. Local Rotarians have tried to convince the local government to improve the situation, but have been told there is no money to construct the wells.

The Birmingham Rotary Club - of which I am a member and proud to play a small role in the effort - has pledged to raise \$21,000 to pay for the construction of the 10 wells. The local Rotary Club has secured the land where the wells will be built, and has also agreed to help residents pay for electricity and maintenance of the wells. It is a real team effort in the true spirit of Rotary and its motto of "Service above Self."

While the Birmingham Rotarians are spearheading the effort, they are not selfish in taking credit for it. In other words, they need help raising the cash.

Rotary Clubs from surrounding communities are being invited to join in the fund-raising effort; grants from the international Rotary Foundation are being sought, and a 50-50 raffle is being conducted in conjunction with a wine tasting dinner scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Birmingham Athletic Club.

In addition to the "official" fund-raisers, anyone who wants to help make a real difference in the lives of these underprivileged children and their families can do so by simply writing a check in any amount to the Birmingham Rotary Endowment Fund, and mailing it to the club in care of The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham 48009.

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These are tough times in our state. The auto industry is slumping, home sales are in the tank and the unemployment rate is at or near the highest in the country. Asking people to give money to help children who look different from most of us and live in a place that few have ever visited is no easy task.

In the past week, this newspaper's editorial board interviewed the two major party candidates for governor in next month's elections. As part of the interviews, I asked Republican challenger Dick DeVos to comment on a report that estimated more than \$60 million will be spent just on the governor's race alone, which is unprecedented in our state's history.

DeVos seemed irritated at the question, saying what I was really asking was for him to justify spending so much of his personal fortune on the campaign.

He went on to explain he had to spend lots of money early on to build his name recognition, and then had to continue to spend to combat all of the cash that was pouring into Gov. Jennifer Granholm's political war chest from all over the country. Mr. DeVos has every right to spend his money as he sees fit, and there is no questioning he and his family's long and proud history of philanthropy in the state. A quick trip to the Grand Rapids area is proof of how his family has used its good fortune (and fortunes) to improve the quality of life in their home community.

Still, as I sat in that interview with the thought of this clean water project swirling in the back of my mind, I couldn't help but think that if we can spend more than \$60 million to elect a governor, should it really be so hard to raise \$20,000 to bring health, hope and happiness to so many innocent children.

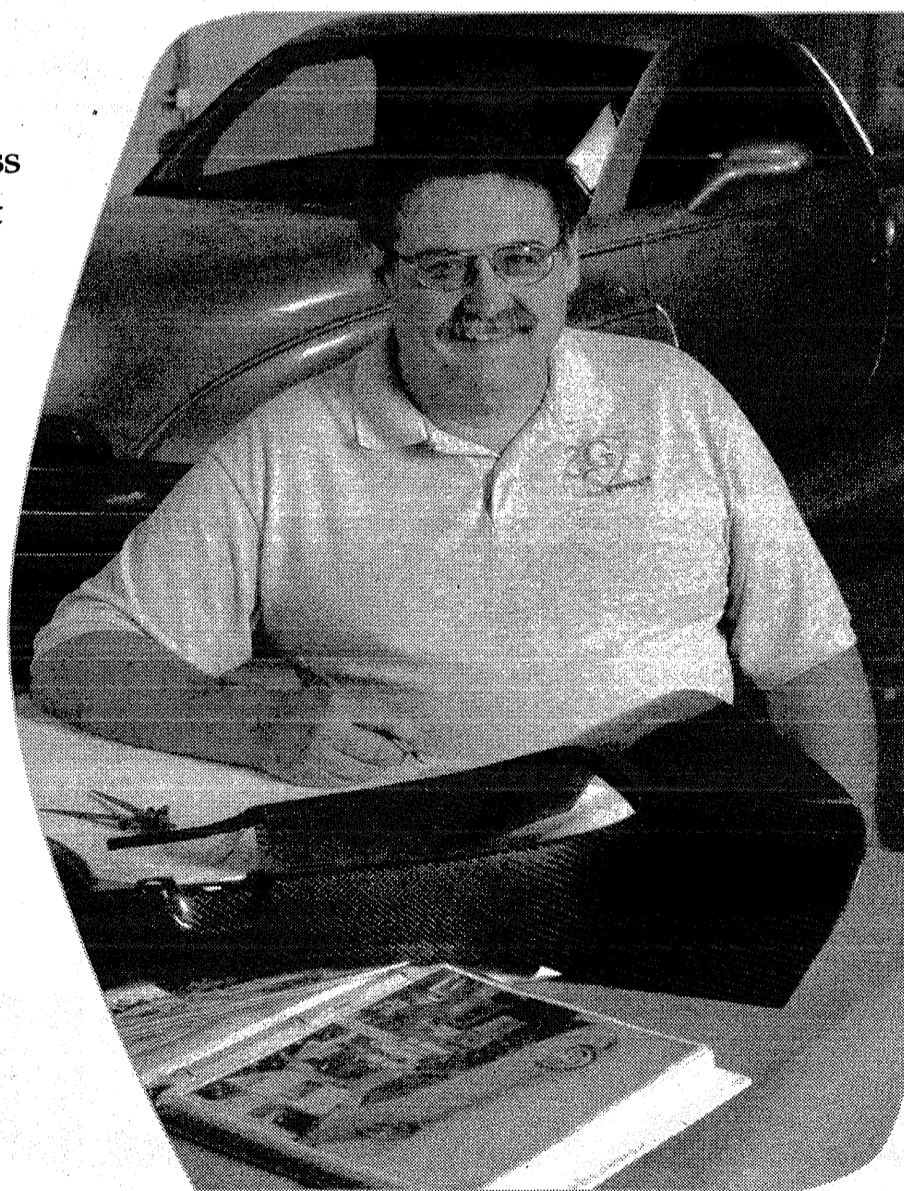
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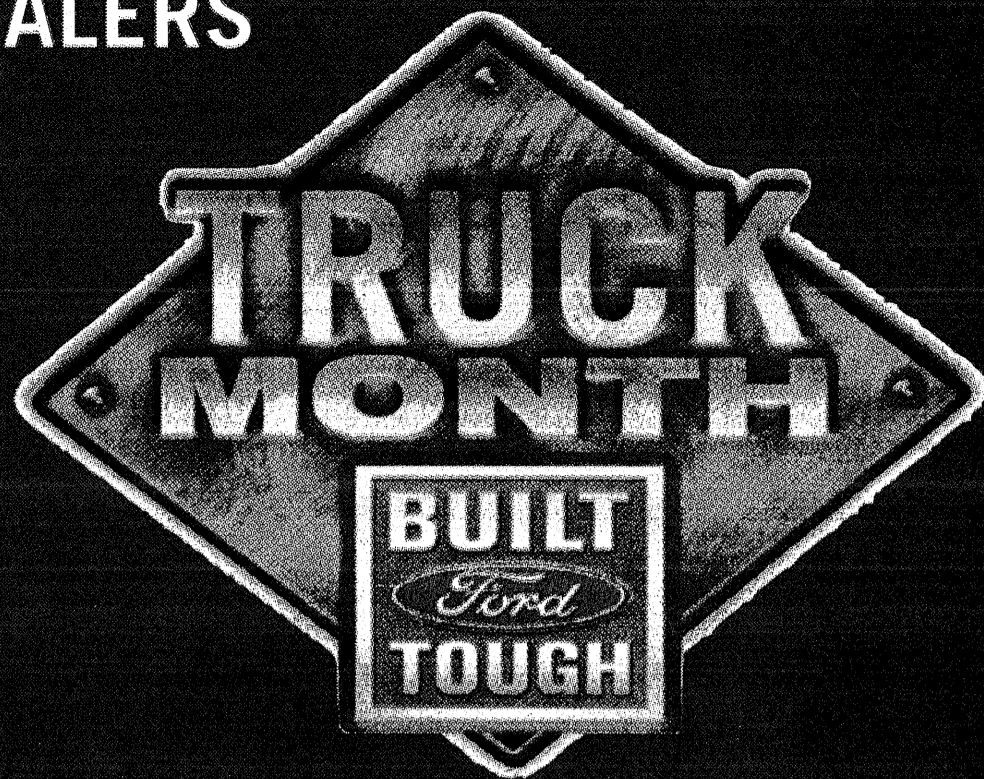
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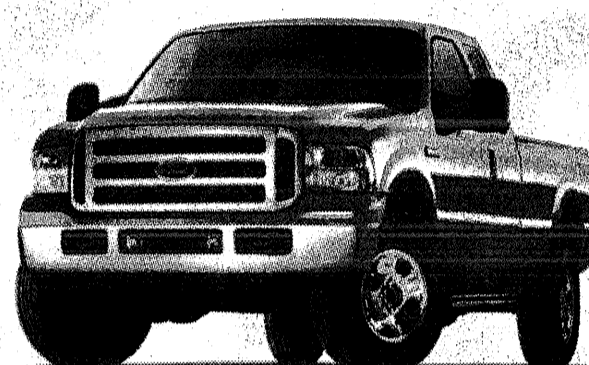
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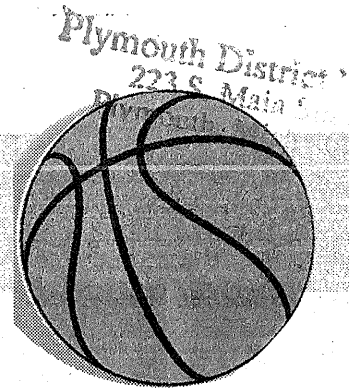
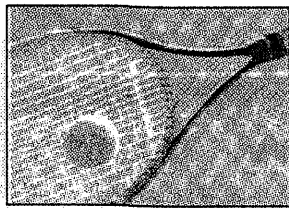
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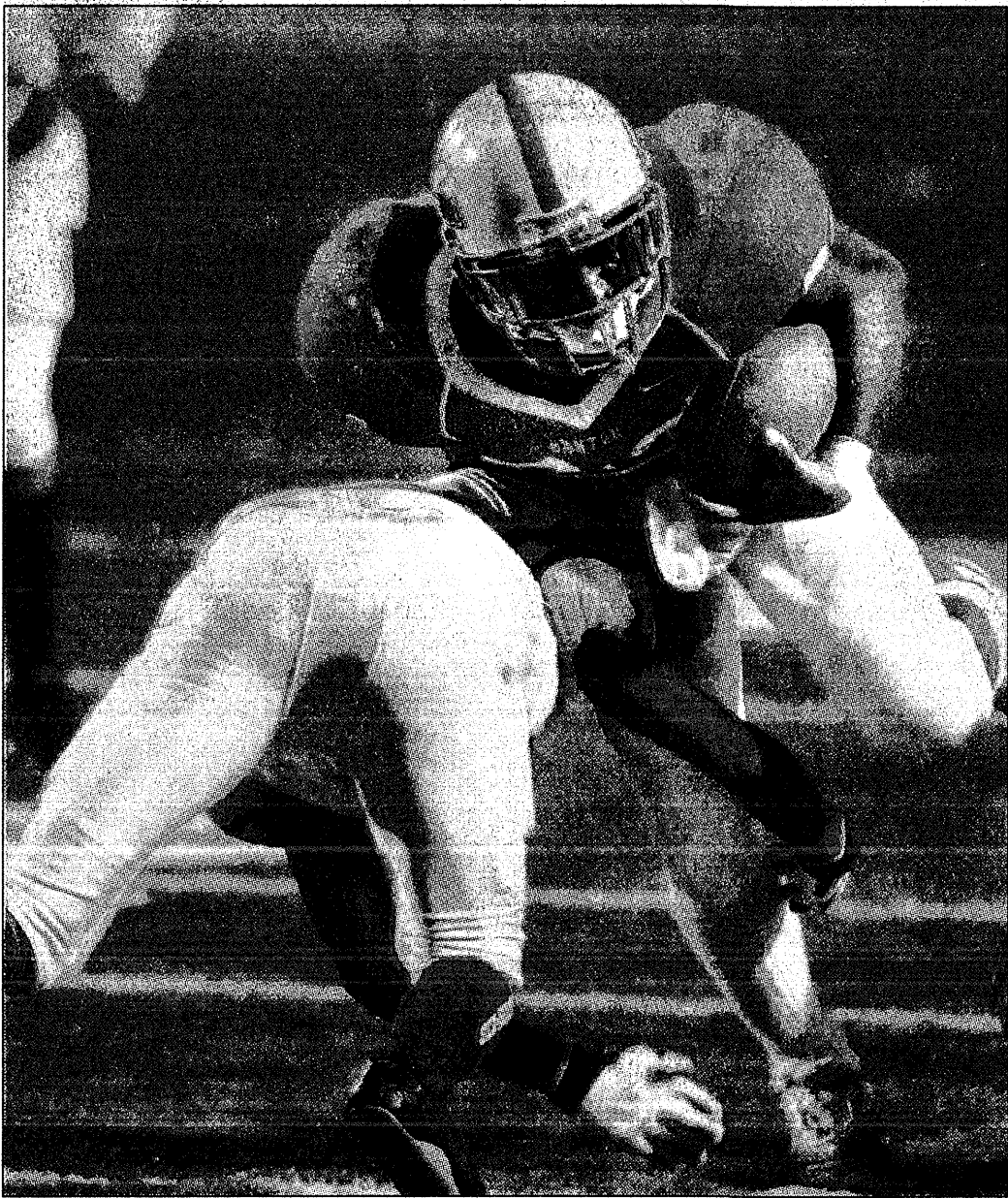
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Canton's Antwaun Hawkins barrels into the end zone over Stevenson's Pat York to pad the Chiefs' lead to 41-0 in Friday night's opening game of the Division state playoffs.

