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City eyes security cameras for downtown areas

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

"Big Brother" will soon be watching downtown Plymouth.

The Downtown Development Authority and City of Plymouth are planning to install security cameras in the central parking garage, The Gathering and Kellogg Park later this year.

"There are periodic reports of gatherings on the top level of the parking structure, and some employees leaving work late at night have indicated some discomfort as a result," said DDA chairman Mike Wright. "However, there have not been any direct threats.

"It's more a preventative measure than anything, many communities are moving this way," added Wright. "We think it will have a deterrent effect for anybody potentially interested in causing trouble, for fear they'll be caught on camera."

City Manager Paul Sincock said there are already 22 security cameras in place, 14 at the Cultural Center and eight at the Municipal Services yard.

"We get a lot of people coming and going into various parts of the Cultural Center, and we want to monitor the activity to make sure everyone has a safe and secure visit," Sincock said.

Mike Allen, owner of 1999 Tavern

in Plymouth, always makes sure his female employees walk in groups to the parking garage late at night, or escorts them himself. Allen said security cameras would be a welcome addition to downtown.

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"Especially in the summertime, there are kids hanging out in the upper parking deck, and it makes people uncomfortable, especially if there are seven-eight of them," Allen said. "I think the cameras would be a good deterrent."

Wright said with the amount of activity in downtown Plymouth, the cameras have become a necessity.

"We want to manage the activity effectively," said Wright, "which is a combination of setting a good, positive atmosphere, as well as a sufficient deterrent to discourage anyone from taking advantage of our hospitality."

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Local shoes ready for '07 CROP Walk

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

CROP Walk supporters are getting ready to lace up their walking shoes for this year's event, set for Sunday, Oct. 7. Registration is at 1:30 p.m., the walk at 2 p.m.

"We're doing the same routes this year. Both will be loops through Plymouth starting at St. John's Episcopal Church (on Sheldon)," local coordinator Bill Brave of Plymouth said. There will be a two-mile and a fourmile route. Many walkers collect donations in advance, with sponsorship envelopes available from Brave. Donors then sponsor the walkers. The local Salvation Army supports the walk, with its canteen with water and snacks. A Salvation Army van also goes along the route.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, receives 25 percent of the CROP (Communities Responding To Overcome Poverty) Walk donations, with

walk." Manya

Larry Davison jacks up the front end of a school bus owned by Tutor Time so inspector Larry Doty can inspect the front suspension.

Safety first

Bus inspections show district's fleet is secure

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

John Henning, a 14-year mechanic at the Plymouth-Canton Schools bus yard, said he's certain the 137-unit bus fleet is safe for the district's 14,000 students who are transported a total of 1.5 million miles annually to and from school.

"We don't let anything go out of here that is unsafe, that I wouldn't let my own grandkids ride on," said Henning, of Canton Township. "We want to make sure we get the kids back and forth to school safely. It's a complete team effort in the garage, and we feel we do a pretty good job."

Apparently, the Michigan State Police agree. The district's fleet is currently being scrutinized by a state safety inspector and, with about a week to go, 95 buses have been inspected and none have come close to getting a red tag, which would pull it off the road for safety



No, it's not the Wicked Witch of the East, just state school bus inspector Larry Doty looking at the undercarriage of a bus.

concerns.

"At this point, they are looking real good," said Larry Doty, a civilian transportation inspector for MSP. "It's a good thing when I can walk into a fleet and they have long-standing, qualified techni-

CHECKING THE LIST

Here are some of the areas Michigan State Police inspect on Plymouth-Canton school buses:

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- In cab: Entrance door; side glass; seat belt
- Accessories: Horn; wipers; heater; mirror
- Lights: Headlights; emergency flashers; tail lights; backup lights
- Safety: First-aid kit; fire extingusiher
 Chassis: Wheel bearings; springs; bat-
- tery; filters
- Road test: Parking brake; steering; brakes; oil leaks

cians. They're aware of some of the critical issues, and have a proactive approach to maintenance problems. It's not reactive, wait 'til it's broke and then fix it."

Dean Mileto, P-CCS transportation supervisor for the bus garage since February, credits another transportation supervisor, Kurt Miles, for development of the current preventive maintenance program.

"The systems have been put in place for a lot of years, and the technicians are very conscientious,"

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Brave, a St. John's Episcopal member, is coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk, which has been held for more than 20 years with walkers in Canton and Plymouth different years.

"The last few years, we've averaged about 50 walkers. We're hoping for a few more this year," Brave said.

In addition to St. John's Episcopal, First Baptist Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian of Canton and First United Methodist of Plymouth have been the main churches the last few years.

"We've had some individuals contact us," said Brave, who can be reached at (734) 414-9867 for more information. "By all means people can come the day of the the rest going to Church World Services. Walkers can designate proceeds to support charities such as Project HOPE, Lutheran World Relief or others.

"You can designate it for other charities," said Brave, a stay-athome dad with two children. "Our whole family, we've walked it maybe the last eight to nine years." The couple's daughter started out in a stroller, and is now 9.

"It's just a nice family day," he said. "It's definitely worthwhile." Brave noted millions don't have access to fresh water worldwide, and distances walked in the event remind participants how far those people must go for water.

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Career path takes local volunteer to Peace Corps

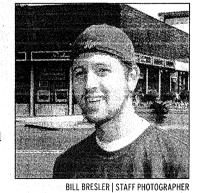
BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Dave Hannon of Plymouth Township graduated last spring from Michigan State University's James Madison College with a degree in international relations, he didn't know where his career path would lead him.

However, the Salem High School graduate did know one thing.

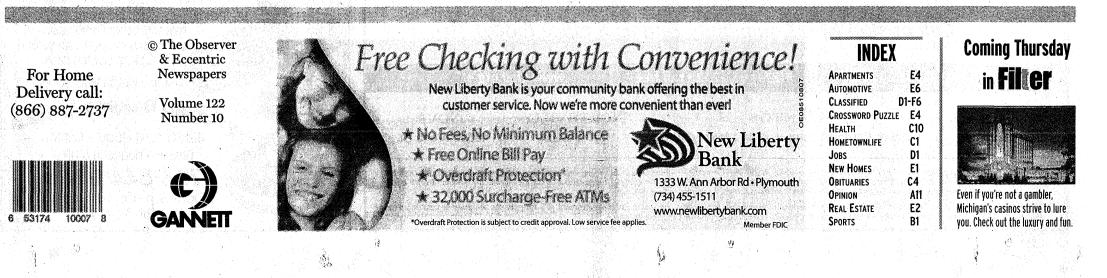
"I was not ready to get a job

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Dave Hannon has traded the streets of Plymouth for the streets of Kazakhstan

after joining the Peace Corps.



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Mileto said. "If we were reactionary, there would be no way we could take this size fleet and get it ready for inspection. It has to be a progressive program."

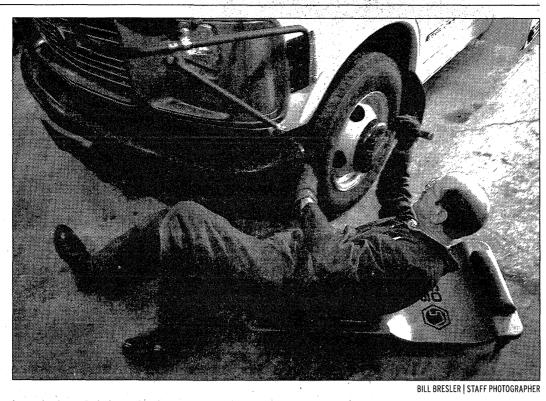
Doty said a bus could be red-flagged for a number of reasons, such as problems with the exhaust system. brakes, fuel leaks and steering problems.

"Something that would cause an immediate hazard to the passengers or drivers of surrounding vehicles," Doty said. "Something of a critical nature that would need additional attention and pulled off the road until those items are corrected.

"A yellow tag is something that wouldn't be an immediate hazard," he added. "We would allow the district a 60-day grace period to get it corrected. But it doesn't warrant the bus being pulled off the street immediately."

Nineteen-year mechanic Patrick Robertson said **Plymouth-Canton Schools**





Inspector Larry Doty inspects a bus owned by Tutor Time.

mechanics perform preventative maintenance on buses every day.

"The preventative maintenance for each bus gets done about every 6,000 miles," Robertson said. "All the things the state police look at we do all the time, not just when the inspector shows up. So it's not a total surprise we haven't had any buses tagged."

Henning said it takes about an hour to inspect

each bus.

"Then we have to do the repairs," Henning said. "It's a lot of pressure, but that's our job, to make sure the kids are safe. As a team, we're pretty proud of what we do here.

Tina Eichner of Plymouth Township, who has been driving a school bus for 17 years, said she's very confident her No. 9 yellow school bus is always in road-ready shape each morning, before

she gives it her mandatory 15-minute inspection before starting her routes.

"Before we take off we have a check list, such as the engine, belts, fluids, tires, make sure the seats are tight and the floor is safe," Eichner said. "If we find something wrong, we write it up and they usually fix it that day. We've got very good mechanics.'

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Trains cause traffic issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Residents in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are used to being delayed by trains traveling through the community.

This week, though, residents were inconvenienced twice by trains, or train-related workers, who weren't necessarily moving all that quickly.

On Thursday, some 800 DTE Energy customers in Plymouth were without power for awhile after a CSX work train crew apparently knocked down electric power lines, causing the city to close a couple of crossings.

"We had a work train in the area doing some maintenance work and it pulled the lines down," said Garrick Francis, CSX railroad spokesman. "It somehow got caught up and pulled the lines down."

According to City Manager Paul Sincock. downed lines were in an area from the Bathey property on Mill Street to Farmer, including a minor grass fire on Amelia, between Farmer and Main.

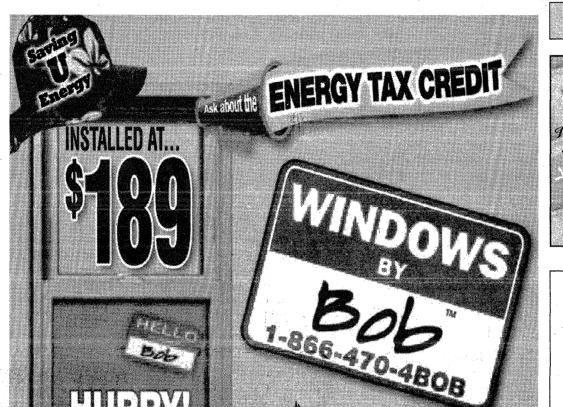
The outage caused Main street to be closed at Starkweather and at Church streets for a portion of the day.

Then on Friday, the CSX Railroad crossings at Main Street, Farmer Street, Ann Arbor Trail and Lilley and on Lilley south of Ann Arbor Trail were blocked because of a stalled train.

"It's a coal train that experienced engine problems about ten o'clock this morning," said Garrick Francis, CSX spokesman.

All four crossings were blocked for several hours.

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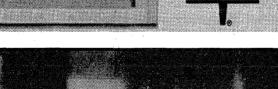




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Smith School spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its fifth-annual Shopping Spree fund-raiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

The event features more than 25 home-based businesses that will have their product line available for purchase. Come check out the raffle, too! Proceeds from the \$1 admission and the raffle go directly to the Smith Elementary PFO.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, call (734) 454-4389.

Make a Difference

The Plymouth Community United Way sponsors "Make a Difference Day," 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 28, meeting at the Plymouth Salvation Army headquarters, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Volunteers are invited to help rake leaves, clean yards and provide light labor (replace light bulbs and smoke-alarm batteries, etc.) for senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Morning refreshments, lawn bags and other supplies will be provided. Volunteers should bring rakes, garden tools and gloves.

To register, call the Plymouth Community United Way, (734) 453-6879 before Oct. 18.

Blood drive

The Plymouth Post Office hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the main post office on Beck Road.

Appointments are available, but walk-ins are also welcome. To schedule an appointment, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

Scarecrows in the Park

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for the 2007 Scarecrows in the Park.

Groups, businesses and families are invited to decorate their very own scarecrow in Kellogg Park. The scarecrows will then be on display from Oct. 5 through Nov. 9. This is a popular activity for service clubs, girl/boy scout troops, families and businesses.

Call the chamber office for more information at (734) 453-1540.

Grief workshop Our Lady of Good Counsel Church sponsors an eightsmall group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who've suffered similar losses.

The workshop meets eight consecutive Mondays, 7-8:45 p.m., at OLGC, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. For registration information, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

Junior Miss program

High school senior girls interested in participating in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program should contact Marissa Sarnecky at jmsarnecky@aol. com or (313) 215-3512.

There will be an orientation 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Westland Friendship Center located on Newburgh in Westland.

Preschool auction

Academic Pathways, a cooperative preschool located in Livonia which draws students from all over western Wayne County, hosts its annual "The Read Carpet" dinner-auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott in Laurel Park Place Mall.

Auction-goers will enjoy cocktails and a strolling dinner while viewing the silentauction tables. The evening also features live entertainment and dancing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute.

For more information visit the school's Web site at www. academicpathwayspreschool. com or call (734) 261-9540.

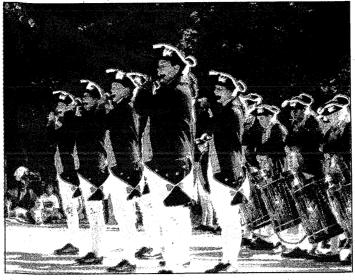
New Morning concert

Looking for a unique opportunity for some rockin' family fun? On Saturday, Oct. 13, the D'Art Band will headline a live 7 p.m. concert at New Morning School in Plymouth.

The event is open to everyone in the local Plymouth-Canton community, with a suggested donation of \$4 per person to benefit New Morning School. Refreshments will be provided.

D'Art Band is a Plymouthbased group that includes current and alumni parents of New Morning School. Band members include lead guitarist Waldon Reed, Jr., who has been teaching aspiring guitar students for over twenty years. His wife, Celeste, a Dearborn music teacher, also performs with D'Art Band. The show will feature a very special

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Come join the band

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps (PFDC) will hold an informational recruitment meeting at Canton High School on Monday, Oct. 29 from 7-9 p.m. in the choir room. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to learn more about PFDC. All aspects of becoming a member will be covered at this meeting, as well as a performance by the 2007 Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps. PFDC members range in age from 12-18 and are from various local communities, including Plymouth and Canton. The group performs approximately 40-50 times per season at parades and festivals throughout the Michigan, New England and Canada. Recruiting efforts will be for open positions in fifes, drums, and color guard. No previous musical experience is necessary. Instructional information is provided by PFDC instructors. Uniforms are provided by PFDC. For additional information or to contact the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, visit the PFDC Web site at http://www.pfdc.us.

is this concert." Teevens' son and daughter currently attend New Morning School. Vocalist Jane Renwick-Fry, keyboardist Craig Fry, and guitarist Pete Celano complete the six-piece ensemble.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www. newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

Salvation Army craft show

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is in need of crafters for its Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10. Those who wish to sell their wares at this fair may do so by renting an eight-foot table for \$25. You must be available to stay the entire time. No more jewelry vendors, please.

For more information, call the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

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 OLGC's Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), and featuers 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 (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. 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. \mathfrak{se} from \mathfrak{s} - γ 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 Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 7-8 p.m. at the Tonda gym.

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

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 afternoon of hijinks, motivation and tales of perserverance. 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 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.

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 multiproduct powersports dealer Plymouth Motorsports. The money raised by the raffle will be used to purchase a new trailer to replace the aging 50foot trailer currently used by the nationally acclaimed-band to carry all the large, frontensemble instruments and equipment to each competition or performance.

Raffle tickets, priced at \$10, will be sold for the next four weeks to win your choice of a wave runner, motorcycle, snowmobile, or four-wheeler. The tickets will be on sale at many P-CEP Friday night varsity football games at the Varsity Field at Canton High School and at Plymouth Motorsports located at 110 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Raffle tickets will be sold up until mid-October, with the final winner announced at the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters at Canton High School on Saturday, Oct. 13. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton band programs. For more information, visit www.pcmb.net

Artists needed

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteer artists for a creative display project for The Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Sports background or the simple love of baseball would be helpful. The project will be needed by Oct. 8.

Interested artists should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

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.



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week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Oct. 8.

The free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Karen Jimmet of the New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by guest appearance by former New Morning School music teacher and popular Detroitarea trombonist Bugs Beddow.

"The concert is a fitting way to help celebrate New Morning School's 35th year," explains D'Art drummer Jerry Teevens. "New Morning School is about family and community, and so

fashion show at 7 p.m. The event takes place in

moving into salsa. This class also starts



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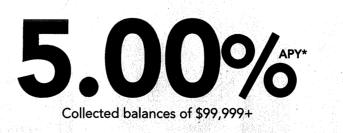
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Thanks to the generous support of community and corporate donors and the hard work of the Golf Classic Steering Committee chaired by leff Scott, the 2007 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic was a spectacular event. Gifts for the Pro Am totaled nearly \$150,000 to benefit the development of the Saint Joseph Mercy Center for Advanced Medicine and Surgery at the Canton Health Center. The event, held on June 20, hosted 47 PGA Professionals who joined the teams for a day of golf at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

This year's Awards Dinner was extra special as guests paid tribute to the late legendary U of M football coach Bo Schembechler who served as Honorary Chair for the past five years. Mrs. Cathy Schembechler attended the dinner and joined Bryan Amann, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Major Gifts Committee Co-chair and Golf Committee member; Garry C. Faja, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System President and CEO; and WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 Sports Director Don Shane in unveiling a permanent display created in memory of Coach Schembechler that will be installed at Pheasant Run.

St. loe's gives special recognition and gratitude to the 2007 Pro Am lead sponsor Dick Scott Automotive Group – Kia Nissan Dodge for making a generous gift of a Kia Optima LX Sedan for the Hospital's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation program. The Scott family, led by Dick and supported by Jeff (Pro Am chair and loyal committee member), Jason, Judd and Nichole, are long-time champions of St. Joe's and the Golf Classic.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System recognizes and commends those individuals and organizations who gave their support for 2007 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic. Thank you for your continued generosity and partnership.





From left: SJMH Department of Surgery Chair and Major Gifts Committee Co-chair Walter M.Whitehouse, Jr., MD; SJMH Development Committee Chair and ealth System Board member Bill Holmes and his vife, Wendy Holmes; WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 Action News Sports Director and event master of ceremonies Don ne and his wife, Mona Shane; Carole Empey; and SJMH Major Gifts Committee Co-chair and Pro Am member Brvan Amanr



2004 and 2005 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic Chair Shahaz Broucek and 2008 St. Joe's Pro Am Chair Bill Broucek (left) joined together with the members of the Approved Mortgages team, who went on to take first place among mixed teams at the event.



WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 Action News Sports Director Dor hane (third from left) joined the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System team, which was awarded second place at the event and included Head Golf Professional for Pheasant Run Golf Club Greg Bores; Health System Board member Steve Dobson; SJMH Department of Surgery Chair and Major Gifts Committee Co-chair Walter M.Whitehouse, Ir, MD: Health Surgery Da Walter M.Whitehouse, Jr., MD; Health System Board member John Burkhardt; SJMHS President and CEO



Dick Scott (center) represented lead sponso Dick Scott Automotive Group – Kia, Nissan, Dodge. Photographed here, Mr. Scott received a closest-tothe-pin award from his son, Jeff Scott (right), who was the 2007 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic Chair and Garry C. Faja, SJMHS President and CEO.

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and work 9-5," said Hannon,

The other option — which he chose - was the Peace Corps, where he's currently training as a community development volunteer in Kazakhstan, the second-largest republic in the former Soviet Union.

"I dig the Peace Corps, it's a good thing to do," said Hannon before leaving Aug. 19 for his 27-month tour of duty. "It seemed like a good thing to do, go abroad while I'm young and give back by helping out."

Kazakhstan might not be the first choice of many volunteers, and it certainly wasn't Hannon's.

