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### Campaign trailer

If as the saying goes all politics is local than it's probably no big surprise that one of the national trends in recent years has worked its way down to the 35th District Court race

We refer to the invitation we were handed at a local meeting this week Women for Gerou hosting a coffee reception fund raiser for their guy - judicial candidate Michael J Gerou

A female support group for the male candidate often appears in a race where the candidates are split along gender lines In Michigan gubernatorial candidate Dick Posthumus and congressional hopeful Carl Marlinga are similar beneficiaries (Posthumus of course is squaring off against Jennifer Granholm Marlinga is facing Secretary of State Candice Miller in a Macomb County race for the U.S. House)

Gerou faces Karen Woodside in the Nov 5 election for the new judgeship In case you're interested the Gerou event is 7:30 a.m. Friday Oct 25 at Baker Square in Canton with an Oct 21 reservation deadline Tickets are \$25 each Call (734) 454-0770 for information

### Bands-a-plenty

A half dozen area marching bands will be among those making the trek to P



CEP Stadium Saturday for the Great Lakes Invitational

The event begins at 3 p.m. and will feature bands from across the state including Livonia Farmington West Bloomfield and Novi as well as the host Plymouth Canton Marching Band

The annual competition and show is a fund raiser for the Plymouth Canton Band Boosters

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### Observer winner

Congratulations to Michele Siroky of Livonia our Observer reader contest winner who has won a \$500 Farmer Jack shopping spree Siroky was one of 872 Observer & Eccentric readers who responded to our on-line reader survey Thank you to all of our readers who participated and offered suggestions for improving the content of our newspapers and for making the Observer more relevant to their lives

# School enrollment hits record high

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Enrollment figures for Plymouth-Canton Schools indicate the district will record its highest-ever student population count when final tabulations are completed

The traditional "fourth Friday count" taken Sept. 25 for state foundation grant purposes, indicates the district has 17,027 students, which is up 446 more than the count at the same time last year

Plymouth-Canton officials have 30 days to refine the numbers, and they expect it to go down a bit. However, they still expect to have nearly 300 more students than last year.

"Growth is the savor in this district because of our low foundation grant," said Interim Superintendent Jim Ryan. "Developers are still building and people want to come here. It's a destination place."

The biggest increase is at the elementary level, where there are 237 more stu-

dents than last year. The figures indicate 11 of the 15 schools recorded increases in student population. Leading the way was Hoben with a jump of 47 students, followed by Dodson at 45 and Fiegel with 40.

Dodson has the highest student count among elementary schools with 632 students, followed by Tonda with 631, Field with 604, Bird at 602 and Bentley with 601.

"We can handle 600 kids, but the danger point is at the service level," said

Ryan. "Can one principal handle those big schools? Do we need to think of permanent counselors, which is another big expense?"

The educational park complex has 220 more students enrolled at Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools. Administrators attribute some of the increase to the construction of Plymouth High School, which opened its doors in August.

The preliminary indication at the park

PLEASE SEE ENROLLMENT, A7



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Tammy Krause, left, and her mother Anne Bowers, a professor at Schoolcraft College, are regular competitors with their Owl mascot "Whoooooo Chili" at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off which will be held this Sunday in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth

## Chili chefs compete for trip to world meet

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Annette Horn, organizer of Sunday's seventh-annual Great Lakes Chili Cook Off, said her "main goal is not to run out of chili. It may be the first time in seven years."

The event is sanctioned by the International Chili Society, which requires that proceeds go to charity. The winners will be eligible to compete in the world championships in Reno, Nev. There will also be a restaurant chili challenge, a salsa competition and a motorcycle show.

The Chili Cook Off is divided into red chili, chili verde (green chili) and salsa divisions, Horn said. The green

PLEASE SEE CHILI, A7

## Kelley: Issues are the focus

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Kelley casts himself as a pragmatic politician who is more concerned about solving problems than about political ideologies.

The Redford Township supervisor, a Democrat, is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Michigan's new 11th District, which includes Canton and much of western Wayne County.

Kelley says he'd focus in Congress on a domestic agenda with the same "workhorse" approach that, in his words, has characterized his career. He is a former county commissioner and deputy supervisor.

"I'm going to try to work on issues that matter to people where they work and where they

PLEASE SEE KELLEY, A6

## Rec plan gone as township cuts budget

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

There will be no joint recreation program between Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth after all, at least not in the next budget year.

Plymouth Township trustees Tuesday night eliminated some \$300,000 from the

township's recreation plan, most of it for programming, as they struggled to bring their proposed budget into balance.

Other cuts included some \$300,000 from the police department and dispatch, and another \$150,000 from various township departments. The cuts bring the budget, which initially had some \$1.2 million difference between expected revenues

and expenditures, within \$195,000 of balancing.

According to township supervisor Steve Mann, the budget is considered balanced because the township began the year with about \$5.2 million in its fund balance. Mann called the revenue projections "con-

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A7

## Symphony director is headed back home

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

After two years of listening to Plymouth Symphony Orchestra musicians plucking musical strings, Darlene Dreyer felt something more pressing tugging at her heart strings.

After extensive consideration and lengthy soul-searching, Dreyer, the executive director of the symphony, has decided she

wants to be closer to her family, and is going home to New Jersey to accomplish that.

Dreyer will leave the symphony Oct. 18.

"It isn't easy to let go of the things in life we love and have worked very hard to attain," Dreyer said. "After much contemplation, I've decided I want to be closer to my family."

PLEASE SEE SYMPHONY, A4



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Darlene Dreyer will leave her post as executive director of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Oct. 18. She's moving home to New Jersey to be closer to her family.

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AROUND TOWN

CLARIFICATION

A story in the Plymouth Observer last Sunday should have quoted Karen Woodside, one of two candidates for the newly created third judgeship in the 35th District Court, as saying "We have an excellent tether program for first-time offenders. The legislature has implemented serious penalties for habitual offenders. We will enforce those laws to keep our community safe." The quote was erroneously attributed to her opponent, Mike Gerou.

SPELLING BEE

The Community Literacy Council sponsors its annual spelling bee at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Yazaki North America Learning Center, 6300 Haggerty in Canton. There are several sponsoring opportunities. \$500 and above includes team entry fee and a full-page ad in the program, \$300 includes team entry fee and a one-third page ad in the program, sponsorship between \$50 and \$299 includes honorable mention in the program, and \$25 includes business name and phone number listed in the program.

Team members must be 16 or older. Proceeds benefit the Community Literacy Council, whose mission is to provide adults with basic reading, writing and math skills so that they may reach their fullest potential in life and participate in their community.

For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

RESIDENT HONORED

William Styles, a sales agent for AAA Michigan and a resident of Plymouth, was recently named to AAA Michigan's President's Council for outstanding insurance sales and service during 2001. Only 16 of more than 500 AAA Michigan insurance professionals earn the designation each year, AAA officials said. Styles works out of AAA

Michigan's Ann Arbor office.

BEAUTIFICATION NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Beautification Awards.

For the last 10 years, the chamber has presented the awards to "acknowledge those businesses who strive to make Plymouth a more beautiful place to do business," said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive director.

Winners have included every type of business, from small retail to large corporate companies.

Nominations are eligible in three categories: renovation, landscaping and new construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the city or township of Plymouth.

Anyone wishing to nominate a business must do so in writing. Deadline is Oct. 29. Mail nominations to the chamber, 386 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or fax them to (734) 453-1724. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

USHER ORIENTATION

The Plymouth Symphony needs ushers and concert affairs volunteers to assist with the upcoming events of the Treasures Beyond Measure Season.

The Plymouth Symphony Society will host its First Annual Usher and Concert Affairs Orientation from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. This is an important introduction to the concert process and is recommended for all concert volunteers, past and present, who wish to participate as volunteers at any concert event this season, symphony officials said.

Primary usher and concert affairs volunteer responsibilities include greeting audience members, taking tickets, collating and distributing program materials, assisting with Afterglow receptions, and more. Event dates include Oct. 12, Nov. 16,

Dec. 7-8, Jan. 11-12, Feb. 8, March 8, and April 11.

The Symphony offers free admission to season subscription concerts for these volunteers in addition to the joy of helping a quality community organization. If you would like to participate in the Orientation, please contact Darlene A. Dreyer, Executive Director, by phone 734-451-2112 or by e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS IN PLYMOUTH

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors "A Plymouth Christmas," Dec. 7-8 in downtown Plymouth.

Actors in period costumes will roam the streets, Santa Claus will be there, nuts will be roasting, the Little Drummer Boy will make an appearance and carolers will be on the street corners. Call the chamber, (734) 453-1540 for details.

GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON

The Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association holds its casserole luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon. A crafts auction will follow.

A patriotic yuletide wreath created by Jill Gander, Maureen Armstrong and Linda Coughlin will be on display and donated to the Children's Hospital for their Festival of Trees fund-raiser.

The festival runs Nov. 24-Dec. 1 at Cobo Convention Center in Detroit.

GARBAGE FEES

Plymouth Township residents will soon notice an increase in their trash-hauling bills.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday night approved a \$1.50-per-quarter hike in the fees.

The increase was due in the contract the township signed with Republic Waste, according to township supervisor Steve Mann.

Residents not satisfied with handling of Broe house issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Residents who live in Plymouth's Old Village aren't convinced by a report which indicates there isn't anything city officials can do about three rental properties on Farmer Street that are being used as supported living facilities owned by Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills.

However, city officials say they will continue to investigate the duplex, triplex and apartment building which house up to 15 people with closed head injuries. "Our team talked to the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services, and no one there has been able to indicate to us these private residences need to be regulated by the state," said Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur at Monday's city commission meeting. "In consultation with counsel, we view them as rental properties. These are not adult foster care facilities, and that's where the line seems to be drawn from a licensing standpoint at the state level because they lack direct supervision, and the residents have the ability to come and go as they please."

Old Village residents have complained to city officials and police about being accosted, loud noises and open alcoholic drinking by those living at 338, 347 and 378 Farmer. They argue the so-called Broe

homes are a business and not allowed under current zoning in their neighborhood.

I don't think anyone is convinced that there isn't something more being run out of here than simply a rental unit," said Matt Cardwell, who lives in Old Village. "That cuts to the issue of whether there's non-conforming use of these properties."

Neighborhood resident Lynn Gill wants to see more done to shut down the homes that have been there since I've never lived in a rental where there's been any supervision going on," said Gill. "In my opinion, it sounds like the city is washing its hands of the situation."

Broe's attorney, Gregory Bator of the Birmingham law firm of Bator and Berlin, agreed with a portion of the report which gave information on how Old Village residents can take action.

If they think we are not abiding by the city ordinances or city laws, they can file complaints with the city manager or property enforcement officer or city police," said Bator. "We are trying to operate as good neighbors."

That's when Commissioner Dan Dwyer became angry. "I don't buy any of it," said Dwyer, to applause from the audience. "You had to know that if you put three of them (homes) in that close proximity, in the middle of a neighborhood, you would have these problems."

"I don't think you did anything illegal because you know the law. But, you don't know how to be a good neighbor," added Dwyer.

"These people are concerned about their neighborhood and the environment your homes are creating. What can you do to address some of these problems?" asked Commissioner Stella Greene.

Commissioners and residents expressed displeasure that an Oct. 1 meeting to address issues, scheduled by representatives of Broe Rehabilitation Services, was canceled at the last minute.

"It's not going to end soon unless Dr. Broe meets with the residents and resolves some of these issues," said Commissioner Phil Pursell.

"I don't think there would be anything useful, other than to raise the level of concern and fear there exists now," said Bator. "Individuals have to get over it."

Pobur said despite the report, the Broe issue isn't over.

"I understand that this is not totally acceptable to you, but I think it's important to understand that we are limited in what we are able to do by the law and our role as municipal government," said Pobur. "This is by no means the end of the city's investigation of this."

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POLICE BLOTTER

BREAKING/ENTERING

Plymouth Township police were called Sunday to assist city police officers in securing Wiltse's Community Pharmacy after a breaking-and-entering at the downtown drug store.

There, police were given a description of three males: two juveniles and an older man, who had been seen hanging around behind the drug store, according to police reports.

Later in the day, township police Officer Jeff Felts saw three males matching their description crossing Plymouth Road

across the street from Tim Horton's.

When Felts approached the men, they ran. Felts pursued one suspect, a pursuit that ended on Holcomb when the suspect tripped over a curb.

Police searched the area for the other suspects, with negative results.

HOME INVASION

A Plymouth Township woman was awakened at her Bradner home Oct. 3 when her dogs began barking loudly and persistently.

When the woman searched her house for the cause of the dogs barking, she found two males had broken into the home through a window.

One of the men she knew, the other she didn't, according to police reports.

According to police, she caught the men trying to take some electronics equipment.

One of the men allegedly kicked one of her dogs, then assaulted her, before the pair made off with an amplifier, a cable TV box and the power tower to her home computer.

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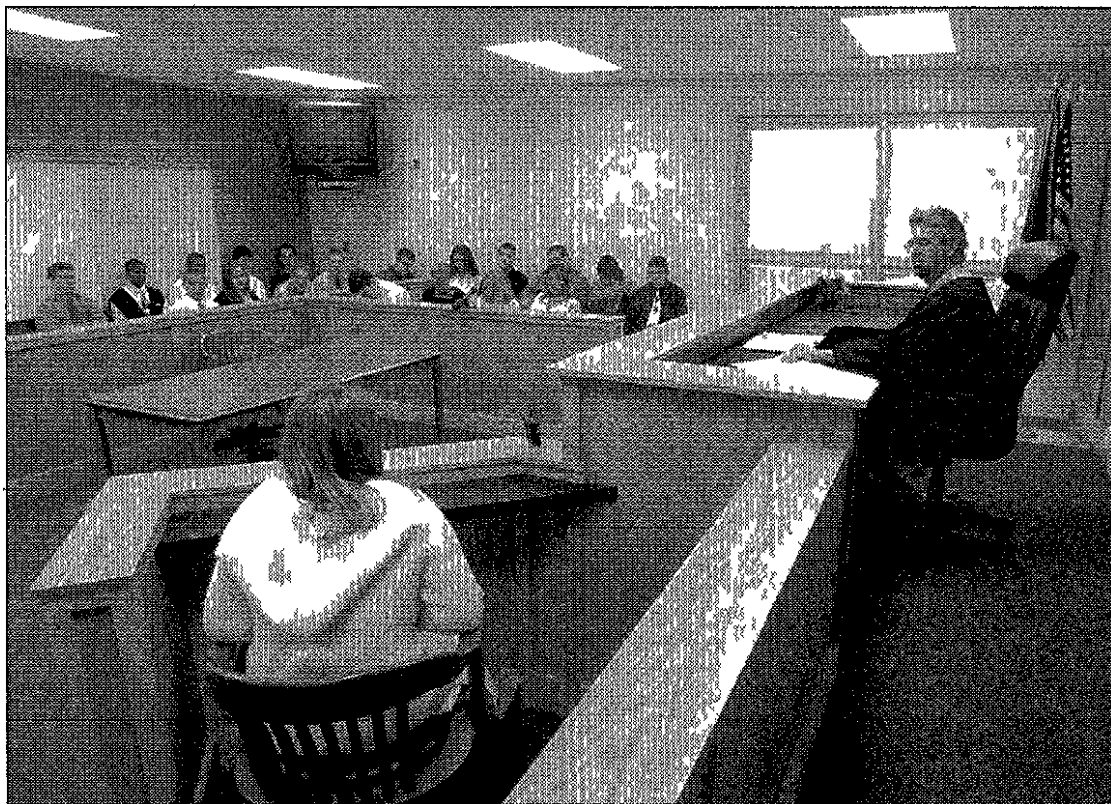
## Youngsters heard, judged by jury of their peers

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Jury foreman Whitney Soltau stood up, looked directly at the 16-year-old Salem High School defendant, on trial for being a minor in possession of alcohol, and announced the verdict. "This was your first time drinking, and there were no other drugs in the house you drank because of peer pressure you haven't had any other negative police contact we do feel you are remorseful and regret what you did," said Soltau, closing the first case in the 35th District Court's new Teen Court at Plymouth High School. "We don't feel you realize the affects of alcohol and have not taken responsibility." Soltau then read the sentence six months in a diversion program, providing her parents all school progress reports and report cards "to verify your grades stay constant", random urine screening, chemical dependency education because "you seem to be kind of naive about drugs and alcohol and we want you to learn more about how severe it is, and two days of community service because 'we feel you're not taking responsibility for

your actions, and this is a consequence of breaking the law." Soltau, 15, is a Canton High School student. She and nine of her peers listened to the teen tell her story - of how she and others were caught drinking alcohol at her home by police - and deliberated for nearly 40 minutes before handing down the sentence. "I think it was a pretty fair sentence and an effective process," said the defendant. "I think it was a good way to prevent doing it again." The girl's parents looked on as both their daughters, the other being 14, were sentenced by separate teen juries for drinking as minors. "It's a responsible sentence I thought it was fair," said the girl's father. "It's tough, as a parent, when your kids are getting an education and suddenly go another direction because of a bad crowd." Surprisingly, the younger sister was given almost an identical sentence by a separate jury. Instead of having to produce grades to her parents, she'll be required to write an apology letter for having the party and drinking while her parents were away. Plymouth, Canton and

Northville teens charged with misdemeanors have the opportunity of having teen jurors decide their fates in the newly constructed teen court. These aren't mock trials, but real court proceedings for teens caught breaking the law, who plead guilty to misdemeanor offenses and opt for diversion programs rather than prosecution. Teen court has been going on for nearly five years at 35th District Court in Plymouth. According to Judge Ron Lowe, the new teen court may be the first in the United States in which the court has partnered with a high school for dedicated classroom space. There have been hundreds of teen court jurors and they have demonstrated over and over again that this experience of taking real teens with real problems with the law and putting them in front of real teens that have been trained as jurors, that we come out with real solutions to their problems, Lowe told jurors before the trial. Tim Nadon teaches practical law at Plymouth High School and prepares teens to become jurors. The jurors are allowed to ask questions of the defen-



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35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe presides over the first session of Teen Court at the new Plymouth High School

dant, and of parents, during the proceedings. "Looking at the sentences, they were appropriate and were supported by the rationale they gave," said Nadon, whose goal is to show teens how the justice system works. "It gives students a chance to see how justice works, and the goals and limitations of the justice system, in a hands-on way, he said. "I think the benefit, inevitably, will be that they begin to see intervention not as a punishment, but as therapy, how to help someone make bet-

ter choices in the future." In the deliberating room, jurors considered how much the girl drank, the fact there were no drugs or tobacco at the party, how remorseful she appeared, and how the parents handled the situation when they found out, and the punishment doled out by the parents. As jury foreman, Soltau, who lives in Canton, said she was nervous, but comfortable with the position. "I tried to be as understanding as I could (when reading the verdict)," she said. "I know

I wouldn't want someone to tell me I was a horrible person." Nick Barker, 18, of Plymouth, said, "When it came down to seriously doing it, I felt more comfortable doing it with your peers. I could see how the defendant would feel more comfortable talking to us because we could relate better." "If the jury was all adults, I think the sentence would have come out differently, he said. "I think peers would be more lenient."

