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Day care center ordered to pay former workers

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

All Stephanie Mullen wanted when she left her employment at Tutor Time Learning Center in Plymouth Township was the \$400 the center owed her in her final paycheck.

When owners delayed, and then refused, to give it to her, Mullen decided to have a lawyer friend of the family look into it.

Last week, an arbitrator ordered Nina Judge, the owner of the Tutor

Time Learning Center at Five Mile and Haggerty, to pay more than \$22,500 to Mullen and five other former employees making similar claims.

The Plymouth Township Tutor Time is a franchise school and not part of the corporate group, according to Tutor Time corporate spokeswoman Amy Popp.

The award, signed Sept. 8 by arbitrator Richard Hathaway, came as a result of a lawsuit filed by the six former employees of the learning center,

all of whom claim Judge defrauded them of wages earned by altering their hours worked in the center's computer system.

"They were all getting scammed, and they got a huge verdict on something where they were getting ripped off by their employer," said Marc McDonald, an attorney with Plunkett & Cooney of Bloomfield Hills. "It's a pretty nice result."

Judge did not return a call seeking comment. Her attorney, Nicole Thompson of the Bingham Farms

firm Hardin & Associates, called the suit "frivolous."

"I disagree they should have been awarded anything," Thompson said. "Basically it was an attempt to extort money from our clients. They had no documentary evidence; just self-serving testimony."

The lawsuit arose when Mullen, a Plymouth native who now lives in Northville, decided to leave Tutor Time to open her own business. She said she asked for her final paycheck, which should have been for \$400, but

kept "getting the runaround." After weeks of not getting the check, she said she asked McDonald, a family friend, to look into it.

After some initial contact, McDonald said, he told Judge he would file suit if she didn't provide the paycheck. When Judge still declined, McDonald said he started interviewing potential witnesses for his suit.

What he found, according to the

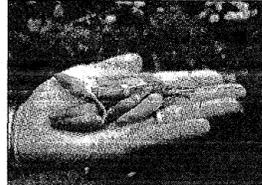
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Green thumb produces colorful look

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Al Abdou is by profession a Plymouth Realtor. However, those who have come to know him while he's dead-heading his garden at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest Avenue think of him as a master gardener.

"While I'm pulling the weeds and cleaning it out, people will start talking to me and think I'm an expert on gardening," Abdou, 47, said. "I really just do it by experience. But, I give the best advice I can."



Annette Horn holds a handful of hot peppers grown by Al Abdou.

The past seven years, Abdou has volunteered to plant flowers in the corner box, one of 32 in the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority's Adopt-A-Planter Program, which has won a Keep Michigan Beautiful Award. But this year, the 10-year Plymouth resident decided to try mainly fruits and vegetables.

Easily visible are spinach, hot peppers, thyme, basil, beets, tomatoes and strawberries.

"I also have some eggplant, and people have been harvesting faster than I can take them," said Abdou. "There are also some lemon-scented marigolds for when people sit on the bench next to it."

Abdou said he likes to work on the urban garden a couple of days a week because it gives him a chance to meet and talk with those who visit downtown Plymouth.

"It's a way to give back to the community in a way that's tangible and beautiful," Abdou said. "I also want to show people that growing vegetables isn't difficult, that you can grow your own food and it's organic."

Sherrie Pryor, DDA director, said Abdou's garden receives a lot of positive comments.

"It's beautiful, especially with the different colors and smells, it was such a neat addition to downtown," Pryor said. "I never realized vegetables could be as pretty as flowers."

While Abdou's garden draws a lot of attention downtown, he admitted his own back yard isn't quite the same.

"You wouldn't think I was the same guy," Abdou said with a smile. "This is where I flourish with my green thumb."



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Plymouth Realtor Al Abdou picks beans in his urban garden.

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Teen journalists - Observer wants you

The Observer Newspapers is looking for sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in producing local newspaper pages and on-line material for teens by teens. This marks the second year of the Observer's Student Voices project in which area teens write about issues important to them. Last year nearly 100 students participated in the school-year program.

Teens report, write, edit and take photographs for the

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hometownLIFE.com print and on-line sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions throughout the school year. Only sophomores, juniors

and seniors are eligible to participate. In addition, students must commit to serving as a student journalist for the entire 2007-2008 school year and be prepared to attend a 90-minute orientation session from 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 and planning meetings as determined by the student group.

The first pages and on-line stories are scheduled to appear in November.

"We want teens to take ownership of the section

in print and on-line," said Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about - what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the O&E."

To apply, go to www.hometownlife.com and click on the Student Voices logo for an application. Deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 24.

Experts agree: Nationwide search the way to go

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

One of the three search firms selected by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to be interviewed Tuesday has decided not to seek a contract with Plymouth-Canton Schools to conduct a nationwide search for a new superintendent.

Proact Search of Milwaukee, Wis., notified the district this week, telling Superintendent Jim Ryan "every time they come to Michigan they get beat out by Michigan Leadership Institute."

That leaves MLI of Old Mission, Mich., and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill., as the only two search firms bidding to conduct the national search to find a replacement for Ryan, who is retiring in March.

At last Tuesday's board meeting, trustees decided not to hear a proposal from the Michigan Association of School Boards.

"The two that are coming are the two I'm most interested in hearing from," said Treasurer Steven Sneiderman. "I really didn't like the proposal from Proact. I had the feeling they had too much on their plate and couldn't do the best job for us, and their response proves that to me."

Birmingham Public Schools is in the final interview stage for a new superintendent, the first in 17 years. Marcia Wilkinson, director of community relations, said Hazard, Young & Associates initially received resumes from 35-40 candidates, and whittled the pool to the six

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think the board is doing the right thing conducting a national search to replace Superintendent Jim Ryan? Let us know by e-mailing bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

who are being interviewed by the Board of Education.

'LOOK BEYOND'

"Our board felt it needed to look beyond, and set more flexible parameters for the search firm," Wilkinson said. "We wanted to look for innovative, creative people, and that resulted in not requiring candidates to be a sitting superintendent. It was clear we wanted the search firm to be open to candidates not in the traditional field of education."

Despite the out-of-the-box parameters set by the school board, Birmingham's candidates include current, assistant and former superintendents, of which only one is from out of state.

Linda Wacyk, director of communications for the Michigan Association of School Administrators in Lansing, said she doesn't expect Plymouth-Canton to have a difficult time finding candidates to fill the position.

"Plymouth-Canton is in a good position to attract worthy candidates because it's a district that has established itself as a

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What board members will ask

Here are some sample questions Plymouth-Canton school board members will ask representatives of potential search firms Tuesday:

■ Describe the process you use to develop our selection criteria?

■ What percent of the Superintendents that you placed in the last 5 years are still in their positions?

■ Which member of your organization will be leading the search? What is their individual success rate?

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in **Filter**

Take a ride: Autumn is a colorful time of year to take a hot air balloon ride in Michigan. Read how in the next issue of Filter.

Determined teen lands dream spot on U.S. Tae Kwon Do team

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

At 7 a.m. Alexander Covert's human alarm clock — his father — would walk into his bedroom and see if he was awake. If the 16-year-old hadn't stirred, Christopher Covert would playfully throw a towel at his son and tell him to get up.

The Salem High School junior

would sometimes grumble about being tired or sore but then a single phrase would entice him from his slumber: "If you want that spot, you'll get up."

Alexander, who is jokingly called "karate kid" or "Daniel son" by his friends, recently nabbed a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympics Junior Tae Kwon Do Team.

Everyday this summer, the

Canton teen would throw on a hoodie, lace up his sneakers and run around different areas of Canton.

"It was just like 'Rocky,'" his mother, Laura Covert joked. "We are so proud of him."

Alexander is scheduled to participate in the Dutch Open in March and the German Open in April.

"This has been my dream, so to see it come true is unbelievable," he said, adding that he's gotten a lot of support from his teachers and friends. "They all think it's so cool and everyone has been great."

Christopher Covert, who owns Olympian Chung Do Kwan, 45550 Cherry Hill Road, with his wife, has been training Alexander since he was 3 years old.

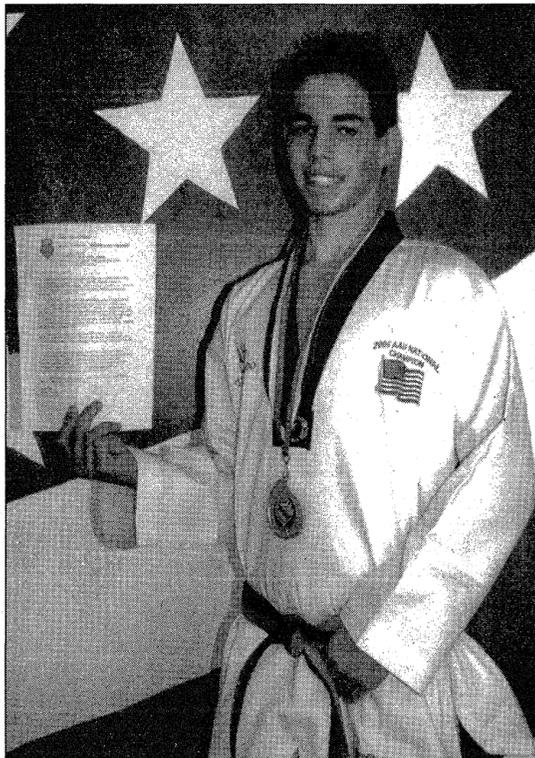
"I was nervous for him," he said, referencing the recent Olympic team trials in Fort Lauderdale. "We recently moved (Olympian) from Garden City to Canton so Alexander had to do a lot (training) on his own."

All of the Coverts, including younger brother, Austin, 13,



Alexander Covert, a Salem High junior, celebrated with his father/coach, Christopher Covert, during the recent Olympic team trials in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

practice the sport. "When we're at home, you can catch any of us kicking," Alexander said with a laugh. Describing himself as being on "cloud nine," the teenager wants to do Tae Kwon Do on a collegiate level and dreams of being on the 2012 U.S. Olympic team. "I wouldn't say Tae Kwon Do is my life, but it's a huge part of it and has made me a better person," Alexander said.



Canton's Alexander Covert, 16, was all smiles after landing a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympics Junior Tae Kwon Do Team.

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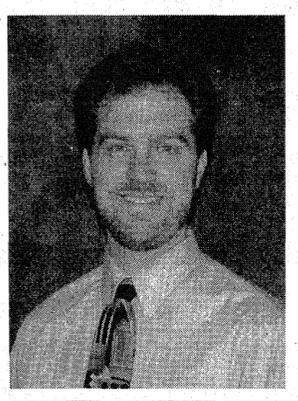
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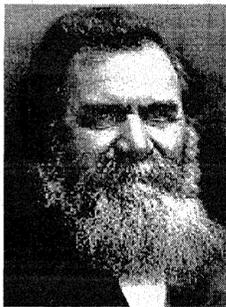
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Happy 112th Birthday to Chiropractic



DD Palmer

On this anniversary, it might be interesting to read the words of Dr. DD Palmer, the founder of chiropractic. We have presented them below.



Harvey Lillard

"Harvey Lillard a janitor in the Ryan Block, where I had my office, had been so deaf for 17 years that he could not hear the racket of a wagon on the street or the ticking of a watch. I made inquiry as to the cause of his deafness and was informed that when he was exerting himself in a cramped, stooping position, he felt something give way in his back and immediately became deaf. An examination showed a vertebrae racked from its normal position. I reasoned that if that vertebra was replaced, the man's hearing should be restored. With this object in view, a half-hour's talk persuaded Mr. Lillard to allow me to replace it. I racked it into position by using the spinous process as a lever and soon the man could hear as before. There was nothing "accidental" about this, as it was accomplished with an object in view, and the result expected was obtained. There was nothing "crude" about this adjustment; it was specific, so much so that no Chiropractor has equaled it."

Within two years Dr. DD Palmer opened the first school of Chiropractic on Brady Street in Davenport. It was his son Dr. BJ Palmer, who continued the school after his death. It is the son, BJ Palmer, who is given credit for growing and developing the profession into what it has become today.

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Chiefettes variety show

The Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon teams present their annual variety show 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

This event will showcase a variety of entertainment appearances by Plymouth-Canton Community School students and community members, as well as performances by the Chiefettes.

Advance ticket purchases are available for \$5 each or purchase tickets at the door on show day for \$6 each. For more information contact Britt Julien at bbfm@sbc-global.net

OLGC fashion show

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church presents its "Falling into Fashion" dinner and fashion show featuring Ladies Fashions and Accessories Friday, Sept. 28.

The evening starts with a 5:30-6:30 p.m. preview of fashions and accessories to purchase (20 percent of any purchase is tax-deductible). The buffet dinner starts at 6 p.m., with the fashion show at 7 p.m.

The event takes place in OLGC's Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), and features door prizes, beverages and wine. Cost is \$30 (\$20 tax-deductible contribution to debt retirement). Contact one of the following participating boutiques for reservations: Bella Mia at (734) 656-0057, Gigi's Mode at (734) 254-8774, Maggie & Me at (734) 459-5340, or Van Dam's at (248) 449-4282.

Dance classes

Plymouth-Canton Community Education sponsors dance classes for seniors (50 and older), and for teens wanting to learn basic dance steps.

Seniors can enjoy dancing in a comfortable and supportive environment and gain health benefits as well. Build on what you already know and learn the fun, easy steps of the Foxtrot, music you remember from the "Big Band" era for four weeks. In the remaining four weeks seniors will learn the slow, rhythmic Rumba, one of the most popular and easy to learn dances.

Class starts Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6-7 p.m. at the Tonda

Elementary School gym.

Meanwhile, teens can learn to dance with a partner, while spending four weeks learning the very popular Swing, then moving into salsa.

This class also starts Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 7-8 p.m. at the Tonda gym.

For more information and to register for either class, call (734) 416-2940.

Dine for Seedlings

Join Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia and Max & Erma's at Laurel Park Place for the fifth annual "Dining for Braille Books" event Sept. 17-20.

Money raised will help provide the gift of literacy to blind children. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Diners who eat at Max & Erma's Laurel Park location only and present a special flier will be able to know that 20 percent of their lunch or dinner check total will be donated to Seedlings to help make more children's books in braille.

Anyone may help by downloading a PDF flier at www.seedlings.org (click on Special Events) or contacting Julie Connoyer at seedlink7@aol.com or 734-427-8552, ext. 301 to request a flier. A flier must be brought to the restaurant to participate.

Baseball legacy

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents "Coffee with a Baseball Legacy" featuring former major league baseball player Tom Paciorek 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

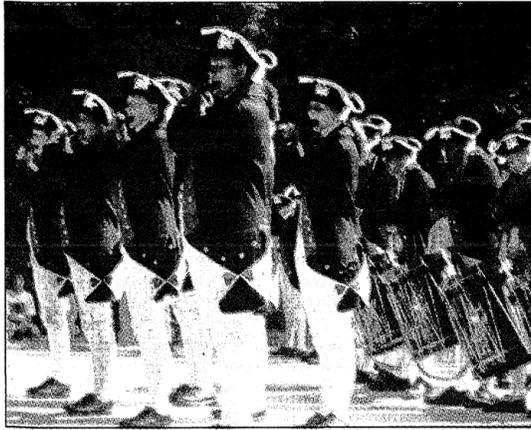
Emcee Raymond Rolak and Paciorek, now a motivational speaker, will deliver a lively



Paciorek

afternoon of hijinks, motivation and tales of perseverance. Paciorek's career spanned 18 seasons as an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox and others. After his playing days, he got into broadcasting, and broadcast Detroit Tigers' games from 2001-2003. Most recently, Paciorek called games for the Washington Nationals.

Tickets are \$2 each or \$15 to reserve a table for eight, can can



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, which draws members from all over western Wayne County, performs approximately 40-50 times per season at parades and festivals throughout Michigan, New England and Canada.

be purchased at the PCCA 201 S. Main (in the city hall building). A "coffee and sweet table" will be served, and the event features two baseball raffles.

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

Lincoln round-table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will host Kerry Chartkoff, chair of Michigan's "Save The Flags" project which preserves, interprets and displays the state's collection of battle flags.

The presentation, set for 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, in the lower level at the Plymouth Historical Museum, will focus on the Civil War flags in the collection.

The public is invited, admission is free. The museum is located at 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information please call (734) 451-7998.

Music booster raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band are hosting a fund-raising raffle to raise enough funds to purchase a new semi-trailer.

The raffle, titled "Music & Motion," is being co-sponsored by the Plymouth-based multi-product powersports dealer Plymouth Motorsports. The money raised by the raffle will be used to purchase a new trailer to replace the aging 50-foot trailer currently used by the nationally acclaimed-band to carry all the large, front-ensemble instruments and equipment to each competi-

on Saturday, Oct. 13. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton band programs. For more information, visit www.pcmb.net

Corriveau hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his upcoming office and coffee hours in Plymouth.

Corriveau will hold an office hour on Monday, Sept. 17, from 10-11 a.m. in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St.

Corriveau also is planning a coffee hour this month. He will meet with residents on Monday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Three Brothers Restaurant, 8825 General Road in Plymouth.

Businesses or organizations who would like to schedule an event with Corriveau should contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737) or send e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov

Entertainment Books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers.

For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free. The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

Buyers wishing to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2008 Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August.

The BeckRidge Chorale is also selling the books for \$20 to support their educational and charitable activities. Buyers who pre-order now get a 2007 book free.

The 2008 books will be available Aug. 12. Call (734) 459-6829 to order.

Newcomers mixer

The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors Club hosts its annual Membership Kick-Off Mixer 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Box Bar in Plymouth.

This mixer is free, open to everyone and is a great opportunity for prospective members to meet existing members. The winners of the club's Children's Coloring Contest from the Plymouth Fall Festival will be announced and presented with a prize. Appetizers will be served with a cash bar.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Eileen Ganster at (734) 737-0385, programming@plymouthnewcomers.com or visit the group's Web site at www.plymouthnewcomers.com.

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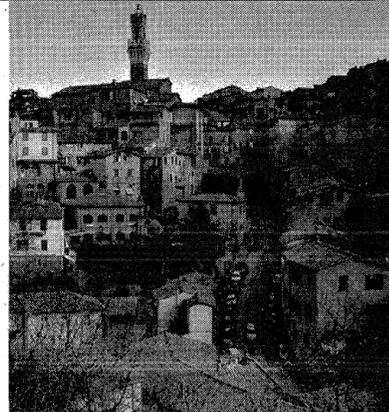
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MHS reduces adoptions costs for cats

The summer months represent the peak breeding time for cats, resulting in more cats, and especially kittens, still looking for loving homes throughout the fall.

The Michigan Humane Society is embarking on a program to help more kittens and cats find good homes by reducing the adoption fee for kittens, under six months of age,

from \$80 to \$30, beginning today (Sept. 16).

"As we enter the fall months, we are still overwhelmed with a number of kittens needing good homes, a direct result of unsterilized cats breed-

ing throughout the summer months," said Mike Robbins, director of marketing and communications for the Michigan Humane Society. "Cats and kittens make wonderful companions for many lifestyles, and we are hopeful this initiative will help these wonderful feline companions find the loving homes they deserve."

In conjunction with lowering kitten adoption fees, the Michigan Humane Society will continue its 'Cat Independence Days' program, which was initiated in late June. The 'Cat Independence Days' program waives the

adoption fee for cats age six months and older, giving more cats the opportunity to find the loving homes they deserve.

Over the course of the 'Cat Independence Days' program, MHS has increased cat adoptions 80 percent and kitten adoptions 25 percent when compared to the same time frame in 2006.

Adoptions will still include the same great adoption package: sterilization surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a medical checkup, the Michigan Humane Society 10-day health plan and much more. At the time of adoption, a sterilization deposit of \$25 may be required.

MHS adoption fees help cover a portion of the costs MHS incurs while caring for an animal, including shelter and food, medical treatment, sterilization surgery and vaccinations.