"My first option was the Pacific Islands," said Hannon. "I figured I'd spend two years in Fiji, but that didn't happen. "They came back and offered

me six options, so I chose Eastern Europe," he said.

Armed with information that most of the Peace Corps volunteers in Eastern Europe went to Romania, Hannon wrote his senior project on Romania "to get me prepared."



Hannon

Parents: Pat and Jean Hannon Residence: Plymouth Township Education: 2007 graduate of Michigan State University

Apparently the Peace Corps had a different idea of what constitutes Eastern Europe.

"I found out the Peace Corps kind of puts together Eastern Europe and Central Asia," Hannon said. "Kazakhstan is loosely Eastern Europe.

"I called back to ask if Fiji was an option," he said. "I would have had to wait another full vear. and I didn't have any job prospects, so I'm shipping out."

Hannon is living with a host family in a two-bedroom apartment for the first three months of his stay, learning the country's language and culture, and living in a manner similar to people in Kazakhstan. In his blog,

Hannon described the first few days with his new family.

The first day all I heard was 'jea' = EAT and 'ish' = DRINK! And all day long that's all I did," wrote Hannon./"The rest of the time I spent using the few words I knew which were 'awesome,' 'yes' and 'thanks' which might have been part of the reason I was roped into drinking distilled goat milk. Other than that, I have no complaints as far as food goes. It is abundant and delicious."

Hannon's mother, Jean, said the Peace Corps is a great opportunity for her son.

"I think he'll learn to understand different cultures, and help in ways that are needed and useful," Jean Hannon said. "He's off to do good things in the world, and I'm extremely proud of him."

After three months with his host family, Dave Hannon will once again be on the move, and no closer to Fiji.

"I could get placed to the north in Siberia, or to the south, which is like a desert," he said.

Dave Hannon's blog can be accessed at www.davehannon. blogspot.com.

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Some excerpts from the blog of Dave Hannon, who is staying with a host family in Kazakhstan:

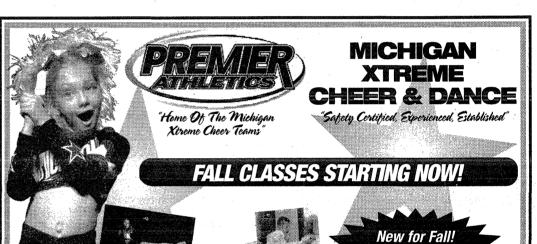
■ "My mama is pretty much the archetypal little old grandmother. Our relationship consists of her trying to fatten me up, be more careful when I go out at night, cut my hair, practice my language skills and me playing cards with her and learning flattering phrases in Kazakh for her.'

Notes from Kazakhstan

■ (Talgar) is a city of about 30,000 set in the southern mountains outside the old soviet capital Almaty. It is a beautiful and interesting place. The people are very very friendly and all pretty much know who we are now and say hello and ask us questions in the street, for both their curiosity and the amusement of us

saying the same things over and over."

"We went down to shoot (basketball) around and there were a bunch of kids messing around so we joined them and were having fun and decided to start a game - this was when the old man with the whistle came out and started yelling at us in Russian (which no one understands so he yells louder and faster)."



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Golden State Warrior Jason Richardson (left) and Fox Sports broadcaster and former Detroit Pistor Greg Kelser attended the event.



Pictured from left: Jeff Scott, 2007 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic Chair; Hockey Great Ted Lindsay, former player for the Detroit Red Wings and Chair Emeritus for the event and Gil Ruicci, Pro Am Committee member and long-time supporter of the event.

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LOCAL NEWS

Tigers star Ordonez thrills area baseball fans

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

Before heading out to celebrate her 30th birthday, Lisa Paparelli spent over an hour waiting to get an autograph from Detroit Tiger Magglio Ordonez.

"I've been a Tiger fan since I was little. Maggs has been my favorite player since he came to the Tigers. He's number 30, so there were some coincidences," said Paparelli, a Plymouth resident.

Ordonez wrote Happy Birthday in Spanish when signed a photograph for Paparelli, who in return invited him to her birthday celebration at Fishbone's.

"It was awesome," said Paparelli, showing off her autographed photograph.

The Tiger right fielder and top hitter was making a rare autograph session appearance Thursday at Fanatic U at Ford Road and Henry Ruff in Garden City. Accompanying Ordonez was Tiger second baseman and fellow Venezuelan Omar Infante.

Paparelli was accompanied by her best friend Tracee Goebel of Plymouth, boyfriend B.J. Eglinton, his parents Pete and Karen Eglinton and Paparelli's aunt Lynn Rotole,

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all of Livonia. Each had something to be autographed - the cost was \$80 to have a photograph or baseball signed and \$125 for bigger item such as jerseys.

Recently retired after 27 years at the Burger Center for Autism, Karen Eglinton was getting an autographed jersey to be auctioned as a fund-raiser at the upcoming open house at the school.

"Omigosh, I'm verklempt. He (Ordonez) was so down to earth - he brought his wife and daughter with him. This was such a treat," said Eglinton after getting her autograph.

Also excited to get the Tigers' autographs were Westland residents Salli and Michael Pringle. Using a wheelchair since suffering a stroke, Michael Pringle continues to be a lifelong Tigers

"He'll watch all the games. His job took us from state to state and we had cable or Dish Network so we could pay for sports packages and get the Tigers," said Salli Pringle. "He's always been a collector

Over 600 tickets for autographs by Ordonez and Infante had been sold prior to the appearance starting, according to Fanatic U owner

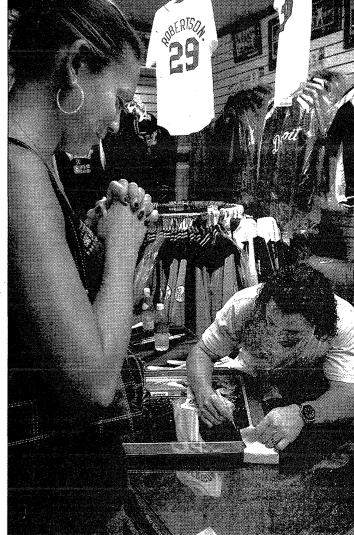
will probably be 1,200-1,500 people through the line," said Every, who also has stores in Livonia and Taylor. "This is the biggest Tiger signing we've had for sure. We'll have 10 signings with 15 players this year.'

This was Ordonez' only public signing in Detroit this year, Every said. "I don't think he's ever done this in Detroit," he added.

Every is donating part of the proceeds from the signing to the Aurelio Rodriguez Scholarship Foundation which assists Hispanic students.

The Tigers' 2006 season that took the team to the World Series was a boon for sports merchandise retailers like Every.

"Before last year, we'd sell maybe 50 Tiger jerseys in a year. Last year with the World Series, we were selling 50 jerseys a day," he said. "There are more Tiger fans than Red something, that will put the rest to shame."



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the photo to her friend Lisa Paparelli as a gift for Paparelli's 30th birthday.

Green Street Fair, Inc., a joint venture between the owners of Plymouth's Art in the Park and the owners of Street Marketing, Inc. in Northville, this week announced the Green Street Fair presented by Whole Foods Market, to be held on the streets of downtown Plymouth

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or that we're proud to be a part of launching," said David Lewis, Michigan executive director of operations, Whole Foods Market. "Caring for our environment is a core value at Whole Foods Market and one of particular importance to me as well. I want to help improve the planet we share for my daughter."

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Investing inheritance better idea than paying off mortgage

Dear Rick: I'm 30 years old and just inherited \$25,000. My dad says I should invest the money. My mother thinks I ought to pay down my mortgage. I owe approximately \$100,000 on my mortgage at 5 percent. What do you recommend?

While I hate to disagree with mothers, I believe your dad is correct. After taxes, your mortgage is costing approximately 4 percent. By investing the money long term, you should be able to at least double what your mortgage is costing. It makes sense to invest the \$25,000 as opposed to paying down on your mortgage.

I'm not a fan of making extra payments on mortgages or making large lump-sum payments. This is particularly true for someone who has a fixedrate mortgage with a very low interest rate. A good investor looking long term should be able to earn substantially more than the after-tax cost of the mortgage, in this situation 4 percent. After all, just look at a fund like Vanguard S&P 500 and see how that fund has done over the last 20 years.

Another option to consider is investing the money in a Roth IRA. If you qualify, a Roth is a great opportunity because the money will grow on a tax-free basis.

Since the year's almost over, you can consider investing a portion of the money now into a Roth IRA and then after Jan. I make your 2008 Roth contribution. This will allow you to invest a substantial portion of the inheritance on a tax-free basis.

One last note
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be honest with
themselves.Money MattersIf you do not
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Rick Bloom long term, then making the

extra mortgage payments or making a lumpsum payment may be the best investment for you.

Dear Rick: What are capital gain distributions and do I need to be concerned with them?

Capital gain distributions typically refer to mutual funds. By law, mutual funds are required to distribute profits on a year-by-year basis. Typically, December is when the majority of funds make the distribution. As a mutual fund investor, it is important to understand capital gain distributions and how they affect you.

First, there is the tax issue. When a mutual fund makes a capital gain distribution into a taxable account, the distribution is taxed. In a majority of cases, it is considered a long-term capital gain and the maximum tax rate is 15 percent. It doesn't matter whether you were a shareholder in that fund for the whole year or recently purchased the fund, you are still taxed.

Where capital gain distributions can make a significant difference is for someone who is considering purchasing a mutual fund near the time it is

making its capital gain distribution.

In most situations, that will be at the end of the year. That is why right about the time we get to Thanksgiving, someone who is making a new investment in a taxable account should consider delaying the purchase until after the fund makes its capital gain distribution. This will allow you to avoid paying tax on the capital gain distribution.

Some people point to capital gain distributions as the downside of investing in mutual funds. If you own individual stocks, there is no tax consequences until the stock is sold. However, it is incorrect to say that capital gain distributions increase your taxes.

Capital gain distributions and how they are taxed is in fact nothing more than a timing issue. After all, if mutual funds did not have to distribute capital gains, you would end up paying the same capital gains tax when you sold the fund. Therefore, the real difference with it is you are paying the tax throughout the time you own the fund as opposed to just when you sell it

One last note for investors in tax-deferred accounts, such as 401(k) plans and 403(b)s. These distributions have no effect.

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 from noon- to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).



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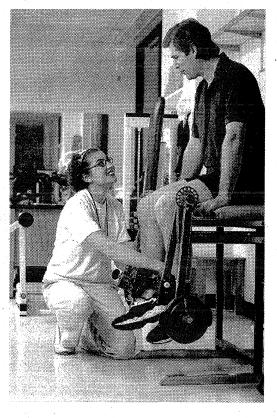


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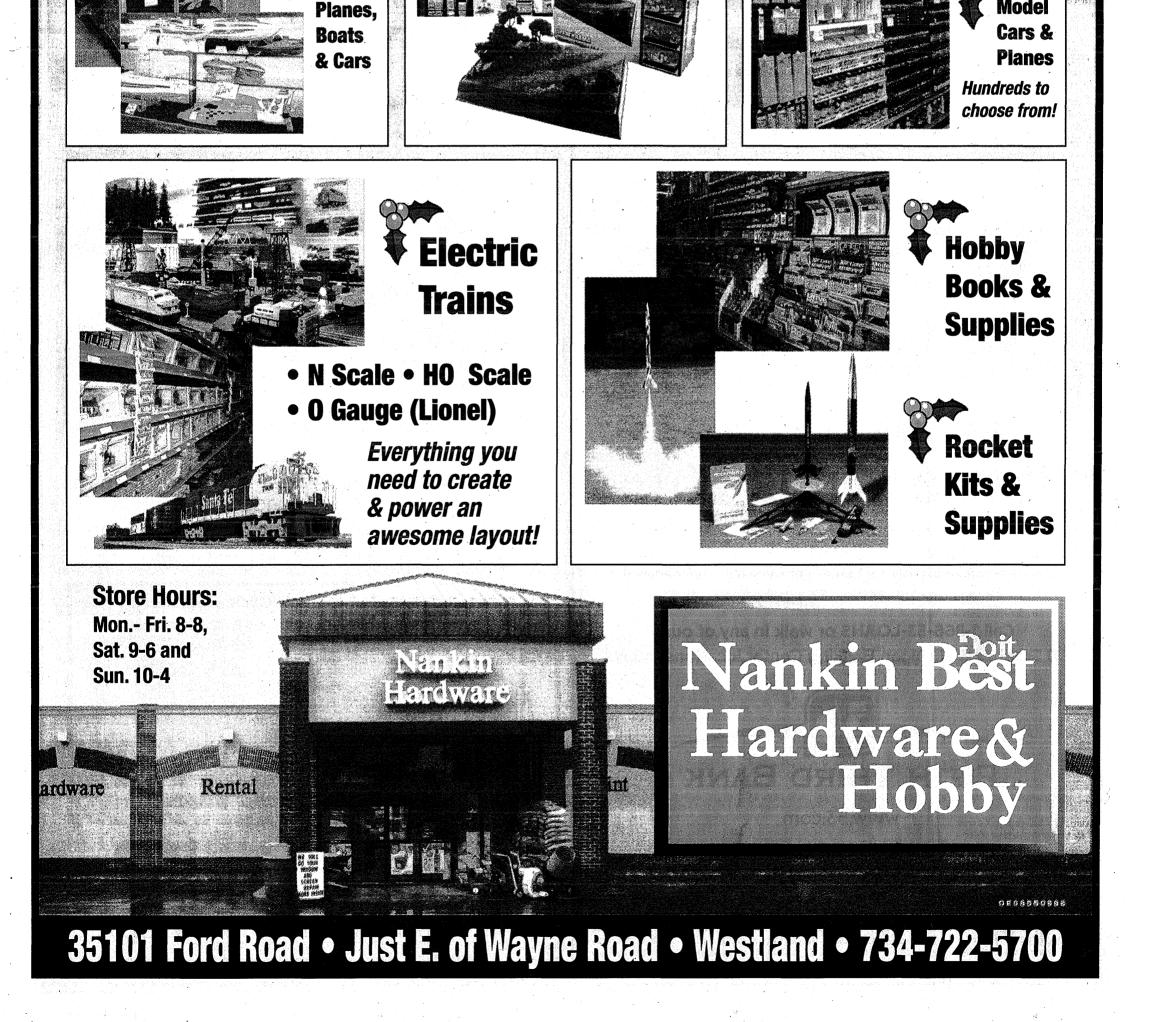


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■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Sept. 24, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Sept. 26, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 2241 or e-mail spatterson@ plymouthlibrary.org

■ BEDDING DOWN FOR WINTER, Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - This meeting will replace the monthly Library Garden Group meeting. Earthenjoy Flowerscaping owner Sandra Healy will share valuable tips on how to winterize the garden. Other topics will include pruning, pest control, soil testing, mulching, planning bulbs and tool care. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

■ BANNED BOOKS WEEK, Sept. 29 to Oct. 6 - Book lovers can visit the Plymouth District Library and check out any number of books that have banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory desk or go to http://ala.org//bbooks

Youth Programs

■ PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES, Session one, Tuesdays through Sept. 25, 7 p.m.; Session two, Wednesdays through Sept. 26, 7 p.m. - This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5. ■ PRESCHOOL

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ON THE AGENDA

Plymouth Township Board of Trustees

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the meeting room at township hall, 9955 N. Haggerty. Among the items on the agenda are the 2007 millage rate, a contact with the Michigan Humane Society and several appointments to the township's compensation commission. For information on the meeting, call the clerk's office, (734) 354-3228.

Plymouth-Canton School Board

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education meets twice this week. The board conducts a special meeting 7 p.m. Monday to consider approving a search firm to help hire a replacement for retiring superintendent Jim Ryan. The meeting starts with a 6:15 p.m. closed session to discuss negotiations and personnel update. The board then conducts its regular meeting 7 p.m. Tuseday, Sept. 25. Among items up for discussion are a ratification of the contract with teachers, the district's Adequate Yearly Progress report cards and bids to replace lockers at Salem High School. Both meetings take place in the board meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2700.

Teen journalists – Observer wants you!

The *Plymouth Observer* is looking for sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in producing local newspaper pages and online 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 hometownLIFE.com print and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions of the *Observer*.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply. In addition, students

must commit to serving as a student journalist for the entire 2007-08 school year and be prepared to attend a 90-minute orientation session on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the *Observer* offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Students must also be prepared to attend planning meetings as determined by the student group.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to

appear in November.

"We want teens to take ownership of the section in print and online, "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 Students Voices logo for an application

for an application. Deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 24.

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plished by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5. TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays

through Sept. 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. -The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3½ years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session is for families with siblings and other

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■ HOMESCHOOLERS @ THE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. - Enjoy an afternoon of information and entertainment, including a library scavenger hunt. Registration is required for this free program and will start on Sept. 18; call or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5. Homeschool families only, please.

BABY PLAY, Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., repeated Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.



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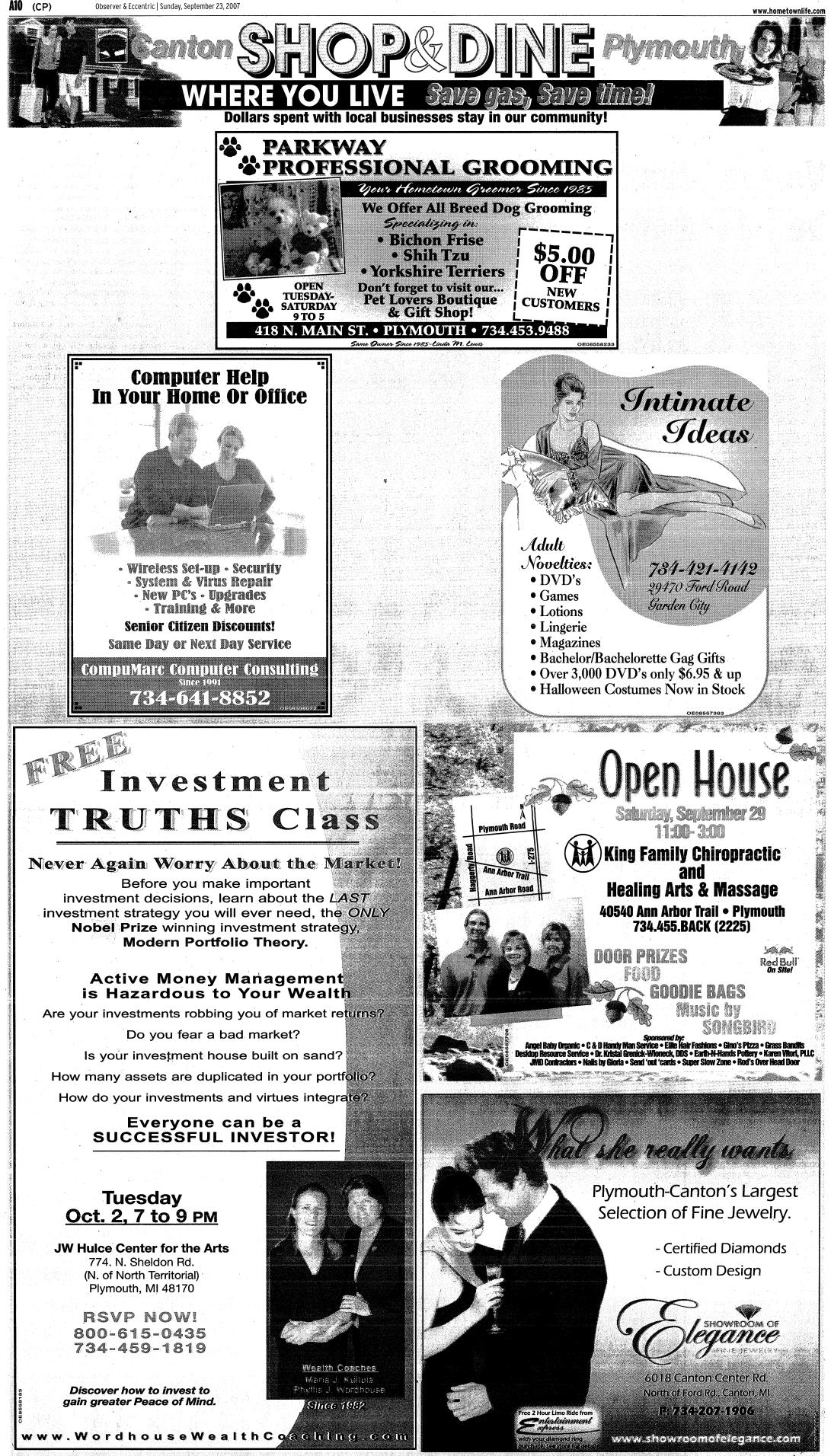
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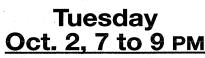
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Voters should be informed

The Plymouth City Commission will see significant change in November, with four seats up for grabs and two of its most effective members — Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioner Michele Potter — term-limited out of office.