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### FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Sept. 30 and Oct. 6:  
**Sunday, Oct. 6** — Rescue on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Junction, S Main, Ann and Northville Road, vehicle accidents at Ann Arbor Road and Main and on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road.  
**Saturday, Oct. 5** — Residential rescue runs on

Colony Farms Circle and on Wilson, rescue run at a public building on 5 Mile and on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, fire on M-14 and Sheldon, vehicle accident at Haggerty and Ivywood.  
**Friday, Oct. 4** — Industrial rescue runs on Haggerty and on Plymouth Oaks, residential rescue runs on Hartsough, on Newport and on Linden, downed wires on Ann Arbor Road, investigation on S Mill,

vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Spicer.  
**Thursday, Oct. 3** — Rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Pinecrest, Sheridan, Ann Arbor Road and Eaton, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, vehicle accidents at Ann Arbor Trail and Main and at Beck and Port.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 2** — Commercial rescue runs on

Sheldon and on Plymouth Road, rescue run at a public building on Wilcox and on 5 Mile, residential rescue runs on Morrison, on Ann Arbor Road, on N Mill and on Karmada.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 1** — Residential rescue runs on Oak and on Mayflower, rescue at a public building on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, open burning on Denise, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road

**Monday, Sept. 30** — Commercial rescue runs on Plymouth Road, Haggerty, Beck and Northville Road, vehicle accident and wash down on Haggerty south of Schoolcraft, residential rescues on Blunk, Firwood and Washington, rescues on Schoolcraft and Port

### Bicycle Rides

The location of the bike tours throughout the Plymouth community which will start at 6 p.m. every Monday in October, has been changed to the downtown Plymouth parking lot behind the Penn Theater and the Gathering Place. Call Alan Van Kerckhove at (734) 455-9144.

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## SYMPHONY

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Dreyer said that, while she has no firm job offer at the moment, she is pursuing employment opportunities in the orchestra industry in New Jersey.

Dreyer, hired two years ago, was respected in the Plymouth arts community for the passion and dedication she brought to the position. She was the driving force behind one of the most visible new programs to come about recently, the Passport to the Arts program. The program provides school-age children with incentives to attend arts events at the orchestra, the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Hundreds of children took advantage of the program last year, the first year for the program.

"She has been so wonderful. She has connected so many people and groups together in her short time here," said Jennifer Tobin, the PCAC's executive director. "She's done a world of good for the symphony with her youth and energy, her total dedication. She also became a real driving force in bringing together other arts and cultural groups together. She revitalized the cultural alliance in this community."

Dreyer's biggest strength, according to those who worked with her, was her dedication and ability to market the symphony. The theme,

"Hottest Ticket in Town," was hers, and she was a tireless ambassador for the organization, according to Linda Alvarado.

"She's been a real integral part of our organization," said Alvarado, the president of the Plymouth Symphony Society. "In the two years she's been here, she's brought the organization forward into the community."

Alvarado said a search committee has been formed to find a successor, and notification has been made to the American Symphony Orchestra League in a search for qualified candidates. No timetable has been set, although she said they'd like someone in place as soon as possible.

"We've already gotten some applications," Alvarado said. "We're not quite there yet, but we'd like someone as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, Dreyer is preparing for a departure from a past she loved and a future she hopes will be just as good.

"I can only hope that I have left a lasting contribution to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and to the greater Plymouth and Canton communities," Dreyer said. "It's clear to me that my work for the orchestra and the community has made a significant impact on my life. I am so grateful for the professional and musical experiences my association with the Plymouth Symphony has afforded me."

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## Verne E. Keeth

A memorial service for Verne Keeth will be held at a later date. Mrs. Keeth was born June 13, 1909 in Detroit and died Oct. 2 at North Woods Nursing Center in Farwell. She was 93.

Mrs. Keeth had resided in and around Plymouth all her life. In her later years, she began writing her memories of life in the early 1900s in the Livonia area on the family farm. Several of her efforts were published in the Detroit Free Press. She was retired from Hawthorn Center in Northville.

Mrs. Keeth was preceded in death by her husband, Vivian G. Keeth, son, James Keeth, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter.

Survivors include son, Keith V. Keeth of Marietta, Ga., son, Donald A. (Robbie) Keeth of Plymouth, son, Michael J. (Diane) Keeth of Plymouth, daughter, Leslyn A. (Bud) Young of Farwell, 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

## George H. Stroyan

Services for George Stroyan, 87, of Plymouth were held Oct. 5 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Stroyan was born March 13, 1915 in Louistown, Pa. and died Oct. 3 in Livonia. He retired from the Burrough's Corporation in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1951 from Detroit. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. He was a wonderful family man.

Mr. Stroyan was preceded in death by sons, John and Doug.

Survivors include wife, Jean Stroyan of Plymouth, children, Pat (Norm) Kraetz of Santa Anna Calif., Debbie (May) Guthart of West Bloomfield, George (Florence) Stroyan of Boyne City, Harvey Stroyan of Plymouth, Sheree (Dennis) Chapman of Westland, Frank (Darlene) Stroyan of Gaylord, David (Wylme) Stroyan of Plymouth, and Mary (Mike) Dix of Westland, 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, brothers, John Stroyan of Belleville, Joe Stroyan of Fla., and Walter (Wanda) Stroyan of Westland, and sister Najia Lozon of Colo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## Fannie (Frankie) Cox

Services for Frankae Cox, 84, of Plymouth were held Oct. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Bryan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Cox was born Oct. 17, 1917 in Naylor, Mo. and died Oct. 5 in Superior Township. She was a waitress at Hillside Inn of Plymouth for 25 years. She and Claud were married for 43 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1956 from Detroit. She loved being outside and keeping busy. She enjoyed hunting and fishing. She was very colorful with her words and was a one-of-a-kind spirited person.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claud, son-in-law, Dwan Park, and brothers, Harry and Steve Rapotec.

Survivors include daughter, Claudia Park of Hamburg, grandchildren, DeAnna Park of Plymouth and Michael (Becky) Park of Taylor, brother, Frank Rapotec of Florida, and sister, Eva Eggersdorf of Warren. Memorial contributions may

be given to Heartland Hospice. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## Eunice Barbara Wise

Services for Eunice Wise, 78, of Canton, were held Oct. 8 from the Chapel of L. J. Griffin Funeral Home. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Wise was born June 24, 1924 in Canada and died Oct. 5 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Carol (Tony) Renzi and Lynn (Terry) Smith, son, Tom Wise, sister, Dorothy (Bob) Tarbell, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

## Harlan Dean Rosevear

Services for Harlan Rosevear, were held Oct. 7 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Mr. Rosevear died Oct. 4 at Heartland Health Care Center in Ann Arbor. He was born in Detroit and graduated from MacKenzie High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific aboard the USS Bennington from October 1944 to May 1946 under Admiral Halsey.

He graduated from the Detroit College of Business after the service. He retired as Director of Purchasing and Sales from Davis Tool & Engineering in 1987. He was a significant member of the Davis family for many years.

He enjoyed a second career as a steel salesman, representing Kenwal Steel in Detroit. Since 1986, he had been co-owner with his wife, of Carlson Wagonlit Travel offices in Plymouth and Wayne.

Mr. Rosevear was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fly fish-

ing, golfing and hunting and he traveled much of the world in enjoyment of his favorite sports. He was a former member of Meadowbrook Country Club, Ducks Unlimited and was Past President of Woodgate Condo Association.

Mr. Rosevear was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Guy (Betty) Seymour.

Survivors include wife and best friend, Katherine (Seymour), sister, Shirley (Robert) Gammon of Spring Hill, Fla., brother, Kenneth (Linda) Rosevear of Wixom, sister-in-law, Rosemary (Peter) Urbaniak, brother-in-law, Jim (Shirley) Seymour, Phil Seymour, Lawrence (Susan) Seymour, and Paul (Carolyn) Seymour, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association or the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

## Don J. McConnell

Services for Don McConnell, 80, of Westland will be held Oct. 12 at Good Shepherd Reformed Church.

Mr. McConnell was born Jan. 16, 1922 in Coeburn, Va. and died Oct. 7 in Superior Township. He worked as a commercial industrial plumber.

Survivors include wife, Carrie M., daughter, Donna G. (Kenneth) Michalski, son, Philip S. (Amy), daughter, Mary E. (Joe) Cooley, sister, Kate Gilbert, and grandchildren, Victoria and Samantha Palmer, Leah Michalski, and Katharine McConnell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Foundation.

Arrangements made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

## OBITUARIES

## MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed for type-written to Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

## Basic Training

Marine Corps Pvt. Christian Mejia, son of Mana M. and Somorfin Salazar of Canton, recently complet-

ed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Mejia is a 2002 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

Army Pvt. James S. Stambaugh III was graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Stambaugh is the son of Page A. and James S. Stambaugh of Canton. He is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School.

## Assignment

Air Force Sen. or Airman Joseph J. Williams has arrived for duty at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla. Williams is a communications computer systems control journeyman assigned to the 333rd Communications Squadron. He is the son of James Williams of Canton and Annette Cummings of Detroit.

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**KELLEY**

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live," Kelley said in a recent interview "That's been my frame of reference"

Kelley, 44, faces Republican Thaddeus McCotter, a state senator from Livonia, and two minor-party candidates in the Tuesday, Nov 5, election

If elected, Kelley said, his priority issues would be water quality and a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens

**The environment**

According to Kelley, Michigan will need between \$30 billion and \$50 billion in the next 25 to 30 years to address water quality and comply with stricter federal regulations Redford alone will need \$60 million to \$80 million by 2005-2006, he said, and some communities in the 11th District that have areas without sewers are also facing huge costs

"The federal government has to play a role," he said

"States and municipalities cannot do it on their own"

Kelley suggests low interest loans to municipalities, developers, farmers, "anybody who is responsible for upgrading the system to meet the dictates of the Clean Water Act" Tax credits, such as to farmers who use organic fertilizer, which is less polluting than inorganic, are another option, he said

Kelley cited US Rep John Dingell, a fellow Democrat, as a politician who has balanced environmental concerns with the needs of Michigan's automobile manufacturers "You can't throw out the baby with the bathwater," he said

**Health care, Social Security**

Kelley wants to see a federal program, through Medicare, that makes prescription drugs more affordable for senior citizens Estimates put the cost of such a program at \$300 billion to \$400 billion a year, he said

The government, he said, should "influence the marketplace without directly control-

ling the marketplace"

The government also has a role to play in providing health insurance to people without it, Kelley said, But, "I don't think government should take over the health care system," he said

**The economy and taxes**

Kelley said his economic priority would be a balanced federal budget (This year's budget deficit was estimated in August by the Congressional Budget Office at \$157 billion out of a total budget of more than \$2 trillion)

He doesn't favor making permanent the federal tax cuts of last year, as President George W Bush has proposed Kelley said he would have supported the cuts at the time, but that a slowed economy, the war on terror and homeland security issues have changed the picture

Kelley said he would be "a deficit hawk" in Congress

have to be more pro-active and I would support efforts in that area," he said

President Bush, he said needs to be more engaged in mediating the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians and "try to continue negotiate to find a meaningful peace in the Middle East," Kelley said

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "has to be dealt with" over questions about Iraq's weapons systems Kelley said But he is undecided about military action by the US and said there is no reason for an immediate decision

Kelley praised Bush for seeking international support for any use of force in Iraq Congress "should definitely weigh in on this," he said

"We need support from the Congress and from our allies and we'll have to see how that situation unfolds," he said



Kevin Kelley makes a point during an interview at the Observer offices in Livonia. The Redford Township Supervisor and Democrat is running for Congress in the 11th District, which includes Canton and much of western Wayne County

federal programs to help school districts hire more teachers and upgrade infrastructure, budgetary constraints have to be recognized Federal mandates, such as in special education, should be relaxed if there isn't federal money to meet them, he said

Kelley, who jokes that he is 'honeymooning' in the new 11th District, married Connie Skunner McNealy, an attorney, in May They live in Redford with her two sons, Andrew and Kyle, who are in high school

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**Other issues**

Kelley also ■ Said some military spending should be channeled into domestic security programs

"The military has to re-evaluate how they've done business over the last 20, 30 years The Cold War's done These huge weapons systems are no longer needed," he said

■ Said that while he favors

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Students in grades 9-12 at Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland and Van Buren schools are welcome, as well as those attending Plymouth Christian Academy Parents may attend as well

The sites include Canton Community Television at the Summit, the Canton Public Library, Spring Engineering in Canton, St. Joseph Mercy

Health System, Umsys in Plymouth, Westland Shopping Center and the Woodlands of Van Buren golf course and banquet center Experts will be on hand at each location to guide students and inform them on a variety of careers tied to each facility Advance registration is required and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 18 For information or a registration form, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040 or e-mail Showcase@canton-chamber.com

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The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$50.00 per set refundable deposit payable to George W Auch Co. at the office of the Construction Manager George W Auch Company 735 South Paddock Street Pontiac MI 48341 248 334 2000 on or after October 7th 2002. A pre bid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 15th 2002 at the Summit on the Park Conference Center 46000 Summit Parkway Canton MI 48188. Attendance at the pre bid meeting is highly recommended.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building Business Offices 1150 Canton Center Road S, Canton MI 48303 or to the office of George W Auch Co., 735 S Paddock St. Pontiac MI 48341 but must be delivered no later than noon October 24th 2002. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the project the name of the bidder and the proposal(s) being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a US Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

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**CHILI**

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chili is made with white meat and green chili peppers, and is actually hotter than red chili

"We should have about 60 people competing in the red chili competition, with another two dozen in the green chili and another two dozen in the salsa division," said Horn "The judges will include chefs from the culinary arts school at Schoolcraft College, local chefs and people who just love chili They will judge on taste, meat texture and meat consistency"

The competition begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Visitors to the Chili Cook Off can taste any of the chilis for \$1 per sample beginning at 3 p.m.