Cat overpopulation continues to be a concern many animal care organizations throughout southeast Michigan face every spring and summer season, leading to more animals in need of homes throughout the fall months. Last year, almost 20,000 homeless cats and kit-

tens were sheltered and cared for by the Michigan Humane Society.

"We can't emphasize the importance of education and sterilization for all of our companion animals as these are critical elements of long-term success. Even with the success of this program, we cannot adopt our way out of the overpopulation problem," Robbins said.

To help more kittens and cats find loving homes, people can visit the Three MHS three metro Detroit adoption centers, or go online to www.michiganhumane.org to "meet" their potential new furry family member. MHS adoption and veterinary centers are located in Detroit at 7401 Chrysler Dr., Rochester Hills at 3600 W. Auburn and Westland at 900 N. Newburgh. All three adoption centers are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

People who can't open their home to a new family member, can support MHS by making a donation. Call (866) MHUMANE, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit the MHS Web site.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



ANN DEGHETTO

Bang-up Bingo

Players were all smiles at Friday's annual Bingo fund-raiser, sponsored by the Plymouth Business and Professional Women, held during Plymouth Fall Festival. The fund-raiser benefits the Plymouth BPW scholarship fund. Business and Professional Women is a national organization, founded during World War I to organize the resources of professional women in order to assist the war effort. Locally, the Plymouth BPW provides scholarship opportunities to women, many head-of-household, for career advancement or women that are re-entering the work force, who also demonstrate financial need. For more information regarding scholarships, please send a letter to Plymouth BPW, P. O. Box 5038, Plymouth, MI 48170. The group is seeking new members.

AROUND TOWN

Dining for Braille Books

Join Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia and Max & Erma's Laurel Park for the fifth-annual "Dining for Braille Books" Monday-Thursday, Sept. 17-20, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dine at Max & Erma's (Laurel Park Mall location only) anytime during these four days, present a special filer and 20 percent of your lunch or dinner check total will be donated to Seedlings to help make more children's books in braille. You may download a PDF filer at www.seedlings.org (click on Special Events) or contact Julie Conroyer at seedlink7@aol.com or 734-427-8552, Ext. 301 to request a filer. You must present a filer to participate.

Post-polio support group

The Michigan Post-Polio Support Group meets monthly on the fourth Saturday from March and September at First Presbyterian Church, 4328 Livernois in Troy. The group will have monthly luncheons between October and February: Oct. 27 in Livonia, Dec. 4 and Jan. 22 in Troy, and Feb. 9 in Madison Heights. The annual Post-Polio conference takes place Sept. 21-22 at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. For more information, call Bonnie Levitan, (313) 885-7855, or Dianne Dych, (586) 465-3104.

Pageant applications

The Miss Washtenaw County Organization sponsors the fourth-annual Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen Pageant. The competition will be held in conjunction with the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Pageant at Chelsea High School Nov. 3. Applications are

being accepted through Oct. 20. Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen Pageant is "open," meaning teens from all over the state are eligible to participate. They must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and will compete in the areas of Talent, Evening Gown, Interview, Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear and On-stage Question. The winner of this year's title will advance to the state pageant and the opportunity to represent Michigan at Miss America's Outstanding Teen in Orlando, Fla., next summer. She will also make appearances with Miss Washtenaw County at parades and other events throughout the year. Scholarships are awarded at the State and National Level for Outstanding Teen winners. Information about Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program can be found at www.mateen.org or Miss Michigan's Outstanding Teen Program at www.missmichiganteen.org. The deadline for applications for Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen is Oct. 20. For more information or to apply, e-mail mwcedh@msn.com

Genealogical Society meets
Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting on at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Livonia's Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. The main speaker, following the business meeting, will be Carol Brichford whose topic will be on "The Orphan Train." A 6:30 p.m. session by Sue Cromwell will feature "Organizing." The meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcomed. For further information, visit www.rootsweb.com/~miwccgs/ or call Margie at (734) 522-4050.

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If injury occurs to the outer area of your elbow, you face a different set of problems. The muscles originating from that side control activity of the back of the fingers. Injury to the elbow at this outside site make it difficult to grasp. That problem becomes serious for tennis players and led to calling the pain "tennis elbow."

Treatment for elbow pain occurring in a muscle is steroid injection at the source of the pain. The injection does not heal the injury but removes the irritation that surrounds the bruised tendon. The body's natural powers of repair resolve the injury. Thus, following an injection you are not free to return to full activity of elbow, but need to gradually return to unrestricted movement.

Other causes of elbow pain and loss of the joint to bend and extend are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. In these instances, treating the underlying condition usually halts further deterioration of the elbow joint. Replacement elbows are available, but both the science and design are in an early phase of development.

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AG Cox, Evans target child support offenders

Attorney General Mike Cox this week announced a new child support sweep in metro Detroit, named Operation: Back to School '07.

The sweep, which lasted three days, is a cooperative effort between Cox's Child Support Division and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans' Felony Friend of the Court Enforcement Unit.

The operation is targeting more than 100 metro Detroit area residents who are charged with felonies for not

paying substantial amounts of child support.

"We have named this Operation: Back to School '07 because this is the time of year when parents provide their children the necessities to go to school," Cox said. "New clothes, backpacks, and calculators are just some of the expenses that parents incur this time of year.

"Let this be a reminder that child support is necessary for every child all year long," the attorney general added. "We

are grateful for the cooperation of Sheriff Evans and his commitment to this important work."

The defendants charged in these cases have legal obligations to provide support for almost 150 children. Their combined arrearage is more than \$4 million.

"The impact on a child whose parent can't afford to provide them with basic necessities can't be measured," Evans said. "It takes a toll on their self-esteem,

which also affects their education. This stepped-up enforcement period expands on the daily efforts of the attorney general and my office to hold deadbeat parents accountable."

Cox's Child Support Division, the first statewide child support enforcement unit in the country, has collected more than \$45 million owed in back child support, directly benefiting more than 4,200 children.

In addition to benefiting

children, the Child Support Division also benefits the state. The attorney general's Child Support Division is on track to recover twice as much money for the State of Michigan in 2007 as the actual cost for the division.

Among those arrested by sheriff's deputies during Operation: Back to School '07 were:

■ Nicholas Kohalisky, 48, of Southfield, owed more than \$67,000 in back child support,

■ Percy Ainsworth, 41, of Detroit, owed more than \$57,000 in back child support; and

■ Kyle J. Perry, 34, of Detroit, owed more than \$50,000 in back child support.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty, Cox pointed out. To learn more about the Attorney General's Child Support Division, visit www.michigan.gov/ag

Schoolcraft College launches pharmacy tech course

Schoolcraft College has launched a program that aims to quell the recent shortage of pharmacy technicians, while giving future pharmacists a taste of the health profession.

The course, which takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 18 and Saturdays starting Sept. 22, costs \$1,259 which includes fee, text books and ICPT Certification exam fee.

The course is noncredit, and Workforce Investment funds may be available.

The Pharmacy Technician course is a 72-hour course designed to teach students the fundamentals and particulars of being a pharmacy technician. The program is geared toward students interested in being a pharmacy technician, pre-pharmacy students, or those looking to strengthen their skills in the health care field.

The class introduces students to various pharmacy practice settings and covers drug classes and interactions,

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daily pharmacy operations and basic physiology. Upon completion of this course, students will be efficient in completing daily tasks performed in a pharmacy setting and be prepared for entry-level pharmacy positions.

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists, including filling, packaging and distributing medications, and maintaining patient records and inventory. The technicians start earning about \$10 to \$15 an hour but

certified technicians can earn 20 to 30 percent more. Chain retail pharmacies, hospitals, and home health care pharmacies typically employ them.

"This class is truly excellent," said Paula Ellis, a homemaker who completed the 72-hour course last fall. "You really feel prepared to take on a pharmacy technician's job by the time you finish it."

Ellis, a 45-year-old stay-at-home mom, was one of 32 students graduating from MRxl Corporation and one of several to pass the National Certification Examination.

"There's no way that I could've passed that test without this training," she said. "It's very thorough."

The certificate has value to employers who prefer to hire those with preparation in the field, even though on-the-job training is always required.

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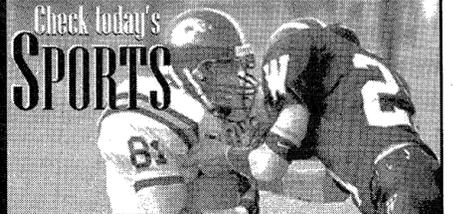
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Owner eyes Plymouth for Italian eatery

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

An Italian-style deli, owned by a family who operated an Italian restaurant in Livonia for 10 years, could be opening in Plymouth after the first of the year.

Paul DePalma, whose family owned DePalma's Italian restaurant on Plymouth Road for a decade before selling it, said he's been scouting out the office building on the northwest corner of Wing and Deer streets for awhile for the new venture called Nico Vali.

"We'll have limited sit-down and accommodate about 20-25 people inside," said DePalma, 36, who lived in Plymouth and Canton townships before moving to within a couple of blocks from the new business. "Our plan is to have outside seating, and revamp the exterior with a whole new facade. We'll give it a Tuscan look, with a touch of French country."

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PAUL DEPALMA, owner, Nico Vali

DePalma said the interior will be Italianesque, serving fresh soups, traditional and Italian deli lunches and stuffed pizzas.

"We hope to have a hit with our homemade pan pizza, not the traditional American style or the round pizza you'll find at the chains," DePalma said. "We'll also have various Italian desserts and beverages."

"We'll be relying on a lot of recipes from my dad and mother-in-law, who is an unbelievable cook," added DePalma, who will be running the restaurant with his wife, Silvia, 38. "We plan to have a

mini-market of Italian foods, too."

DePalma said the lunch crowd will be the business' main staple, with it open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. six days a week.

Oddly enough, Nico Vali isn't an Italian word. It's a combination of the names of DePalma's son, Nicola, 9; and his two daughters, Valentina, 6, and Liliana, 3.

"I wanted a combination of their names to create the name of the business," said DePalma.

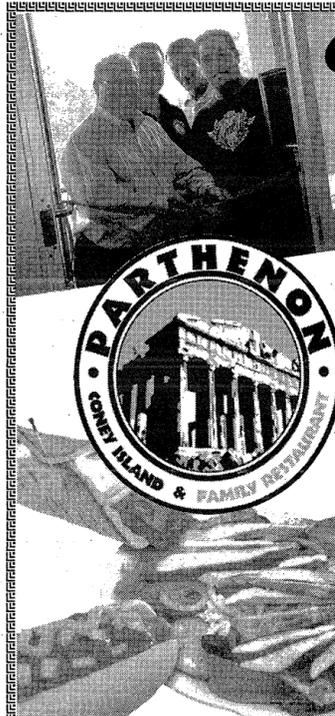
Fran Toney, the executive director for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said Plymouth is defying the odds of the state's economic downturn.

"In this economy, anytime someone opens a new business they must have great confidence in that community," said Toney. "And, this shows just how much confidence they have in Plymouth."

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Nico Vali, a proposed Italian restaurant in downtown Plymouth, will be Italianesque, serving fresh soups, traditional and Italian deli lunches and stuffed pizzas.



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Web site has good info, but don't rely on it for buy, sell decisions

What is your opinion of www.fundalarm.com which is an independent Web site devoted to mutual funds?

FundAlarm.com has some interesting information; however, I am not a fan of this Web site when it comes to evaluating funds to buy or sell. The FundAlarm methodology is based solely on past performance. Although past performance is important, it is not the only criterion that should be considered when it comes to buying or selling a fund.

One of the biggest problems with FundAlarm.com is the benchmarks used to compare performance are not appropriate. FundAlarm relies solely on the Morningstar classification of a fund. Unfortunately, Morningstar sometimes does not properly classify a fund.

For example, Morningstar does not have a classification



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

for what are known as "go-anywhere" funds which allow their team to invest in any sector of the economy. Sometimes these funds will be heavily invested in large companies, other times they will be invested in small companies.

Because Morningstar does not have a classification for these types of funds, they are put into the mid-cap blend area. Therefore, if you were to solely look at go-anywhere funds and compare them to mid-cap blend funds, it would not give you the proper comparison.

The underlying problem with FundAlarm.com is how they compare and evaluate

fund performances. If you use the wrong benchmark or an inappropriate peer group, it makes the information somewhat useless.

It is essential when you compare the performance of your fund vs. the benchmark or its peer group that you compare apples to apples.

When I do my research, I evaluate an investment using a variety of criteria and sources.

While FundAlarm.com is an interesting Web site, I would not rely on it when it comes to evaluating whether to buy or sell a fund.

How safe is it to start up a new account with a previously unknown bank online? They have some attractive money market accounts, but I'm not sure of safety. I am a Ford employee with an account at Ford Interest Advantage. The money is

not insured but the interest rates are good. I have a sizeable account. I'm bothered by Ford's current troubles. Would it be wise to move the money until things even out?

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these attractive rates almost as loss leaders because they want your banking business.

As to Ford Interest Advantage, you are correct. This money is not insured and if something did happen to Ford, your money is at risk. Based upon the fact you are justifiably nervous, I have no problem recommending you look elsewhere.

If you want to keep the money liquid, using money market accounts makes sense. In that regard, you can use an online bank. If the account is over \$100,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a retirement account) use two separate online banks. The FDIC insurance is limited to \$100,000 for nonretirement accounts and \$250,000 for retirement accounts.

If you do not need to keep this money liquid but want to

keep it safe, shop around for CDs and consider an equity-indexed annuity.

The advantage the equity-indexed annuity allows your money to grow tax-deferred. Annuities are also guaranteed up to \$100,000. If you are looking for a fixed or equity indexed annuity, buy one on a no-load basis.

There is no question that the Ford Interest Advantage is paying a favorable rate of return. However, investors must recognize that the rate of return is high because of the risk involved.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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DAY CARE

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lawsuit filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, was several employees who claimed management was altering their hours worked in the computer. One witness, education

coordinator Carlee Zarb of Northville, said she witnessed such altering firsthand. Zarb ended up with the largest share of the award, more than \$7,600.

"The computer system they have is one that you can just go back in and wipe out whatever you wanted," said Zarb, a Livonia native who

left Tutor Time in August 2005.

The lawsuit wound up with six plaintiffs, most of them, according to Mullen, young women without much work experience who didn't realize at first their wages were being altered.

"The problem is a lot of these girls are young and can't

afford to fight it," Mullen said. "(Tutor Time) took advantage of young girls who can't afford to hire an attorney to do something about it."

But Thompson pointed out the ruling carried no finding of fact against her clients, and seemed to "split down the middle" the original \$150,000 judgment the plaintiffs sought and the \$75,000 judgment Judge sought against her former employees for filing a frivolous suit.

"Given the amount (plaintiffs) were seeking, it's almost favorable to our client," Thompson said of the judgment. "Our clients haven't decided if they'll appeal. There's always room to appeal (but) if it's going to cost them less to live with this than it would in legal fees, it winds up being more favorable. And it brings closure. This has been very difficult for them."

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SEARCH

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place where excellent education happens," Wacyk said. "We've seen other schools struggle to find a superintendent."

Wacyk said it's more difficult now, than in the past, for districts to find superintendents. "Fewer people are willing to jump out of the other education roles into a job that demands so many hours and is fraught with so much difficulty," she said. "It's the only position that isn't protected, even though they have contracts."

LENGTH OF STAY

Wacyk noted superintendents stay an average of only three years in an urban district, with the length of stay longer in most others.

"Tenure is a critical point because most of the research on student achievement shows most of the changes a new leader implements take at least five years to show any serious results," Wacyk said. "A school that has a leader in place for a longer period of time seems to make the best gains."

Walled Lake Community Schools used MLI in hiring a new superintendent in July 2006, the district's first in 18 years. Judy Evola, director of community relations, said the Board of Education posted the opening twice.

"The first was more of a statewide and regional search, but then it became more of a national search," Evola said. "The board wanted to take a look at all the possible candi-

dates who might have interest throughout the country."

Evola said the key for Walled Lake was to include all the district's constituents in the process of hiring a superintendent.

"Giving them an opportunity to verbalize what qualities they want in a superintendent before the posting," said Evola. "That process was invaluable for us."

In the end, Walled Lake interviewed four assistant superintendents in metro Detroit. The eventual hire was William Hamilton, who spent the previous 13 years as an assistant superintendent in Walled Lake.

The search for a new superintendent will cost tens of thousands of dollars. Former Plymouth-Canton Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski of Canton said with the district struggling financially, now isn't the time to spend so much on a search.

"I don't think it's a good use of funds at this time, and they can do as good a job on their own," Ham-Kucharski said. "They can use listings in the newspaper, internal communications through the various state education groups, and add a national flavor with the national branches of those groups."

"The board can get the help of the district's human resources department to move it along," he said. "It wouldn't just be the board, itself, doing those activities."

The Board of Education will interview Michigan Leadership Institute Tuesday at 6 p.m., followed by Hazard, Young & Associates at 7 p.m. Both sessions will be conducted in the board meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

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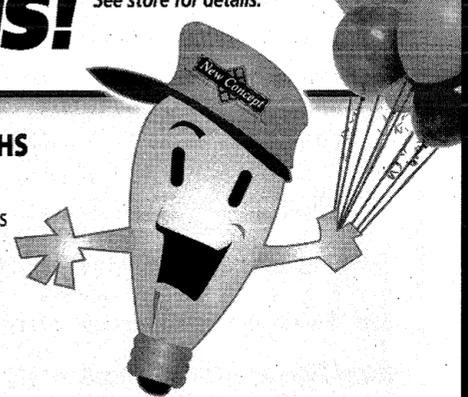
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OUR VIEWS

Hiring search firm right way to go

With apologies to Richard Ham-Kucharski, the former Plymouth-Canton school board member who decried the board's decision to spend money out of its stretched-too-thin budget on a search firm to help them hire a new superintendent, we believe the board made the right decision.

While Ham-Kucharski has had some interesting ideas of ways to cut the budget, we believe the district's plan to hire a search firm with experience in national searches is a good one.

The board is charged with the responsibility of replacing Superintendent Dr. James Ryan, who will retire at the end of February. Ryan is an enormously popular and accomplished superintendent who has guided the district through difficult financial times.

The board has shaved some \$12.5 million from its \$152 million budget over the last six years, including \$4.5 million this year alone. Board members have, until recently, been able to keep the cuts out of the classrooms. And it hasn't been enough; the district still faces a structural deficit of some \$3.6 million with which to deal.

Ryan, who took the job after the failed Kathleen Booher administration ended in July 2002 — barely 18 months after it started — understands the financial workings in a state where some 80 percent of public school funding comes from Lansing.

He also understands the political terrain in a growing district that, under his successor, will in all likelihood become the third-largest district in the state. The agendas among board members are a political reality, and Ryan has learned to navigate them deftly.

Ham-Kucharski believes the national search is unnecessary, that there are plenty of local candidates who could fill the bill. If that's true, none have revealed

themselves yet, and the board has been talking about this for months. Assistant Superintendent Ken Jacobs seems a logical choice, but has expressed little or no interest. No other internal candidates would seem viable.

The next superintendent is going to have to be able to navigate the political scene in Plymouth-Canton; more importantly, he or she is going to need extensive knowledge of how the state funds schools. He or she is going to have to be a "people" person willing to get out and talk to parents' groups and parent-teacher organizations, regular citizens who wish to have their voices heard.

And the next superintendent would preferably have some experience managing something akin to Plymouth-Canton's huge budget. That person, with all due respect to Jacobs and others already in the district, doesn't exist locally.

You could argue the district has been down this path before; it was, after all, a search firm that brought Booher before the board seven years ago. The board also spent a great deal of money on the consultant before the last bond issue failure, and you could make a persuasive argument that was a waste of money, since the consultant's survey didn't tell board members anything they didn't already know and the firm failed to deliver the desired result: A successful bond campaign.

