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## Chief judge snubs incumbent in court race

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

It's been a long-standing tradition that 35th District Court judges don't endorse candidates - either incumbents or challengers - campaigning for six-year terms on the bench.

However, Chief Judge John MacDonald has broken that heritage - and created a firestorm - by announcing he's endorsing Westland attorney Jim Plakas over incumbent Ron Lowe for the judgeship to be decided by voters in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities Nov. 7.

MacDonald, who admitted to having discord with Lowe the past 12 years, said his decision to speak out



Lowe



Plakas

been incidents of employees screaming and hollering at (Lowe), and there's always a negative attitude on his part, questioning what we're doing without any real solutions. I don't see any improvement.

"I feel an obligation to the communities to set the tone for the future," he said. "It wasn't an easy decision to make, but a good one for the future of the court."

Lowe, who confirmed he and MacDonald have co-existed for years with differences, said he wasn't surprised the chief judge is opposing him. However, Lowe was caught somewhat off-guard that MacDonald "opened a Pandora's box" by publicly endorsing Plakas.

"Ushering in an era where judges start endorsing candidates isn't good for the court," Lowe said. "Putting attorneys in a situation where they may find themselves endorsing a candidate to satisfy one judge or the other can't be good for the court."

"We've had what I would call honest differences, and I thought we were both mature enough to overcome them," he said. "We shouldn't be washing our laundry in the public light."

MacDonald noted some of the five communities served by 35th District Court look for revenues from fines to help ease budget constraints, and said Lowe's solution is to boost fines.

"He keeps saying we should just

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keep raising our fines, but we're in the top quarter of courts around here," MacDonald said. "We're not in the business of bailing the communities out. Plus, it's not fair to the people who come in front of us."

Lowe said he's suggested raising fines, but only to cover the costs of issuing the ticket, which many times - according to Lowe - isn't the case.

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## Chamber plans crawl for downtown streets

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

The Old Village Restaurant Crawl is one of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's most popular events.

Now the chamber is hoping that same success can be had in downtown Plymouth.

The Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl debuts Sept. 27, with a dozen restaurants and 20 total businesses participating. This one will be a charitable event, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Friends of the Penn, the grassroots group trying to save the Penn Theatre.

"It's a win-win-win for everyone," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber. "It showcases the downtown restaurants, benefits the Penn, which is a real downtown jewel, and will also help the chamber with its programs."

The crawl will be similar to the Old Village event. Ticket-holders will be treated to a sampling of the top menu items of the participating restaurants. The downtown crawl, which runs 5:30-9 p.m., also features eight dessert and coffee shops.

Participating restaurants include E.G. Nicks, 1999 Tavern, Jimmy John's, The Penn Grill (formerly the Penniman Deli), Sean O'Callaghan's, Panera Bread, 336 Main, Box Bar, Burger Spot, Little Bangkok, Compari's and Fiamma Grille.

Dessert and coffee shops participating are Baker's Rack, Casa de Gelato, Coldstone Creamery, House of Fudge, Kemnitz Candy, Plymouth Coffee Bean, Starbucks and Boule Artisan Bakery.

Chamber officials are particularly happy to be supporting Friends of the Penn.

"I think there was some thought out there in the beginning that the chamber didn't support the Friends of the Penn," chamber President Bill Pratt said. "It wasn't that; I think the chamber

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Friends of the Penn Executive Director Ellen Elliott answered a few questions last week about the return of films from Plymouth resident Shaun Denooyer. Elliott will be one of the greeters for the Sept. 27 Downtown Restaurant Crawl.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School junior Sandy Nahra figures her backpack weighs 15 pounds or more, which she carries around the high school park as well as back and forth to school.

## It ain't heavy, it's my backpack

Experts warn students about carrying too much weight

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When Salem High School junior Sandy Nahra takes inventory of the contents in her backpack, it's amazing the petite high school junior can even carry 15 pounds or more on her back as she walks around the high school park, as well as back and forth to school.

"I have a chemistry book which is this thick," said Nahra, 16, holding her index finger and thumb about three inches apart. "I have a Spanish textbook, a world history textbook, a math textbook. I can fit all my books in there, but I normally don't because I always have to carry the binders with it."

"When I have a lot of textbooks in it, yeah, it's really, really heavy," added Nahra, a 4.0 student who lives in Plymouth Township. "And when I'm walking home, it can get really heavy as I carry my books, plus have my backpack on."

According to the American Physical Therapy Association, while backpacks are one of the most convenient ways to carry books and school supplies, an overloaded and improperly worn backpack gets a failing

grade. "It's a lot of long-term wear and tear on their backs and posture," said Lucy French of Plymouth Township, an outreach physical therapist who services Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts. "Long term, they can end up with weak abs and strained backs and necks. A lot of it has to do with the way we lift, carry and lug things from the time we're small."

French said there's a correlation between how much a person weighs and how much weight should be carried in a backpack.

"Most students should carry no more than 15 percent of their body weight in the backpack," French said. "Otherwise, with the physics of your body, you tend to want to counterbalance the weight that's pulling you backward."

"Wear it over the strongest part of your back, which is the mid-back muscle," she added. "A lot of backpacks are sagging below the back line, and that gives no support."

Nahra, whose backpack - with only three books and a few binders - weighs 15

PLEASE SEE BACKPACKS, A8

## Ryan gives district 9 an additional year

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan is in preliminary discussions with the Board of Education to extend his contract an additional year to ease the transition to a new administration.

President Barry Simescu said, "We've talked in generalities, nothing specific," about an extension that would keep Ryan as superintendent until June 30, 2008.

"I've talked to President Simescu and past president (Mark) Slavens about it," Ryan said. "I think there's still work to be done. I think they believe, as do I, that the district and community deserve a positive transition in leadership when my time is finally done."

Ryan was appointed interim superintendent in July 2002, when Kathleen Boohar resigned, and was named superintendent six months later by the Board of Education. His annual salary is \$159,000.

Ryan, in his 36th year as an educator and administrator, also served four years as superintendent in Reed City and seven years in Lansing Waverly before joining Boohar's team as assistant superintendent.

Ryan said the additional year would give the

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"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*," added Rosiek.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



Summer slips away - But there are still a few outdoor concerts as DTE extends its season. How about some metal?

**Lincoln round-table**

John Gibney, who has made more than 2,500 historical programs to various organizations, is the featured speaker for the next meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

Gibney is the assistant director of the Monroe County Historical Museum, adjunct instructor in the Graduate Historic Preservation Program at Eastern Michigan University and also instructs a Civil War program at Washtenaw Community College. He was one of the founding members of the Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table.

The subject of the Sept. 21 meeting is James "Old Pete" Longstreet, who graduated from West Point in 1842 and resigned from the U.S. Army in June 1861 to offer his services to the newly formed Confederate States of America. General Robert E. Lee fondly called General Longstreet "My Old War Horse." General Longstreet made three mistakes that have denied him his deserved place in Southern posterity: He argued with Lee at Gettysburg, he was right and he became a Republican.

The meeting will be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited, admission is free. For more information call (734) 459-7324.

**Entertainment books**

The Plymouth Optimist Club is also selling the books, at their new fund-raising price

of \$20. They can be picked up at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

The book offers up to 50-percent savings on casual dining, fast food, fine dining, travel and hotels, entertainment and sports, and retail and services on everything from apparel to flowers.

Proceeds benefit children's causes. For information, call (734) 453-8253.

The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is \$25; however, the chorale is offering them for \$20.

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6829.

**League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters hosts a meeting 7-15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library featuring Rich Robinson, the executive director of Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

The Michigan Campaign Finance Network is a coalition of non-profit, nonpartisan organizations and individuals concerned about the influence of money in politics and the need for campaign finance reform in Michigan.

Robinson will discuss some of the research conducted on

campaign contributions and their relationship to election outcomes. Campaign money being spent on the current gubernatorial campaign will also be discussed.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

**Child seat clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the new Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. Anyone who would like to have their child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician can make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3243.

**Grief workshop**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Oct. 9, 2006.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

For registration information call the parish office at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

**DFCU scholarships**

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

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Applications for the 2005 DFCU Financial Founders' Scholarship are available at the credit union's Web site at www.dfcufinancial.com or by calling (313) 336-2700. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 3. Candidates must be members of DFCU Financial, high school seniors graduating in 2007 and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

For more information about DFCU Financial's community involvement and free educational seminars, please visit www.dfcufinancial.com.

**School of music**

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

The 12-week fall semester starts Sept. 19 and runs 6-7:30

p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$75 per semester. You can register 4:30-6:30 p.m., and for more information call (734) 453-5464.

**Entertainment Book**

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

**Jr. Miss Scholarships**

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

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

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

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

Anyone interested in attending the orientation meeting

can contact Michigan Junior Miss At-Large Program Director Jan Sickle-Witte at 517-467-2589 or email JMSICKLE@comcast.net or Lydia Soroosh at 734-426-4744 or email at cellfit@yahoo.com.

**Youth commission**

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is looking for members.

Members must live in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township and be entering grades 7 through 11 to be eligible. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Sept. 22, City Hall or to a current PCYAC member. Letters of recommendation from someone other than a family member can be submitted with an application.

Applications are available at city hall. For more information and applications, contact City Commissioner Michele Potter at mpotter@ci.plymouth.mi.us

**DAR meets**

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet noon Monday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth District Library.

Featured speaker Nancy Swanborg of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will talk about "Continuing Education for Women Re-entering the Workforce."

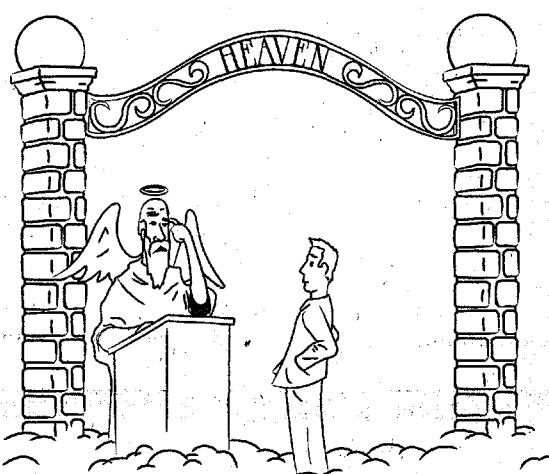
For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

**Genealogical Society**

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets on Monday, Sept. 18, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

At 6:30 p.m. will be a video, "Finding A Maiden Name," and, at 7:30 p.m., the program called "Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities," will be led by keynote speaker Ceil Jensen.

Visit the group's Web site is http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/ or call Margie at (734) 522-4050. Meeting, class, and program are free of charge and open to the public; guests are welcome.



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Helen Ribar Goebel and Eldora Ballen Melton were the two oldest members of the Plymouth High School who attended an all-class reunion recently.

## A fondness for Central

### Former students hope district keeps building

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education prepares to make a decision on the fate of Central Middle School, 90-year-old Helen Ribar Goebel is hopeful the building she went to high school in remains standing for a long time to come.

"It would be a shame if something happened to that building," said Goebel, who has lived in the same home on Mill Street in Plymouth since 1920. "I started there in kindergarten and graduated from there. They should keep it as long as we old students are alive ... I don't care what they use it for, as long as they keep it."

Goebel was one of several hundred graduates of the original Plymouth High School (currently Central Middle School) — which opened as a K-12 school in 1917 — who attended a reunion at the Plymouth Elks Club last weekend for all graduating classes. Goebel, along with her classmate and friend, 90-year-old Eldora Ballen Melton, who lives near Dixboro, were graduates of the Class of 1934, the oldest graduating class represented at the reunion.

"I was just an average student, but I loved it, I had so many friends," said Goebel of her high school days. "I played piano for the choirs, sang in the choirs and played in the

first orchestra. Afterwards, I taught music for 55 years."

Melton remembers sometimes having to walk 3 1/2 miles to her home in the Newburgh Road and Ann Arbor Trail area after school.

"It was hard for me to get to school because it would cost five cents for a bus ticket," Melton said. "It was during the Depression, and that was a lot of money."

"Luckily, we had two or three people that would give us a ride to school," she said. "Many times I had to walk home."

Melton graduated in 1934 with a 91 (out of 100) grade average. "I was just interested in learning," Melton said. "I enjoyed going to Plymouth High. We had very good teachers."

After graduation, Melton wanted to become a nurse. However, just as a nickel was tough to come by for a bus ticket, so was tuition for nursing school.

"I wanted to study at Henry Ford Hospital, but they wanted \$250 for uniforms and books," Melton said. "That was like a million dollars back then."

The Board of Education will tour Central Middle School Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. At 7 p.m., the board will conduct a workshop meeting to discuss a possible February bond, which could include money to repurpose Central.

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# Not your average school

## Grueling SWAT program prepares officers for crisis situations

BY KURT KUBAN  
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Police work is never easy work. Any cop will tell you that. But there are some situations that demand more than your average traffic stop. Hostage situations. Armed gunmen. Even a terrorist attack. To deal with these situations, officers need specialized equipment and intense training. These situations demand only the best of the best among our police officers.

That is why the Western Wayne County Chief's Consortium annually conducts SWAT school for officers that want to get SWAT certified in the state. The group, which includes the communities of Canton Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne, has been holding the school since the late 1980s, according to Captain Greg Laurain of the Van Buren Police Department and commander of the school.

Graduates of the school that work for consortium member departments earn placement on the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team.

Laurain said this year's school, which concluded Sept. 8, was a grueling three-week endeavor for students, who trained 12-14 hours a day.

Along with daily physical training, students learned the science of ballistics, weapons nomenclature, diversionary devices, chemical agents, tactical rappelling, building searches, and building entry techniques. There was also plenty of work at several shooting ranges with a wide variety of weapons including semi-automatic pistols, shotguns, AR15's and sniper rifles. Students were also confronted with simulated exercises, including drug raids and hostage situa-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Instructor Scott Pike of the Port Huron Police Department gives Brian Yunkari of the Dearborn Police Department the signal to rappel down the side of the Sheldon Place building on Ford Road.



It's a long way down for this officer, but the descent takes just a few seconds.

tions. All of which the students were quizzed about on written exams.

"This school is very stressful both physically and mentally," said Laurain, who him-

self is a graduate of the school.

"We try to create an environment that is stressful for them. And that's because in a SWAT situation that's the way it is going to be. So we try to create that stress in real time. We want to make sure these guys meet the challenges and survive a hostile situation."

This year, the graduating class included 17 officers from all over southeast Michigan, including Port Huron, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Livonia and Pontiac. Three officers from consortium departments graduated, including Jessica Lessuire, an officer with the Northville Police Department, who became the first female officer to complete the program.

Since 1988, Laurain said Canton was been the host agency of the school, and many of the training exercises this year were held at various points in the township. In fact, the SWAT trainees provided quite a spectacle the day they were rappelling off the top of Sheldon Place.

Lt. Bob Kerr of the Canton Police Department said the SWAT school has never been more important, now that we live in a post-9/11 world. While he said the Special Operations Team isn't frequently activated, he believes its value is immeasurable when crisis situations arise.

"Even though they don't get used a whole lot, when they do get used, they provide a vital service," Kerr said.

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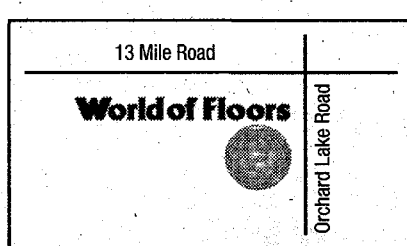
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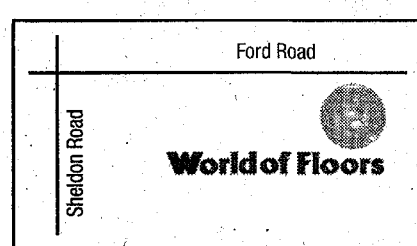
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# Chili fest heads back to Plymouth

Organizers of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, returning to Plymouth this year after a one-year absence, are looking for Chili Cooks to compete in the event, set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, in downtown Plymouth.

The winner takes home \$1,000 in prize money, a great, big chili-pepper trophy and the chance to compete in the Chili Cook-off World Championship put on by the International Chili Society, where the world champ will win \$25,000.

Along with the traditional red chili competition there is a Chili Verde contest (Green Chili) and a Salsa contest. A best-booth contest and People's Choice winners will also be awarded prizes.

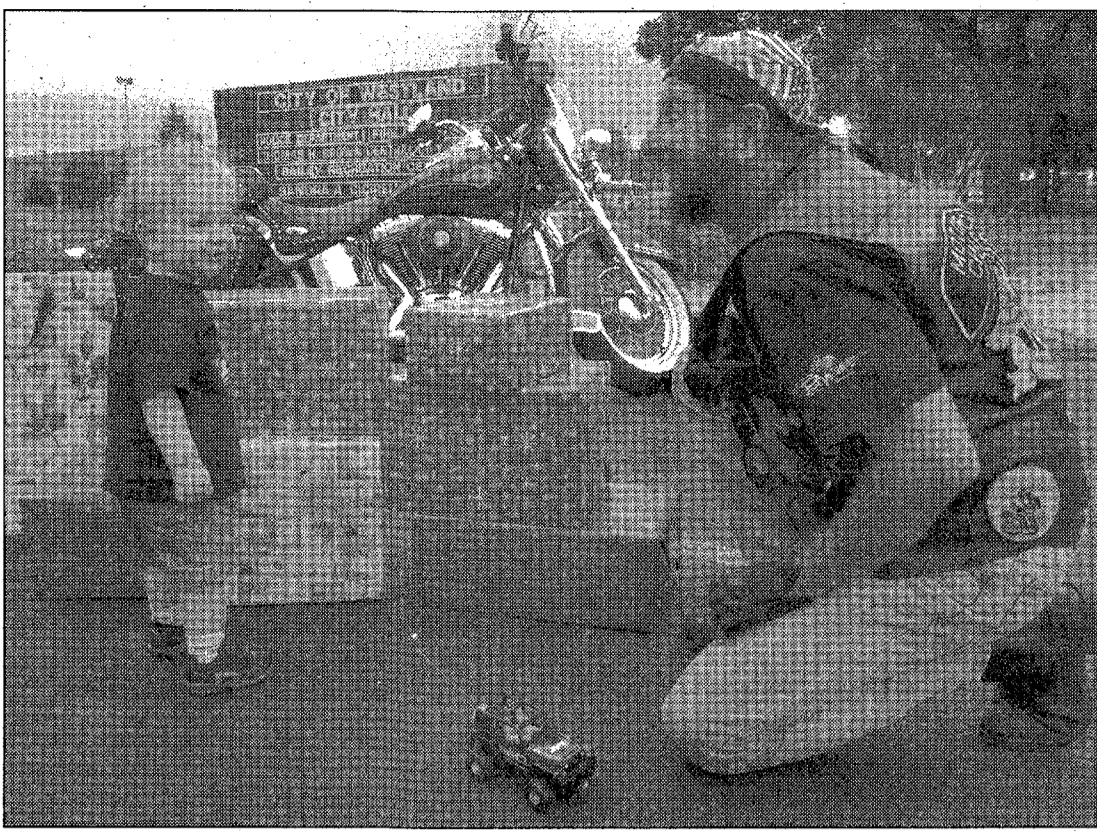
Just want to just come and sample chili? More than 60 different chilies will be available at \$1 per sample, starting at 3 p.m., for those who just want to sample the chili.

Area restaurants will get in on the excitement at the "Restaurant Chili Challenge," serving up their best chili and competing to be the best restaurant chili in the land of western Wayne County.

Fifteen restaurants will be competing for this year's award, including the defending restaurant, downtown Plymouth's Omelette & Waffle Café. Bowls of chili will be available at \$4 per bowl 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All money raised during this event, which also includes a motorcycle bike show and a Chili Ride planned by Motor City Harley Davidson, goes to Habitat For Humanity.

To register or for more information contact Annette Horn at nativewest@sbcglobal.net or call (734) 455-8838. There's also information on the Web at www.chilicookoff.com. For bike show or Chili Ride information, call (248) 473-7433 or go to www.motorcityharley.com.



Thirteen-month-old Benjamin Sparks might not understand what the presents are all about, but his grandfather, Joe William of Livonia does. It's time for the 12th annual Toy Ride, sponsored by the Motor City chapter of the Harley Owners Group.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# On the road again

HOG chapter ready for 12th installment of popular Toy Run

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

A throaty rumble will fill the air around the Westland civic center complex Sunday, Sept. 24, as motorcyclists take to the road for the Motor City Chapter of the Harley Owners Group's annual Toy Run.

Some 300 riders are expected to turn out for the 12th annual installment of the benefit that this year will collect toys and raise money for the Westland Community Foundation.

"It's always an exciting event, everyone looks forward to it," said Larry Telling, director of the Motor City Chapter. "It ensures that local kids get a good Christmas."

The ride will start in the parking lot next to the Westland City Hall on Ford Road south of Wayne Road. Registration will be 10 a.m. to noon, with the ride slated to begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per bike plus a

new unwrapped toy and \$15 without a toy.

"Last year we got close to 200 toys and raised another \$2,000 in cash," Telling said. "We're looking for this year to be even better."

The ride will be escorted by the Westland Police and will travel along Ford, Newburgh and Ann Arbor Trail to Hines Drive and Inkster before ending at Joy Manor in the north end of Westland. There participants will be served pizza, spaghetti and soft drinks and have a chance at having the highest bid in a silent auction.

Member Joe William of Livonia credits former chapter director Dave Higgins with putting the ride together 12 years ago, and since his departure, members have kept it going.

"It's one of the easiest rides to promote, everyone wants to do it because it's for the kids," William said. "We have a group of ladies coming from Flint, we

get a lot of riders out of Oakland County. We have members all the way around here."

Telling can't say enough about the support the ride receives from the city, from allowing the organization to use the parking lot as the staging area to providing police escorts who work with the ride's road captains.

"The support is absolutely wonderful," Telling said. "Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, (Police) Chief Dan Pfannes, Officer Pat Corby ... they support us 100 percent. Everyone has a good time, and we couldn't do that without their help."

William agrees. "They've done so much for us," he said. "I think the police officers get a kick out of doing it. They're like us, they're there to help the kids."

For more information about the Motor City HOG Chapter, visit its Web site at www.motorcityhog.com.

# Township dedicates new complex

Plymouth Township officials moved into their new digs at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road earlier this summer.

Now they're ready to officially show it off to the public. In fact, they're so eager to show it off, they're doing it twice.

Township officials will host two dedication ceremonies Sept. 26 to commemorate the opening of the new township municipal complex, located at 9955 Haggerty, north of Ann Arbor Road.

The complex, built on some nine acres the township purchased from auto magnate Don Massey, features a new township hall, police department and fire station.

The dedication comes in a pair of ceremonies. The first one takes place 11:45 a.m. and will feature tours dedication of all three units: hall, police department and fire station. The short ceremony will be followed by lunch.

The second ceremony features building tours and refreshments from 4:30-6 p.m., with the dedication and ribbon-cutting at 6 p.m.

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DEATHS

<p><b>B</b></p> <p><b>James R. Byrd</b> Byrd, 70, died Sept. 9.</p> <p><b>C</b></p> <p><b>Rick Chavey</b> Chavey, 57, died Sept. 15.</p> <p><b>Virginia O. Christensen (Simon)</b> Christensen, 89, formerly of Garden City, died Sept. 8.</p> <p><b>Doris Joanne Gervais Colling (nee Palmer)</b> Colling, 73, formerly of Livonia, died Sept. 6.</p> <p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>Charles E. Ervin Jr.</b> Ervin, 90, formerly of Birmingham, died Sept. 8.</p> <p><b>H</b></p> <p><b>Amy Kathleen Huberty Hawes</b> Hawes, 33, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died July 7.</p>	<p><b>K</b></p> <p><b>Michael Kosko</b> Kosko, 77, died Sept. 7.</p> <p><b>M</b></p> <p><b>Kristen D. Michalak</b> Michalak, 40, of Redford, died.</p> <p><b>Susan Mary Mohrhardt (Simmons)</b> Mohrhardt, 70, formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 9.</p> <p><b>Margaret E. "Peg" Moore</b> Moore, 81, of Brighton, died sept. 13.</p> <p><b>P</b></p> <p><b>Lucille Patrick</b> Patrick, 97, formerly of Livonia, died Sept. 9.</p> <p><b>Nina Ruth Hudson Price</b> Price, 88, of Bingham Farms, died June 26.</p>
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## Chefs compete for 'Golden Skillet'

Four teams, including one from Plymouth, will be vying for the Golden Skillet when Meijer presents the Rustic Chef competition Saturday, Sept. 30, at Maybury Farm in Northville.

Robert Costanza, owner/chef at Station 885 in Plymouth's Old Village, will be among the teams in the competition, set for noon-2 p.m. The teams, featuring professionals and amateurs, include Chris McCormick and Dave Anger, Chef Wil Armstead, Bonfire Bistro and Brewery in Northville and Bill Schlander and Ray Quatrochi.

The "Golden Skillet Award" comes courtesy LaSalle Bank. Each "chef" in the competition has a unique history:

■ Team 1 — Chris McCormick spent his career as an art director and partner Dave Anger worked for Ford Motor in the prototype area.

■ Team 2 — Robert Costanza is owner and chef at Station 885 in Plymouth and, thanks to his dad Jerry Costanza, has been in the restaurant business his entire life.

■ Team 4 — Bill Schlander works for one of the Big Three and began cooking when he was just 13; his partner Ray Quatrochi is an engineer and has always loved cooking.

Chef Frank Agostini of E.G. Nicks in Plymouth will compile the "Mystery Ingredients" for the chefs. At 11 a.m., contestants will learn what these ingredients are and what they will be shopping for. The "mystery ingredients" dictate the menu they will create. Contestants will shop at Meijer (the event sponsor) for one hour; return to Maybury Farm and prep from noon-1 p.m. and cook from 1-2 p.m. Contestants must have their food plated by 2 p.m. for the judges.