This year Horn has gathered 10 local restaurants to compete in the restaurant challenge "The most we ever had was five People will vote for the best, giving them a trophy and bragging rights for the year," she said

Last year's winner, Jack Dunleavy's Grill, will be back. The downtown Plymouth restaurant will be challenged by Bushel's, Central City Diner, Compari's on the Park, Doyle's Tavern, Lower Town Grill, Main Street Catering, Plymouth Pub, Plymouth Super Center and Sean O'Callaghan's

Bowls of the chili will cost \$3, and be available

from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will also be a motorcycle show, with a number of prizes, including one for the best Harley Davidson Registration is \$5 and the votes will cost \$1

As in past years, the proceeds from the Chili Cook Off will go to charity Horn said this year the money will go to the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Last year, said Horn, the event raised \$12,000 for the Rainbow Connection, which grants wishes for terminally ill children Horn said the money was used to buy a personal laptop computer, a trip to a Detroit Red Wings game with a limousine and dinner, and two Disney World vacations

Each year there are whispers that Horn will move the event because of expenses Of the total \$18,000 in expenses last year, about a third was for city services to hold the event

"There are chili cook offs in other locations where it's totally funded by the city as a promotional avenue for the city," she said "City officials have been good to us We're looking at ways to cut our expenses"

However, despite the money, and at times being wooed by other cities, Horn said she wants the Chili Cook Off to remain in Plymouth

"Plymouth is the perfect location for this event," she said "I don't know of any other downtown that has the same atmosphere as this"

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Shawn Booth of Garden City and his 'Chili the Kid' crew man "Fort Chilihead" during a recent Great Lakes Chili Cook-Off in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth

**BUDGET**

FROM PAGE A1

servative," and said the expenditure projections were perhaps "inflated," meaning the township's budget is in good shape

"We generally like to be conservative in expected revenue, and we like to make sure we have enough budgeted for expenditures to do the things we need to do," Mann said

Tuesday's meeting started with revenues and expenditures about \$490,000 apart After some discussion, Mann suggested cutting the recreation money

"We no longer have moneo on the table for that type of program," he said "Until another revenue source is identified the economic conditions change, that's not a program we're going to be able to pursue"

One potential revenue source could be the Proposal K, the statewide ballot initiative at would provide a half-mill arts and recreation fund One-third of that would be directed through local municipalities, and Mann said it "would be used for recreation" if it passes

The cuts in the police department, according to Mann, include things like new computer equipment and a fine-tuning of the salary structure within the department Mann insisted none of the cuts would effect the quality of service provided by the department, nor was the safety of township residents impacted by the cuts

He did point out, however, that providing services like police and fire protection was the township's biggest expense, naturally, he pointed out, the cuts there would be bigger

"That's where a majority of our expense is," Mann said "It's one of the most expensive services we provide And, the initial budget was a wish list of department heads, and the police department made the most requests"

Cuts of that magnitude (more than \$180,000 in the police department and \$150,000 in communications) will obviously impact the level of service the department can provide

However, police chief Tom Tiderington said residents will not see any dropoff

We're looking at combining positions to see if we can continue to provide the level of services we have with the number of officers we have without

having to hire more officers," Tiderington said "There's not going to be any reduction in safety services to the public We'll have an adequate number of officers to respond to emergencies, and to follow up with investigations

"It will impact our ability to do some of the other types of things, such as community policing initiatives, that we've started in the community," the chief added "We'll still be able to do them, we just have to figure out how we can best accomplish it"

While Mann consistently points out Plymouth Township has the lowest property tax rate in Wayne County, he acknowledges that the \$77 million spent on police and fire services far exceeds the \$5.5 million generated by property taxes

With the township's share (next year an expected \$2.5 million) being threatened by gubernatorial veto, Mann worries about how such services will be provided in the near future

We do not bring in enough money in property taxes to support services we're providing," Mann said "This trend cannot continue We can't provide the services we're providing if the revenues don't keep up"

**ENROLLMENT**

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shows enrollment at 5,072 students The breakdown includes 2,378 at Salem, 2,259 at Canton and 435 in the first class at Plymouth

The middle school enrollment remained steady, with the count indicating 11 fewer students than a year ago at the five schools

East, Pioneer and West have virtually the same student population Central saw a decrease of 54 students

Discovery, which has the highest middle school student count at 938, is up 50 students

It was a school constructed two years ago to handle about 750 students Last year the official student count was 888

"If this continues, we'll be in trouble," said Principal Roche LaVictor, who notes the school has 1,020 student lockers

"Everyone is in a classroom, that's the positive However, we had to move some programs, like ESL (English as a Second Language) and special education into smaller rooms

"We're at maximum capacity for classrooms," he said "Next, we'll have teachers on carts going from room to room"

Ryan is confident of the projected student numbers, and the increased state foundation grant money more students bring

I believe we're going to end

up with between 250-300 new kids," said Ryan "It's a wonderful increase, but our schools don't get any less crowded with the new kids coming in

"And, where's it all coming in? It's in the south and the west," Ryan added

With the increase in population comes more money from the state Ryan is hoping for an additional \$1 million when the final enrollment figures are developed

"Of course, we'll have to take away the costs for the new staff (11 teachers) we had to hire to handle the new students But, I still think it will amount to more than \$600,000, which isn't bad," he said

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## OUR VIEWS

# Patterson is our choice for Senate

Bruce Patterson has been an effective legislator as a member of the minority (Wayne County Commission) and as Majority Floor Leader in the Michigan House of Representatives. The Canton Township Republican could need those skills for a move up to the state Senate, which may sit alongside a Democratic House and/or deal with a Democratic governor — even while retaining its own GOP majority.



Patterson

For that reason and others, the Observer urges voters to elect Patterson to the newly-created 7th Senate District seat on Nov. 5. Patterson is running against a House colleague, George Mans, D-Trenton.

The L-shaped district stretches from Northville (south of Eight Mile) to Downriver and includes both Plymouths as well as Canton. Although it's generally thought of as Republican territory, there is a wide diversity in background and political philosophy among its residents. Issues range from preservation and development of riverfront property in Riverview and Trenton to managing growth and local resources in booming western Wayne County.

Patterson fully understands the Senate's policy-making role and has a solid grasp of the issues the legislature has faced during his four years in the House. In an interview with the Observer, he expressed concern about a tight state budget but wasn't ready to hit the panic button. Instead, he suggested a comprehensive review and better prioritizing by the executive branch and legislature, along with some serious compromise by all parties.

He doesn't favor reopening Proposal A.

Patterson is a pragmatic conservative. He is staunchly pro-life and is not averse to using a little political muscle when it comes to appeasing his party's right wing. His 2000 lame-duck session maneuvering to get the CCW legislation out of mothballs and into law comes to mind.

But we note he didn't sign a recent no-tax pledge making the rounds in Lansing, saying that while he doesn't like raising taxes any more than the next politician, sometimes it's necessary. He also strongly opposes a Homeland Security-type bill that would widen government wiretapping powers on grounds that it would invade individuals' privacy. He was right on both counts.

Neither is Patterson afraid to take on a popular governor in his own party when the interests of his constituents are threatened. His voice was one of the first — and loudest — when Gov. John Engler vetoed state revenue sharing funds that would have had a serious impact on local communities.

Patterson will have to tone down his rhetoric somewhat to be as productive in the upper chamber as he has been in the House and on the county commission, where he was constantly shouting into an Ed McNamara-led, Democratic headwind. He's intelligent enough to realize that.

We believe Rep. Bruce Patterson is best suited to represent residents of the 7th District in the Michigan Senate.

## Arts tax deserves support

This may not be the best time for arts advocates to come back to Wayne and Oakland County voters with a half-mill art tax. The economy is shaky and other worthy tax proposals have been on recent ballots.

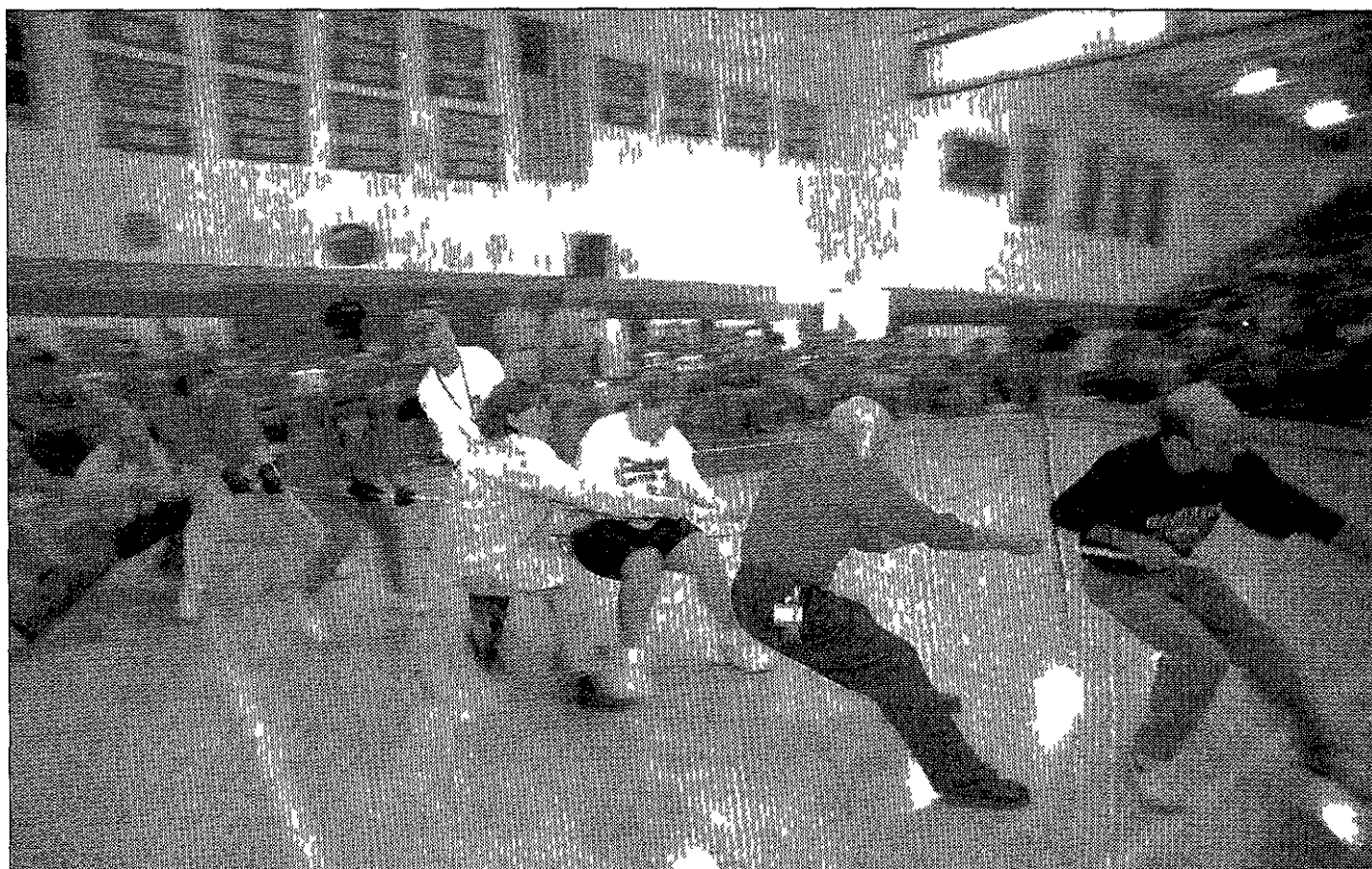
But if not now, when? The very economic problems that are plaguing the business community are also having an impact on arts and cultural institutions, from the Detroit Institute of Arts to the local symphonies. We believe that without this support, many arts groups, regional and local, will suffer severe erosion and some will not survive the current economic situation.

Proposal K would levy a half mill property tax on Oakland and Wayne County taxpayers for 10 years. Two-thirds of the money raised would be allotted to 17 designated cultural institutions including such large regional organizations as the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Zoo and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. One-third of the money raised in each community would go to the local communities which will allocate money for arts and recreation programs in a manner they decide.

When the arts tax came before voters in August 2000, it was approved in Wayne County and narrowly rejected in Oakland County. The proposal must have a majority of votes in both counties to pass.

We urge local arts groups to take their case to the community with more outreach programs. But we believe this proposal is a great opportunity for local organizations to grow and involve more people in the creative process.

We recommend a yes vote on Proposal K.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Teachers and staff at Canton High School proved students aren't the only ones with school spirit, taking part in this pep rally tug-of-war with seniors. The seniors easily outlasted the staff and won the contest.

## LETTERS

### Good deed

I would hope that you could assist me in a public citation to the Computware Ambassadors Tier II Junior A team and their coach, Todd Watson, for an undying tribute to their late friend, Mike Duffey.

Todd Watson organized and donated his team's time to complete a large project of staining a newly erected fence at Michael's home. This would have been an overwhelming task for me being recently widowed. This is a clear display of class and consideration, as well as a great example of giving back to the community.

Heartfelt thanks to those fine young men and their good deed. I know one day they will be paid back for their kindness.

Joanne London  
Canton

### Pool is needed

I would just like to take a moment to educate and inform the residents of the Plymouth-Canton community of a gross inequity that is occurring in our school district. I am talking about the fact that we have opened up a beautiful, state-of-the-art high school without a swimming pool. Many people in our community are not aware that no pool exists in our newest high school.

Now perhaps you don't have a swimmer so you may say, 'who cares?' Everyone here should be concerned about this. Property values tie in directly with the value of our school district. If we have two high schools with a pool and one without, where is the equity? As the parent of two swimmers, I would not choose to move here and chance that one of my swimmers would have no place to swim.

In the interim, Plymouth High School swimmers (8 girls and 4 boys) will have to share pool time with Canton and Salem. They will practice after those teams are done. Instead of allowing the small number of swimmers at Plymouth the opportunity to train with a team, they will practice alone. Some of the swimmers at Plymouth are outstanding athletes, but their chance of being looked at for a scholarship will be jeopardized because they will not be able to compete on a varsity level (not enough swimmers). Is there a team in either conference that will swim this small team? If the Plymouth swimmers swam with Canton or Salem's team, they would have the same opportunities on par with the other two swim teams.

In addition to this, a program of long standing in our community is in danger of being kicked out. The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers have been training our swimmers on the off season for many years. This program was actually started by one of the high school coaches as a feeder program for the high school. Many other districts support several of these 'rec' teams within their school district. Plymouth-Canton should try to be a leader in our neighborhood and keep this proud tradition and public service going.

Another short-term solution would be to allow the Plymouth swimmers to train with the Cruisers. This team has many outstanding athletes that have qualified to swim at the State, Zone and Sectional level through USA swimming. Again,

this solution would provide an equitable training level on par with Salem and Canton for the Plymouth athletes.

Our schools talk about equity as being very important. Swimming is probably one of the largest no-cut sports for women at the high school. We can spend \$1.3 million to put in artificial turf on a football field that services the few and is only operated 3-4 months of the year but we have no pool.

The only equitable thing to do is to build a pool for Plymouth high. Land has been set aside for just this use. If we were to build a state-of-the-art facility it would benefit not only our athletes but our whole community. In addition to providing our athletes what they deserve, we could recoup some of our costs by renting out the facility on the weekends to USA swim teams looking for a facility to host meets. Typically an aquatic facility brings in \$2,000-\$3,000 each weekend it is rented.

In closing, I would remind you that there is a lawsuit pending to put the boys and girls sports seasons together. So far all appeals have been denied. When this happens we will find ourselves in an even worse spot than we are in now. (How can 6 teams all practice at the same time in 2 pools?) It is time to begin consideration of the addition of an aquatic facility for our athletes. Plymouth-Canton schools have always prided themselves on being leaders and providing equitably for all its students. We want to be ready and provide the best possible solution for the swimmers at all three high schools and this is to build an aquatic facility and bring Plymouth High School on an equitable level with its peer high schools.

Pamela M. Lincoln  
Canton

### Expedient view

Thank you for the coverage calling attention to the so-called "pro-choice" position of Jennifer Granholm. Because of her views on abortion, Granholm has received the endorsement of the special interest group, Emily's List, a totally pro-abortion group that supports women political candidates who fully agree with its agenda. That agenda includes support for partial-birth abortions and public funding of abortions. This means it wants abortion on demand and to force taxpayers who are truly pro-life into the killing fields of abortion clinics.

I respectfully disagree with the Rev. Doc Ortman of Our Lady of Good Counsel, who was quoted as saying that, "The concern (regarding Granholm's position on life) has come from a mistaken notion that being pro-choice is equal to being pro-abortion." Sorry, reverend, but being pro-choice is being pro-abortion! In accepting the language of the pro-abortionist camp, the pastor has become a victim of its propaganda that tries to hide the reality of abortion.

Granholm should come clean and not hide her pro-abortion stance behind the euphemism of being "pro-choice." Choose Life!

Margaret Spas  
Canton

### Hypocritical stance

I'm writing in rebuttal to a letter submitted to the Observer by Janusz M.

Szyszko that was published on Sept. 12.

Szyszko attempts to speak for the majority of Catholics when he shares his opinion on the topic of abortion as well as the issue of Jennifer Granholm accepting funds from Emily's List and taking a "pro-choice" stance. In fact, Szyszko claims that the pro-choice/anti-abortion stance is one taken by the majority of Catholics. I believe that nothing could be further from the truth and that Szyszko's stance is an attempt to remain lukewarm on this issue for fear of offending anyone. And yet, abortion is offensive, in fact it's murder.

The label "pro-choice" is a mere marketing scheme used by the politically correct and morally cowardice to defend a position that allows them to wash their hands of the blood of innocents. And I believe that Catholics have no part in this movement if we are going to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Szyszko can claim that the majority of Catholics support free choice and reference his interpretation of the doctrine of free will. However, that logic is twisting the representation of God's gift of free will as taught by the Catholic Church.

Pro-choice is a sin, it means death. It's the murder of children who really have no choice in the matter at all. How can that be pro-choice? Jennifer Granholm cannot walk the razor thin line and remain true to the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Her supporters cannot expect.

Granholm is accepting money from organizations that support abortion and she wants support and money from her Catholic community. She cannot do both and stand the moral high ground. I certainly support her "free will" choice to stand one side of this debate or on the other. I, a Catholic, don't straddle the line on abortion. And they don't serve as leeches on Sunday and turn around on Monday and accept support and funding from the abortion industry.

As always, our Lord puts it best, what we do to the least of our brethren, we also do to Him. And if we as Catholics shouldn't judge Jennifer Granholm or her supporters, we should be discerning at the polls and interacting with our clergy and our church leaders.

Any Catholic engaging in heretical behavior should excommunicated.

Frank Finch  
Canton

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Steve Brodzik  
Husband of cancer victim



# If memo was blunder, Posthumus is committing sin

So what are we to make of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's now-celebrated memo demanding certain high appointments for Detroiters and other favors for his city as the price for turning out a big vote for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm?

Most of all, it reminds me of a saying attributed to the famous 18th century aristocratic French statesman, Charles Maurice de Talleyrand: "It's worse than a sin. It's a blunder!"

Political insiders, regardless of party, have been buzzing ever since the story broke big time last week in the Detroit papers and then became the focus of a TV spot for GOP nominee, Dick Posthumus.