But with a paucity of viable local candidates and search experience on the board (only President Judy Mardigian has participated in one), the board is left with few options to hiring a search firm.

At 6-foot-5 and with an impressive array of accomplishments over his career, Ryan leaves large shoes to fill. Hiring a search firm could be the best way to find someone to fill them.

LETTERS

Democracy not for everyone

In the Sept. 9 letter to the editor, "Freedom is the key," the author believes that President Bush's plan to democratize the Middle East and in so doing, stabilize the area, eliminate terrorism and finally bring freedom to all, is a plan we should all support. The goals of such a plan may be noble, but to assume that democracy is for everyone is naïve and in the case of Iraq, deadly and without a chance of success.

As far as the American Civil War is concerned, to think that slavery was the only reason for the war is also naïve. Northern soldiers did not risk their lives to free Negroes from slavery; they did it to preserve the union and Northern industrial prosperity. Confederate soldiers from the rural South risked their lives not to preserve slavery, but to preserve their independence and their way of life from the ever-dominating and encroaching North.

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

to cut all funding that continues the occupation of Iraq.

We, in Michigan's 11th District have a congressman who has supported the occupation every step of the way. He has voted against all legislation to set benchmarks, troop withdrawal and redeployment, and has supported troop increases. This, in spite of the letters and phone calls from his constituents to do exactly the opposite.

In August, he even voted to extend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for six months. This FISA law allows for warrantless wire tapping of American citizens. Mr. McCotter stated in *Observer* Aug. 23 edition: "No constitutional right is absolute." Our right to privacy is not a concern for him?

Next year is a congressional and presidential election year. We need to keep this in mind as we track the voting record of our congressional representative in the 11th District. For now, we need to voice our opposition to the continued funding for all operations in Iraq.

Patricia Linna
Westland

Stop funding war

We must end all funding for U.S. operations in Iraq except to get out! It is time to end the fraud on the American people called the war on terror in Iraq.

Why anyone is fooled into thinking General Petraeus has a legitimate report on how things are going in Iraq is beyond my comprehension. This is the same man who vouched for the lie that we had found the WMD biological labs back in 2003!

The current report from the GAO indicate only three of the 18 benchmarks set by Congress were met. The situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate, and we need Congress to find its backbone and do what the American public needs them to do. That is,

Pay the piper

In 1993, Bill Clinton was able to get a budget passed in the House and the Senate without one Republican vote. Indeed, because there was a tax increase on the wealthiest Americans, Republicans acted as if the sky would fall if the budget passed. One Republican legislator beseeched his Democrat colleagues not to follow this Pied Piper, meaning the president, to disaster. It was an odd choice of allegory because, as we know, the Pied Piper did his job of eliminating the rats from Hamelin but the major refused to pay him. And so, the Piper entices the children of Hamelin to follow him out of town, never to return. It would seem obvious that the

moral of that story is that the citizens of Hamelin should have paid the Piper for his services. That payment would be called a tax.

After that budget was passed with a tax increase (which followed another tax increase during the George H. W. Bush administration), the economy expanded. Indeed, we had eight years of unprecedented economic growth. Now, it is difficult to say what would have happened if there were no tax increase, but we do know that it did not hurt the economy.

And we also know that we need taxes to pay for government services. Now, we have those who want something for nothing, who want our cities and towns to be safe, our water, land and air to be unpolluted, our food untainted with microbes, our bridges safe to cross and roads passable, good schools and effective agencies to help our businesses grow, etc. They want so much, but like the good mayor of Hamelin, they refuse to pay for it.

And who should suffer? In the final analysis, our children. We will leave them a society that is less safe, humane and sustainable because of some stubborn, greedy people who think they should have their services without payment.

God help us if we listen to them, if we give into our own greed as if all that is important is that we have the money to pay for the things that fill up our lives without regard to the betterment of our state's welfare. I call this an "apatriotic" attitude in the sense that there is a lack of concern for the well-being of our land and our people. At this time, we need patriots who truly care about the future of our state, who will be willing to pay the Piper for the sake of our children, and their children and future generations.

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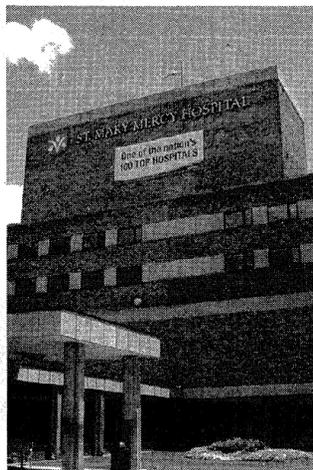
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Plymouth senior running back Myron Puryear looks for daylight during the second quarter of Friday night's 22-20 victory over Canton. Puryear rushed for a team-high 116 yards and two touchdowns, one a 56-yard scamper.

Down to the wire

Plymouth withstands late drive to nip Chiefs, 22-20

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Friday night's football clash between Canton and Plymouth wouldn't have been any more dramatic, tension-packed or climactic if Steven Spielberg had written the fourth-quarter script.

Trailing by two with less than a minute to play, the Chiefs marched to the Plymouth 40 before Wildcat senior linebacker Kyle Wallath and his fellow defenders rose to the occasion to secure Plymouth's 22-20 victory.

The triumph — Plymouth's first ever against Canton — improved the Wildcats' record to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The setback — Canton's first regular-season home loss since Sept. 14, 2001, when it dropped a 45-34 barn-burner to Drew Stanton-led Farmington Hills Harrison — evened the Chiefs' ledger at 2-2 and 1-1, respectively.

"We've been training for this year-round," said Wallath, moments after the most significant high school football victory in his career. "We put a lot of hard work in the weight room and it showed on the field

tonight. I'm very proud of this team.

"Now we just want to keep it going, try to win the league and get into the playoffs."

"This has been a long time coming," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "Ever since I've been here, I've kept telling the kids that if they kept doing things the right way, if they didn't cut corners and they were great citizens, good things were going to happen to them.

"I've got to commend my coaching staff. They put hours and hours into this game plan and they had the kids well-prepared. My hat is off to (Canton) coach Baechler and his staff, too. You're talking about one of the top three coaching staffs in the state over there. They have a great staff and they're a great football team."

Baechler couldn't have been much prouder of his team if it had pulled out a last-second win.

"I was very proud of the way they kept at it in the second half, but we just made too many mistakes in the first half," said Baechler. "Especially with our offense, it's

Please see **PLYMOUTH, B3**

AN HISTORIC NIGHT

■ Plymouth's 22-20 victory over Canton Friday night was the school's first-ever win over the Chiefs in the four years it's been playing high school football.

■ Canton's loss on Friday was its first regular-season home setback since Sept. 14, 2001, when Farmington Harrison, which was led by future Michigan State and Detroit Lion quarterback Drew Stanton, defeated the Chiefs, 45-34.

■ The result left both the Wildcats and Chiefs with 1-1 records in the WLAA's Western Division. Two other teams — Livonia Franklin and Wayne Memorial — are also 1-1, one game behind unbeaten Walled Lake Western.

■ Detroit Lions receiver Mike Furrey, who led the National Football League in receptions in 2006, delivered an inspirational message to the Wildcats prior to Friday night's game and during the team's post-season meeting.

Unbeaten Churchill rips Rocks

Off to a 4-0 football start, it's best since the 1978 season, Livonia Churchill can start smelling a post-season playoff berth.

The Chargers made it look easy Friday night in their home opener, squashing winless Salem in a WLAA-Lakes Division matchup, 48-0.

Grant Morgan's 13-yard touchdown pass — his only completion of the night — to Ryan Whittum started the avalanche of points for the Chargers with 2:35 left in the first quarter. The six-play, 43-yard scoring drive was set up by Daran Carey's fumble recovery.

Carey they scored on an 11-yard TD run later in the quarter and Whittum's extra point made it 14-0.

Churchill added three more scores in the second period.

Tight end Billy Mayer recovered teammate Keshawn Robinson's fumble in the end zone with 10:08 remaining until halftime after Kevin Tabone set up the score when he returned a Rocks' fumble to the Salem 6.

With 5:44 left until intermission, Salem botched a punt deep in its own end and Churchill's Brian Ziembra recovered in the end zone to make it 27-0 (the kick failed).

Carey then scored his second TD of the night, a 12-yard run, with only 47 seconds left to cap an eight-play, 63-yard drive.

After leading 34-0 at halftime, Churchill started a running clock with 6:20 left in the third quarter on Max DiCicco's 25-yard touchdown run. Shay Slatin's 1-yard scoring run with 4:55 remaining in the game completed the scoring after Robert Carter pounced on Salem's fourth fumbled punt return attempt of the night.

Churchill's defense, led by Devin Moynihan's 12 tackles and Darius Miller-Wells' two sacks, limited the Rocks to 147 yards total offense.

Salem (0-4, 0-2) had only 65 yards rushing on 23 attempts. The Rocks have now lost 19 consecutive games. Heather Parling was 5-of-15 passing for 54 yards, while Justin Bashi was 1-of-1 for 27 yards.

Churchill racked up 311 of its 324 yards in total offense on the ground led by Jeff Ricketts (10-for-94) and DiCicco (12-of-63).

The Chargers had 16 first downs to Salem's eight.

Sidelines

Chief golfers win

Canton's girls golf team improved its record to 2-0 Wednesday by upending Salem, 214-248, in a match played at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

Junior captain Chelsea Osburn led the way with a nine-over 45. Kara Gregory (50), Johanna Alexander (56) and Mary Elizabeth Winther (63) also scored for the winners.

Salem was paced by Natalie Barnett's 57.

Baseball tryouts

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Grid standouts

A trio of former P-CEP graduates are excelling for their respective college teams.

Ex-Canton star Devin Thomas, a junior at Michigan State University, led the Spartans to a 28-17 victory over Bowling Green Sept. 8 when he hauled in four passes for 156 yards and a touchdown. In his second year with the Spartans, Thomas is leading the Big Ten in yards per catch with a 29.8 average.

Former Plymouth standout Brent Jones is currently the leading rusher for Hope College. Jones, a sophomore has picked up 221 yards on 46 carries. He's scored one TD this season and is averaging 103.5 yards per game.

Josh LeDuc, Jones' ex-teammate at Plymouth, has earned a starting spot at tight end for Eastern Michigan University. Through the Eagles' first two games, LeDuc had caught three passes for 18 yards.

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'Cats quench City Meet title thirst with 1st crown

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BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

After five years of advancing to the doorstep of the P-CEP City Meet, the Plymouth girls cross country team knocked the door down on Thursday afternoon at Cass-Benton Park in Northville.

Led by the one-two punch of Kelly Hahn and Beth Heldmeyer, the Wildcats captured the school's first City Meet crown by compiling 27 points to outdistance Canton and four-time defending champion Salem.

"We've never won this before, so it's enormous to us," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin, when asked the significance of her team's accomplishment. "It's a great victory for us. Canton and

Salem are both talented, well-coached teams and whenever you can beat two talented, well-coached teams, it's going to put a smile on your face."

Kerwin said her runners were inspired by several former Wildcat runners who graduated this past summer.

"Some of our graduated seniors from last year's team sent e-mails to everybody on this year's team that said, 'You have to win it for all of the runners who went before you,'" Kerwin revealed. "That meant a lot to the girls and a lot to me because I've coached them all before.

"Some people kind of downplay the City Meet, but it was everything it was meant to be to the 22 girls on my team."

Only a sophomore, Hahn posted a sensational first-place time of 19:57. The sub-20-minute clocking was impressive not only because the season

is still young, but because the Cass-Benton course is "one of the toughest in the state," according to Kerwin.

"That's a tremendous time on this course and Kelly is a tremendous runner," said Kerwin. "We had a game plan before the meet started and we knew who we had to be in front of to win the race and the girls did that and them some."

"My hat's off to Plymouth," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "They deserve it. Mary has a very solid team and a great program. Those kids work very hard and they're a true team. They have a good lead runner in Hahn and that team packs very nicely, so they're going to do some damage in the Western Lakes."

The Rocks were led by Kelley Determan's fifth-place showing in 21:19. Her teammate, Jordyn Moore,

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Plymouth sophomore Kelly Hahn took medalist honors at Thursday's girls P-CEP City Meet as she finished the three-mile run in a time of 19:57. The Wildcats captured their first City title thanks in large part to Hahn's effort.

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placed sixth at 21:19.8. "I thought Jordyn ran very well today," said Gerlach. "Overall, we were down a little for some reason. We gave it our best shot. I don't know even on a good day if we would have been able to catch Plymouth. They're the real deal."

A pair of Canton runners — freshman Rachel Rohrbach and junior Sarah Thomas — placed third and fourth respectively with times of 20:47 and 20:55. The next Chiefs to cross the line were Katie Rymond (12th at 21:52) and Katy Galm (13th at 22:05).

"I thought overall that our top girls looked really good," said Canton coach Eric Pahl. "Obviously, Plymouth is very strong. Hopefully, our third, fourth and fifth girls can start matching what they're doing."



PHOTOS BY ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Cross country runners from Salem, Plymouth and Canton break from the starting line at the beginning of Thursday's P-CEP City Meet at Cass-Benton Park in Northville. Plymouth won its first City title behind the 1-2 finish of sophomore Kelly Hahn and junior Beth Heldmeyer.

Salem cross country foes feeling blue after Rocks cruise to City Meet title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The color of the sky for Thursday afternoon's PCEP boys cross country City Meet at Cass-Benton Park in Northville matched the color of the final meet standings — Salem blue.

The Rocks placed nine runners in the top 11 spots to post an incredibly low 18 points, 27 fewer than runner-up and defending champ Plymouth (45) and 76 fewer than third-place Canton's 94.

Senior captain Kevin deBear crossed the line first in 16:36, 14 seconds faster than teammate Rob Curtis. Plymouth's Justin Huey finished third in 17:10, just ahead of a convoy of five more Rocks: Craig Cowing (17:26), Erik Volstromer (17:42), Alex Volstromer (17:52), Jason Smith (18:05) and Justin Kane (18:07).

Plymouth's Alex Noble (18:17) and Salem's Jared Jones (18:23) rounded out the top 10.

"Canton didn't run their varsity guys and (Plymouth coach) Lee (Shaw) said that he was short a couple of guys, so that takes some of the luster off winning today," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "But with the way this week has been going, we were just glad to be able to race on a beautiful day."

Baker said he was as impressed with how some of his middle-of-the-pack runners performed as he was by deBear and the other consistently top-of-the-standings runners.

"As a coach, I'm looking at our overall team — from 1 to 26," he said. "They're still dropping time each week. I'm very happy with the way Kevin and Rob ran. Craig (Cowing) had a good run today, too. Now I'm looking for the guys from

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GEOFF BAKER, Salem coach

four to 12 to push up and close the gap that separates them from the top three."

Baker admitted the days of the City Meet may be numbered.

"I went over to the Livonia City Meet on Tuesday and they take it very seriously," said Baker. "If all three schools goes at it the same way and focuses on it as an important event, than that's what it will be. But there always seems to be a bigger and better meet coming up that forces one or two of the teams to not take it as seriously as other teams."

Plymouth coach Lee Shaw said his team's City Meet title defense was disappointing.

"We didn't run with enough heart," Shaw said. The Wildcats were without the services one of their top runners, Derek Lax.

Canton's top finishers were Anton Schaurts, who placed 21st with a time of 19:33; and Paul Rakovitis, who was 22nd in 19:35.

The Chiefs' varsity runners were rested so that they would be fresh for Saturday's Ludington Invitational, a meet that regularly attracts several of the state's top teams.

CITY MEET RESULTS

P-CEP CITY MEET THURSDAY AT CASS-BENTON BOYS RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 18; 2. Plymouth, 45; 3. Canton, 94.

SALEM: 1. Kevin deBear, 16:36; 2. Rob Curtis, 16:50; 4. Craig Cowing, 17:10; 5. Erik Volstromer, 17:42; 6. Alex Volstromer, 17:52; 7. Jason Smith, 18:05; 8. Justin Kane, 18:07; 10. Jared Jones, 18:23; 11. Alex Lang, 18:26; 13. Jimmy Daniels, 18:32; 14. Neil Gerlach, 18:38; 16. Matt Devey, 18:45; 20. Rob Mancuso, 19:24; 25. Mike Giles, 19:48; 26. Matt Rowley, 19:54; 27. Rob Cowing, 20:04.

PLYMOUTH: 3. Justin Huey, 17:10; 9. Alex Noble, 18:17; 12. Matt Neuman, 18:27; 15. Steve Schultz, 18:44; 17. Jimmy Chen, 19:15; 18. Lucas Seibel, 19:21; 19. Steven Baluze, 19:23; 23. Zack Koch, 19:36; 28. Colin Hessel, 20:12; 29. Brandon Burke, 20:12; 33. Cameron Benedict, 21:19; 34. Dylan Noble, 21:23.

CANTON: 21. Anton Schubatis, 19:33; 22. Paul Rakovitis, 19:35; 24. Keegan Sullivan, 19:41; 30. Jay Jasinski, 20:17; 31. Martin Sigular, 21:06; 32. David Austin, 21:06; 36. Matt Western, 21:37; 37. Matt Cipolla, 21:55.

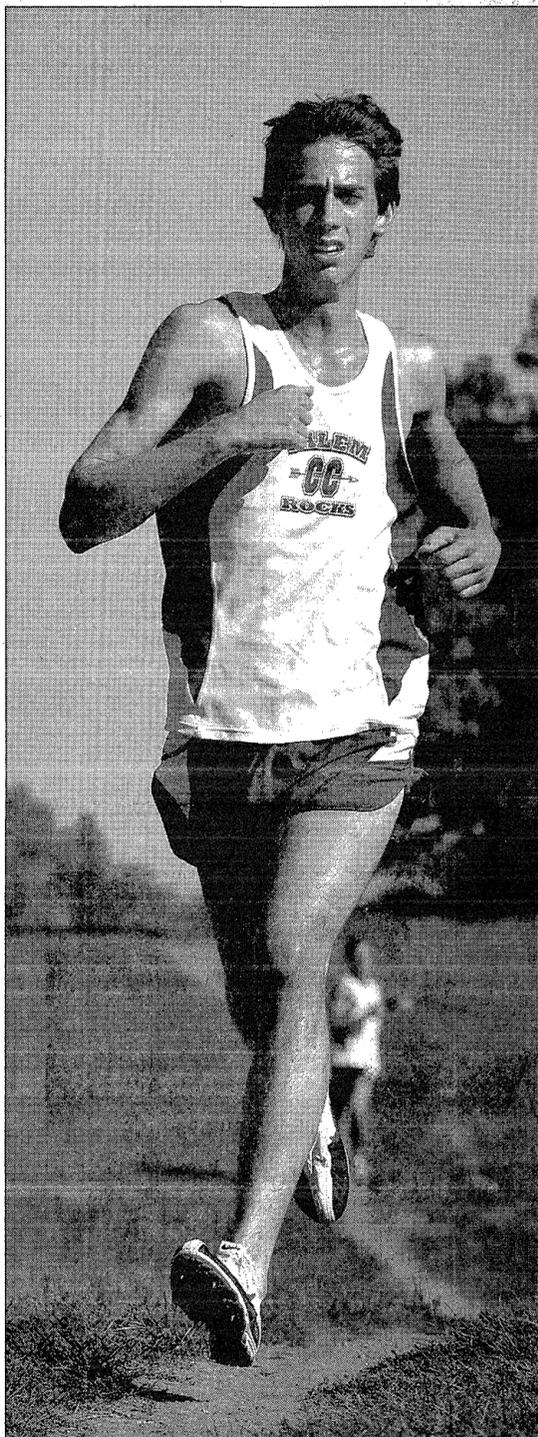
GIRLS RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 27; 2. Canton, 49; 3. Salem, 52.