Admission is \$4 per person. Complimentary parking for this event is provided in the Maybury Farm parking lot, with an entrance off of 8 Mile about a mile west of Beck.

Daily Farm hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, weather permitting. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

## LaRiche partners for car seat check

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will partner with the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition to host a car seat check 2-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, providing families in the area with an opportunity to get their car safety seats checked.

According to statistics quoted by Coalition officials, the misuse of child safety seats is widespread and places many children at risk. Each year approximately 1,800 children ages 14 and under are killed as occupants in motor vehicles, and more than 280,000 are injured.

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more likely to be injured, to suffer more severe injuries, and to die in the event of a crash. With proper installation, this number can be reduced, saving the lives of children everywhere.

The car seat check, set for the LaRiche dealership at 40875 Plymouth Road (at the corner of Plymouth and Haggerty), will feature free car seat checks by certified technicians, free information on staying safe while in a motor vehicle and refreshments.

The average seat check takes 20-30 minutes per seat. The technicians ask that the child be present, if possible,

to ensure the seat is properly installed and secure for that specific child. The technicians first check the seat as installed by the parents, allowing the technician to show the parents what was done correctly and incorrectly and give the parents an explanation so they understand the reasons why the safety measures exist.

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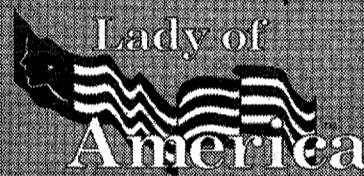
With the assistance of the parents, the seat is then refit into the vehicle. While fitting the seat, the technicians give a full explanation of how the seat belts work and the steps to check the correct placement of the seat. After the fitting is complete, the technician gives parents information on how to keep their child safe, as the child gets older.

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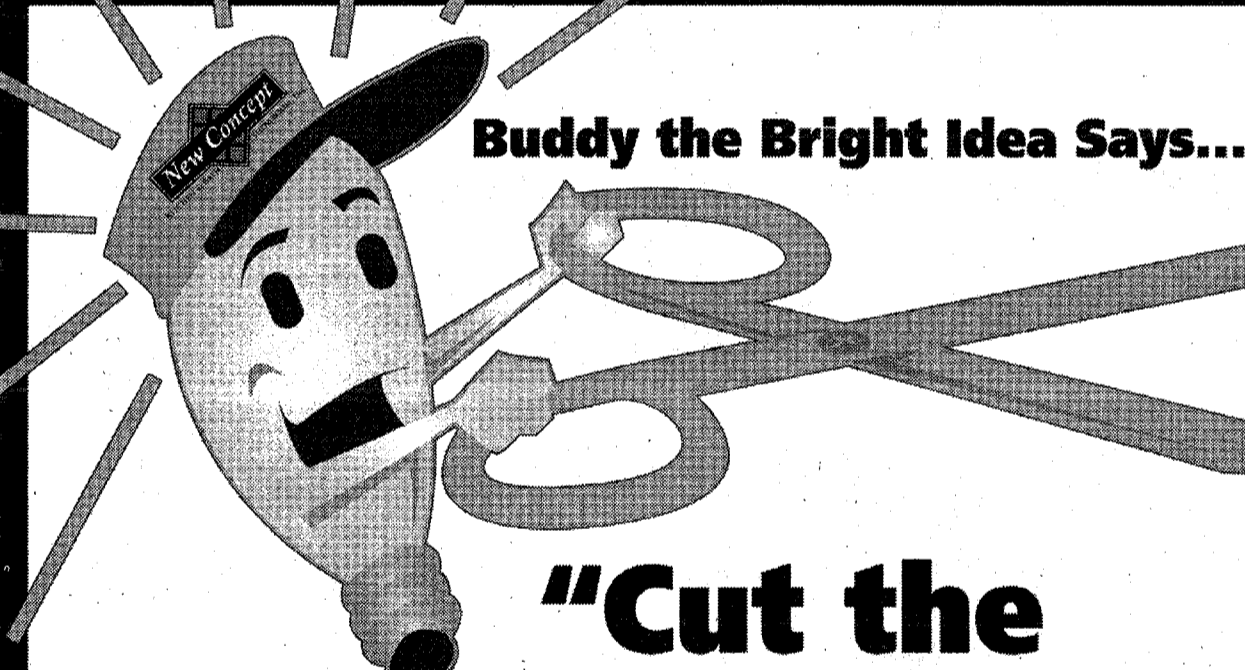
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# Computers, finance featured in Madonna's new mini-courses

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University is offering a series of miniature courses for anyone interested learning more about computers, personal finance, writing or local history.

The Livonia school is offering 16 one-day classes this fall as part of a new program coordinated by Madonna's Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. The first round of these new mini-classes begin this week with a Microsoft Power Point course Tuesday and a "You Can Write a Book" course next Saturday.

These are non-credit classes designed for personal enrichment or professional develop-

ment. They last about two hours and cost no more than \$60. Most of these mini-courses will be held at the Livonia campus on Levan and Schoolcraft.

"We offer programs that give people a chance to gain knowledge they need to improve their work skills, reach personal goals or study for fun and leisure," said office director Joan Stephens. "The finance and computer classes work well for any community college, but we will keep working on ways to be more innovative."

There are courses available to adults and senior citizens who want to learn how to use the Internet. For more advanced computer interests, there is a course called "Where

My Child Goes on the Internet." This course is designed to show parents and educators how teens are using the Internet for networking, games and blogging. This course will help adults better understand how young people use the Internet and how the Web is dangerous and helpful.

"This is really the main way teenagers express themselves and communicate with each other these days," Stephens said. "We feel this class would be helpful to many people."

For more information, visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu), and connect to the link for the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. To register for a mini-course by calling the Registrar's Office at (734) 432-5400.

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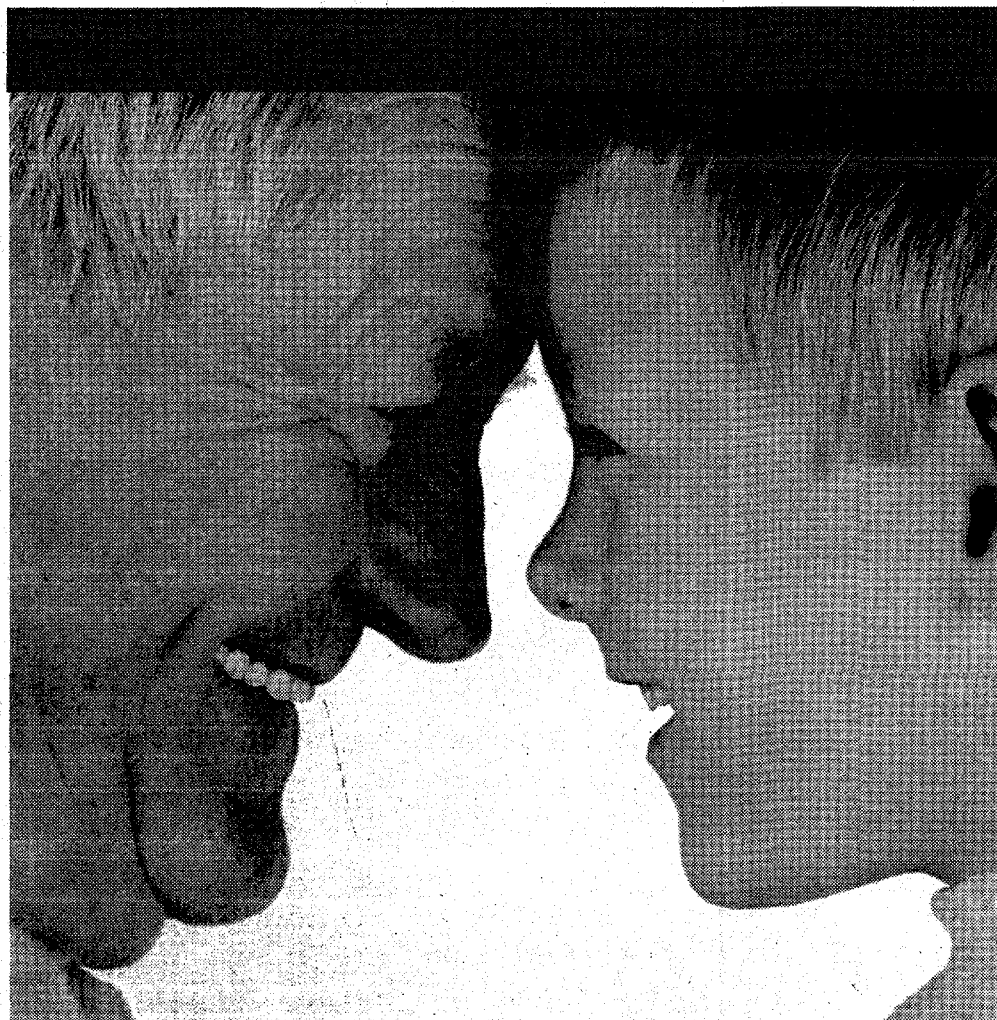
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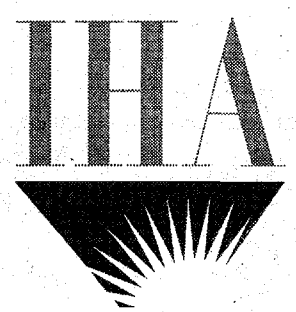
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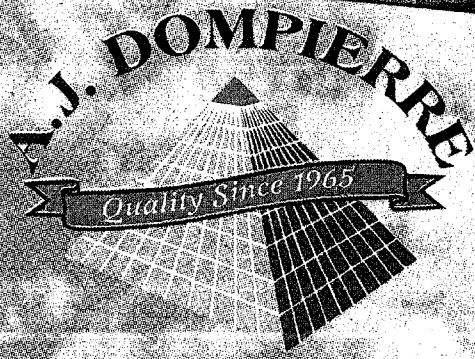
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"I'm not saying we should generate money for the communities," Lowe said. "It's a situation where the offenders should be paying for the operation of the court, not the taxpayers."

Lowe disputed claims he doesn't get along with employees and attorneys.

"I'm not under the impression that I didn't get along with anyone over there except him," Lowe said. "I've reached out to build a relationship, but it's obvious he doesn't want one."

Lowe said the bottom line is

both have differing management styles, which creates a divide between himself and MacDonald.

"He's more reactive, I'm more proactive. He's more hands off, I'm more hands on. He wants to preserve the status quo, I like to explore new ideas to do the job better," said Lowe. "But, in the end, he's the chief judge. And, when it's all done, I've abided by his decisions."

The 71-year-old MacDonald has presided on the 35th District Court bench for 21 years, and — by law — will retire in two years, at the end of his term. He admits that if Lowe wins, it will be a tough two years at the Plymouth courthouse.

"I'll try to live with him, we

try to do the best we can here," MacDonald said. "But, I think his attitude isn't the right one."

Lowe said if he wins, he'll consider it status quo the next two years.

"Fortunately, for John and I, it won't be anything new," Lowe said. "John has made it very clear."

The third 35th District Court judge, Mike Gerou, said he'll remain neutral in the upcoming election, leaving the battle between MacDonald and Lowe.

"I have a good working relationship with both of them," said Gerou. "I'm not going to endorse any candidates in the race. I'll work with whomever prevails in November."

**BACKPACKS**

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pounds, is way past the recommended weight limit for her.

"My shoulders sometimes

hurt," Nagra said. "When I'm walking home, or carrying it at school for a long time, it can hurt."

French's advice to students is to keep symmetry and balance when carrying a backpack.

"Kids need to be aware that if they wear it on one shoulder, they need to give equal time to the opposite shoulder," French said, "or they'll end up with inflammation on one side of the body, or one shoulder higher, or one hip higher, because your body will compensate."

"It's repetitive strain that we have to watch out for," she added. "(When putting on a backpack), variety is the spice of life."

Using a backpack appears to be a necessity, especially at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, where many students walk among three high schools for classes.

"I stop at my locker once in the middle of the day, because that's the only time I have," Nagra said. "Most students don't even know where they're locker is, and that's no exaggeration."

"Teachers say to keep the books at home, but I normally like to keep them in my locker," Nagra added. "I never know if I'm going to have homework in the textbook. And if I have time during lunch, I may want to get it done."

**SUPERINTENDENT**

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Board of Education time to address a number of issues, as well as make a smooth transition to a new administrative team.

"The board should do two things this year, focus on the bond issue and on the budget," Ryan said. "With a contract extension, they could focus on the superintendent search in the fall of '07, and select a new superintendent to start July 1, 2008."

Ryan said the additional year would allow him more time to search for a replacement for Barbara Rodenberg, assistant superintendent for instructional services, who is expected to retire next summer.

Simescu said he "doesn't have a timetable" in determining a contract extension for Ryan.

"I think he has to decide when it's time, and he's still weighing that out," Simescu said. "I think an orderly transition would make sense for everybody ... the district, employees, students and the community."

The question of a superintendent's search came up at Tuesday's school board meeting, when Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski suggested adding it to the Board of Education goals for the coming year.

"Dr. Ryan isn't going to be here forever, and we need to start preparing for it," Ham-Kucharski said. "The sooner we get into that process, the better prepared we will be when we get into a full search."

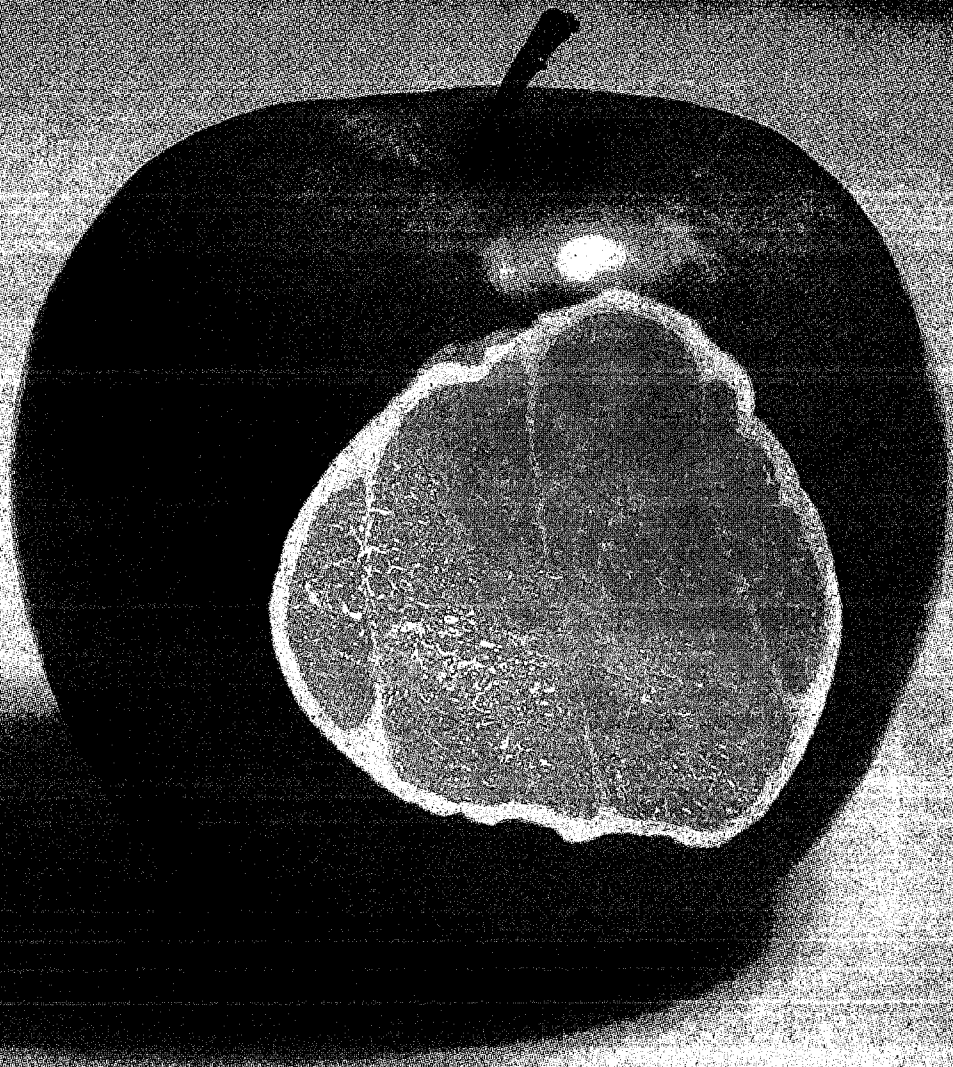
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# Movie 'Take the Lead' has lessons for school leaders, community

On a missionary trip to Trinidad, West Indies, in early August, a film was shown that somehow I had not heard of though it was released in April of this year. *Take the Lead* stars Antonio Banderas as Pierre Dulaine, a former ballroom dancer, now turned ballroom dance



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instructor. I couldn't but help thinking about how certain themes pulsating through the film prompted me to think of young people and education, especially in the Wayne-Westland schools.

No. 1, sometimes the only thing standing between a depressing statistic and a promising young life is an adult who's willing to invest some time and talent. It could be a parent, an administrator, a teacher, a custodian, a coach, or a parent/volunteer. In the film, Pierre Dulaine uses dance to facilitate the students' rising above tough, dysfunctional circumstances. The principal remarks, "everyone else calls them 'rejects.' They're in (detention) for the rest of the term." Following one of his class sessions, she confronts Dulaine with the statement that "life, for these kids, is like a fight to stay alive and have just enough to make ends meet."

As Douglas B. Reeves, in his book, *The Learning Leader - How To Focus School Improvement for Better Results*, states, we must "challenge high-achieving students (while we) encourage and coach the lowest performing students." That, I believe, is one of our mandates in public education.

A second theme that pulsates throughout the film is that the values of teamwork, respect and dignity are an important foundation for suc-

cess in any endeavor. Young people must be given the tools to prove to themselves that they have the courage and qualities to break out of their stereotypical roles and/or labels previously attached to them. Again, known as the school's "rejects," the detention kids are a mixed group of street thugs, latchkey kids and lost souls who have been told all their lives that they have no chance of escaping their surroundings. The teachers have basically given up on them.

Near the end of the movie, Dulaine is forced to defend his program before a PTA group gathered by the antagonist, Mean Teacher Mr. Temple. While others are playing the "blame game," he reminds them that at least he is trying to do something to make a difference. "Assigning blame is OK for the moment, but it doesn't make the problems go away," before engaging the principal in a dance demonstration accompanied by an explanation that ballroom dancing teaches a boy to respect his partner, and teaches a girl that she is worthy of respect. This epitomizes Reeves' contention that "... not everything that counts can be counted, not everything that can be expressed in quantitative terms." In the process, he helped the students discover a love for learning they never knew they had.

The third theme involves the ability to make choices. No matter where you come from, there are no rejects, only choices to be made, and these choices are up to you. Following a confrontation with the more advanced students at the dance studio, Dulaine's students from John Drake High School revolt because they believe that he has deceived them regarding the upcoming competition. The next day he challenges them to compete and promises that his dance studio will cover the cost for each of them. Upon hearing this, "Rock," a misunderstood kid from a dysfunctional family who just lost

his brother in a gang incident, chimes in, as he enters the scene, "Even for school rejects?" Dulaine's response is: "That's funny. When I look around this room all I see is choices - choices to be made and not a single reject ..."

It took trust, courage, determination and respect to accomplish, and each knew they must depend on the other, rather than fight each other. Some quotes worth remembering from *Take The Lead* are:

■ "The people that get what they want in life are the people who show up to get it."

■ "Belief in yourself is the strongest secret weapon."

■ "Trust must be earned." Incorporating these, along with the aforementioned pulsating themes that resonated with me, will allow us to be what Reeves describes as "architectural leaders in education" (chapter 3). In Wayne-Westland Community Schools we really care for our students' lives in a world of despair.

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Community, take the lead ...

As Dulaine attempted to give hope to his students by encouraging them to make good choices, may we take the lead in our respective roles for our children's education by making good choices. Like the waltz, it cannot be done without trust in your partner. At various times, some lead while others follow.

And as Dulaine reminded his students in the film, "To follow takes as much strength as to lead." But when appropriate, take the lead!

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# People in Middle East conflict deserve a peaceful solution

It has been said that the first causality of war is the truth. Anyone watching world events, especially in the Middle East, will come to realize that the truth is lost. In his latest effort to win the midterm election for his party, President Bush has escalated his "war on terror" fight as a war against "Muslim fascists." His mantra now is "we need to fight them in their streets before they come to our streets." Since Sept. 11, 2001, we have become accustomed to the language of war and defense.

We have also become tuned-in to the rhetoric of bravado and disdain toward Arabs and Muslims. We are given daily doses of how well

we are doing in Iraq and how we are defeating the enemies and establishing a crater of democracy that needs to be emulated. As if our fighting words and deeds are not enough, we provided Israel with a green light to invade a sovereign neighbor under the pretense that "Israel has the right to defend itself from terrorists." The list of misguided policies goes on and on, unchecked by the Congress or the public and



Terry Ahwal

perpetuated by a stagnated press. The reality is we are in a quagmire falling into the abyss of violence with no path for escape until we abandon our dogmatic belief that force will secure our freedom and security.

As a Palestinian-American who sees beyond killing for a solution, I am often told by my well-meaning friends that the Middle East crisis is an inherited and ingrained conflict conducted by people who are hell-bent on revenge. They believe that this war is without a solution that will protect both sides of the conflict. This short-sighted and erroneous belief will bring nothing to the table but more death and destruction.

The people in the Middle East on both sides of the conflict deserve better. No one deserves to see their children, brothers, and sisters dead, injured or imprisoned just because they happen to be Palestinian, Israeli, Iraqi, Lebanese or American. The people in the Middle East like the people in the United States, deserve keen leaders who believe that war and weapons are not the answer. For years we have been sold on the idea that force is the only solution to the Middle East crises. With the exception of President Jimmy Carter, we have given lip service to a negotiated solution to the Palestinian-Israeli issue. With the current administration, the United States even abandoned the lip service, choosing to perpetuate violence as the means to seek revenge and gain power.

And what did these new policies net us? In six years we have managed to mobilize millions of people who view us as an oppressor that needs to be stopped. Osama bin Laden and his likes were awkward individual zealots with very little respect and support in the Muslim world until

we started justifying the killing of innocent Muslim children while they were sleeping. His vile message of war and destruction is now resonating in the minds of those who believe that they are being killed because they are Muslims. Just like we believe that we are targeted because we are American and considered Christians.

The rhetoric of war is cheap, however its cost is very expensive. Our soldiers on the front line are paying with their lives, just like the Palestinians, Israelis, Iraqis and Lebanese. The cost is unrecoverable, with everyone paying the price. How many people are denied health care in this country so we can continue to build our defense stockpile that must be guarded with our lives, hence it may fall in the wrong hands? How many promises were made by President Bush that "No Child Left Behind Act" would be fully funded, but now, six years later, those promises were left unfunded. Regardless of who started the war? It is time for it to end.

The policy of defense and revenge will only work for the moment. Let us look at the history of our enemies: Japan, Russia and Germany. "The former evil empires" are now our good allies. If we knew then what we know now about our former enemies, we could have spared their families and ours the agony of pain.

If nothing else, we should learn from our mistakes. War never conquers. It may conquer land but it never conquers the heart. If we in the United States want to remain the superpower we profess to be, we must lead the world into an era of peace and prosperity. When we lift the world from the rot of hunger and pain, we will have gained their loyalty and respect for our kindness. If we want to stay the superpower, we can lead the people into following our values by working honestly to resolve conflicts instead of creating more conflicts with our unbalanced actions.

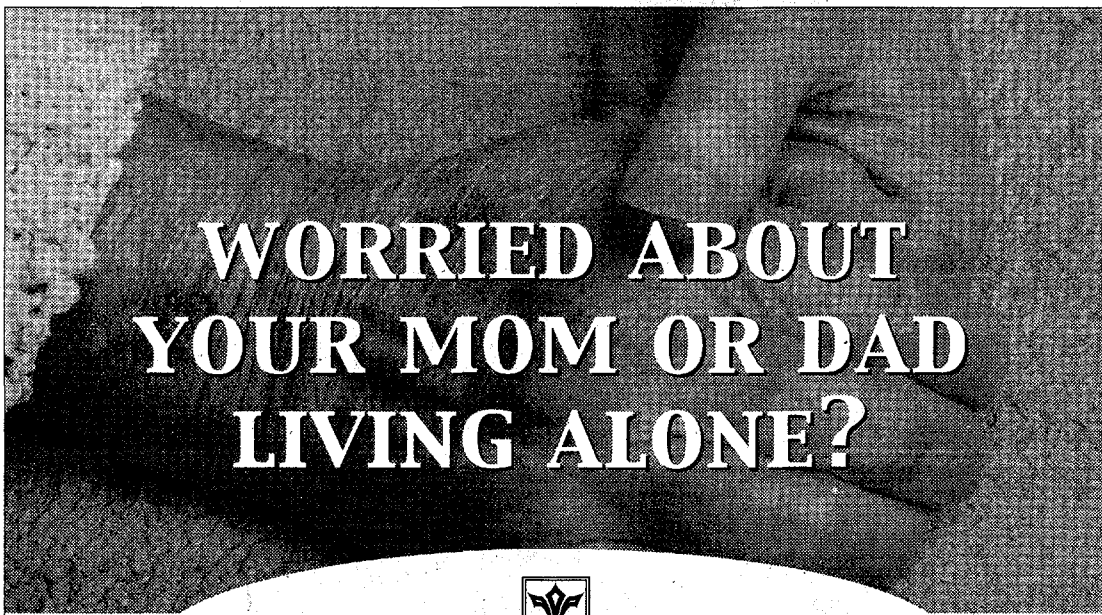
We in the United States have a lot to offer the world. In the past, our global leadership, with programs like the Peace Corp, Fulbright and U.S. AID, have made us an idol in the minds of many recipients for our generosity.

Our past diplomacy created a safer world for us and others who may not even have adhered to our standard of governing.