With respect to the blunder, perhaps the kindest comment I heard was to the effect that the 31-year-old mayor could easily stand for a little "adult supervision" in the conduct of his politics.

If he actually was serious in hoping that Detroit would get special treatment from Granholm if he turned out a big Democratic vote, his memo virtually guarantees that won't happen.

No mature politician would ever dream of putting an enemy — much less an ally — into the kind of box Kilpatrick has put Granholm without knowing full well there will be a big price to pay for the error.

Sure, the draft memo was prepared back in August. It appears it was never actually sent to the Granholm campaign, and I have no reason to doubt Granholm's word that she never read it.

And I am not at all surprised she disavowed the whole episode as "ridiculous."

If the Kilpatrick memo was a blunder, however, what the Posthumus campaign is doing with it is a sin.

As the headline leading last Thursday's Detroit News paper pointed out, "Posthumus plays race card." It's been evident that Posthumus, who has been well behind Granholm for weeks, intended to manufacture "wedge issues" to run against Detroit and Black Americans in the closing weeks of the campaign.

First step was to slam the management and (Detroit-dominated) governance of the Detroit Water Department. Next came attacks on Granholm for supposedly favoring some form of reparations for the descendants of African slaves.

Now the Kilpatrick memo is the centerpiece of a \$500,000 TV campaign paid for by the Michigan Republican Party, showing Kilpatrick (in black and white, get it?) and Granholm (in full color) with the theme that Granholm would

"write a blank check for Detroit" if she gets elected.

There are two things to be said about all this. First, the TV ad is clearly overreaching in claiming the memo proves Granholm would write a check of any sort to Detroit even if she had received Kilpatrick's demand.

Politicians of all stripes demand all kinds of things every day without the faintest hope that any claim will ever be met.

The makers of the ad know that, Posthumus knows that, everybody who sees the ad should realize it.

Second, in playing the race card, Posthumus is committing an evil act in itself. No, no, he says, he's not introducing issues of race into the campaign, he's just pointing out a "pattern of conduct."

Whose pattern of conduct? One that starts with accusations that the Detroit Water Department is gouging the suburbs (factually inaccurate, as the suburbs mark up the water

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prices they receive from Detroit) and moves on to talk about the old canard of racial reparations?

Regrettably, the standard reflex arc of losing campaigns throughout American politics is to introduce race into the mix and hope something dramatic happens.

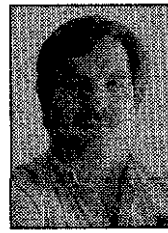
Posthumus campaign is merely following paths much trodden by other politicians who find themselves far behind less than a month before election day.

Even John Engler, who during his three campaigns for governor never displayed much affection for Detroit or its citizens, never went as far as his lieutenant governor has now gone.

I suspect that is so because at heart John Engler is more shrewd and far-seeing than Posthumus in realizing that after all the votes were counted he had to be governor of all the people in the state.

Over the years I've known Dick Posthumus, I had come to believe he is at heart a nice, decent guy. I'm sorry to say that I'm now going to have to reverse that judgment.

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# Here's some unsolicited advice for local politicians to ponder

I realize that, as a journalist, I'm supposed to cover political campaigns, not try to run them. A good newspaper person doesn't necessarily make a good campaign strategist (and vice versa, for that matter).

Still, several things have struck me recently, most of them in regard to politicians or would-be politicians. And, since my newspaper pays me at least in part to offer my opinions in this space, I thought I'd take the liberty of handing out some (definitely) unsolicited advice, free of charge, to anyone who bothers to listen.

These are simply my opinions and observations, and should be taken at face value. (Hidden meaning: Don't necessarily gamble the success of your campaign on anything you read in the next few paragraphs.)

Here we go:  
 ■ **To John Stewart** — Stewart is the incumbent Republican state representative for the 20th District, who won a fairly easy battle in the August primary. He was dismayed at what he perceived as slights by his opponent in that campaign, so much so that he wasted more than half of his closing argument in a recent candidates' forum taking umbrage at those perceived tactics. Problem is, this was a forum for the general election.

So the advice to Stewart: Stop fighting the primary. You won, let it go. Focus on the general election campaign against Mark Blackwell.

■ **Bruce Patterson** — Patterson is a current state representative from Canton seeking the seat in the newly drawn 7th State Senate district. His style is often described, by Patterson himself, as "bombastic and confrontational." One Detroit daily called him blustery, and urged him to tone it down if elected to the senate.

Advice to Patterson: Don't rely so much on your gregarious personality. You have good things to say, and sometimes the personality doesn't play well among the masses.

■ **Jonathon Grant** — Grant runs a Web site called [allplymouth.com](http://allplymouth.com) and is the Republican accused by Stewart of running a nasty campaign in the primary. Although we saw no evidence linking Grant to anything underhanded, he was supported by the Great Lakes Education Project, the Betsy DeVoss-backed Grand Rapids group that tried to paint a negative picture of Stewart.

Advice to Grant: Lose the Web site, or at least rely on it less. It's tough to quantify how much effect it had on the city election last year, since a large percentage of the posts were by the same small group of people. The site did record thousands of hits, but its impact on the election is hard to determine.

Unfortunately, Grant's opponents (not Stewart) used some material that popped up on the Web site in a vicious smear campaign against him. That didn't play well with some people inside the party and may have hurt Grant's financing. The site provides enough of a weapon for his opponents that it outweighs any positive impact.

Second piece of advice: If you're planning another run at the state House, get yourself elected to something, or involved in something, in the meantime. Name recognition goes a long way around here.

■ **President George Bush** — Our president made a point of saying on 19 different occasions during an address to the nation Monday that Saddam Hussein is building toward a nuclear arsenal some time in the near future, and he must be stopped.

Unfortunately for our president, he mispronounced the word all 19 times, saying (phonetically) "new-cue-ler."

Advice to Bush: If you're going to have your finger on the button of America's nuclear weaponry, you ought to at least be able to pronounce the word. Say it with me, Mr. President: "NEW-CLEE-UR."

■ **Kwame Kilpatrick** — The Detroit mayor may be on the verge of doing some good things for his city (although I personally see no real evidence), but he needs to get a handle on his public relations image.

First there was the flap over his casino deal, the one he tried to push through city council without actually talking to council representatives.

The latest fiasco is his "memo," the one Republicans are now trying to say is a ransom note addressed to Jennifer Granholm.

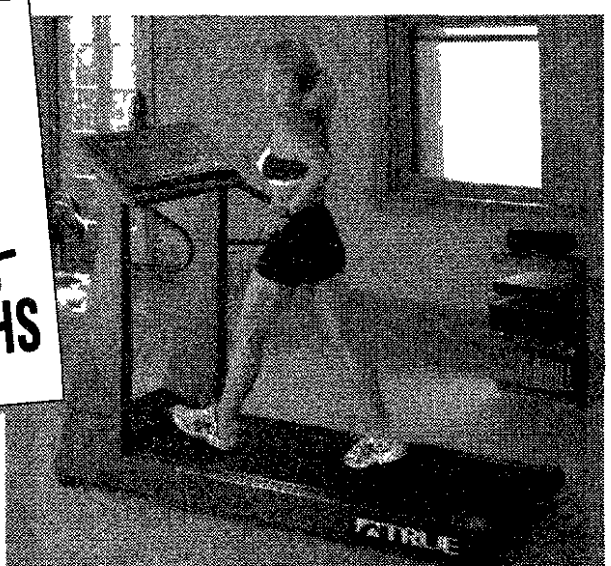
Advice to Kilpatrick: Don't write so many things down, and only let people have them who won't leak them to the press.

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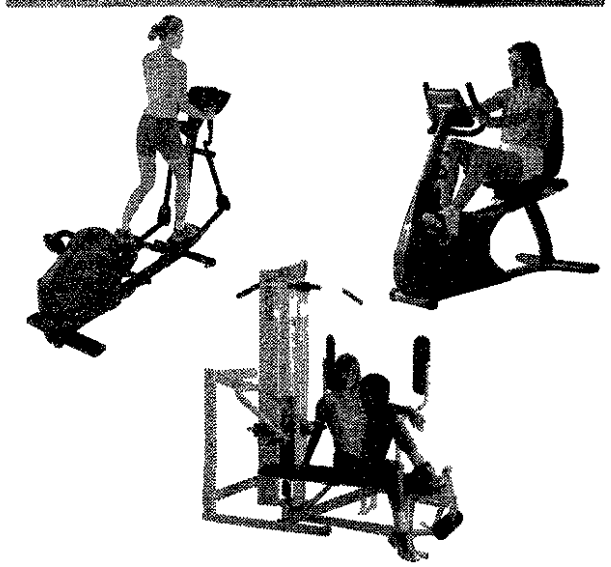
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# Arts tax proposal has strong support and strong opposition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas (R-Rochester) calls the promise of more outreach programs with the approval of a half-mill arts tax "pure air."

"It is air, just pure air," she said. "Police, health department, these other functions are real."

Steve Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, defended the tax proposal as essential to keep the area's cultural institutions from eroding.

"It's far more than air," he said. "It isn't air. Quality of life is not a fake or phony concept. People live in communities and want to live in communities because they have attributes that make sense to their families."

Douglas and Hamp debated the merits of Proposal K before a group of *Observer & Eccentric* editors Friday.

Two years ago, a nearly identical proposal was narrowly defeated. What was then called Proposal A was approved by Wayne County voters but rejected in Oakland County by just 517 votes. The proposal has to be approved by a majority in both counties to take effect.

## THE PROPOSAL

In August, Wayne and Oakland County Commissions

and Detroit City Council approved the incorporation of a nine-member regional cultural council and placed the millage proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot.

If approved, a half-mill property tax would be levied for 10 years in Wayne and Oakland counties. Two-thirds of the tax would be disbursed to 17 "major" not-for-profit cultural institutions. The remaining third raised in each community will stay in that community to provide grants for arts and recreation programs.

The 17 institutions are: Wright Museum of African American History, College of Creative Studies, Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook House & Garden, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Holocaust Memorial Center, Meadow Brook Hall, Meadow Brook Theatre, Music Hall, Michigan Opera Theatre and WTWS Public Television.

The 17 institutions will receive the same percentage of their budget but no institution would receive more than \$4 million. The cap applies to the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Zoo and Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village.



Steve Hamp



Sue Ann Douglas

The allocations will be made on the basis of averaging three years of expenses.

"This provides critical operating support for what we think has been a much improved, a much more community facing and service-oriented sector in southeast Michigan than it was 10 years ago," said Hamp.

He said the cultural community has been doing a better job of identifying its primary audiences, especially the elderly and school children, and developing outreach programs for them.

If voters approve the millage, Wayne and Oakland county school groups will receive reduced or eliminated fees, cooperative efforts with schools to match institute programs to school curricula, more outreach by performing arts groups and enhanced programs for seniors.

## OUTSPOKEN OPPONENT

Douglas said she has been an outspoken opponent of the arts tax. She said she opposed the tax two years ago because she had no time to review its merits.

"This time I had time to review and this statute is a disaster," she said.

Douglas said she objects to the 10-year time limit, the manner in which the council was organized (with six of nine members from Wayne County) and the method of disbursement.

"Cranbrook is on there three times. The zoo is credited to us but it's not ours, there's not a whole lot from Oakland County," she said.

She said that nowhere in the proposal is there a guarantee that the major institutions have to increase their outreach programs.

The biggest question, she said, is why Macomb County was left out. Hamp said Macomb wasn't included because it doesn't have a major arts institution.

He said Macomb, Washtenaw and other counties may decide to join at a later date.

"Communities are looking to property taxes for support more and more," Douglas said. "There are several communities in Oakland County that not in good shape and police and fire protection is fundamental to local government."

Douglas said the council will have all the authority of a government body and the only input from voters is on a tax that will run for 10 years.

But for Hamp the millage represents a last chance for cultural institutions to establish economic stability and to provide more programs for children.

"We'll see a diminution of some of the programs and services created in the last 10 years that do impact the kids," Hamp said. "I think we'll see less outreach in our communities, particularly by the performing arts groups."

Douglas said she would prefer a local option sales tax to

pay for arts programs because that would spread some of the cost to visitors to the counties and keep control of funds in the hands of county commissioners.

"It shouldn't just be a burden on the property owner. You have a half-mill here and a half-mill there, you're talking serious money," she said.

She said property tax demands are driving older residents from the county.

"Quality of life to me at my age and my husband, who's retired, is enjoying our home, enjoying our community and not just funding 17 organizations and having a safe community and not having to leave our surroundings."

Hamp countered that quality of life is based on many intangibles and that the major arts institutions contribute to that quality.

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## PLYMOUTH LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, 453-0750.

### FICTION

- 1 "Nights in Rodanthe," Nicholas Sparks
- 2 "The Lovely Bones," Alice Sebold
- 3 "Blessings," Anna

### QUINDLEN

- 4 "Red Rabbit," Tom Clancy
- 5 "Killjoy," Julie Garwood

### NONFICTION

- 1 "Let's Roll," Lisa Beamer
- 2 "Longitudes and Attitudes," Thomas L. Friedman
- 3 "Let Freedom Ring," Mel Levine
- 4 "What We Saw," CBS News
- 4 "Above Hallowed Ground," Christopher Sweet

### PARENTS CHOICE

### CHILDREN'S NEW FICTION

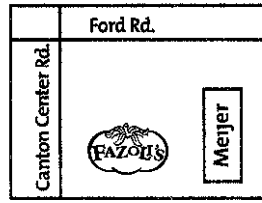
### BOOKS

- 1 "City of Names," Kevin Brockmeier
- 2 "The Thief Lord," Cornelia Funke
- 3 "Whistler's Hollow," Debbie Dadey
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The free open house is designed to get young people interested in aviation.

Participants will receive a Young Eagles certificate and have their name entered in the World's Largest Logbook at EAA headquarters in Oshkosh, Wis.

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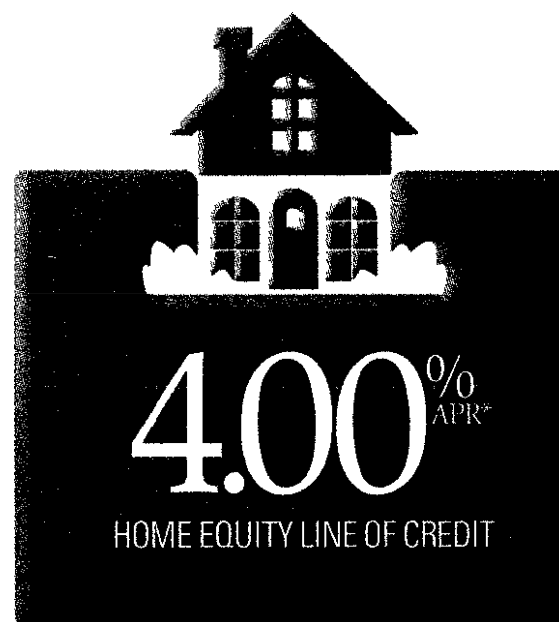
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## Hot tickets

### In concert

Folksinger Jan Krist performs songs from her newest CD *Wounded Me Wounded You* at 8 and 10 p.m. Friday Oct. 11 at Trinity



House Theater located on the northwest corner of I 275 and Six Mile just east of Haggerty Livonia Krist who has opened for Lyle Lovett Christine Lavin Marshal Crenshaw and other headliners also will celebrate the release of her albums *Decapitated Society* and *Wing and a Prayer* which have been re-mastered and are now available on CD Tickets are \$12 (734) 464 6302

### Musical theater

Noah played by Jeremy Leiner prepares for the coming storm in *The Children of Eden* The University of Michigan School of Music's production of *Children of Eden* The



Stephen Schwartz (*Pippin* and *Godspell*) musical runs today through Sunday Oct 13 in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre located in the Michigan League at 911 North University Ann Arbor Tickets are \$20 and \$15 Students with ID pay \$8 (734) 764 2538

### Get slimed

Audience members can volunteer to be *Game Lab!* contestants at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Oct 13 at the Education Expo in the Southfield Civic Center located on Evergreen just south of I 1 Mile Southfield *Game Lab!* is a popular Nickelodeon cable television show The interactive audience participation show aimed at children age 4-10 is one of many activities planned at the Expo



which runs 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free (248) 352 0090



# Shakespeare's bloody drama

## Theater professor plays up gore to attract audiences

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

James Hartman thinks he has a hit on his hands with Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*, Schoolcraft College Theatre's first production of the 2002-2003 season

It has blood, violence, murder, mutilation - all the elements that appeal to today's audiences Hartman was especially counting on the gore to attract young college students to the cast as well as the audience and it looks like it worked

After posting an audition notice for "Shakespeare's bloody drama" outside his office in the Liberal Arts Building, the theater professor overheard students excitedly urging friends to try out for it The production opens Friday, Oct. 25, in Livonia

"Why a bloody, gory, violent play? I just love Shakespeare and was hoping to find a way to introduce him to audiences," said Hartman "Today's young are interested in film

### Titus Andronicus

**What:** Schoolcraft College Theatre presents Shakespeare's bloody drama

**When:** Dinner theater performances 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2 performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9

**Where:** Liberal Arts Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia

**Tickets:** \$22 for dinner theater, \$10 performance only Call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5457

and TV violence so I thought *Titus Andronicus* It's equivalent to the film *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* Well, not really but it's one of the plays that have tremendous drama