PLYMOUTH: 1. Kelly Hahn, 19:57; 2. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:11; 7. Julie Forster, 21:21; 8. Paula Green, 21:24; 9. Lauren Ahearn, 21:41; 10. Brianna Hessler, 21:51; 15. Pam Bhullar, 22:12; 16. Elise Chagas, 22:14; 17. Sarah Brown, 22:17; 23. Adrienne White, 22:39; 36. Kelsey Reineri, 23:36; 40. Chelsea Dalton, 23:55; 45. Laura Hahn, 24:11; 53. Katie Balaze, 24:52; 58. Annie Bergmans, 26:19; 59. Lizzie Bartek, 26:46; 60. Jess Graham, 27:02; 62. Alison Huey, 27:43.

CANTON: 3. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:47; 4. Sarah Thomas, 20:55; 12. Katie Rymond, 21:52; 13. Katy Galm, 22:05; 19. Melanie Kulczyczi, 22:19; 21. Paula Schubatis, 22:31; 24. Bianca Kubicki, 22:44; 25. Brittany Demosey, 22:47; 26. Margaret Murphy, 22:58; 27. Tayne Pagel, 23:01; 28. Abigail Gorzalski, 23:10; 29. Rachel Brunk, 23:11; 32. Chelsea Smith, 23:18; 42. Sam Schlamp, 24:00; 43. Erica Eimers, 24:03; 44. Katelin David, 24:07; 46. Courtney Campbell, 24:13; 50. Yukiko Krollicki, 24:41; 52. Ashley DuPuis, 24:48; 54. Brianna Starosciak, 25:41; 55. Ashley Cade, 25:43; 63. Rachel Ferree, 27:47; 64. Hannah Zomermaand, 28:09; 65. Shelby Olsen, 29:05; 66. Sarah Mendonca, 33:45.

SALEM: 5. Kelley Determan, 21:19; 6. Jordyn Moore, 21:19.8; 11. Kara Booms, 21:51.5; 14. Shannon Griffiths, 22:07; 18. Lauren Olson, 22:18; 20. Sabrina Burtoff, 22:20; 22. Mackenzie Rogers, 22:34; 30. Freyal Shah, 23:15; 31. Emma VanHoof, 23:16; 33. Alex McHugh, 23:20; 34. Kaitlyn Cray, 23:26; 35. Phoebe VanHoof, 23:37; 37. Jessica Rocheleau, 23:41; 38; 38. Kristina Kluselz, 23:45; 39. Jessica Battle, 23:46; 41. Kortney Marsh, 23:56; 47. Heather Maclean, 24:18; 48. Annie White, 24:22; 49. Rachel Morrison, 24:40; 51. Meg Paritz, 24:47; 56. Emily Rossman, 25:52; 57. Emily Miller, 25:52.7; 61. Taylor Abby, 27:27.



Salem senior Kevin deBear crossed the line first at Thursday's P-CEP City Meet cross country event as he covered the hilly, three-mile course in 16:36. Rob Curtis, deBear's teammate, finished second.

Pats shock Wayne with late TD

Livonia Franklin football still has a pulse.

The Patriots, winless in their first three starts, earned their first victory of the season Friday night with a heart-stopping 21-18 win at Wayne Memorial.

Lanky wide receiver Israel Woolfork, a 6-foot-4 senior, pulled in a jump-ball pass in the end zone over a Wayne defender from senior quarterback Jesse Carpenter with only 11 seconds remaining to give the Patriots (1-3, 1-1) the WLA Western Division triumph. The touchdown play covered 36 yards.

The game-winning TD came as a result of a nine-play, 35-yard drive where Carpenter completed 5-of-9 passes.

Wayne (2-2, 1-1) seemingly had the game in hand when Antwain Calloway took a bubble-screen pass from D.J. Freeman and raced into the end zone from 44 yards out with only 1:35 remaining to push the Zebras on top, 18-12.

"We finally played with some heart and overcame some adversity that we haven't been able to overcome before," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team won despite five turnovers (two interceptions and three fumbles lost).

Wayne got off to a roaring start, scoring on its first two possessions — D.J. Freeman on a 4-yard run followed by Anthony Baskin's 40-yard TD dash.

Carpenter, who was 14-of-25 for 225 yards, then tossed the first of his three TD passes, a 19-yarder to Mark McRobb. He later hit Brian Humenay on a 17-yard scoring strike just before the half to push the Patriots ahead, 14-12 (following Carpenter's two extra points).

The score remained that way until the final quarter.

"We played good team defense," Kelbert said. "Our defense played very well after we gave up 12 points in the first quarter. We shut them down until the fourth quarter. We also got a key interception in the end zone from Israel (Woolfork) to stop a (Wayne) drive before they scored."

Franklin, despite five turnovers, had 373 yards in total offense to Wayne's 291.

Woolfork had four catches for 114 yards, while Humenay added five catches for 92 yards.

McRobb rushed for 65 yards on 13 carries, while D.J. Freeman led Wayne with 110 yards on 11 attempts. Freeman was 6-of-15 from 119 yards and one interception. Calloway added three catches for 88 yards.

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PLYMOUTH

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hard to come back when you get in a 14-0 hole like we did. We played like we were young and inexperienced because we are young and inexperienced.

"Plymouth didn't make any mistakes as far as turning the ball over. And despite the turnovers we made, the kids still came back and almost got it. We probably didn't deserve to win, but the kids came back and almost made it happen."

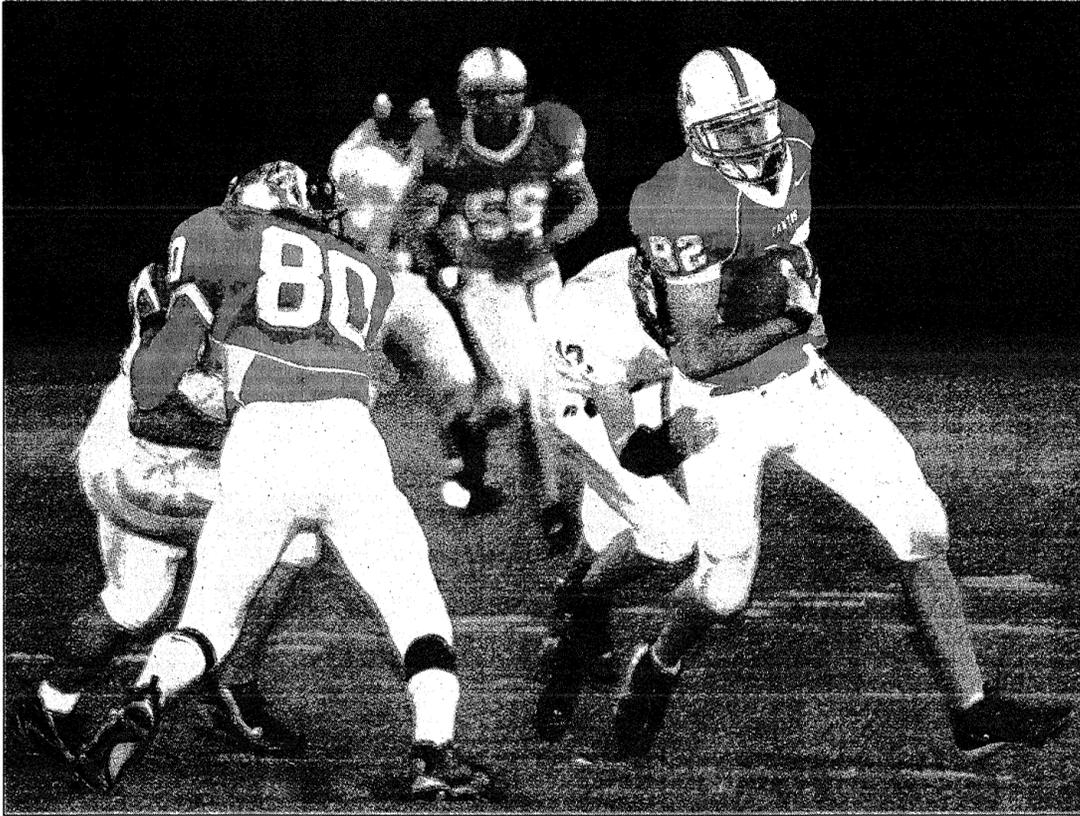
Senior running back Myron Puryear was the offensive spark plug for the Wildcats, picking up 116 yards on 13 carries. Puryear's 56-yard touchdown sprint with 9:46 left may have been the most-significant play in a game filled with significant plays.

"That run was huge," said Sawchuk, referring to the Puryear scoring gallop that increased his team's lead to 22-13. "Myron was a little bit quicker tonight than our other running backs and he was hitting the holes a little harder. When we went out for our last drive, I told coach (Kurt) Britnell to make sure Myron was out there."

The Chiefs owned the first quarter. Canton drove the ball 73 yards to the Plymouth 1 on its game-opening drive before getting stuffed just short of the goal line on a fourth-down play. Following a Plymouth punt the Chiefs drove to the Plymouth 21, but came up empty again when Daniel Stoney's 38-yard field missed wide left.

Plymouth was unable to move the ball on its next drive, but the Wildcats gained some momentum when they recovered a punt near mid-field on the ensuing punt. Four minutes later, senior quarterback C.J. Gregory connected with senior receiver Mike Hanchett on a 13-yard scoring pass to put Plymouth up, 6-0. Mike Korona added the point after to make it 7-0.

The Wildcats doubled their lead to 14-0 with 2:21



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton senior tight end William Tidwell heads downfield after hauling in an Adam Powers pass during the Chiefs' final drive. Tidwell picked up 22 yards before getting forced out of bounds.

remaining in the first half when Puryear burst in from two yards out. The TD was set up three plays earlier when Michael Rose blocked a Canton punt and Plymouth recovered at the Chief 17.

The Chiefs came out storming in the second half and scored on their first drive when senior quarterback Adam Powers powered in from the 1. The center-to-holder exchange was botched on the extra point leaving the score at 14-6. Senior fullback Jordan Raiford set up the score with a 23-yard run on third-and-18 three plays earlier.

Plymouth defense made it a two-possession game when they pinned a Chief running back in the end zone. The safety made it 16-6 with 3:52

remaining in the third quarter. Undeterred, Canton cut its deficit to 16-13 three minutes later with a 33-yard TD strike from Powers to junior running back David Wilcox and Stoney's extra point.

Puryear's dazzling 56-yard, cut-back run made it 22-13 before Wilcox plunged into the end zone from one yard out to make it 22-20 with 4:51 left.

Plymouth fumbled the ensuing kickoff, causing a 20-player scrum at the Wildcat 25-yard line. When the pile of players was separated, a Wildcat secured the ball.

Canton regained possession of the ball with 1:55 left at its own 28. Sparked by a 28-yard Powers-to-William Tidwell hook-up, the Chiefs advanced to the Plymouth 40,

but on second-and-10, Wallath wrapped up Powers, who threw the ball away to avoid the sack, drawing an intentional grounding penalty.

Raiford then rumbled eight yards, setting up a fourth-and-12 from the Plymouth 42.

Plymouth junior defensive end Ronnie Goble ended the potential game-winning drive when he sacked Powers for a six-yard loss.

Gregory and Hanchett hooked up five times for 67 yards and a TD.

Junior Terrance Guthridge, the Wildcats' leading rusher heading into the contest, was held to 29 yards on nine carries.

Raiford led Canton with 170 yards on seven attempts. Powers was 3-of-7 passing for

62 yards. He also ran for 82 yards on 13 runs.

The WLA's Western Division is now up for grabs as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia Franklin and Wayne are all 1-1. Walled Lake Western took a 1-0 division mark into Saturday's game against 0-1 Northville.

Things will shake out a little next week as Canton travels to Western on Thursday while Plymouth will visit Franklin, which earned its first victory of the season Friday night against Wayne.

"I've seen Franklin on tape and they have to be the best 0-3 team I've ever seen," said Sawchuk. "We don't have any time to rest, that's for sure."

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
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W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY, SEPT. 17
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 18
Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
Canton 9 Invitational, 9 a.m.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
Salem, Canton at Jackson Invite, TBA

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22
Salem, Canton at Jackson Invite, TBA

GIRLS GOLF

MONDAY, SEPT. 17
W.L. Central at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 3 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19
Canton at Livonia Franklin at Idlewild G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Northern, 3 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

MONDAY, SEPT. 17
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 17
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19
Canton at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
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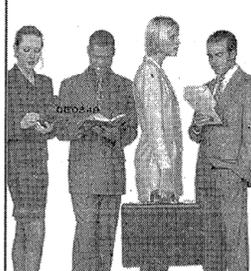
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Plymouth's Chris Terry (right) celebrates a goal with his teammates during a preseason game earlier this fall.

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Plymouth's home opener is Saturday, September 22 at 7:05 p.m. against the Erie Otters at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers will raise their OHL championship banner before the start of the game. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Salem soccer team enjoys strong week

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Salem soccer team's victory over Walled Lake Northern Monday night must have lit the Rocks' fuse because they've been playing like dynamite ever since.

After failing to register a victory in its first nine games, Salem has gone 3-0 thanks to a 3-0 victory over Livonia Churchill on Thursday and Wednesday's 6-0 drubbing of Westland John Glenn.

The Rocks now stand 3-2-7 (3-1 in the WLLA's Lakes Division) heading into a critical series of games next week.

"We certainly had a very good week, led by our defense," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, in the wake of Thursday's triumph over the Chargers, who entered the match ranked No. 8 in Division 1. "We've only given up one goal in our last six games now so we're definitely playing better overall in the back. Hopefully, we can carry this momentum into next week."

Beginning Monday, the Rocks open a five-day stretch during which they play Churchill, Livonia Stevenson (Wednesday) and Canton (Friday). The showdown against the unbeaten Spartans will go a long way toward determining the Lakes Division champion.

Juniors Josh Pascarella and Jace Bearden were the heroes in Thursday's decisive win over the Chargers. Pascarella tallied all three goals, the first two of which were assisted by

Bearden.

"On Josh's first goal, Jace dribbled through the box and drew a lot of defenders to him," said McCarthy. "If Josh wouldn't have tucked the ball in the goal, Jace's ball probably would have gone in anyway."

"On the second won, Jace made a great cross, their goalie came out to get the ball but missed it and Josh put it in."

Pascarella's second net-finder gave the Rocks a 2-0 halftime advantage. His third, with just over three minutes left in the game, was assisted by Dan Radosevich.

McCarthy praised the play of defenders Kevin Cope and Scott Dreaver, and senior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic.

"Sasa's been very good lately," said McCarthy. "He's playing as well as any keeper in the state."

Sophomore forward Alex Tramel recorded three goals and an assist in Wednesday's rout of the Rockets. Pascarella netted a pair of goals and an assist while junior Matt Woster notched a goal and an assist. Nick Schreiber, Mohammed Pourmandi and Cope also had assists.

Salem led just 1-0 at the break before pouring in five second-half goals.

"We didn't chance anything at the half, but we talked about the importance of winning since it was a division game," said McCarthy. "We certainly didn't want to let it slip away so the guys got re-motivated and we wore them down a little in the second half."

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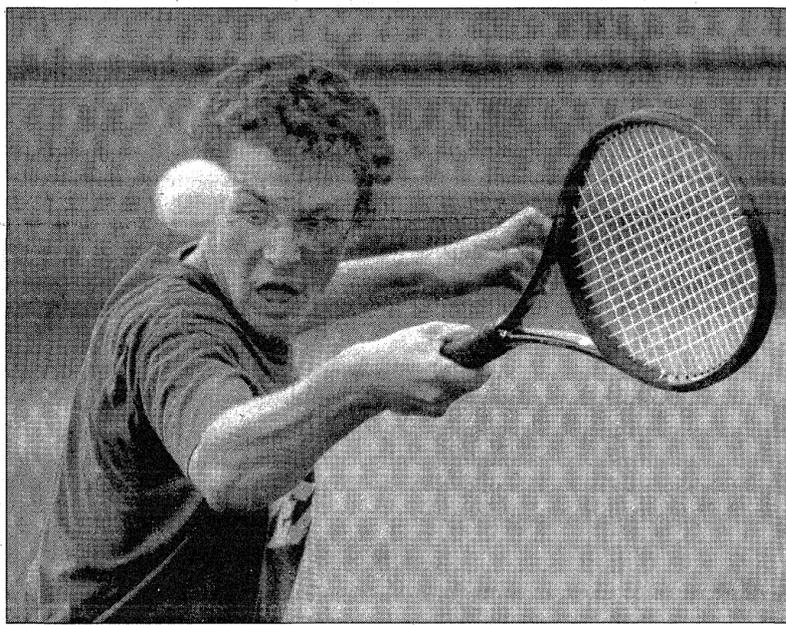
Sept. 12 at Churchill

- No. 1 singles: Nicky Payne (LC) defeated Dan Jeong, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
- No. 2: Aniket Patel (LC) def. Patrick Onoro, 6-4, 7-5.
- No. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Steve Ostrowski, 6-0, 6-1.
- No. 4: Alex Clos (LC) def. Andy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2.
- No. 1 doubles: Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Anoop Gopal- Matt Dwan, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
- No. 2: Pat Bailey-Max Korpalski (P) def. Eric Neuman-Eric Slusarski, 6-4, 6-1.
- No. 3: John Tabor-Mike Appel (LC) def. Max Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-4, 6-4.
- No. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Pat Moroney-Kyle Stopa, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3.
- Churchill's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 2-1 WLLA.

SALEM 6 PLYMOUTH 2

Sept. 13 at Plymouth

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- No. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Pat Onoro, 6-0, 6-0.
- No. 3: Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Jake Burnstein, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6.
- No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Andy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-0.
- No. 1 doubles: Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S) def. Anoop Gopal-Matt Dwan, 6-0, 6-0.
- No. 2: Pat Bailey-Max Korpalski (P) def. Tyler Jeleniewski-Dion Walker, 6-1, 6-3.
- No. 3: Ryan Aubert-Yuvi Rajeev (S) def. Max Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-3, 6-2.
- No. 4: John Kang-Andy Steinman (S) def. Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.



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Salem's No. 2 singles player Brett Foster returns a serve during Monday's scrimmage with Canton. Foster had a productive week for the Rocks, winning both his matches against Plymouth on Thursday and against Livonia Churchill on Friday.

Agape kickers suffer first loss

The Canton Agape boys soccer team suffered its first setback of the season Thursday, 4-1, to Macomb Christian. The loss dropped the Wolverines' record to 5-1 overall and 1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

"I thought the boys played hard," said Agape coach Dan DeWitt. "We just got beat by a better team."

Brandon Pierson staked Agape to a 1-0 advantage mid-way through the first half with a goal that was assisted by Donald Mullett. Macomb netted the game-tying goal 10 minutes before halftime before tallying three second-half net-finders.

Garrett Daniels led the winners' offensive assault with a pair of goals. Josh Tally and Jimmy Vanderaa also scored for Macomb.

Joel Ruffin took the loss in goal for Agape.

"Joel made some outstanding saves for us today," said DeWitt.

AGAPE 4, CALVARY 3: On Tuesday, the Wolverines overcame a 3-2 halftime deficit to register a stirring victory. Mark Mullett notched the game-winning goal off an assist from his brother, Donald.

"This was a pretty impressive win for us," said Agape coach Dan DeWitt. "It was back and forth all the way."

Brandon Pierson netted the Wolverines' first two goals. Mark Mullett and Landon Cook assisted on the goals.

Donald Mullett knotted the game at 3-all before his brother, Mark, won it a few minutes later.

Senior net-minder Jared Miller was solid between the pipes. Miller stopped 17 Calvary shots on the way to earning his fifth victory of the season.

Sam Apple and John Wiedman scored for Calvary.

Madonna University athletes lauded

Madonna University athletes racked up various honors last week from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Senior Jono McMahon was named the WHAC Golfer of the Week after winning the Bay Pointe Invitational on Sept. 9 with a two-under-par 69.