With our compassionate actions we gained the respect of the world. Sadly to say that those in power choose military might over diplomacy and courage a price for which we are all paying. Osama, Hizballah, Hamas, Ariel Sharon, Olmert were a small group of zealots until it was decided force is the only course of action to settle grievances. How many innocent lives must be lost before we choose peace over war, compassion over weapons, respect over disfranchising?

Superiority can be better achieved with diplomacy, kindness, education, and full bellies. I pray that we use our goodness to guide the world into the future.

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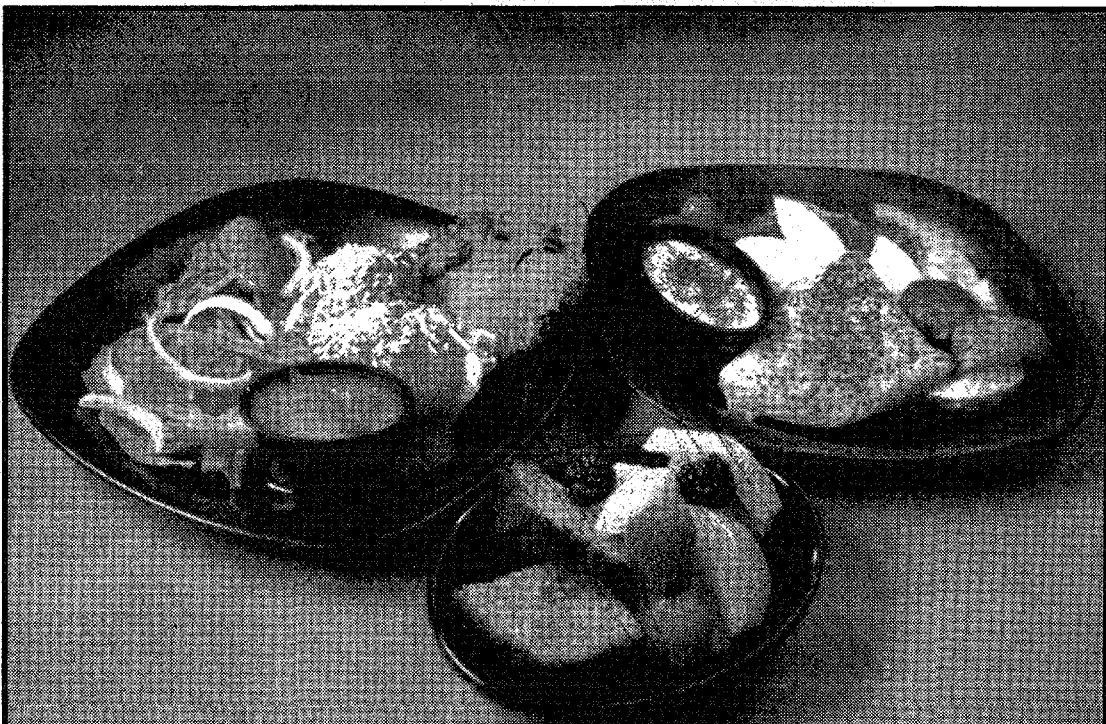
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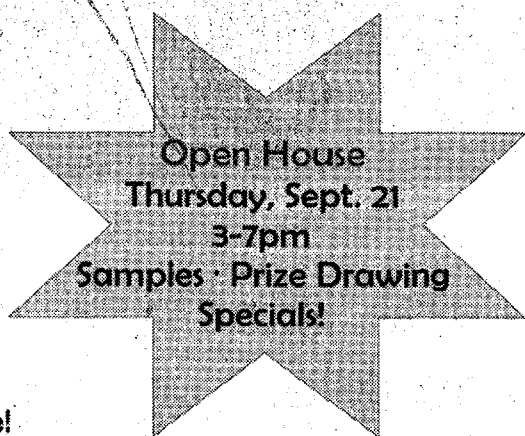


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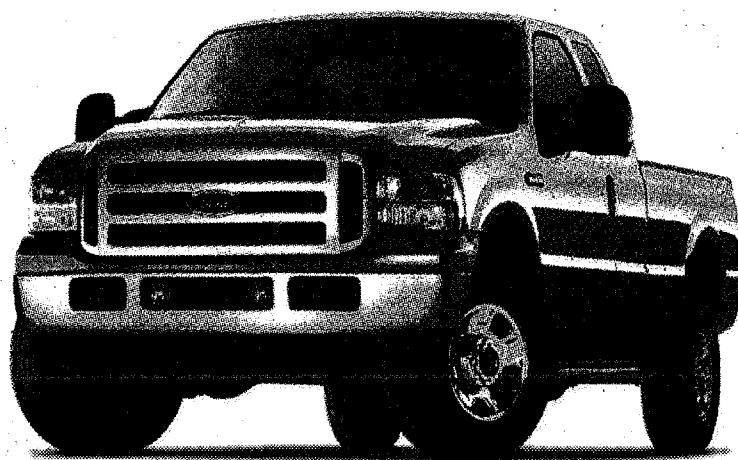
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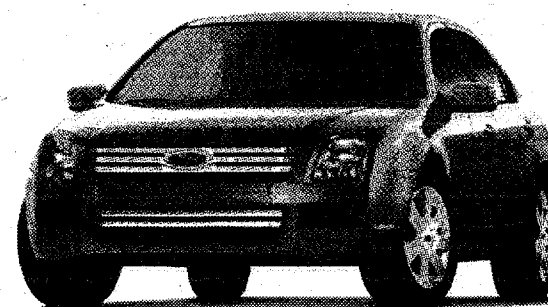
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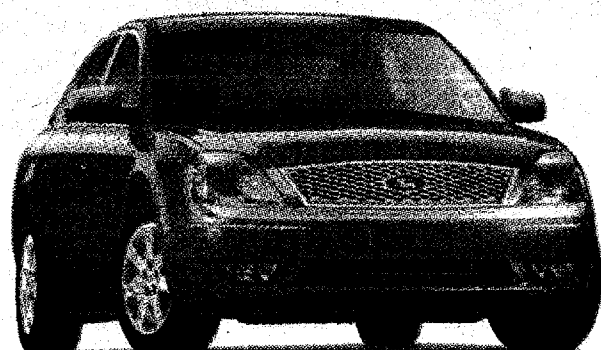
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## Instant classic: Salem nips Canton in girls hoop

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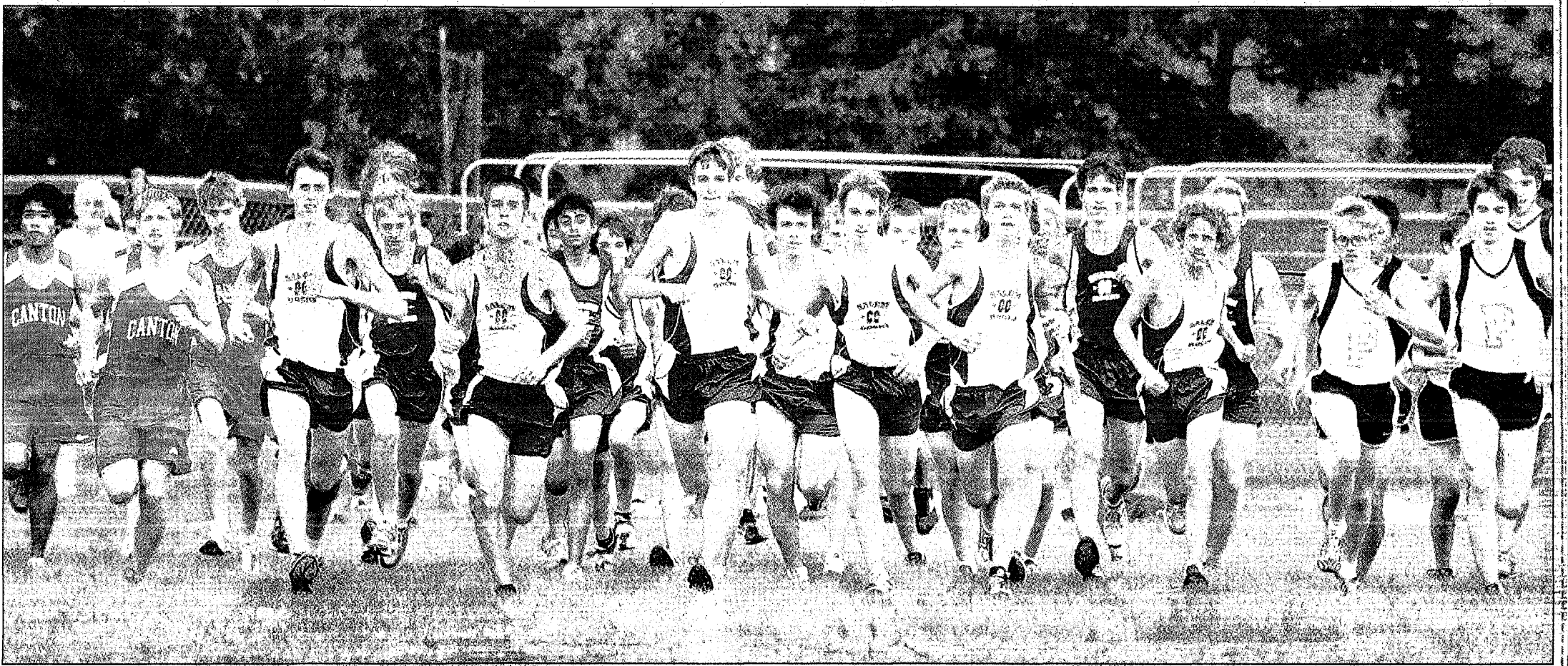
On Thursday afternoon, Alaya Mitchell and Ja'nee Morton sat next to each other in an advanced composition class. A few hours later, they helped write the script in the latest chapter of the classic Salem-Canton girls basketball story. Playing with a broken nose, Salem's Mitchell broke the Chiefs' hearts by scoring 13 points in the Rocks' intense, down-to-the-wire 36-34 victory in the Salem gymnasium. Morton also turned in a star-like performance, netting 17 points and seven rebounds. The win boosted Salem's record to 3-1 while Canton slipped to 2-2.

How big was the victory, in Mitchell's estimation? "Beating Canton was sooooo important because I have Ja'nee in two classes, so we see each other everywhere," the junior point guard said, flashing a huge smile. "So it gives us bragging rights, at least for a little while." Mitchell said her facial injury, which she suffered in a preseason scrimmage, hasn't slowed her down on the basketball court. "I've decided to wait until after the season to have surgery," she said. "I may wear one of those masks like (Detroit Piston) Rip Hamilton, but we're still looking into it." The game was tight throughout as neither team led by more than four points. Canton built a four-point cushion mid-way

through the second quarter when Marie Martin banked in a lay-up. The Rocks' only 4-point margin came with 15.9 seconds left in the game when Taylor Langham drained one free throw. Langham's free throw seemed to put the game on ice, but Canton's Becci Houdek responded by nailing a fall-away triple six feet behind the arc with 5.7 ticks left to cut Salem's advantage to 35-34. Following the ensuing in-bounds pass, Salem's Teresa Coppiellie was fouled immediately and made the first of her two free throws. When she missed the second, a wild scramble ensued and Rock Lauren Kurtz secured the loose ball and flipped it to Langham, who was fouled with 0.8 seconds left. She missed the attempt, but the buzzer sounded before the

Chiefs could launch a desperation, full-court heave. "I thought it was a great game," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "I have to give them credit - they made all their free throws, or at least the majority of them, down the stretch. The one opportunity we had was when there were five seconds to go and we couldn't go and get the rebound when they missed the free throw. That was huge. If we get block-out and get the rebound, at least we have a chance to get the ball up court and try to get a shot off. We didn't get the opportunity, though, because we didn't check-out and rebound."

PLEASE SEE CLASSIC, B3



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### And they're off!

Runners battle for position during the first 50 yards of Thursday's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park City Meet, which was held at the Park. Plymouth won for the first time in the four-year history of the event. For the story and more photos, please see page B5.

## Canton, Northville tie one on

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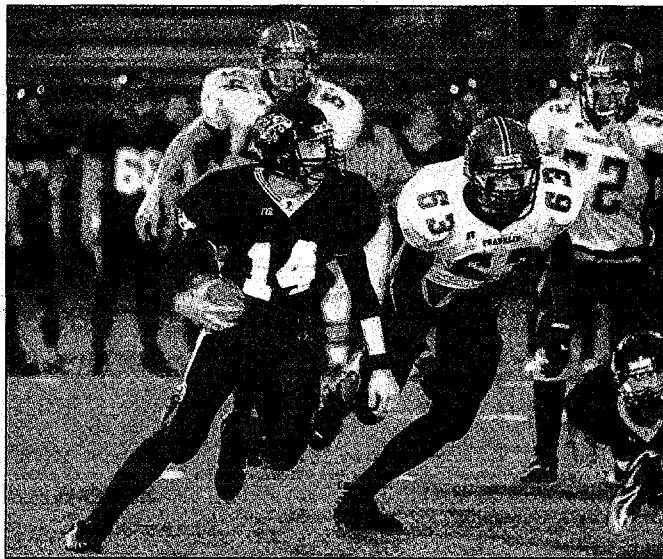
Canton's boys soccer team was less than three minutes away from a spectacular victory at Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville Thursday afternoon. The Chiefs were also at least three spectacular Parker Laabs saves from a crushing defeat. In the end, the two factors evened out as Canton and Northville walked off the Mustangs' field with an entertaining 2-2 draw. "It was a back and forth bruiser," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team now stands at 8-1-1 over-

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## Pats outrun Wildcats, 24-7

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Cole Kelly provided the lightning. David Fortin produced the thunder. And Livonia Franklin's quick, mobile defense reigned over Plymouth's normally potent offense Friday night in the Patriots' crucial 24-7 victory at the P-CEP varsity football field. The win was all-important to Franklin, which takes on Canton on Friday at 7 p.m. for sole possession of first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division. The Pats improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division while the host Wildcats dropped to 1-3 and 0-2, respectively. The speedy Kelly accumulated 103 yards on 10



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Plymouth quarterback C.J. Gregory turns the corner on a keeper during Friday night's 24-7 loss to Livonia Franklin.

carries, including individual efforts of 54 and 28 yards. Fortin, a converted sophomore linebacker, ran hard

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## Win: Chiefs' 'D' dominates Warriors

BY ED WRIGHT  
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PREP FOOTBALL

Call it the "Red Swarm," the "Red Storm" or the "Red Wave." Whatever nickname you slap on the Canton defense these days, it's making opposing offenses look red-iculous. On Friday, playing in their first official home game of the season, the Chiefs humbled Walled Lake Western, 28-0, in a 4:30 p.m. game at the P-CEP varsity football stadium. Canton has already recorded two shutouts in four games. The triumph vaulted the Chiefs' record to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The usually potent Warriors slipped to 2-2 and

1-1, respectively. So far in 2006, Canton has outscored its opponents 140-27 while yielding just two offensive touchdowns. From 5-foot-8, 165-pound cornerback Chris Woudstra to 6-3, 290-pound defensive lineman Donnie Laramie, the Canton defenders pursue and attack with the best of them. Against Western, the Chiefs even received a well-timed interception from defensive lineman Jay Bailey - 10 yards downfield. "Their defense looks better than it did last year, and that's saying something," said Walled Lake Western coach

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# Women's pro bowling is returning to the airwaves

Do you remember when the Professional Women Bowlers Tour was on a regularly televised schedule? It was dropped a few years ago for lack of sponsorship, but there is good news for bowling fans.

Women's bowling will make its return to prime time TV 9:30 p.m. Monday on ESPN 2 as it airs the first episode of the five-part U.S. Bowling Congress Women's Challenge.

For anyone who misses the original broadcast, a replay will be shown at 12:30 a.m. Thursday (EDT), one of five second showings of the installments.

The made-for-TV event, which was filmed on Aug. 30-31, was contested on a single lane that was specially installed at the Fashion Show Mall in Las Vegas. It featured 16 of the most talented and marketable women bowlers in the world.

Prior to the competition, all 16 competitors were given the star treatment at the Jose Eber Las Vegas Salon and received personal consultations from salon artistic director Yoav Tauber.



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Al Harrison

They then received beauty packages that included hair-styling and coloring, makeup, manicure and pedicure.

Most recently, Tauber designed the hairstyles for the 12 finalists of American Idol.

"This was a lot of fun and the atmosphere was really exciting," said Lynda Barnes, a former pro and two-time U.S. Amateur champion. "The whole point of this is to put on a good show and promote women's bowling since there hasn't been a professional stage for the ladies to compete on since 2003 when the PWBA ended.

"Any chance we get to showcase women's bowling is a victory for all of us."

Mildred "Millie" Anderson of Rochester Hills was acknowledged recently with a special plaque commemorating her 50th appearance at the

U.S. Bowling Congress Women's Championships presented by the Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus.

Anderson, 87, accepted the plaque from David Biber, tournament manager for the USBC Women's Championships, which opened in Reno's National Bowling Stadium earlier this year.

A late bloomer, Anderson first began bowling at age 34, and competed in her first national tournament in 1953 in Detroit. She brings a 151 average to the competition.

Upon receiving her plaque, Anderson said: "I think it's wonderful. I'm so happy I could be here. I have a pinched nerve and I wasn't sure. But I just couldn't miss this. Bowling has been very good to me."

In making the presentation, Biber credited much of the success for women's bowling in the U.S. to the "love and dedication to the sport shown by women such as Millie Anderson."

He called her a "walking, talking testimonial to those finest things women's bowling has to offer."

The first woman to bowl at

700 series (715) in Oakland County, Anderson continues to use a 16-pound ball, unusually heavy for a senior bowler.

"I have to use a heavier ball," she said, "because I've got a mean hook."

Her mean hook earned her games of 123, 167 and 134 in team competition on Sept. 7.

She bowled 421 the next morning in doubles, but couldn't continue due to her pinched nerve.

Anderson, however, plans to be back next year in Charlotte, N.C.

Ron Bartoszek, 64, of Taylor became the first 300-bowler of the season last Wednesday in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic.

Bartoszek's games were 215-300-184 with a 699 series.

The third game qualified Ron for the infamous Jack Dahlstrom Award, in which a bowler goes 100 pins or more lower than his previous game.

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## CANTON

FROM PAGE B1

all and 4-0-1 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville is 8-0-2 and 3-0-2, respectively. "When it was over, it felt like a tie. I don't feel real good about it, but it was a dead-even game."

The Chiefs set themselves up to score during the final 40 minutes, but couldn't finish, Tomasso lamented.

"We had several opportunities to score in the second half, but we didn't," he said. "The last 15 minutes or so we dropped back into a defensive shell, which wasn't necessarily planned, and they scored with about three minutes to play."

Tomasso couldn't heap enough praise on the play of Laabs, his senior goal-keeper who record 13 saves, many from point-blank range.

"There are no words to describe how well he played," said Tomasso, a former keeper himself. "He kept us in the game. Some of the saves he made, the balls were right on the line."

It was Canton that supplied the early offensive pressure in the first 10 minutes of the contest, but Northville goalie Evan Clough answered with a series of sterling saves. The first Chief opportunity came at the 38:05 mark when Matt Epelman's header in front off a corner kick was snagged by the Mustangs' talented senior net-minder.

Kyle Gring nearly broke the scoring ice six minutes later, but Northville defenseman Justin Kemp re-directed the missile-like shot.

Northville grabbed a 1-0 lead with 23:15 remaining in the first half when Alex Wood found the net off a crossing pass from Alex Rickett.

Four minutes later, Canton junior Mark Edwards evened the score when he beat Clough from 10 yards in front after stealing the ball from a Mustang defender at 19:13.

The Chiefs took a 2-1 lead 63 ticks later when Edwards assisted Gring's goal. The play was set up on Tim Belcher's rush up the right side.

"Mark Edwards played an unbelievable game for us," said Tomasso. "He did a great job getting open, putting us in goal-scoring situations. But it wasn't just one person. Guys were playing well everywhere."

Canton's lead lasted 55 minutes before former Canton resident Chris Leonetti scored from in front of the net to make it 2-2.

With a half-game lead over the Mustangs, the Chiefs hold their destiny in the own hands in the race for the WLAA Western Division championship. Their next challenge comes Monday when they take on Plymouth in a 7 p.m. clash at the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

Canton and Northville will square off again on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Canton.

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## Road Runner Classic is Sept. 30

The Road Runner Classic, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, Sept. 30, at Maybury State Park, located at the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck Road (motor vehicle permit required).

The event, starting at 9 a.m. with the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Maybury History Trail, will benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan and Friends of Maybury State Park.

The Road Runner Classic features a 1-mile fun run-walk and 5-kilometer history trail walk at 9:30 a.m. followed by the 8K run on dirt and paved trail at 10 a.m.

The Classic also includes kids activities including story hour and face painting, along with food, music, raffle and awards to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

Pre-registration fees, Sept. 1-26, are \$15 (8K and history walk) and \$4 (1-mile fun run-walk), while race day fees are \$20 and \$5, respectively.

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**50 freestyle:** 1. Nisan Ilciz (T), 2:09.36; 2. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 2:16.16; 3. Sarah Borton (T), 2:18.06.

**200 IM:** 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:23.89; 2. Leah Corby (T), 2:30.94; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:33.61.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Tori Merritt (T), 26.23; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 27.59; 3. Ellen Palczynski (P), 28.38.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Kerri Coffman (T), 165.55; 2. Morgan Maslyk (T), 164.65; 3. Morgan Maslyk (T), 155.93.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Tori Merritt (T), 1:02.85; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:06.50; 3. Diana Brown (T), 1:12.50.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Leah Corby (T), 59.66; 2.

Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:01.43; 3. Mellisa McKinstry (P), 1:02.20.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Maricat Eggenberger (P), 5:59.83; 2. Sarah Borton (T), 6:07.75; 3. Beth McReynolds (P), 6:16.21.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Emily Clanton, Ellen Palczynski, Mellisa McKinstry, Alyssa Liakos), 1:50.00; 2. Tecumseh (Kirsten Clark, Diana Brown, Amelia Hissong, Tori Merritt), 1:50.10; 3. Plymouth (Maricat Eggenberger, Stephanie Goulet, Chelsea Frid, Molly McKinstry), 1:58.08.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Nisan Ilciz (T), 1:06.88; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:10.58; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.89.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:18.13; 2. Megan Heath (T), 1:20.44; 3. Brianna Iddings (T), 1:20.94.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Tecumseh (Leah Corby, Diana Brown, Kirsten Clark, Nisan Ilciz), 3:57.68; 2. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Stephanie Goulet, Nicole Ambrose, Maricat Eggenberger), 4:15.25; 3. Tecumseh (Sarah Borton, Megan Harsh, Jamie Koepfle, Danielle Koepfle), 4:31.46.

## Belhart's goal streak continues with 2-1 win

Salem senior forward Brooks Belhart scored his 16th goal of the season Wednesday night to lead the Rocks to a 2-1 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The victory improved Salem to 9-3-1.

Belhart's goal, which was assisted by Tom Bennett,

came a short time before the game was called at the 22-minute mark due to lightning.

Churchill scored first to go up, 1-0, however, Tom Bennett struck back quickly to tie the game.

Brian Field played well in net for the winners.

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Putting the ball in the basket for both teams in the first quarter proved to be about as challenging as finding a parking spot in the Salem parking lot before the game. A parent-teacher open house was the cause of the parking dilemma. Good interior defense and early-game jitters accounted for the offense-challenged first quarter, which ended with the Rocks clinging to a 5-4 lead.

"That's been the nature of this rivalry," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, referring to the defense-dominated start. "Last year we played Canton the first game of the year and it was a carbon copy of this one."

"Tonight's game was a hard-fought, highly competitive basketball game between two very, very good teams."

Canton grabbed a 13-11 half-time lead on Morton's pair of free throws with 15 seconds remaining.

The Chiefs led the entire third quarter until a Coppelli jumper with two minutes left gave the Rocks a 24-23 advantage.

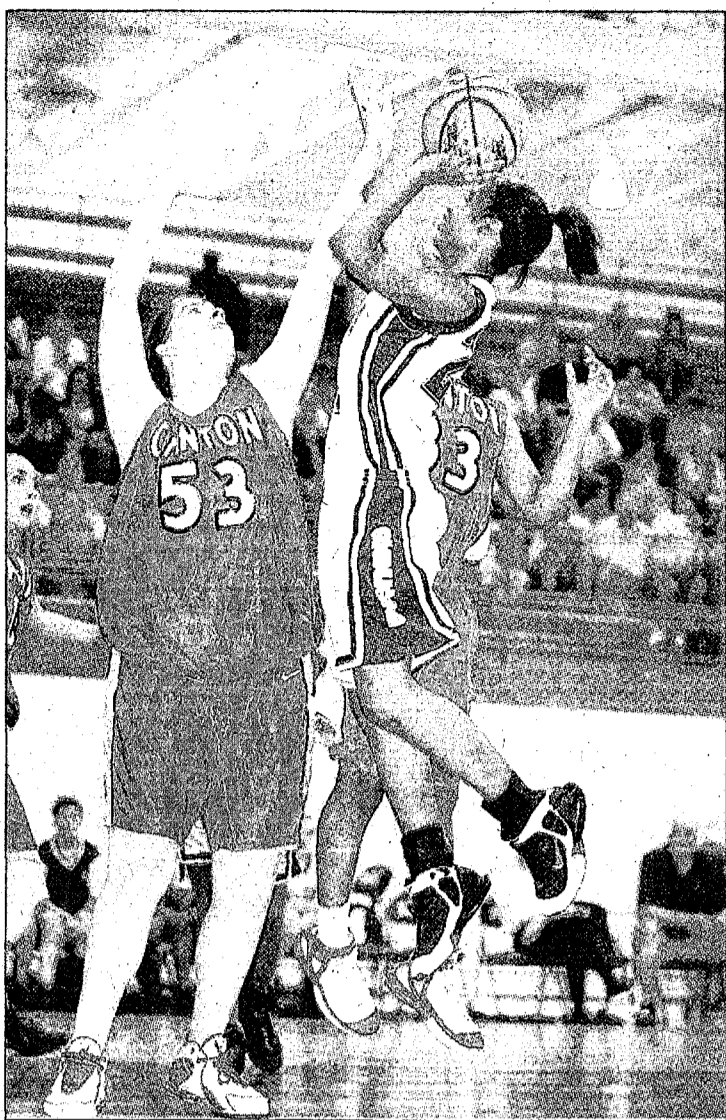
Salem went into a clock-devouring stall starting with 1:27 left and a 32-31 lead. About 30 seconds later, Mitchell was fouled and sent to the line with tension thicker than a loaf of bread.