PLEASE SEE **TITUS**, B5

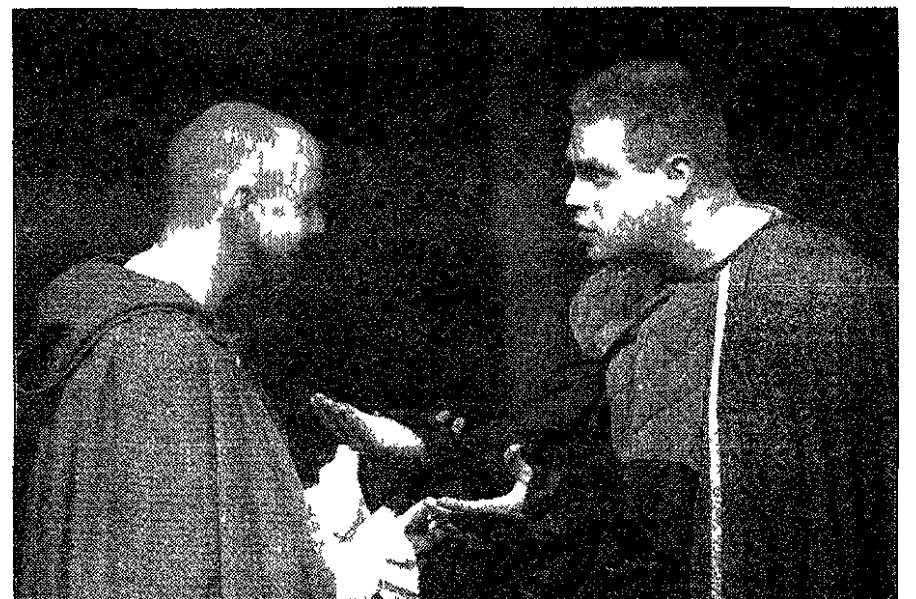


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Lovers Tamora (Brenda Lane) and Aaron (Benjamin Karl) plot the destruction of their captor in Schoolcraft College Theatre's opening production of Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*

**'Why a bloody, gory, violent play? I just love Shakespeare and was hoping to find a way to introduce him to audiences. Today's young are interested in film and TV violence so I thought Titus Andronicus. It's equivalent to the film Texas Chainsaw Massacre. Well, not really but it's one of the plays that have tremendous drama. I don't think you sit five minutes without something happening on a dramatic level.'**

James Hartman  
Schoolcraft College theatre professor



Aaron (left), played by Benjamin Karl, gladly accepts Titus's (Geoffrey Kopp) offer to chop off his hand

## Food catches wine inspiration at new Shiraz

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Today, Unique Restaurant Corporation's owner Matthew Prentice opened metro-Detroit's newest restaurant, Shiraz in Bingham Farms

In July, Prentice closed his Del Unique, adjacent to Morels, to convert it to a sleek, sexy, cool, Manhattan-style white tablecloth steakhouse that features more seafood than his highly-successful No VI in Novi

Executive staff confided that they wanted Prentice to call it Matthew's

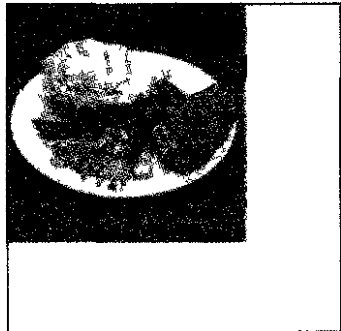
It's doubtful that he'll ever put his name on one of his restaurants. It's not his style

"I liked the idea of a wine name," Prentice said. URC's Corporate Executive Chef Jim Barnett, who created the Shiraz menu and who will be head noted for the foreseeable future, "Although it's the same grape variety, shiraz style wines from Australia and

California match steak better than French-influenced syrah"

Who better to let you make up your own mind in this shiraz-syrah debate than URC's Wine Director and Master Sommelier Madeline Tiffon? For the shiraz list, she scoured the wine world for the best examples of shiraz and syrah, anchoring a stellar list of red wines

PLEASE SEE **SHIRAZ**, B8



Say "I love you" with Lobster on Sweetest Day at the new Matt Prentice restaurant, Shiraz, in Bingham Farms

## Programming is the key to Plymouth Symphony season

Three seasons as conductor and music director haven't dampened Nan Washburn's enthusiasm for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

In her fourth year Washburn seems to be coming into her own as leader of the orchestra now entering its 57th season. Selecting music to please audiences is her strong suit Washburn's

won 14 ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming from the American Symphony Orchestra League. This season she's scheduled concerts that spotlight classical to contemporary composers including Mozart, Bach, Gershwin, and Gary Schocker. For the opening concert on Saturday, Oct. 12,



Artistic Expressions

Linda Ann Chomin



Conductor Nan Washburn leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in the opening concert of their 2002-2003 season

Schocker performs *Green Places*, a flute concerto written by him in 1996

A New York musician, Schocker has toured and taught

in Colombia, Canada, Australia, Taiwan, Germany, France, and Italy, and has several recordings to his credit. *Green Places* received its American premiere when Schocker performed it with the New Jersey Symphony

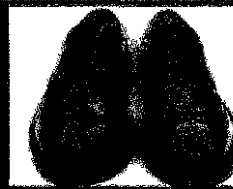
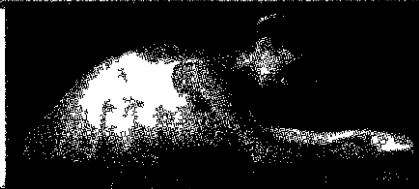
"It's always exciting to have a composer present but to perform his composition is a first during my tenure," said Washburn who earned a master's degree in flute performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. "*Green Places* is in three movements - *Topary*, *Night Blooming* and *Trollgarden*. It's Neo-classic. It looks back at older forms and occasionally sounds Baroque but with a modern flavor as well. The middle movement is kind of jazzy

"*Green Places* is a way to show off his technique. There are some flashy movements. It's a very tuneful piece"

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PLEASE SEE **SYMPHONY**, B7

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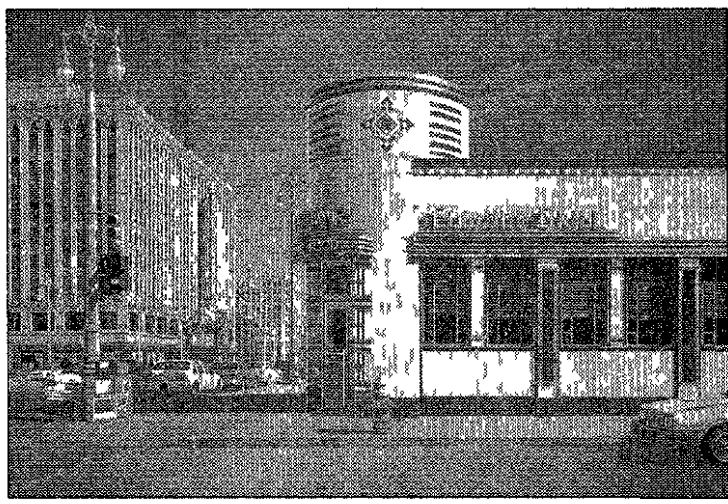
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# Our Town

## Annual event educates as well as entertains

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER



This acrylic painting of the Elwood Grill is by Russell Dunbar of Farmington Hills

Cindy Leonard loves and collects art so it's easy to see why she was chosen to chair The Community House's annual exhibition Oct. 17-19 in Birmingham. It seems everyone connected with Our Town finds pleasure in purchasing a piece of jewelry or ceramics for their home or simply looking at a painting or photograph that takes them to another place.

Our Town brings people together to share the arts. Area residents have the opportunity to see the direction Michigan painters, sculptors, glass, jewelry, and clay artists are taking with their work by visiting the annual exhibition and now they'll also be able to learn how it's made and why people collect art. But then The Community House is always looking for new ways of enriching lives with its educational offerings. On a daily basis the nonprofit organization offers classes on a variety of subjects in addition to organizing trips to cultural events like the Bolshoi Ballet at the Detroit Opera House.

This year there's a focus on

educational aspects with demonstrations by artists, a panel discussion on collecting art and a tour of Pontiac studios," said Leonard of Bloomfield Township. "It all begins with a gala Oct. 16 that's a really fun party with a strolling dinner and a way of raising money for the Community House."

"But what we'd like is for more people to just come during the day for the exhibition. There's no admission and of course we want to sell art. In the past we had a lot of art over \$1,000 and we asked the artists if they might do something less expensive and they came in with lower prices."

The \$10,000 in prizes draws the best artists in the state — this year more than 1,000 of them. Ferdinand Hampson of Habatat Galleries finally was able to select 275 pieces including more 3-D than ever before. Many of the artists show regularly but others like Donna Bell Zimmer show only once a year in Our Town. What began as a theme show with artists focus-

ing on their hometowns and cities has expanded to portraits, floral wall hangings and still life in clay. One thing Zimmer likes about the exhibition that hasn't changed is all of the work is by Michigan artists.

"Our Town brings all artists together, some well known and some just like me," said Zimmer of Bloomfield Village. "It brings people together. It's an opportunity for people to let other people know what they do."

Zimmer takes photographs just for the fun of it. She's been snapping away since her first Brownie camera at age 8. Zimmer learned the basics of not only creating compositions through a lens but printing the images while majoring in journalism in college in Missouri.

A mid-February trip to New York City led to her creating the photograph of a bright yellow taxi.

"I was looking for a picture that said New York City and it's continuing on. I'd already been to the Trade Center and took photos and then I was standing on an island in Times Square

### OUR TOWN

**What:** Art Exhibit and Sale features 275 works in a variety of mediums

**When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Oct. 17-19

**Where:** The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. For information call (248) 594-6403

**Gala:** 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. \$200 benefactor, \$100. The Art of Collecting Art. Panel discussion by area art collectors. 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17. \$15.

**Pontiac Studio Tour:** Tour vans leave The Community House 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, returns at 12:15 p.m. for lunch among the art of Our Town. \$30. Limited availability.

I'm always looking for an interesting angle. This is New York. This says it all," said Zimmer, community relations director at the Community House.

Sylvia Clark feels her oil portrait of an equestrienne captures the spirit of a young woman she used to ride with years ago at a stable on 14 Mile west of Woodward. A graphic artist for Michigan Bell until retiring 11 years ago, Clark belongs to an independent group of artists who hire a model to pose for them. The work was created during one of the sessions.

"It was exciting for me to paint that," said Clark of Redford. "I paint a lot of figurative and still life. You have to rise to the challenge of doing figurative. It's like climbing a mountain. When you're satisfied with a painting you feel like you've reached the top of the mountain."

Clark wants to be able to share that experience with others and Our Town allows her to do that. She's worked hard to develop her talent by painting at least three times a week since

taking classes with Karen Wydra at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. It's beginning to pay off. Last year she won a ribbon at Our Town.

"It's the quality of work entered in the show," said Clark. "It's thrilling to see the caliber of work and to be measured against other artists you hold in esteem."

Kathleen Andrews has exhibited nationally and internationally in quilt shows but has a fondness for Our Town. The Rochester fiber artist grew up in Birmingham and still has ties to The Community House where her sister Mary is a volunteer.

"This is my fourth consecutive year and I've sold pieces through Our Town two out of the three years," said Andrews. "The first piece sold within a few minutes on opening night."

This year Andrews' quilted wall hanging uses a watercolor technique of blending two-inch floral squares against a black background. The result is another of her floral landscapes for which she writes patterns and produces kits for the public. "I like to play and be creative,

something develops and I throw it together," said Andrews. "I like to create the illusion of depth and movement in my work. I use the principles of light medium and dark. They have a 3-D feel."

April Wagner's work is three dimensional. She and partner Jason Ruff create contemporary free form bowls, sculptures, vessels, and platters in their Epiphany Glass Studio in Pontiac. The working space is one of three on the tour Friday, Oct. 18.

Visitors will be able to tour the facility and watch Wagner and Ruff blow glass. The two Center for Creative Studies graduates only open the studio twice a year — once in April for Michigan Glass Month and for the holidays, this year on Friday, Dec. 6. For more information, visit the web site at [www.epiphanyglass.com](http://www.epiphanyglass.com).

Want to know more about abstract, mixed media and sculpture? Then you won't want to miss a visit to Nancy Thayer's studio. Richard Miller demonstrates how he creates portraiture in cast bronze, oils and watercolor.

Interested in why people collect art and how art affects daily life? Collector Pallas Hupe, anchorperson for UPN

*Nightside/CBS Eyewitness News*, leads a panel discussion Thursday, Oct. 17. Learn how Hupe started collecting after receiving a Degas sketch of a dancer from her husband for Christmas.

The "Art of Collecting Art" promises to answer questions about what to look for and where to look. This year's Our Town is all about learning.

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Sidney and Dre can attribute their friendship and the launch of their careers to one single childhood instant: Witnessing the birth of hip hop on a New York street corner. Now some 15 years later, she is a revered music critic and he is a successful, though unfulfilled music executive. Both come to realize that their true life passions can only be fulfilled by remembering what they learned that day on the corner. Featured players include Taye (*The Best Man*), Diggs as Dre, Sanaa (*Love & Basketball*), Lathan as Sidney, Queen Latifah as Sidney's best friend and Mos Def as Dre's latest musical discovery Rick (*The Wood*). Famuyiwa directed the romantic comedy. (Fox Searchlight) Rated PG-13

**KNOCKAROUND GUYS**

The story follows four sons of well-known Brooklyn mobsters who attempt to take on greater responsibility within the family business by retrieving a bag of cash from a small Montana town. Featured among the ensemble are John (*Rounders*), Malkovich, Dennis (*Meet the Deedies*), Hopper, Barry (*Saving Private Ryan*), Pepper, Seth (*Idle Hands*), Green, Vin (*Saving Private Ryan*), Diesel, and Andrew (*Bringing Out the Dead*). Davoli of the drama directed by first-time helmers Brian Koppelman and David Levien. As they unite to find the money they come face to face with the bloodshed and betrayal that is their birthright. (New Line) Rated R

**TUCK EVERLASTING**

Alexis Bledel (TV's *Gilmore Girls*) plays a free-spirited 15-year-old in a stuffy Victorian household who stumbles on the Tucks, a strange family hiding out on the grounds. They learn she has discovered a spring that makes them immortal. When the teen disappears, a man (Ben Kingsley) assigned to find her tries to use the spring for his personal gain. The teen must decide whether to become immortal and stay with a Tuck she's fallen in love with. Featured players include Sissy Spacek and Amy Irving. Jay Russell directed the drama. (Buena Vista) Rated PG

**WHO'S YOUR DADDY?**

Chris Hughes gets to live every teenager's dream when he learns that his biological parents have left him one of the biggest adult magazine empires in the world. Money, a mansion, playmates. Chris has it all. But not everything is as it seems. Waiting in the wings to usurp the empire is Chris' Uncle Duncan Mack. Between dealing with his new found super stardom and avaricious uncle, Chris has his hands full. Featured players include newcomer Brandon Davis, Charlie Talbert, Ali Landry, and Patsy Kensit. Andy Fickman directed the comedy. (Premiere Group) Rated R

**THE TRANSPORTER**

The story centers on a delivery man who is supposed to transport packages without asking any questions, but gets in trouble when he asks what he's been transporting. Dangerous complications ensue when the former U.S. Special Forces soldier turned expatriate mercenary is hired to kidnap the feisty daughter of a lethal Chinese cook who's smuggling his fellow countrymen into France. Jason (*Snatch*) Statham stars

as the delivery man with too many questions. Also stars Matt Schulze, Shu Qi, and Francois Berland. Corey (*Legend of the Red Dragon*) Yuen helms the action. (Twentieth Century Fox) Rated PG-13

**POKEMON 4 EVER**

Meet the rare and legendary Celebi, the newest Pokemon on the block. Known as the Voice of the Forest, it's cute and radically powerful. With the squint of an eye and a flutter of its wings, Celebi can summon its extraordinary powers and leap through time. While on an expedition in the woods, young traveler Sam has a fateful run-in with the ailing Celebi. In order to escape an evil Pokemon hunter, Celebi uses its powers to travel to the future, unintentionally bringing Sam along for the ride. It is there that Sam and Celebi meet Pokemon master in training Ash Ketchum and the mighty and majestic Pokemon Suicune. Created by Satoshi Tajiri. Adaptation directed by Jim Malone. Adaptation screenplay by Michael Haigney. (Miramax) Rating TBD

**THE RULES OF ATTRACTION**

Set in an affluent New England liberal arts college in the 1980s, an emerging sexual triangle emerges between Sean Bateman, who deals drugs on the side, Paul Owen, who's bisexual, and Paul's ex-girlfriend Lauren. Stars Kip Pardue, Eric Stoltz, Kate Bosworth, Clifton Collins Jr., Ian Somerhalder. Directed by Roger Avary. (Lions Gate) Rating R. Running time: 104 minutes

**WHITE OLEANDER**

Ingrid Magnussen, a feminist poet, poisons her ex-boyfriend in a fit of jealousy and is sentenced to life in prison, forcing her essentially orphaned

daughter, Astrid, to deal with living in Los Angeles foster homes, which put her through a wringer of hard circumstances dealing with five very different women. Stars Michelle Pfeiffer, Alison Lohman, Patrick Fugit, Robin Wright, Penn, Noah Wyle, Renee Zellweger, Amy Aquino, Debra Cristofferson, Charles Constant, Marc Donato (Davey), Svetlana Efremova, Cole Hauser, Leila Kenzle, Cathy Ladman, Matt Malloy, Taryn Manning, Melissa Marsala, Rudolf Martin, Allison Munn, Stephen Root, Samantha Shelton, Liz Stauber, Kimo Williams. Directed by Peter Kosminsky. (Warner Bros.) Rated PG-13