Wet & Wild
Chiefs open Division 1 grid playoffs by drenching Stevenson with TDs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It rained cats and dogs throughout Friday night's Canton-Livonia Stevenson Division 1 playoff opener at the P-CEP football stadium.

But the only things reigning were the Chiefs.

Playing in relentless showers and steadily dropping temperatures, Canton dominated from the opening raindrop, er, kickoff as it scored on its first four possessions to flood the overmatched Spartans, 48-0.

Canton will now take its 10-0 record and No. 2 Division 1 state ranking into next Friday's District final game against South Lyon (9-1), which ousted Monroe, 14-6. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at the P-CEP football stadium.

Stevenson, which suffered its seventh consecutive first-round playoff setback, finished 6-4.

Rumor has it that game balls were presented to Canton senior running back Deshon McClendon, who ripped off a pair of long TD runs; each member of the Chiefs' starting defense, which recorded its third shutout of the season; and weathermen Jerry Hodak and Chuck Gaidica, who provided optimal conditions for the winners'

ground-oriented fullhouse-T offense.

"We wanted crappy weather and we got it," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, referring to the conditions that hampered Stevenson's usually potent put-the-ball-in-the-air attack.

Baechler was especially pleased with the play of McClendon, who racked up 154 yards on just five carries in one half of play. The Chiefs' best player has been hampered all season by a variety of physical ailments, but on Friday night he looked as finely tuned as the trumpet played by Canton's one-person pep band, Linda Calzone.

"It was nice having Deshon back and playing as well as he did," said Baechler. "We're a different team when he's on the field."

The Spartans' defense would second that opinion.

On both of McClendon's touchdowns — 56- and 69-yard scam-pers — the 5-foot-7, 180-pound fullback ran virtually untouched to paydirt as all but one Stevenson

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

Sidelines

MU gets boot, 5-1

Chris Graham scored a pair of goals Wednesday as host Aquinas College rolled to a 5-1 men's soccer win in Grand Rapids over Madonna University in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season finale for both teams.

MU, now 10-4-2 overall, finished 7-4-1 in conference play and will host a WHAC semifinal game this Wednesday against an opponent yet to be determined. (Game time is 2 p.m. at Livonia's Greenmead Field.)

Aquinas led 2-1 at half-time on goals by Jarrod Smith in the 16th minute and Goran Guzina on a penalty kick in the 36th minute. Derrick Mudri scored MU's lone goal in the 18th minute.

The Saints (11-5-2, 6-4-2) put it away with three unanswered goals in the second half — Graham (59th minute) from Guzina; Graham on a penalty kick (74th minute); and David Warsen (84th minute).

Kris Lyons (36 minutes) and Ryan Mathe (53 minutes) divided time in goal for MU.

Lepper lauded

Former Salem soccer standout Kelly Lepper, a current player at Kalamazoo College, was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's offensive player of the week for the second time this season. Lepper was credited with an assist on five consecutive goals in a 7-0 victory over the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She also had a goal and an assist in a 5-2 victory over Hanover.

Lions JV clinch

The Canton Lions junior varsity football team clinched the WSJFL Division title last week with a 42-0 victory over the Belleville Cougars, bringing their record to 7-0. Touchdowns were scored by Joshua Nolen, Kevin Buford, Kyle Durham, Malcolm Hollingsworth and Jordan Smith. Josh Peterson threw a TD pass for the Lions, who received strong defensive efforts from William Askew, Eric Jipping, Daniel Zugaj, Paul Baumgart and Lucas Bunting.

Positive zero: Whalers' Smith blanks Majors

The Plymouth Whalers rode Jeremy Smith's second straight shutout en route to a 3-0 victory over the Toronto St. Michael's Majors in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,522 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth won its third straight game and is now 8-4-0-0. Toronto is dropped to 7-8-0-0.

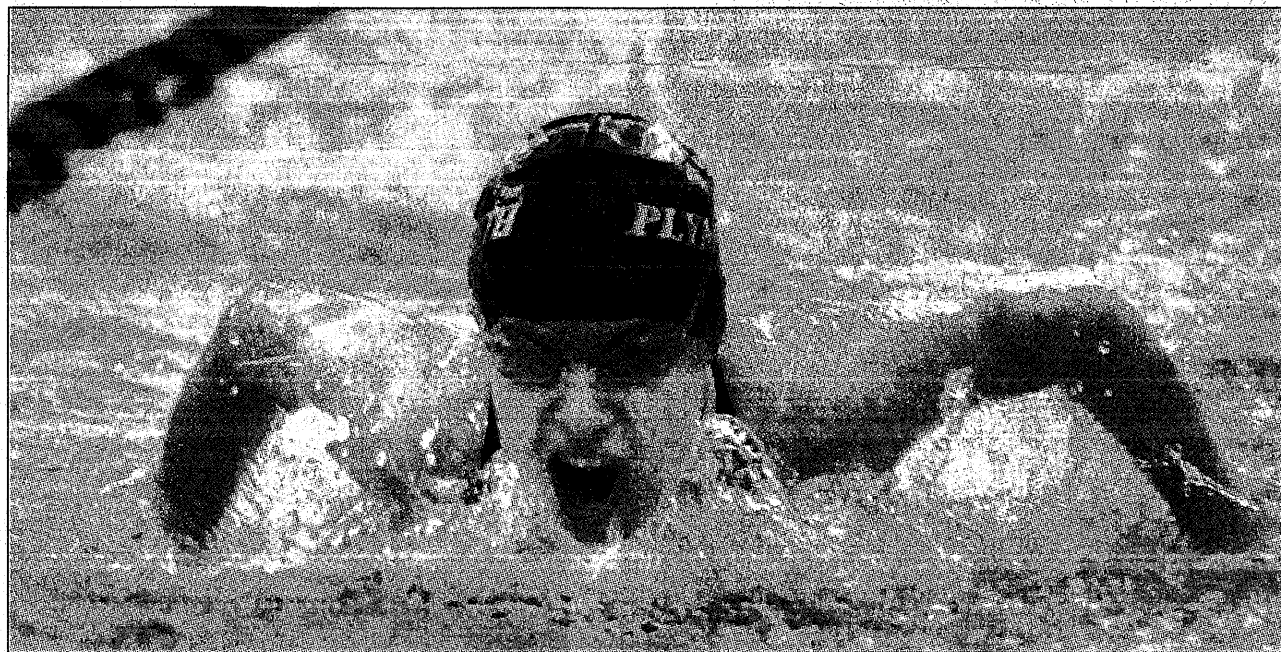
Chris Terry (4th goal of the season), Tom Sestito (5th) and James Neal (team-leading 10th) all scored for Plymouth.

Smith, from Brownstown Township, stopped all 30 Toronto shots he faced and was named the game's first star. Smith shut out Windsor, 4-0, on Oct. 19 at Windsor Arena to get the streak started.

The last Plymouth goaltender to pitch consecutive shutouts was Ryan Nie, on March 24 and 26, 2004, against the Kitchener Rangers in the Western Conference quarterfinals.

Terry scored at 6:32 of the first period to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead when he skated into the Toronto zone on the left wing, moved in on Toronto goaltender Wayne Savage, faked a pass to Evan Brophrey on the right wing and stuffed the puck by Savage five-hole.

Sestito gave Plymouth a 2-0 lead at 0:38 of the third period when he deflected Steve Ward's hard shot from the point by Savage.



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Lauren Maslyk's effort in the 100-yard butterfly helped Plymouth's girls swimming team defeat Salem, 94-92, Tuesday night in the Rocks' pool.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem diver Katie Koetting earned first-place points for the Rocks in their 94-92 setback to Plymouth Tuesday night.

'Cat swimmers edge Rocks

See details of meet on Page B2.

School-record performances in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays sparked the Plymouth girls swimming and diving team to a down-to-the-last-touch 94-92 victory over cross-campus rival Salem Tuesday night in the Salem pool.

The victory improved the Wildcats' most successful record ever to 6-1 overall.

Last week, the Wildcats captured the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title with a

narrow victory over Northville. Members of the pivotal, record-breaking 200 freestyle relay team were Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski and Michelle Chang. The 400 quartet, which finished second to Salem's team of Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Allison Burke and Whitney Aumiller, consisted of Emily Clanton, Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry and Sijia Hao.

Other swimmers who earned first-place points for the Wildcats were: Hao (200 IM and 500 freestyle) and

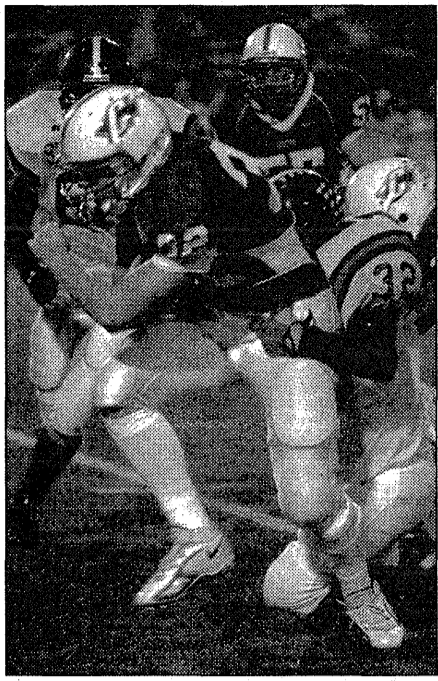
Ellen Palczynski (100 breast-stroke).

Touching first for the Rocks were Gorman (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly), Ally Stencil (50 freestyle and 100 freestyle), Katie Koetting (diving), and Whitney Aumiller (100 backstroke).