"I'm a little weird in this way, but I like those types of situations," she said. "The pressure clears my mind."

Mitchell drained both free tosses to put the Rocks ahead 34-31.

Most of Mitchell's game-high 17 points were the result of her constant, off-the-ball movement and the unselfishness of her teammates, Samulski said.

"Ja'nee is a very gifted player around the rim, but a lot of the credit for her easy baskets has to go to her teammates, namely



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Taylor Langham elevates for a shot over Canton's Baylee Hollowell during Thursday's exciting 36-34 Rock victory.

Marie, Baylee and Del (Delapaz), who are all doing a great job of screening for Ja'nee and Becci. Becci also has great vision to see her when she cuts open."

Coppiellie complemented Mitchell with 11 points while Langham added eight, five of which game in the pivotal fourth quarter.

Sophomore forward Chelsea Davis led all rebounders with nine. Delapaz ripped down six

boards for Canton.

**W.L. CENTRAL 36, PLYMOUTH 29:** Led by Brittany Burkhardt, the Vikings surged to a 23-15 half-time advantage and were never really threatened after that.

Burkhardt finished with 14 points. Kelsi Robinson led Plymouth with 14 points, 12 of which came on four 3's. Central led 14-7 after one quarter, 23-17 at the half and 30-25 with eight minutes to play.

**CHIEFS**

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Mike Zdebski, whose team managed to churn out just 100 total yards against the Chiefs. "Their front seven is extremely tough to move."

Canton coach Tim Baechler said the defense is compensating for some of the offense's early-game struggles.

"This is the fourth straight week our offense has struggled early in the game," he said.

The Chiefs appeared to create the first break on the Warriors' first possession when Billy Turner blocked a Western punt and it was recovered by Canton on the Warrior 30.

However, three plays and a negative two yards later, quarterback Steve Paye punted the ball back to the visitors.

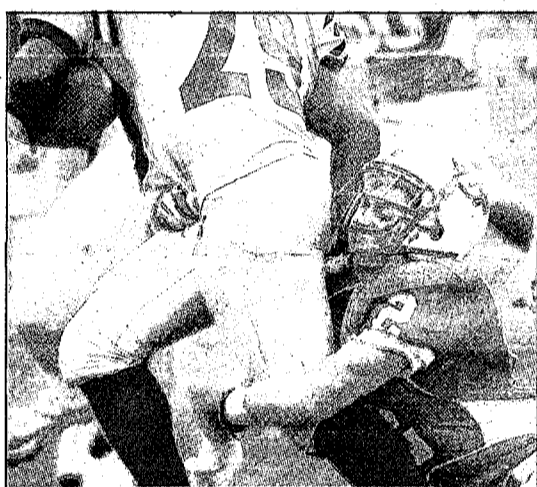
Western then drove down to the Canton 24 before Chief junior strong safety Adam Powers tipped a Jim Tesorero pass into the air and it was picked off by the 6-3, 280-pound Bailey at the Canton 20.

Following another Canton three-and-out, Western moved the ball to their own 46, where they faced a critical 4-and-1. The Chiefs defense stacked up running back Matt Wozny behind the line of scrimmage, giving the offense golden field position.

Canton grabbed a 7-0 lead on its next possession when Nick Moores sliced into the end for a 2-yard score to make it 6-0. Colin O'Shaunessy followed with the first of his four extra points to make it 7-0.

"At halftime, we got the chalkboard out and made some offensive adjustments, and after that they seemed to get it better," said Baechler. "Sometimes it seems like they need to see it on the board for it to sink in."

The Chiefs surged out of the locker room and found the end zone on their next two drives, which were capped by Deshon McClendon's 41-



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Canton's Chris Woudstra hauls down Walled Lake Western's Glenn Carreathers during the fourth quarter of Friday's 28-0 Chief victory.

yard run and a 34-yard pass from Steve Paye to Nick Moores.

Moores tacked on the final TD as well on a 2-yard run with 10:50 left in the game.

Canton more than doubled the Warriors in total yards, 213-100. The ground-gainer was McClendon, who churned out 63 yards on 10 attempts. Woudstra, who was filling in for the injured Dalton Walsler, picked up 38 on eight carries and Moores finished with 20 on 10 rushes and an additional 51 receiving yards on two catches.

Antwaun Hawkins played well in a reserve role for the Chiefs, accumulating 20 yards on five late carries.

Tesorero connected on 4-of-12 passes for 40 yards. Western's top runner was Wozny, who picked up 39 yards on eight attempts.

Paye completed 3-of-5 passes for 56 yards.

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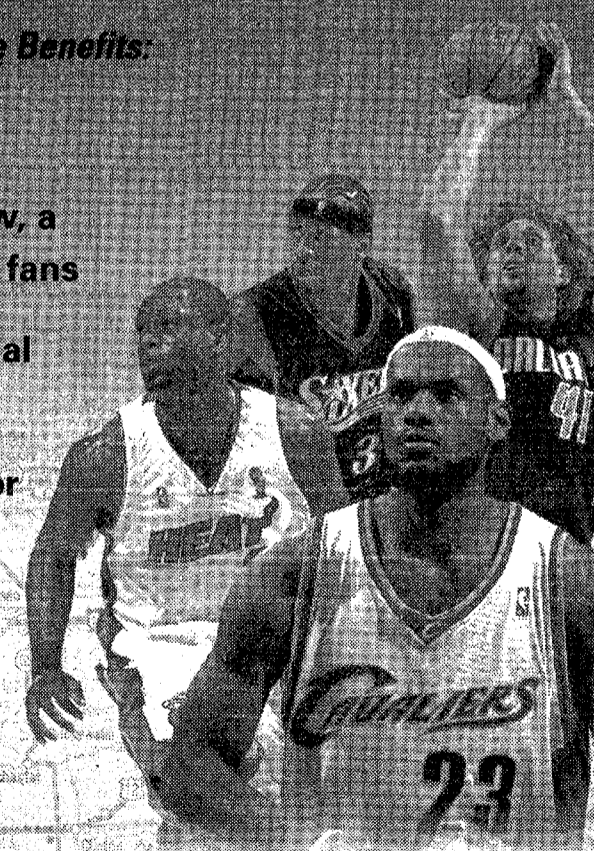
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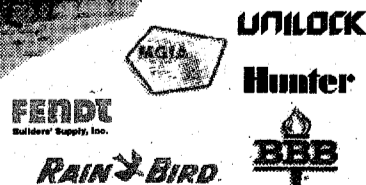
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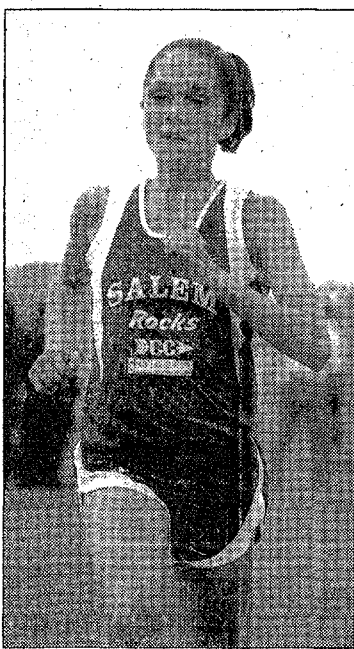
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Pictured is the start of the girls cross country City Meet, which was held Thursday on a course situated between Canton and Salem High School.



The Rock girls captured first place for the fourth consecutive year by accumulating 36 points, three fewer than runner-up Plymouth. Canton brought up the rear with 46 points.



Salem's Hannah Cavicchio was the first girls finisher at Thursday's P-CEP City Meet at Plymouth High School.



First-place finisher Justin Scarparo looks comfortable heading into the homestretch of Thursday's City Meet.

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# City cross country meet: Rock girls still on top; 'Cat boys win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The winning beat went on for the Salem girls cross country team at Thursday's P-CEP City Meet, which was held under overcast skies on a 5,000-meter, rain-soaked course laid out behind Salem and Plymouth high schools.

The Plymouth boys contingent can only hope their first victory at the annual meet turns into a similar type streak. The Rock girls captured first place for the fourth consecutive year by accumulating 36 points, three fewer than runner-up Plymouth. Canton brought up the rear with 46 points.

To no one's surprise, Salem was paced by All-State performer Hannah Cavicchio, who covered the course in 20:06, 47 seconds ahead of Canton's Sarah Thomas (20:53). Plymouth's duo of Beth Heldmeyer and Pam Bhullar crossed in the third and fourth

respectively, but they both needed to beat Thomas for the Wildcats to have a chance to win, said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin.

The key to Salem's triumph was the fact that three other runners joined Cavicchio in the Top 10 finishers. Kelley Determan (sixth in 22:07), Lauren Olson (seventh in 22:09) and Kortney Marsh (ninth in 22:22).

The Wildcat boys were sparked by the effort of senior Anthony Scaparo, who covered the hilly track in 17:38. He was complemented by the performance of Derek Lax (second in 17:47), Justin Huey (sixth in 18:14) and Cristian Chagas (seventh in 18:25).

"We went into the meet just trying to win our first City Meet," said race organizer and Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "We didn't have great races, but the boys did enough to win."

Shaw said the times were a little higher than normal due to soggy conditions.

"It was a little muddy from all the rain we've had the past week, plus the grass was kind of long, which resulted in the slower times," he said.

Salem's boys, which won the event last year, were paced by junior standout Kevin deBear, who finished third in 17:55, Rob Curtis (fourth in 18:05) and Andrew Cassidy (5th in 18:06).

"The nice thing about this meet is that it's fun for the kids to run against their friends from the other schools," said Baker.

"I always want to win it — it means quite a bit."

"Our plan is to just get better and better as the year goes on. We didn't run well today, so we'll just have to go back to the drawing board."

Canton's top runners were held out of the event because they had a meet in Ludington on Saturday.

The Chiefs' top finisher was Matt Eimers, who placed 12th in 19:05.

## CROSS COUNTRY STATISTICS

**P-CEP CITY CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
Thursday at Plymouth H.S.  
**BOYS FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth, 24; Salem, 35; Canton, 46.  
**INDIVIDUAL TEAM RESULTS**  
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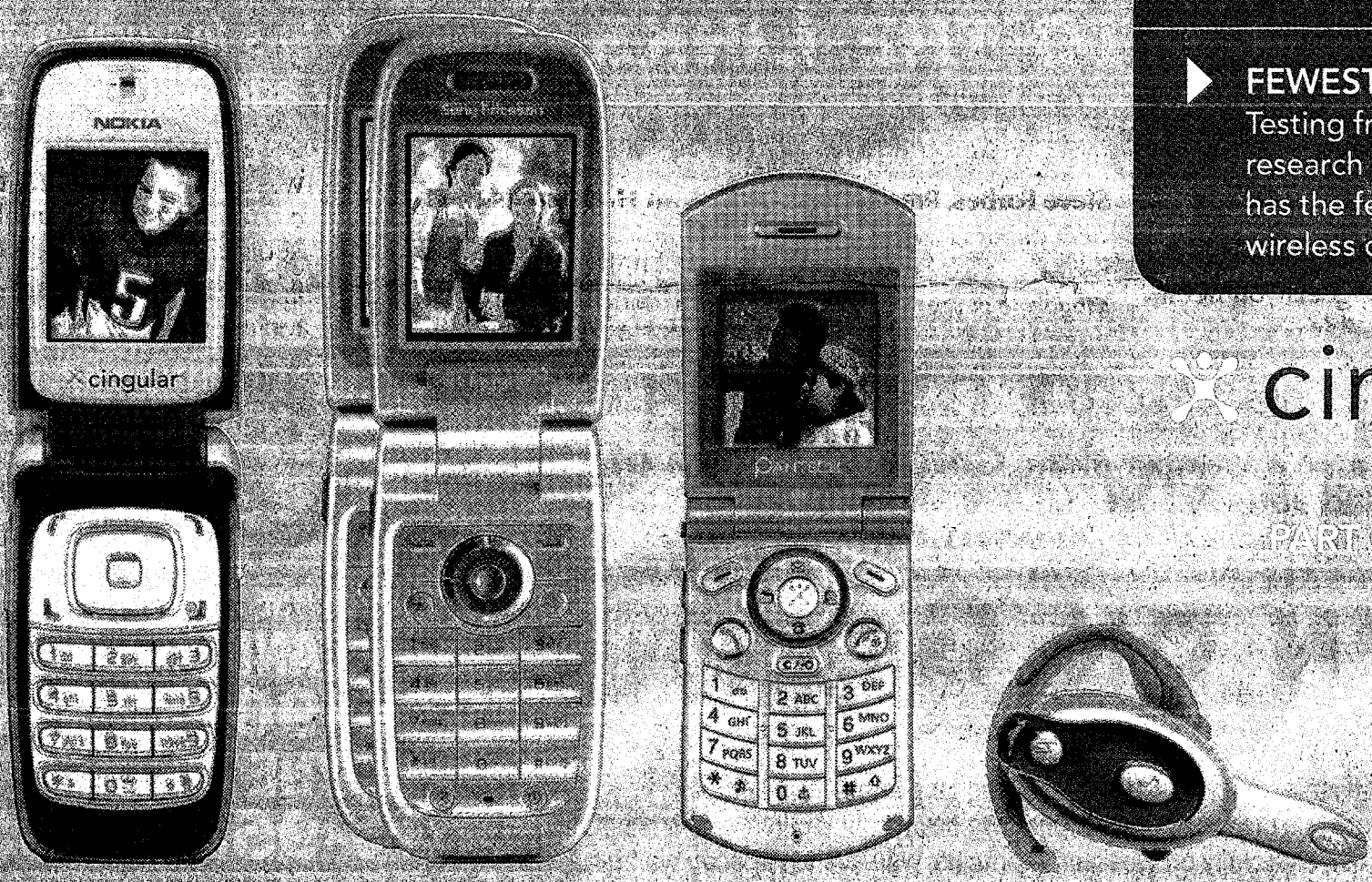
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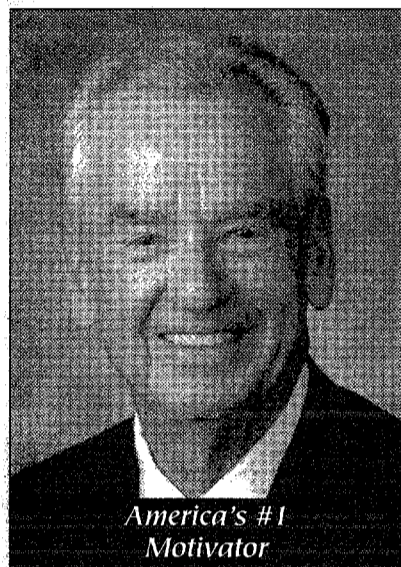


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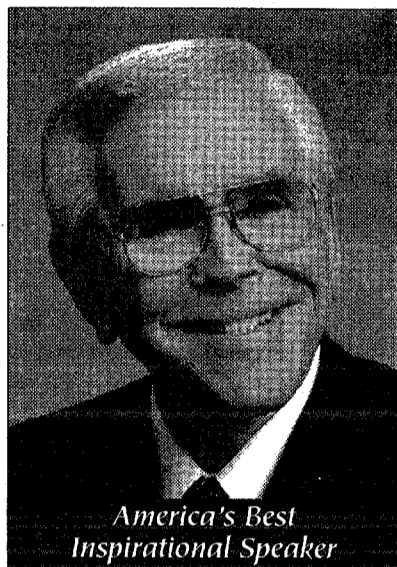
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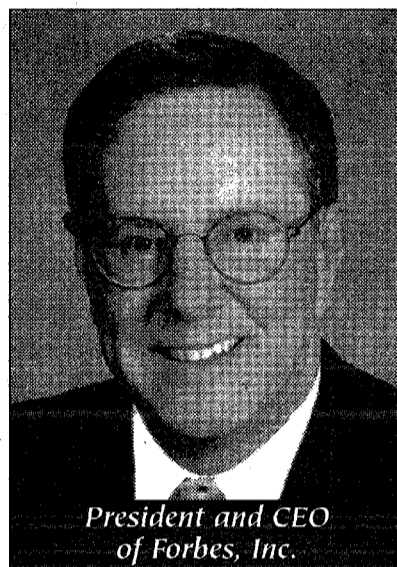
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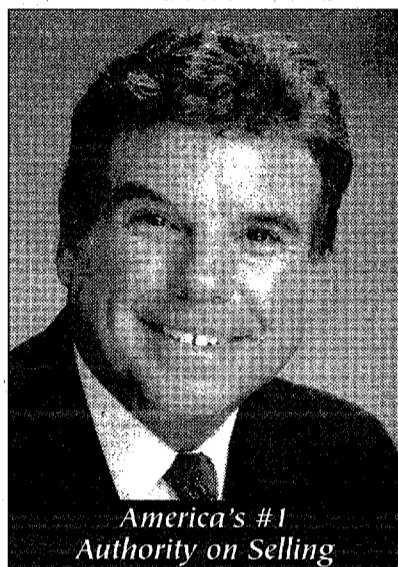
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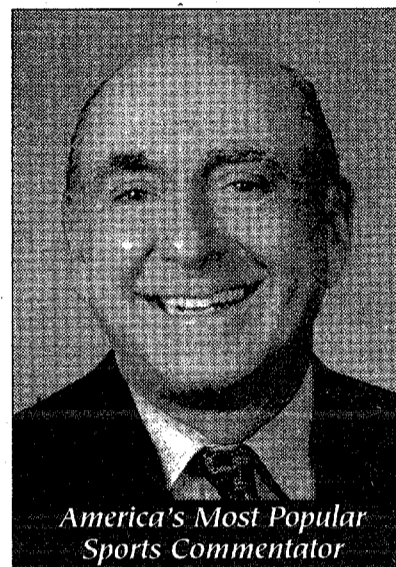
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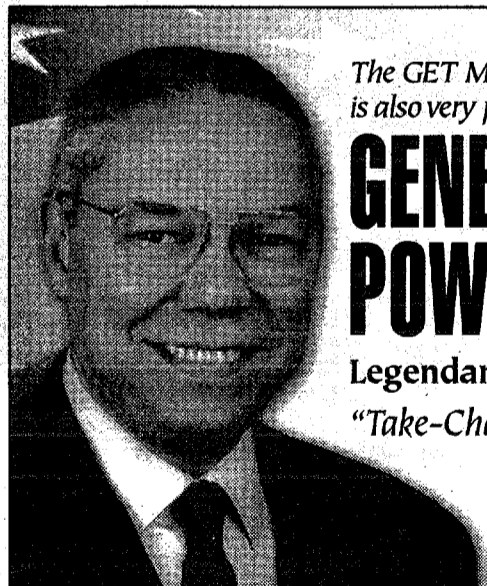
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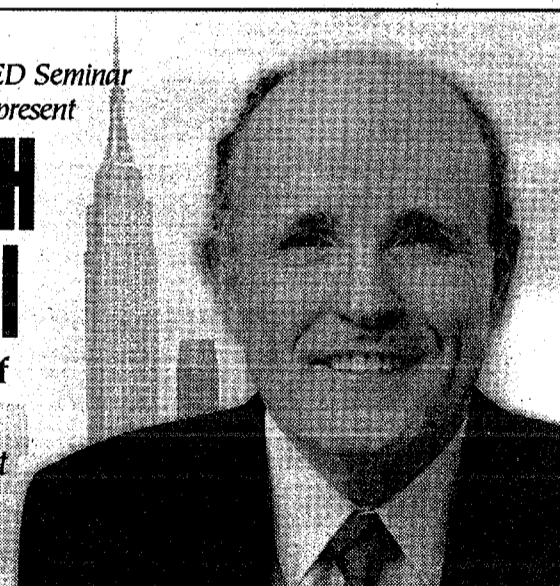
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**WILDCATS**

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between the tackles, picking up 14.5 yards on 22 carries.

The defense yielded just 150 total yards to a Plymouth team which has already taken on the likes of 2005 defending state runners-up Hudsonville and Canton, as well as a Franklin team that - based on Friday night's effort - could be headed to lofty places this season.

"The last couple of weeks prior to tonight we weren't doing a good job of shutting down quarterbacks," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert. "Tonight, we seemed to get back on track defensively."

"We're very, very young on defense, with only three senior starters, so we're still improving. The kids are still learning how to play at this level. All the guys up front played well as a group. To stop the kind of team we played tonight, you have to have a total team effort."

Kelbert added that his team's lack of huge, sizable players is overcome with a valuable

intangible.

"We're not bulky, but these kids have been working their tails off ever since I've been here," he said. "They're just hard-working kids, and it shows."

Franklin set the tone early on both sides of the ball. The Patriots' defense forced a three-and-out punting situation for the Wildcats on the hosts' opening drive. They then built a lead they'd never relinquish on their opening touch when Fortin exploded for a 43-yard TD with 7:13 left in the opening quarter.

The Patriots nearly doubled their advantage in the final minute of the first half, but Plymouth's Mo Hakkani recovered a fumble on the Wildcat 14 with 32 seconds left.

The pivotal play that indirectly led to the Patriots' second TD came when a Franklin punt was down at the Plymouth 1 with 8:52 left in the third quarter. The Wildcats were forced to punt from their 2 and the Patriots returned it to the 32. Eight plays later,

Franklin quarterback Jesse Carpenter snuck over from a yard out to make it 14-0.

Franklin applied a stranglehold on the outcome when Carpenter snuck in from the 1 with 0:17 left in the third quarter. The play was set up by Kelly's 54-yard sprint on the previous play.

Plymouth got back into the game momentarily when quarterback C.J. Gregory sprinted 29 yards to paydirt to make it 21-7. However, Franklin sealed the deal with a 20-yard field goal by Sean Sciba with 3:39 left to close out the scoring.

Carpenter was extremely efficient, completing 9-of-12 passes for 85 yards. Fortin hauled in four of Carpenter's aerials for 34.

Gregory was Plymouth's top yardage compiler with 61 yards rushing (seven carries) and 49 yards through the air. Sam Jones secured three passes for 41 yards.

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Plymouth's Chris Sanchez looks for additional yards after catching a pass in Friday's game at against Livonia Franklin.

**North, Mercy girls are basketball winners**

North Farmington headed into a 12-day break from competition on a winning note Thursday with a 64-29 victory over Birmingham Seaholm in girls basketball.

The Raiders improved to 4-1 overall and will begin Oakland Activities Association Division III action Sept. 26 against Rochester Stoney Creek (4-1).

"Now we get into league play, and we want to compete for the division title," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "Hopefully, this start will help us in that direction."

The Raiders led 21-6 at the end of one quarter against Seaholm and 42-15 at halftime.

Junior Cassie Beller had an all-round, balanced performance to lead

North with 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

She was complemented by the play of freshman Lyndsey Booker and Jenna Bachrouche with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Rachel Cash added seven points and five blocks, and Caroline Ambrose contributed seven rebounds.

Anya Cekauskas was high scorer for the Maples (2-3) of the OAA Division IV with 14 points.

**Marlins trounce Lions**

Everybody played for Farmington Hills Mercy as the Marlins rolled over winless South Lyon in a non-league game Thursday, 65-31.

Mercy (4-2) used a pressing defense

to take a 22-8 lead after one quarter, and the Marlins extended it to 48-18 at halftime.

"We came out focused and ready to play," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "We took care of business."

"It was a nice game in that we haven't had a game like this so far."

"We were able to get everybody some extended minutes."

Jordan Mueller and Tracy Whalen scored 11 points apiece for the Marlins, Kristina Bell and Bianca Jiddou 10 apiece, Shannon Landsberg and Alyssa Risk six each.

Nine of 11 players scored for Mercy, which made 10 of 20 free throws. Danielle Gotham was the leading scorer for South Lyon (0-5) with 12 points.

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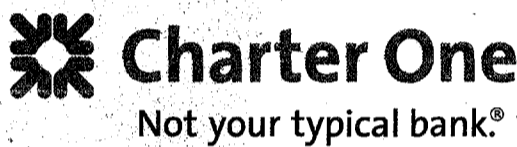
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**BOYS SOCCER**  
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**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
DeLaSalle Collegiate at Salem, 5:30 p.m.  
Agape at PCA, 1 p.m.  
**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Salem at Jackson Varsity Invite at Sharp Park, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Canton and Salem at Jackson Varsity Invite at Sharp Park, 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Monday, Sept. 18**  
W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.  
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Canton at Troy, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Monday, Sept. 18**  
Salem at Adrian Invite, at Lenawee G.C., 10 a.m.  
Salem at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Northern at Brentwood G.C., 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 19**

PCA at Macomb Christian, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
W.L. Northern at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m.  
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Western at Bay Pointe G.C., 3 p.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial Invite, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial Invite, 1 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Madonna at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.), TBA.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Quad, 11 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 2 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Schoolcraft at Phoenix College (Ariz.), 7 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
WHAC Jamboree (No. 4) at Concordia (Polo Fields), TBA.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
WHAC Jamboree (No. 5) at Madonna (Fellows Creek), TBA.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
MU at Bethel College (Ind.) Tourney at Knollwood Country Club, 5 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
S'craft at Ferris St. Invitational, TBA.  
TBA - time to be announced.