**Model trains chug through Plymouth**

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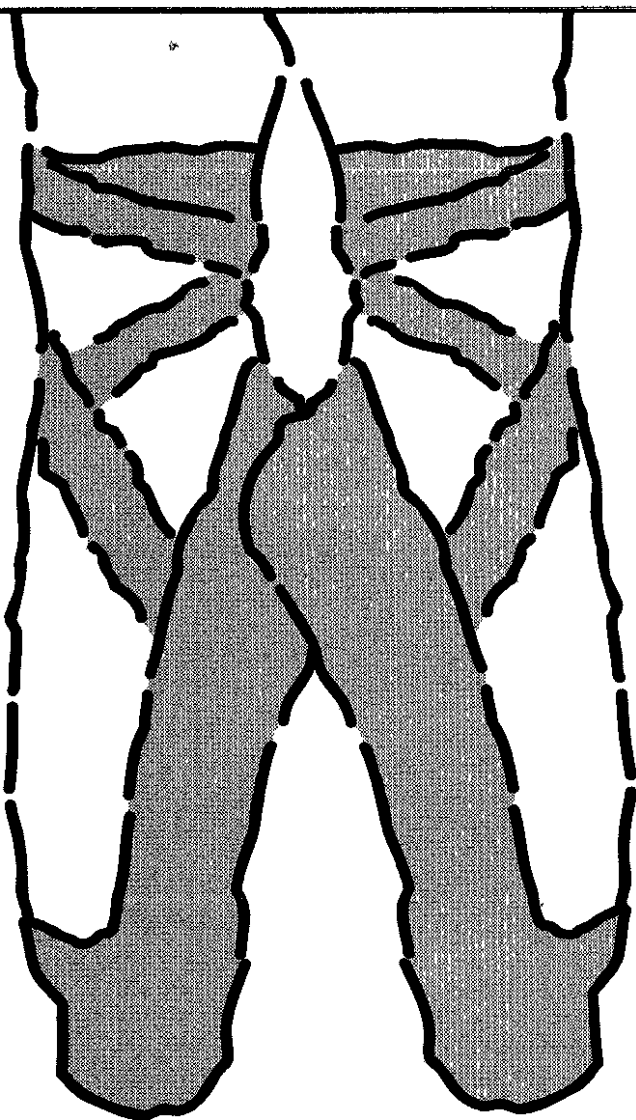
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steam engine operating small farm machines. The children's area will include a hay maze, games and craft activities. Horse drawn hayrides to the pumpkin patch and refreshments will be available. The Maybury Farm offers horsedrawn hayrides to the pumpkin patch each weekend.

this month. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 per child. Each rider may choose a pumpkin from the patch. Rides are scheduled 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Maybury is located on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck. A park permit is required for entry. (248) 349-3858



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**Music Hall**  
Duke Ellington's *Sophisticated Ladies* 7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 24 Nov. 3 opening night is Oct. 26 350 Madison Avenue Downtown Detroit Tickets \$22 on Thursday Friday Oct. 24 25 \$22 \$44 on other nights group rates available. For times and ticket info call (313) 872 0279

## COLLEGE THEATER

**Hilberry Theatre**  
*The Good Doctor* Neil Simon's tribute to Anton Chekhov plays in rotating repertory Oct. 7 to Feb. 4 at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University corner of Cass and Hancock Detroit \$12 \$20 (313) 577 2972 On Saturday Oct. 12 the Hilberry celebrates the Gala Opening of the season with the 40th annual President's Preview a black tie event that includes cocktails and dinner at The Whitney Restaurant a preview performance of selected scenes from *The Good Doctor* and an afterglow in the Hilberry lobby Tickets range from \$50 to \$300

**Oakland University Theatre Department**  
William Inge's Pulitzer Prize winning play *Picnic* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday Oct. 17 19 24 and Friday Saturday 25 26 2 p.m. Sunday Oct. 20 and 27 and 10 a.m. Oct. 22 and 23 Runs Oct. 17 27 at Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University Campus Rochester Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 Students Call (248) 370 3013

**U-M Musical Theatre**  
Stephen Schwartz's musical *Children of Eden* 8 p.m.



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The University of Michigan Department of Theatre and Drama presents Moliere's farce *The Imaginary Invalid* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 10-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Trueblood Theatre in the Frieze Building, 105 South State Street, Ann Arbor Tickets are \$15, \$8 students with ID Call (734) 764-2538 The plays satirical look at the medical profession is as timely today as when it premiered nearly 330 years ago

Thursday Saturday Oct. 10 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13 in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre located in the Michigan League 911 North University Ann Arbor \$20 and \$15 reserved seating \$8 students with ID (734) 764 2538

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**Farmington Players**  
*The Solid Gold Cadillac* runs to Oct. 26 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Oct. 11 12 18 19 and 25 26 and Thursday Oct. 17 and 24 and 2 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13 and 20 at the theater inside Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road between 14 Mile and Maple West Bloomfield \$13 (248) 219 0800

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**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook**  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Detroit Audubon Society**  
Lecture by Dorothy McLeer urban environmental education program coordinator with the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan Dearborn on Michigan Wolves Past Present and Future 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 10 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building 26000 Evergreen No charge all ages welcome (248) 354 9603

**Avon Players**  
Costume sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12 items include men's and women's clothing period clothing specialty costumes children's clothing hats shoes accessories and more at the theater 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads Rochester Hills (248) 608 9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org

**Buca diBeppo**  
Mystery Dinner Theatre *Designs on Murder* 7 9 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 29 38688 Six Mile Road Livonia \$30 per person includes dinner and entertainment tax and gratuity Cash bar available Reservations deadline is Oct. 25 (810) 513 7247

**Writer's Conference**  
The 41st annual Detroit Women Writers conference features 32 presentations by established authors agents and editors sessions focus on variety of subjects from play authorship to writing novels picture book marketable essays short stories poetry and how to books 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Saturday

Oct. 19 hands on writing workshops individual manuscript critiques and one day writing retreat Friday Oct. 18 keynote speaker is Marge Piercy 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 Saturday conference is \$95 with optional luncheon (\$10) Friday hands on writing workshop \$95 individual manuscript critique \$65 and one day writing retreat \$95 Pre registration is required (248) 370 3125 or visit www.oakland.edu/contin-ed/writersconf/ for a complete conference brochure

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**All That Jazz & Roses, Too**  
A benefit auction Thursday Oct. 17 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn Features live and silent auctions a strolling dinner and entertainment by Alexander Zonjic and Friends \$50 Proceeds benefit Development Center Inc and Community Care Services agencies which provide a wide range of comprehensive mental health services for children families and adults in southeastern Michigan The committee is still looking for donations for the auction For tickets or to donate call (313) 531 2500

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## CLASSICAL

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**Avon Players**  
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**Deborah's Stage Door**  
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## LIVE MUSIC

**Acoustic Avenue Coffee House**  
Location First United Methodist Church 22331 Woodward Ferndale

Colton 7:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13 \$25 \$29.50 and \$32.50  
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**Garrison Starr** with Susan Calloway 8 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13 \$10  
**Mega 80's** Low with Mark Eitzel 8 p.m. Saturday Oct. 19 \$12 adv  
**Brian Vander Ark** Verve Pipe vocalist 8 p.m. Thursday Oct. 17 \$12



**Bloomfield Hills pianists Jutta Czapski (pictured) and Joann Freeman** play a benefit concert 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills Tickets are \$100 for benefactors, \$50 for Friends Proceeds go to the Women's Committee for Hospice Care Czapski has performed in recital and as a soloist through out Europe Asia and the Americas A graduate of The Juilliard School of Music, in 1970 she helped found the American Artists Series of chamber music concerts She was artistic director and pianist of the series for 27 years

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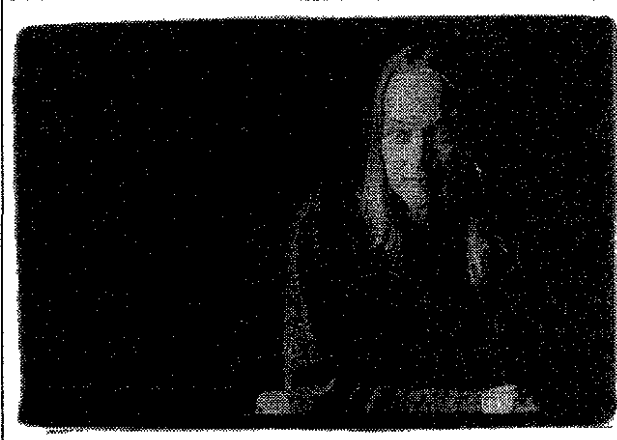
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Claire Holley (pictured) brings her acoustic guitar to the Trinity House Theatre stage 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 Born in the South, Holley was influenced by flattop pickers honky-tonk crooners, gospel choirs, and her grandmother's jazz piano Tickets are \$10, \$7 theater members Call (734) 464-6302 Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 West Six Mile Livonia Holley's performance is a part of a series featuring singer/songwriters Tickets are \$12, \$9 theater members

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# Love triangle takes center stage at Michigan Opera Theatre

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Giuseppe Verdi probably would have appreciated the fact that Michigan Opera Theatre artistic director David DiChiera waited 15 years to bring the Italian composer's *Il Trovatore* to the stage again. It wasn't because DiChiera didn't long to hear the famous Anvil Chorus. Rather, he lacked the extremely talented soloists to perform the lead roles.

DiChiera's dream to once more hear the haunting *Miserere* of the final act comes true with the opening of a new co-production with Opera Pacific and Florentine Opera of Milwaukee Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Detroit Opera House.

"It's one of the most performed operas since it was premiered and became so well known," said DiChiera. "The hurdy gurdys would go around playing the music with their monkeys and collecting pennies. The music is just so beautiful and the most difficult to cast well. It needs four exceptional singers - tenor, soprano, mezzo and baritone. That's always a challenge. Verdi



The Michigan Opera Theatre last presented *Il Trovatore* in 1988 at Masonic Temple.

singers are not as plentiful as they once were."

DiChiera scoured the world to find a cast worthy of the Verdi opera. Russian tenor Victor Afanasev alternates with American Jeffrey Springer in the role of Manrico who's separated from his brother at birth. Later, the wealthy Count di Luna becomes his nemesis.

American soprano Indra Thomas and Italian soprano Isabella Sacco vie for the attention of the brothers as Leonora, lady in waiting to the Queen of

Aragon. Ukrainian baritone Yun Nechaev and his Chinese counterpart C Y Liao trade off dueling with Manrico for her affection.

"It was a two year project," said DiChiera. "The costumes were built in Belgrade as well as the new scenery. There are some very grand interesting pieces that symbolize elements in the story. In the convent scenes there are huge walls and stairways and in the midst of it all a stained glass rose hangs over it. An enormous chain

hovers over the prison scene. It's exaggerated."

The story and theatrical aspects of opera are what drove DiChiera to found the Michigan Opera Theatre in 1971. This season's productions were programmed with those elements in mind. The theme of the season - *Objects of Desire* - focuses on revenge, wealth, lust, fidelity and redemption. *Don Pasquale*, Donizetti's comic opera about a greedy uncle trying to keep his nephew from an inheritance, comes to

the MOT stage Nov. 9-17. *Don Giovanni*, Mozart's opera based on the legendary conquests of Don Juan, follows April 26 to May 4. Fidelity is key to the Viennese opera *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss Jr. May 17-25. DiChiera bills it as "an evening of pure romance and champagne with music people will know and love."

MOT's first opera of the new century debuts June 7-15.

Currently at the New York City Opera in Lincoln Center, *Dead Man Walking* was composed by Jake Heggie. It is based on the true story of Sister Helen Prejean, a nun who tries to comfort a victim's family as well as redeem the man she sees within the monstrous murderer.

"We're co-producing it with eight opera companies," said DiChiera. "It delves deeper into emotional levels than the novel and the Academy Award winning film, and the nun who's story it is plans to come for the production."

But opera isn't the only art practiced at Michigan Opera Theatre. A Dance Series has

gradually grown to include internationally acclaimed companies. This season the more than 225-year old Bolshoi Ballet revives *Swan Lake* Nov. 20-24. The tale was first performed by the Bolshoi in 1877.

"Bolshoi means big. It will take 130 dancers to do *Swan Lake*. It brings you into another world of fantasy," said DiChiera. "Alvin Ailey returns in March (12-15) and The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago closes the season in May (8-11). It's our strongest season for dance since the series first began in 1996."

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## MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

**What:** Giuseppe Verdi's romantic tragedy *Il Trovatore*

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 12 to Sunday Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway

**Tickets:** \$18-\$105 and available by calling (313) 237-SING or online at [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org)

## TITUS

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I don't think you sit five minutes without something happening on a dramatic level. It's been criticized throughout history because scholars believed it wasn't a tight structure and because of the blood and gore. Shakespeare wrote this for his audience. He knew what they wanted much like film today."

In order to hold audiences' attention, Hartman spent two years editing Shakespeare's first tragedy. The story revolves around Titus, a victorious warrior who returns home with captives bent on revenge. Throughout the play, Tamora, Queen of the Goths, and her evil lover Aaron scheme to bring about the destruction of the conqueror and his family.

I was trying to make the language more understandable for contemporary audiences. I didn't change it to modern. It's still very Shakespeare, said Hartman. There's a great deal of mythology so when it wasn't necessary I took it out. If we're to keep Shakespeare alive, people have to understand it. You have to think of your audience whatever show you're doing. I had my classes read it

to see if they could follow it then edited again for timing. Unedited it runs close to three hours, too long for modern audiences. I pared it down so that it's close to two hours."

Hartman's added drama of his own as well. On a fairly simple stage, he casts mood setting lights on costumes designed by Lisa Brawley.

"I'm using unusual and effective lighting - upstage scenes in solid red, silhouettes downstage appear black. I set several of the scenes in evening time because it allows me to use more shadows and blue lighting."

"Traditionally red ribbons are used to symbolize blood pouring from the stump when hands are chopped off," said Hartman. "We're using stage blood. It's set in the Elizabethan period and we're making use of violence and gore. We want the staging to be as real as possible. The audience is watching Titus get his hand chopped off instead of him turning his back to the audience. I don't want to reveal any secrets but there are ways to do it. It's definitely not a play for children because of the staging but there's not as much violence as we see daily in the news."

Geoffrey Kopp thinks Shakespeare used violence not just for killing's sake but to illustrate the repercussions of seeking revenge. As Titus, Kopp swings from anger to sadness and finally madness before his death. His background as a former theater teacher at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park enables Kopp to understand the motivation behind the words. Kopp began his studies with Hartman in the early 1990s at Schoolcraft College then went on to earn a degree in English and theater from Western Michigan University. In March he directed *Pippin* at Plymouth Salem High School.

"I'm a big fan of Shakespeare," said Kopp, a Northville resident. "The play was written by a young, angst-filled Shakespeare. It's not just violence but intense passions of a Roman general who makes a fateful mistake by killing one of Tamora's sons. The whole play's about justice and

vengeance. Titus is very instinctual. You hurt me, I kill you till there's no one left."

"It's such a huge role. The demands are incredible because he switches emotional states so quickly until finally he's spiraling down in a descent into madness."

Brenda Lane causes most of Titus's downfall as Tamora, Queen of the Goths. The plotting captive is out to avenge Titus's sacrifice of one of her sons to the Gods.

Lane majored in acting at the University of Wisconsin and has been in several productions at Schoolcraft College in the last five years.

The play is a lot about revenge and for Tamora it's the intensity of her motivation, said Lane, co-owner of Bonfire Bistro in Northville. "She manipulates people into killing other people to get her revenge."

Benjamin Karl plays one of the characters she wraps around her finger. Aaron is Tamora's malicious lover.

Karl first became interested in theater and Shakespeare during his senior year at Franklin High School in Livonia. He later studied acting with Hartman and now produces independent films.

"He's the most evil character in the play," said Karl of Livonia. "He's at the root of the bad things that happen. He's filled with a lot of hatred because of the racism and prejudice he's withstood because of his skin color."

"I'm a Shakespeare fanatic," said Karl who performed in Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* at Schoolcraft College. "I prefer Shakespeare's tragedies which deal more in human truths. It's why he's lasted 400 years. The language has changed but the tragedies

get more into the human psyche and how people react to situations. There's an intense darkness to it that reflects how people not fully matured view things happening around them."

The tragedy of Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus* is what initially led Hartman to select the play for the opening production of Schoolcraft College Theatre's season.

"It's fine to go and laugh at comedy but good to go and be absorbed in a drama that's going to change the way you think," said Hartman. "I think this is going to end up being one of the most powerful things that Schoolcraft College does."