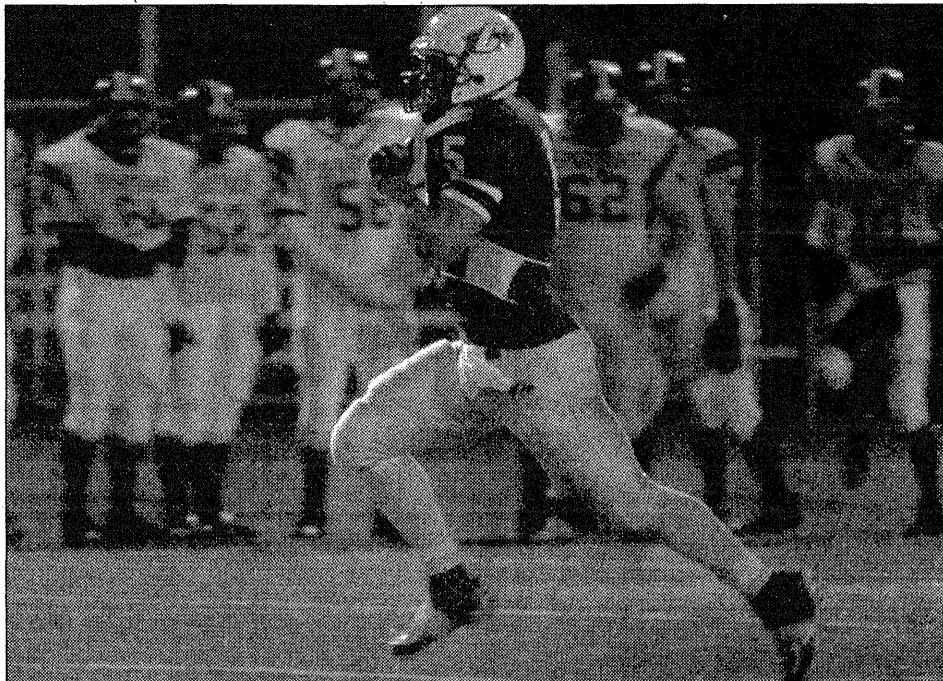
Although the Rocks won eight of the 12 events, the Wildcats prevailed thanks to their depth.

Both the Rocks and Wildcats will be gearing up to compete in the WLAA conference meet set for Thursday through Saturday at Salem.

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Canton quarterback Steve Paye drags Stevenson's John Samaan for a few extra yards during Friday night's 48-0 Chief victory.



The closest Livonia Stevenson player to Nick Moores on this 90-yard kickoff return for a TD were the ones on the sidelines.

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CHIEFS

FROM PAGE B1

player fell for the Chiefs' hide-and-seek ball fakes. Unfortunately for Stevenson, the one player who didn't fall for the deception didn't have the wheels to chase down Canton's best player.

"The one play (McClendon's first TD) we plugged the hole and the linebacker had him, but he just sput away from the tackle," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "On the other one, he just slipped right through with nobody laying a hand on him."

"I think what makes it hard defending Canton is that they're really balanced. With the two tight ends and the T-formation, they can hit you at anytime and it's impossible to overplay. And when they have the physical advantage, you're in trouble. It's a question of execution. They just knocked us off the ball. We had linemen in our linebackers' faces and that makes it even more difficult."

Canton nearly scored on its fifth possession as well, but Stevenson defensive back Pat York intercepted a

'It's a credit to their whole program that when they have some of their key skill guys out, they still are able to have the kind of season they've had.'

Stevenson coach Tim Gabel

Steve Paye pass at the goal line, foiling what to that point had been an eight-play, 49-yard drive.

The Chiefs' first two scores came on senior running back Nick Moores' 1-yard plunge at 7:14 of the first quarter and Paye's 9-yard keeper three minutes later. Canton took a 28-0 advantage into the intermission on McClendon's two long sprints.

The second half — all but 14 seconds of which was played with a running clock due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 35-point mercy rule — started like the first half ended as Moores wove through the Spartans' kick-off unit for a 90-yard score. It was Moores' second kick return

for a TD in the past three weeks.

The final two TDs came on a 2-yard run by Antwaun Hawkins and a 10-yard run by Devin Murphy.

Canton kicker Colin O'Shaunessy was 5-for-5 on extra-point attempts. The snap was botched following the sixth TD and senior Blaine Paden split the uprights for the final one-pointer.

The biggest play of the night for Stevenson was freshman running back Austin White's 63-yard dazler, which moved the ball from the Spartan 3 to the Chiefs' 34.

However, the potential scoring drive was thwarted when Canton's Billy Turner sacked quarterback Mitchell White on a fourth-and-4 play from the Canton 13.

The Chiefs outgained Stevenson 360 (all on the ground) to 202 in total yards.

The most deceiving stat of the night was time of possession: Stevenson 24:01, Canton 23:45.

Derek Perino and Chris Bogdanski recovered fumbles for Canton's defense. Complementing

McClendon's big night were Hawkins (eight carries, 56 yards), Ryan Neu (three runs, 51 yards) and Moores (eight for 43).

Austin White paced the Spartans with 82 yards on eight attempts. Kevin Murawski gained 39 on five attempts.

Mitchell White, who had thrown more than 70 passes in the previous two games, completed just 6-of-14 aerials for 48 yards.

Canton moved the chains 13 times to the Spartans' 11 first downs.

Gabel took his hat off to the Chiefs' resiliency as they've overcome a rash of injuries to win their first 10 games.

"It's a credit to their whole program that when they have some of their key skill guys out, they still are able to have the kind of season they've had," Gabel said. "You have to give them credit."

"And with those guys back, they're hitting on all cylinders. They look like they can go deep in the playoffs again."

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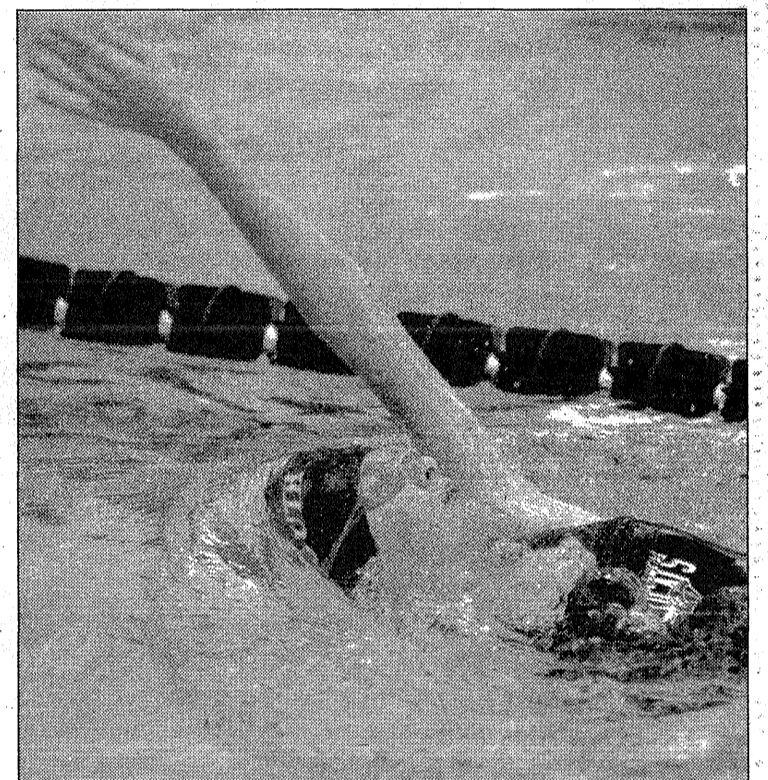
SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 94 SALEM 92 Tuesday at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Jennifer Grodus, Katie Gorman, Ally Stencel), 2:02.35; 2. Plymouth, 2:02.72; 3. Plymouth, 2:05.15
200 freestyle: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 2:08.70; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:09.10; 3. Allison Burke (S), 2:10.42
200 IM: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:21.45; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:22.41; 3. Emily Bair (S), 2:25.22
50 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 26.57; 2. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.21; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 27.88
1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 212.30; 2. Tori Beeler (P), 155.90; 3. Emily Voglewede (S), 143.95
100 butterfly: 1. Katie Gorman (S), 1:07.98; 2. Emily Bair (S), 1:08.13; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:09.75
100 freestyle: 1. Ally Stencel (S), 58.83; 2. Emily Clanton (P), 59.93; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:00.70
500 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 5:40.04; 2. Allison Burke (S), 5:50.33; 3. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 5:55.38
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos, Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski, Michelle Chang), 1:47.55; 2. Salem, 1:49.38; 3. Plymouth, 1:51.54
100 backstroke: 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:05.13; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:08.40; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:10.03
100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:14.72; 2. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:17.41; 3. Jennifer Grodus (S), 1:19.30
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Katie Gorman, Emily Bair, Allison Burke, Whitney Aumiller), 3:55.68; 2. Plymouth, 3:57.81; Salem, 4:10.83
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 6-1.

NORTHVILLE 110 CANTON 75 Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Ashley Filipowicz, Emily Hopcian, Megan Kanya, Chelsea Miller), 2:01.59; 2. Canton, 2:02.71; 3. Northville, 2:08.37
200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:52.06; 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:03.75; 3. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 2:04.06
200 IM: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:21.04; 2. Emily Hopcian (N), 2:22.30; 3. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:25.88
50 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 25.44; 2. Chelsea Miller (N), 27.16; 3. Laura Landis (C), 27.46
1-meter diving: 1. Chelsea Selden (C), 188.35; 2. Hannah Gill (N), 175.55; 3. Kelsey Libbe (N), 138.80
100 butterfly: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 58.31; 2. Emily Hopcian (N), 1:03.43; 3. Megan Kanya (N), 1:03.64
100 freestyle: 1. Rachel Englert (N), 59.28; 2. Chelsea Miller (N), 59.58; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:00.93
500 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 2. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:23.29; 3. Michaela Keady (N), 5:45.62
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Chelsea Miller, Emily Hopcian, Jessica Weber), 1:46.20; 2. Canton, 1:46.80; 3. Northville, 1:53.50
100 backstroke: 1. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 1:06.25; 2. Megan Kanya (N), 1:06.38; 3. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:06.98
100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14.19; 2. Kelly Burford (N), 1:17.49; 3. Megan Trotter (N), 1:18.98
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Megan Kanya, Jessica Weber, Tanya Tereszczenko, Rachel Englert), 3:48.99; 2. Canton, 3:50.04; 3. Canton, 4:11.50.



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Plymouth's Kim Snyder flows through the backstroke portion of the 200 IM during a meet earlier this season. Snyder was instrumental in the Wildcats' 94-92 victory over Salem Tuesday night.