**GIRLS TENNIS**

**SALEM 8**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0**  
**Sept. 15 at John Glenn**  
**No. 1 singles:** Alex Ware (S) defeated Nicole Whitney, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Tracy Lytle (S) def. Sarah Collins, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Allie Carpenter (S) def. Kaylyn Bothell, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Dana Anderson (S) def. Stacey Sparks, 6-3, 6-1.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Sara Schroeder-Mary Bruce, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S) def. Kasheena Martin-Megan Walker, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jaclyn Hoover-Amanda Emmons (S) def. Samantha Giles-Louisa Villaroman, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Emma Van Hoof-Lopa Patel (S) def. Ashley Hewson-Chardae Champagne, 6-2, 6-2.  
**Dual meet records:** Salem, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; John Glenn, 1-6 overall, 1-3 WLAA.

**NORTHVILLE 6**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 2**  
**Sept. 14 at Stevenson**  
**No. 1 singles:** Christina Ruiz (N) defeated Ashley Moccia, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Chelsea Johnston (N) def. Corinne Pasley, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Lindsay Hostetter (LS) def. Haley Johnston, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Sarah Koupal (N) def. Paige McNamara, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Julie Francisco-Laura Sims (LS) def. Alicia Weber-Jonnie Powers, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 2:** Laura Taylor-Kelsey Thomas (N) def. Amelia Lepping-Courtney Bunna, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ursula Cauffiel-Kristin Randall (N) def. Laura Dulude-Rachel Simari, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Samantha Doud-Abby Grajer (N) def. Katey Roberts-Katherine Morse, 6-3, 6-2.  
Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLAA.



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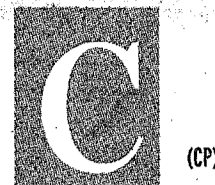
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Clancy Callahan in one of his quieter moments as a 9-month old puppy.



## Celebrate Clancy's birthday

Clancy, our big blond Irish Wolfhound, turns one year old in a couple of days. In years past my sister, Gwen, and I celebrated our wolfhounds' birthdays by inviting a few co-workers to picnic in the park.

Celebrating a pet's birthday is not unusual according to the American Animal Hospital Association. Nearly 60 percent of owners mark their four-footed friend's special day so when Kelly Shariak, Pet Supplies "Plus" public relations person, asked us to help kick off the stores' new Pet Birthday Club and support the Critter Connection rescue group we jumped at the chance.

From noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, we're inviting everyone to Pet Supplies "Plus" on Ford Road, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, in Canton. Clancy Callahan doesn't know it but Gwen and I are requesting that instead of presents, people adopt a homeless dog or cat, or bring a donation of money or items for the Critter Connection, a nonprofit devoted to finding homes for animals less fortunate than

Clancy. There will be a birthday cake for dogs thanks to the Doggie Deli in Clinton Township who will also donate 100 doggie goodie bags. Canton store manager Ted Linden has also ordered a cake for the owners who can enroll in the Pet Birthday Club and receive a \$5 coupon from Pet Supplies "Plus."

"We'll have lots of contests and prizes," said Linden. "Pet photographer Tom Names will be offering picture packages and a certified pet instructor will talk about behavioral issues and resolutions."

Bring in a stainless steel bowl, no slip collar, blankets and towels, pressure mount gates, medium folding crate, puppy exercise pen, and receive a free dog or cat toy, but more importantly you'll be helping neglected and abused animals.

Critter Connection founder Claudia Peeken says smaller dogs and puppies are easy to place. It's the older dogs who have trouble finding a home.

Raising a puppy is no bed of roses so an adult dog might be a better choice. Clancy has left more than a dozen craters in the backyard where grass, vegetables and flowers used to grow. That's just one of the reasons my sister and I gladly celebrate his first birthday. Although we probably have 18 months of puppyhood still ahead of us, he is starting to mature.

"Puppies go but the older dogs are harder to place. It's sad because the mommas are left behind," said Peeken who founded Critter Connection in 1996. "They're kept in foster homes until volunteers bring them to adoption events at the 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Pet Supplies "Plus" and Canton store."

The adoption fee includes neutering, heartworm check, vaccines, and microchipping, and runs from \$175 up. Three dogs this year tested heartworm positive so their cost will be higher. Peeken says the group's Visa bill can run \$3,500 a month for animal health care.

In the last three weeks, the group placed about 20 dogs at the Canton store thanks to Carrie Marsh who came up with the idea to show dogs there. On Sept. 23 she expects to have 30 dogs to adopt. Marsh began rescuing dogs about 15-years ago from the Detroit streets she patrolled as a police officer.

"We also have cats and kittens and we really need temporary foster homes," said Marsh of Canton.

Farmington Hills resident Kathie Brown is grateful not only to the Canton store, but her husband Don, sons Dominic, 12, Dustin, 10, and granddaughter Matea Brown, 6, who volunteer every Saturday. They start the day about 10 a.m. and don't return home until 6 p.m.

Brown frequently finds homeless dogs on www.petfinder.com. She's rescued puppies and mothers who were about to be gassed in Ohio and Kentucky shelters. One of her favorites is Tori Sue, a boxer/American bulldog mix found on Detroit streets. Tori's required two eye surgeries, one of which was paid for with a generous \$1,000 donation from a Canton store customer.

For more information on Critter Connection visit www.petfinder.org then click on rescue groups in Wixom. Linda Chomin is health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Linda Chomin

## 75 years of faith



Bishop Michael Gallagher (left), the Rev. John Contway, Henry Sheldon, B. Bagozzi, C.W. Erickson, and H.E. Hees celebrate the laying of the corner stone at St. Michael's church in Livonia on Oct. 21, 1931. Sheldon Land Company donated a six-acre plot for the church.

## St. Michael's celebrates history of parish, school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

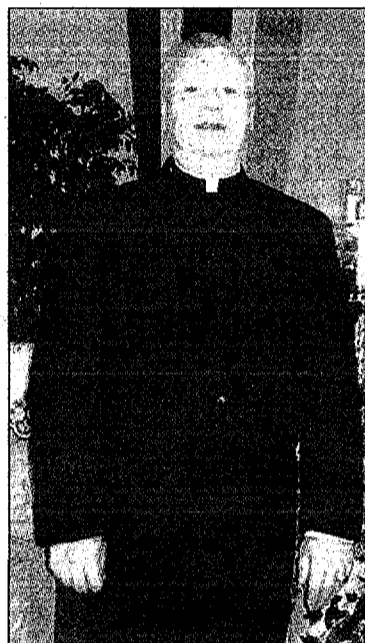
Progress is just fine with Charles Morris, at least when it comes to his parish, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia. The 81-year-old man remembers having to carry chairs up from the basement for Sunday Mass when functions were held downstairs on Saturdays.

Furnishings were sparse in the original building which was dedicated on Oct. 21, 1931, but Morris, then age 7, and his family didn't mind. It was the Depression and the 10 families who were members found solace in the church. This year the parish is observing its 75th anniversary of service to the community with events ranging from a Mass celebrated with Adam Cardinal Maida last February to a picnic for former and present day parishioners and school alumni on Sept. 23.

"We moved in spring of 1932 to Livonia Township," said Morris who still lives in Livonia and walks to St. Michael's nearly every day to serve Mass as an altar server. "The only homes were in Rosedale Gardens where I lived in one of three homes on Cranston across the street from the church. I walked through the field to church which was the first floor of what is now the school and not quite as large as that."

"There was nothing but farms and a half square mile of homes. My granddad owned the home we lived in. My father always said he could buy land for \$1 a foot back then, but no one had a dollar."

The school was only a vision of the Rev. John Contway when Morris was in his elementary years. Bishop Michael Gallagher had appointed the founding pastor to establish a "mother" church for Livonia. Years later



The Rev. William Tindall has been St. Michael's pastor since 2003.



Laura Martin Michalak made her First Communion in May of 1976. To her left is the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Morris's nine-children would graduate from the K-8 grade school. St. Michael's current pastor, William Tindall, credits



Adam Cardinal Maida (left) and the Rev. William Tindall celebrated Mass on Feb. 12, in honor of St. Michael's 75th anniversary.



Kai Denski (center) made her Confirmation at St. Michael's church.

Contway with having the foresight to educate future generations in the faith by inviting the Felician Sisters to implement his plan.

"Father Contway was a big believer in Catholic education. He opened a school in 1941," said Tindall, pastor since 2003.

"Father Contway was here until 1951. The last thing he did was build the rectory. Today there are

1,688 families, 818 students in the K-8 grade school.

"We couldn't have a better principal than Sister Carolyn Rutkowski. To her credit MEAP scores are some of the highest in the area. The Felician Sisters have made a tremendous contribution to the education of the children. In certain ways they

PLEASE SEE FAITH, C2

## Author takes a peek at life from infant's view

BY BRAD KADRACH  
STAFF WRITER

Jeffrey Von Glahn believes mothers suspect their infant children are more aware and more sensitive than experts believe.

After getting the chance to study a patient named Jessica, who during therapy recalled events as early as birth, Von Glahn is convinced of it, and has now written a book on the subject.

Von Glahn, a former Plymouth resident whose parents, William and Florence, have lived in Plymouth since 1960, has penned *Jessica: The autobiography of an infant*, about Jessica's catharsis, her expressing emotions associated with events from her past.

In her therapy, Von Glahn explained, Jessica recalled "a number of events from birth to early



Jeffrey Von Glahn

infancy that had had quite a traumatic effect on her." The nature of Jessica's recall, according to Von Glahn, is "critical." "If a psychologically hurtful event occurs and there's no opportunity to talk about it, it stays in a frozen state," said Von Glahn, who owns a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. "In (Jessica's) therapy, the psychological healing process picked up from that frozen state, and she expressed what she had experienced at the time."

According to Von Glahn, who earned his Ph.D. from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, watching Jessica experience those

events again was the same as it might have been watching her go through it for the first time.

"Listening to her re-experience those early events was the same as listening to an infant if that infant could talk, describe and explain what's happening at the time," Von Glahn said. "It's that real."

Von Glahn met Jessica when she was a 23-year-old patient in 1977. He started writing the book five years later, listening to 250 hours of tapes, intending only to transcribe segments of the tapes he deemed pertinent to the book.

"I was only going to use maybe 10-15 percent of what was on the tapes," he said with a laugh. "But I still had to listen to all of them. It's a complicated story to tell. I had a lot of difficulty finding the right



PLEASE SEE AUTHOR, C2



# Artist delves into soul to create work

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Doug Semivan sees nothing unusual about not having exhibited at Madonna University since 1990. The department chairman's been busy not only expanding the graphic and fine arts programs there, but creating paintings and prints to display nationally when he's not serving as artist-in-residence and coordinating the visual arts program at the European-American Center for International Education in Pontlevoy, France.

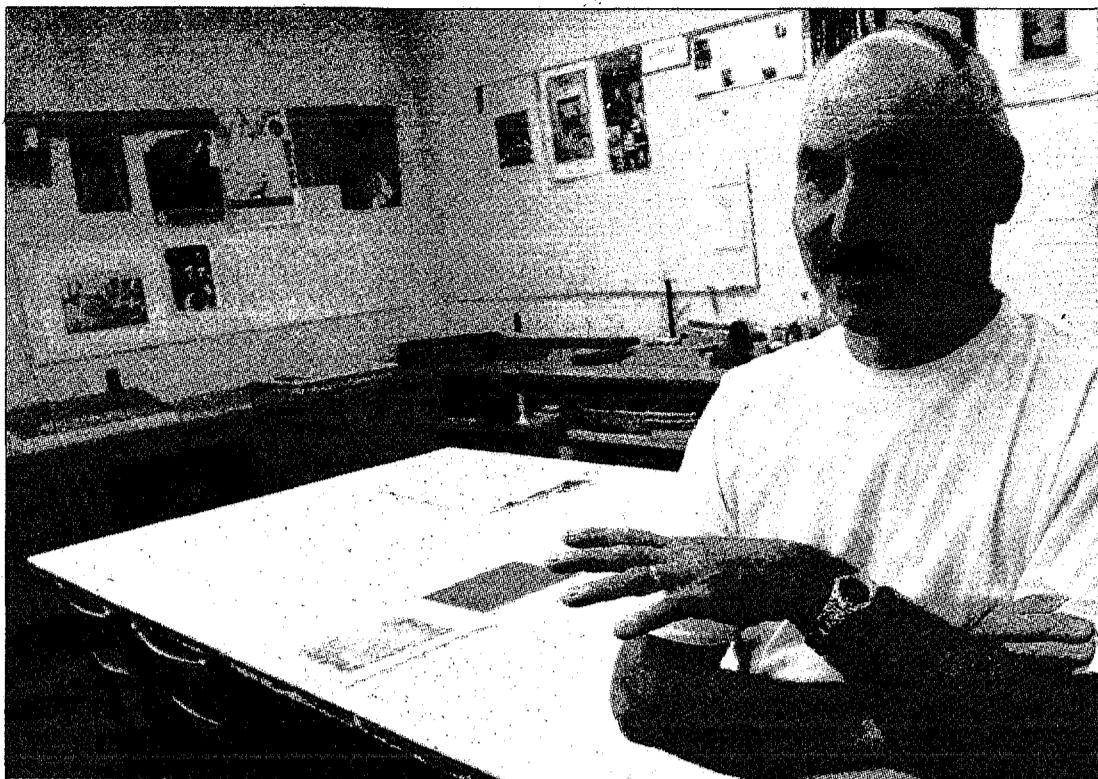
Semivan did take a sabbatical in the winter of 2005 so he could spend time reflecting. Contemplation is key to the Royal Oak artist's work as evidenced in his new show of more than a dozen abstract pieces in "How Long is a Moment." At 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, Semivan discusses the paintings and prints at an opening reception in the Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the Library Wing at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. The sabbatical exhibition continues to Oct. 14.

"Every day I go into the studio with my cup of coffee and turn the lights on," said Semivan. "The studio is awakened. Teaching allows me one to two days in the studio. If I'm teaching I then return to the studio before dinner and after to renew the relationship with the painting."

"I sit and look at it for a long time, make one stroke and then another."

Jeanne Moore asked Semivan to show in the gallery because he is a working artist as well as a professor and chairman of the art department.



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Douglas Semivan speaks about his current and upcoming role in the Madonna University art department of which he is chairman.

"His work is beautiful," said Moore, who teaches art history and serves as director of the Madonna University Exhibit Gallery. "I like the theme he has going on. Sailing is one of his passions."

In his artist's statement, Semivan reveals that late one evening while exploring the night sky on Lake St. Clair he noticed the deep color achieved when the full moon back-lit the clouds. That moment turned into two of his blue paintings, "Deep August (blue)" and "Gondola," both of which are now in the collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Although Semivan says his thought process goes deeper than sailboats to paint the

abstractions, there's no denying the motif is present. It's also apparent that frequently a composition flows into the next painting. Semivan refers to himself as a miner digging certain elements out of one work to birth another.

In fact, some of the work in his sabbatical exhibition evolved from art that first took form in 1996. So he asks, How Long is a Moment? The decade since then seems like a long time, but in some ways it is only a moment.

As Semivan looks back at the 16 years since he first came to teach at Madonna University, time has literally flown by.

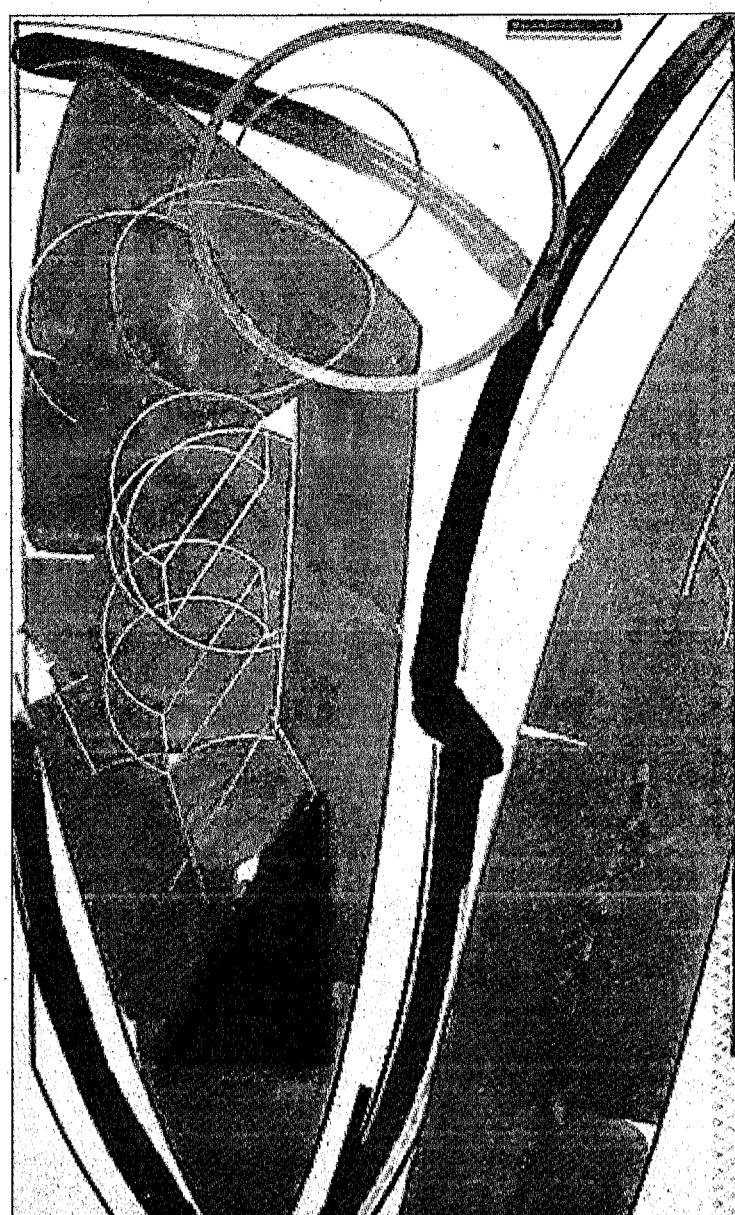
Today, the Madonna University art program counts 50 fine art

majors and 50 graphic art majors, double the amount in 1990. Semivan thinks that's because he brought in "top-notch" adjunct faculty from College for Creative Studies, Cranbrook Academy of Art, and Wayne State University to attract students.


"I'm pleased that I've been able to do what I have," said Semivan, who earned his master of fine arts degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills.

"What gives me the most pleasure is making things happen for other people. That's why I enjoy teaching so much."

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Semivan calls this red, black and white painting Fullmoon (daylight). It is one of the abstractions in his current show, How Long is a Moment.

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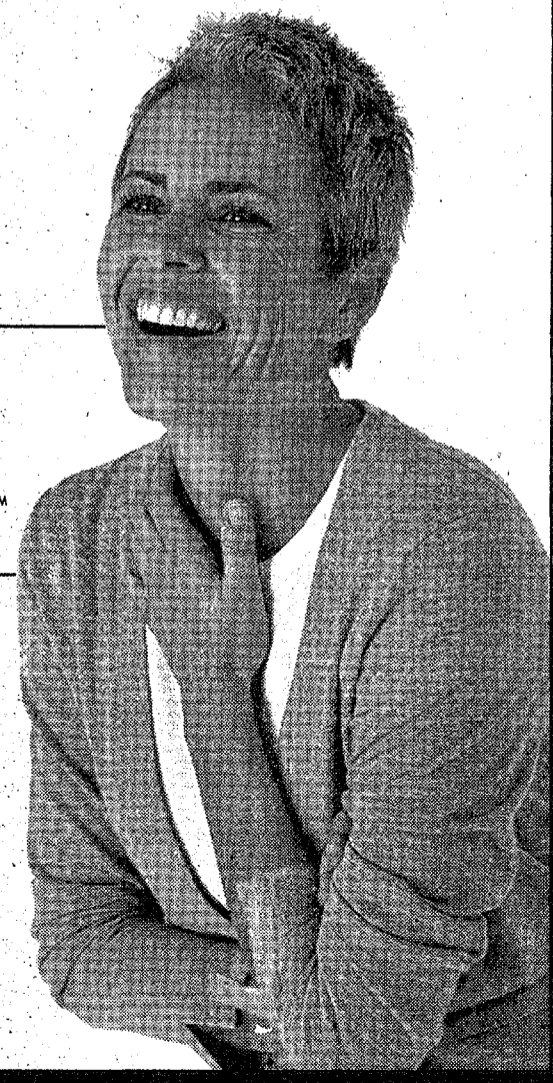
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Lenhardt-Burns

Stephen Lenhardt and Kathryn Burns were married Sept 23, 2006, by Pastor Kenneth Bracken at the 1st United Methodist Church in Garden City. The reception was held at the VFW Post 3323 in Westland.

Parents of the Groom are Michael and Kathleen Lenhardt of Livonia. Parents of the Bride are Mark and Jacquelyn Burns of Plymouth.

Steve graduated from Churchill High School in 2002 and is employed as a tree trimmer by Asplundh.

Katie graduated from Churchill High School in 2004 and is employed as a childcare worker.

Attending the bride were: Ashley Burns, maid of honor and cousin of the bride, and bridesmaids: Laura Harlin, sister of the bride; Lynn Facione, sister of the bride; Jessika Adam, niece of the bride; Brittney Shires friend of the bride; Elizabeth Abajay friend of the bride; and Jessica McDonnell, friend of the bride.

Flower girls were: Aylssa Facione niece of the bride;



Gabrielle Harlin, niece of the bride; and Grace Facione, niece of the bride.

Best Man was Mark Burns, brother of the bride. Groomsmen were: Christopher Lenhardt, brother of the groom; Jeff Webberman, friend of the groom; Chad Lemmon, friend of the groom; Jordan Webb, friend of the groom; Shane Brazziel, friend of the groom; and Jared Tingley, friend of the groom.

The bride and groom just purchased a home in Westland

Nieset-Stout

Michele Erin Stout and Douglas Lawrence Nieset were married June 10 at the St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth with the Rev. Gary Michalik officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Michael Dean and Kathleen Mary Stout of Livonia. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy and is employed as an occupational therapist.

The groom of Waterford Township is the son of Robert Lawrence and Barbara June Nieset of Fremont, Ohio. He is a University of Akron graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering and is employed as a mechanical engineer.

The bride was attended by Brittany Danhoff, maid of honor and cousin of the bride; Kelly Tonks, friend; Danielle Piergentili, friend; Emily Nieset, sister of the groom; Josie Piergentili, daughter of the bridesmaid; and Matthew Sudekum, cousin of the bride.



The groom was attended by Philip Nieset, best man and brother of the groom; Jeffrey Stout, brother of the bride; P.J. Keating, friend of the groom; and Eric Hartenstein, friend of the groom.

A reception was held at Burton Manor. The couple honeymooned in Maui.

The couple are making their home in Waterford Township.

Eddington-Charron

Mr. and Mrs. David Eddington of Brush Creek, Tenn., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Lea Eddington, to Matthew Marc Charron.

Bonnie is the granddaughter of Bob and Marilyn Eddington of Brush Creek, Tenn., and Edward and Flora Schomberger of Plymouth.

Matthew is the son of Tim and Claire Boudrieau of Jaffrey, N.H., George Charron of Bedias, Texas. Matthew is the grandson of Hector and Eveline Letourneau of Winchester, Mass., Ginnie Boudrieau and the late Tom Boudrieau of Bellows Falls, Vt., and the late Henry and Ellen



Charron of Winchester, Mass. The couple will be married in September 2006 at Pine Creek in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

DiMassa-Melville

Mr. Blaine DiMassa of Spring Hill, Florida and Mrs. Patricia DiMassa of Brighton, announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel DiMassa, to Michael Melville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melville of Northville. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of South Lyon High School, a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and teaches 9th and 12th grade English at Clearwater High School in Clearwater, Fla. The groom is a 1996 graduate of South Lyon High School, a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University and is currently employed by SCC Soft



Computer in Clearwater, Fla. The wedding will be held in June 2007 at Plymouth Church of Christ in Plymouth.

Munday-Snell

Melissa Munday of Livonia and Matthew Snell of Naubinway are engaged to married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of George and Pam Munday of Livonia and Jim and Cheryl Turovaara of Livonia. She is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and works with Livonia Public Schools.

The prospective groom is the son of Thomas and Christine Snell of Whitmore Lake and Mark and Cheryl Tryon of Naubinway. He is a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University and works with Thomson Medstat in Ann



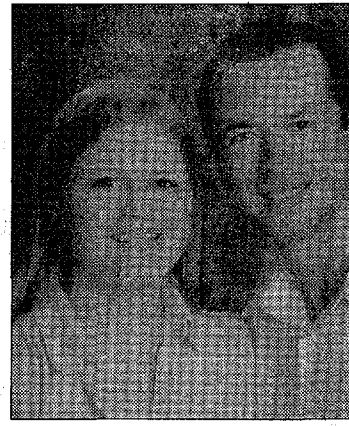
Arbor. An April 2007 wedding is planned for St. Maurice Catholic Church in Livonia.

Brevick-Rogers

John and Linda Brevick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Lyn Brevick, to David Scot Rogers of Milford.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in biopsychology. She is employed as a research associate technician for the UM Medical School.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Mary Lou Rogers of Milford. He is a 2001 graduate of Milford High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in athletic training. He



is also employed as a research associate technician for the UM Medical school. An October wedding is planned for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Yoo-Sweeton

Jim and Archina Yoo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Jane Yoo, of Livonia to David Mathew Sweeton of Chelsea.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and attended the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, for both her bachelor of science and her master of science in information. Currently, Rebecca is working as webmaster for Thomson Creative Solutions in Dexter.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary Lou Sweeton of Manchester. Currently, Dave



is self-employed as a contract software engineer and owns his own company, Wintermute Software LLC. A small, family wedding is planned for October 2006.

Wong-Martin

Patricia Lin Wong of Northville Township and Paul Savio Martin of Dearborn were married July 15 in an outdoor celebration at the home of the bride's family officiated by the Rev. Curt Roeloff.