In addition to winning the tourney, he also scored an ace on the par-3 seventh hole - the first hole-in-one by a Madonna golfer in the history of the college.

Jacqui Gatt, a senior libero and graduate of Livonia Churchill, was named WHAC Libero of the Week for Sept. 3-9 after she led the Crusaders to a 3-1 record while earning All-Tournament honors at last weekend's Julie Martin Memorial Tournament.

Gatt posted 61 digs over 12 games, and collected 19 in MU's win over No. 24-ranked Cedarville (Ohio) University.

Also in volleyball, junior Whitney Fuelling and sophomore Inta Grinvalds were selected among the week's

notable players and setters, respectively.

Fuelling totaled 40 kills, eight digs and 23 blocks in four matches while Grinvalds collected 175 assists, 11 kills, 19 digs and 10 blocks in the same four matches.

Meanwhile, MU senior Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) was listed as a notable in men's cross country for the week of Sept. 9 after

taking 32nd at the Detroit Titan Invitational at Cass Benton Park. Hearn registered a time of 22 minutes, 43 seconds.

MU senior Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin/Schoolcraft) was listed as a notable in women's cross country for the week of Sept. 9 after finishing the Titan Invitational with a mark of 21:04, good for 18th place.

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If you are moving to another city and you are leaving all your friends, what is the best way to make new friends?

Stranger in A Strange Town
Garden City

Moving away from your hometown can be one of the hardest things a teen has to do. At this stage of your life, fitting in tends to be the most important goal in your life. A new city with new people makes that very hard to do. But, you can make new friends and fit in to your new city with a little bit of courage.

You might want to get involved in after-school clubs that you're interested in or join a sport that you like. That's the quickest way to meet new people. By being in a group with other people who like the same things you do, you're more likely to find a group of people you can eventually call friends. If you're not really the type that likes to join groups like that, make an effort to say "Hello" to at least one new person each day. Make eye contact, smile, and say "Hi!"

Or, if you've noticed that you and another person have two different classes together, try to talk to that person about assignments or due dates. Sometimes small talk can break the ice and make everyone feel more comfortable. Leaving everything you know and love behind is very hard. But, don't let your sadness get in the way of finding a new group of friends. A bend in the road is very exciting ... you never know what you'll find.

Ever since I started driving, my parents call me nonstop on my cell phone ... even when they know I'm driving! Why do my parents worry so much?
Smothered in Garden City

Have you seen the news lately? It seems that something awful is happening to kids your age everyday. Between fatal car accidents, kidnappings, assaults, drug overdoses and mysterious disappearances, I don't know how parents of teens get any sleep at all these days! Your parents worry because they love you and they don't want anything bad to happen to you. However, your parents might be worrying so much about you because they don't trust you. And a parent not trusting their kid usually happens because the kid did something to lose that trust. If that's the case here, you're going to need to earn your parents' trust.

How do you do that? By following their rules about driving! Be in by their curfew, don't go anywhere besides where you said you'd be, don't have passengers in your car unless your parents know about it, and don't lie about what you did while you were out. However, talking on your cell phone while you're driving is very dangerous! You and your parents should sit down and decide how to handle this dilemma. I suggest that if they insist on calling you when they know you are behind the wheel, tell them you'll pull over and stop the car before answering the phone.

My boyfriend has a different second hour class than me and he has some close friends in that class that happen to be girls. I know them, but not too well. A good friend of mine is in my boyfriend's second hour class and she told me that one of the girls flirts with him and likes him a whole bunch. The very next day, I saw pictures of this girl and my boyfriend together! My boyfriend says there's nothing going on and I want to believe him, but now this girl wants to fight me because my boyfriend won't talk to her anymore. It's so confusing but I don't know what to do!

Desperately Confused in Garden City

Wow! I'm sensing that you're not sure if you're right to believe your boyfriend that nothing is going on with this girl ... it's hard to ignore pictures along with your good friend giving you some inside information. But, bits and pieces of a puzzle don't always give you the whole picture. You need to ignore this girl and her desire to fight you!

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Isabelle occupies herself with sticks from the yard as Mary Fischer talks about the training methods that she and her husband Mark have been using with Isabelle.

Without a word

Couple finds ways to communicate with special needs dog

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Isabelle, a deaf Boxer, watches hand signals in sign language to get her commands.

Isabelle lives with four feline friends, but that's not what makes the 9-month-old boxer and her owners Mary and Mark Fischer so special. The Livonia couple has raised the young dog since she was 10 weeks old without speaking a word.

Isabelle is deaf so it does no good to call her name as she chases Norman the cat through the house. Instead the Fischers taught Isabelle to respond to a laser beam since gaining her

visual focus is so the only way to correct her. Once they're within Isabelle's sight, the couple uses American Sign Language to give commands.

The Fischers have already spent endless hours training Isabelle, but don't seem to mind. The couple has only been married about one year and have no children so they can devote their time to Isabelle. Mary especially realizes that training and loving a dog or cat is a life-long commitment. Mary has been rescuing

Please see **DOG, C2**

Theater professor captures excitement of Shakespeare in new book

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jim Hartman hopes his new book is as well-received as the Shakespeare plays he edited then directed over the last decade. All five were a hit with audiences at Schoolcraft College.

Hartman began editing the plays 12 years ago so modern audiences could comprehend the dialogue. The new book, although written for actors and directors, brings the excitement of the plays to audiences of all ages.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Hartman signs copies of *An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited* at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Hartman guest directed his first play on the campus in 1982. By 1987 he was teaching theater full-time and this past spring celebrated his 50th production

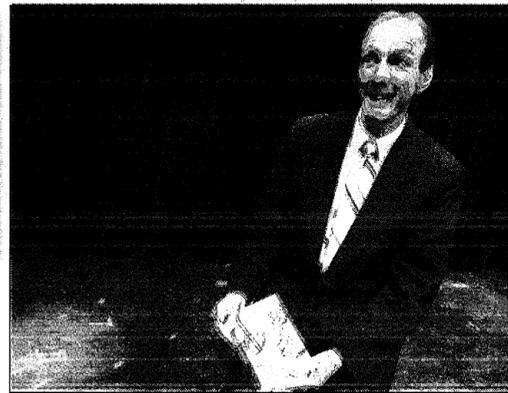
BOOK SIGNING

What: James R. Hartman signs copies of "An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited"
When: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19
Where: VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia
Cost: \$30.55. It is also available in the book store on campus.

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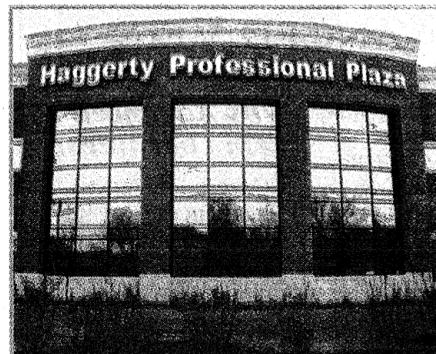
"I started with *Macbeth*. Each book took 2 to 2½ years to edit," said Jim Hartman. "I edited word by word. I felt so many people were having trouble following Shakespeare. It's a shame because they're so exciting. After I received positive feedback I decided to

Please see **BOOK, C2**



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Professor of theater at Schoolcraft College Jim Hartman talks about his new book, 'An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited,' (at right) on the stage of the Liberal Arts Theater on campus.



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do another one." Next came *The Merchant of Venice* then *Titus Andronicus*, *Othello*, and *Measure for Measure*. "It was the audience that kept me going, the response from the audience and students," said Hartman. "Measure for Measure turned out to be the 50th production I directed and produced at Schoolcraft College. We closed the 2006-2007 season with a disco version which went over very well. But even when editing *Measure for Measure* I never thought of it as a book

until Dr. Jeffress asked me what I did with the plays after they were done." Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft College's president, inspired Hartman to turn the edited versions of the plays into a book. Hartman had no problem finding a publisher last fall, but was unable to work on the book until the school year ended in May. During productions it's not unusual for Hartman to work 12-hour days between teaching and directing theater. From the first of May through June he was busy 7 days a week working on the book and writing the introduction. "I love doing the theater,"

said Hartman. "I have seen so many students grow. Some of my students are doing professional work. One was in an episode of *House* (the television program). Others have performed at Meadow Brook and Purple Rose theaters." Hartman edited the plays originally to introduce his students to Shakespeare. He plans to use the book in five different classes at Schoolcraft College including acting and introduction to theater. He says, smaller companies such as community theaters could use the book as well as he lists 2-3 roles that could be performed by one actor for plays with large casts.

"If an actor is trained to speak Shakespeare, an actor can take almost any play and have success with it," said Hartman. "I took the plays and broke them into beats. From bar to bar is a beat or unit. (Constantin) Stanislavski (the legendary theater director) refers to them as a unit of action. My definition is every time the topic of discussion changes. Actors and directors can work with that pretty well." "Shakespeare uses a lot of pronouns. I replaced them with nouns. Lengthy sentences I broke into two to three sentences and replaced some of the words with words people would understand. There are

no foot notes or side notes. I incorporate the footnotes into the line of dialogue." The theater professor assures Shakespeare purists that content remains the same. "I make the plays more accessible without making the language modern. It's still very Shakespeare," said Hartman. "of the book that came out the first week of August." "Besides my students who should read the book? Just the average person who never had much success with understanding Shakespeare. They will enjoy the characters and plots which are so exciting," said Hartman. "The academic community, professors of the-

ater and English would find it useful. It's an academic work." Hartman does depart from traditional Shakespeare this fall to kick off the 2007-2008 theater season on Oct. 19, with Shakespeare in Hollywood, Ken Ludwig's hilarious comedy about Puck and Oberon, two of the Bard's fairies. The production runs as dinner theater Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, and Oct. 26-27, and as performance only Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3. Tickets are \$24 (dinner theater), \$12 performance only. Call (734) 462-4596.

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DOG

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animals for sometime. It seems that once Mary learns an animal is having trouble finding a home, she takes them in. Mary works for the Dearborn Family Pet Care which frequently treats dogs and cats for the Dearborn Animal Shelter. She heard about Isabelle through one of her friends who works in another animal hospital. The couple had just lost Maci, a boxer they rescued only to discover she had cancer. Maci died in January. "Isabelle came from a breeder who noticed she acted differently," said Mary Fischer. "She watched what her siblings would do. Being familiar with the breed they knew white boxers could be deaf. They took her to a neurologist who measured her brain waves in regard to sound. White is a recessed gene and not accepted in the show ring so breeders would destroy them at birth, but breeders started realizing people are interested in them just as pets." "Isabelle's breeder struggled with what to do. She had three family dogs already. With a deaf dog you do have to be aware. In a pack situation she can't hear a warning growl. They decided to put the word out they were looking for the right home." "Mark's never raised a puppy so it took about two days of talking to make the decision to adopt Isabelle." Mark first developed a



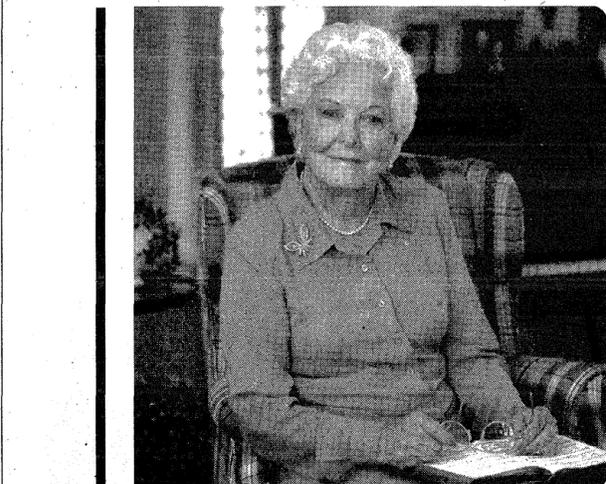
Mary and Mark Fischer of Livonia work on teaching their dog Isabelle, who is deaf, sign language as hand signals to help train her.

fondness for the breed while attending Cooley Law School in Lansing. A friend had a boxer who would make Mark laugh. Twenty years had gone by since Mary had a puppy. She admits she forgot the training "it takes to have a wonderful mature dog." Mary's first dog went deaf at age 15 so she had two years to work out a system of communication. She says, "maybe she had a false sense of training a deaf dog." "She's still a puppy and going to get excited," said Mary. "We've been working with American Sign Language and the basics of dog training like not allowing your four-legged friend to cross the threshold before you do. That would establish her as alpha or leader of the pack. In the beginning we were using food as reward, but after a point

that didn't work. We got her to acknowledge the laser pointer. She would touch it with her nose and we would give her a treat." Mark started using the thumbs up sign as praise. At the back door a motion sensor in the shape of a pig alerts them to when Isabelle wants to go out. "Everything is training," said Mark Fischer who brags Isabelle already knows about 10 commands. "Every opportunity is a way to train her. From the beginning she proved to be a good student." Isabelle does have moments that test their patience. A behavioral specialist came into their home to give them some tips for establishing their dominance. Mary and Mark work different shifts so Isabelle is never alone

for more than 4-5 hours a day, but already she knows how to unlock her crate. They also worry that she could accidentally run out the front door and into the street so they're considering an Invisible Fence. "We use the squirt bottle when she gets too rough with the cats," said Mary. "Language has a huge effect when training a dog, the inflection, but she does read your face so I give her the Mom look." In spite of all her shenanigans, Mary and Mark never regret adopting the puppy with special needs. Today, Isabelle goes with them everywhere. "We go to the Farmers' Markets in Plymouth, Northville," said Mary. "We used to live in Plymouth and still take her to downtown Plymouth a lot. Mark's sister meets us with her dog and we go for ice cream." "It's rewarding because I feel she's just as much a part of my family as any animal has ever been and when I think about what could have happened to her." "The most rewarding aspect is we're able to take a dog that's a throwaway dog and give her a home," added Mark. "When we adopted her we brought home books and would like to train her for search and rescue. There's a lot of pride that goes with training this animal, something not a lot of folks would do."

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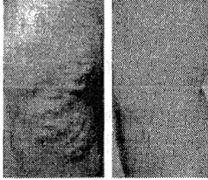


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New series spotlights college's music program

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Donald Morelock is excited about the new music series at Schoolcraft College for a number of reasons not the least of which is the first concert features James Tocco, a pianist who's performed chamber music, recitals and as a soloist with orchestras throughout the world. Annually Tocco is responsible for presenting internationally acclaimed artists at the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

On Friday, Sept. 28, local audiences will have the opportunity to hear Tocco as part of the outreach program of the college's music department. For the last 20 years, standing room only crowds filled the recital halls on campus for a noontime series under the artistic direction of Morelock. Then in 2003, the college opened the VisTaTech Center with a new 270-seat hall. In April of this year a community advisory committee, led by Morelock, decided to make use of the excellent acoustics. After filtering through hundreds of ideas, an evening series was developed. The concerts continue on Nov. 9, with the Avalon String Quartet. On April 18 violinist Yehonatan Berick performs, followed by Angela Cheng on May 9.

"We have done other recitals but never had anything in evenings for people," said Donald Morelock, chairman of the music department. "It's a chance to hear internationally acclaimed artists and to meet with the artist afterwards. Three out of the four performers on the series have appeared at Schoolcraft before and had said they're eager to come back.



Internationally known pianist James Tocco performs the first concert in a new music series at Schoolcraft College.

It's a big compliment."

Over the years, Schoolcraft College's music department has earned a reputation for providing quality instruction especially for piano. Morelock partners with conservatories from Paris to Russia and Juilliard Music School in New York City to prepare students as young as age 6 for careers as performers. Every summer an intense piano program allows piano students to play with a professional ensemble.

"The series is one more dimension of the music program," said Morelock who's taught at the college since 1967. "We've taken 10 trips to Russia with students (for piano studies). We started a professional piano teacher's certificate program. There's a need for us to get new ideas. It's actually a reasonable ticket price for outstanding performers."

RECITAL SERIES DEBUT

What: Pianist James Tocco performs in concert
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28
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Morelock is well known in the music community so he is able to barter with the artists. Grants money from the Schoolcraft College Foundation and donations from private individuals together with Morelock's connections make it possible to bring pianists such as Tocco and Cheng to the series. Cheng's usual fee is \$8,000.

Gail and Ira Mondry made it possible to feature Tocco on Sept. 28. The couple supports the music program for a number of reasons including

the fact their son Nathan, 16 studies with Morelock so when the opportunity arose to bid on a performance by Tocco, they thought of Schoolcraft College as a recipient. Ira and Gail have served on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival about 10 years and developed a relationship with Tocco.

Proceeds from the auction item went to the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

"We really believe in the arts in bringing the community together," said Gail Mondry who teaches at Center for Yoga in West Bloomfield. "We saw a potential connection for Great Lakes because they can bring some of their concerts to Schoolcraft and broaden the whole suburban potential."

Marty Heator is just as excited about the partnerships that could form as a result of presenting the series.

"What's most exciting is it's people from the arts community coming to Schoolcraft with a desire to partner with us,"

said Marty Heator, the college's marketing director. "There are local groups who need performance space and Schoolcraft would be ideal for what they're trying to accomplish. With the VisTaTech center, you can do an educational program along with performances. They're starting to see what Schoolcraft can do for them and what they can do for us."

"The work Don does with his students during the year and at the summer piano academy, it's impossible to measure that impact. He's sending students out to universities. They're winning major competitions in Europe. He's known nationally and internationally. Another reason the series is good is to show we have teachers and students doing things on a national and international level. It's

a way of drawing attention to this right here in your own backyard."

John Walsh couldn't agree more about the importance of the series in spotlighting Schoolcraft College.

"Music is a very important program for us. Although small, it is a notable program," said John Walsh, executive director of development and government relations and the foundation board. "We have outstanding professors. Don is known as a professor and pianist himself. He has his own notoriety and using that to bring some notable performers to Schoolcraft. The series brings in 250 plus citizens from our community for a glimpse of something most people wouldn't expect from a community college."

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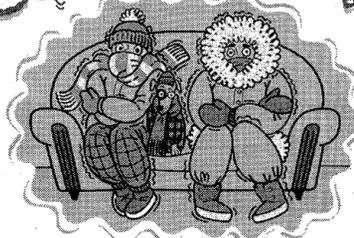
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Your boyfriend is dating YOU and we can assume he's NOT dating her. Focus on your relationship with your boyfriend and forget about all the stuff people say about him and this girl. If you're really thinking that he is actually going out with her, take a good long look at your relationship. Has the tone of the relationship changed lately? Does he seem more distant than usual? Do you sense that his feelings toward you have changed? Have you both stopped having fun when you go out? These types of questions are the ones you should be asking yourself and looking for honest answers to. In the end, it doesn't really matter if this girl likes him or not ... if he wants to be with, he's going to be with you!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.