The other two incumbents, Gerry Sabatini and David Workman, are seeking re-election, and they'll be joined on the ballot by Anthony Guilliom, Christopher Lynn and Michael Wright. Residents who've paid attention in the past might recognize Guilliom as the former one-term city commissioner, and if you're really invested in local politics you might recognize Wright as chairman of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Lynn is a local Realtor and political novice seeking his first elective office.

The other name in the mix won't be on the ballot, but it might be familiar — Jason Vorva, the son of former state representative and city commissioner Jerry Vorva, is running a write-in campaign. The younger Vorva also ran an unsuccessful campaign for the Republican nomination to his dad's old seat in the House.

That means there's the potential for more than half of the commission to be new, although generally incumbents do well, so Sabatini and Workman would seem safe. Still, two of the seven faces will be fresh. And if you don't know much about the challengers, you probably aren't alone.

That's why voters educating themselves in this particular election is critical. The city faces financial issues, and decisions are being made about the fire department and a potential road millage. This is no time for voters to put in place elected officials about whom they know nothing.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has a remedy: A candidates' forum set for Oct. 2 at the Plymouth District Library. All of the candidates, including the write-in Vorva, have been invited to attend.

It'll be a chance for voters to get to know the people vying for their votes. Each candidate will get opening and closing statements, plus the chance to answer questions put forth by audience members.

These same candidates will spend a good deal of time and money on campaigning, including lawn signs, postcards and other campaign materials, so their messages will be out there.

But those things can be misleading. Inevitably, there will be pieces distorting the views and records of one or more of the candidates. At a public forum, voters can get a sense of the person and hear a candidate's views straight from the horse's mouth.

Plymouth faces a number of important issues, and the makeup of the City Commission will be an important factor in how those issues are decided. Voters owe it to themselves, and to their city, to know as much as possible before casting their ballots.

Exception to editorial

I take exception to the recent editorial ("Leadership lags on state budget," *Observer*, Sept. 20) that questioned my motive for keeping my vote "off the board" while negotiations on Michigan's budget crisis continued.

Blindly voting along party lines doesn't show leadership and it doesn't take political courage — in fact, it's the easy way out. Voting along party lines to gain a political advantage when Michigan faces an unprecedented fiscal crisis is cowardly.

I was sent to Lansing to speak on behalf of the people I represent. I've gotten hundreds of e-mails regarding Michigan's budget crisis. Many demand that I vote against a tax increase; many demand the exact opposite. The one common thread is that they all demand that I do what's right to move Michigan forward.

I firmly believe that we need a comprehensive solution to solve Michigan's budget crisis. The plan that was presented to me was a partial solution. It did not go far enough to rein in state spending. Michigan's economy is struggling. Our working families, already struggling to make ends meet, have told me they cannot afford a tax increase. Before I can ask working families to sacrifice more, I have to be confident that we have completed the necessary reforms and cut the fat out of the state budget.

I also firmly believe that any plan to resolve this budget crisis must be bipartisan. I began this job by promising that I would reach across the aisle to build relationships and consensus. Threats of a recall, or the loss of this job, will not stop me from keeping this promise. Without bipartisan support I am convinced that we would be back to the negotiating table in just a few months. Without bipartisan support any plan that passes the House would die in the Senate, sending the Legislature back into finger-pointing and political squabbling. These problems are why I, and some of my colleagues, held back our votes. This lack of support eventually forced both sides back to the negotiating table.

I will continue fighting to ensure that we use our residents' tax dollars efficiently, that we have a leaner, more responsible state government, and that a bipartisan solution will be forged to move Michigan forward.

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LETTERS

Marc Corriveau state representative House District 20

(Corriveau was one of six Democrats to vote Friday against raising the state income tax to 4.6 percent.)

Deserving freedom?

I would like to correct the author of the Sept. 16 letter, "Democracy not for everyone." The original note, "Freedom is the key," that the author referenced did not say democratizing the Middle East would eliminate terror — that would be näive — only that it would "reduce the motives for self-destructive terrorism."

History has shown this to be effective for those who lived within the reign of terror of Nazi Germany and Italy. These countries are no longer threatening us, their neighboring countries or their own constituents with terror and destruction since their change to democratic status. Please remember the Nazi party was the model for the Iraqi political system under Saddam.

The Sept. 16 note also proved there are people who believe others are not deserving of living within free democracies. I would be curious to know what type of leader or dictator the Iraqi people should have to make a more stable Middle East. It could be anyone like another Saddam, or an Ayatollah Khomeini, or Assad from Syria or another Nassar. Maybe we could get lucky and have a more benevolent leader like Jordan's King Hussein.

Do you believe that if King George III wasn't so bad we would be living under a monarchy? Would that be better than what we have today? Before we think Americans are more deserving of freedom and democracy than other people, just think how lucky we were in 1776 when a minority of people in America (about one-third) wanted to split from England. The others either didn't care or were loyalist.

In the end, we are only deserving of the freedom we grant to others. Thanks for printing this healthy debate.

Greg Pappas

Plymouth

Fund-raising success

HURRY OFFER

I wanted to give a big congratulations to the Friends of Community Living Services for a record breaking Evening with Friends fund-raising dinner! Over 800 friends attended this wonderful evening highlighted by awards for community members who have done extraordinary acts on behalf of individuals with disabilities, and self-determination acts of individuals with disabilities.

Community Living Services provides a wide range of services for individuals with disabilities such as a myriad of therapies, social work services, and home placement, as well as mini-enterprise support, enabling individuals with disabilities to live fulfilling lives with homes of their own, jobs and even owning their own businesses.

The goal of CLS is to train and support individuals with disabilities, caregivers and families to develop a life plan that will enable these individuals to become self-sufficient and reduce their dependence on public supports. Most importantly, they allow these individuals to live meaningful lives within the communities in which they live.

The Friends of CLS are community leaders who provide additional funds to assist in achieving these goals, and the Evening with Friends is the primary fund-raiser each year for this wonderful organization.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating these great leaders in supporting this great goal and organization. **Rich Ham-Kucharski**

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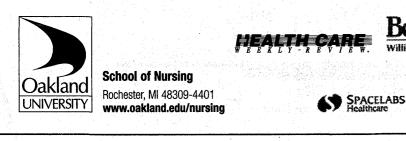
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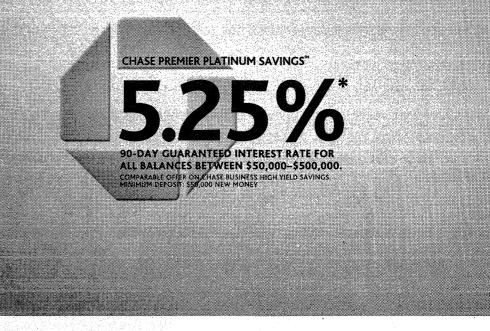
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Salem kickers rock No. 2 Chiefs, 2-1

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

With the Friday night lights shining on the PCEP soccer pitch instead of the football field, Salem and Canton put on a show worthy of the spotlight.

Sparked by goals from a pair of defenders, the Rocks overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to upend their cross-campus rivals, 2-1, in a classic game that was viewed by a spirited crowd in excess of 300 spectators.

"The rivalry between us and Canton is so good, but them being ranked No. 2 made this game so much bigger," said Salem junior captain Kevin Cope, who netted the game-winning goal with 5:11 left. "It just feels good to win, especially in front of hundreds of fans.'

The victory - which came just 48 hours after a heart-breaking 1-0 setback to Livonia Stevenson - improved Salem's record to 4-4-7. The loss was the second straight for the Chiefs, who

slipped to 8-2-3.

Tonight's game was a classic, backand-forth Salem-Canton game," said Rock coach Ed McCarthy. "Being down 1-0 at halftime, we thought we'd have the opportunity to play a little better in the second half and we got a couple great goals from Jace and Kevin.

'This was about as satisfying of a win as you can have. It was a little sweeter, too, because Canton has such a good team this year. They defend as well as any team in the state. It was a good win for us. Hopefully, we can turn it into something."

The lone first-half goal was tallied by Canton junior forward Sherif Hassanien, who made an incredible individual effort on the play, slicing through three Salem defenders before directing the ball past Rock goal-keeper Sasa Miskovic at the 22:23 mark.

Salem threatened to deadlock the

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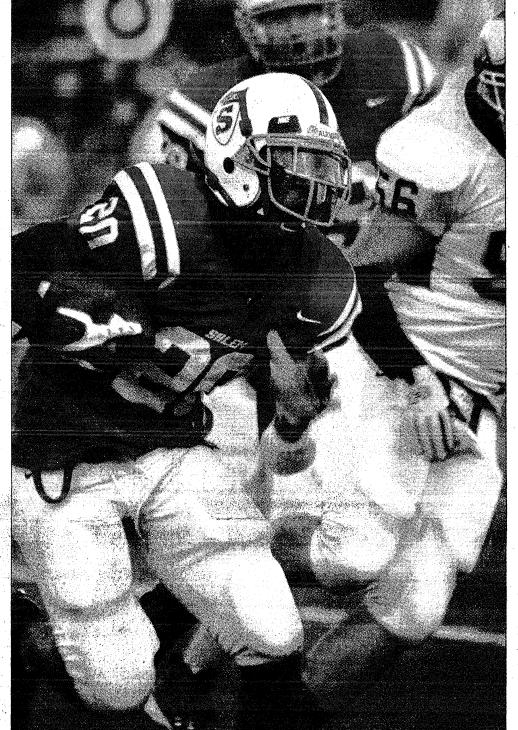
Pats edge 'Cats in nail-biter

Livonia Franklin survived another nail-biting finish Friday night to earn its second straight football victory of the season against visiting Plymouth, 18-10.

Mark McRobb's 48-yard interception return for a touchdown with just 19 seconds remaining sealed the win as the Patriots, who dropped their first three games of the season, improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We have to find a way to be able to run the football better," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "The kids played hard and they didn't quit. We just couldn't make the big plays when we needed them." Likewise, Franklin coach Chris Kelbert was pleased with his team's resiliency.

"It was the same story this week," Kelbert said. "We have a group of kids that won't quit but we make too mistakes and put ourselves into bad situations." After Jesse Carpenter's pair of third-quarter field goals of 20 and 37 yards put the Patriots ahead, 12-10, Plymouth (3-2, 1-2) threatened to regain the lead with less than three minutes remaining by driving all the way to the Franklin 2.



W.L. Central rolls over **Rocks**, 41-0

Walled Lake Central rolled to its second football victory in a row Thursday, defeating host Salem, 41-0.

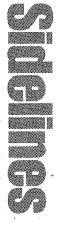
The Vikings, who were ahead 28-0 at halftime, are 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division and 2-3 overall.

"Our team is starting to jell; things are starting to click," Central coach Bob Meyer said. "We're focused on a big game next week - our homecoming with John Glenn - and we need to get back to .500.

"We're focused on the middle third of the season. The first third didn't go too well; we need to go 3-0 in the second third."

Mike Dennison started the scoring Thursday with a 70-yard run, and Ryan Servello returned a first-quar- · ter pass interception 25 yards for the second touchdown.

In the second quarter, Steve Robinson scored on a 98-yard pass from Cody Rzeznik, and Rzeznik, who had a 20-yard touchdown run called back, caught a 24-yard TD pass from Jack Kennedy.



Baseball clinic

The Canton Cardinals 11U Travel Baseball Club will be holding a baseball clinic for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 8 years old on Sunday, Oct. 7 from noon to 2 p.m. The clinic, which will be run by the Cardinals' coaching staff and players, will be fun and focus on fundamentals.

For the \$25 entry fee, players will receive a T-shirt, juice box and a healthy snack.

The Cardinals, who qualified for the 2007 10U World Series, will use the event as a fund-raiser for the 2008 season. The club will also make a donation to the Children's Trust Fund, which sponsors youth baseball for less-fortunate youngsters.

For more information or to register, contact Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. **MU's Steele 1st**

History was made Wednesday afternoon

But Franklin's Gernard Mincey recovered a Plymouth

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Anthony Mullins looks for daylight during the first guarter of Thursday night's 41-0 setback to Walled Lake Central.

Ryan Gregory ran 40 yards for a third-quarter score, and the Vikings settled for a pair of 25-yard field goals by Brad Lyons to complete the scoring.

In addition to kicking five extra points, Lyons also kicked five of seven kickoffs into the end zone.

The Vikings had 480 total yards, 360 of it rushing. Dennison gained 80 yards, Scott Bruce 60, Robinson and Cory Davis 40 each.

The Central defense didn't allow a point for the second week in a row. Salem (0-3, 0-5) had 227 yards of offense.

No Joshin': Hill leads 'Cats over Chiefs, 1-0 BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

His last name is Hill, but Plymouth's sophomore goal-keeper stood as tall as a mountain during Wednesday night's showdown against Canton, the No. 2-ranked team in Division 1.

Making just his second varsity start, the Wildcats' Joshua Hill turned away everything the Chiefs could kick at him in Plymouth's 1-0 triumph. The win - the Wildcats' first ever against Canton improved Plymouth's record to 4-6-3 overall and 3-2-1 in the Western Division. The Chiefs slipped to 8-1-3 and 5-1-1, respectively.

"Our other goalie was a little dinged up, so Josh got a chance and he made the most

of it." said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "He played very solid and didn't make any mistakes, which is what we needed from him tonight. Canton put a lot of pressure on us most of the game – I think they had about 12 corner kicks – but he did the job."

While a sophomore kept them in the game, it was a pair of seniors who connected on the goal that won it. With the clock ticking down toward the three-minute mark, senior All-State forward Colin Rolfe dribbled through and around the Canton defense before lofting a centering pass in front of the net to Trevor Floyd, who directed past Chief goalie Kevin Krause and into the back of the net with 3:08 to play.

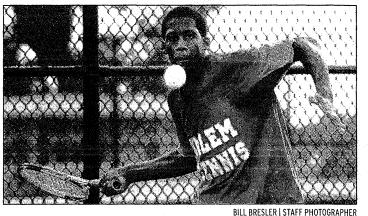
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for the MU women's golf program as freshman Caitlin Steele carded a 16-overpar 88 to win the Wolverine-Hoosier **Athletic Conference** Jamboree hosted by **Cornerstone University** at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Ada.

As a team, MU placed fourth with a combined total of 404 (+116), finishing eight strokes ahead of the host Golden Eagles and 99 strokes better than Indiana Tech.

Westland freshman Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin) gave the Crusaders two players among the top 10, tying for eighth with a twenty-threeover 95.

Freshman Jillian Kloc (Belleville) finished 22nd with a 107, while Westland's **Danielle Elswick** (Wayne Memorial) and Livonia's Alison Sanborn (Franklin) finished 23rd and 25th respectively.



Rock solid

Salem's No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, pictured above during a scrimmage earlier this season, has led the Rocks to a 7-1 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association. For results from Friday's pivotal match against Livonia Stevenson, please see page B2.



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game before the intermission, however, Josh Pascarella's intight shot with 8:05 to go went wide left. Less than two minutes later, Nick Schreiber headed a ball five yards in front of the goal-line, but it missed the mark wide right.

Schreiber had another nearmiss 1:20 into the second half. but his rocket of a shot was deflected away by leaping Canton net-minder Matt Revers.

Miskovic kept his team close when he batted down a screaming missile off the foot of Canton's Logan McGraw at the 30:30 mark.

The Rocks finally solved the Chiefs' defense with 9:10 left when Bearden scored off an assist from Schreiber. The goal came just seconds after Revers had robbed Pascarella with a diving save.

The game-winner unfolded when Pascarella made a run

down the right side, slid the ball to Dan Radosevich, who pushed it to Cope.

Cope settled the ball then lofted a high, arching shot over Revers and into the net.

"J.P. (Pascarella) made a good run, Dan got the ball and played it over to me," said Cope, describing his dramatic game-winner. "It never would have happened without J.P.'s run.

"This was a great team victory."

The Chiefs created a pair of quality scoring chances in the waning minutes - one a header by Scott Zech at 3:10 and Pat Nolan's hard liner that Miskovic field on one hop at the 2:40 mark.

Matt Calupina played the final 35 seconds in goal for Salem after Miskovic was banged up in a collision with a Canton player.

The junior did not have to face a shot down the stretch. Salem's team was mobbed at

mid-field by the fired-up student section once the clock hit 0:00.

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Salem's Josh Pascarella (left) and Canton's Tim Belcher battle for possession of the ball during Friday night's cross-campus clash. Salem won, 2-1.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.007

TEXT AMENDMENT 002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 110 OF 2006 BY AMENDING Article II Zoning Districs, Zoning Map and Uses Permitted; Article XIV ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District; Article XXI Residential Unit Developments; Article XXII Single Family Cluster Housing; Article XXIII Planned Unit Development Option; Article XXVII Nonconformities; Article XXVIII Special Provisions; Article XXXI Zoning Board of Appeals; Article XXXII Planning Commission; and Article XXXIII Amendments as follows

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 23.7:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the following sections. A summary of the amendments is as follows:

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•	Section 2.7.4:	Update the public hearing requirement for Special Land Uses consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 2.7.5:	Revise the text to state that the Planning Commission's decision on a special land use must be incorporated into the minutes in a statement of findings and conclusions, consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 14.11:	Revise the ARC Amendments section to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 21.7:	Update the public hearing requirements for Residential Unit Developments consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 22.4:	Update the public hearing requirements for Single Family Cluster Housing consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.

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Spartan kickers edge Rocks, 1-0

It was a battle, but Livonia Stevenson clinched a least a tie for Lakes Division boys soccer title in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 1-0 win Wednesday night over host Salem at P-CEP.

The state-ranked Spartans, now 10-0 overall, improved to 7-0 in the division, three games ahead of Salem (3-4-8, 3-3) and Walled Lake Central with only three games to play.

David Simor's goal from Mike Debolski with only 10 minutes to play clinched the victory.

Goalkeepers Conner Burton (first half) and Justin Collins (second half) combined on the shutout.

Stevenson was coming off a 3-1 win over the Rocks on Sept. 4.

"It was a much different game, a struggle," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Salem controlled much of the first half

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and had the better chances. We played better the second half and it resulted in a goal. They (Salem) played Kevin Cope in the back and that made things difficult."

the Wolverines doubled up Franklin Road thanks to twogoal efforts from Ty Majeski and Brandon Pierson. The match was knotted at

Providing offensive fireworks along with Majeski and Pierson were Donald Mullett (goal, assist), Jared Miller (two assists) and Mark Mullett, who added a goal.

Tom Picken had a pair of goals for Franklin Road.

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"We didn't get a lot of opportunities to score tonight and they did a great job of tracking down Colin," said Neschich. "He didn't see many one-onone chances.

This was the best, most complete game we've played all season. The kids came together, worked hard and we dodged a lot of bullets."

The loss dropped Canton into a first-place tie with Northville in the Western Division standings. If both the Chiefs and Mustangs win out, Canton would get the nod to play in the conference championship game because it defeated Northville, 4-2, last month.