The bride is the daughter of Gordon and Patty Wong of Northville Township. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is employed by Trader Joe's. She was attended by Angela Wong, sister of the bride, and Elizabeth Gutierrez, sister of the groom.

The groom is the son of Edward Martin of Dearborn and Pamela Martin, also of Dearborn. Paul is a 1992 graduate of Divine Child High School



and a graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Apple Computers. He was attended by Billy Fraser, friend of the groom, and David Gaggos, friend of the groom. The couple make their home in Dearborn.

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ANNA (MARCUCILLI) VISCIOGLIOSI

age 66, of Vernon, Connecticut. Beloved wife of the late Giovanni Viscogliosi, entered into Eternal Life on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Anna was born April 20, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan daughter of the late Gaetano and Marianna Marcucilli of Santo Padre, Italy. Anna was an amazingly caring, loving mother and grandmother. She lived her life filled with laughter, dignity and grace. She had a very quick wit and always a good story to tell. She was everyone's counselor, imparting timeless wisdom, while striving for peace and good humor. Blessed with God's grace, her ability to relate to people on their terms was extraordinary. Her greatest joys in life were her husband, children, and grandchildren. The virtues she taught her loved ones were those of family unity, unconditional love, optimism, peacefulness, inner strength and faith. Anna's love, wisdom and compassion bestowed upon her a graciousness which was rare and beautiful. She was a member of the Manchester Historical Society, the Italian American Club of Livonia, Michigan, and a communicant of Sacred Heart Parish of Vernon. Anna owned and operated Ann's Pub in Wayne, Michigan for 18 years with her late husband Giovanni. Anna is survived by her daughter Lori Calabrese and her husband Andrea of Vernon; three sons Tony Viscogliosi, and his fiancée Deborah Bocchicchio, Marc Viscogliosi and his wife Paola Andrea all of New York; her love surrounds forever her grandchildren Angelica, Arianna, Giovanni and Francesco Calabrese and Isabella Viscogliosi. She is also survived by her brother, Tony Marcelli and his wife Cynthia and their children Jennifer and Marc; a nephew Elio Viscogliosi, as well as many nieces and nephews in Italy. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 12-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2006. The family will also receive relatives and friends from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at the Small & Pietras Funeral Home, 65 Elm Street, Vernon-Rockville to Sacred Heart Church, 550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon for a Mass of Christian Burial to be held at 11:00 a.m. Anna will be entombed beside her late husband in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, In Memory of Anna Viscogliosi; or Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, CT 06611, In Memory of Ann Viscogliosi; or Sacred Heart Church, 550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066, In Memory of Anna Viscogliosi. For online condolences or directions please visit smallandpietrasfuneralhome.com

DORIS JOANNE GERVAIS COLLING (nee Palmer)

Passed away September 6, 2006. Doris was born in Lansing, MI., on March 24, 1933. She is survived by her Husband, Emerson Colling; her sister, Joyce Grubaugh; her brother, Milton Palmer; daughters Suzette Phillips and Christine Doty; and son, Robert Gervais; sons-in-law Donald Phillips and Daniel Doty; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Gervais; grandchildren Adrienne Phillips, Jennifer Doty, Danielle Marin, Matthew Doty, Michael Gervais and Nicholas Gervais. Doris lived for many years in Livonia, MI and Northville, MI, and for the last seven years in Sun Lakes, AZ. Doris was active in many political and neighborhood activities and in the lives of her family and many, many friends. Private services have been held. Burial will be September 15, 2006, at the Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery in Chandler, AZ. Contributions may be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

MARGARET E. MARR

East Lansing, MI. Age 90, died September 13, 2006. She was born in Detroit, MI on April 9, 1916 and was formerly a resident of Birmingham, MI and Waterford, MI. Mardie attended Miss Newman's School in Detroit and Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. She served in the U.S. Navy W.A.V.E.S. from 1944-1946. She was employed as a secretary at her brother's firm, Marr & Marr Architects. She was a longtime member of the Village Club. Mardie loved to travel and spent many summers at Portage Pointe in Onেকama, MI. She enjoyed the company of her many long time friends. She was greatly loved by her family and will be remembered forever. Margaret was preceded in death by her father, Richard H. Marr, a Detroit architect, her mother, Irma B. Marr, brother, Carl B. Marr, also an architect and her sister-in-law, Coralie Marr. Margaret is survived by nephews, Dr. Richard G. Marr (partner, Barbara Coats) of Traverse City, MI and David (Cathy) Marr of DeWitt, MI; niece, Janet Adolphsen of Boise, ID; great-niece, Elizabeth (Joseph) Casaletto; great-nephews, Richard (Liana) Marr, Ryan (Ellen) Marr, and Peter Adolphsen; great-great-nieces, Olivia Heron, Veronica Marr, and Brooke Casaletto and great-great-nephew, Wesley Casaletto. The family wishes to thank the staff at Burcham Hills Retirement Center and Hospice Advantage of Lansing for their concerned care of Mardie. Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 16, 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, 1600 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI. Private Interment will be held. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing, MI.

STEFFANI FEDORYSHYN ELLMAN

of Birmingham died last Saturday, a week before her 89th birthday, of pancreatic cancer. Born in Detroit of Ukrainian-speaking parents she attended public schools in Dearborn and the University of Michigan, graduating from Wayne State University. During World War II she taught in a Dearborn elementary school and when her children were older, she taught English at the Highland Park High School. She worked in Washington, D.C. for UNRRA, the predecessor of the United Nations; but for the last two decades has been a Birmingham resident. She is survived by Erwin, her husband, of more than 61 years, her son Michael of Boston, her daughter Barbara Ellmann McElroy of Manhattan and two grandsons, Christopher Ellmann and James Boone McElroy of New York. A woman of wide interests, good nature and wit, Ms. Ellmann was known for her volunteer services in the orchid section of the Cranbrook greenhouse.

WILLARD L. JEFFRIES

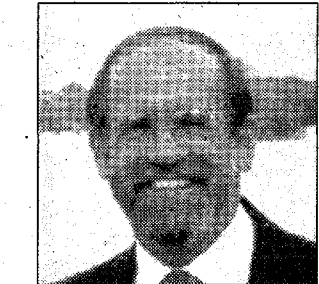
Age 83, of Canton passed away on September 13, 2006 at home. Willard was a Veteran of WWII where he also served as a paramedic. Loving father of Philip (Irene), Timothy (Karen) and Sheryl; dear grandfather to Sophia, Alexandra, Lambrose Phil, Antonia, Eric and Kara; brother to Dorothy of West Virginia; great-grandfather to Christina and Elizabeth. His wife, Alberta, his parents, Troy and Rosa Mae Jeffries and sisters, Delta, Elnora, Lorine, and Regina precede Willard in death. A visitation will be held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at the R.O.C. - Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck Road, Northville, MI from 6-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held at a later date in Elkin, N.C. Arrangements entrusted to the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, 734 663 3375.

MARGARET E. "Peg" MOORE

Recently of Brighton, MI, died September 13, 2006. Peg was born in Essex, Ontario, Canada, on December 24, 1914. Beloved wife of the late Albert "Bert" Balsom (1938-1954) and the late George Moore (1962-1992). Loving mother of Lynne Reardon and Barbara Denton. Cherished grandmother of Tracy Reardon (Jenn), Chad Denton (Valerie), Adam Denton, and Taylor Denton. Dear sister of Edie, Elsie, Barbara, Bill, Donna, Doug, and the late James (Bess), Ruby, and Vi. Funeral services were held Saturday at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the charity of your choice. www.thayer-rock.com

MARY JANE CARLAND

Age 86, of Beulah, MI. Passed away September 12, 2006. She was born in Bay City, Michigan and raised in Corunna, Michigan where she started teaching elementary school after attending Eastern Michigan University. She married and raised her own family in Birmingham, Michigan where she touched the lives of many students over the 28 years she was a teacher in the Birmingham Public School system. She enjoyed her family, music, needlepoint, knitting and taking people for a ride in her classic century boat during the summers up north. Her real passion was watching football. She was a long time member of St. James Church in Birmingham, Alpha Z sorority, Crystal Lake Association, AAUW, and various other organizations. Beloved wife of the late Michael M. Dear mother of Michael (Pat) of Charlevoix and Susan (William) Lauppe of Grosse Pointe. Dear grandmother of Andrew Lauppe of Philadelphia and Steven and Lindsey Carland of Charlevoix. Memorial may be made to Angela Hospice or Humane Society. Graveside service, Friday, 11:30am, September 22, 2006, at Pine Tree Cemetery, Corunna, Michigan, with the Reverend Rusty Merrill officiating. Luncheon and fellowship to follow graveside service at the Owosso Country Club.



MICHAEL KOSKO Age 77, September 7, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Patricia. Loving father of Jeffrey M. Kosko, Kathleen E. Gemeund-Kosko, and the late Bradley L. Kosko. Cherished grandfather of Jessica and Ashley. Michael was employed by Ford Motor Company for 38 years as a systems methods analyst, retiring in 1992. Donations to the family will be put towards the DMC Huron Valley- Sinai Liver Cancer Research Fund. Private funeral services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

RICK CHAVEY

Passed away, at age 57, on September 15, 2006. Husband to Ewa, son of Margaret A. Chavey. Brother to Sue and Tom (Jenean), uncle to Tom and AJ Carr, and friend of many. A celebration of Rick's life will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006. Contact the Chavey family members for details.

KRISTEN D. MICHALAK

age 40 of Redford. Survived by her children Nicholas, Alexander, Helena & their father, Rick Pasqua. Daughter of Thomas & the late Bonnie. Sister of Jim, Dave & Steve Michalak & Keera Franko, Aunt of many. Visitation Sunday 1:00-7:00 p.m. at Charles R. Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (btwn. 6 & 7 Mile Rd.). Contributions to her children appreciated.

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**Simkows mark**

**50th anniversary**

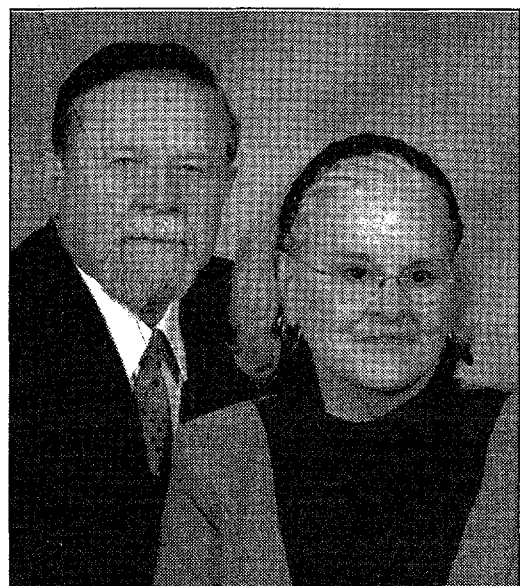
Stefan and Carol (Smith) Simkow of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 22.

The Simkows were married Sept. 22, 1956, at St. Agnes Church in Detroit. They have resided in Westland for 49 years.

Their children are the late Cynthia Simkow, Tina Marie Simkow of Westland and Mark Simkow of Garden City.

They have grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Carol has been retired for 10 years from Annapolis Oakwood Hospital. Stefan has been retired for 13 years from Kroger Co.



Stefan enjoys hunting and fishing. Carol belongs to a book club, the Red Hats and enjoys organ and singing. Both enjoy getaways to Cheboygan.

A Mass will be celebrated for couple at 9 a.m. Sept. 22 at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church. Family and friends are invited.

**Grochowskis mark**

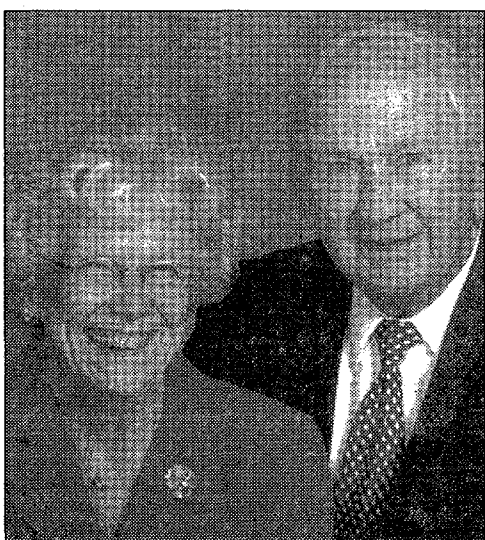
**60th anniversary**

Raymond and Mildred (Hoover) Grochowski of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 28.

The couple was married Sept. 28, 1946, at St. Frances de Sales Church in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 27 years.

Their children are Stanley (Priscilla) Grochowski of Tacoma, Wash. and Daniel (Robin) Grochowski of Albuquerque, N.M. They have seven grandchildren.

Raymond has been retired 24 years as a Detroit firefighter. Mildred is retired 12 years from



an accounting job. They enjoy travel, gold and bowling. Raymond is dedicated Tiger fan.

They had two celebrations, one in Albuquerque and one in Tacoma.



**Cranfords mark**

**50th anniversary**

Ilar and Arlene Cranford of Gladwin, Mich., formerly longtime Plymouth residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 21.

The Cranfords were married July 21, 1956, at First Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Their children are son Curt (Maryanne) Cranford of Northville and daughter Brenda (Brian) Beck of Plymouth. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

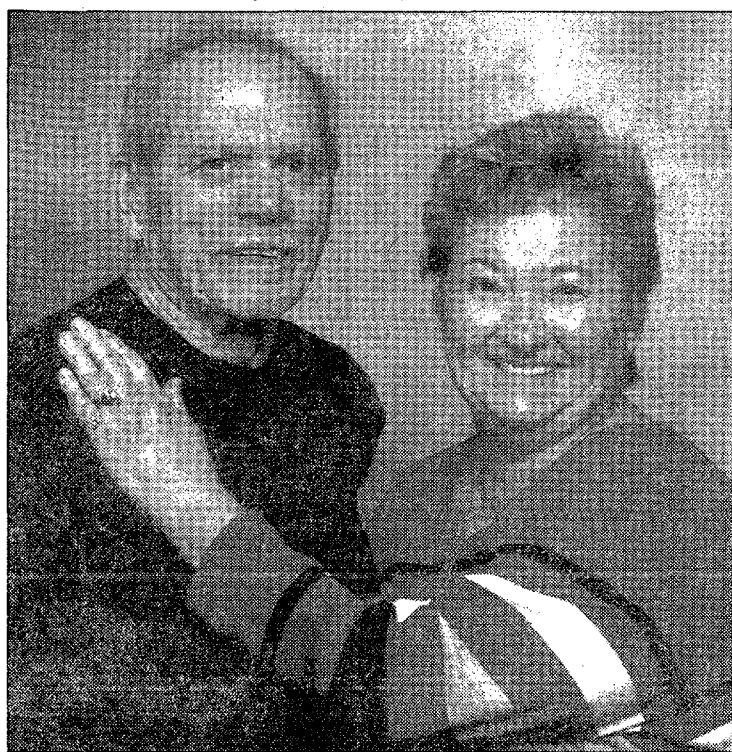
A vow renewal party was held July 21 at Burton Manor in Livonia for 80 friends and family members attending. Ilar's



brother, Norval, and Arlene's sister Betty Childress attended.

Ilar is retired 10 years from General Motors. Arlene is retired nine years from Kroger.

They are enjoying their retirement in Gladwin, Mich.



**Barbalases celebrate 50th anniversary**

Andrew and Mary Barbalas, formerly of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15.

Their children are Lee Barbalas, Officer Susan Barbalases, Joseph Barbalas, Donna Shiemke and Barb Novak. Six grandchildren; Eric, Angela and Mark Shiemke; John and Kia Novak and Brianne Barbalas.

Andrew and Mary are retired and live in Onaway, Mich. on Black Lake.

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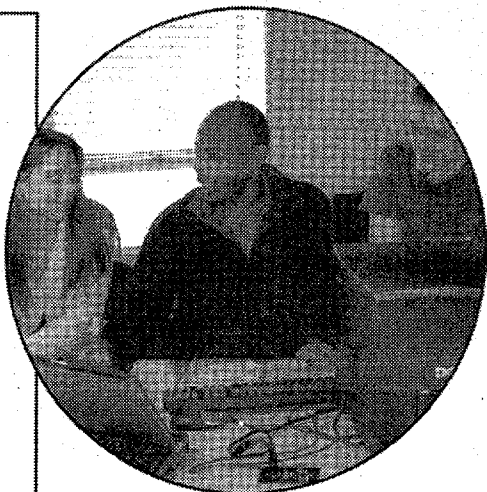


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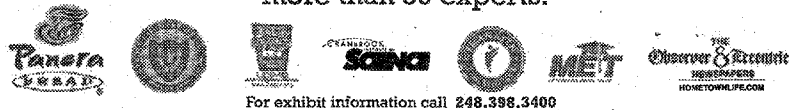
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### AROUND TOWN

**MADD 5K walk**  
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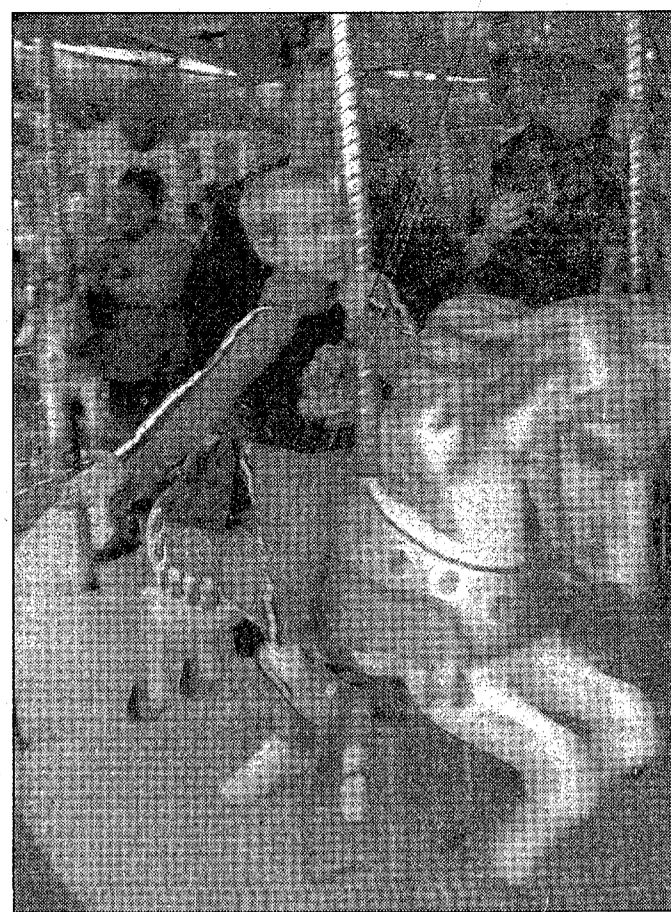
**Olivet scholarship**  
 Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail [admissions@olivetcollege.edu](mailto:admissions@olivetcollege.edu)

**Snow White auditions**  
 Auditions for children 8-15 years old for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" take place at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main in downtown Northville, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Children must sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music." An accompanist will be provided. Auditioners should also prepare a comic monologue. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

**Lupus walk**  
 The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan-Indiana Affiliate sponsors the 12th-annual Metro Beach Walk for Lupus 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Metro Beach Metro Park, 31330 Metro Parkway in Harrison Township. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided. Raffle tickets available. Contact the Lupus Alliance, (800) 705-6677, e-mail [info@milupus.org](mailto:info@milupus.org) or visit the Alliance Web site at [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org)

**CC Rummage Sale**  
 The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River and west of Wixom Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.

**Charity golf**  
 The Mulligan Masters Charity Golf Outing, hosted by Oliver/Hatcher Charities, sponsored by Oliver/Hatcher Construction, takes place 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, located at 40941 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville. Registration to golf, which includes golf, BBQ lunch and sit-down



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### Fall fun

Four-year-old Cayden Maki took this spin on the carousel with his aunt, Sheila Kazanowski, during last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival. While rain and cool temperatures kept crowds down, organizers are still calling the annual ritual, which features the Rotary Chicken Barbecue, a great success.

dinner, is \$300 while dinner only is \$100. Guest speaker Frank Beckmann will conclude the event with a speech at 7:30 p.m. A silent auction will also take place. Proceeds from the event and auction will benefit Child and Family Life at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. For more information or to register, please contact, Event Coordinator, Joanne Sweetman at 248.669.4500 or [jsweetman@oliverhatcher.com](mailto:jsweetman@oliverhatcher.com).

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

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

■ The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan will talk about "Genealogy and Adoption Research." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Call (810) 227-7745 for details.

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

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

register and learn more about the festivals by visiting [www.SallyRideFestivals.com](http://www.SallyRideFestivals.com) or by calling (800) 561-5161.

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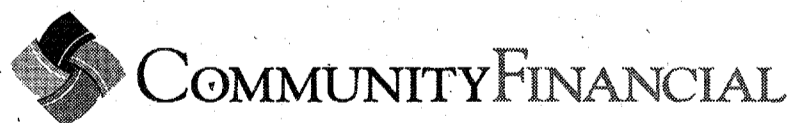
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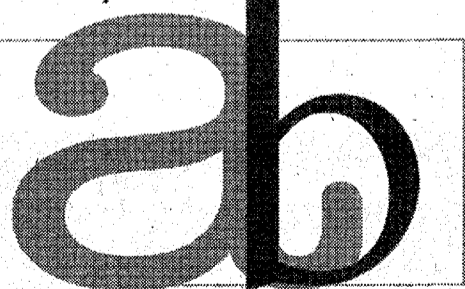
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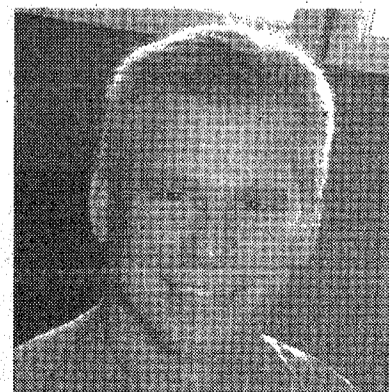
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## HIV/AIDS infect all segments of population

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

HIV/AIDS isn't a disease that infects only gays and intravenous drug users anymore. Dr. Christopher Carpenter says "a good proportion" of his patient population at William Beaumont Hospital is heterosexual.

"It can hit just about anybody who is sexually active. I have patients who are moms and grandmoms, professionals. It's hitting every pocket of society," said Carpenter, a medical doctor in the Division of Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine Department, at the Royal Oak hospital.

Having HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is not the same as having AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), but HIV does become AIDS when the immune system is seriously damaged after HIV targets the cells that defend against infections.

Carpenter thinks the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recent recommendation for more universal testing helps physicians diagnose and treat the disease earlier. The Troy resident has been seeing HIV/AIDS patients since the early 1990s when the disease was terminal. Since the introduction of protease inhibitors in 1996 and diagnostics to measure the amount of virus in the blood, HIV/AIDS has become a chronic condition if detected in time.

### PROGRESS MADE

"When they came out with potent medications, protease inhibitors, you had to take dozens of pills every day but recently the FDA approved Atripla (July 2006). It's one pill, once a day and has three medications inside of it," said Carpenter. "We're now able to suppress the virus for

years. At one point we had early hopes for a cure but a cure is still a long time off."

Raising awareness has been key to battling the virus since the first patient was diagnosed in 1981. In 1983, a group of gays founded Wellness Networks which eventually became AIDS Partnership Michigan. The organization helped those with the disease to cope physically and mentally. The work continues through the Partnership Michigan AIDS hotline, case management, education programs, and HIV testing at sites in Detroit, Pontiac, and Affirmations gay community center in Ferndale.

From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Belle Isle Nature Zoo, the 5K AIDS Walk Michigan-Detroit will raise money for health and prevention services at Sinai Grace Hospital, Detroit Medical Center, Visiting Nurse Association, Simon House for women with AIDS, Taylor Teen Health Center, Project Hope at Goodwill Industries, to name a few. AIDS Partnership Michigan co-sponsors the event with the Community Health Awareness Group. For more information, visit [www.aidswalk-michigan.org](http://www.aidswalk-michigan.org) and click on City of Detroit, or call (313) 446-9809. The walk takes place in Ann Arbor, Bay City, Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Traverse City as well. Since the early 1980s, HIV/AIDS has killed more than 34 million people around the world.

"We have prevention programs targeting specific populations particularly young, gay African American men," said Barbara Murray, executive director of AIDS Partnership Michigan since 1989. "High risk heterosexuals is one of the fastest growing populations especially African American women who may be having sex with



Approximately 1,200 people walked last year in 5K AIDS Walk Michigan-Detroit co-sponsored by AIDS Partnership Michigan and the Community Health Awareness Group. There are 16,200 estimated cases of HIV in Michigan, 1,810 in Oakland County, 1,600 in Wayne County not including the City of Detroit which is estimated to have nearly 7,000 cases.

partners who have also had sex with infected men or are intravenous drug users.

"It's estimated there are 16,200 people living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan, 9,300 are actually diagnosed. A good number don't even know they have the disease (and could be infecting other people). Almost 9,000 Michiganders have died from the first reportings in 1981. The first two cases both people died within six months."

### DAYS OF FEAR

Kathy Kustowski remembers the fear that ran rampant 25 years ago

when she and staff at the Visiting Nurse Association were the first home health care organization to care for persons with HIV/AIDS. Today, Kustowski is manager of VNA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS funding program, but back then she was a social worker providing direct service. Congress created the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990, funding a series of grant programs to cover treatment services. White was a teen who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion and died as a result.

"It was a frenzy. We didn't know what it was," said Kustowski. "It was called GRID, gay related immune dis-

order, and hit the gay population and IV drug users who share needles. People were basically dying. There were no medications, treatment. Because of the fear they were basically kicked out of their homes. There were some grassroots gay organizations who provided food and support. Churches would not get involved. People were not welcome in the churches. We're still dealing somewhat with that because of the way it's contracted. Till this day there is still some fear. I think the fear is more probably a judgment because of the way HIV is contracted through blood contact, sexual contact or sharing needles."