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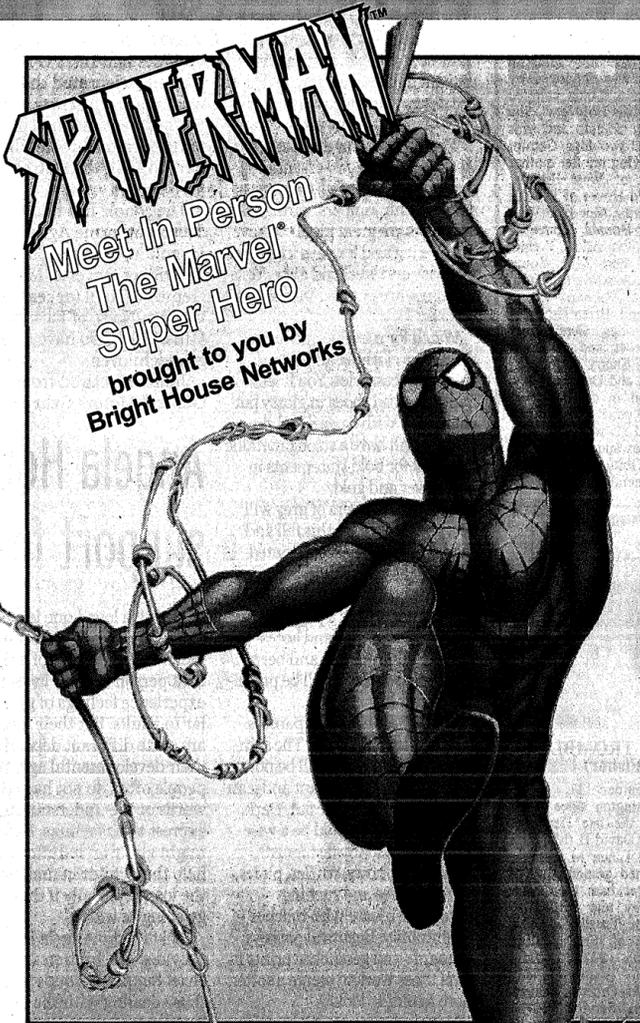


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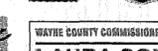
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Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1967
The Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967 gathers for its 40th reunion on Saturday Oct. 6, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Livonia Churchill High School

Class of 1967
10 Year Reunion 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. For information and tickets, send e-mail to CHS97@CHSChargers.Info or visit www.snowdenhq.com/chs97.

Livonia Stevenson High School

Class of 1987
The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Oak Park High School

Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1968
Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 29, 2008. Only about 50 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Redford Thurston High School

Classes of 1957, 1958
A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia.

For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Marnia@comcast.net

Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

Redford Union High School

Class of 1977
The Redford Union Class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Inkster Roosevelt High School

Class of 1957 and 1958
A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or e-mail ymack@twm.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

Roseville High School

Class of 1956
A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@

scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Class of 1957

Seeking classmates for 50th reunion, Oct. 13, 2007. Contact Rich Crowe at (248)583-9784 OR e-mail: crowe_123@hotmail.com.

Class of 1972

A 35-year reunion Sept. 15, 2007. Visit www.Roseville72.com for information or call Gail Williams-Straughen at (586) 247-8087 or Roseville72-Reunion@yahoo.com.

Royal Oak Kimball High School

Class of 1977
A 30th reunion, 6-12 p.m. Oct. 6 at Berkeley American Legion Hall, 2079 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. Cost \$25 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, soft drinks, DJ and photographer. Casual dress. Organized by Sue (Bush) Carlin and Evelyn (Alverson) D'Arca. For information, contact Sue at (248)788-2109.

Southeastern (Detroit)

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

Southfield High School

Class of 1956
Reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Southfield Embassy Suites, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Contact Pat Sievert-Schmidt at (248)476-0102 or pat-ray2@hotmail.com

St. Anthony Elementary

All classes
A reunion for all alumni from all years will take place the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7. On Oct. 6 the reunion will be at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 (\$50 at the door). Please e-mail mrkf4@yahoo.com or call 734-995-9243.

Make donation, save on latest fashion trends

For those looking to update their wardrobe with the essentials for fall fashion there is no better time than the Goodwill Sale at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

Parisian and Goodwill Industries are partnering again for their semi-annual sale. Until Sept. 24, customers who donate clean, gently-used clothing and home textiles at participating locations will receive coupons toward the purchase of new merchandise. Parisian customers can use this opportunity to clean out their closets and donate their gently used clothing, shoes and accessories while they save on the season's hottest trends like trapeze jackets, wide-leg pants, knit sweaters, boots and sheer cosmetics.

One coupon is given per item donated. To save on the hottest styles for fall, customers can drop off donations at all Parisian stores, or at participating Goodwill stores and donation centers and receive a 20-percent off apparel and cosmetics coupon, with minimal exclusions, for each donated item. The donated clothing and textiles will be sold in local Goodwill retail stores. Revenues will be used to fund job training and career services for people with disabilities, welfare recipients and other job seekers.

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 184 independent, community-based organizations in the U.S., Canada, and 14 other countries. The non-profit places someone in a job every 56 seconds of every business day. Visit the Web site at www.goodwill.org for more information.

The popular retail trade-in promotion is a successful collaboration between Parisian and Goodwill. In 2006 alone, the semi-annual event generated more than 7.5 million pounds of donated merchandise. With this donation, Goodwill earned an estimated \$10.5 million in revenues that were used to provide job training and career services to people in the community who are unemployed.

The following trends from Parisian are sure to become new fall favorites.

Trapeze, a-line and swing silhouettes are among the hottest trends this fall. Cropped jackets in these styles feature clean lines and angular shapes. This style is a great way to update a basic suit or dress pant with new proportions.

The knit sweater dress and the sweater coat are two essential items to have this fall. Chunky, sweater-knit jumpers, cardigans and coats are great pieces to have for layering and for wearing on the weekday and weekend alike. Yoke necklines are popular in sweater dresses.

Watch for metallic and lurex threads in clothing and lots of shine in accessories. You'll see handbags and shoes in glossy patent leather with a pearlized sheen. Jewelry will have a strong metallic feel; look for bold statements in both silver and gold.

Shades and layers of grey will be a popular choice this fall and shades of dark charcoal, muted dove and ashy slate will be found in a variety of styles and fabrics. Berry tones will be a popular accent color in tops and accessories. Pinks, purples and berry-toned shades of red will be prominent this fall.

The hottest choice in pants is the wide-leg silhouette. The skiny, narrow pant will still be popular, but the wide-leg pant and jean is the freshest look for fall. Dark, wide-leg denim would be a wise investment for any fashionista.

This year, bows, ruffles, pleats, puffed sleeves and ruching update the blouse with touches of femininity. Beautiful paisleys, jacquards and geometric prints in jewel tones work to create a softer, more feminine look.

Layering continues to be a key trend for the office and for the weekend. The duet silhouette, which combines a ribbed sweater vest and a charmeuse or cotton blouse, looks fresh for Fall 2007.

Fall styles always lend themselves to menswear-inspired fashion and this year is no exception. Houndstooth, herringbone, glen plaids, pinstripes, tweeds and ticking patterns will be prevalent in women's clothing and especially in jackets and outerwear this fall.

The must-have shoe of the season is the boot. The newest look is the short bootie. Mid-shaft and tall-shaft boots are still a great choice for fall.

ANNIVERSARIES

La Berge 50th anniversary

George Philip and Loretta Ann (Whitehead) La Berge plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Plymouth. The Westland couple was united in marriage on Sept. 28, 1957, at Presentation Catholic Church in Detroit.

The La Berges have four children; Catherine Broadbent of Westland; Mark La Berge, Livonia; David La Berge, Livonia; and Jerry La Berge, Livonia. They also have 8 grandchildren.

George retired from the U.S. Postal Service 18 years ago.



Loretta is a homemaker. The couple is involved with various volunteer activities including Habitat for Humanity, Greenfield Village, Outreach, and the American Cancer Society.

Grode 50th

Wayne and Joan Grode of Redford will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 2007. The couple was married 50 years ago at Covenant Lutheran Church in Detroit.

They have five sons; Wayne (Cheryl) of Frederic, Mich; Mike of Farmington Hills; Gary (Pam) of Grand Blanc; Paul (Katie) of Northville; Steven (Kathy) of Owosso; and one daughter, Lori (Chris)



Dewhirst of Livonia. They also have 10 grandchildren and are expecting twin granddaughters in December.

Marchio 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marchio of Honor, MI (formerly from Livonia) observed their golden wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2007.

Anthony Marchio and the former Mary Jane Donnelly were married on Aug. 31, 1957, at Saint Catherine Church in Detroit. The Rev. William T. Cunningham performed the ceremony.

To celebrate, a party attended by family and friends was held at the Italian-American Club of Livonia, the city in which the Marchio family resided for more than 40 years.

Anthony, a University of Michigan graduate, was employed by General Motors Corporation and Detroit Tooling Association for more than 40 years. He retired in July 1998 from his final position of General Director of Human Resources from the Service Parts Operations, a division of General Motors.

Mary Jane, a Madonna University graduate, volun-



teered for Angela Hospice of Livonia and Munson Hospice of Traverse City for many years.

The couple's children are Louis (Robin) Marchio of Livonia; Victoria (David) Mecklenburger, Highland Park, IL; Catherine (Anthony) Sterlitz, Whitmore Lake, and Annette (Yann) LeBaron, Birmingham. The Marchios have 10 grandchildren.

The couple has permanently resided in Honor since 2000 and spend their winters in Naples, Florida.

O'Neill 60th anniversary

James and Lilas O'Neill, of Detroit, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6. They were married on Sept. 6, 1947 in Carlinville, Ill. and have lived in the Detroit area for 53 years.

The couple has four children: Katherine Agner, of Honolulu, Hawaii; Connie O'Neill, of Olivette, Mich.; Dennis O'Neill (deceased) and Carolyn Nacy, of Farmington Hills. They also have three grandchildren.

James is retired from General Motors Gear and Axel



and is a member of VFW 3941 in Livonia and the American Legion.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with family.

Angela Hospice offers grief support for children, teens

Losing a loved one is difficult at any age. When children and teens face the death of a significant person in their lives, they experience feelings of grief similar to adults, but their reactions are quite different depending on their developmental age. Young people often do not have the words or the understanding to express their feelings. Parents might also find it difficult to help their children understand the loss, especially if they are grieving as well.

That is why Angela Hospice provides its Children and Teen Grief Support Groups to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

These groups, presented free-of-charge for children ages 6-8, 9-12, and 13 and up, begin Thursday, Sept. 20. The groups will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 8.

"Children and teens hate to feel they are alone," said Sally Loughrin, an Angela Hospice social worker with years of experience in counseling grieving children. "Participating in a grief support group provides an avenue for them to be with others who have had similar losses as well as to have their uncomfortable feelings validated."

Using various play therapy

techniques such as games, puppets, books, and storytelling, the social workers at Angela Hospice help children and teens to understand and cope with the complicated feelings that accompany the death of a loved one.

"We will do a lot in the group to help children learn to express the uncomfortable feelings of grief in a healthy way," said Loughrin.

The 8-week program will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center on Newburgh, north of I-96 in Livonia. Each session begins with a light meal at 5 p.m.

While the children and teens are in their group sessions, parents and guardians will be invited to attend their own group on how to help their grieving children and teens.

Parents whose children have experienced a recent loss are encouraged to contact the bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice for more information about these support groups.

Space is limited, so parents are asked to register their children in advance for the fall session by calling Sally Loughrin at Angela Hospice (734) 464-2683. The winter session will begin Jan. 24.

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JAMES V. BEAMAN

September 13, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Graton L. Dear father of Cheryl (Robert) Halter and Margaret (William) Perzanowski. Brother of Ola McDougall, Josephine (Jay) Chatham and Dorothy (Carl) Anderson. Grandfather of Robert (Megan) Halter, Karen (Kenneth) Dextrom, David (Sarah) Halter and Janie Perzanowski. Dear great-grandfather of Kenneth Logan. Visitation Sunday 1-4 and 6-9 pm at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia and instate at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lasher, Southfield, Monday from 9 am until time of Funeral Service at 10 am. Please sign Jim's online guest-book at www.rgrharris.com

LINDA ANN KUNZE

Age 45, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee formerly of Livonia, died September 11, 2007. Funeral services will be 2 PM Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 3-8 PM Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society. Linda was born September 28, 1961 in Livonia, the daughter of Donald and Geraldine (Good) Kunze. She graduated in 1979 from Franklin High School and was employed by Saturn in Tennessee. Linda enjoyed Las Vegas and "Texas Hold 'em". She loved her family, friends and was very devoted to her two dogs, Gemini and Nicole. Surviving are her mother Geraldine Hover of West Branch; step-father, Donald Hover of Fenton; grandmother, Corrine Good of West Branch; brother, Donald Kunze II (Maria) of Fenton; two sisters, Connie Craig (Jerry) of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Sherrie Austin of Fenton; two step-brothers, Richard Hover (Donna) of Hartland, Brian Hover of Inkster; her two dogs, Gemini and Nicole; many nieces and nephews; and dear friends, Sherry Antonacci, Barbara Knowles, and Douglas Lacy. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Kunze Jr.; brother, Ronald Kunze and his wife Denise. Online condolences and tributes may be posted on the Obituaries page of: www.sharppfuneralhomes.com

WILLARD D. DEN HOUTER, MD

Age 76 of Plymouth, September 7, 2007. Dear husband of the late Katherine. Beloved father of Bill (Elizabeth) of Dixboro MI and John (Marlene) of Edwardsville IL. Proud grandfather of Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack. Dear brother of David, Daniel (Elaine), and Mary (Duane) Clark. Family practice physician in the Plymouth area for 35 years. Bill received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. As an "M" man in baseball, he maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue" and all things Michigan. He was a naturalist and sportsman at heart pursuing fishing, swimming, gardening, and bird watching. He also was an avid reader enjoying a wide variety of subjects ranging from history to horticulture. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. On Friday, November 16th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth, Bill's family welcomes visitors to join them for a period of reflection and to celebrate his memory. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Dialysis Unit, 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor MI 48106-9736. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

NEAL F. BOWYER

Age 73 of Hurst, TX passed away Aug. 20, 2007. Mr. Bowyer grew up in Plymouth, MI and was a 1952 graduate of Plymouth High School and attended Michigan State University. An Air Force captain, he was a B-52 bomber pilot with the Strategic Air Command. Interment was in Colleyville, TX.

MELVIN R. ELLSWOOD

Of Westland, Age 99. Passed away Sept. 10, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Alma. Loving father of Ronald (Mary), Richard (Connie). Proud grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of ten. A funeral service was held on Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076 or the Epilepsy Foundation, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 250, Southfield, MI 48076. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON Jr

W. Bloomfield, MI. Age 67, died Sept. 13, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

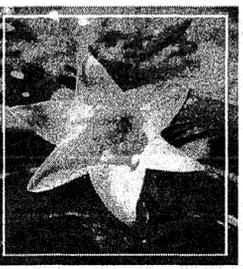
BEULAH V. TROMBLEY (nee Fisher)

Age 98, September 11, 2007. Resident of Farmington since 1931. Beloved wife of the late Henry L. Loving mother of David H (Margaret J.) Trombley and Linda M. (Ralph) Peckham. Cherished grandmother of Erika and Krista Peckham. Dear sister of Merle E. Dray and Lillian L. Bakewell. Funeral Tuesday 11AM, (In-state 10AM) at First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Visitation Sunday and Monday 2-8PM, Order of Eastern Star #239 Memorial Service 7:30PM Sunday at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions to the Church Memorial Fund or United Methodist Women's Fund. www.thayer-rock.com

RUTH A. KRATHWOHL

Age 76 of Walled Lake, September 11, 2007. Loving mother of Susan (Rob) Naudi, Judith (Brian) Herndon and Lynn (Marc) Elliott. Proud grandmother of Kristen (Matthew) Firby, Matthew Naudi, Peyton and Samuel Elliott. Dear sister of Patricia Laramie and George Kilrain. A memorial service will be held 9:30 AM Saturday September 22, 2007 at Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills MI 48336. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society or the American Cancer Society. To leave a message for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi
For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking. "People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves wind up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to

use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

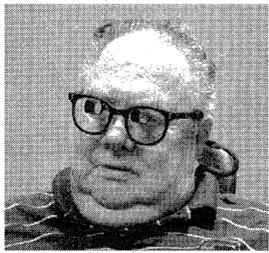
"Mostly telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well."

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles William age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

as there are various activities. Dr. Smith also counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at 1-877-677-2020. Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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AROUND TOWN

Dining for Braille Books

Join Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia and Max & Erma's Laurel Park for the fifth-annual "Dining for Braille Books" Monday-Thursday, Sept. 17-20 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dine at Max & Erma's (Laurel Park Mall location only) anytime during these four days, present a special flier and 20% of your lunch or dinner check total will be donated to Seedlings to help make more children's books in braille. You may download a PDF flier at www.seedlings.org (click on Special Events) or contact Julie Connoyer at seedlink7@aol.com or 734-427-8552, Ext. 301 to request a flier. You must present a flier to participate.

Post-polio support group

The Michigan Post-Polio Support Group meets monthly on the fourth Saturday from March and September at First Presbyterian Church, 4328 Livernois in Troy. The group will have monthly luncheons between October and February: Oct. 27 in Livonia, Dec. 4 and Jan. 22 in Troy, and Feb. 9 in Madison Heights. The annual Post-Polio conference takes place Sept. 21-22 at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. For more information, call Bonnie Levitan, (313) 885-7855, or Dianne Dych, (586) 465-3104.

Pageant applications

The Miss Washtenaw County Organization sponsors the fourth-annual Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen Pageant. The competition will be held in conjunction with the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Pageant at Chelsea High School Nov. 3. Applications are being accepted through Oct. 20. Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen Pageant is "open," meaning teens from all over the state are eligible to participate. They must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and will compete in the areas of Talent, Evening Gown, Interview, Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear and On-stage Question. The winner of this year's title will advance to the state pageant and the opportunity to represent Michigan at Miss America's Outstanding Teen in Orlando, Fla., next summer. She will also make appearances with Miss Washtenaw County at parades and other events throughout the year. Scholarships are awarded at the State and National Level for Outstanding Teen winners. Information about Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program can be found at www.maoutteen.org or Miss Michigan's Outstanding Teen Program at www.missmichiganoutteen.org. The deadline for applications for Miss Washtenaw County's Outstanding Teen is Oct. 20. For more information or to apply, e-mail mwced1@msn.com

Genealogical Society meets

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting on at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Livonia's Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. The main speaker, following the business meeting, will be Carol Brichford whose topic will be on "The Orphan Train." A 6:30 p.m. session by Sue Cromwell will feature "Organizing." The meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcomed. For further information, visit www.roots-web.com/~miwccgs/ or call Margie at 734-522-4050.

Festival of Fashion 'set

The Redford Suburban League will host its 34th celebrity fashion show, the 2007 Fall Festival of Fashion starting with a luncheon served at noon Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road. The show is a benefit for the Burger School for Students with Autism. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information and tickets, contact the league at (734) 981-6003.

Dance ensemble

The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (3 years and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. Registration began Sept. 5. For more information, visit the group's Web site at syrenadance.com

Comedy walk

It will be a laugh - or giraffe - a minute at Gilda's Comedy Walk at the Zoo taking place Saturday, Oct. 6. Walkers will enjoy a stroll through the Detroit Zoo located on Woodward Avenue and 10 Mile in Royal Oak to support Gilda's Club Metro Detroit - a nonprofit cancer support club for lives touched by cancer. On-site registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The walk will be kicked-off at 8:45 a.m. Register as a single participant for a \$40 donation. Includes parking, zoo entry, T-shirt and admission to Gilda's Jokes & Junk Food Walk Registration Party, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. 4th St., Royal Oak. Registration is also available online at www.gildasclubdetroit.org. RSVP to Gilda's Club, (248) 577-0800.

Women's hockey

An adult women's beginner's hockey league begins its fall session (October through January) at Vet's Arena in Ann Arbor. No experience necessary. Registration fee of \$190 includes jersey. Games scheduled at 7:50, 8:50, 9:50 and 10:50 p.m. on Friday evening. You can register on line now at macrhl.com

Holiday craft show

The Mother's Club at Catholic Central High School in Novi is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace to take place Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school on Wixom Road in Novi. The show is open to artists, craftspeople and businesses that sell items suitable for holiday gift giving. For more information, call (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519.