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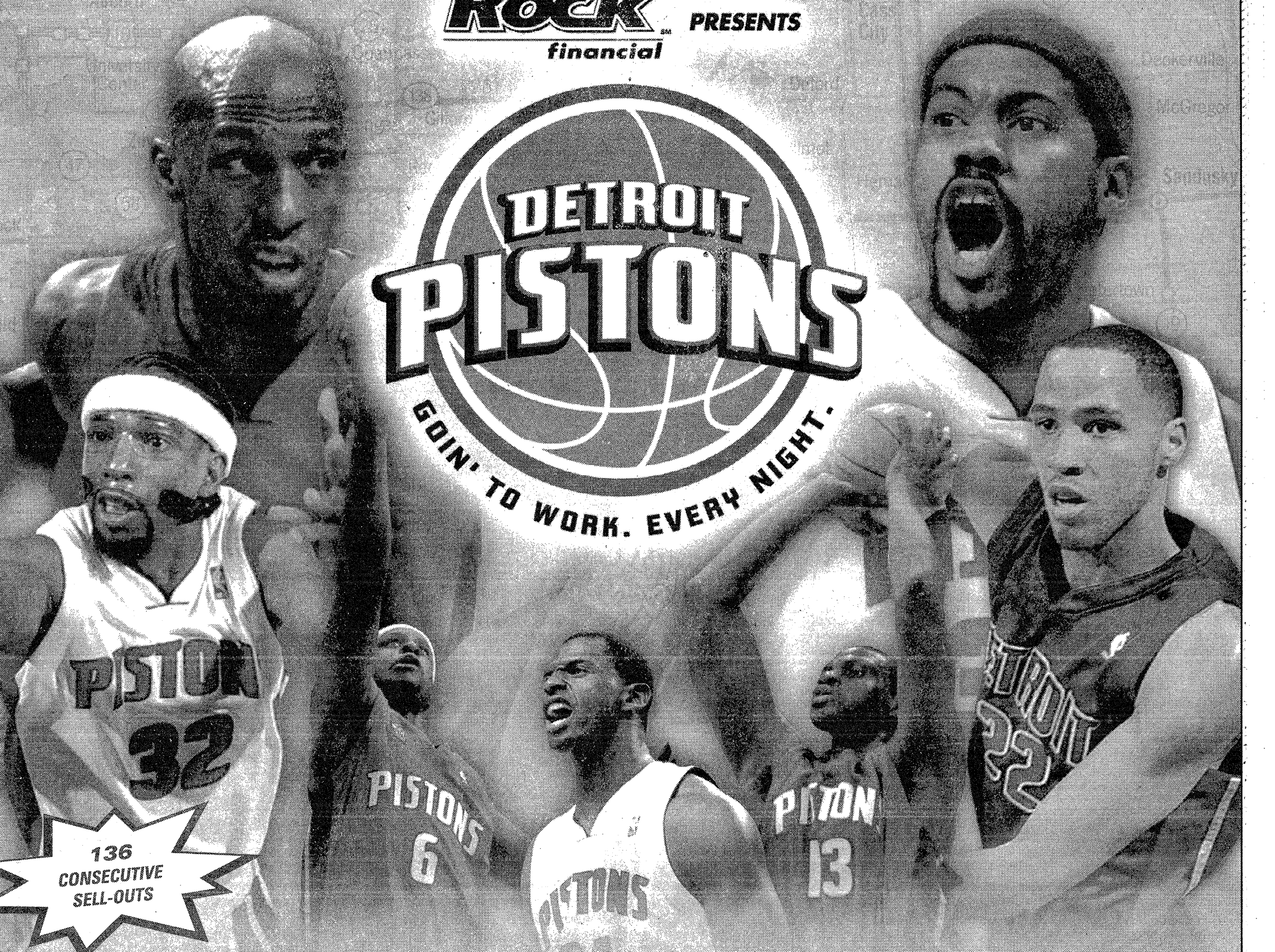
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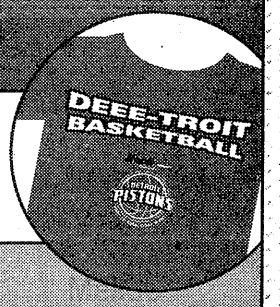
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Start 'em up: Canton opens with 15-1 surge, wins handily

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

All's well that starts well. That was the motto Thursday night for the Canton girls basketball team following its 42-31 victory over visiting Northville.

Led by senior forward Ja'nee Morton, the Chiefs exploded to a 15-1 first-quarter lead before cruising in for an 11-point win. Morton drained 10 of her team-high 18 points in the decisive opening eight minutes.

"Northville came out in a 2-3 zone and they ran out hard at (Becci) Houdek because she hit three three's against them the last time we played," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Tonight, as their zone shifted, Ja'nee did a good job of finding openings and Becci got her the ball."

The relatively easy victory epitomized the season so far for the Chiefs, who improved to 15-2 overall and 10-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville slipped to 10-7 and 5-5, respectively.

Canton's unblemished division record earned it a top seed in the WLAA conference tournament that begins next week with the Chiefs hosting Walled Lake Northern Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Morton was not the only Chief who sparked against the Mustangs. Junior center Baylee Hollowell notched a double-double (11 points and 12 rebounds) while the unselfish Houdek finished with five points and seven assists.

Allison Holmes helped keep Northville in the game with a team-high 10 points.

Northville tried valiantly to dig itself out of the early hole by outscoring the Chiefs 15-5 in the second quarter. However, the Mustangs' 21-16 halftime deficit grew to 28-20 after three quarters and the two teams traded baskets for the most part over the final eight minutes.

"They cut it to six a couple times in the fourth quarter," Samulski said. "But every time they did that, we'd score and get it back up to eight or 10."

"When they got back into it in the second quarter I think it was because we started relaxing a little with the big lead. They went to a man-to-man defense and we got a little complacent."

Samulski said the victory helped his team cap one of its most-prominent pre-season goals.

"No. 1, we wanted to win the division," he said. "And for the kids to go 10-0 in a division with Plymouth, Northville and Walled Lake Western is a nice accomplishment. Now we have to take the tournament one game at a time and try to move on."

Canton drained 10-of-17 free throws while the Mustangs were 3-of-8 from the line.

SALEM 35, CHURCHILL 21: Taylor Langham scored 14 points Thursday as the visiting Rocks (15-2, 10-0) wrapped up an unbeaten season in the Lakes Division with a victory over

HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE

The 2006 Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball tournament is set to open Tuesday, Oct. 31, at four sites. Following are how the brackets break down. All the teams' divisional records are listed in parentheses.

■ **First-round games (all 7 p.m. starts on Oct. 31):** (A) Plymouth (5-5) at Salem (10-0); (B) Westland John Glenn (5-5) at Livonia Franklin (6-4); (C) Northville (5-5) at Walled Lake Central (8-2); and (D) Walled Lake Northern (3-7) at Canton (10-0).

■ **Second-round games (all 7 p.m. starts on Nov. 2):** Winner of game (A) vs. winner of game (B); winner of game (C) vs. winner of game (D).

■ **Championship game:** The final contest is set for Nov. 8 at Livonia Churchill. Tip-off for the final is set for 7 p.m.

Livonia Churchill (5-11, 2-8).

"We started out fairly well, but we missed a couple of lay-ups that could have kept it a little closer," said Churchill coach Keith McDonald, whose team trailed 15-7 at halftime. "I thought we played a pretty good game, but Salem is obviously a very good team. They very tall, very big. The beat us inside."

Senior Stephanie Bradshaw scored a team-high seven points for the Chargers, while fellow senior Amber Holod contributed five points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals.

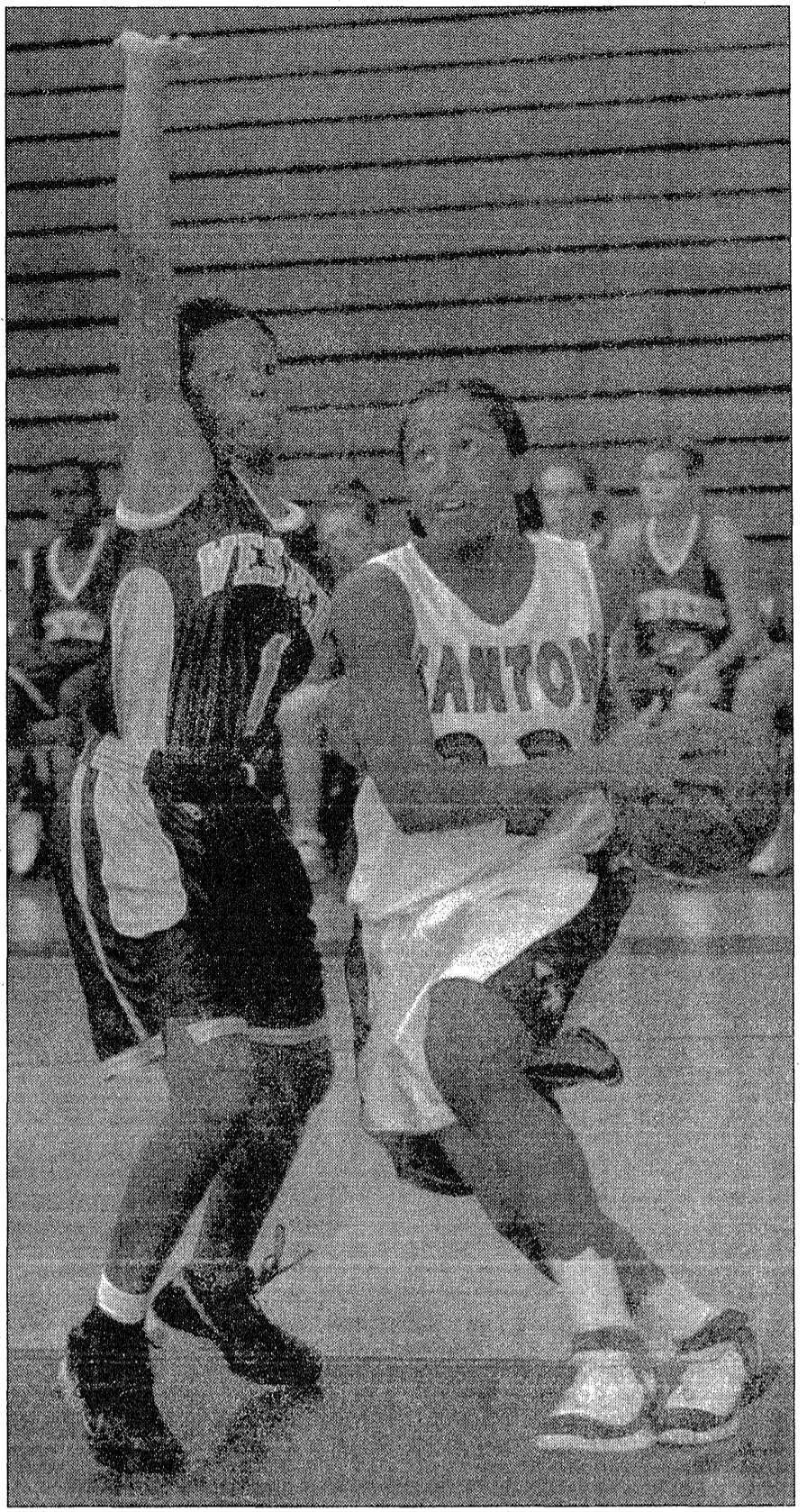
Churchill was 7-of-12 from the foul line, while Salem was 1-of-6.

PARKWAY 37, PCA 35: Parkway outscored the Eagles 13-6 in the pivotal fourth quarter to drop PCA's record to 7-9 overall and 2-8 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Parkway (7-9 and 4-4, respectively) led 15-8 after one quarter and 19-12 at the half. PCA stormed back to snatch a 29-24 lead with eight minutes to play before the hosts' late rally. Lauren Beckett led PCA with eight points. Sara Ross and Brooke Williams both added five. Robin Petroski paced Parkway with 16.

PCA had a chance to tie or take the lead in the game's waning moments, but the Eagles threw the ball away with 15 ticks left on the clock.

PCA hit 4-of-10 free throws. Parkway was 4-of-7 from the line.



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Canton's Ja'nee Morton (33), pictured above in a game earlier this season, led the Chiefs with 18 points in their 42-31 victory over Northville Thursday night. The Chiefs will take a 10-0 WLAA Western Division record into Tuesday's first round of the WLAA conference tournament.

Patriots hold off Wildcats, 37-26

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Although the divisional girls basketball titles had long been decided in the Western Lakes Activities Association, positioning for playoff seeding remained up for grabs Thursday when Plymouth traveled to Livonia Franklin.

And thanks to Heather Jaroh's hot second-quarter shooting, along with the rebounding and shot blocking of Robyn Whalen, Franklin locked up the second seed in the Western Division and home court for the opening round with a 37-26 win over the Wildcats.

Franklin, 12-4 overall and 6-4 in the division, squares off Tuesday in the first-round of the WLAA playoffs at home against Westland John Glenn (9-8, 5-5), the third seed from the Lakes Division.

Plymouth (7-10, 5-5), meanwhile, falls to the fourth seed and has the task of repeating its early season 35-33 upset when it travels Tuesday to take on Lakes Division champ Salem (15-2, 10-0).

Franklin, coming off a 59-58 setback Tuesday at home against Western Division champion Canton (15-2, 10-0) needed a split of its final two division games to earn the second seed.