The Wildcats can play spoiler again when they host Northville on Monday at 7 p.m.

"Even though we have some quality, experienced seniors, we're still a very young team," Neschich said, referring to a roster that includes three freshmen and three sophomores.

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Chiefs of the court

ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton's tennis team captured first place in the Dexter Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Chiefs took first in seven of the eight flights and second in the other. Pictured (front row from left) are Santosh Shanmuga, Ryan Hanz, Riley Hoernschemeyer, Jeremy Lindlbauer, Adam Payne, (middle row) coach Barb Lehmann, (back row from left) Ryan Evans, David Ding, Mike Darouie, Cory Hurst, Dave Kang, Justin Liedel and Ryan Hollingsworth.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA October 11, 2007	PLYMOUTH 7 W.L. WESTERN 1 THURSDAY AT WESTERN NO. 1 SINGLES: Dan Jeong (P) defeated Mike Chou, 6-0, 6-3; NO. 2: Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Garek Ng,	CANTON 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN O SEPT. 17 AT CANTON NO. 1 SINGLES: David Kang (C) defeated Steve Trapp. 6-1, 5-7, 6-2. NO. 2: Mike Darouie (C) def. Walter Woods,
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY , October 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:	4-6, 6-3, 7-5; NO. 3: Brad Stone (WLW) def. Andy Mitchell, 7-5, 6-2; NO. 4: Pat Bailey (P) def. Arjun Mahajan, 6-7(2), 6-2, 6-4. NO. 1 DOUBLES: Anoop Gopal-Matt Dwan (P) def. Adam Goldman-Blair Globerman, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2;	6-3, 6-2, NO. 3: Justin Liedel (C) def. Tony Semonick, 6-3, 6-1, NO. 4: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-2, 6-3, NO. 1 DUBLES: Ryan Hollingsworth-Rickey Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Chad Dorton- Garrett Gumm, 6-0, 6-1.
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag	NO. 2: Tom Eggleston-Max Korpalski (P) def. Dan Wang-Scott Goldstein, 6-1, 6-0; NO. 3: Wen Ning-Pat Onoro (P) def. Tom Delphy-Micihiro Watanabe, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2;	NO. 2: Jeremy Lindlbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Ryan Henderson-Nate Warrick, 6-2, 6-1. NO. 3: David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Nate
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.	NO. 4: Ryan Kolesar-Max Ryan (P) def. Ajay Gokhale-Josh Preston, 6-4, 6-1. PLYMOUTH'S RECORD: 4-2-1.	Spease-Nick Wegela, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. No. 4: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Skene Milne-Walt Afonso, 6-3, 6-1.
Acceptance of Agenda	SALEM 6	CANTON 7
 Patti Franz, 23544 Hoover, Warren, MI 48089, for commercial property located at 45490 Michigan Ave. (7-11/Citgo), north side of Michigan Ave. between S. Canton Center and Geddes Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15, sign variance. Zone C-3 Parcel 129 99 0002 710 (Building) Tabled from the September 13, 2007 meeting 	W.L. NORTHERN 2 WEDNESDAY AT SALEM NO. 1 SINGLES: Lawrence Washington (S) def. David Criss, 6-0, 6-1; NO. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Nick Majie, 6-1, 6-2; NO. 3: Alex Gaucher (WLN) def. Dion Walker, 7-5, 7-5; NO. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Matt Rohlaff,	WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 FRIDAY AT CANTON NO. 1 SINGLES: Kevin Erdmann (WM) defeated David Kang, 7-6(2), 6-2; NO. 2: Mike Darouie (C) def. Mike Hicks, 6-3, 6-0; NO. 3: Riley Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Tommy Pattenaude, 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-4;
 Joe VanEsley, 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24.A, variance of 18ft from the required 25ft minimum wetland setback for a future home site and a variance of 20ft from the required 25ft minimum wetland setback to accommodate a driveway area to the home site. Zone R-5 Parcel 091 99 0001 717 (Planning) Tabled from the September 13, 2007 meeting 	6-3, 6-2. NO.1 DOUBLES: Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz def. Bobby Bell-Steven Olson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; NO. 2: Tyler Jeleniewski-Ryan Aubert (S) def. Mitchell Kelly-Nat Ranck, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; NO. 3: John Andrew-Cole Davis (WLN) def. Yuvi Rajeev-Andy Steinman, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; NO. 4: John Kang-Josh Perrin (S) def. Nate Paulson-Niraj Wagh, 6-1, 6-3. SALEM'S RECORD: 6-1.	 NO. 4: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Eric Robertson, 6-2, 6-1. NO. 1 DOUBLES: Jeremy Lindlbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Andrew Morton-Kanav Mahotra, 6-1, 6-1; NO. 2: David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Brandon Harnos-Jack Zimmerman, 6-1, 6-2; NO. 3: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Jesse English-Austin Hassen, 6-1, 6-0; NO. 4: Rob Milus-John Mosley (C) def. D.J. Bentley-Ke'andre Williams, 6-3, 6-3. CANTON'S RECORD: 5-2.
3. Joe VanEsley, 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24.A, variance of 15ft from the minimum 25ft wetland setback to accommodate a future home site.	LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 SEPT. 19 AT PLYMOUTH NO. 1 SINGLES: Gino McCathney (LS) defeated Dan Jeong, 6-2, 6-3. NO. 2: Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Erik Koch, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. NO. 3: Anoop Gopal (P) def. Anthony Hage, 6-2, 6-2.	LIVONIA STEVENSON 2 FRIDAY AT STEVENSON NO. 1 SINGLES: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Gino McCathney, 6-3, 6-2; NO. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Ian Petty, 6-3, 6-1; NO. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Dion Walker,
Zone R-5 Parcel 091 99 0001 718 (Planning) Tabled from the September 13, 2007 meeting	NO. 4: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-2, 6-0. NO. 1 DOUBLES: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Ryan Kolesar-Matt Dwan, 6-3, 6-0.	6-0, 6-0; NO. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Erik Kock, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; NO. 1 DOUBLES: Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz
 Joe VanEsley, 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24.A, variance of 5ft from the 25ft wetland setback for a future home site and a variance to allow a 20ft wide driveway through the wetland setback area. Zone R-5 Parcel 091 99 0001 719 (Planning) Tabled from the September 13, 2007 meeting 	 N0. 2: Ben Bagazinski-Alex Cook (LS) def. Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2. N0. 3: Evan McWilliams-Grant Campbell (LS) def. Adam Skubic-Max Ryan, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. N0. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Matt Nguyen-Clayton Northey, 7-6, 6-1. Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-1-1 overall, 5-1-1 WLAA. 	 (S) def. Mike Greco-Pat McHugh, 6-4, 6-2; NO. 2: Jake Burnstein-Tyler Jeleniewski (S) def. Chris Orlus-Clayton Northey, 6-1, 6-1; NO. 3: Yuvi Rajeev-Ryan Aubert (S) def. Ben Baguzinski-Alex Cook, 6-2, 7-6(5); NO. 4: Grant Campbell-Evan McWilliams (LS) def. John Kang-Josh Perrin, 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-5. SALEM'S RECORD: 7-1.
 Bryan L. Amann, 355 North Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02.b, variance of lot width to depth ratio. Zone R-3 Parcels 063 99 0032 000 063 99 0036 000 (Part of) (Planning) Tabled from the September 13, 2007 meeting 	FLAG FC	RTIS
 Enterprise Leasing Co. of Detroit, 29301 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, for commercial property located at 44625 Michigan Ave., south side of Michigan Ave., between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 3.00, Section 3.03, substitution of an existing non-conforming use with a more restrictive use (used car sales to car rental). Zone C-1 Parcel 134 01 0027 301 (Planning) Tabled from the September 13, 2007 meeting 	Y A A A A A A A A A A A A A	'outhAdult Leagues \$950/Team Don't have a team? We'll find one for you. Free Agents: \$95
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in net for the winners, stopping five shots.

	Section 25.7.	requirements for Planned Unit Developments consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 27.3.2:	Update the public hearing requirements for Nonconformities consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 28.1.3(a)2:	Update the public hearing requirements for Condominiums consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 28.13.1:	Revise Open Space Preservation Development to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 31.1.4:	Revise membership and operation of the Zoning Board of Appeals in conformance with Public Act 110 of 2006.
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	Section 31.14:	Added new section "Appeal of Decision" to reflect judicial review requirements of Public Act 110 of 2006.
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	Section 31.8.3:	Revise text so that use variances require a 2/3 majority vote for approval, consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 31.12.3:	Revise text so that use variances require a finding of unnecessary hardship, consistent with Public Act 110 of 2006.
	Section 32.2:	Update text so that misfeasance and nonfeasance are also reasons for removal from the Planning Commission, consistent with Public 110 of 2006.
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	Section 33.1:	Update text to reference Public Act 110 of 2006.
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LOCAL SPORTS

Late razzle-dazzle play lifts Warriors over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Walled Lake Western's Montel Nix-Fleming is so versatile he can beat teams with his legs and his arm.

On Thursday night, the senior running back used both to hand Canton its second straight gut-busting loss.

With the clock ticking under 30 seconds and his team trailing 23-17, Nix-Fleming took a reverse hand-off from quarterback Sam Welch and sprinted toward the far sideline before setting his feet and launching a left-hanaed, 20-yard game-winning spiral to Steve Astrein, who had snuck behind the Chiefs' secondary.

With 20.5 seconds left, Matt Watko calmly booted the game-deciding extra point to give the Warriors a heart-pounding 24-23 victory.

The triumph lifted Western's record to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Canton slipped to 2-3 and 1-2, respectively.

"Montel is one of our more explosive athletes," Western coach Mike Zdebski said, describing the game-winning play. "When he runs to the edge like he did, it forces everybody to cut back because he's so good. When the defense reacts to Montel running with the ball, it frees up everything behind the defense

"Beating Canton is always a great thing because playing against good teams like that is always our measuring stick. They're the defending champions so you have to knock them off to win the league. It's great to be 3-0 right now because I don't think anybody thought we'd be sitting where we are at this time.

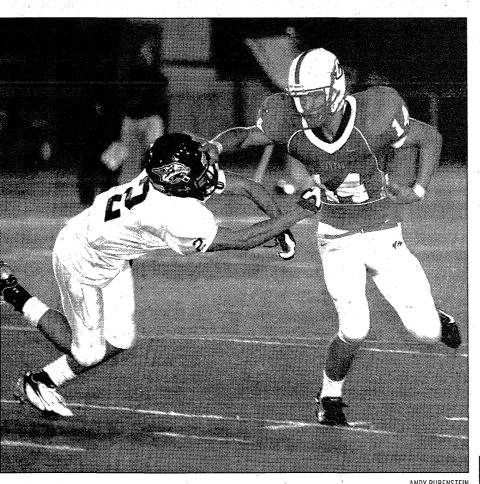
Including last week's 22-20 setback to Plymouth, the Chiefs are just a few points and a handful of breaks from sitting at 4-1. Instead, they're just one more agonizing loss away from getting eliminated from the postseason for the first time since 1999.

"It's tough to work that hard and come up that short two weeks in a row," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "But, hey, now all we have to do is all we know and that's to come to work, keep grinding it out and try to get better, and better, and better. Hopefully, we'll start getting a few breaks and find out how to win.'

The two teams' offenses couldn't have been more contrasting. Western utilized a spreadformation, single running back, no-huddle attack that got the ball into the hands of 10 different players at one time or another during the contest. Canton, on the other hand, relied on its two-tight end, full-house backfield running game that tends to wear opponents down by the second half.

Both offenses had their moments - both spectacular and rough - against young, inexperienced defenses.

The Warriors struck first on their opening possession when Welch - who played more like a fifth-year senior than the sophomore that he is - scampered 35 yards to paydirt on a keeper. Watko's first of three extra points made it 7-0 with 8:37 left in the first quarter.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton senior guarterback Adam Powers (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, completed 5-of-9 passes for 124 yards and two TD's in the Chiefs 24-23 loss to Walled Lake Western Thursday night.

ter to extend the hosts' lead to 10-3.

Both defenses stepped up in the second quarter when just one touchdown was scored Canton fullback Jordan Raiford's bruising 9-yard scoring run with 30 seconds to go in the first half, knotting the game at 10-10.

The Chiefs' defense made a pivotal play to set up their next TD. At the 10:02 mark of the third quarter, Canton defensive lineman Robbie Walker pounced on a Welch fumble at the Chief 45. Eight plays and three minutes later, Canton senior quarterback Adam Powers connected with senior tight end William Tidwell on a 9-yard TD pass to put Canton up, 17-10.

"We just put that crossing pattern in this week," Baechler said. "We got man coverage and Adam and William made a play."

After Western deadlocked the game at 17-all three minutes later on a Welch-to-Nix-Fleming 9-yard TD pass, the Powersto-Tidwell tandem struck again, this time from 59 yards out to give Canton a 23-17 lead. However, the Warriors' Deonte Mack went horizontal to block the ensuing extra point a play that would later prove to be monumental.

"I thought Canton's play-action passing game was the best I've seen in it years," said Zdebski. "I've seen them play all year and when guys were open, the pass was too tall, the pass was too short or the receivers were dropping the ball. Tonight everything was

However, the drive was short-circuited when Canton junior defensive back Jerome Scales intercepted a Welch pass at the 10.

Canton moved the ball out to its 32, but was forced to punt when Western's Curtis Saroki sacked Powers for a 5-yard loss with 1:58 to play.

Western's eventual game-winning drive which started at its 49 with 1:42 left -- was nearly derailed on the opening play. Welch hit Edison Vushaj with a 10-yard pass, but he fumbled following a jarring hit by Powers. However, Western's John Popa alertly jumped on the loose pigskin at the Canton 39 to keep the drive alive.

Three plays later, Welch hit Vushaj with a 9-yarder on fourth-and-1. That set up Nix-Fleming's late-game heroics two plays later.

Western outgained Canton in total yards (357-321) and in first downs (19-14). Welch completed 18-of-29 passes for 190 and ran for 70 yards on 13 carries.

Nix-Fleming hauled in six passes for 74 yards while completing both of his halfback passes for 70 yards.

Powers completed 5-of-9 aerials for 124 yards. Raiford paced the Chiefs' ground game with 68 yards on 14 carries.

Glenn Carreathers led the Warriors' defense with nine tackles.

Dan Wanshon was credited with a teamhigh nine tackles for Canton, which also got strong play from Powers (eight stops), Nick Sweda, Matt Barylski and Erik Wright, all of whom made five tackles.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 W.L. Northern at Salem, 1 p.m. **PREP VOLLEYBALL**

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 WLAA Western Division Jamboree at Cass-Benton, 4 p.m. WLAA Lakes Division Jamboree at Cass-Benton, 4:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 Plymouth at Falcon Invitational, 9 a.m. Canton at Ypsilanti Invite, 10 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 WLAA Western Divisior

Meet at Cass-Benton, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 , Canton at Ypsilanti Invite, 10 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF MONDAY, SEPT. 24 W.L. Western at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson at Salem at St.John's G.C., 3 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial at Woodlands, 3 p.m. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin at Idyl Wild, 3 p.m. Salem at W.L. Western, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Canton at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

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BOYS SOCCER

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, TBA

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 4 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS**

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. Salem at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m. Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 Salem at Warrior Classic Invite, 8 a.m. **GIRLS SWIMMING**

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 Wayne at Plymouth at Salem Pool, 7 p.m. Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

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The Chiefs countered on their next drive a 10-play, 52-yard clock-eater — when Dan Stoney drilled a 25-yard field to cut the deficit like bang, bang, bang." to 7-3 with 2:53 left in the first.

Watko converted a 33-varder field goal with 13 seconds remaining in the first quar-

Following a punt by each team, Western threatened when it advanced the ball to the Canton 35 with just over five minutes to play.

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fumble and Israel Woolfork, who had five catches for 95 vards on the night, came up with a clutch 30-yard sideline grab to give the Patriots a key first down and some breathing room.

Franklin then lost its second fumble of the night near midfield giving Plymouth one more shot, but linebacker Pat Cecile's quarterback pressure led to the McRobb pickoff.

In the first quarter, Franklin took a lead on Carpenter's 3-yard quarterback keeper, but the senior did not convert the extra point. Plymouth got its only touchdown of

the game later in the period when C.J. Gregory connected with wide receiver Mike Hanchett on a 39-yard scoring strike. Hanchett led all receivers with six catches for 106 yards.

Following Mike Korona's extra point to put the Wildcats ahead 7-6, Kyle Brindza added a 30-yard field goal in the second quarter to put Plymouth on top 10-6 at halftime.

Franklin had 295 total yards to Plymouth's 278.

Carpenter was 11-of-17 for 178 yards

and has already surpassed the 1,100vard mark for the season. He was also Franklin's leading rusher with 50 yards on nine carries.

Gregory was 18-of-31 for 197 yards, while Myron Puryear was the Wildcats' leading ball carrier with 66 yards on 15 carries

Led by linebackers Connor Martin and Rico Tyus, the Wildcats' defense stuffed the Patriots' running game all night.

Plymouth finished with 296 total vards.

The Wildcats will host Northville on Friday night in their homecoming game. Franklin will host Canton.

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There's lots of good times and excitement in store for 2007-08, so try to help create some of that thunder yourself when you go bowling

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Chief harriers 2nd

Canton's girls cross country team placed second at the 22team Ludington Invitational, which was held Saturday, Sept. 15, in Ludington.

"It was a tough course and the weather was cold and rainy, but the girls ran well," said first-year coach Eric Pahl. "I was very happy with their performance.

Grand Haven won the event with 58 points, 57 less than the Chiefs. Cadillac placed third.

Junior captain Sarah Thomas paced the Chiefs with an eighth-place finish in 20:39. Also scoring were Rachel Rohrbach (11th place in 20:53), Katherine Galm (28th place in 22:33), Melanie Kulczycki (29th place in 22:34) and Margaret Murphy (42nd place in 23:14). Paula Schubatis (46th place in 23:25) and Rachel Brunk (52nd place in 23:31) also ran varsity for

GIRLS SWIMMING

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THURSDAY AT CANTON 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Allison Schmitt, Maggie Carlson, Catherine Irwin, Kari Schmitt), 2:02.04; 2. Central (Jordan Daykin, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell, Jessica Varana), 2:04.21; 3. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Sara Krebs, Kayla Eyster, Maddy McDuff), 2:09.30

2:09.30 209 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:53.87;
 2. Jordan Daykin (WLC), 2:10.71; 3. Christine
 O'Keefe (C), 2:15.47.
 200 IM: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:23.47; 2.
 Catherine Irwin (C), 2:27.21; 3. Becca Lee
 (WLC), 2:31.34.

50 freestyle: 1. Jessica Varana (WLC), 26.87; 2. Kari Schmitt (C), 27.43; 3. Kayla Eyster (C),

1-meter diving: 1. Leah. Dunville (WLC), 182.90; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 171.70; 3. Kara Hattemer-Plant (WLC), 148.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:06.43; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:09.18; 3. Kelly McCarthy (WLC), 1:11.63.

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100 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 52.35; 2. Sarah Roeser (WLC), 1:00.76; 3. Kari Schmitt (C), 1:01.42. 500 freestyle: 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 5:43.54; 2. Maddy McDuff (C), 6:07.68; 3. Lindsey

Kubacki (C), 6:17.14. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Central (Jessica Varana, Jordan Daykin, Sarah Roeser, Madi Sewell), 1:49.30; 2. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Kayla Eyster, Sara Schmitt, Kari Schmitt), 1:52.69; 3. Canton (Tiffany Tan, Meghan Sears, Jessica Bielak, Katie Kubacki), 1:59.88. 100 backstroke: 1. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:11.18;

2. Christine O'Keefe (C), 1:14.25; 3. Laura Kushner (C), 1:15.09.

100 breaststroke: 1. Madi Sewell (WLC), 1:11.97; Becca Lee (WLC), 1:12.60; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:14 70

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Monica Blaesser, Catherine Irwin, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt), 3:55.87; 2. Central (Jordan Daykin, Madi Sewell, Becca Lee, Jessica Varana), 4:01.79; 3: Canton (Katie Kubacki, Maddy McDuff, Sara Schmitt, Meghan Sears), CANTON'S RECORD: 2-1.