Juried print show

The Northville Art House presents a Juried Print Show this October. Submissions must be post-marked by Sept. 15. The show runs Oct. 5-Nov. 4. The juror is master printmaker Zdzislaw R. Sikora whose work is represented nationally, and currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Fine Arts Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Submissions are open to traditional and experimental processes, including mono prints and mixed media. At least 50 percent of a work must be made from a traditional print process. Computer generated prints or photography will not be accepted unless it is part of a mixed media work. Submit a maximum of 3 slides or 3 images on CD in jpeg format per entry. You may download a prospectus at www.northvillearts.org. For more information phone (248) 344-0497, or e-mail info@northvillearts.org and type Print Show in subject line.

Melanoma 5K or 1-mile walk

Join the second-annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 yrs and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.melanomawalk.org

Bridal fund-raising event

Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive in Northville Township) will be hosting a bridal event sponsored by "The Wedding Resource Network" group, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 from 6-8 p.m.

The event will include food and wine sampling along with a silent auction of items with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Top area bridal vendors of "Wedding Resource Network" will be on hand for one-on-one information. Admission is free if registered by Sept. 14, or \$7 at the door. For more information or to register call (734) 667-3651 or visit the web site www.THEWRN.net.

Road rally

A Road Rally to benefit Steppin' Out/AIDS Walk Detroit is planned for Friday, Sept. 14. This task-oriented, timed "treasure hunt" will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmer's Market. Participants may enter as individuals or as a group, a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Prior registration required. For more information, call (586) 212-1348, or e-mail carrscompadres@yahoo.com



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SHORT GUYS A PLUS
SWF, 46, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for life partner, who's life is as nature as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great girl for LTR. **2115352**

BUSY GIRL
Very cute SWFF, 48, looks 35 on a bad day, 5', 115lbs, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life, take a chance and leave message. **2128232**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lb, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2891247**

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+, **212790**

FRIENDS FIRST
WWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. **2139719**

WANTED: TA CLASSY MATE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **21982305**

SEEKING FRIEND
DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, ND, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. **2156294**

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 120lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/mentally secure, intelligent DFM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. **2192242**

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call **2124748**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old woman, pretty funny and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2196317**

IS IT YOU?
SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. **21226704**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dating, seeking a WH/M, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. **21207161**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, witty, enjoys art, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 150lbs, N/S, ND, N/D, N/S, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **2134425**

TALIANS/CILIAN MAN...
wanted, 40-year-old SBF, 5'8" looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian male, 40-55 years old. I like shopping, movies, and cooking. **2118623**

YOUR SOULMATE IS WAITING
SBF, 27, 5'4", 130lbs, brown hair, pretty brown eyes, dimples, thick build, looking for SBF, 28-60, for friendship and possibly more. **2126022**

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SBF, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. **2117813**

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SBF, 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated. Willing to share life with a compatible man to share my life. **2118906**

BUSY GIRL
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. **2121161**

HITHERE
SBPF, 35, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy, curvy, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all its offers. I enjoys water sports, travel, fine dining. **2118969**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking BM, 38-55, for friendship, possible romance. **2122033**

SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2150801**

CALL ME SOMETIME
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, like-minded man to share the good things in life. **2120752**

MAYBE US
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. **2121266**

DO-WOP TO CLASSICS
DWF, 56, 5'4", N/S, with traditional values, shapely blond, enjoys concerts, dining, classic cars, the lake, dancing. ISO Italian or N/S gentleman, 50+, for dating, open to new activities. Rochester. **2122822**

LIFE IS SHORT
DWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 48-57, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2118912**

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free, in search of SBF, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. **2159358**

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS
Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, looking to meet a SBF, 38-45, who enjoys the same. **2198785**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, born, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown hair, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/cars shows. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBF, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. **2123226**

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U
Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving to share friendship and possibly more. **2120955**

SINCERE ONLY
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possible LTR. **2121070**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2130808**

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...
SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. **2123516**

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. **21980301**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 59, 5'4", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO good-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. **2122957**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. **2121526**

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. **2116414**

MAYBE US?
Sociable, employed SF, 59, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more. Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. **2119636**

ARE YOU MY MATCH?
SBF, 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBF, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. **2118807**

WORTH YOUR CALL
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys honor films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. **21201967**

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE
SBF, 56, Gemini, very feminine, sexy and cute, loves travel, cooking, movies, gardening, candlelight dinners, theater, good people. Seeking companionship with interesting, open-minded lady, who can intrigue me. **2121234**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2121234**

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER
SBF, 56, looking for a cultured man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. **21226494**

LOOKING FOR ME!
Energetic SBPF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk! **2135617**

POSSIBLE LTR
SWFF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 58-65, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2193381**

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced W/M, 55-65, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2120026**

MAKE ME LAUGH
DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft like, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, S/DWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. **2120652**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, enjoys going to quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. **21211330**

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBFC, 38, 5'8", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining the park. **21152392**

NO DRAMA
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. **21172726**

LET'S TALK
SBF, 53, 4'11", like romantic walks, dining and more, seeks a tall, caring SBF, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **2190372**

LOOKING FOR ME!
SWF, 22, 5'9", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, with like interests, dining and more. Let's get together. **2192872**

SENT FROM HEAVEN
SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SBF, 25-72, with similar qualities to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. **21201386**

THE GOOD LIFE
SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping, or dining the park. **2198564**

HOW ARE YOU?
SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. **2120770**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2196379**

LET'S MEET
SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. **2123257**

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. **2193077**

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING
SWF, 23, searching for a SBF, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. **2120814**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, handsome and male to share the good things in life. **21210247**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBF, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys going to quiet times, good talks, and seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **21985794**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, N/S, N/D, N/S, N/S, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2140879**

TRY ME
SBF, 33, 5'8", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, fair complexion, N/S, N/D, N/S, N/S, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2113013**

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SBF, 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with me and just have some fun. Interested? **2121418**

I'LL MAKE U SMILE
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/H/M, to share the good things in life. Let's talk and see a little romance and see what happens next. **21212804**

LET'S TALK
SF, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. **2113820**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for an attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things in life. **2116237**

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. **21212804**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBF, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **21192050**

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2113198**

HOW ARE YOU?
Attractive, caring SBF, 32, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-spoken, for friendship first, possible LTR. **21218918**

FUN AND SIMPLE
SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. **2122583**

I NEED A LOVE...
To keep me happy, outgoing, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **21588059**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-60, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **21207254**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, blond/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **2192549**

WIDOW
Blonde hair, green eyes, 120lbs, 65-year-old SWF, N/S, I enjoy the theater, travel, music, musicals, dining and anything fun. Seeking SWM, 63-68, with similar interests. **2124393**

ASIAN PRINCESS
WM, 37, enjoys travel, clubbing, walks, video-games, and concerts. Seeks 18-45 AF for LTR. **2120854**

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Attractive SWM, 53', 160lbs, muscular, looking for attractive, down-to-earth woman, fit and open-minded, to get to know and share good times. **2127318**

HI LADIES!
DHM, 48, kind, hard worker, N/S, seeks a HWF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. **2121827**

GOOD LOOKING...
SBM, 36, 5'9", average construction by trade, likes movies, night clubs and more, seeking a SF, 25-45, independent, caring, honest, to spend quality time with. **21192696**

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. **2120127**

NO DRAMA
SBM, 49, ND, very open-minded ISO easygoing, drama-free lady to hang out with for fun, travel, movies, more. You name it. **2120215**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2126846**

WORTH YOUR CALL
Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the above. **21224191**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunbathing, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. **21151943**

HANDSOMELY HUMBLE
SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, HW proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. **21578139**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2195340**

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all life's simple pleasures. **2121024**

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antique short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **2112957**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **21992418**

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. **21146012**

VERY NICE GENT
SWM, 40, personable and sincere, a good listener, has a gentleman's touch and a strong shoulder to lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. **2121957**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **21684501**

SEEKING A SPECIAL LADY
SBM, 6', caring, likes quiet evenings, romantic walks, movies and picnics, seeking a B/HF, 24-46, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possible LTR. **2192108**

HI LADIES
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. **21220116**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, air fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **21222857**

WHAT'S UP LADIES?
Fun-loving, genuine SWM, 30, 5'9", brown complexion, good-looking cool, fun, looking for a lovely, sexy lady to kick it with. I like cooking, board games, nightclubs, more. **21222857**

ANOTHER STATE OF MIND
SWM, 35, enjoys action/adventure films, day trips, weekend getaways, music/punk/indie. Seeking sociable, fun-loving, creative SF, with interested in art, indie music, exploring life and new adventures. **2123363**

LIL LADIES
SBM, 30, no kids, employed, independent, 5'7", medium complexion, braids, looking to meet a sweet, cool lady level-headed and real to share all the good things in life. **2120311**

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/hazel, sincere, affectionate, lovable, loves camping, hiking, trying new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, fun-oriented, outgoing lady, to share life's little pleasures and adventures. **21227126**

FINANCIALLY SECURED
SBM, very young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies. Seeking a SF, 30-45, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. **21221121**

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE
SBM, 6'11", 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman 38-45, who likes long walks and good conversations, let's talk. **2121613**

HELLO SWEET LADIES
SM, 37, hard-working, ambitious, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, quiet times. ISO trustworthy

Children's sleep issues require investigation

Emily from Troy says her teenage daughter is having trouble sleeping. When she took her to the doctor, he prescribed medication.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Should she be concerned?

Emily, this is a troubling issue and you are not alone. A new study found more than 80-percent of American children who visit a doctor for help with sleep problems

are given prescription medication. The big problem is no sleeping pills are currently approved for use in children. Experts are concerned that prescribing sleep medication is ignoring the bigger issue. They say children shouldn't have sleep problems. If they do there is an underlying issue such as stress, caffeine or a problem at home or school. They believe it is better to combat that issue first rather than turning to medication.

Edward from Berkley e-mails saying he is having a hard time quitting smoking. He has tried everything. Do you have any suggestions?

Edward, when you feel that craving coming, get up and take a walk! According to 14 new studies, low intensity exercise like walking, bicycling, even stretching may be enough to curb a craving to smoke. Exercise may also reduce irritability, poor concentration and other withdrawal symptoms from quitting smoking. Researchers believe exercise curbs cravings because it reduces tension and increases the same mood-enhancing brain chemicals that nicotine boosts. Studies also found exercise may be as effective if not better than oral nicotine replacement therapy. Nicotine gum can take about 10 minutes to kick in while a walk is immediate. You will also be getting a great workout which will help your whole body feel better.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



Early warning Early symptoms help diagnose ovarian cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Once considered a silent killer, ovarian cancer can now be detected earlier if women heed the warning signs and take action, says Dr. Vinay Malviya, chief of gynecology oncology at the Providence Hospital Cancer Center in Southfield.

Women shouldn't wait more than a few weeks to see a physician, preferably a gynecologist, if they experience the early symptoms of abdominal bloating, pain in the pelvis or abdomen, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary urgency or frequency.



Malviya

The American Cancer Society, The Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, and Society of Gynecologic Oncologists released the early warning signs in mid-June. Other warning signs such as indigestion, fatigue, back pain,

constipation, pain with intercourse, and menstrual irregularities are not as helpful in diagnosing the deadly disease, according to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

"It's basically being aware if something is not right. If you have unexplained symptoms, you need to seek medical attention right away before it gets out of hand. Treat your physician as sort of a partner in this entire situation. Convey to them you are not feeling well. Your abdomen is hurting, you're feeling very bloated," said Malviya, of Bloomfield Hills. "I would say, why don't you come in. A lot of times you're just blown away. The phone call comes to a nurse or screening individual at a physician's office. The importance is not on it and the doctor often does not hear about it. If I have a patient telling me she does not feel well and has many symptoms, if she has not been for an annual exam, she will be seen."

LIFE AND DEATH

According to Malviya the average waiting period is 45 to 60 days for an annual gynecologic exam. The wait could mean the difference between life and death. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2007, there will be about 22,430 cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed, and approximately 15,280 deaths from the disease in the U.S.

"The magnitude of the problem needs to be stressed. Physicians are getting more tuned to it. Women get screened out by family practitioners and ob/gyn first. Family practitioners are not given enough credit because they are the people we have to recruit in the fight against this disease," said Malviya. "This is my biggest issue. The ob/gyns are catching on to it but family practitioners are not. I'm hoping they take it more seriously."

Progress has been made during the 25 years Malviya has treated patients. The Providence Hospital Cancer Center is involved with several clinical trials for ovarian cancer.

"I have more hope now than 10 years ago," said Malviya. "Survival rates have improved. Patients are living longer. For you that's a definition of survival, but for us five-year survival is not a cure but living with the disease. We used to think ovarian cancer means acuteness of the problem — they're either going to live or die. Patients are living longer with their disease. It's gone from acuteness to chronic. People are living longer with ovarian cancer but they may not be cured of their disease — 18 to 20 percent of women over the five-year survival have actually been cured of their disease. Many more are living with their disease."

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"Every person with cancer has an expectation of a cure. It's important for them not to lose hope if that expectation has not been attained."

HIGH RISK WOMEN

Malviya is discouraged because there is still not a diagnostic test for ovarian cancer. High risk women may receive screening that includes transvaginal ultrasound and the CA 125 blood test on a regular basis although the benefits of these diagnostics are unproven at this time. That's why it's important to know the early warning signs. Malviya recommends women memorize these symptoms, and if a family history exists to undergo genetic testing. "Nothing is diagnostic of this disease," said Malviya. "We're having a whole bunch of people asking us to have a CA 125 that may be elevated in only about 60 percent of ovarian malignancies. The message should be CA 125 is definitely not a diagnostic test for ovarian cancer, but helps us follow the disease."

Elaine Greenberg never suspected ovarian cancer when she was experiencing fatigue, stomach problems and nausea. After discovering blood in her urine, the Farmington Hills woman sought medical attention.

She still isn't sure what caused the bleeding. It might have been a medication she was taking, but the subsequent tests led to a diagnosis of ovarian cancer after Malviya performed a laparoscopic procedure. Greenberg was diagnosed with stage 3B. The ovarian cancer had spread to her diaphragm.

It has been seven years and eight months since she underwent a complete hysterectomy and six chemotherapy treatments. Although she has had no recurrences, the fear of one never goes away. But Greenberg isn't dwelling on the disease. Instead, she's trying to raise awareness about ovarian cancer. In May, she held a jazz concert to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's education programs.

"I get phone calls from people in health profession who don't know about ovarian cancer symptoms," said Greenberg. "I had a call this week from a former nurse who is a survivor and knew nothing about symptoms."

Karmanos offers free sessions for cancer survivors

Survivorship University, a community-based education program of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, offers free lectures to help cancer survivors, their families and caretakers navigate the everyday challenges of living with, through and beyond cancer. The classes encourage and support the personal empowerment and advocacy of cancer survivorship.

To register for the free classes, call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266). For more information visit www.karmanos.org. The Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of 39 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the U.S.

Classes include Cancer and Nutrition: Fuel for Life with speaker LaDonna Hinch, registered dietitian, Karmanos Cancer Center 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline, Taylor, or 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, 1000

Harrington Blvd.

Cancer patients and survivors often have difficulty eating and may not be aware of what is nutritionally beneficial to help support treatment and good health after treatment. This lecture will answer questions about daily nourishment and nutrition.

Ordering Social Security's Alphabet Soup with speakers Rufus Gaston, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, and Marcia Shantz, Professional Relations Officer, Disability Determination Services talking about how and to file for social security disability.

Cancer may create financial challenges. Many people think that receiving disability dollars (SSI, SSD) is the answer. Sometimes that's true; sometimes it's not. Find out the information needed to make that decision 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus in Taylor; 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Mount Clemens Regional Medical

Center, or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

Navigating Your Way through Integrative Medicine

Integrative medicine combines conventional Western medicine with holistic or complementary practices. Traditional cancer treatments result in cancer risk falling and cancer cure rates rising. Yet more people are turning to complementary therapies.

Does research support these therapies? Do they work? At Gilda's Club and Mt. Clemens Regional Center learn why people are turning to complementary and alternative therapies even though most are not covered by health insurance plans 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, and 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at Gilda's Club, 517 Rochester Rd., Royal Oak. Speaker is Michael Henderson, M.D., a board certified medical oncologist at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center.

At Crittenton Hospital, learn about specific holistic approaches that are currently in practice, including a relaxation exercise called "Guided Imagery". Sessions take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Crittenton Hospital, 1101 W. University Dr., Rochester with speakers Robert Jarski, PhD, founder and director Complementary Medicine and Wellness Program, Oakland University, and Teri Kolar, certified in Complementary Medicine and Wellness.

Humor and Healing features Steven Pearl, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Crittenton Hospital. This class aims to help the participant use and enjoy humor and laughter as a tool for healing. While cancer isn't funny, life is. This talk will not only inform it will entertain as well. Participants will have a few laughs, elevate their mood and gain new coping and communication skills during the session 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Crittenton Hospital, 1101 W. University Dr., Rochester.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

AIDS Walk

The 17th annual AIDS Walk Detroit fund-raiser is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, on site registration begins at 8 a.m. There are no registration costs for walkers. Runners are asked to pay a \$20 fee. Since its inception in 1991, Steppin' Out has become the largest grass roots HIV/AIDS fund-raising organization in Michigan and has granted over \$2.6 million to more than 20 different agencies and helped thousands of individuals in pursuit of its mission.

Town hall meeting

Legislators; advocates for parity; individuals who have experienced discrimination in health coverage; and representatives from the insurance industry will participate in the upcoming Uncovering The Truth on Mental Health Parity Town Hall Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Commissioner's Auditorium in the Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Sponsored by Community Network Services' Anti-Stigma Team in collaboration with Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and County Commissioner Jim Nash, District 15, this important discussion forum presents a unique opportunity to hear all aspects of the impact of mental health parity on the residents of Michigan.

Attendees will be able to hear firsthand from elected officials, individuals who have experienced discrimination in coverage, advocates for parity as well as representatives from the insurance industry. For more information, call (248) 745-4900 ext. 1058.

Bariatric seminars

The Michigan Bariatric Institute (MBI) at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers three laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgical weight loss options including Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy. Learn more at one of the next free monthly Educational Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levon, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2693 or 1-877-Why-Weight to register for free Seminar.

Dyslexia support group

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, 3384 W. 12 Mile, between Greenfield and Coolidge Hwy., Berkley. Topic is Dyslexia - what it is, how it is treated and the importance of early intervention. Arrival time is 6:45 p.m. Please RSVP to (248) 658-0777, by fax to (248) 658-0779, or send e-mail to www.info@berkleydyslexia.net.

Breather's club

A support group for persons afflicted with lung disease meets at noon on the third Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William

Carls Drive, Commerce. Pre-registration not required for the free program. For details, call (248) 937-3314.

Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the late effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required for conference and hotel reservation. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

Salt and your health

Are you tired of depriving yourself of salt, learn why unrefined salt is a healthy food and should be part of everyone's diet 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., at Zerbo's Health Food Store, 34164 Plymouth Road, east of Stark, Livonia. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

Breast cancer benefit

Celtic Connection Celi, an evening of Cape Breton and Irish traditional music and step dancing 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Gaelic League of Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave. Admission is by donation. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research. For more information, call (313) 537-3489, (313) 565-4833, or (519) 977-5492.

Fall classes

Take an exercise or self-management course from the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter beginning in

September. Classes include a warm-water exercise program; a land-based exercise program; Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a 6-week self-help program that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Classes are available in numerous locations throughout Michigan. For more information, call 1-800-968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Koshier Gospel Singers. Cost is \$100. Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128. All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness.

Fibromyalgia meeting

H.O.P.E., Helping Our Pain and Fatigue, support group for Fibromyalgia, meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you will be attending by sending e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. The cost of the lecture is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the room. Dr. Michael Hsu will present Recent Advances in the Genetics and Pathophysiology of Fibromyalgia. Hsu is on staff at the chronic pain clinic at the University of Michigan.

Penny roll skate

Bring your pennies to donate to the Red Cross Disaster Action Team and enjoy an evening of skating 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Skatin Station II, 8611 Ronda, Canton. Admission is a donation of two or more rolls of pennies. Skate rental extra. The more pennies you provide, the more help to the Red Cross. Pennies go to provide emergency disaster relief to victims in the country and to stock the Emergency Response Vehicle. The ERV will be at the Skatin Station on the day of the event.