And it was mission accomplished Jaroh, who normally comes off the bench, made most of her rare start on Senior Night. The 5-foot-7 Jaroh responded by hitting four straight shots to spark a 14-5 second-quarter

run after Plymouth had enjoyed a 7-4 first-period advantage.

Jaroh's eight straight points gave Franklin the lead for keeps as she finished with a team-high 10.

"Heather has been making shots for us this year, but I haven't seen four in a row like that," Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen said. "Since the beginning of the season she's been playing with confidence. She's done a nice job all year for us off the bench. She's plays for her defense and passing. The shots are a bonus, but she has the ability. She definitely looked for her shot tonight."

Robyn Whalen, the 6-2 senior center, finished with nine points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. She helped offset the scoring of Plymouth's 6-foot sophomore center Shaakira Haywood, who finished with a team-high 11 points.

Plymouth's next highest scorers were sophomore Kelsi Robinson and freshman Stacey Klonowski with four apiece.

"Robyn makes them think twice before they're going to shoot the ball inside," Mary Kay Whalen said of her daughter. "And it's nice that we don't have to double-team the whole time. We wanted to concentrate on their post player and their outside shooters because you don't want their three-point shooters to get going."

Sophomore forward Brianna Taylor added eight points for the Patriots, who led 18-12 at halftime before going up by as many as 15 points, 32-17, early in the final

quarter on a basket by Andrea McCall.

The Wildcats, however, got to within seven, 32-25, thanks to a pair of Haywood free throws with 4:05 remaining. But Plymouth couldn't convert on three straight possessions, misfiring twice and committing a turnover.

Brianna Taylor's reverse layup with 1:52 remaining sealed the win for Franklin.

"The last time around (a 49-41 loss to Franklin), we played our best seven minutes in the last seven minutes of the game," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We wanted to get an effort for 32 minutes, stop both number 21 (Brianna Taylor) and number 13 (Brittany Taylor) from getting to the basket. We also knew number 24 (Whalen) could both score and rebound, so we had to be aware of her presence in the middle. We wanted to run our offense and get scoring without Whalen interrupting our shots."

The Wildcats had a tough time converting all night, making just 9-of-50 shots from the floor (18 percent) compared with Franklin's 16-of-43 (37.2 percent).

"You can't score 26 points in a varsity game and expect to win many games," Reilly said. "It was a good effort on defense, but we did not finish enough offensively."

"We were close (in the fourth quarter), in position to get back into the game. We got it to seven, but they (Franklin) took that opportunity away from us."

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Bear in mind, however, that one of the main functions of the USBC is that of a rule-making entity, with a fair and definitive set of rules there can be no longevity to any sport.

Every team captain should look through Chapter 2: General Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules; Chapter 8, USBC Bonding, Burglary and Holdup insurance; and Chapter 9: league information.

There is also a section on awards, both at the adult and

youth levels. In its first year of operation, the USBC had given out over 1 million awards to 2.7 million bowlers of all levels. A recorded 141,618 awards went for high scores and 1.265 million were given for special achievements.

There were 56,212 300 games; 23,027 299s; and 9,526 298 games in 2005-06.

Among the special achievements were 1,733 for making the 7-10 split; 2,069 the number of bowlers who converted the 4-6-7-10 or double pinocle split.

The most awards were for 200 games with a total of 230,871; and for 75 pins or more over-average in a game, an astounding 203,107.

Keep trying guys and gals because you may pick up a prize or two in your USBC certified league.

There are approximately 2,000 certified 300 games rolled in the greater Detroit area per year.

But a much more rarer feat is back-to-back 300s, accomplished recently at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia by Jason Mercado in the R & M Men's League.

Mercado's night didn't start off that well. He arrived late and had no warmup.

His first game was 170, but then he got it right, rolling 24 consecutive solid strikes to make it an evening to remember.

In the Motor City Men's League Steve Yancura (Redford Eagles) registered a 300 game.

Meanwhile, Wonderland Lanes also has something to offer the local youth bowlers, the Greater Detroit Majors, a doubles league which bowls four games with two different opponents.

The second half starts in November there are plenty of openings for the kids. It's a good time to get registered and with action at 1 p.m. each Sunday.

Livonian Matt Boettcher raised his 170 average in the Greenfield Mixed League at Country Lanes of Farmington Hills recently by going 204 pins over average with a three-game set of 234-258-232/714.

This performance earns him two USBC awards and another four from the Metro Detroit USBC.

Larry Scheuher also enjoyed a good outing that same night with a 289 game in a 739 set.

Cloverlanes in Livonia is the home of the Saturday Goodtimers League with Tim Coleman rolling 300 in recent competition.

At Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, it was Keith Kingston leading everyone in the University Men's League with games of 266-267-300 en route to a whopping 833 series.

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



The 'Super Seniors' tennis team will represent southeastern Michigan in next April's national tournament after winning state and regional competitions. Pictured front row (from left) are team captain Chuck Glinz of Redford, Dan Jones of Canton, George Ginger of Northville, Bob Chene of Dearborn and Bill Hammer of Farmington Hills. Pictured back row (from left) are Dave Petway of Livonia, Jim Robinson of Novi, Harold Lollar of Dearborn Heights, Ed Barter of Farmington Hills and Daryl Carey of Plymouth. Not present for the photo was Canton's John Zaretti.

Tennis is appealing to 'Super Seniors'

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

What began as a way for tennis buddies to bond more than a quarter century ago is turning into quite a win-win situation for everybody on the "Super Seniors."

The 12-person over-60 team — part of a league sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association — recently won state and regional tournaments to advance to the USTA nationals, slated for April 2007.

"This is great," said team captain Chuck Glinz, of Redford Township. "A couple of us have played together for 27 years."

The 74-year-old Glinz said the other co-founder, if you will, is Farmington Hills resi-

dent Bill Hammer, 65.

"We had such a good time that we signed up with the (now-defunct) Livonia Athletic Club and then we played at the YWCA in Redford" on Sunday nights, said Glinz, providing a thumbnail history of the group. "Later on, we moved to the Sports Club of Novi."

This was the group's fifth year at the Novi location, which has five courts and plenty of room for the guys to get their swings in.

"It's really just recreation," Glinz noted. "Of course, the fellowship is great and the exercise doesn't hurt, either."

He added that the Sports Club of Novi is chipping in \$500 toward the team's trip to Charleston, S.C. for the April 27-29 USTA nationals.

The "Super Seniors" quali-

fied for the tournament by going 9-1 in the southeast Michigan league, and then winning a one-game playoff for the state championship. In early October, the squad won the Midwestern regional, going 3-0.

In addition to Glinz and Hammer, the team includes Dave Petway of Livonia, Dan Jones and John Zaretti of Canton, Daryl Carey of Plymouth, Ed Barter of Farmington Hills, George Ginger of Northville, Jim Robinson of Novi, Bob Chene of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights residents Eric Hall and Harold Lollar.

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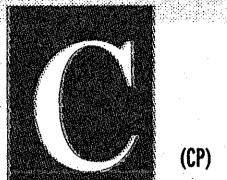
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Kids must learn self-esteem

I have a 6-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son. They are both intelligent, kind, and talented ... in their own unique ways. The problem is that my 3-year-old is constantly comparing himself to his sister and pointing out ways that she is better than he is. For example, when they color, he looks at her picture and tells me that his is too messy and then he crumbles it up and throws it away. I tell him that his is just as good, but he doesn't believe me and nothing I say can convince him otherwise. I'm afraid that his self-esteem is really low and that he will struggle with this issue for his entire life. How can I give him more self-esteem?

Name and address withheld by request

The first thing that we need to do is correct the idea that self-esteem is something that we can give to or get from another person. Despite the huge number of books, videos, and tapes sold in the past several years, the whole idea of self-esteem and positive self-image is largely misunderstood. As much as we may wish otherwise, self-esteem is something that our children must earn for themselves. As parents, teachers, care-givers, grandparents, etc. we can assist them but we can not take this task from them. Self-esteem does not come from what people say to or about us, it comes from what we accomplish and achieve.

When your son looks at his sister's coloring and says that hers is neater and more attractive than his, you cannot convince him otherwise because to his frame of reference, he is correct. In most cases, a 6-year-old is more skilled and proficient at coloring than a 3-year-old. To tell your son that his picture looks "just as good" as his sister's causes him to disregard any further comments that you have on the matter. He knows that hers is better, she knows that hers is better, and so do you.

The problem is not that your son is less skilled at coloring than your daughter, the problem is that he is comparing the ability levels of a 3-year-old to those of a person with twice as many years of experience and development. The net result of such a comparison will almost always end up with him on the losing side.

Address this by adjusting his comparison by his sister to himself. Whenever he starts to contrast his accomplishments with hers, redirect his focus to his own progress over time. For example, he comes to you and says that his sister has colored a wonderful picture that makes his look sloppy and incomplete. Instead of disagreeing with him, remind him that his sister has had three more years of practice and that skills develop over time. Tell him that his picture is very good ... for a 3-year-old and emphasize this point by showing him old pictures that he has colored or drawn. Talk about the level of skill development and reinforce his efforts in an honest way. This provides concrete proof to support your reassurances. The more often he can see proof of his abilities and successes, the more positive his self-image will become. In addition, as this self-image blossoms his emphasis on his sister's accomplishments will become less important to him than his own. Your son's self-esteem is rooted in what he has accomplished and not in what he is told that he has achieved. He can see the proof of his developing skills and recognize that he is getting better and this is where he will begin to see himself as capable and successful, the basis of positive self-esteem. The more examples of real successes that he can accumulate, the stronger and more positive his self-image will be.

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Holocaust survivor Miriam Brysk stands with 'Hiding in the Forest,' one of the artworks produced from archival photographs.

In a confined silence

Holocaust survivor remembers the dead

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Miriam Brysk rarely speaks about the emotional trauma of hiding in the Lipicanska forest during the Holocaust. Brysk lets her art express the misery endured by millions of Jews during the 1939-45 German occupation. One by one, she clicks through a series of digital images on the computer in her Ann Arbor home. Brysk appropriately titled her 40-piece series "In a Confined Silence." The exhibit opens with a reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

For a moment, Brysk remembers the ordeal of escaping to Lida in Soviet-occupied Belarus after Warsaw fell to the Nazis in 1939. When Lida fell to the Nazis in 1941 and Jews were herded into a ghetto, Brysk and her parents, Chaim and Bronka Miasnik, narrowly



Miriam Brysk looks at a photograph of herself as a child with her mother. Brysk used family photographs as well as those taken by the Nazis to create her digital art.

escaped being murdered in the great slaughter of March 8, 1942. She was 7 years old. While it's common knowledge that six million Jews died in the Holocaust, few know that 1.3 million of them were killed in massacres. It was Chaim's surgical skills that saved the family of three until Russian partisans rescued then hid them in the forest. To protect her from rape, Brysk lived and dressed as a boy. On her eighth birthday, she received a pistol as a gift from her parents.

SPEAKING OUT

Brysk is a survivor who focuses not only on her frightening experiences but the suffering of all Jews in

the exhibit and her new book, *Amidst the Shadows of Trees: A Holocaust Child's Survival in the Partisans*. Published by Yellow Star Press, the book tells of Jewish participation in the resistance. One of the images is of a female cousin who was a gun runner during the Warsaw uprising. The city can be seen smoldering in the background.

All of the multi-media art began as black and white photographs of her family and the victims who survive in archival photos taken by the Nazis. Brysk then incorporated elements such as the incinerated Polish city which was the Nazi response to the uprising. All of the artworks in the book and exhibit are

accompanied by explanatory text. Liberation features a sunken-eyed man who was so weak he couldn't eat.

Brysk says many died after being freed from the concentration camps because they couldn't hold down food after starving for so long.

"In a Confined Silence refers to the plight of the Jews during the Holocaust," said Brysk, 71. "They endured their suffering in a confined silence, separated from everybody.

"It's all about remembrance, the fact that so many families were totally obliterated. You can't bring them back. This is my way of remembering them."