Women comprised about 7-8 percent of the HIV/AIDS patients 25 years ago, said Kustowski. Today, the number has risen to 28-30 percent.

"In women HIV/AIDS is contracted mainly through heterosexual (relations) because people aren't faithful to each other. The husband may be having sex with other men and then with their wife and women may not even know it," said Kustowski. "Because it's sex you don't even talk about it, not just HIV but STD (sexually transmitted diseases). This particular disease is preventable."

Murray couldn't agree more. "As long as this virus exists on our planet, we know pretty clearly how to prevent the transmission. We need to reinforce that particularly with our young people," said Murray. "Let's be real. Kids do have sex. Abstinence is an excellent message, but I don't believe it should be the only message. As a gambler, I wouldn't want to take a chance that my child only knew the abstinence message."

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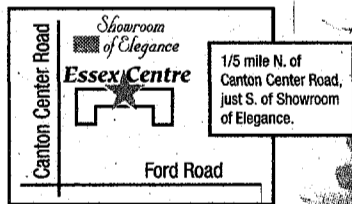
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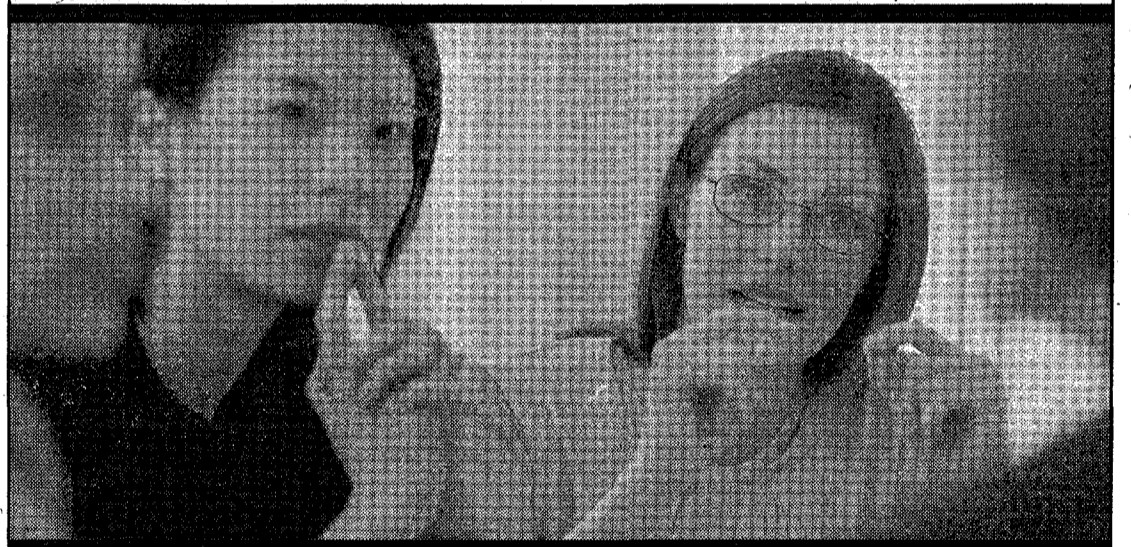
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# Events to raise funds for HIV/AIDS programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Sept. 17, two separate events will help AIDS patients like Carlos Zamora stay alive.

AIDS Walk Detroit and the Tony Caputo 5K Run begins with registration at 8 a.m. followed by a 9 a.m. run, opening ceremony for the NAMES Project Memorial AIDS Quilt at 9:30 a.m., and walk at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Royal Oak. Proceeds go to HIV/AIDS programs including the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency which provides in-home support services including transportation for Oakland County residents, Deaf Community Advocacy Network, Henry Ford Hospital Infectious Diseases, and Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP), to name a few.

"The walk and run is an opportunity for everyone to obtain information on awareness, prevention and services for HIV/AIDS," said AIDS Walk Detroit program director Charlotte Paul. "Last year we raised over \$280,000. This is

our 16th year. Since our inception we've granted out over \$2.5 million."

Zamora was initially diagnosed in 1984 as HIV positive at age 23.

"They basically sent me home to handle my affairs and die," said Zamora, who in the past has received home health care from the Visiting Nurse Association. In 1999, the VNA told him there was a need for a support group in Macomb County so he founded Positive Influences.

"I went for a number of years waiting to die then I began to read articles that said people with HIV were living longer. One day I said it looks like you have a future, you better start planning for it and started my own photography business." Zamora, 44, says today he's healthy, but that can change quickly. Last year, he was unable to work due to complications and the resulting depression. Over the years, he's suffered with side effects from the medications such as neuropathy, incontinence and diarrhea, but that doesn't stop him from volunteering with the Southeast Michigan

HIV/AIDS Council, a nationwide organization which distributes Ryan White funding in eligible metropolitan areas.

"I credit a lot to positive thinking, eating right, adhering to meds if you're on them, exercising three-four times a week," said Zamora, who learned in 1988 that he has AIDS. "It has not been easy, but it's not a death sentence like it used to be. It's manageable, but I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. In group we talk about ways of reducing stress. When first diagnosed people feel very isolated. They're afraid to mention it to anybody."

## ART WORKS FOR LIFE

Carl Demeulenaere knows several people like Zamora who continue to live and struggle with AIDS, and others who have died. He is co-chairing Art Works For Life, the annual Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) auction being held at 5 p.m. today, at The Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. Demeulenaere along with Redford sculptor Sergio De Giusti, Anne Fracassa, Eric Mesko, Claudia Shephard,

Stephen Magsig, and many more artists have donated work. The live and silent auctions feature more than 300 items.

Demeulenaere refers to himself as a gay installation artist who faced his own homosexuality shortly before his mother died of cancer in 1990. He whole-heartedly supports the work of MAPP.

"I hope we can reach at least one person, motivating them into making wiser decisions about their relationships, how to protect themselves physically and mentally. Talking about HIV and AIDS is important. People need to know people don't have insurance. Numbers in the black female community have risen and continue to rise. It's not just about gay issues."

For information about the AIDS Detroit walk and run, visit [www.aidswalkdetroit.org](http://www.aidswalkdetroit.org) or call (248) 399-WALK. For details on the art auction to benefit MAPP, call (248) 545-1435 or visit [www.art-worksforlife.org](http://www.art-worksforlife.org). Reservations are \$85.

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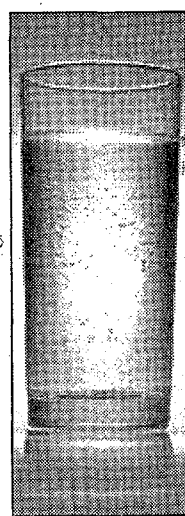
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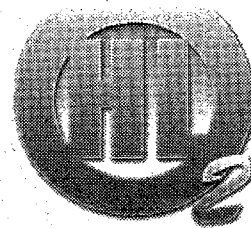


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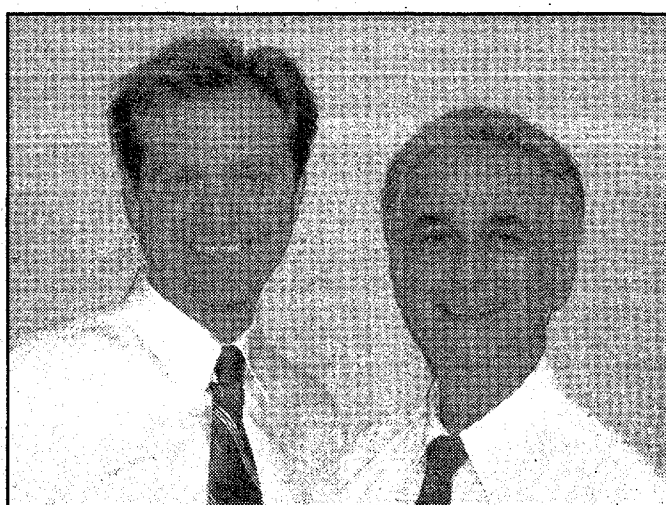
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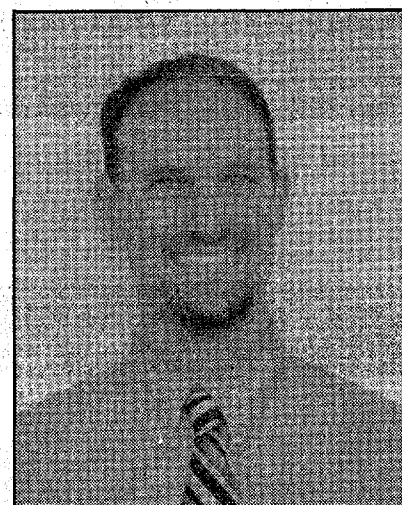
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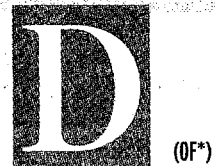
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## On the move: Auto technician field has growing demand, good pay



BY JULIE BROWN  
 STAFF WRITER

### JOB TRENDS

Dan Kavalari, 17, a senior at Westland John Glenn High School, plans to attend a four-year university next fall to study mechanical engineering. These days, he's taking auto tech classes at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and working at Ralph Thayer Automotive in Livonia.

"I would say it's a good field to go into," said Kavalari. "Now it takes a lot more knowledge and a lot more patience." He's learning in his auto tech classes such things as engine repair and work on brakes.

Principal Ginny Kowalski was busy recently on the first day of school at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, but took a few minutes to talk about the growing need for auto technicians.

"Oh, absolutely," the Wayne-Westland school administrator said of job demand in that field. "Cars are computers now on wheels. They are truly now high-skilled technicians."

According to the U.S.

Department of Labor, there will be 35,000 automotive service technician positions to fill each year through the end of this decade in order to keep up with demand.

Technicians typically earn between \$30,000 and \$60,000 a year in metro areas and work with modern computer systems and diagnostic equipment.

Wayne-Westland is among school districts working with Automotive Youth Educational System, or AYES. "We are very involved with that national initiative" from auto dealers, said Cynthia Candela, job placement coordinator at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland. The local educators also work closely with the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

At the Ford center, there are 75-100 students per year in the program. Up to 15 are trained for AYES with 10 placed.

"That is the top of the line program," said Candela, explaining educators work with

auto dealers and such independents as tire shops and lube and oil businesses.

At Ralph Thayer Automotive, Kavalari works in the service department, doing appointment coordinating and driving the courtesy shuttle. He's found some customers of a certain age are surprised that cars have gone high tech.

"People do get a little surprised when we say there's something wrong with that part. It's a lot more computer-oriented than it used to be," Kavalari said of what's under the hood.

The summer between their junior and senior years, the AYES students work 40 hours a week at an auto business, and do co-op work during the school year. They often go on to community college to earn a two-year associate's degree, which is encouraged, and like Kavalari some go to four-year schools.

"The manufacturers are also heavily involved in this," said Candela, adding manufacturers do much training.

There are young women who

finish AYES now, but Candela notes it's still challenging to face female technicians in the field.

"There is no greasy technician, anything like that anymore," she said. "It is mostly diagnostics." Students need to be adept with the computer and have strong math skills.

The Ford center students also compete in Skills USA and other competitions to troubleshoot automotive problems. State certification testing is given at the center in Westland twice a year, Candela added.

Employers give the Ford center program high marks. "One of the best mechanics we ever had came from the voc-tech," said Margaret Harlow, co-owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. He's since moved to a job closer to home.

"They seem to be very knowledgeable students when they come out of there," Harlow added.

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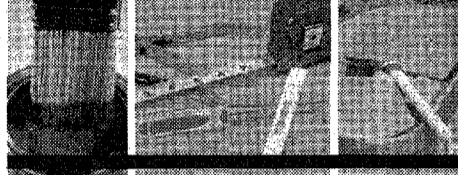




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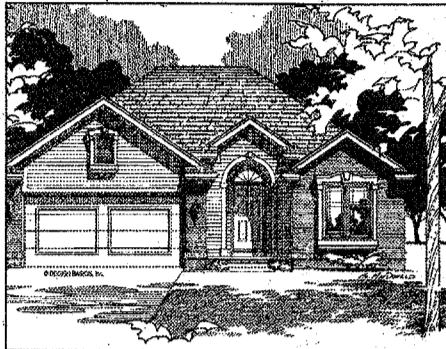
## This small home packs plenty of punch

The façade of the Dover (D2376) is very appealing. It has three gabled roofs that accent the classic lines of the home. The garage has a slight overhang above the garage door, the entry has an arch with a half moon window overhead, and the window has a distinct frame casing.

Once inside the home, the great room is straight ahead and the stairs to the optional unfinished basement are on the right. The Dover has only two bedrooms, both on the right side. The second bedroom is located in front with a window facing the front on the home, and a wall closet on the left. The bathroom for the home is just off bedroom two along with a large linen closet.

The master suite door is located on the other side of the basement stairs. It has a coffered ceiling and a large window facing the back yard. The master bath has dual sinks and a walk-in closet, separated from the rest of the bathroom by a door. It also contains a spa tub, as well as an oversized shower.

With a fireplace at one end, the fami-



ly room appears elongated. Transoms over the windows on each side of the fireplace adds character to the outside of the home. High ceilings of 10 foot add the feeling of spaciousness to this great room.

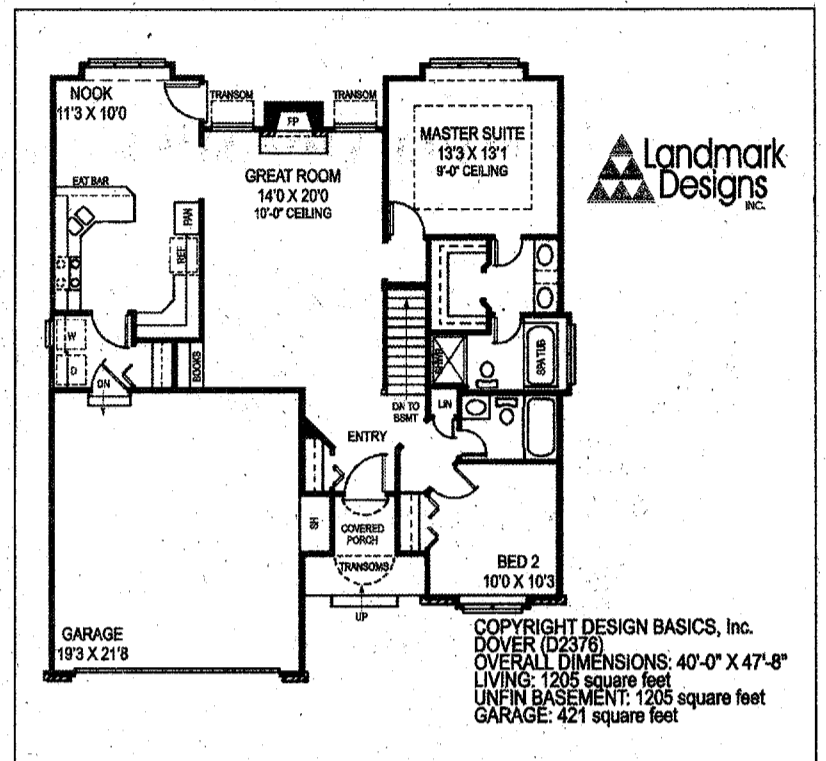
The nook and kitchen are on the left side of the Dover, along with a utility room that opens into the two-car garage. The nook has a large set of windows that provide light for those early morning coffee breaks. There is a door that opens to the back yard. As an ideal

place for kids to eat, an eating bar has been added along the counter facing the nook.

This kitchen has been designed in a "C" shape with twin sinks in the corner. A pantry on the opposite wall is close for putting groceries away. A large amount of counter space has specifically been added to the kitchen to make the preparation of food easier.

The Dover has 1,205 square feet of open living space. This home would be a great starter home or a home for empty nesters. Being compact, it would fit on today's diminutive lots and leave some space for flowers and yard.

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## Time to applaud: Impact Awards recognize property developments

Mason Run, a residential redevelopment of a brownfield site in Monroe, and Visteon Village in Van Buren Township have won 2006 Impact Awards from the Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women. The annual CREW-Detroit Impact Awards recognize two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that made significant positive impacts on their communities.

The fifth annual competition was open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006. Each project must have involved at least one firm with a CREW

member, said Laura Agabashian of WorkSquared in Novi, the award committee co-chair. Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology.

The winners will receive awards at a Sept. 21 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Mason Run, the \$90-million residential redevelopment of a 45-acre abandoned paper mill, won in the redevelopment category. The project team - environmental consultant and CREW-Detroit member Soil and Materials Engineers of

Shelby Township, Crosswinds Communities of Novi and the city of Monroe - worked for six years to transform a contaminated, dangerous site on the River Raisin into a "new urbanism" neighborhood of up to 500 single-family homes. They secured more than \$6.5 million in brownfield financing for environmental response activities, and developed innovative solutions that saved more than \$2.5 million in response costs, making the project economically viable. More than two feet of cinder and ash wastes covered more than 37 acres - or 82 percent - of the project, which had to be removed from home sites. Rather than trucking the con-

taminated dirt excavated from future home sites to another location, planners encapsulated it as inert fill beneath pavement or beneath clean fill under roads, right-of-ways and parks. For this and other innovations, Mason Run was one of several Midwestern projects honored by the EPA for outstanding brownfield redevelopment.

The development provides needed housing to attract middle-income residents, and creates a new neighborhood that maintains the character of nearby neighborhoods within walking distance of Monroe's urban core. Judges cited its success in "creating a whole

new subcommunity for Monroe and a new class of housing," and the project's positive social, economic and environmental impact. They also praised developer Crosswinds Communities' leadership in redeveloping urban sites into new housing. SME submitted this entry.

Visteon Village, the 265-acre headquarters of global automotive supplier Visteon, won in the new construction category. It features a total of 882,000 square feet in nine buildings fronting a 37-acre lake and 40 acres of wooded wetlands.

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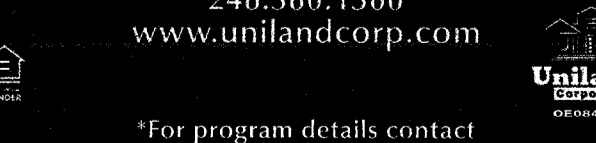
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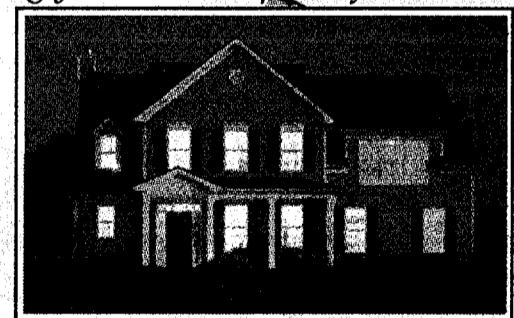


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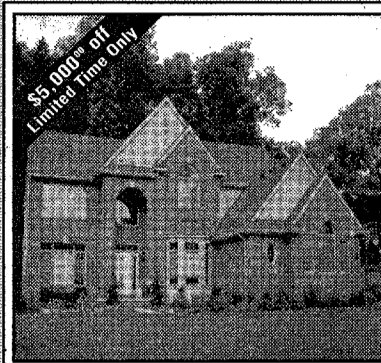
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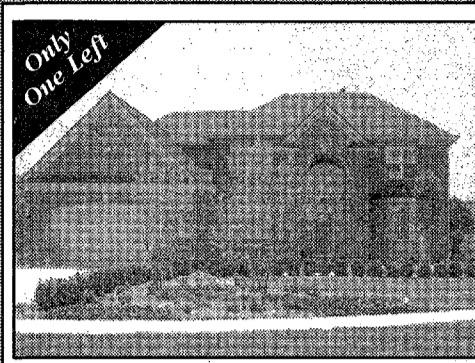
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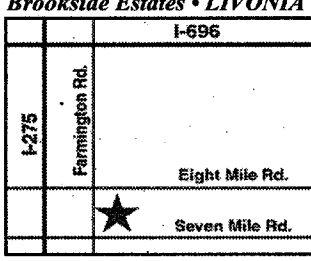
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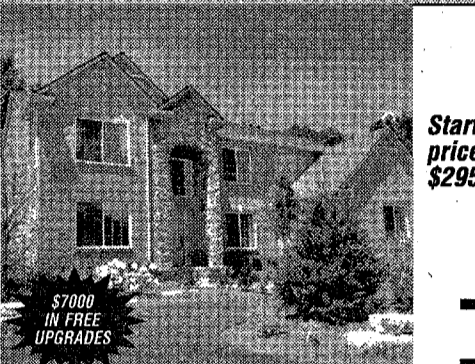
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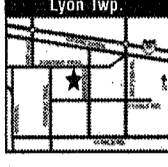
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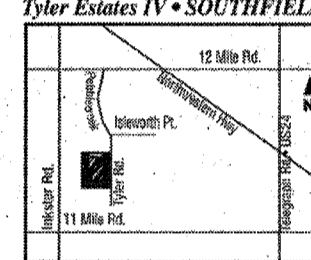
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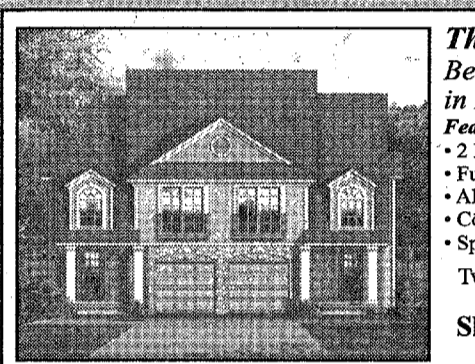
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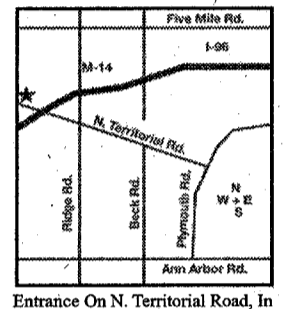
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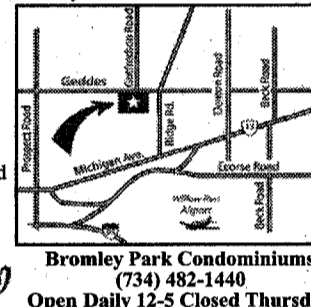

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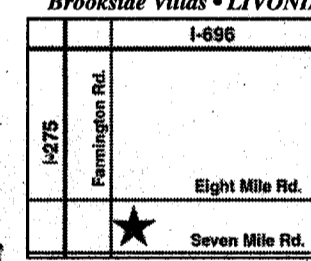
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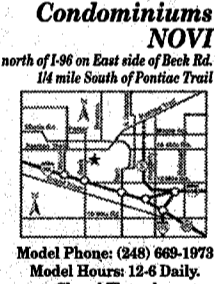
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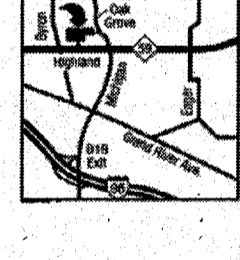
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A Free Homebuyer Class will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Fidelity National Title at Six

Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. A home inspector will be present. Attendees are both first-time home buyers and experienced buyers. It covers why it is important to be pre-approved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's

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Your mortgage. Check to make sure the right amount is on the document. The money you receive will be subtracted from your mortgage and any equity loan you have on the house. The bank wants to get paid first. The real estate fee. You will



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see on the documents how much your broker is being paid and the broker representing the seller. Make sure that is correct.

Taxes. The seller will have to pay state and county taxes. This takes a bit out of your purchase price, as well.

The escrow amount. In the purchase agreement, you can state how long you want to stay in the house after close. This is called possession. Usually, it's about 30 days, but everything is negotiable. The buyer's mortgage starts at the day of close. You, therefore, need to pay the buyer for each day you are occupying the house after close.

Usually the buyer will figure out his/her daily principle, interest, taxes, and insurance (PITI). If possession is 30 days, the PITI

rate will be multiplied by 30. That amount will be taken out during close and placed in an escrow account held by the title company. If you end up staying 20 days, instead of 30, you will receive the difference from the title company.

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Tax proration. Owners pay taxes in advance. For example, if the tax period is between January 1 to May 1st, and the buyer takes ownership April 1st, the buyer needs to pay the seller for taxes he/she paid in advance for the month of April.

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HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 24-28, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County.