Nursing conference

Presented by Oakland University School of Nursing, Health Care Technology, Education and Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century takes place Oct. 17-19, at the Embassy Suites, Troy. Registration costs \$149 and ends Sept. 28. For details and to register, visit www2.oakland.edu/nursing/envisionconference, or call (248) 370-3799.

Lupus walk

13th annual walk to benefit the Lupus Alliance of America, Michigan Indiana Affiliate 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, begins at Freedom Hill, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse. Call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to info@milupus.org, or visit www.milupus.org.

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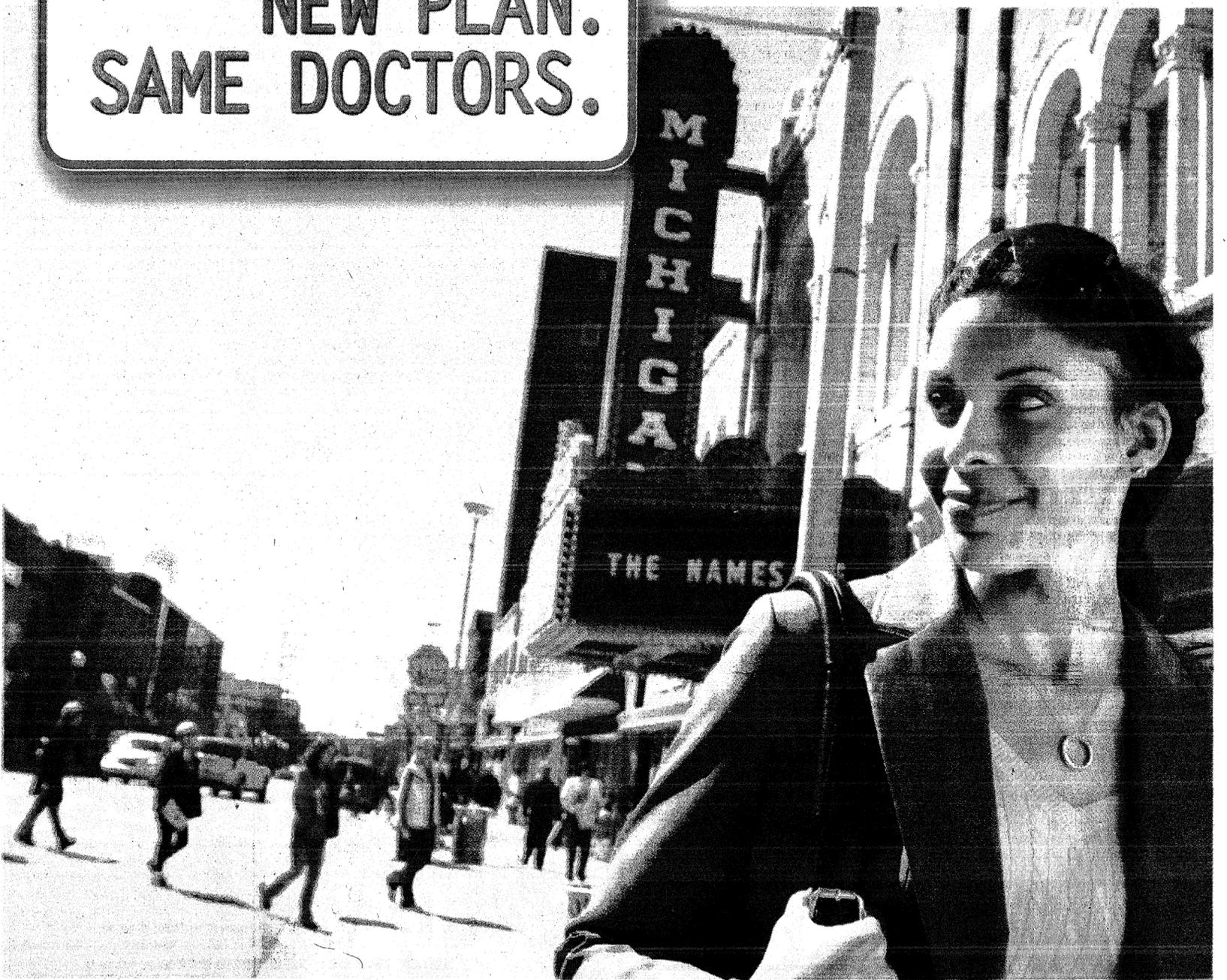
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The back to work program has been done for over 20 years, and is not limited to women but the majority of participants are female. To register or for information, call Judy Richmond at (248) 233-4232.

Women get help getting back to work

BY JULIE BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

The next Women To Work Program at JVS in Southfield will begin with an information meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 9-11 a.m. The sessions begin on the following Tuesday, Oct. 9, and run for 10 meetings on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The program is intended for women who are eager to return to the workforce as soon as possible. They may be unemployed for several years, may have worked only sporadically or been underemployed. The

funding source is the Charter One Foundation. Judy Richmond, Women To Work coordinator/employment specialist, said, "Obviously, it's a need within our community to assist people with an effective job search using specific strategies that lead to employment." The back to work program has been done for over 20 years, and is not limited to women but the majority of participants are female. To register or for information, call Richmond at (248) 233-4232. "Considering the economy, Michigan still has the highest unem-

ployment rate in the country," she said of Women To Work. Women need to work for a variety of reasons, including finances. "It's often for women who have been raising families," Richmond said. "We're very pleased with the number of participants, with the kinds of results, mostly with people finding employment. That's really the purpose of the program." There's no charge thanks to Charter One Foundation. There are no geographic restrictions. "We serve the entire metropolitan area," she said.

Focus:HOPE lauded for technology efforts

Focus:HOPE's Information Technologies Center (ITC) received a national award from the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) recently, recognizing its success in training, certifying and placing its students in technology careers. The Industry Best Practices Award was presented at CompTIA's Breakaway conference in Las Vegas, Nev. "Focus:HOPE is delivering training and education solutions to its students that will insure their employability and success in the ever changing field of technology," said John Venator, president and chief executive officer, CompTIA. "More than 700 students have graduated from the program and are earning competitive wages in rewarding, professional careers. Focus:HOPE is at the forefront of efforts around the country to develop the steady stream of skilled technology workers needed to keep America competitive in the global, knowledge-based economy of the 21st century." Focus:HOPE students have demonstrated success in passing the CompTIA A+ certification examinations. Since May 2006, the ITC has graduated 88

students from PC Technology and 90 percent are A+ certified. In three classes, each student passed the A+ certification. "I'm so proud of our students, instructors and staff for making this award possible," said Linda Hanks, manager of ITC. "We have high standards and our students and staff keep rising to meet those expectations." Instructors Kimberly Wallace and Hermine Turner attended the conference and were excited to accept the award on behalf of Focus:HOPE. "This was unlike anything I've ever experienced," Wallace said. "I was so proud and surprised by how many people have heard of Focus:HOPE because of our successfully high rate of A+ certified students." The ITC provides training in the areas of PC technology, network administration, and server administration. Students must have a high school diploma or GED to enroll. Upon graduation, students move into entry level positions with companies like Tech Team Global, Comcast, and EDS. Information technology is one of three education programs offered by Focus:HOPE.



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Oxbow 2 ideal design for newlyweds and empty nesters

The Oxbow 2 (405-21) is an ideal home for the young married couple just starting out or the parents whose children have all left home. It contains 1,236 square feet with a two-car garage. It has been

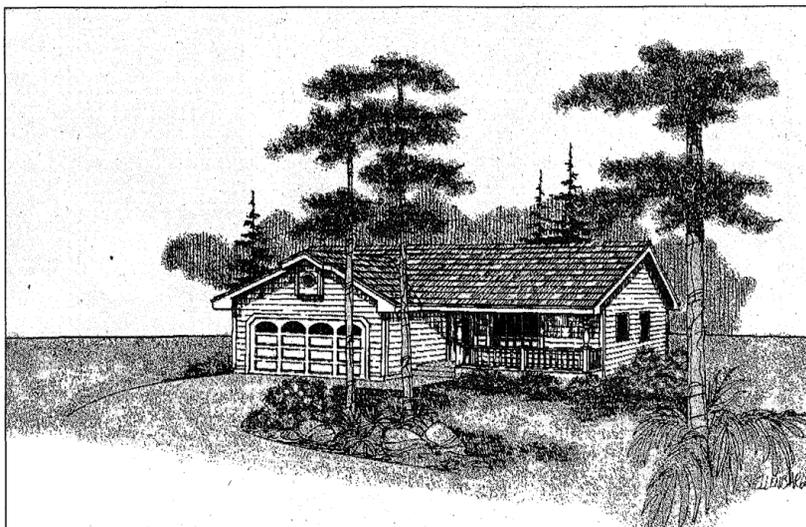
designed to have the country look with a covered porch area that provides the entry with a great look. The garage area has one large door for the two cars. A corner area provides space for the water heater and

the forced air unit. There is space along the back wall for a small workbench, if desired.

The door from the garage into the home accesses a large utility room containing the washer, the dryer, and shelves. There is ample room to have a table for folding clothes or for portable laundry baskets. The door from the utility room opens into the entry.

The dining room, off the entry to the right, has a large window that faces the front of the home and looks out onto the covered porch. The kitchen is in the corner next to the dining room. The appliances are placed around the walls in a semi-circle. The walk-in pantry is next to the refrigerator, handy for restocking shelves.

The two extra bedrooms are separated from the master bedroom by the living room. This allows privacy for the master bedroom as well as the other bedrooms. Each spare bedroom has a wall closet, and commonly share a bathroom located between the two. The doors from the bedrooms open next to the bathroom door. It contains a tub, toilet, and sink. It is also convenient to the living room for use by company or guests.

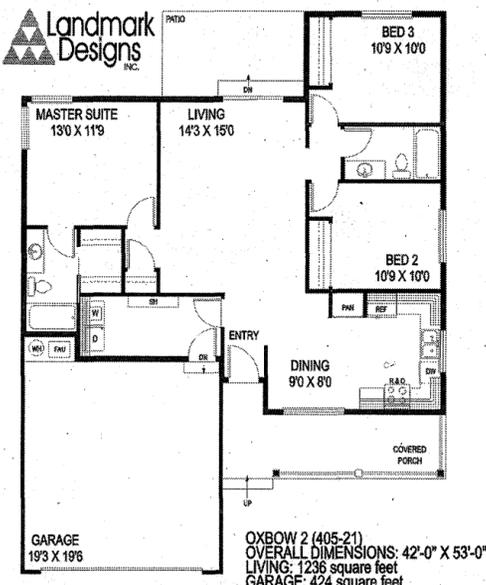


The living room is an open area that basically covers the center of the home. It has patio doors opening onto a deck in the rear. The master bedroom has corner windows for extra lighting. The bath area has a sink, toilet, and tub. There is a walk-in closet area off the bathroom, separated by a pocket door. This is a very well laid

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Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronnette in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales profession-

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice

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BIA First Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve

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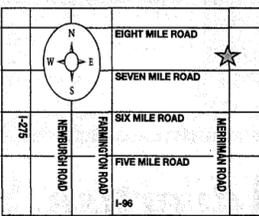
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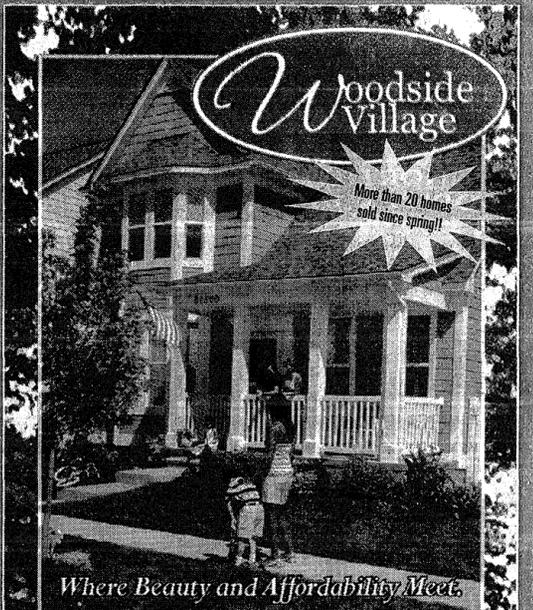


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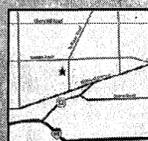
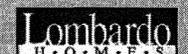
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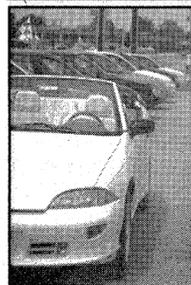
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There is something about getting into a vehicle bearing surface paint called White Chocolate to make you feel like you are lolling in a luxury dessert. And if that vehicle is the 2007 Lincoln Navigator Ultimate 4X4, you will know you are in the lap of luxury.

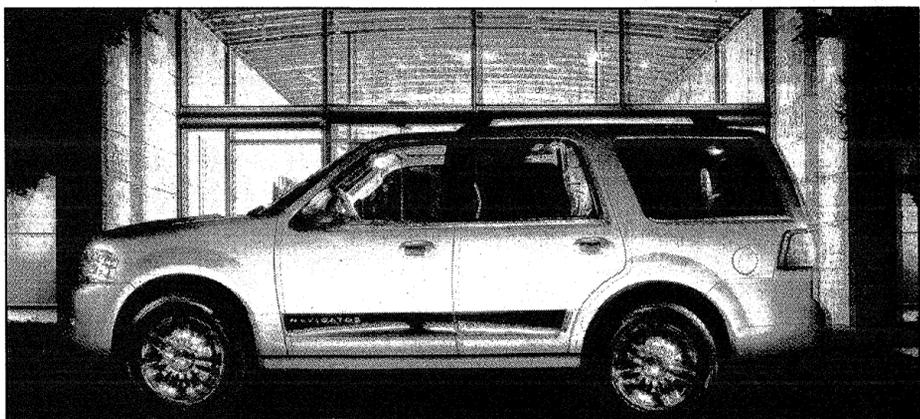
The Navigator also allocates names like Light French Silk and White Suede to its seven exterior color choices, and three interior finishes. One of the prettiest combinations is the White Chocolate exterior and Camel interior. Along with the blond accent (Anigre) wood and satin nickel touches, the leather seats are an award-winning match.

Wood grains are perfectly matched to provide a seamless effect inside.

I found it disconcerting to have cooled front seats – especially when they only service the legs and not the back. You will swear you are experiencing circulation issues and find yourself reaching for the off button. Fortunately, the heated seat option isn't as tough to get used to.

The 10-way power front seats are comfortably sumptuous, and are meant to adjust to a variety of heights and weights – from someone 4-foot-10 to 6-foot-5, and 90-pound to 300-pound passengers. Features like the dual-zone auto climate control and rear auxiliary climate control add to the leisurely atmosphere, and now deliver it in one-third the time as previous models did. The beautifully appointed instrument panel and power moonroof lend an additional aura of light and function. Soft white artificial light contributes to the feel of classic surroundings, and assorted bits of chrome and black provide richness and depth in the basically monochrome interior.

The optional power deploying running boards, activated with door entry, are improved with the 2007 for better concealment – and are necessary for climbing up into this bigger-than-average presence on the road. A definite clumsy aspect, however, is in trying to gain access to the third seat. This feat is hard to arrange, making it surely not accessible for adults lumbering into the back of the vehicle.



The 2007 Lincoln Navigator offers exterior finishes that resemble rich desserts, like White Chocolate, and envelops riders in unparalleled plushness, quiet and leather and wood interior, while still delivering power and towing strength with its 5.4-liter V8 engine.

Despite its PowerFold third-row seat for cargo allowance, if it is nearly impossible for even children to climb into gracefully, what is the point in having a third-passenger row?

One improvement with the 2007 model is the added 25 cubic feet of cargo space. The power liftgate also is a winner.

Power on the roads makes the Navigator a truck to reckon with. Sporting a 5.4-liter V8 engine, it provides 300 horsepower and 365 foot pounds of torque. Grrrr! That's a lot.

The all-new frame can be credited for the excellence in ride and handling, in conjunction with the independent suspension. Added to the acoustic windshield are thicker glass to make this Lincoln's improved interior quieter than ever before.

Some of the Navigator's safety features include standard side air curtains in all three rows, a thorax side air bag in the first row, lower anchors and tethers, a tire pressure monitoring system, Securilock anti-theft system and advance traction.

Functional extras include multi-link rear suspension, 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS and power-adjustable pedals with memory function.

The reverse sensing system is also especially appreciated when handling this large vehicle, and you will be glad you have it.

A voice-activated, DVD-based navigation system offers a 6.5-inch touch-screen that brings clarity and incorporates text-to-speech technology that reads and communicates directions and street names in three languages.

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The rear passenger entertainment package has contained sound in its available larger 8-inch screen with two wireless headphones. The Navigator can be yours for under \$47,000, but there are a multitude of extras as the trims expand, or the options are added. Generally considered to be in the same category as the Cadillac Escalade or the Land Rover Range Rover, the Navigator competes ably by delivering a smooth and numerous amenities. If you like the strength of a heavy vehicle, to be surrounded in plushness, and making heads turn, the Navigator could be your ticket to ride.

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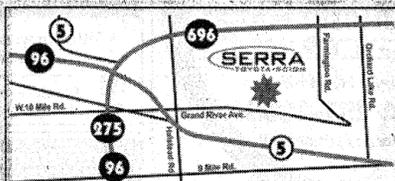
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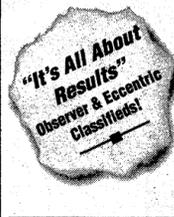
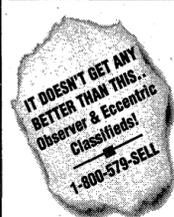
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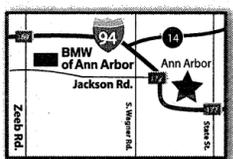
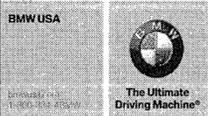


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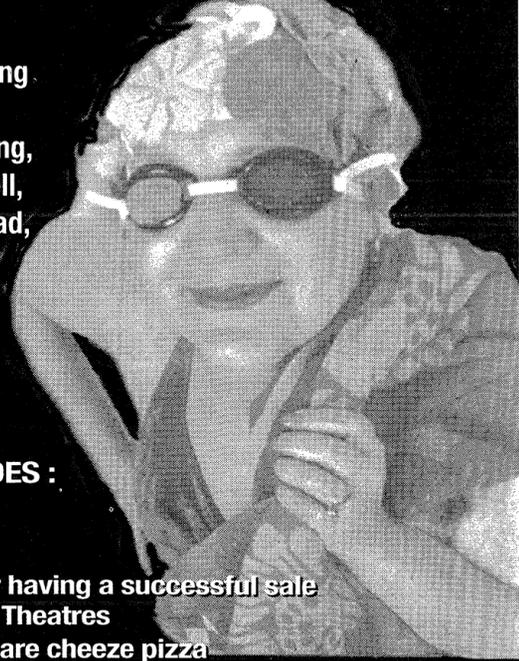
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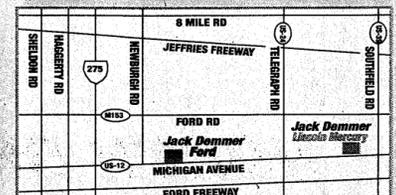
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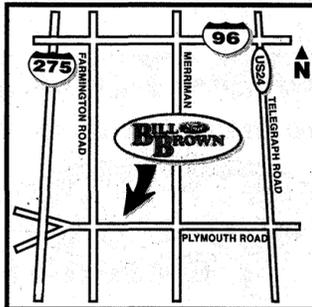
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