COMPELLED TO CREATE

Brysk was compelled to create the series after returning from her first visit to the camps and ghettos in 2002, two years after retiring as a professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. The experience brought back terrifying memories to Brysk who immigrated to Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1947 with her family. Brysk went on to earn a Ph.D. in biological sciences from Columbia University.

"I didn't realize it would affect me the way it did," said Brysk. "Nightmares, fears, horrors. I kept profusely crying."

"The idea incubated for a while and then I started. The

process evolved. I wanted images to be authentic. Six million died. I didn't have to make up faces."

Due to the small size of the photographs, Brysk was unable to enlarge them. Instead she did multiple Xeroxes then transferred the image to watercolor paper. Afterwards she scanned the results into the computer then manipulated the image. One composition features a young girl whose face is framed by the Jewish Star of David. In some of the works, she added color to bring the victims back to life.

"The more you look, the more imagery you will find," said Brysk. "It was done to express emotions and the plight of these people.

"I put color to make them real again, to remember and honor those who died."

Nancy Pilon was so moved by *Hiding in the Forest*, she suggested the Plymouth Community Arts Council exhibit the entire series of Brysk's "In a Confined Silence." The W.K. Kellogg Foundation saw merit in the art as well and awarded Brysk a grant. So far the exhibit has traveled to art galleries, Jewish Community Centers, and Holocaust museums from Texas to Florida.

Pilon originally saw two of the works in a show at the

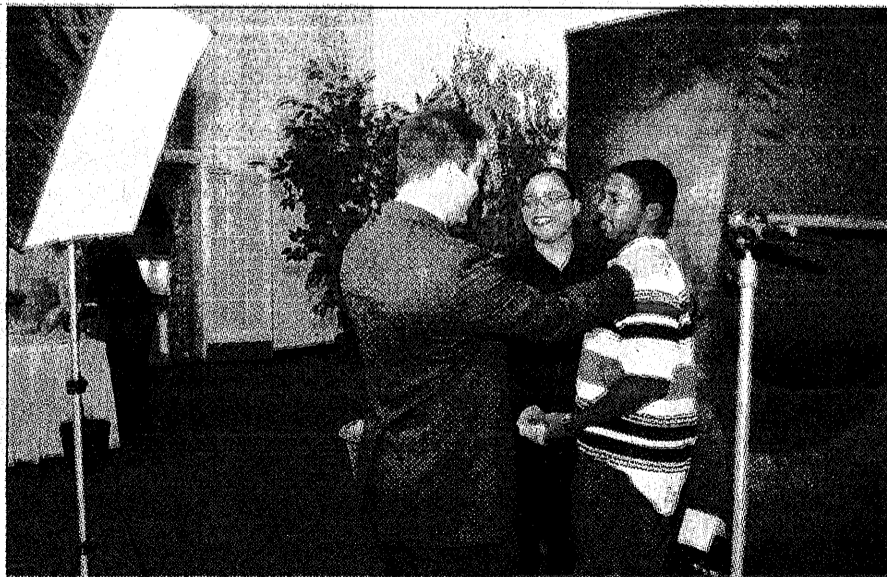
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Wedding workshop unites brides, vendors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Laura Beuerle busily writes down the decorating tips Maggie Pietila uses to create magical weddings. Pietila was just one of 11 vendors assembled at a workshop for brides-to-be Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth.

Brides, and many of their grooms, met with the wedding professionals in a "speed dating" format. Each of the vendors was seated at a table for 10. Participants selected their areas of interest - cakes, travel, flowers, etc. Every nine minutes, the brides played musical chairs moving on to engraving, photography, videography and DJs, invitations, and the hall - the Meeting House Grand Ballroom.



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Steve Schwall, of Rawlinson Photography poses Judy Drakeford and Mark Batie for an engagement photo.

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WEDDING

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Lori Morrison of Canton said it was an interesting concept. She and fiancé Mike Paige are tying the knot in July 2007. Both have been married before so they were "looking for something new and different and unique like our personality." They were especially interested in listening to Rex Tubbs of The Engraving Connection who warned brides to have their rings sized before adding inscriptions.

Beuerle, a 26-year-old Westland resident, is planning to marry Craig Elder, 30, in October 2007. Pietila, owner of the Memory Makers decorating specialists, said brides can get a lot of mileage out of candles to establish a romantic atmosphere at tables.

"It's very informational," said Beuerle. "Although I disagree with some of it, a lot of the information we need."

Randy Lorenz and Meeting House co-owner Mary Naldony have hosted 1,000 weddings in

the last 12 years in their single event facility that seats 150 to 300 guests. He suggests forgetting chair covers at \$3 apiece if the budget is tight. He also recommends offering guests a choice of meals.

Free engagement photos by Rawlinson Photography of Plymouth were meant to entice couples to the event featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine. The workshop was free to those who registered in advance or \$10 at the door.

Jessica Whittemore and Ryan Bearer of Waterford wanted to see the Grand Ballroom facility as a possible location for their reception. They were also looking for tips on flowers and a DJ.

Ralph Cabildo of RC DJ and Video Productions in Westland suggested couples always meet and talk beforehand with the person supplying the service.

"I'm worried more about things I don't know about like engraving," said Ryan Bearer, who weds Whittemore on Sept. 1, 2007.

Lori Morrison wasn't worried about flowers or choosing a

bakery to make the wedding cake. She's owned Ribar Floral Co. six years and provides flowers for not only first-time weddings, but second and third.

Morrison frequently works with bakeries to decorate cakes with real flowers. At Ribar Floral, Morrison says, she's not just there to get them as a customer but to educate brides not only about flowers, but cakes.

"I thought it was interesting in the fact that you got your engagement photo," said Morrison. "I'm in the business, but thought the travel lady (from Cruise Planners) was knowledgeable. The cake lady (Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe) was knowledgeable. She said some flowers are poisonous. We tried the food, but are not using the hall because we're going to Las Vegas to be married in the Little Chapel of Flowers."

The next wedding workshop takes place Feb. 22. For more information, call (734) 416-5100 or visit the Web site at www.mhgb.com.

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Divine intervention: Does statue of St. Joseph help home sales?

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The practice of burying a St. Joseph statue head down in the yard to sell a home is nothing new. According to older area Catholics, it's been around for years and is fervently believed by some.

"One particular house it didn't sell. It works," said Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth. "In this market, you need more than one."

Pulty, who lives in Novi with a Northville address and was raised Catholic, put a St. Joseph statue in her yard. "It was just a personal thing. I don't do it all the time," she said.

Realtor Ruth Martin of Remerica Hometown One of Plymouth knows of the practice, but hasn't tried it. "No, but many of my clients have," the Livonia resident said.

At least one area Jewish woman, who hopes to sell her condo, has St. Joseph on her mantel. He can't be buried outside because she's in a condo so the mantel has to do. She's joked she'll contribute to the Catholic church if the house sells.

Kathy Hosten of Whitmore Lake sold a Howell help with a little divine intervention from St. Joseph.

"The real estate lady gave it to me," said Hosten, a travel agent in Plymouth who's also an attorney. Hosten's not Catholic but is grateful the home sold.

Web site searches reveal that St. Joseph (San Jose in Spanish and San Giuseppe in Italian) is in the world of Catholic folk belief the patron saint of real estate matters and home sales. This is attributed to the belief he taught his stepson Jesus the carpentering trade and saw to it that Jesus was well-housed.

A Web site found by a Google search reveals this prayer to St. Joseph for selling a home:

O, Saint Joseph, you who taught our Lord the carpenter's trade, and saw to it that he was always properly housed, hear my earnest plea. I want you to help me now as you helped your foster-child Jesus, and as you have helped many others in the matter of housing. I wish to sell this [house/property] quickly, easily, and profitably and I implore you to grant my wish by bringing me a good buyer, one who is eager, compliant, and honest, and by letting nothing impede the rapid conclusion of the sale. Dear Saint Joseph, I know you would do this for me

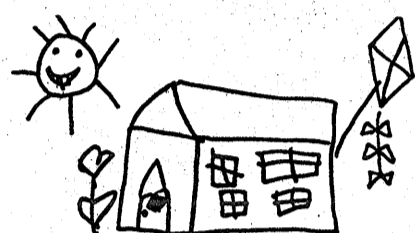


out of the goodness of your heart and in your own good time, but my need is very great now and so I must make you hurry on my behalf. Saint Joseph, I am going to place you in a difficult position with your head in darkness and you will suffer as our Lord suffered, until this [house/property] is sold. Then, Saint Joseph, I swear before the cross and God Almighty, that I will redeem you and you will receive my gratitude and a place of honour in my home. Amen.

But does it work? "I've never heard one time it has not worked," said Brian Klopp, manager of A. Mateja Church Supply on Ford Road in Garden City. "We sell those all the time. They've always been a good seller but lately people talk about it more."

The store carries rosaries, Bibles and other items, added Klopp, who is Catholic. The St. Joseph statues come with a kit to assist with burial in the back yard. When the home sells, the statue is to be unearthed and placed in a special place in the new home, Klopp added.

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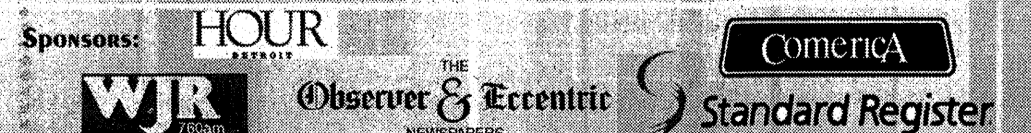
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Miriam Brysk's work has been exhibited in several galleries and shows at Jewish community centers and Holocaust museums from Texas to Florida and the Midwest.

HOLOCAUST

FROM PAGE C1

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Hiding in the Forest originally was a photograph of one of Brysk's relatives. The artist says she tried to instill a feeling of being hugged by trees to illustrate the camouflage provided to those living in the forest. Brysk talks about the works and her experiences during a slide show on Nov. 5. The reception is part of a collaboration with Plymouth cultural organizations during the monthlong exhibit. On Nov. 15, Brysk participates in a panel of

survivors she recruited for a discussion at the Plymouth Historical Museum. A Plymouth Symphony Concert takes place on Nov. 18 and includes the haunting beauty of John Williams' Three Pieces from Schindler's List for Violin and Orchestra. The Penn Theatre shows the film Schindler's List Nov. 19. "The work overall is just so powerful," said Pilon, art exhibition coordinator. "I just love

the way the work actually depicts people who really lived. There's a card with each picture that explains who the person is. These are real people." In a Confined Silence continues through Nov. 28 at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278. To view Brysk's art, visit the Web site www.miriambrysk.com. lchomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145

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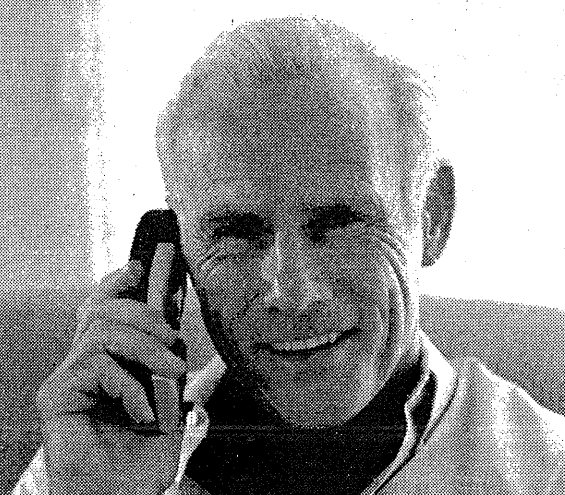
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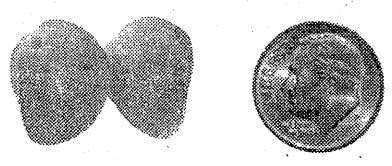
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Black Cat Ball

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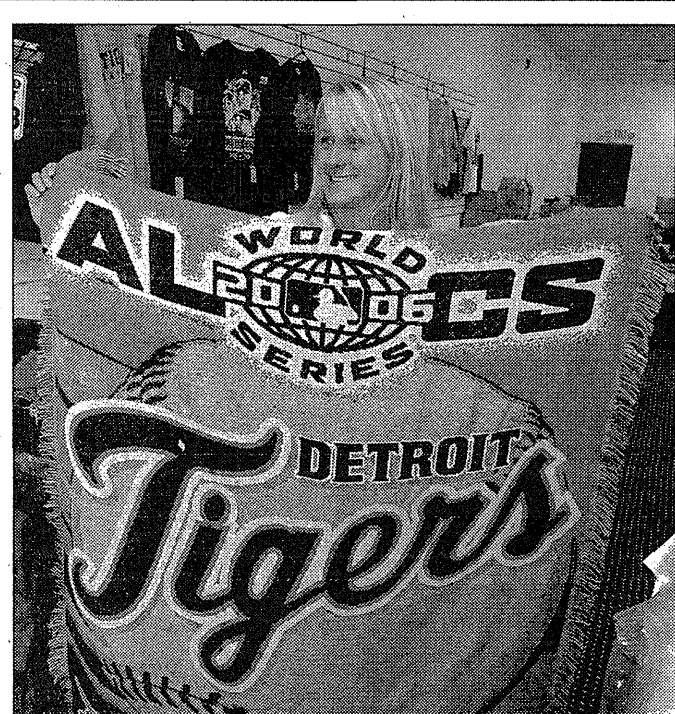
Teen conference

The Merrill-Palmer Institute at Wayne State University is hosting its 23rd annual Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Andrew Humphrey, weekend WDIV Channel 4 meteorologist, will be the keynote speaker. The theme of this year's Metro Teen Conference is "Take a Giant Step."