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# The Mooney Suzuki's mad, mod world

I've said it before and I'll say it again — The Mooney Suzuki might as well be New York City's answer to The Go Scaled-down, down-right rhythm & blues finally found the light of day For the garage rock quartet that light is drenched in *Electric Sweat*

## Street Scene

Stephanie Casola  
The band's second effort, and first on Gammon Records, was recorded in August, 2001 with Detroit producer Jim Diamond (The White Stripes, The Go) at his

Ghetto Recorders studio Turns out the Moomies loved The Go's SubPop debut, *Whatcha Doin'* According to singer Sammy James Jr, they practically begged to tour with the Detroit band Then, the Moonies got an earful of The White Stripes

"We thought 'Oh this is great stuff,' said James "They were all recorded by Jim"

After playing a show at Detroit's Magic Stick last year, The Mooney Suzuki was introduced to Diamond, thanks to mutual friend Ben Blackwell The band had a chance to tour Ghetto Recorders studio

"It was really cool," said James "We were inspired to do something We came back that summer and ended up recording the whole album there"

Diamond said the approach in the studio was quite different on *Electric Sweat*

"The Go record was recorded quickly but took forever to mix and edit," said Diamond, responding via e-mail during The Dirtbombs West Coast tour "The Mooney record didn't take that long at all, a few weekends We initially tried mixing The Mooney Suzuki like The Go record, tons of old reverb, no drums, (it) just didn't sound right at all I ended up mixing it like I felt it should be mixed"

*Electric Sweat* brings rock back to basics — covering subjects no more serious than girls and guitars From the fiery of its title track, to the trailing tale *The Broken Heart*, The Mooney Suzuki's latest earned

every drop of attention it's received

"Working on the vocal for that *Broken Heart* ballad was really great," said Diamond "We put a lot of quality time into that And I think it shows"

Diamond heard parallels to The Who right away "Sam came into town and we were joking about The Who-influenced songs And I said, 'Man, you gotta have an acoustic guitar in there and tambourine All those Who songs have acoustic and tambourine'"

Their mantra became "What would Daltrey do?"

James attributes much of the Moonies success to non-stop touring Since he and guitarist Graham Tyler formed the band in 1997, live performance played a key role

"We're definitely trying to take it to the next level," said James "We're staying on the road as much as possible It's always worked for us"

In the beginning, the band set out without support of a booking agent or record label The quartet played at "Mod Nights" in clubs on the East Coast It led to more touring, real venues and eventually big-deal tours with the likes of The Hives and The White Stripes "It's a different band in many ways," said James "We try to



Mooney Suzuki

keep things the same There are still elements of the show that were there from the beginning"

But new material calls for constant change It's also garnered the band a Nike commercial and recent appearance on the *Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn*

Life for the musicians, though, has stayed the same "We're in a 15-passenger van," said James "We're on tour This is our exact life two years ago"

The Mooney Suzuki is looking forward to a stop in Detroit And not just for its notorious rock audiences

"We go to Detroit and the partying that ensues after the show leaves us all empty shells," James said

The Mooney Suzuki would fit seamlessly into the local rock scene, complementing the likes of The Dirtbombs and the Detroit Cobras It all comes down to one truth

"We're hard-working boys, trying to make good," said James

Catch The Mooney Suzuki live when they return with openers Sahara Hot Nights 8 p.m. Wednesday Oct 16 at The Shelter below St. Andrews Hall 431 E. Congress in Detroit Tickets \$8 for this all ages show Call (248) 645-6666

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes a popular music column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers She can be reached at scasola@ehomecom.net

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## Clinic checks up on Detroit



Clinic

If you're hoping for a sneak peak of Clinic behind the surgical masks, you might be disappointed The band will be in full medical uniform Monday night when they return to Detroit's St. Andrews Hall

The band packed the Shelter last winter — despite an electronica crowd looming on the above floor This time the place belongs solely to these four low-fi Liverpudlians, whose latest effort *Walking With Thee*, was recently re-released by Universal Records

Songs like *Mr. Moonlight*, *Come Into Our Room*, and *The Equaliser* slither along backed by Clinic's signature thumping drums, all the while coasting on singer Ade Blackburn's breathy vocals Dare you not to dance — or at least bob your head

There's much more to this quartet than a gimmick-laden image If you like your Brit pop chilled with electronic piano and iced with subjects that would make Hitchcock quiver, don't miss the seething sounds of Clinic

The band performs with openers South, The Standard 7 p.m. Monday, Oct 14 at St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit Tickets \$15 for this all ages show Call (248) 645-6666

By Stephanie A Casola

## Ryan Adams unveils Demolition

Lost Highway recording artist Ryan Adams earned his household name last year with *Gold*, the record that yielded a timely and quite personal hit single in *New York, New York*

While working on a much anticipated follow-up, Adams offers *Demolition*, a collection of 13 previously unreleased demos For a songwriter who admits he's generally writing a record or two ahead of himself, these songs might've been the second half of *Gold* — originally planned as a double album

With *Demolition* Adams draws upon life's aching truths and fleeting loves Songs like *Cry on Demand* and *She Wants to Play Hearts*, convey meaning in a gentle delivery, while the record's scorching opener *Nuclear* and the yearning of *It's Starting to Hurt*, delve even deeper into the rock and soul of the music

Still revealing signs of his days as frontman for alt-country Whiskeytown, Ryan Adams hasn't shed all of his sorrows yet Brighter than his solo debut, *Heartbreaker*, *Demolition* is considered a greatest hits of new material



Ryan Adams

Since going out on his own, Adams has earned comparisons to timeless artists like Neil Young He shares a label with the legendary Willie Nelson — with whom he currently appears on GAP commercials

And these most recent songs prove once again, Ryan Adams is here to stay Listen for yourself at [www.losthighwayrecords.com](http://www.losthighwayrecords.com)

Ryan Adams performs with openers Tegan & Sara 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct 13, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave.,

Detroit Fresh from Farm Aid, Tegan & Sara, 21-year-old sisters from Vancouver, released their own sophomore effort, *If It Was You*, on Vapor Records in August Get to the show early to experience a duo that can go from folk pop to bluegrass to punk rock without blinking

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**SHIRAZ**

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Further orchestration of a wine theme plays out in the wine room, highly visible in the entry, to the four exterior corkscrew-inspired sculptures created by Alex Porbe of Detroit and on to Barney Judge of Northville and his large, artful corkscrew and corks painting on an interior wall

These are part of the total effects created by Ron Rea of Ron & Roman Designer Architect in Birmingham A striking, internationally-styled, clean-cut, Zen-like, minimalist atmosphere magically allows intimacy and seamless activity to coexist Ebony wood highlighted on tightly-woven hemp-like carpeting is accented by camel-colored Roman shades and the soft glow from four abstracted, large, crystal chandeliers Strategically-placed burning candles in stainless steel niches add to the effect In lieu of flowers, stainless steel flat plates, accented with fresh grapes are placed behind some of the banquettes

While retaining the total visual effect of the restaurant, suspended glass walls act as a barrier from smoking, allowed in the intimate bar

'Restaurant designs have changed,' Rea said 'In New York, London, San Francisco and other cosmopolitan cities, the restaurant design trend is toward simpler and not over the top When the food is special, design can be minimal There are a number of high-profile steak houses in metro-Detroit, and we did not want the Shiraz design to replicate any of them



Beef Carpaccio served at Shiraz in Bingham Farms

**STEAK AND OTHER SIGNATURES**

Prentice's No VI in Novi is wildly popular Its design and that of Shiraz are not at all similar but there are some interesting Shiraz twists on the popular menu items at No VI The Shiraz appetizer Lobster Twice- Stuffed Baked Potatoes is a spin off of No VI Lobster Mashed Potatoes Shiraz, however, has many more lobster dishes than No VI

Among appetizers, Seafood Martinis feature large prawns, priced by the piece, served with both mango chili sauce and traditional cocktail sauce

Offering an Asian kiss is Oysters Nobu, Barnett's tribute to celebrated chef Nobu Matsuhisa, world-renowned for his new-style Japanese cooking Seared Sirlon Sashimi with ginger, soy and wasabi served on a

banana leaf is another of Barnett's Asian inspirations

Vidalia Onion Soup with Gruyere Cheese is reminiscent of that served in a top Paris brasserie, while a Wedge of Iceberg Lettuce is thoroughly American and gives those who love it a chance to drown it in their favorite salad dressing

Barnett credits Tom Keller, chef/owner of the renowned French Laundry in Napa Valley, Calif for his preparation of Butter Poached Man Lobster with whipped potatoes, sweet corn fondue and ginger-carrot emulsion

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Cathy Standish

## Butch and Thelma

It isn't a secret. The diversity between men and women is clear, men are from Venus, and women are from Mars. He stands up, she sits down. He drives fast, she drives slower. He watches hockey, she loves shopping.

Or at least that is how it works in our house.

I guess that was the divine plan, one half yin, the other half the yang. He stronger, she softer. It has always been the way of the world, the birds and the bees, love and marriage.

That is, until the movies. Maybe it all started with Adam and Eve and the AMC Garden of Eden. I can see it now, Adam and Eve pouring over the Friday paper, browsing the aisles of the video store, trying to find a movie to fit the both of them so they can have a meaningful evening together, snuggling on the cave floor, nibbling apples from the tree.

Nesting. Yet even today, with our modern times and many choices, finding a movie to fit both of the sexes is as difficult as it is getting my husband to cruise the aisles of a sweet little gift shop. Or as impossible as it is for me to linger in the bowels of a brewery.

Consider the two different scenarios. I watch "Moonlight and Valentino," my favorite "chick flick" of all time. I prepare myself for the event with a bag of cookies, a bottle of diet soda, a box of tissue, a blanket, a pillow and the cordless telephone, just in case someone calls to whom I really want to talk. I sob, I weep, and I repeat over and over how I love this movie. I think about the meaning of life, the meaning of friendship, the meaning of marriage. My movie was an experience.

My husband settles into his easy chair to watch anything involving some guy named Bond, James Bond. He prepares himself for the movie with a box of cheese crackers and several cans of beer, some of which are cooling in the refrigerator, and some in the freezer. He sighs. He flexes as Bond walks onto the screen, he hoots, he howls, and he repeats over and over how he loves these movies. His movies are pure fun.

The clear difference between estrogen and testosterone.

Hollywood does it all the time. For him "The Terminator." For her "Terms of Endearment." For him "Bridges at Toko Ri." For her "The Bridges of Madison County." For him "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." For her "Thelma and Louise."

Then, every once in awhile, the planets stop in their orbit and converge. Husband and wife walk into the movie together and have an experience they both can relate to. "A Christmas Story."

One of the few movies my husband and I attended together. Surrounded by children, none of them ours, we laughed until we cried at this delightful tale that has since become a classic.

Watching this movie has now become a holiday tradition in our home. Surrounded by children, all of them ours, we still laugh until we cry as we watch this movie together. We know every line, every nuance, we know when a tongue will be stuck to the flagpole, when the lamp will break, when the Bumpus dogs will steal the Christmas turkey.

PLEASE SEE STANDISH, C9



# Matter of Life

Family walks to memorialize woman's valiant struggle



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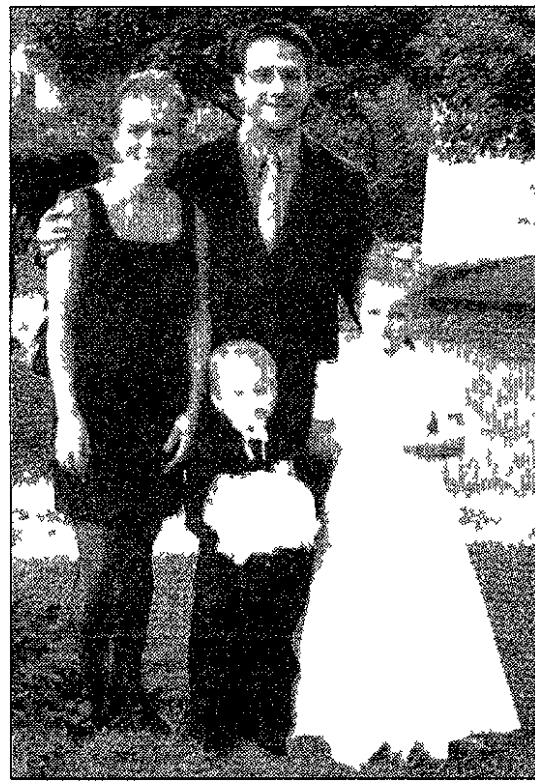
Steve Brodzik kneeling, will have the support of a huge number of friends, family and neighbors with him walking in honor of his late wife, Judy, in the American Cancer Society's Walk for Life Oct. 19.

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

There were a lot of difficult things to do during Judith Brodzik's four-year battle with cancer, none harder than having to tell her children there was nothing else to be done.

In March, she and her husband, Steve, told their two children that Mommy's fight to beat cancer was nearly over. Judy Brodzik, who'd overcome adversity and stayed off the disease for years, looked into the eyes of her children and told them good-bye.

"We had to face the inevitable end we were all afraid was going to come some day," Steve Brodzik recalled this week as he and a host of friends and family get ready to walk in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walkathon. The worst



Judy and Steve Brodzik with their children, Justin and Nicole.

thing was having to tell the kids. I had to tell (daughter) Nicole. We told her mommy was probably going to die.

A few weeks later, on April 24, Judy lost the battle she was convinced right to the end she was going to win.

Now her husband, children and a huge immediate and extended family wants to help make Judy's death meaningful. A group of nearly 150 people — sisters, brothers, cousins, mothers, fathers, children — will take part in the breast cancer walk Oct. 19 at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, all with the same goal in mind: Keeping Judy's memory alive.

I just think it's a better way to remember my mom," said the Brodzik's 8-year-old daughter, Nicole. "It reminds me of what my mom has been through, and it will help me remember my mom more than anything else."

Judy Brodzik's ordeal started with the first diagnosis of breast cancer in July 1998. Doctors found a lump in her right breast and started her on treatment of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. When that first round of treatment was finished, around December 1998, doctors told the family Judy's cancer was 95 percent cured.

"We felt we had it beat," Steve Brodzik recalled. They were wrong. The following summer, Judy started noticing problems in her lymph nodes, which doctors started treating with what was a new drug called Herceptin. The treatment worked — on the nodes. Unfortunately, in July, she started getting headaches as well.

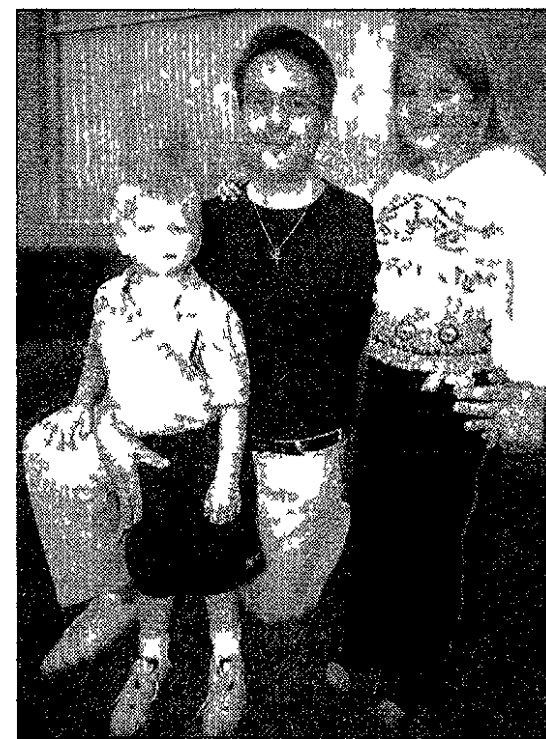
Doctors ordered a CAT scan and confirmed the worst — the cancer had spread to her brain. Judy underwent 30 days of whole-brain radiation and, after consulting neurosurgeons, had a tumor removed from the brain.

The surgery went so well that Judy was home in less than two days.

"She had a big smile, a very good attitude," Steve Brodzik remembered. "She was so strong."

Knowing her family was going to worry when they found out the cancer had spread to the brain, Judy called them all together for a pizza party. Considering the size of the family — Judy was one of six children, Steve one of seven — that took some doing.

But it was important to Judy that her family



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Steve Brodzik and his children, Justin and Nicole, will walk in the American Cancer Society's Walk for Life Oct. 19 as a means of keeping Judy Brodzik's memory alive.

stayed close.

"When the cancer spread, she knew we'd be sad," her sister, Patty Kratochivich of Westland, said. "She knew we'd be falling apart. That was her way."

It was a display the family had come to expect from Judy.

"She was very courageous," said her mom, Virginia Dul of Livonia. "We'd gather around her and pray, and that gave us comfort. We'd be crying, and she'd lift us up."

Judy had an MRI on her brain every three months. In April 2000, she had to undergo treatment at the University of Michigan, a surgical technique focused on the tumor itself, rather

PLEASE SEE WALK, C9

## Plymouth costume business is truly a family affair

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Back when Maggie Wink was just sewing a few figure skating costumes for her daughters, operating out of her home was sufficient.

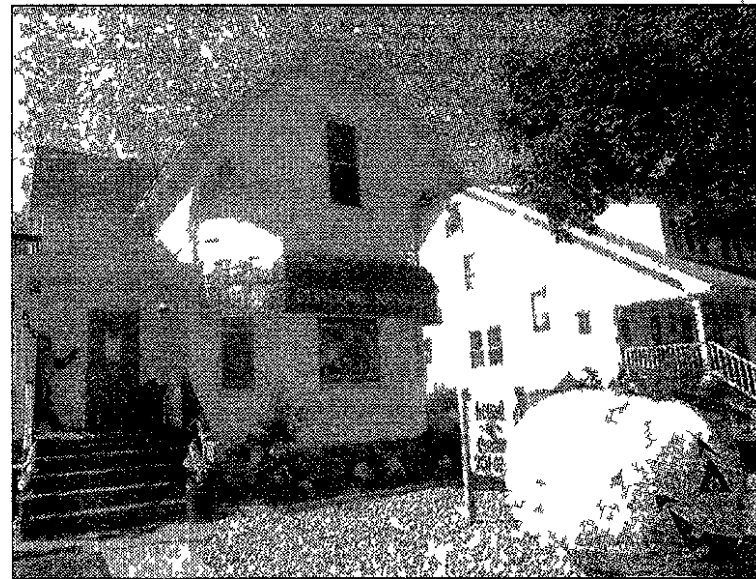
When her sewing extended to a couple of figure skaters, her husband suggested moving it out of the house.