40442 Bay Harbor Ln \$154,000	35696 Camden Ct \$320,000	40278 Ladene Ln \$235,000
6670 Chadwick Dr \$278,000	25727 Castlereigh Dr \$305,000	41707 Mitchell Rd \$228,000
49593 Courtyard Ln \$307,000	29300 Fieldstone \$320,000	25554 Portico Ln \$193,000
46761 Creeks Bnd \$238,000	23033 Fox Crk \$345,000	1915 S Lake Dr \$290,000
2169 E Roundtable Dr \$225,000	21232 Gill Rd \$309,000	22078 Shadybrook Dr \$275,000
44125 Ford Rd \$700,000	30691 Grand River Ave \$260,000	41614 Sleepy Hollow Dr \$257,000
42757 Lilley Pointe Dr \$130,000	34045 Heritage Hills Dr \$365,000	24840 Sutherland Dr \$290,000
1681 Manton Blvd \$226,000	21036 Saint Francis St \$112,000	24381 Woodham Rd \$330,000
2053 Marlowe St \$242,000	27944 W 11 Mile Rd \$225,000	<b>Plymouth</b>
8542 Newbury Ct N \$206,000	<b>Garden City</b>	15146 Amber Ct \$224,000
4555 Pond Run \$250,000	31044 Barton St \$147,000	493 Arthur St \$249,000
2058 Preserve Cir E \$203,000	30037 Bock St \$229,000	12456 Pinecrest Dr \$225,000
2146 Preserve Cir E \$222,000	6648 Burnly St \$160,000	101 S Union St \$230,000
48347 Roundstone Ct \$188,000	28825 Elmwood St \$135,000	12933 Wendover Dr \$296,000
41972 Saltz Rd \$255,000	33275 Kathryn St \$128,000	<b>Redford</b>
48839 Stonebriar Dr \$58,000	853 Schuman St \$105,000	11740 Berwyn \$97,000
51286 Upland View St \$492,000	853 Schuman St \$35,000	9647 Dixie \$132,000
48695 Westbridge Dr \$58,000	<b>Livonia</b>	17405 Fox \$125,000
48723 Westbridge Dr \$58,000	20246 Antago St \$139,000	10032 Garfield \$147,000
<b>Farmington</b>	29150 Broadmoor St \$100,000	18218 Garfield \$105,000
24197 Broadview St \$206,000	32905 Brookside Cir \$249,000	9976 Kinloch \$138,000
21054 Laurelwood St \$198,000	16215 Edgewood Dr \$295,000	14166 Lucerne \$125,000
33760 Shawasssee St \$195,000	15719 Ellen Dr \$232,000	9148 San Jose \$146,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	35312 Elmira St \$181,000	26614 W Chicago \$145,000
22167 Atlantic Pointe \$122,000	16919 Fitzgerald St \$245,000	<b>Westland</b>
28041 Bellcrest St \$290,000	9927 Flamingo St \$178,000	8641 August Ave \$166,000
27490 Bridle Hills Dr \$310,000	14446 Gary Ln \$194,000	6651 Chirrewa St \$165,000
	18727 Hillcrest St \$155,000	6651 Chirrewa St \$140,000
	10121 Hix Rd \$168,000	8227 Creekside Dr \$289,000
	31636 Perth St \$197,000	8715 Dakota St \$50,000
	29168 Rayburn St \$184,000	31239 Geraldine St \$164,000
	20133 Saint Francis St \$117,000	7340 Haller St \$128,000
	19790 Stamford Dr \$248,000	5656 Herbert St \$126,000
	15616 Woodring St \$279,000	28142 Mackenzie Dr \$150,000
	<b>Novi</b>	31714 Palmer Rd \$146,000
	24415 Bashian Dr \$133,000	8227 Parkside Dr \$286,000
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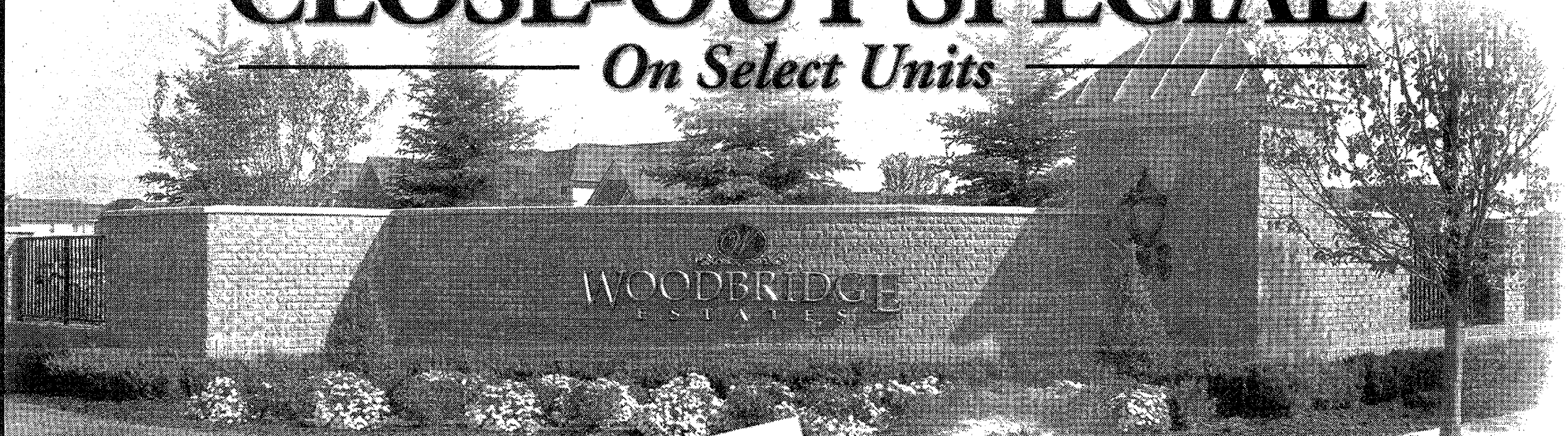
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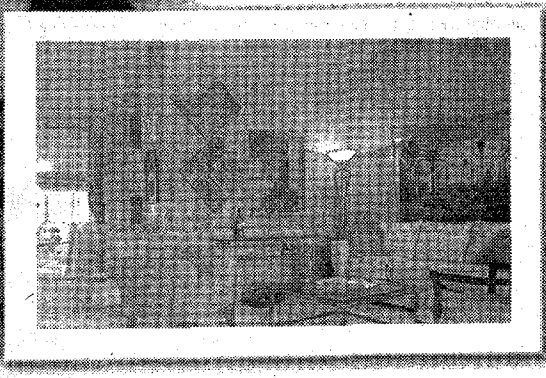
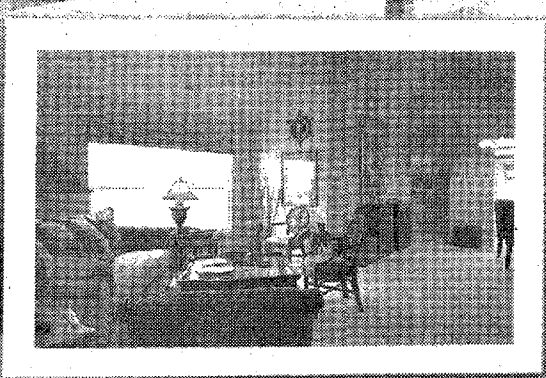
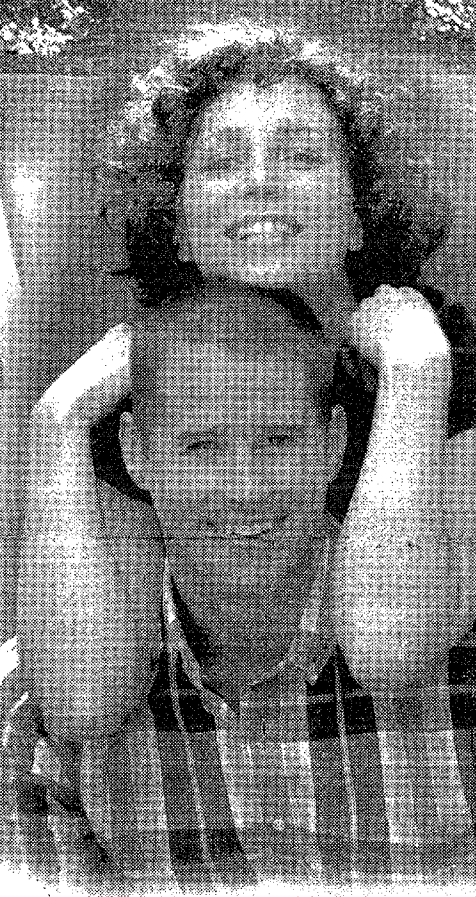
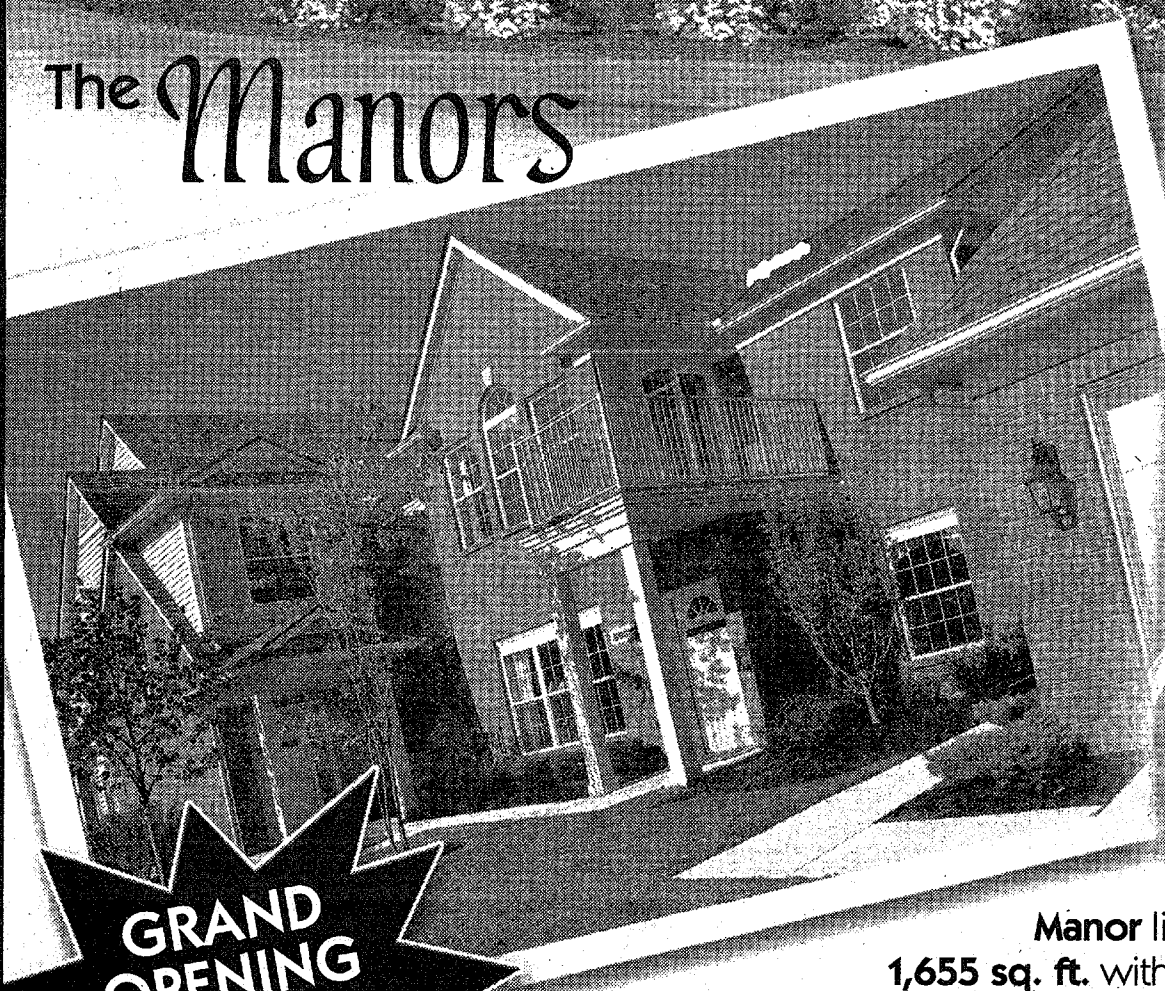
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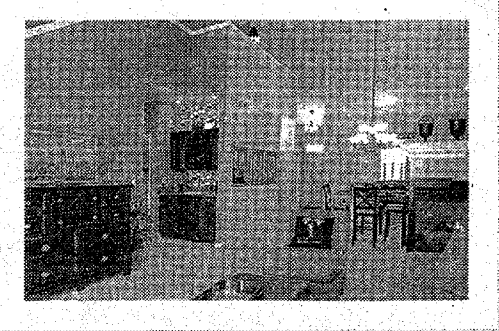
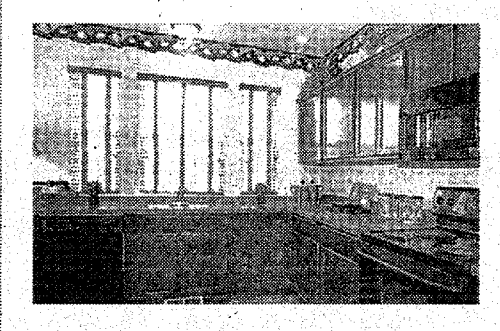
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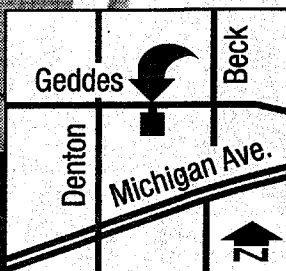
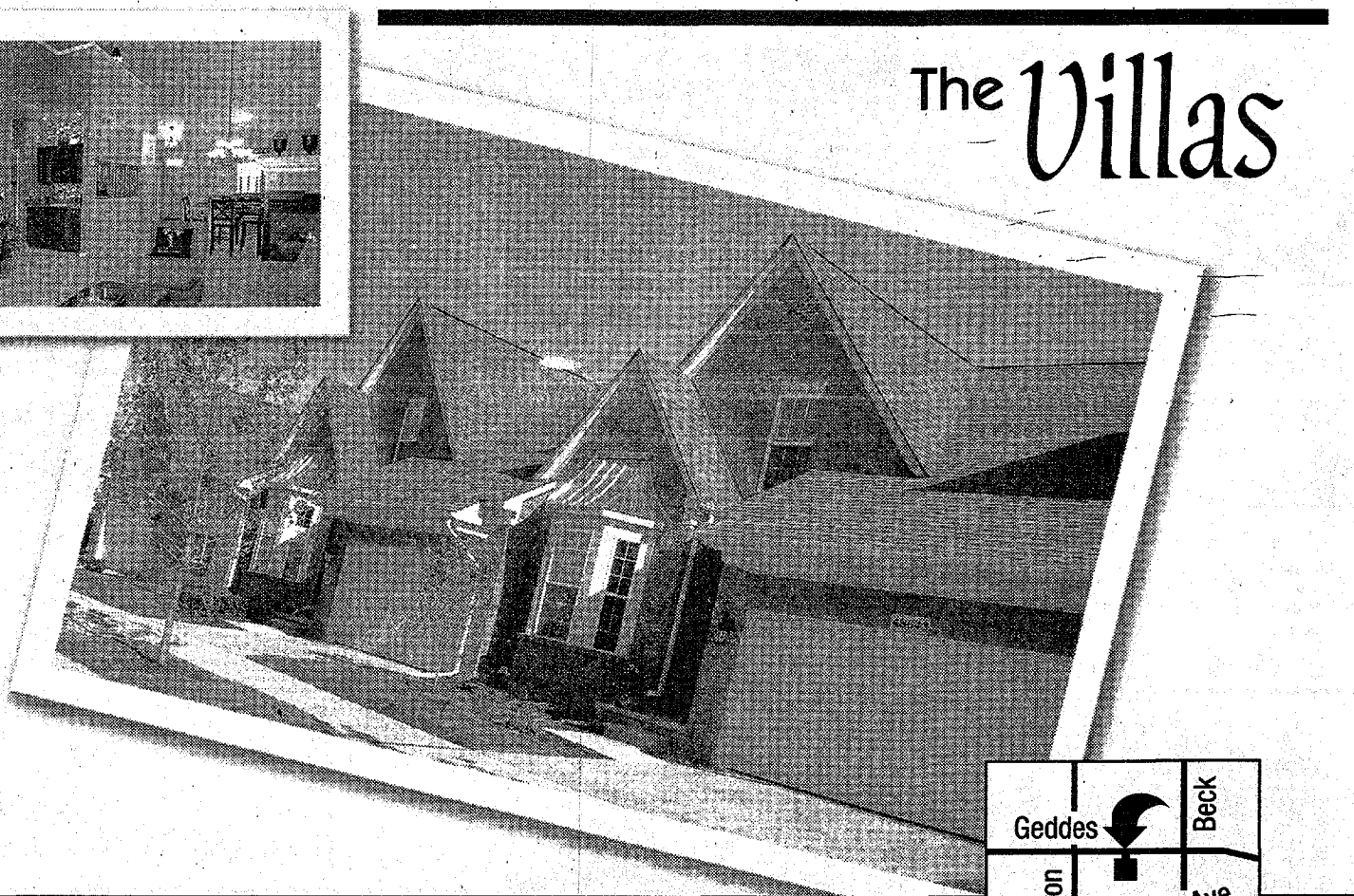
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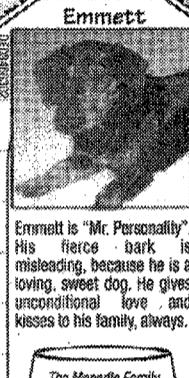
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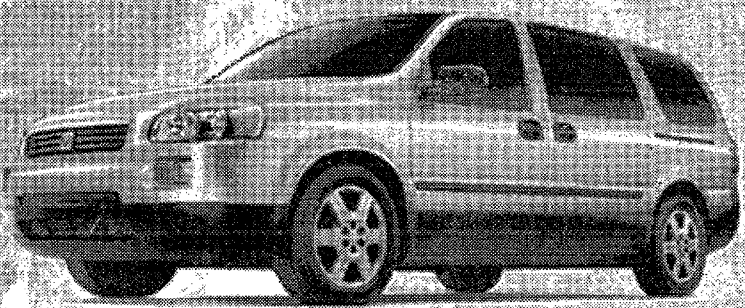
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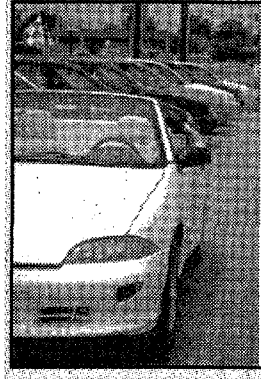
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By Dave Menard  
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I can always tell when I'm driving a buzz car, my term for a car that people really want to talk about. With the price of gas these days, anything with a hybrid label naturally becomes a buzz car, and the 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid is certainly no exception.

The first day I had it, I stopped at a sandwich shop, and no sooner had I gotten out of the Camry Hybrid than the man parked next to me asked, "So how many miles a gallon is that thing supposed to get?" And that scene repeated itself twice more—that day.

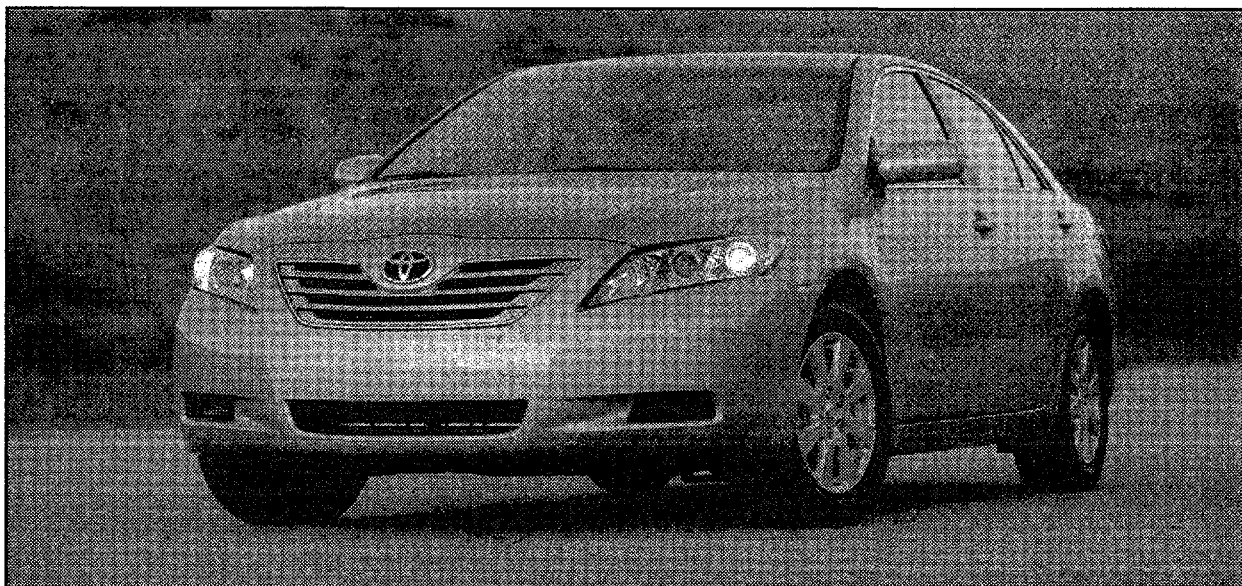
Buzz. To answer the man's question—and yours, too, probably—the Camry Hybrid is EPA rated at 40 mpg in city driving and 38 on the highway. That's not a misprint.

When stopped at a light, or waiting in a parking lot, the gas engine shuts down and the electric engine takes over until you accelerate. That saves you a bit of gas over highway driving, when the gas engine has to work a little more. This, of course, is the opposite of conventional engines, where idling in traffic wastes countless gallons of gas, and is just one of the things different about the Camry Hybrid.

The hybrid system consists of a 2.4L four-cylinder 2AZ-FXE Atkinson-cycle gasoline engine, which generates 147 horsepower and is coupled to a continuously variable transmission. The second half of the system consists of a small, specially developed electric drive motor that produces 40 horsepower, an ultra-small inverter with a specially designed compact battery and a transaxle to give you a combined horsepower rating of 187 hp and 138 lb.-ft. of torque.

The system is mated with an electronic controlled continuously variable automatic transmission. Shifting was smooth, although there is a bit of a hitch when you first step on the gas from a dead stop, not unusual for a hybrid as the gas engine takes over.

The Camry line, including the Hybrid, got a makeover for 2007. The wheelbase has been increased by more than 2 inches, but the overall length is the same. The track is a bit wider, and 16-inch wheels are now standard, instead of the 15-inch wheels its predecessor



2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid. Vehicle class: Mid-size cr. Mileage: 40 city/38 highway. Where built: Japan (Hybrid production will shift to Kentucky later this year). Base price: \$25,900. Price as tested: \$27,735.

had. The Camry looks a little longer and leaner than it used to. You can still tell it's a Camry, but it's a bit more modern-looking. A chrome exhaust tip is standard, as are color-keyed outside heated mirrors, and automatic headlamps.

Inside, if you liked the previous Camry, you'll like this one, too. While not spectacular, this interior is very nice for a family sedan. The key feature of the newly designed interior seems to be bigger.

The instrument panel features larger instruments with easier-to-read numbers. There's a driver information center display which can give you average speed, fuel consumption and cruising range. The Hybrid version also features an analog gauge that gives you instant miles-per-gallon information, with an electronic display that will average it all out for you when you shut down the engine.

As you would expect in a family sedan, there's plenty of storage, including a center console that features a 12-volt power outlet and an auxiliary audio jack—you supply the cord.

The cabin is roomier than previous Camrys, and the seats themselves are a bit wider—bowing to the reality that we, as a society, are getting wider, too.

There's plenty of legroom. The Camry will realistically handle four adults; the rear seating area is roomy enough for two.

The seats are cloth—leather trimmed, heated seats are available as an option—and they're comfortable, with good support. The driver's seat is eight-way power-adjustable while the passenger seat adjusts manually.

The Camry Hybrid comes with power windows and locks, a Homelink garage door opener, dual-zone automatic climate control with pollen filter, and cruise control. The standard audio system in the Hybrid and the XLE (optional on other Camry models) is a JBL AM/FM/six-disc CD changer, with Bluetooth, eight speakers and 440 watts of power. For \$1,200, you can add a premium system that adds a voice-activated DVD navigation system. The integrated system display is very well done, intuitive to use, and attractively lit.

The Camry Hybrid provides a nice ride, too. The suspension system is an independent MacPherson strut system with stabilizer bar, and in the rear, it's a dual-link system with stabilizer bar.

There's nothing jarring about the ride—it smoothes out most bumps pretty well without sacrificing needed road feedback. And it's a fairly quiet ride, too, although feeling the gas engine shut down at every stop takes some getting used to.

The power-assisted rack-and-pinion is very responsive, and the smaller turning radius makes the Camry easy to maneuver. The brakes are excellent.

The Hybrid version of the Camry starts at close to \$26,000. Compare that to the MSRP of a base Camry of about \$18,300. On the other hand, the top-of-the-line XLE starts at about \$24,500 for a four-cylinder and about \$27,500 for a six-cylinder version, so the Hybrid is a pretty good value, particularly when you factor in few trips to the gas pump.

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24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive	Zero Down	\$1000 Down
\$242** per mo	\$224** per mo	\$181** per mo
\$0 Due At Signing	\$440.76 Due At Signing	\$1455.20 Due At Signing

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Power exterior mirrors, anti-lock brakes, air, AM/FM/CD radio, 17x7 5-spkg bright alum whl, 3.0L 4V V6 duratec engine, P215/65R17 BSW tires, 50/50 3rd row split seat, 60/40 split 3-pass 2nd row. Stock #70125

Was \$26,360 **NOW \$21,724\*\***

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive	Zero Down	\$1000 Down
\$287** per mo	\$271** per mo	\$229** per mo
\$0 Due At Signing	\$400.51 Due At Signing	\$1416.03 Due At Signing

**2007 EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER** 5 STAR RATED 2007

V6, safety canopy, electrochromatic mirror, message center w/4 lines and compass, keypad, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed auto O/D trans. Stock #70532

Was \$28,995 **NOW \$25,161\*\***

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

Sign & Drive	Zero Down	\$1000 Down
\$308** per mo	\$288** per mo	\$246** per mo
\$0 Due At Signing	\$478.49 Due At Signing	\$1493.91 Due At Signing

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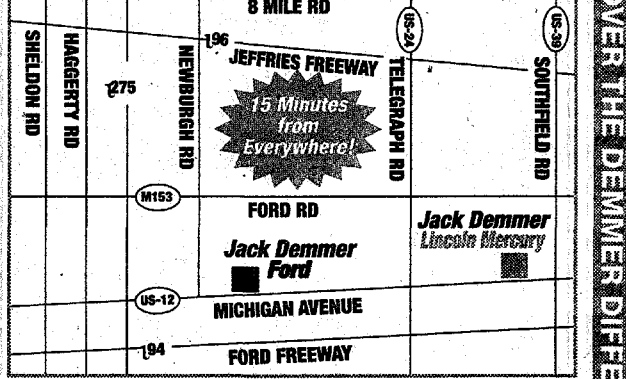
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