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Salem spikers nip Canton in 5

Salem's volleyball team dug itself out of a twogame deficit Wednesday night to edge cross-campus rival Canton in a tension-drenched fivegame match played in the Chiefs' gymnasium.

The hosts won the first two games, 25-18 and 25-21, before the Rocks stormed back to take the final three 25-21, 25-21, 16-14.

"We didn't play very well in the first and second games, but we started to get warmed up in the third," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Alyssa Matchette got us going in the third game when she served three or four aces in a row. My two studs — Jansan Falcusan and Jill Slabey - played phenomenal.

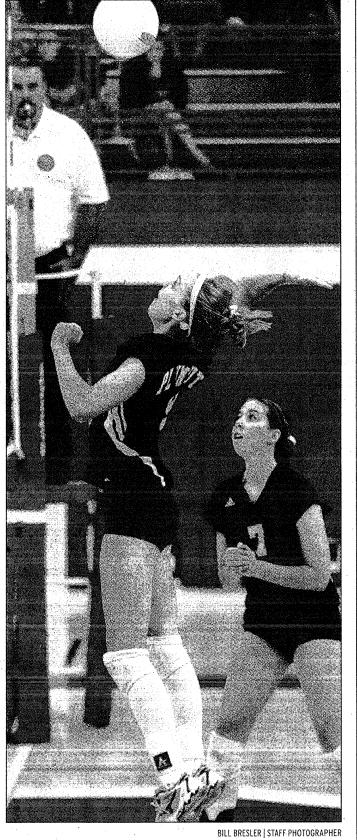
The victory improved Salem's record to 10-6-3 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs slipped to 11-6-1 and 0-2, respectively.

Falcusan, a junior setter, let the Rocks with 57 assists, 10 digs and three aces. Also shining for the winners were Slabey (23 kills, six blocks and one ace), Kelly MacDonald (16 digs and 10 kills) and Matchette, who registered 20 digs.

Triumphant 'Cats

Plymouth (7-3-2) evened its WLAA record at 1-1 Wednesday night with a three-game sweep of visiting Walled Lake Central: 25-14, 25-19 and 25-12.

Rachel Heaton had a strong all-around game for the Wildcats as she posted 10 digs and 10 kills. Also playing well for the winners were Kate Spangler (22 assists and nine digs) and Briana Beyer, who recorded 10 digs.



Plymouth's Megan goes up for a kill as Kate Spangler looks on during

a match earlier this week against Salem. On Wednesday, the Wildcats

upended Walled Lake Central in three games.

MU women victorious

Madonna University's women's soccer team dominated Wednesday's non-conference match at Indiana Tech, blanking the Warriors 5-0.

The Crusaders (5-1-1) only led 1-0 at halftime, but were clearly forced the issue with 17 shots (10 on goal) compared to Indiana Tech's one. For the match, MU had a 29-3 shots advantage.

Getting the visitors on the scoreboard at the 22:26 mark was sophomore midfielder and Livonia Ladywood product Lauren Hess, with an assist to sophomore forward Kaila Moore.

But in the second half, Madonna blitzed Indiana Tech goalkeeper Jennifer Sanow (12 saves) with four goals in just over 12 minutes. Two were tallied by freshman midfielder Shelby Mathison (the first unassisted, the second set up by sophomore forward Kati Germane).

Also scoring for the Crusaders were freshman midfielder Ellen O'Rear (her first collegiate marker) from freshman midfielder Sarah Rokuski and junior forward Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), assisted by O'Rear.

Keeping the pressure on the entire game were junior midfielder and Plymouth Salem alum Ashley Stoychoff, with five shots (four on goal). Both Hess and Allie had four shots.

Indiana Tech dropped to 0-6-0 with the loss.

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Mazorowicz, 63 each; Kelly Johnson, 65; Zajac, 66; Mary Anderson, 68.

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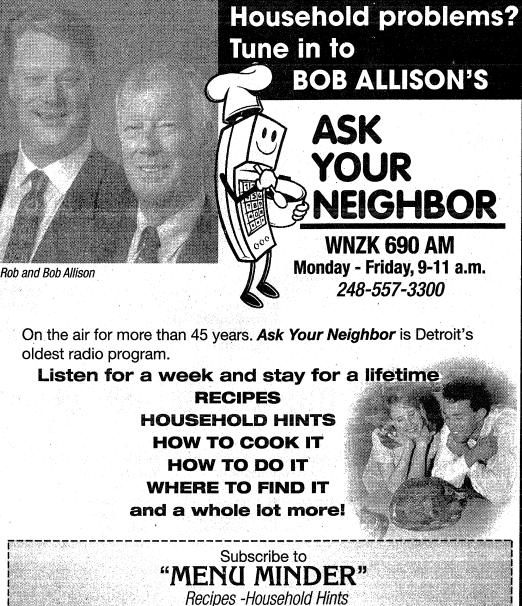
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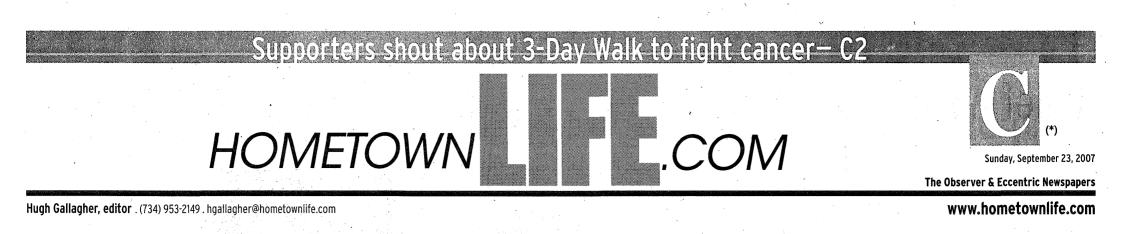
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5 principles for a long and happy marriage

happy long-term marriage is the goal that most married couples have set for themselves. Many marriage services include the phrase "til death do us part," or something similar to state the intent that this relationship is for the long term.

Another phrase found in Christian ceremonies states that "what God has joined together let no one separate." So, that once the marriage covenant, or agreement, has been made, and in Jewish services and some Christian services, the documents signed before the



cuments signed before the congregation, the couple has declared their hopes, intentions, and commitment that this is not just a dream but a reality they expect to attain. These five principles, from Olsen and Stephens, help to keep a long-term marriage in focus.

Chat Room
Paul Melrose

Principle 1: Commitment — This involves taking the long view of marriage. By taking the long view you declare your intention to

work through problems, crises and even heartaches. You put aside the myth that there is an ideal soul mate out there; you focus on who you are in relationship to your partner. Commitment means that you will fall in and out of love. Love is a verb. See what you can do to change yourself. Change yourself along the lines of how would I like my marriage to be. Treat your partner that way.

Retain your integrity. Be who you are. That means you are clear on your boundaries, and you keep your word. You are honest. You trust yourself and your partner.

Principle 2: Life is Difficult — Do not surrender when you are discouraged. Because life always changes there will always be ups and downs, both anticipated and unanticipated. You must constantly nurture your relationship to help get through the tough times and really enjoy the good ones. You must be able to adapt. Crises can push people apart. It will never be the same; what must you do to move with and through change. Celebrate when you have come through a tough moment.

Principle 3: Self-Focus and Self-Definition

Stories come to life at festival

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Virginia Kennedy and her grandchildren look forward to the Detroit Story League's Storytelling Festival in the Livonia Civic Center all year. Last fall, Will, 6, was invited up on stage to sing as part of the interactive children's portion of the family program which takes place this year on Saturday.

"It's geared for kids age 5 and older. They get involved and have a good time," said Virginia Kennedy, festival chairperson.

Once again this year, Will and Rachel, 10, join Kennedy for the 25th annual Storytelling Festival, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29. The two-day event spotlights adult and family performances as well as offers the opportunity to learn the art of storytelling during workshops. Storvtellers include Beth Horner from Illinois (www.BethHorner.com); Tim Tingle from Texas (www.choctawstoryteller.com), and Nya Russell, a 10-yearold who's performed at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History nearly one dozen times. Russell is a fourth grade student at Adler Elementary in Southfield.

"The adult program opens Friday night with Nya. Beth uses music and humor, Tim is a Choctaw Indian," said Kennedy of Westland. "The tellers were chosen over a year ago to have a variety. The people on the committee are professional storytellers and members of the Detroit Story League.

"New this year is a silent auction on Friday night for everything from handwoven baskets to gift certificates, with proceeds going to the league and for scholarships. We'll have workshops on Saturday with Beth in the morning, a lunchtime story swap when everyone gets to tell. At 1 p.m. there is a choice of three workshops and books will be on sale."

Nya Russell draws on one of her grandfather's folk tales to tell the story of The Old Man. Russell is a member of the Grown Folks Storytelling Team of the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers. Her mother Kimika Fowler said Russell began telling stories about three years ago. "It's a story about reaching for the stars, about doing it best and being the best you can. It's a funny story, too," said Nya, who wants to be a speaker and an architect when she grows up. "Storytelling is just fun." Kennedy joined the Detroit Story League 10 years ago after enjoying a storytelling performance with a friend. The organization meets monthly at libraries and senior centers around the area, and in August at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Dues are \$40 for the league which welcomes new members. "I love storytelling. Every teller has their own style and you meet nice people," said Kennedy. "Oral storytelling is important. We're a service organization. A Birmingham school just called to have someone tell Halloween stories."

 Always ask yourself, what did I contribute to this interaction, be it argument or agreement. This allows you to see what you brought to the relationship and how appropriate or helpful it continues to be. It may be time to change it or rework part of yourself. Even in the bad times and when you are anxious be sure to define yourself. Know what you believe and stand for as you face a situation. Your self-definition may need to change but at least you know where you start. Intimacy is only really achieved when two people know intimately who they are. You must be sure and confident of yourself. You cannot become who your partner wants you to become. You can only be yourself.

Principle 4: Be Proactive, Not Reactive — Don't respond automatically but think about how you can be the best for yourself, and the relationship in the given situation. Watch yourself; don't wait. Move toward your partner. You begin the repairs.

Principle 5: Acceptance — Accept your partner for who he/she is. That is what you crave for yourself; that is also what your partner wants.

Don't accept unacceptable behavior. But don't try to change your partner's personality. See your partner for who he/she is. Work toward giving your partner a gift many religious traditions talk about: acceptance.

These are not magic tricks. But these principles are guides to help you shape and hopefully give long life to your marriage.

Dr. Paul J. Meirose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmeirose.com or through (248) 474-4701. The staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached through www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or (248) 474-4701. Samaritan Counseling Center has courses and programs for premarital counseling. Beth Horner is one of the featured storytellers at a festival this coming weekend. Her stories range from tales of her mother's life to spoofs on romance novels.

> Tim Tingle's great great-grandfather walked the Trail of Tears in 1835 and passed down memories that fuel Tingle's tales



STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

What: A two-day event featuring storytelling and workshops When: Adult story night 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28; workshops and family program 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road **Cost:** \$12 for adult story night, \$40 workshops, \$45 for full program, \$2 per person for family program, Info: Call Virginia Kennedy at (734) 525-1521 or Barbara Schutzgruber at (734) 761-5118

He Said, She Said

Real, simple tag team therapy for couples

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

They admit they're opposites, but that's what makes their marriage and their relationship counseling practice work so well.

Aptly named, "He Said, She Said," Paul and Ellen Chute's practice is about as down to earth and real as it gets. "We're just people and we've had our own problems and dealt with those problems," said Ellen. "There's a certain chemistry that exists between us and it's way more powerful than either of us alone."

Their couples counseling is never limited to an hour and they don't mind

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Paul and Ellen Chute talk about their work together counseling couples in relationship counseling.



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Supporters shout about 3-Day Walk to fight breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Pam Jones admits to being a little nervous about speaking to a Detroit Tigers' crowd of about 40,000 at Comerica Park in early September, but telling everyone about the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk was important. Breast cancer is a devastating disease and the Livonia woman would shout it from the rooftops if it helps spread the word about the weekend event to raise money for breast cancer research and community outreach programs through Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

Jones and the Hines Pink Panthers have already worked hard to raise over \$72,000 and as of Friday was number four in the rating of top teams. Now the fun begins.

On Friday, Sept. 28, hundreds of walkers leave Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills on the first leg of the route that ends at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn on Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, they'll walk 20 miles each day to a camp where they'll be fed and stay overnight. Jones prepared for the 60-mile walk by

BREAST CANCER 3-DAY

What: A walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure to fund breast cancer research and community outreach and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives

When: Begins at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills, concludes with ceremony at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 To register: Visit www.the3day. org or call (800) 996-3DAY

training and joining a gym in Farmington. She coaches the girls and boys bowling teams at Clarenceville High School as well as manages Country Lanes Bowling Center in Farmington Hills.

"I would like people in the area and the community to know how big the 3-Day is. Last year we brought in over \$6 million after months of preparation and hours of fund-raising. Each walker must raise at least \$2200. When you see people walk-



In 2006, Rose Cerroni (left), Pam Jones of Livonia, and Janet Polidori of Northville walked 60-miles in 3-days to raise money for breast cancer research and outreach programs for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

ing honk your horn, scream out or wave as we're going by, it's so motivating to keep moving," said Jones, who grew up in Plymouth. Jones husband Keith and sons Scott 20, Andy, 18, will be cheering her on. "I started doing the walks in 2005 just because I wanted to make a difference in something that I thought was reachable. Breast cancer is so close to so many people. It seems no matter who you talk to they have a connection to breast cancer." Jones doesn't walk only in the Michigan fund-raiser. In August she participated in the 3-Day in Chicago. When she was planning to judge a rabbit show in Dallas, Jones simply made arrangements to walk in the 3-Day there. Jones has raised Netherland Dwarf rabbits since 1972 and then went on to become a licensed judge.

"My sister-in-law passed away 12 years ago at age 46 from breast cancer," said Jones. "Another friend was diagnosed three weeks ago at 33 with an 8-month-old baby."

Like Jones, Tracy Simons' lost her best friend to breast cancer. She was in her 30s and had four children. In 1999, Simons suffered an even greater loss when her 61year-old mother died of breast cancer.

"She wasn't able to be at my wedding or part of Danielle's life," said Simons referring to her daughter, "and I don't want other women to go through it."

This year Simons is working on the all volunteer CREW for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk for the first time. The Plymouth woman had walked the 60-miles annually since 2002, but caring for her 22-month old daughter Danielle prevents her from

going the distance this year. "The CREW are the people

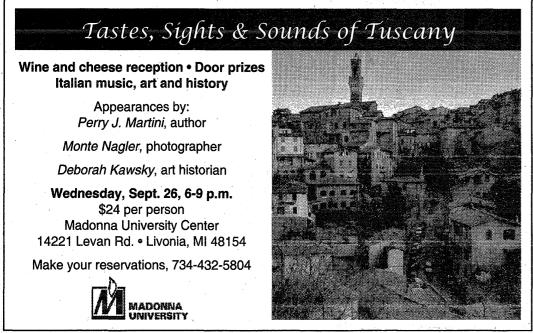
"The CREW are the people who man the pit stops. There are over 400 CREW members for the Michigan walk. You pay a \$90 registration fee and are asked to raise \$250 but it is optional, but the more you raise, the more money goes to breast cancer," said Simons. "The money helps pay for T-shirts, food, medical care although the bulk of medical staff is volunteers."

This year Simons donated \$200 in addition to the registration fee.

"When I was walking I loved the crew. They wanted to make sure we had a good time," said Simons. "There are about 10 to 12 pit stops a day. Every two to three miles there is food, snacks, porta potty, and medical crew to help with any blister care. Walking 20 miles a day gets a little tiring and boring and the CREW helps make it fun.

"Then there is the Gear and Pit Bags CREW for the clothing and sleeping bags. They ask the walkers and crew to limit their gear to 35-pounds. The camps are all organized in two-person tents with shower trucks, caterers for huge dining tents.

"It's a mini village set up for Friday, Saturday."



Learn the art of making glass beads over flame

Don Miller of Livonia is teaching a 10-week workshop on glass beadmaking Sept. 28 to Dec. 8, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Glass beads have been made by winding molten glass onto metal rods for several thousand years.

Miller will instruct students on the history and basics of beadmaking, characteristics of the various glasses, and a wide range of decorating techniques including the use of gold and silver leaf, dichroic glass, millefiori, feathering and festooning, hollow beads, filigrana and twisted cane, eye beads, and avventurina (goldstone).

The workshop meets 6-9 p.m. Friday, or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, in Room 251 in the Science Building on campus. In addition, the lab will be open starting at 4 p.m. for the Friday section and the lab will stay open until 2 p.m. for the Saturday section for

additional beadmaking time. No workshop Nov. 23-24.

Miller is a faculty member in the natural sciences department at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has taught beadmaking for 10 years at the university.

The cost is \$325 and includes all instructional and material fees. Enrollment is limited.

For more information, call (313) 593-5262 or send e-mail to drmiller@umd. umich.edu.

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meeting at their clients' home for a session. They're casual, honest and funny, yet highly skilled in the profession.

Paul and Ellen are not afraid to exchange barbs, debate or argue with each other during a counseling session, as they navigate through the dynamics of the relationship that's under the microscope at that moment.

Unconventional, they admit, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

"We work with couples, as a couple, which adds a different dynamic," said Ellen. "It's often very hard not to ally with one member of the couple."

Men often try to convince the therapist that he is the victim, said Paul.

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"With us, there's a sense of, 'OK, there's somebody in the room who understands me," said Paul.

Having the male and female perspective at both sides of the table is important, they said. "It's sink or swim," said Paul.

"If you put it that way to men, they understand."

Keeping it simple and honest is the best avenue for men to identify and work through problems in a relationship, they said.

"We do not have the skill set to handle these emotional issues," said Paul, adding anger and avoidance are common. "It's not that we're incapable, it's just that we've never been allowed to develop that skill set. There's that whole gender socialization thing.'

Ellen provides a deeper glimpse into the relationship and fosters the emotional aspects that seem to come easier for women.



"That's the benefit of us working as a couple," said Ellen.

THEIR STORY

When he's not doing couples counseling, Paul is a clinical social worker who works with troubled boys and men.

Ellen is chief clinical officer at Jewish Family Service in West Bloomfield and she teaches social work at the University of Michigan. She also conducts workshops and training sessions on topics ranging from divorce, parenting and domestic violence to single parenting, teen dating abuse and the healing power of friendship.

Paul and Ellen met while pursuing their master's degrees at the University of Michigan.

They've been married nine years and it's the second marriage for both.

Paul comes from a middle class family and he served in the military, while Ellen hails from a privileged, upper-middle class Jewish family.

"We have a ton of differences," said Ellen.

Maybe that's what makes them gel.

"Being married to Ellen and being able to share that special relationship — it's a gift, it's my legacy. It's what was supposed to happen," said Paul. "The work we've done together as a couple is really special and I want to share that with others."

They say marriage is not unconditional — it takes work on both sides. Each is 50 percent responsible to make it work.

They know this because they're living it every day.

"It's our journey, just as much as it's the couple's journey," said Ellen.

We really empower people, just by being people. We don't feel we need to hide behind being 'professional.' We we are just people who have tried some things. We encourage people to work out what's right for them."

For more information about the Chutes, visit their Web site at www. ellanandpaul.com. They will host a workshop on Monday, Sept. 24, at Jewish Family Service in West Bloomfield. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the workshop is from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Call (248) 592-2667 for registration information.

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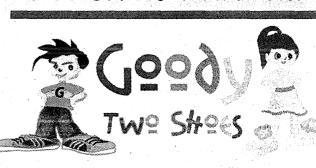
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Tickets are \$60, free for children under age 5. For reservations, call (734) 420-4481.

