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Lymphedema from page D4

Cain, who wears a compression sleeve to keep the swelling under control, gives the Botsford rogram rave reviews.

"It was a wonderful experience with very noticeable results. I went three times a week for a total 17 treatments last summer," she said. "I try to do the exercises at home. I've found them to be to my advantage."

Risk factors

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St Joseph's Jones warned that if untreated, lymphedema can lead to a hardening of tissues. Lymphatic fluid is protein-rich. The protein acts as a sponge and folds the fluid. The tissue can become hard and fibrodic.
Jones said surgery and radiation puts a woman at risk for lymphedema, since both can interfere with lymphatic circulation. However, it is usually an incident that precedes the condition, such as tight blood presure cuff, blood draw, hangnail

infection, spider or mosquito bite, overuse of the arm, or a torn muscle. Lymphocytes (lym-phatic cells) then engulf the bac-

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said Jones.
Women who have never developed lymphedema after a mastectomy should remain on guard, warned Jones. "I've had some women who have not had lymphedema for 12 years but then an incident will trigger it."

Free booster seats to families in need

Ford Motor Company, Washtenaw United Way and Harvest International Worship Center in Denrborn have teamed up to distribute booster seats to needy families in the metro-Dotroit area. Boost America is a highway safety program designed to-send the message to parents and children that booster seats are the safe way to ride in a vehicle. Families must help to the proper income required; have a child between 40-80 pounds; have a child between 40-80 pounds; have a vehicle appropriate for seats being distributed; understands and signs a release;

understands the required education component.

Eligible families will receive a voucher (available at the event). Booster seats can be picked up 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wedneaday, Oct. 31, at the Harvest International Worship Center, 24921 Ford Road (five blocks west of Telegraph), Dearborn. Screening as well as distributing will take place at this location.

Dearborn Firefighters will be present with the Dearborn Police Department fingerprinting children and passing out Halloween goody hogs.

Visit www.boostameriea.org or call (866) BOOSTKID.

HOLISTIC HEALTH FAIR

Unity of Livonia Church (2866) Five Mile) will host a Unity Health Festival Saturday, Nov. 17 at the church. The event will feature specialists in all fields of holistic living.
With nearly 40 booths, there will be a variety of disciplines represented such as chiropractic care, physical therapy, fat analysis, hypnosis, yoga, message and acupuncture.

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There will also be workshops, health screenings, food vendors and drawings for prizes.

The festival is open to the entire community and you need

not be a member of the church to attend.

"We're looking to be a spiritual resource for the community which takes into account the entire person — mind, body and spirit," said a spokesperson for the church. "Unity considers itself a church of 'practical' Christianity and has always been interested in healthful living."

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The Unity Health Festival will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17. Admission, \$5. Call (734) 421-1760.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

MON, OCT. 22

CANTON BPW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
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CANTON Business and Professional Women (BPW) will hold a membership drive meeting from 6:30-8 p.m. at Damon's Restaurant on Ford Road, east of Sheldon. Contact: Lisa Fitzpatrick (734) 432-6826 or e-mail: lisa_fitzpatrick@comerica.com.

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SUN, OCT. 21

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
The Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends Support Group will meet 2-5 p.m. at 1677 Stadium Court (south of the traffic light at Pauline and Stadium Blvd),

Ann Arbor, Please come fra-grance free, Call (248) 348-4972.

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Health Care & Hospice of South-field 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Dorvin Nursing Center (South Lounge), 29270 Morlock, Livonia, Heartland serves the tri-county area, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Call Mary Parmentier (800) 770-9859 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to

TUES, OCT. 23

GRIEF SUPPORT
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