Porcelain artists

The Dearborn Porcelain Artists host their annual "Victorian Tea and Holiday Show and Sale" 10 a.m. to 3



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Booming business

Ronna Rogers, a Plymouth resident who manages the Fanatic U store set up on Middlebelt and Six Mile in Livonia, shows a customer the Detroit Tigers blanket that's for sale.

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the McFadden Ross Museum, 915 Brady, in west Dearborn (just north of Michigan Avenue).

jewelry, beauty products, baskets, scrapbook and card making supplies, children's activities, crystal ware, cooking and kitchen supplies, home décor and more.

Stamp show

Stamps for all levels of collectors will be available at sales tables during the Ann Arbor Stamp Club's 32nd annual Stamp Show Nov. 4-5 in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College.

Sommelier Dinner

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor.

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, Comerica; Clay Johnson, Technical 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.

Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3.

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 & Crafts Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

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 Gallery 2, located on the Art Center's second floor.

Hospice training

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The purpose of this proposal is to provide support services for the full ARC, its Executive Committee, ARC standing and Ad-Hoc committees, and the seven Sub-watershed Advisory Groups (SWAGs). This project consists of but not limited to the following:

Promote the ARC as an advocate for the Rouge River Watershed. Serve as the primary spokesperson for the ARC, respond to requests for information, and seek opportunities to promote the ARC awareness.

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- 1. Proposal forms may be downloaded from www.canton-mi.org or www.rougeriver.com/alliance.
2. You may contact Mike Sheppard at mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org for information regarding RFP compliance and Jack Bails at jbails@pscinc.com for information regarding "scope of work/services."
3. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked as outlined in the RFP, with the proposal title, company name, address, telephone number and date and time of bid opening to 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. The envelope must be addressed to The Office of The Clerk.
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1. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
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3. "Act of Treason," Vince

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4. "Thirteen Moons," Charles Frazier
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NON-FICTION

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Tea will complement craft show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jody Kirsch didn't realize that hosting an authentic English Tea to go with the Catholic Central Mothers Club annual Holiday Craft Show would be so much work but she has plenty of help. Committee members Chris Kovanda, Judi Fanco and herself are tying up loose ends for the event that takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the high school, 27255 Wixom Road at Grand River, Novi.

Admission is \$3 and includes a raffle ticket for one of the donated prizes from more than 85 crafters and vendors.

Refreshments will be available.

The authentic English Tea is presented in three different seatings — 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. — and offers delicious finger sandwiches and fresh pastries with Devonshire cream, lemon curd and strawberry jam in addition to a variety of English teas. The cost is \$20, and includes admission to the show. The tea requires a reservation. Participants may reserve a table for up to eight of their own guests. Call Chris Kovanda at (810) 632-5077 to RSVP.

"We're pulling together all the strings together. We didn't realize it was this big until we started delving into it," said

Kirsch, who's calling on her experience as part of the mom's club at Ladywood High School to see her through.

"This is a craft show and vendors featuring painted glass, Christmas decorations, Longaberger, and much more. Select raffle items are valued at \$40."

Proceeds from the show go to the Mother's Club which maintains a wish list from the school which recently moved to Novi after years in Redford.

"We'd like it to grow now that we have more space," said Kirsch, a Livonia resident. "The show is a good opportunity to see this beautiful campus."

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Gallery to showcase work by artist

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art is hosting the exhibit "Under Heaven" by Northville artist Jeff Von Buskirk throughout the month of November.

Buskirk grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School. He has created murals in Plymouth outside the Lower Town Grille, as well as other locations in Oakland and Wayne counties. Von Buskirk is currently restoring a 1917 mural on the exterior of a four-story Detroit building that once housed the Willys-Overland Motor

Co., inventors of the classic Jeep. The DeMattia Group and Midtown Developments are in the process of converting the building into upscale lofts while maintaining the historical sign.

Von Buskirk's "Under Heaven" exhibit will open with a wine and cheese reception featuring the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Sherrus Gallery, 109 North Center, Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-0470 or visit www.sherrusgallery.com. The exhibit continues to Nov. 30.

Student wins math scholarship

ON CAMPUS

Lawrence Technological University

Thirteen students from Canton and seven from Plymouth were among the students who graduated earlier this year from Lawrence Technological University.

The Canton students and their degrees: Josiah Anderson, computer science; Robert Dow, engineering technology; Stephen Dumouchelle, mechanical engineering; Mario Foley, electrical engineering; David Harrison, information technology; Mark Henke, computer science; Pamela Lindman, masters in business administration; David Losinski, architecture; Sarah Mitchell, interior architecture; Aliya Patni, project management; Andrew Pixley, computer science; Richard Rymond, technology management; Joseph Willey, industrial operations.

The Plymouth students and their degrees: Thomas Burke, masters in computer science; David Edick, computer science; Daniel Fulk, masters in automotive engineering; Jeffrey Gatrell, electrical engineering; Lawrence Haddad, electrical engineering; Jasper Recto, masters in business administration; Nadica Ristovski, masters in business administration.

Matthew McLeod and Travis Sharp of Plymouth were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 2006 semester. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

Kenyon College

Allison Goldsmith, daughter of Jeffrey Goldsmith and Kathleen Payne of Plymouth, was named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the second semester of the 2005-06 academic year.

To be eligible, a student must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.45 on the college's four-point grading scale.

A graduate of Canton High School, Goldsmith is a rising sophomore at Kenyon, a private liberal-arts college in central Ohio.

Aldo Abate of Plymouth was among 37 University of Michigan-Dearborn students named to the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters for the Summer 2006 term. Abate is a senior studying English and secondary certification.

Farhan Ashraf and Scott Lytle of Canton were among 10 University of Michigan-Dearborn students named to the Dean's List in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences for the Summer 2006 term.

Ashraf is a sophomore studying electrical engineering; Lytle is a senior studying computer engineering.

Students on the Dean's List earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

Nursery to host holiday open house

Plymouth Nursery holds a Holiday Spectacular Open House 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. This is a free event. For more information, call (734) 453-5500.

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Terror in the Night

Halloween monsters can traumatize young children

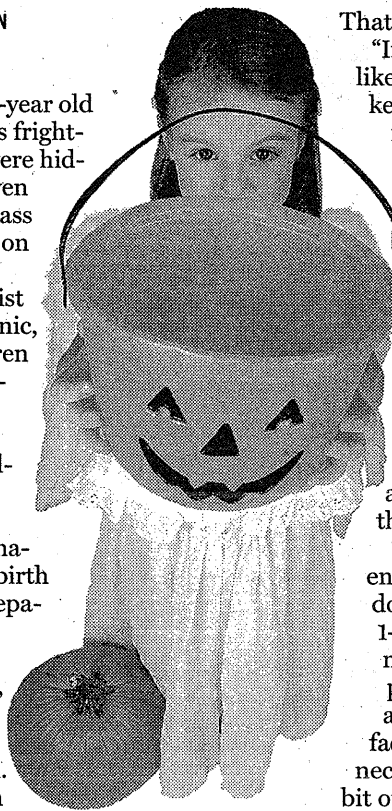
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Susan Kurtzman's 11-year old grandson was younger, he was frightened by people whose faces were hidden by masks. He wouldn't even answer the door with her to pass out candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

Henry Traurig, a psychologist at the Birmingham Maple Clinic, says it's not unusual for children to be scared of people in monster costumes. A wise parent censors the imagery until a child is capable of understanding. While some children are not bothered by frightening creatures, others can be traumatized as young children from birth to about age 7 are unable to separate reality from fantasy.

Kurtzman's grandson eventually did go trick-or-treating, but refused to wear a mask.

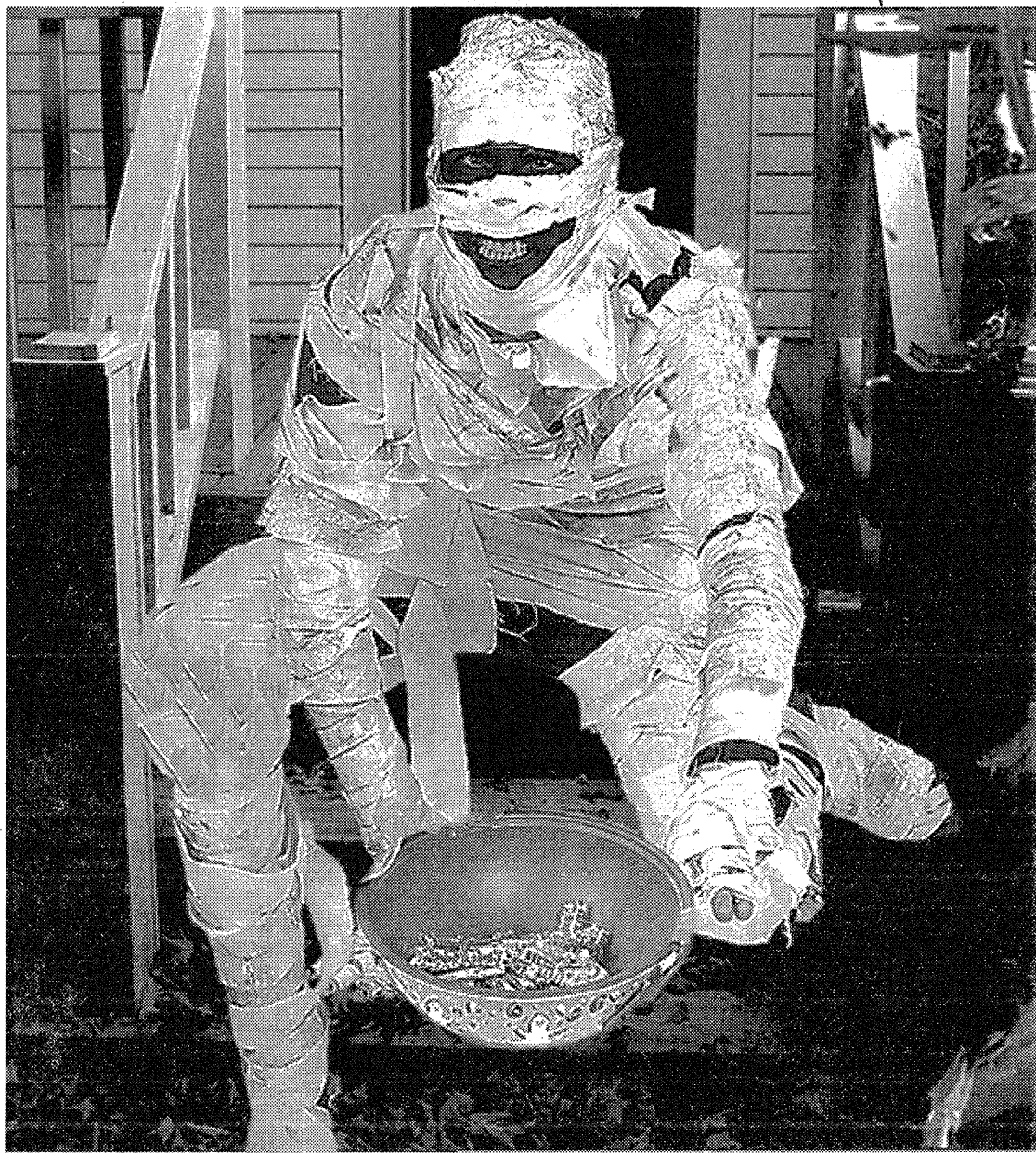
"The fact that they are frightened is perfectly normal. It's not necessarily a symptom of some deep anxiety problem, but children being frightened of the world," said Traurig. "We need to pay attention and not push that child. The child isn't ready.