Co-chairs for the event are Ron Robertson and Georgia Scappaticci. The evening consists of an

elegant dinner followed with music by Intrigue. A special DVD has been prepared to

chronicle the history of the club thanks to Robertson. Ten high school seniors will be presented with Scholarship certificates for \$1,000 each from the club's Charitable Foundation.

The Outstanding Italian of the Year will be honored as well. This year's winner is Dante Cerroni, the club's first vice president.

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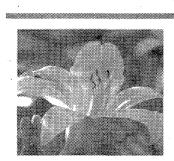
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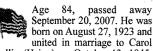
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WILLIAM H. BOLLIN



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ROGER D. BROWNING

Age 79, of Farmington, September 19, 2007. Beloved husband of Nancy of 55 years. Dear father of Barbara Gaddy, Diane Browning and Susan (Russ) Justice and father-in-law to Rob Gaddy. Loving grandfather to Brian, David, Matthew and Emma. Brother of Russell and Patricia. Visitation Friday 3-5 pm and 6-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Saturday 10:30 am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville until time of service at 11 am. Contributions may be made to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church or Parkinson Foundation.

FRANK "Dick" HARDING Hamburg, MI. Formally of

Farmington & Northport, MI HIS LEGACY ...

Age 80. Passed away September 11, 2007. Dick was born November 3, 1926 in Minot North Dakota to Frank and Margaret Harding. On August 20, 1944, Frank married his beloved wife of 57 years Peggy, who preceded his death on March 7, 2002. Frank taught death on March math in the Livonia School District for many years and retired in 1986 to Northport, MI



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VIVIAN NAGLE

Our elegant, remarkable mother and friend, went peacefully to the Lord on September 12, 2007. Vivian was born June 10, 1917 in Kendallville, IN, the younger of two daughters, to Myrtle and Freedom Bowen. She met her future husband, Edmund G. Nagle fresh from Cambridge, MA - at a high school tea dance in South Bend, IN where they eventually married on October 17, 1939. Their house was always full of family and friends as they raised their seven children in Mishawaka, IN. Birmingham/ Bloomfield Hills, MI, and Ridgewood, NJ, eventually residing in Carlsbad, CA. A convert to Catholicism, Vivian relied on and relayed her strong faith to her children. She was an active member of St. Patrick's parish in Carlsbad for 15 years and, of late, at Our Mother of Confidence in San Diego. Vivian, always impeccably groomed and outfitted, was an excellent "company" wife, mother, hostess, gardener, and bridge player, bringing her family together at the dinner table with her amazing culinary talents. She produced simple baked beans and casseroles or beef Wellington and soufflés with equal delight. Her friends were in awe of her skills in managing a bustling household with ease and grace, while maintaining a busy social schedule. And who can forget her many hobby stages - wallpapering découpage, knitting, craft-ing? She produced a glorious garden with strangers knocking at her door to "rent" her potted creations for their social events. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday with great aplomb in her true champagne style of "Live, Laugh, and Love" with great emphasis on "Love". Her essence was always that of giving and sharing – a bright star and truly one of a kind. Vivian is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Edmund G. Nagle (1990), (2000) and John (1979). She is survived by her children, Jane Hargrove John) of San Diego, Joseph Nagle (Maude) of Hamilton, OH, James Nagle (Diane) of Poway, CA, Jeff Nagle (Janet) of Carlsbad, CA and Jill Ganey (John) also of Carlsbad, as well as 15 grandchildren – David, Kristin, Anne, Hilary, Kelly, Adam, Katie H., Ryan, Sean, Cory, Katie N., Patrick, Jim, John, and Shea. How she enjoyed having them around her espe-cially at the annual Christmas Eve celebration! Friends and family are invited to a celebration of her life at a



BRITTANY ELLEN OWENS

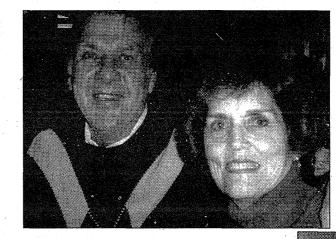
Age 19, of Plymouth, passed away September 19, 2007. Born on July 1, 1988 to loving parents Carl and Sally. Brittany graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 2006. She attended Schoolcraft College, work-ing on her degree in Criminal Justice ing on her degree in Criminal Justice. Brittany loved the outdoors, snowboarding, camping, and having bonfires with her family and her friends .The most important part of Brittany's life was her family. She had a love for all animals, especially elephants. Survived by her sisters Kelly and Heather and her brother Robert. Beloved granddaughter of Burnice Baney. Loving niece of John(Carole) Eichler, Gene (Darlene) Owens and Robin Eichler. Dear cousin of Jennie (Matt) Cipriano, Carrie Eichler, Kristen (Chris) Raab, Jennie Eichler, Brent Owens, and Geanine (Bill) Niverson. Preceded in death by her uncle Walter Eichler. Funeral from the First United Methodist Church 45201 North Territorial Rd, Plymouth Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 1:00pm with visitation beginning at 12:30pm. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth Sunday 2-9pm and Monday 1-9pm. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Share emeories at schrader-howell.com.



WILLIAM D. RICHARDS JR. Ph.D.

Vancouver, CA, age 59, died of injuries sustained in an accident at his home on 8-23-07. Son of William & June Richards, Troy MI. Brother of Janet, Bob(Josie), Pat(Becky) and Susan (Steve)Kaltz. Bill was a profes-sor at Simon Fraser University school of Communications, Burnaby, BC, Canada for 31 years, President of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, a published & highly recognized scholar. His sense of humor, passion for life's beauty and dedication to humanity will be missed by all. A Memorial service will be held at Oakland Grove Community Church 850 Ladd Road, off Maple Road West of Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, MI on Sept 29 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Myositis Association, , ph 800-821-7356"





Michaels celebrate 45th anniversary Leonard and Carol Michaels of West Bloomfield are celebrating their 45th anniversary. They were married Nov. 3. 1962. They have two children, **Robert Michaels and Kelly** Soluk. They have two grandchildren.



Novaks celebrate 25th anniversary William and Nancy Novak of Livonia are celebrating their 25th anniversary. The Novaks were married Oct. 23, 1982.

They have two children, Zachary and Emily.

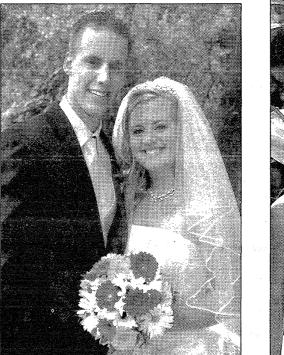


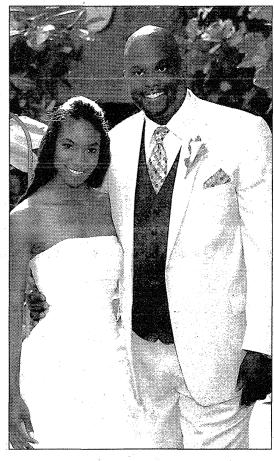
Pedersons celebrate 50 years Sever and Vonnie Pederson of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 7 at

the Crown Plaza Hotel surrounded by friends and family. The Pedersons have three married children:

Daniel Pederson and his wife, Anna Marie, of Monroe; David Pederson and his wife, Debbie, from Wheaton, III.; and Anne VonGunten and her husband, Ron, from Noblesville, Ind. They have 10 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS





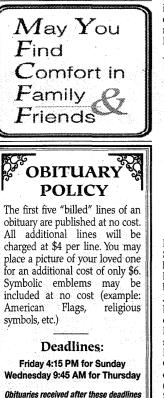
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HIS FAMILY

Dick is the loving father of Lois (Don) Belanger of Hamburg, Barbara (Randy) Bimes of PA., Margaret (George) Coggins of KS., Richard (Debbie) Harding of TX., dearest grandfather of 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

HIS FAREWELL

A Simple Farewell will be held at 2PM on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel with his grandson Mr. Todd Mitchell as celebrant. The family will gather with friends from 12noon until the time of the farewell service. Memorial contributions are suggested to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org. Please leave a Message of Comfort to his family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at borekjennings.com



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734-953-2067 or toll free 866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz OF08518962

October 1, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. A rosary will be recited on Sunday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Internment will take place at White Chapel, Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Mother of Confidence Church or Odyssey Hospice, 9444 Balboa Ave,

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You touched so many lives in such a short time. We are hurting as much today, as we were a year ago when we first learned of the tragic news of how your life was taken away from you - by the hands of another. Our hearts are broken. We pray for justice, not only for your sweet spirit, but also for other children who have also lost their lives in a similar way. Love Always and forever, Daddy, Grandma & papa New man, sister Christy, Aunt Mecca, Uncle Bob, cousins, and Great-Granny.



ALICE DAUZY **O'DONNELL**

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 13, 2007, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by loving famimembers. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alfred Dauzy and Jessie (Sanford); her first husband, Leonard Peltier; son, Leonard, Jr.,; one brother, Louis (and sister-in-law, Farrell) of Detroit, Michigan; and four sisters, Margaret (Johnson) of Iron Mountain, Michigan, Clara (Doto) of Glendale, California, Doris (Swanson) of Iron Mountain, Michigan; and Joan (Anderson) of Negaunee, Michigan. Surviving are her husband, John; daughters, Mary (Martin) Graff of Raleigh, NC; Barbara Layne of Royal Oak, Michigan; Michele (Edward) Hill of Westerville, Ohio; Colleen (Kevin) Geyer of Troy, Michigan; brother Edward (Ione) of DeLand, Florida; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass will be held at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Inurnment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, Fourth Floor, Raleigh, NC 27605.

MARSHA SKINNER (nee BRADSHAW)

September 15, 2007, age 70. Beloved Wife of Jerry. Dearest Mother of Jeff (Linda) and Ted (Emily). Loving Grandmother of Bennett, Lilly, Nicholas, and Jessica. Dear Sister of Jim (Carol) Bradshaw and Janet (Tom) Novak. Services were held at McCabé Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

DIANE YARMY

Age 70 of Tavares, FL. passed away on Thursday, September 13, 2007. Diane was born on May 31, 1937 in Akron, Ohio to Arthur and Anna Conger. She moved to Central Florida area from Michigan in 1995. While in Michigan, she worked at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church as Christian Education Director and as a Preschool Teacher. Diane is survived by her loving husband, Richard Yarmy; two sons, Michael (Laurette) and Richard Yarmy (Susan) both of Royal Oak, MI; one daughter, Suzanne (Eric) Stromberg of Livonia MI; one brother Ken Conger of Mars PA; one sister Joan Adams of N. Canton, OH; and her eight grandchildren. A memorial service will be held from 2-3PM on Sunday, September 30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, on Five Mile Road, just west of Inkster. Memorials may be, made in Mrs. Yarmy's name to National MS Society, PO Box 4527, New York, NY 10163.

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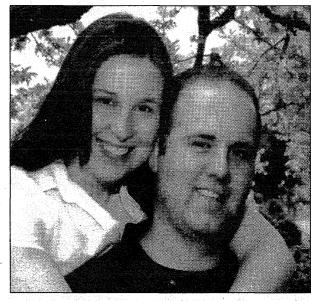
Erin Nicole Brown and David Matthew Hardin were married July 14, 2007, in Hawaii with the Rev. Rosemary Hill officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia. She is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2004 graduate of the College of Creative Studies. She is employed as a production designer at Click Media in California.

The groom is the son of Wendy Hardin of St. Clair Shores and Bill and Pam Hardin of Canton. He is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North and a 2004 graduate of the College of Creative Studies. He is a senior animator at Sony Pictures in California. The bride was attended by Erica Brown and Katie Brown, twin sisters of the bride and maids of honor and by friend Leslie Mason and the groom's sister Jenny Hardin.

The groom was attended by his brother and best man Steve Hardin and Justin Bott, Avedis Ekmekjian, Garrett Kelley, George Kokos and Jason Parent. A reception was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands.





Brooklyn Alaina Rodriguez Michael and Melissa Rodriguez of Superior Township (formerly of Canton) announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Alaina Rodriguez.

Brown-Conover

Courtney Jane Brown of Westland and Scott Conover of Freehold, N.J., were married July 7, 2007, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia with Judge Sandra Cicirelli . The bride is the daughter of Gene and Orvetta Brown of Wayne, Michigan. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed as the deputy mayor of Westland.

The groom is the son of Sandra Conover of Freehold, N.J. He is a graduate of Freehold Borough High School and Purdue University. He is a former offensive lineman for the Detroit Lions. He is currently studying culinary arts at the Art Institute in New York City and is a spokesperson for the NutriSystem for Men Program. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

ENGAGEMENT

Allen-Hachey

Michael and Chery Allen of Clinton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Diane Allen, to Joshua Joseph Hachey, son of Frank and Debbie Hachey of Livonia. The bride-to-be received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master's degree in construction management from Wayne State University. She is employed as a project engineer for Barton Malow.

The prospective groom received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

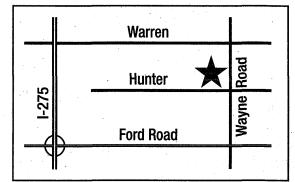
A Nov. 23 wedding is planned for Bethel Baptist Church followed by a reception at Best Western Sterling Inn. The couple will honeymoon at the Mayan Riviera in Mexico.

Brooklyn Alaina was born Aug. 26, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She has an older brother, Caleb. Grandparents are Michael and Mary

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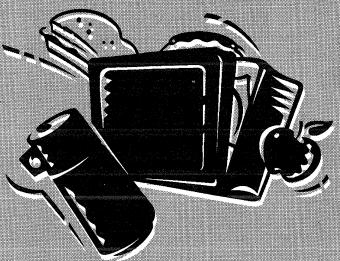
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Holiday bazaar

Crafters are needed for Holiday Bazaar American House-Northville. Thursday, Nov. 15, 1-7 p.m. No charge for table space. For more information, please contact Carol, (248) 449-1480.

Farmington Players auditions

The Farmington Players Community Theater announces upcoming auditions for Neil Simon's Chapter Two. Auditions take place Thursday, Nov. 1, with registration at 7 p.m. Auditions begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Based on part of Neil Simon's own life, this comedy features George Schneider, a writer whose wife has recently died, as he returns to a lonely apartment. His younger brother Leo, a theatrical press agent and born matchmaker, tries to snap George out of his emotional tailspin by supplying him with unwanted and unsuccessful dates. Then Leo comes up with Jennie Malone and she's a winner. There will be four available parts:

George, (40's to 50's), a widower after 12 years of marriage, successful author, thought to be based on Neil Simon's own life; Leo, (40's), George's younger brother, a theatrical producer, womanizer, fast talking "player" of sorts; Jennie, (late 20's to late 30's), a recent divorcee reluctant to start over, soap opera actress, small town girl originally from Cleveland; and Faye, (late 20's to late 30's), Jennie's supportive friend whose own unhappy marriage triggers an unfortunate casual affair. For more information, call (734) 612-1767.

Wine tasting, auction benefit Community Opportunity Center



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 07 -16 820 Starkweather Non-Use Variances Requested Driveway Width, Parking and

Side Yard Setback Zoned: MU, Mixed Use Applicant: Adanac Contracting

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

> Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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(COC) will hold its first Wine Tasting and Auction Benefit, co-sponsored by The Fine Wine Source of Livonia, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the St. Mary Cultural & Banquet Center, 18100 Merriman. The charge of \$65 includes tastings of more than 100 wines, an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit Community Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation serving adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne County. For reservations call Pat at 734-422-1020. Major credit cards accepted.

Pageant applications

The Miss Washtenaw County Organization sponsors the fourthannual 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 Onstage 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.maoteen.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 mwced1@msn.com '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

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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. **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

Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile, Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Mercy scholarships

Mercy High School is granting \$170.600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538.

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a

certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, onsite clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www. vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden www.hometownlife.com

Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237. Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of evey month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

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Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!



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VAAL begins fall classes

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) is in the process of beginning its fall classes at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Painting in All Media with Lin Baum, and Creative Painting taught by Marj Chellstorp are just a few of the offering.

Watercolor artist Edee Joppich returns in October with her ever popular classes. New is New Ways with Watercolor.

Workshops will be held on weekdays only due to the cost of custodial fees on Saturdays. Michigan Autumn in Pochoir (French for stencil) is one of the new offerings 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Sept. 27, with Canton artist Kay Rowe. The cost is \$70.

Pochoir is a fine art technique that integrates hand-cut stencils into watercolor painting. Students may wish to bring fall bounty such as gourds, cones, Indian corn or photographs for ideas along with an X-acto knife and watercolor supplies. Rowe will provide materials for a small fee.

Chellstorp teaches two new

class on figure painting, and using granulation to fee up watercolor paintings. Back by popular demand is Winter Wonderland in Watercolor by Chellstorp and The Intimate Collage with Joppich. Workshops run in October and November.

For more information about VAAL classes and workshops, call Laraine Walowich at (734) 838-1204.

VAAL is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice yearly exhibits, all open to the public.

Members receive reduced tuition fees and participate in show. Planning is underway for the Fall Exhibit in October. Every member meeting Exhibit eligibility (attending at least two meetings prior to show) will be allowed to hang one painting.

The next VAAL meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Guest artist is Laura Evan, a water colorist and children's book illustrator whose work was published in a book on the Mackinac City Lighthouse.

Scrapbookers raise money for breast cancer fight

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Mary Kunka and her sister Michelle Gates wanted to do something to help the fight against breast cancer so they're coloring their Scrapbook Studio pink.

Beginning Friday, Sept. 28, the Canton store hosts the local Scrap Pink weekend, a nationwide event presented by Better Homes & Gardens' Scrapbooks etc. magazine to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Throughout North America, retailers will invite scrapbookers to create layouts and projects celebrating special women in their lives. The layouts can be entered into a national contest judged by a panel of scrapbookers, with an opportunity to win a variety of prizes.

Ten dollars of the cost will be donated to support Komen's mission to find

SCRAP PINK WEEKEND

What: A scrapbooking event to raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure When: Friday 4 pem. to midnight, Friday, Sept. 28; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 30 Where: Scrapbook Studio, 43411 Joy Road in the shopping center on Morton Taylor, Canton

Cost: \$25 a day, or \$65 for all three days. For information, visit www.scrappink.com, call (734) 453-2883, or visit www. scrapbookstudiollc.net.

a cure for breast cancer through research, education, screening, and treatment.

"Scrapbook Studio is turning pink. We've secured the vacant building next

door and we're totally booked on Saturday," said Mary Kunka who started planning the event with her sister in July. "We'll have different sales that weekend to benefit Komen, stamps, ribbons, and we'll have make and takes, little projects to make in under 15 minutes from a page spread to a greeting card for \$2." Make and take projects will be available 8-11 p.m. Friday, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. 'We'll be selling raffle

tickets through the month of October and the money goes to Komen," said Kunka whose paternal grandmother died of breast cancer.

"My mother-in-law, an 18-vear survivor, will be in attendance on Sunday. She is my inspiration. She's been through it and survived. This is such a women |chomin@hometownlife.com | issue although I know men

also get this. My sister and I said we all know someone who's passed away or been diagnosed with breast cancer. We need to think outside of ourselves. We approached the landlord to have the space next door and he's donating it for the weekend.'

Both Kunka and Gates have daughters so it's important that they do everything they can to find a cure. The Susan G. Komen for the Cure's goal is to eradicate the devastating disease. So far the Komen Foundation has invested \$630 million in the fight against breast cancer. For information about breast health or breast cancer, visit www.komen.org or call the Komen Foundation's **Toll-Free Breast Care** Helpline at 1-800 I'M AWARE (1-800-462-9273).

(734) 953-2145

Evening to raise awareness for Dress for Success Detroit

Dress for Success Detroit and the International Interior Design Association are hosting a fashion show that is sure to change thinking about carpet, wall-covering and other interior design supplies as it opens eyes to a new look in fashion ideas and trends Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Royal Oak Music Theater, 318 W. Fourth Street. The event begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by the 6 p.m. fashion show.

Tickets are available at the Royal Oak Music Theater box office or through Ticketmaster.

Local fashion design teams have been selected to transform interior design products into fashion for the show to raise money and awareness for

Dress for Success Detroit, a nonprofit that helps disadvantaged women get the tools and accessories they need to enter and thrive in the workplace.

Guests are encouraged to bring clothing donations, preferable interview friendly attire for women. Dress for Success and IIDA volunteers will be on hand to assist with collection of clothing.

Receipts will be provided for monetary and clothing contributions. Proceeds from the IIDA Finish2Fashion will be donated to Dress for Success Detroit. Dress for Success Detroit is an international organization that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by

providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development programs to help women thrive in work and in life.

The International Interior Design Association is a professional networking and educational association committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in interior design and advancing interior design through knowledge.

Glitz and glamour with hair and makeup will be provided for the models by local salon Palazzolo.

In addition, IIDA's Silent Auction, benefiting the Michigan IIDA Student Scholarship Fund, had many items contributed for the event.



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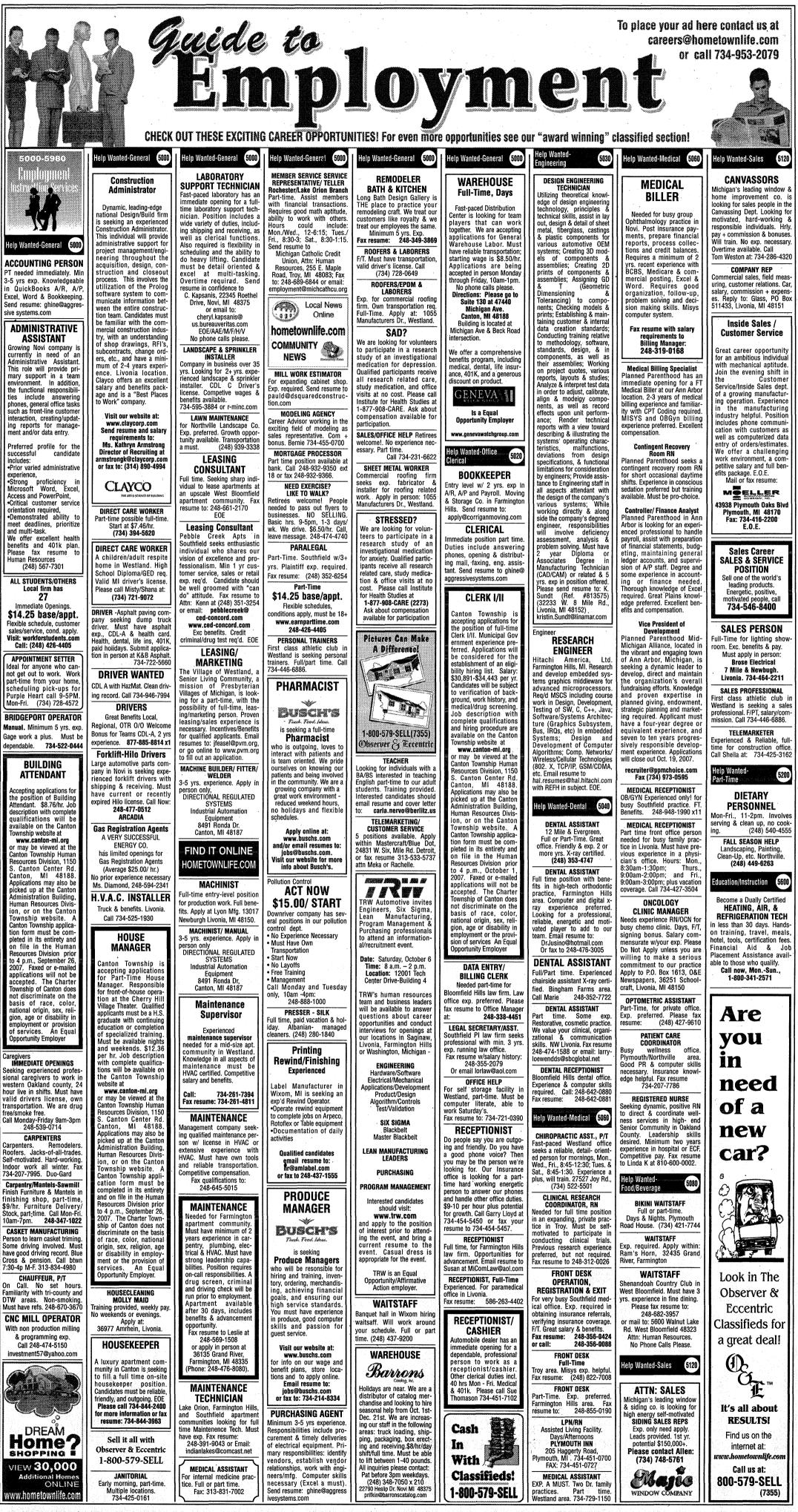
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Dancers sought for Nutcracker

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Calling all young dancers in the metro Detroit area. Join with ballet dancers as they swirl, twirl and leap across the Fox Theatre stage when Michigan Opera Theatre presents The Nutcracker, featuring the Cincinnati Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra with choreography by Val Caniparoli. Auditions will be held at the Fox Theatre 4-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27.

Audition organizers ask that all girls auditioning wear a dark leotard, pink tights and ballet slippers with their hair pulled back in a bun. Boys should wear a white t-shirt, dark tights and ballet slippers. The minimum age for dancers is 7-years-old. There is no audition fee for dancers. Parents are not admitted to the audition.

Dancers will be broken into the following categories:

Group A – ages 7-10, height up to 4-ft., 11 in. for Baby Mice, Gingers, registration at 4 p.m., audition 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Group B – ages 10-13, height: 4-ft., 9-in. to 5 ft., 1-in. for Party Children, registration 4:45 p.m., audition 5:30-7 p.m.

Group C – ages 12 and up, height 5-ft. to 5-ft., 5-in. for Soldiers, Nurse Mouse, registration at 6:15 p.m., audition 7-8:30 p.m. Nurse Mouse role is on pointe. Girls must bring pointe shoes to audition for this part.

Call backs will be held the same evening at 8:30 p.m. Dancers may attend more than one audition if they fit the criteria. If needed, dancers should be prepared to stay for more than one audition.

For more information, call (313) 961-3500, ext. 3290, or visit motopera.org.

The Nutcracker will be on-stage at the Fox Theatre, Dec. 6-9. Tickets (\$25-\$100) are on sale now and may be purchased at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. Kids save \$5 on select price levels. For group discounts, call (313) 471-3099. For more information, call (313) 471-6611.

Calling all actors to Henry Ford Community College

Henry Ford Community College is holding auditions for a spring production of the musical Oliver! 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, and 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26. This educational theater pro-

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duction is looking for an adult and junior chorus, and principles, with acting, dance and vocal auditions.

Call (313) 845-9817 for an audition packet and further information.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260 The Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, offers the following programs in September:

■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Sept. 24, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Sept. 26, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 2241 or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

BEDDING DOWN FOR WINTER, Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. - This meeting will replace the monthly Library Garden Group meeting. Earthenjoy Flowerscaping owner Sandra Healy will share valuable tips on how to winterize the garden. Other topics will include pruning, pest control, soil testing, mulching, planning bulbs and tool care. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

■ BANNED BOOKS WEEK, Sept. 29 to Oct. 6

@ THE LIBRARY

- Book lovers can visit the Plymouth District Library and check out any number of books that have banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory desk or go to http:// ala.org//bbooks

Youth Programs

■ PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES, Session one, Tuesdays through Sept. 25, 7 p.m.; Session two, Wednesdays through Sept. 26, 7 p.m. -This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext.

5. ■ PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES, Wednesdays through Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these story time sessions for children ages 3½-5 years. Registration is required and may be accomplished by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays through Sept. 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. -

The 10 a.m. session is for children ages $2-3\frac{1}{2}$ years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session is for families with siblings and other family members welcome. Register for either program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

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THE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. - Enjoy an afternoon of information and entertainment, including a library scavenger hunt. Registration is required for this free program and will start on Sept. 18; call or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5. Homeschool families only, please.

BABY PLAY, Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., repeated Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

Teen Program

■ TEEN KNITTING/ CROCHETING CLUB, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. -All levels of needlework experience are welcome! Adult volunteers will help you learn to knit or crochet. Supplies provided. Join us every other Wednesday in the Teen Zone.

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■ DIY CRAFTS, Monday, Sept. 24, 4:30 p.m. - Bring your imagination and make a weird Goth sock puppet. All supplies provided; register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Did You Know?

■ All Teen Zone programs are FREE - that means it costs you nothing to participate!

The Friends of the Library provide FREE refreshments for every Teen Zone program.

The Teen Zone has its very own Web site at http:// plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter 1 and 3, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, the County of Wayne, Michigan, has determined that it was in the best interest of the public to absolutely abandoned and discontinued that the following described road and alley rights-of-way, subject to a reservation of a easement for public utilities, storm water conveyance and county drain purposes, situated in the Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, by Wayne County Commission Resolution Number 2007-465 passed on August 30, 2007.

All of those alleys, 18 feet wide, as dedicated to the use of the public, adjoining Lots 1 through 280 and not previously vacated in the Resolution recorded in Liber 27223 on Page 709, inclusive, in DYE BROS. WAYNE PARK SUBDIVISION, lying South of Michigan Avenue, being a part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 34, T.2 S., R.8 E., Canton Twp, Wayne Co., Michigan, recorded in Liber 38 of Plats on Page 69, Wayne County Records. AND ALSO: All those portions of Oakview Street (25 feet wide), Gibson Street (25 feet wide), and Washburn Street (50 feet wide), as platted, lying South of the South line of Leopold Street (50 feet wide) and North of the South line of said subdivision, as platted, adjoining Lots 44 though 58 inclusive, to the East of Oakview Street; Lots 59 through 73 and Lots 105 through 119 inclusive, astride Washburn Street; Lots 58, 59, 119, and 120 North of Gibson Street.

True copies of this notice are served and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

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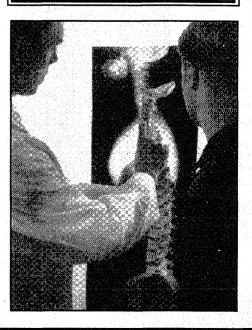
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Saving lives

Screening detects heart problems in student athletes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Like any parent Dr. David Haines worries whenever his son Will participates in athletics. He's even gone so far as to check out the 19-year-old's heart with an echocardiogram.

Nearly 30 Michigan youth have died from sudden cardiac arrest while playing sports since 2000. Last Tuesday Haines and the staff at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak took steps to prevent more youth from dying by screening nearly 600 student athletes for signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, high blood pressure and arrhythmias. The screenings consisted of a blood pressure check, EKG and stethoscope exam.

Beaumont cardiologists came up with the idea after the Journal of the American Medical Association published a study showing a 90-percent reduction in deaths from sudden cardiac arrest when children in Italy were required to have screening EKGs before participating in sports.

Beaumont staff is collecting data from the screenings on Tuesday to determine the effectiveness of their effort. Out of the students screened, 90 were told to follow up with their doctor. Three were told to stop playing sports immediately due to heart problems.

"Only about 7 percent survive a sudden cardiac arrest," said Haines, chief of cardiovascular medicine and director of the Heart Rhythm Center. "The most common abnormality that

UPCOMING CARDIAC SCREENINGS

Who: For all students grades 9-12 When: Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 7-8

Where: Beaumont Hospital Heart Center, 3711 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak Contact: For information or to register (required), call 1-800-633-7377

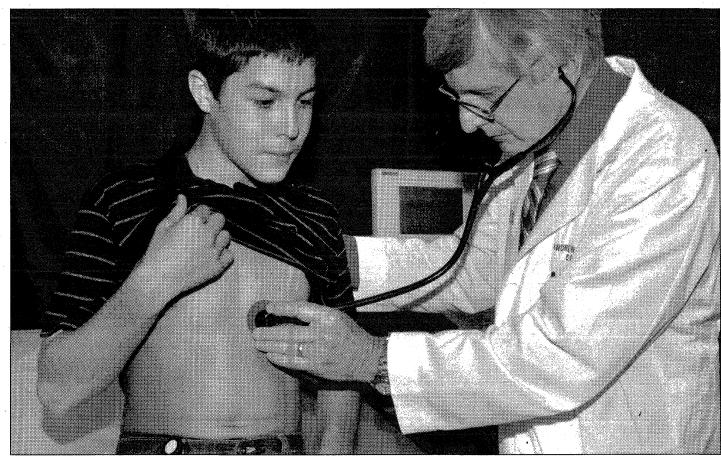
puts young patients at high risk is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy which has a prevalence of about 1 in 500 people. The screening process identifies those individuals and others who may have more rare but dangerous conditions including heart valve abnormalities."

Before the screening, students were required to fill out a questionnaire that asks about family history, chest pain, shortness of breath, and palpitations. Echocardiogram equipment was onsite in case cardiologists identified a possible abnormality during the exam.

"One important question is about family history of unexplained sudden cardiac arrest," said Haines. "There may be a possibility of a genetic abnormality."

Dawn Patton is relieved her sons Nick, 14, and Tyler, 12, were screened at Beaumont on Tuesday. Both Rochester Hills Christian School students play on soccer and basketball teams.

"I'm doubly grateful to not worry about that now," said Patton. "Nick sometimes has problems with shortness of



Beaumont cardiologist Andrew Hauser listens to the heart of Olivier Urban, 14, of West Bloomfield during a cardiac screening for student athletes on Tuesday.

breath. I hoped they didn't find something wrong. Tyler passed with flying colors. With Nick they found the right side of his heart was stronger than his left and he had to have a second test but everything must have been all right because they knew he did have a soccer game after the test and let him go. I plan to take the report to my family physician."

Due to the overwhelming response from parents and students, the hospital has scheduled a second series of screenings Nov. 7-8, and is expanding the program to include all students, grades 9-12. Beaumont is currently absorbing the cost of the screenings which are provided free of charge to the students.

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Foundation promotes the use of AEDs in schools

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Randy Gillary believes cardiac screenings could save the lives of student athletes. He hopes Beaumont's program becomes a model for area hospitals. He urges parents to not only take advantage of the screening for their children, but contact local hospitals and ask that a screening program

be established. Randy and Susan Gillary have advocated for cardiac screenings and Automated External Defibrillators in schools since their 15-yearold daughter, Kimberly Anne, died of sudden cardiac arrest after collapsing during a water

polo game at Birmingham Groves High School in 2000. Devastated by the tragic loss of their daughter the Troy coupled established the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation (www. kimberlysgift.org) to promote heart screening of all student athletes and donate AEDs to Michigan high schools. So far the foundation's raised \$819,000 and donated nearly 370 AEDs which includes the training of up to five staff members. Within a couple of weeks of Kimberly's funeral, the first defibrillator went to Groves, the next two to Troy Athens High School where Kimberly swam on the team. "What we need in Michigan

is a three-prong approach to

addressing the death of our high school students from cardiac arrest," said Gillary, a Troy attorney. "The first step is have good screening and we need to have AEDs in all the schools, at least three, one for indoors for the pool or gym, one for outdoors on the football or soccer field, and one for traveling to away games. The third step is we need to have regular AED drills in our schools, a simulation of a cardiac arrest to make sure the staff knows what to do.

Susan Gillary was glad she and their daughter, Emily Kucinich, volunteered to provide information on AEDs to

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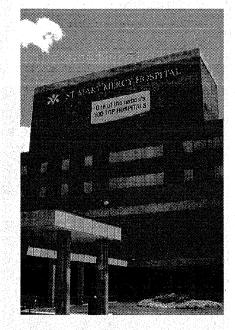
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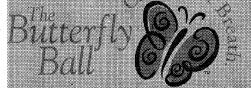
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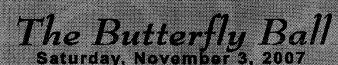
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Whole grain helps fight 5 diseases

Ben from White Lake e-mails asking about the importance of whole grains in his diet. He has heard that he should include them, but why?

Ben, here are five reasons why you should add whole grains to your diet. A new study of a quarter of a million people found that whole grains can help fight off five diseases: heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, colorectal cancer, and inflammatory disease.

Researchers found that people who ate two and a half servings per day of whole grains were 20 to

> 30 percent less likely to develop those five diseases. Experts believe it is the combination of fiber, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that are found in

> > whole grains.

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cereal for breakfast, whole wheat bread at lunch, and brown rice at dinner. It is simple and will help you live healthier.

Dan from Ypsilanti says he is working out everyday, but is not losing any weight. What does this mean?

Dan, you are not alone! Many people experience this, but a new study finds all is not lost.

Researchers followed a group of men for three months. The group was put on a fairly rigorous exercise program that consisted of an hour of aerobics five times a week. The group was also told to eat enough to make up for the extra calories they were burning, so they purposely would not lose weight. After three months, the researchers took several measurements of the men and found they all lost inches in their waist. But remember this isn't an excuse to eat poorly!

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 Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield

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WALKING FOR A CAUSE

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 Tshirt. Lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse. Call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to info@ milupus.org, or visit www.milupus.org.

3-Day walk

Sept. 28-30, begins at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at Oakland Community College, Orchard **Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills, concludes** with ceremony at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. For information or to register, visit www.the3day. org or call (800) 996-3DAY. Benefits the Susan G. Komen for the Cure to fund breast cancer research and community outreach as well as the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives.

AIDS Walk Michigan

Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit, and Sunday, Sept. 30 in Ann Arbor. The event raises money for the nonprofit which raises awareness of HIV and AIDS and money for AIDS services in participating Michigan communities. For more information, call (888) 791-WALK (9255).

Women's cancer walk

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) is partnering with Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for the Fourth Annual Walk for Women's Cancer Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Gates open 8 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. Funds raised will help continue current programs. for those affected by women's cancers as well as help to develop new support and education programs offered by Karmanos throughout the year. For details or to register, call 1-800-KARMANOS and ask for Patient and Family Support Services.

Out of the darkness walks

To benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention which funds research and education programs to prevent suicide and save lives, increase national awareness about depression and suicide, and assist survivors of suicide loss 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Metro Beach Park, Mt. Clemens. 3 mile walk.

11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Kensington Metro Park, Milford. For information, visit www.outofthedarkness.org or call (248) 669-1898. **Making Strides**

Against Breast Cancer 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society to fight breast cancer. Donations will be collected at the walk or may be made online by visiting www.cancer.org/strides/online. Registration for the 5-mile noncompetitive walk begins at 7:30 a.m., walk at 9 a.m. For more information, call (248) 557-5353 or visit www.cancer. ora/stridesonline.

Diabetes walks

Step Out to Fight Diabetes is the fund-raising walk of the American Diabetes Association to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The 5K walks take place Oct. 13, at the Detroit Zoo (Royal Oak), and Oct. 20, at Michigan Stadium (Ann Arbor), For information, call 1-888-DIABETES (1-888-342-2383) or visit www. diabetes.org/detroit.

SEPTEMBER

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 six-week self-help program that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Classes are available in locations throughout Michigan. For more information, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Divorce support group

Legal aspects of divorce with Susan Elkouri presents an overview of the process of filing for divorce, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

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 Kosher 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. **Parenting tips**

For preteens and teenagers Parenting with Love and Logic class takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 655-1100. For more information, visit www. stmarymercy.org.

Research trial

Through Sept. 26, doctors are Beaumont Hospital are looking for people with Parkinson's disease to test Comtan, an approved drug to determine if it extends the benefits of levodopa treatment. To qualify for the trial, you must have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, take no more than four doses of levodopa daily, do not experience uncontrollable movements, and have not taken Comtan. For more information, call (248) 898-8595.

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

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affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital.

Presented by Oakland University School

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.