That's not a failure.

"It's important to enjoy an evening like a Halloween but it's important to keep in mind a child's understanding is very different than an adult. Ages 8 to 13 are lively and robust and ready to attack the night. They're ready to be very courageous and brave. For them it's a fun and lively experience particularly if parents allow them to stay out till dark."

Although Traurig's children, now ages 17 and 21, are too old to go trick-or-treating, he was very cautious when they were younger. He never dressed them as bees or pumpkins and carried them from door to door. "I think it's mostly fun for the parents," said Traurig. "Part of what we do in this culture is to rush them in, 1- and 2-year-olds, so they won't miss out. We don't think about protecting childhood, but more about bringing the child into every facet of the culture. It's cute, but not necessary. A 2-year-old gets a little bit out of it. If parents are inclined to take a 3-year-old because they want to start to bring them into the fun of this take them to only a few familiar houses, grandma and grandpa's house. For even a 4-year-old it's



just a joyous experience rather than a experience that is intimidating or threatening. We forget that fun but scary-looking inflatables in front of a house can be very overwhelming to little ones."

Michelle Kees is not going to take her 7-month-old son Andrew trick-or-treating, but is planning to dress him in a dragon costume for a party and helicopter candy drop at his childcare center. Kees, a child psychologist, says she realizes "he's not going to understand, but thought it was important for him to be with his little friends."

"He's too young to go trick or treating," said Michelle Kees, a Ph.D. and clinical assistant

professor, University of Michigan Medical School, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Ann Arbor. Kees sees children from ages 3 to 18, and specializes in childhood anxiety and traumatic events.

"My personal opinion is children under 2 can't participate because they're not going to get it and they can't eat the candy. It's OK for 2 to 3-year-olds and even 4 to take them to select homes, people you know in the neighborhood. I think it can be scary to go up to a random home and a child can be frightened."

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Healthy living campaign seeks essays for contest

In connection with its new national and local "What Moves U" campaign designed to promote physical fitness and healthy living among youth, the American Heart Association, Detroit Lions and Aquafina are conducting an essay contest for sixth- to eighth-graders attending school in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The contest asks students to explain what inspires them to be physically active on a regular basis. Two winners will be chosen from each grade level and will receive four tickets to the Dec. 10 Detroit Lions game at Ford Field vs. the Minnesota Vikings.

This multi-pronged campaign was developed by the American Heart Association and the National Football

League in response to reports which state that 11 million kids in the United States are overweight, and 13 million kids are at risk for being overweight.

"What Moves U" messages will appear in radio, television, and public service announcements including movie theater advertising and in the Internet. Other key components of the campaign include an activation kit for middle schools created by teachers for teachers, and a Web site for kids — whatmovesu.com.

Essays must be typed using 12-point font and 300-500 words. Only one essay submission per person and must include official entry form. Entries must be received by Nov. 10. All essays become the property of the American Heart Association, the Detroit

Lions, and Aquafina. Entries may be reprinted in educational publications and used to promote future "What Moves U" essay contests.

Winners will be notified the week of Nov. 20 and will be invited to attend a winner's reception at Ford Field prior to the game Dec. 10.

Essays should be mailed to What Moves U Essay Contest, 24445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075.

For more information or to download an official entry form, visit the American Heart Association's Web site at americanheart.org and type in "essay contest" in the search engine, or call (248) 827-4214, Ext. 461. Entry forms are also available for download at detroitlions.com.

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Peter Nielsen

Sue from White Lake e-mails that she heard she should move her medication out of her bathroom medicine cabinet and wants to know why. Absolutely, Sue! The problem is actually the heat and humidity from the shower. And, I know you know what I'm talking about. You get out of the shower and the bathroom mirror is clouded from the steam. Well, all that heat is bad for your medication. It can cause a breakdown in the medicine and cause the drug to lose its potency. In rare cases, some medications can even become deadly.

Your best bet is to keep medications in a dry place, away from heat and light. Try a dresser drawer or a kitchen cabinet away from the dishwasher, sink and stove.

Melissa from Waterford says her husband smokes around their children and e-mails asking about the possible health risks.

Melissa, that is a huge no-no! Absolutely no one should be smoking around your children, or anyone else's, for that matter. A new report by the U.S. Surgeon General found there is no safe level of secondhand smoke. The study also found when non-smokers are exposed to tobacco smoke, their risk of developing lung cancer and heart disease increases by 20 percent to 30 percent. That number includes even just a brief exposure to the smoke.

This is really bad news since nearly half of non-smokers are exposed to secondhand smoke on a regular basis. And, it's even worse for children!

Expose them to secondhand smoke and it increases their risk of sudden infant death syndrome, asthma attacks, and lung and ear infections.

So, my best advice is to try and stay away from places that allow smoking. Sit in the non-smoking section of restaurants and, definitely, try to get your loved ones and friends to quit!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. You can also reach him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield at (248) 855-0345 or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield at (248) 358-4200. Catch him daily on WDIV-NBC/TV4 and WWJ News Radio 950.

TERROR

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be traumatic for a young child. Kees says intense experiences like meeting Mickey Mouse at Disneyworld or the Wolverine sport mascot at a football game can be scary. On her niece's third birthday, the child cried through the entire party because everyone was beating and destroying a Clifford pinata. The 3-year-old loved the Big Red Dog and was traumatized.

Kees offers this advice for preventing such jolting experiences from occurring especially on Halloween.

"As a young baby Andrew probably won't have the same fear as a 2- or 3-year-old," said Kees. "Parents should think about where the child is developmentally. Make it a day that's about fun and celebration. You can do this with all ages. When Andrew is 2 or 3 I will probably take him to a few of the houses around the neighborhood."

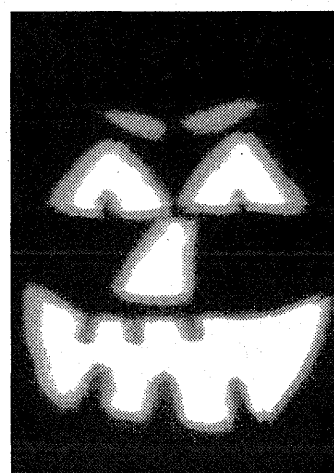
"Elementary-age kids can understand what Halloween

means. It becomes a social activity. As far as whether to go trick-or-treating or not it is a personal decision, a family decision. Parents need to know their own child and watch them in that situation. If they start getting uncomfortable, scared, tired then modify. Don't make them go to every single house if they're pulling them along in a Red Flyer."

Parents should talk with older children beforehand about the importance of staying in a group, according to the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Traurig, Kees and the ER physicians all recommend that children be accompanied by a parent or other adult while collecting candy. Forbid children from accepting rides from strangers or visiting unfamiliar homes.

If a child is frightened by a monster Kees recommends soothing the young child on the spot.



"Ask them (the monster) to take off their mask," said Kees. "My nieces understand dress up. The 4- to 6-year-old range can begin to understand that."

"Before bed do something pleasant. Halloween is a fun exciting time. Get the child back into a normal routine by taking a bath, cuddling with mom and day, reading a favorite story to wrap the night up so their sleep is not disrupted. When scary things happen it can prevent us from falling asleep."

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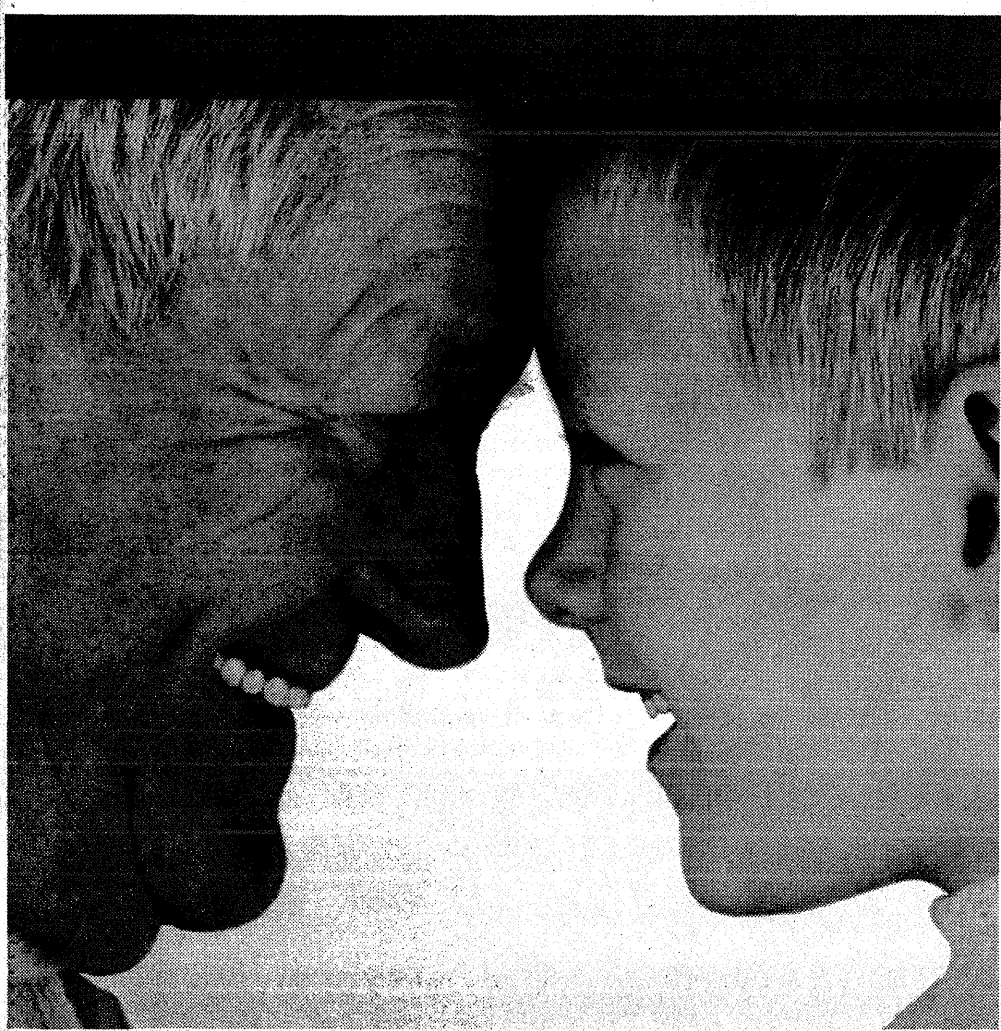
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