The American Diabetes Association and

Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series

of free, one-hour educational seminars, at

the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699

Southfield Road. A certified diabetes

educator will speak about diet, exercise,

medications, stress, the importance of

glucose testing and AIC testing. To regis-

ter, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES

(342-2383), Ext. 6697. Locations and dates

include 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh

College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; 6-7 p.m.

Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E.

11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred

Noble Branch Library, 32901 Plymouth

Rd., Livonia. The class is conducted by a

certified diabetes educator and covers

meal planning and portion size, exercise,

medication updates, stress management,

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western

140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost

is \$25, but it is covered for those with

The American Lung Association of

Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts

to raise funds to support lung health

research, education and advocacy, is sell-

ing holiday cards in a variety of styles and

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request an album to examine, and cards

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Educational classes

contact Betty McNeil at (248) 784-2030 or

The Alliance for the Mentally III began the

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of Nursing, Health Care Technology,

with breast cancer within the past year,

Thursday, Sept. 27, guest speaker is

\$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI web site at www. ami.oakland.org.

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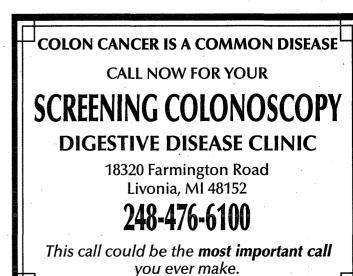
Nursing refresher RN Refresher Course helps licensed nurses, who have been away from clinical practice for more than two years, re-enter the job market. Nurses can register now for the course, which runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday Oct. 22 to Nov. 8, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The early registration fee is \$750. After Oct. 5, the course costs \$800. For more information or to register, call (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to Marilyn Harton at mharton@ madonna.edu.

Scleroderma conference

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Embassy Suites, Southfield. Designed to provide people with scleroderma as well as their caregivers, families, friends and healthcare professional with a day of hope, inspiration and knowledge. Registration is \$30. CEUS will be available to RNs for \$10 more, Call (248) 865-7259 or visit www.scleroderma. org/chapter/michigan/hhh.shtm.

Elder care

Managing the Care of Older Adults 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Carol Mills. Frailty and memory loss often jeopardize older adult's ability to remain in their own home or manage their resources. Participants attending this presentation will learn about services provided by professional geriatric care managers, ways to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families, available community resources, services and support to enable older adults to remain safely in their homes. Representatives from local senior care organizations will also be available to answer your questions. The presentation is a component of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program which offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts including free lecture series, AARRP Safe Driver Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, and more. Simply call to register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-8950,



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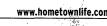
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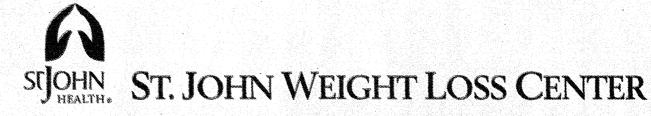
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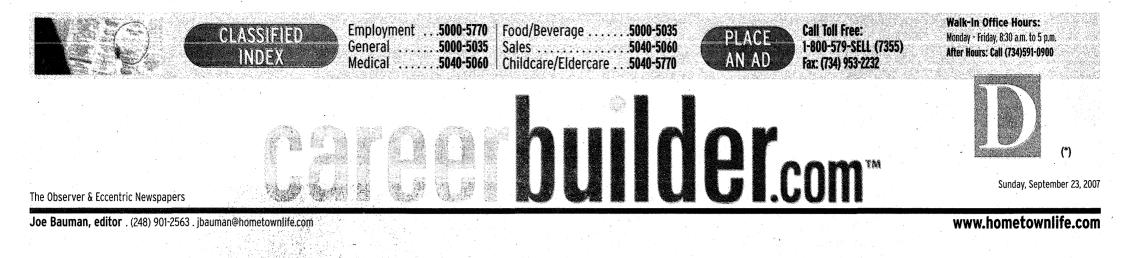
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A Passion for Healing



Starting a new job: Get off on right foot

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

When Gail Anderson started teaching again this fall, she had 25 years of experience to back her up. The Canton resident and English teacher at Belleville High School has some thoughts for new teachers. Anderson urges new teachers to remember "that the kids you deal with eventually grow up into adults. Not to get bogged down in the details, the minutiae." Teachers can get caught up in test preparation and curriculum, important matters but

less so than the kids, who are "precious, valuable and unique human beings." "I'm always pleased to see they're being successful getting on in life"

being successful, getting on in life," Anderson said of former students. Some may have a difficult adolescence but turn out just fine later on. "What you want to leave them

with is the relationship you had," Anderson said. "Teaching is more about relationships."

That's true not only for educa-

tors but for those starting work in just about any field. Judy Kaufman, a career counselor in the Career and Transfer Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, has some down to earth advice for those starting a job.

"They can start by listening, looking and seeing what's going on in the work environment," Kaufman said. Learning new skills is vital to ongoing employment.

"A career is a building process," she said. A new worker needs to ask himself or herself "What can I add?"

"It doesn't necessarily mean going back and getting another degree," she said. That could be developing computer skills on the job, or working on communications skills that include speaking, writing, presenting and reading.

"Look to see if there's a mentor within the organization," said Kaufman, who noted that in today's work environment some potential mentors have been laid off. A mentor could be found in another organization: "It's a wonderful way to grow," she said of mentoring.



"You should always be looking at what's happening in your field and other companies," Kaufman said. It's good to check Internet job sites regularly, to see what new opportunities are out there.

As far as dress goes for a new worker, she said, "You always want to look like everyone else in the work environment." A recent graduate may need to tone down his or her wardrobe, at least during business hours. The younger generation has seen a lot of layoffs. noted Kaufman, 52. "I think they're pretty nervous. They really have had experience with layoffs." Younger workers are in touch with job security issues, she finds, and seek career fields with a lot of opportunity.

She had to think a bit when asked what she would have liked to know as a younger worker starting out. Kaufman enjoys her work. "Work brings so many wonderful satisfactions to your life when you love what you do. So I don't see stopping."

Doing counseling online could be an option for Kaufman down the road. She urges those making career transitions to seek out Schoolcraft, noting Oakland Community College is also helpful.

Community colleges can help you make a transition in a "caring environment," she said, especially true for those whose educational experiences haven't been positive.



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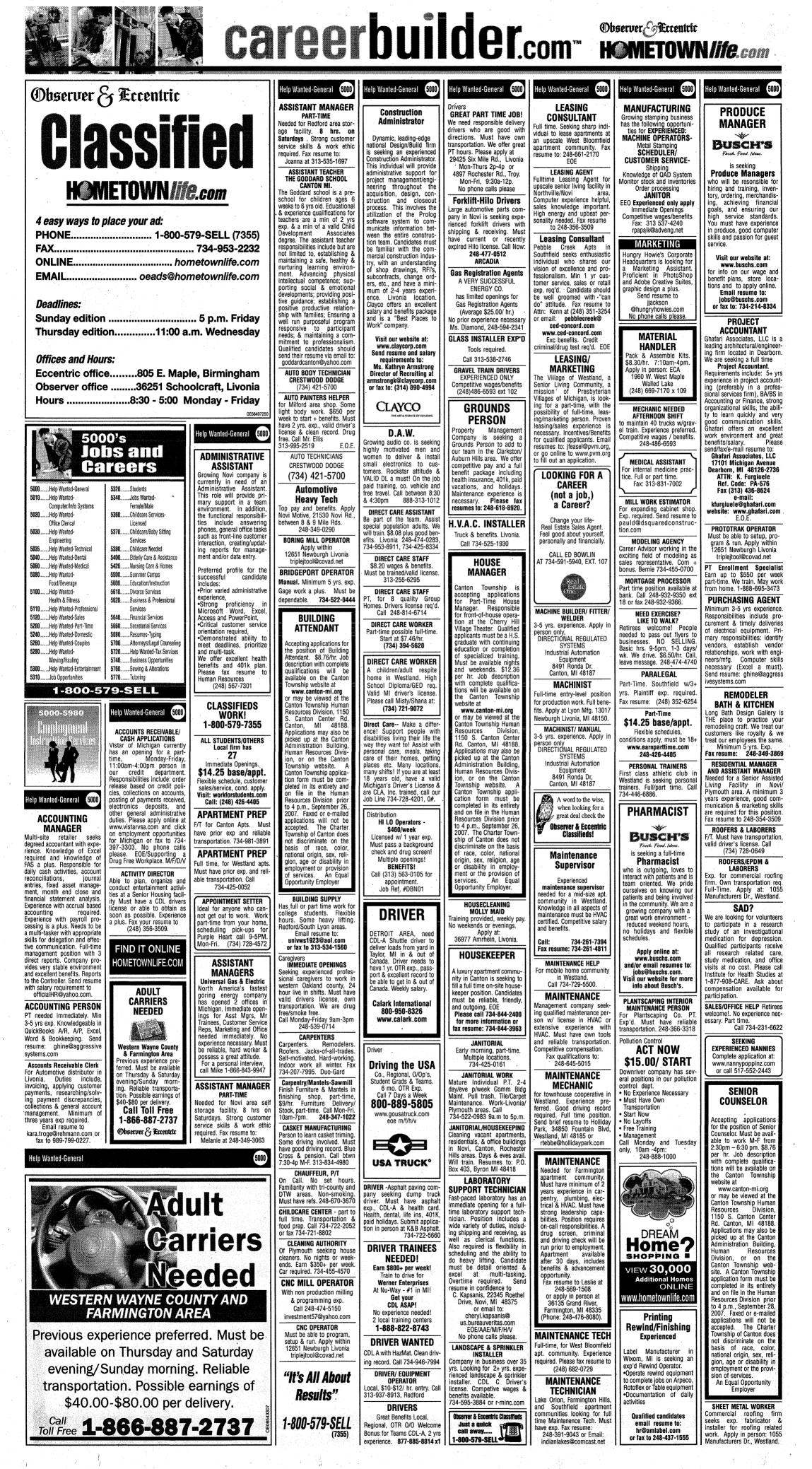
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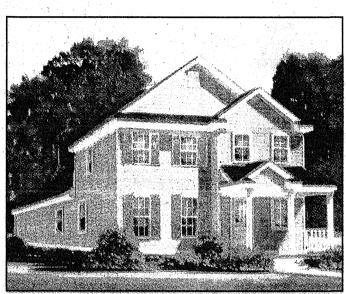


WOW! New Homes In Canton's Cherry Hill Village Starting At \$174,900

Livonia Builders and Breault Homes are presenting single-family homes in this wonderful neighborhood starting at \$174,900. The homes range in size from 1212 sq. ft. to 2200 sq. ft. The standard features included are granite countertops in the kitchen and baths, Anderson windows. Merrilat cabinets, Jamies Hardie siding with a 15 year color warranty, 90% comfortmaker furnace, high efficiency hot water tank, glass block windows in basement, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen and ceramic tile in

bathrooms and laundry. Each home is professionally landscaped with sod and Plymouth/Canton Schools round out the exceptional standard features offered by Livonia Builders and **Breault Homes.**

"We adopted a new business model to keep our crews working and to stay here in Michigan. We knew we would have to offer a great product at an even better price to get people to come out and buy a new home." This new model seems to be working; Livonia **Builders and Breault** Homes have sold almost 60 homes this year.



"Everyone involved, from the suppliers and contractors to the builders and developers are making

a lot less than normal to try to get the ball rolling again" said Danny Veri of Livonia Builders. The ball has already

started rolling in

Cherry Hill Village; they have already sold 15% of the homes in the first week.

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The parks are abundant and the people are about. "The houses feel like homes,' said Veri. "The interest rates are low, and new

home affordability is better than it has been in years because homes in this area sell for well over \$280,000."

Based on current mortgage guidelines, a household income of just under \$50,000 a year can qualify for a home in this neighborhood. "There truly is not a better time to buy a new home. What I enjoy most about Cherry Hill Village is the neighborhood feeling you have when you enter the community," said Veri.

If you were able to get a new home, in a cozy and inviting neighborhood, with great schools and outstanding standard

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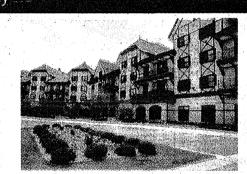


features, would you be interested in learning more about it? If your answer is yes, call Danny Veri, one of the owners of Livonia Builders to discuss how he can make one of these homes become part of your life and way of living. If your answer is no or now is not a good time, let me leave you with this, "There is seldom a perfect time to do anything and if you want for all the lights to be green before you head into town, you will never leave the house." Models are in process and an information pack can be obtained by

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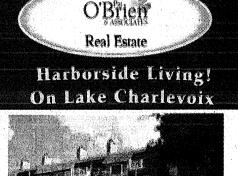
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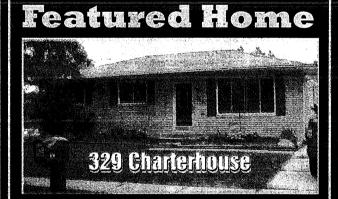


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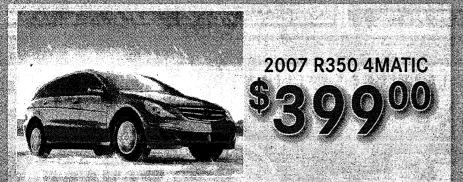
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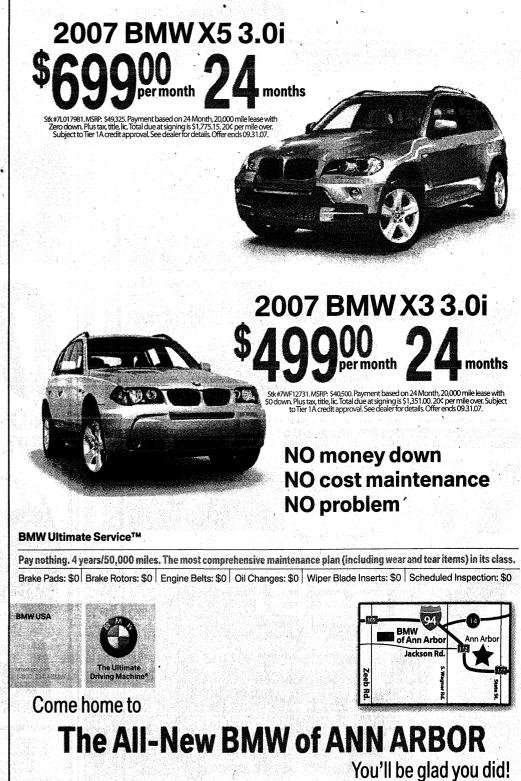
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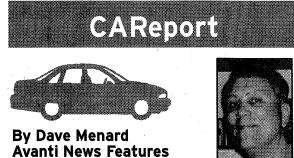


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With gas prices hovering between \$3 and \$4 in most places, I'm not sure how much of a market there is for muscle cars, but Ford Motor Co. is betting that at least some drivers are chomping at the bit to get behind the wheel of a classic muscle car brought back to life.

For the first time since 1970, Ford has put the Shelby name on a Mustang Cobra by giving us the 2007 Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 coupe.

Also available as a convertible, it's a true muscle car, complete with a powerful engine, six-speed transmission, beefy audio system and your very own gas guzzler tax to boot.

The Shelby GT500 looks tough and seems like it's ready to growl at you if you look at it the wrong way. The front end features wide upper and lower fascia opening with a functional air splitter. The upper intake has the Cobra logo mounted offcenter, and the hood features heat extractors that protrude near the leading edge.

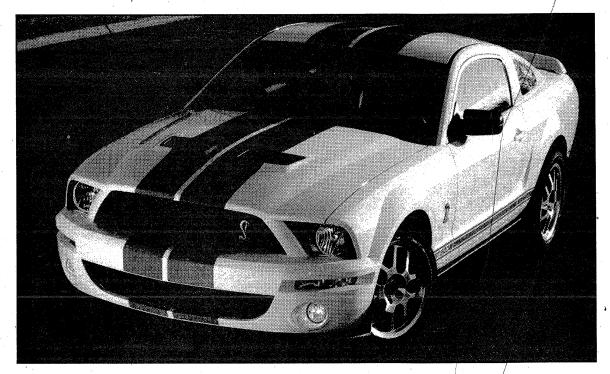
The Le Mans-style front-to-rear racing stripes add to the performance-car feel and 18-inch aluminum wheels are standard, as are a rear deck spoiler, dual stainless-steel exhaust, and fog lamps. You'll be tempted to stop at the test track on your way to work every morning.

You could handle the test track pretty well with this package. The GT500 is called that for one reason – the supercharged 5.4-liter, 32-valve V8 engine that outputs 500 horses and 480 foot pounds of torque.

To dissipate the heat from all this power, Ford has given the Shelby GT500 a high-capacity radiator, an intercooler mounted below the blower, a loop-style power-steering cooler, and an oil-to-water stacked-dish engine oil cooler, in addition to the heat extractors on the hood. This engine is EPA rated at 15/21 mpg (hence the gas guzzler tax) and requires premium fuel.

This powerplant is mated with a six-speed manual transmission, and I'm not exactly taken with it. The clutch feels heavy and requires a lot of foot pressure to push, and it can be difficult to quickly find the proper gear with the shifter. With everyday use you might find it easy to get used to, but I'd like something that's a little less work. Stop-and-go traffic in this car really gives your left leg a workout.

That aside, the GT500 can be fun to drive because it rides and handles well for a muscle car. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut independent system with reverse L lower control arms and a 34 mm tubular stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a solid-axle, three-link system with coil springs, 24 mm solid stabilizer bar and a Panhard rod for axle control. You feel in control of the GT500 all the time, even on



New Ford coupe is first to carry Shelby name in 37 years.

winding curves, and rough roads don't toss you around the cabin like some "performance" cars seem to.

Rack-and-pinion power steering is standard and provides good road feel. The brakes are excellent.

Inside, the GT500 has a look to match its exterior. The steering wheel cap and the leather seats feature the Cobra logo. The power front seats are six-way adjustable, and though there are rear seats, I wouldn't advise using them; things are pretty tight back there. Up front, though, there's plenty of room for the driver and passenger, and it's easy to find a comfortable driving position.

The instrument panel is complete, including a reminder light to let you know when to upshift. The tach is on the right side of the cluster, though, while the reminder light is under the speedometer. At first, this doesn't seem to make sense, but when you consider it, if you're looking the tach for shift guidance, you don't need the light anyway.

The center console includes a storage area and there are two cupholders and two auxiliary power outlets, as well. The trunk is surprisingly roomy; you can fit a week's worth of groceries in there.

Air conditioning is standard, as are power windows and locks, and remote keyless entry.

The standard audio system is a Shaker 500 AM/FM/six-disc CD system with an auxiliary jack for your mp3 player, and eight speakers, rated at 500 watts of power. The standard system is very good, with thumping bass response and clean highs, but you can upgrade to a Shaker 1000, which – like its name implies – gives you 1,000 watts of power, plus 10 speakers. You can add satellite radio to either system.

This car could be a tempting target for thieves, but Ford has included a passive anti-theft system, separate alarm sounder, an interior motion sensor and an anti-tow sensor.

The perimeter sensors detect the opening of the hood, doors or trunk while the system is armed.

The key is a transponder key, which sends a code to the ignition system to allow the vehicle to be started. Don't lose the keys; transponder keys can cost hundreds of dollars to replace.

The GT500 comes with dual-stage front airbags capable of deploying at full or partial power, seat-belt pretensioners and seat-deployed side airbags. The Ford Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 (that's a mouthful)

The Ford Mustang Cobra Shelby GT500 (that's a mouthful) starts at around \$41,000. Add the gas guzzler tax – which is not optional, by the way – satellite radio and the premiere trim package, which includes a wrapped a stiched instrument panel brow and center console/with upgraded door armrest and aluminum pedal covers, and you're at about \$43K.

Make no mistake; this car is going to cost you, in its initial purchase price and at the pumps. But if you can get past that, the GT500 just might give you more muscle than anybody in your neighborhood.

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