And the House of Costumes was born. "My sister and I used to skate competitively, and Mom would make all our costumes," said Alleana Meltzer, Wink's

daughter. "Finally, my step-dad said, 'Why don't you open a business?'"

The move became necessary when Wink started sewing costumes for more than just her daughter. Former Olympians Jarrod Swallow and Elizabeth Punsalan were among her clients, but when they started having to stay at her home for fittings, Wink decided her husband was right.

She moved out of the house and into the business world back in 1985, opening her costume shop, originally called Costumes



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The House of Costumes, on N Mill in Old Village, has become a "destination store" for a variety of costume needs, according to its owners.

PLEASE SEE COSTUMES, C2



**COSTUMES**

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Plus, in a strip mall at Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. During the first year, the shop got phone calls looking for Halloween costumes. It suggested another course for the fledgling business.

"Because of the name, people kept calling for Halloween costumes," said Meltzer, who helps run the store now. "Them Mom thought, 'We might as well have some Halloween costumes.'"

The business flourished at its initial location, a rental property in that Livonia strip mall. A desire to own their own location, plus the bur-

geoning success of the costume business, prompted the family to start looking for a new home.

And that's precisely what they found in Plymouth's unique Old Village neighborhood. After looking around, the family settled on the Mill Street location they now occupy. They considered some downtown venues, but price and parking were problems.

"It was in a nice area, but not terribly expensive," Meltzer said. "We had our own parking, so that was a plus."

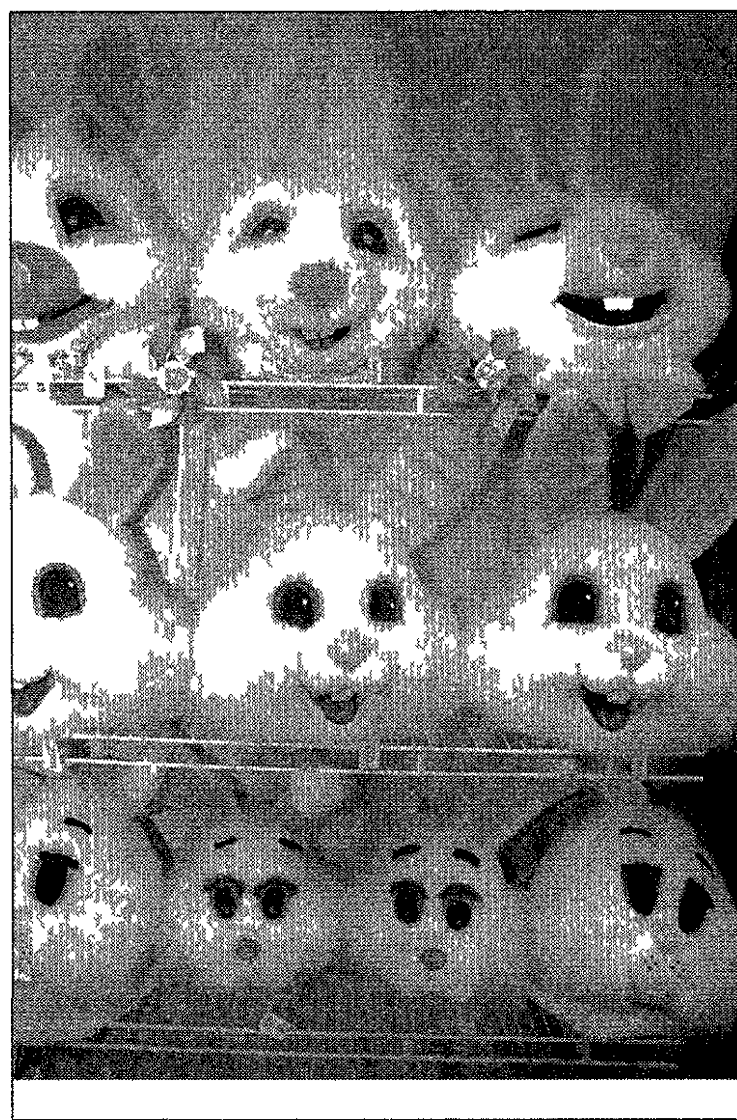
It was also the genesis of the name change. They'd moved into a house, so the name change to House of Costumes seemed a natural.

Wink and her other daughter, Michele Cope, handle the sewing from Wink's east-side home. They make the costumes sold in the store, which has become "a destination store," according to Meltzer. While Halloween is the busiest time, the store also gets a bit swamped for other holidays, plus the occasional festival.

For instance, Christmas is a biggie, with costumes of Santa Claus and his wife, Mrs. Claus, snowmen and elves always popular. At Easter, the Easter Bunny and costumes for religious plays are in demand. Wink and Cope are also busy for the Victorian Festival in Northville, for which they frequently sew Victorian bridal gowns. Their reach even extends all the way to Holly for the annual Michigan Renaissance Festival.

"We do a lot of Renaissance weddings," Meltzer said. "My sister does a lot of custom gowns."

Hollywood frequently drives what people are wearing to parties. When Mike



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The Easter Bunny is a popular costume particularly around the Easter holiday at the House of Costumes.



The costumes available are hand-made by the owners of the shop, Halloween is the business' busiest time of the year.

Myers came out with "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery," lots of people went shag-a-delic. The Spiderman movie prompted a few web-slinger costume requests.

Meltzer said there's not really any single favorite costume.

"Adults aren't really like that," she said. "Adults want to be unique. We specialize mostly in couples' costumes."

You'd think there would be fairly extensive "down" time

After all, there are only so many occasions when a costume is warranted, right? Wrong, Meltzer said. Holidays such as St. Patrick's Day, school plays and weddings keep House of Costumes hopping most of the year.

"The slowest time comes right after Fourth of July until the middle of August, when we start getting ready for the Victorian festival," she said. "We have about a month when we can take

vacations, and we only do costumes by appointment. "There's always something going on, surprisingly enough. It's not like Halloween, but we stay pretty busy."

House of Costumes is located at 845 N. Mill in Old Village. Costumes are priced from \$15-\$100. Store hours for the Halloween season are Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Call (734) 451-0255. bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700.

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**Popejoy-Sewell**

Thomas and Deborah Popejoy and Pamela K. Popejoy, all of Canton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Lee Popejoy, to Michael Allen Sewell, son of Sterling and Judith Sewell of Belleville.

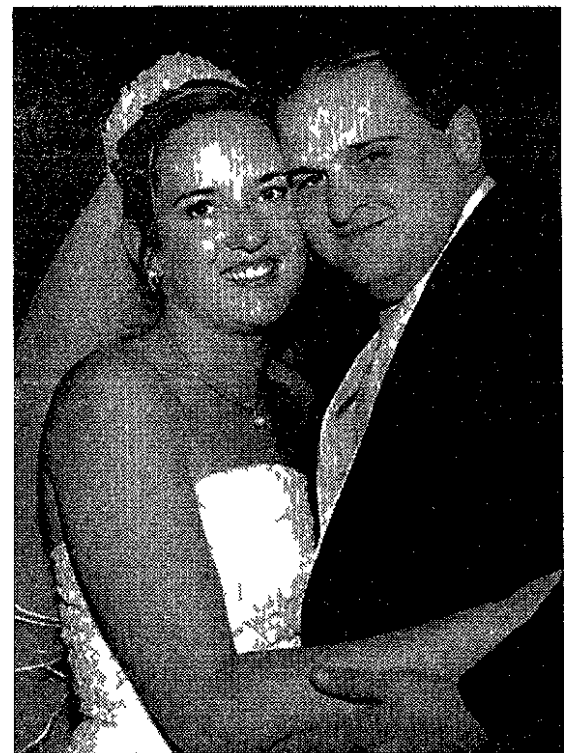
Laura Popejoy is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, and University of Michigan-Dearborn with a B.S. in Psychology. She is currently employed as an accounting clerk with Mulligan Home Improvement Company in Farmington.

Sewell is a 1994 graduate of Belleville High School, and attended Washtenaw Community College. He is currently employed as customer service manager with Mulligan Home Improvement Company in Farmington.

They were united in marriage on June 29, 2002, at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia, officiated by Rev. Barbara Welbaum. The reception was held at Joy Manor in Westland.

The bride was attended by matron of honor, Jamie Clearwood, bridesmaids, Mrs. Maryann Clearwood, Ms. Amanda Jackson, Ms. Julie Lawmaster, Mrs. Jamie Patrick, and Ms. Tara Petroskey, junior bridesmaid, Ms. Tamara Sewell, and flower girl, Ms. Haley Sewell.

The groom was attended by best man, Neil Hunter, groomsmen, Gordon Clearwood, Timothy Clearwood, Jason Lawmaster, Derek Patrick, and Mark Popejoy, junior groomsmen,



Cody Bear, and ring bearer, Steven Sewell. They enjoyed their wedding trip to Playa del Carmen in Mexico and are currently residing in Garden City.

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**Keiper-Zielke**

Christine Zielke and Don Keiper were married July 5, 2002.

Christine is the daughter of Dan and Patty Fleszar of Redford and Mike and Sherry Zielke of Taylor. She is a graduate of Redford Union High School and is the mother of four children.

Don is the son of Don and Rosemarie Keiper of Northville, Barb Keiper of Clawson, and Linda Beal of Waterford. He is a graduate of Clawson High School. He is the owner of Keiper Mechanical, Inc.

Christine and Don were married in the Candlelight Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. They are making their new home in Hazel Park.



**Zielke-Pond**

Dan and Patty Fleszar of Redford and Mike and Sherry Zielke of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Faith Zielke, of Redford to Jeff Pond of Redford.

Faith is a 1993 graduate of Redford Union High School. She is employed as an office manager at Keiper Mechanical, Inc. in Livonia.

Jeff is the son of Jeff and Cindy Pond of Canton. He is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the owner of Ponds Painting in Canton.

Faith and Jeff are planning to wed August 2003 in St. Valentine Catholic Church.

**Lemon-Gilbert**

Michael Gilbert of Monroe announces the marriage of his daughter, Jennifer Michelle, to Mark Robert Lemon.

Jennifer received her undergraduate degree in 1993 from Michigan State University and her Masters in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College. She is employed with Livonia Public Schools as an art teacher.

Mark is the son of Robert and Bianca Lemon of Plymouth. He is a 1988 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a sound engineer employed at Ron Rose Productions in Southfield.

Attending the bride were matron of honor, Chiara Fera and bridesmaids, Sarah Gilbert and Adrienne Gilbert, sisters of the bride and Michelle Lemon, sister of the groom.

Attending the groom were best man, Martin Karamon and groomsmen Michael Stelmazek, Christopher Falkowski, Matthew Grecki, also Catholic Central graduates, along with Matthew Fera and Craig Hoffman. Gavin Fera served as ring bearer.

Jennifer and Mark were married July 20 at Sacred Heart Chapel on the campus of Marygrove College with a reception at The Birmingham Community House. The couple were married by the Rev. Raymond Sayers.

They enjoyed a honeymoon in Vancouver and are making Ann Arbor their new home.



**Basquez-Fergerson**

Ken and Linda Basquez of Port St. Lucie, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Suzan Basquez of Orlando, Fla., to Scott David Fergerson of Orlando.

Jenny is a graduate of Lincoln Park Academy and River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla., and University of Central Florida in Orlando. She is employed by Florida Hospital in Orlando as a physical therapist assistant.

Scott is the son of Barbara Munshaw of Westland and Rod Fergerson of Longwood, Fla. He graduated from Seminole High School, Seminole Community College in Sanford, Fla., and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He is employed by Welcome Home Management Company in Orlando as an assistant property manager.

Jenny and Scott are planning to wed April 2003 in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



**Thebolt-Aguayo**

George and Suzanne Thebolt of Detroit announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Clover Suzanne, to Paul Edward Aguayo, of Pontiac.

Clover is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. She is employed as a mechanical engineer for Durakon Corporation.

Paul is the son of Guadalupe and Patricia Aguayo of Westland. He is a graduate student at Lawrence Technological University. He is a design engineer at General Motors Corporation.

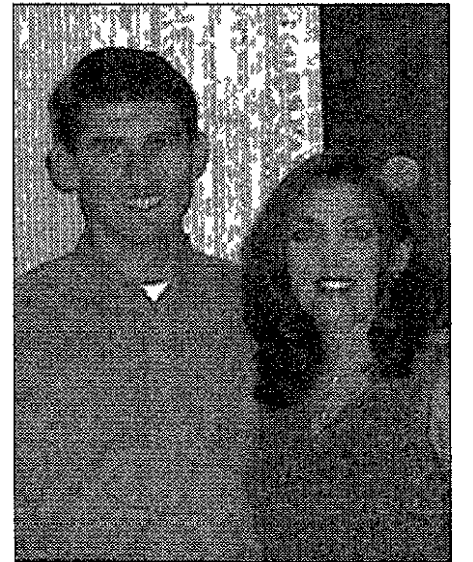
Clover and Paul are planning an October wedding at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Redford.

**Soupis-Armstrong**

Kimberly Ann Soupis and Terrence Jude Armstrong will be married in July, 2003 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Phil Soupis of Livonia and the late Barbara. She is a graduate of Churchill High School and attends Schoolcraft College for nursing.

Her fiancé is the son of Robert and Barbara Armstrong of Farmington Hills and a graduate of Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from Central Missouri State University and is employed by Ford Motor Co. as a corporate pilot.



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**Herrick-Carroll**

James and Donna Herrick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nichole Mosell Herrick, to Steven Thomas Carroll.

The bride to be, Nichole, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and a former Capa student at Church Hill High School. She earned her degree in industrial design from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She is receiving her second degree, in interior design, from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Currently, Nichole is employed as an interior designer at an architecture firm in Cambridge, Mass.

Her fiancé, Steven, is the son of Richard and Judy Carroll of Bayshore, N.Y. He is a graduate of the Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass., with a degree in industrial design. He is currently working for a design consultancy in Concord, Mass. The couple are planning to wed July 2003 in Thompson, Conn.



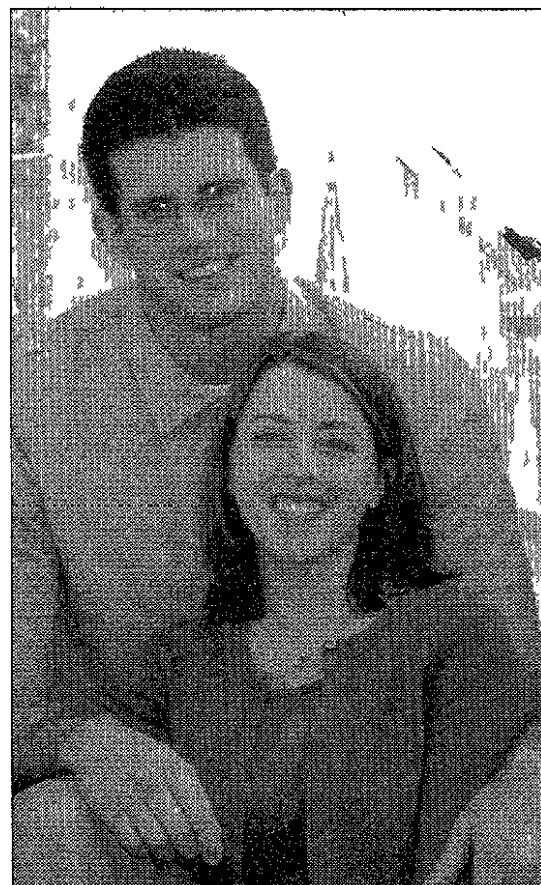
**Clemons-Fowler**

Brenda Carter of Westland and Gary Clemons of Belleville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Marie Clemons, to Jason Fowler of Westland.

Tiffany received her Master of Science Degree in physician assistant studies from Wayne State University. She is employed as a physician assistant at Providence Hospital emergency room.

Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Tom and Elaine Fowler of Plymouth. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a project coordinator at John Carlo, Inc.

The couple are planning to wed June 2003 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



**Banks**

Walter and Sylvia Banks of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 21.

Sylvia is a hostess at The Family Buggy Restaurant and has worked there 15 years. She belongs to two bowling leagues, takes an exercise class, and enjoys fellowship at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Walter is a retired school teacher. He taught at Detroit Day School for the Deaf. The couple spend their summers at their second home on Van Ettan Lake in Oscoda.

The anniversary celebration was a weekend with the family on Mackinac Island. They were at The Island House and enjoyed activities together. Their anniversary gift was a video which included pictures from dating years to the present.

The couple have three children, Dan and Sandy Banks of Northville, Mike and Nancy Ziolkowski of Livonia, and Steve and Anneke Banks of Trollhatten, Sweden, and four grandchildren, Steven, Angie, Katie, and David.

Walter and Sylvia were married June 21, 1952, in Augsburg Lutheran Church and have lived in Detroit and Livonia.

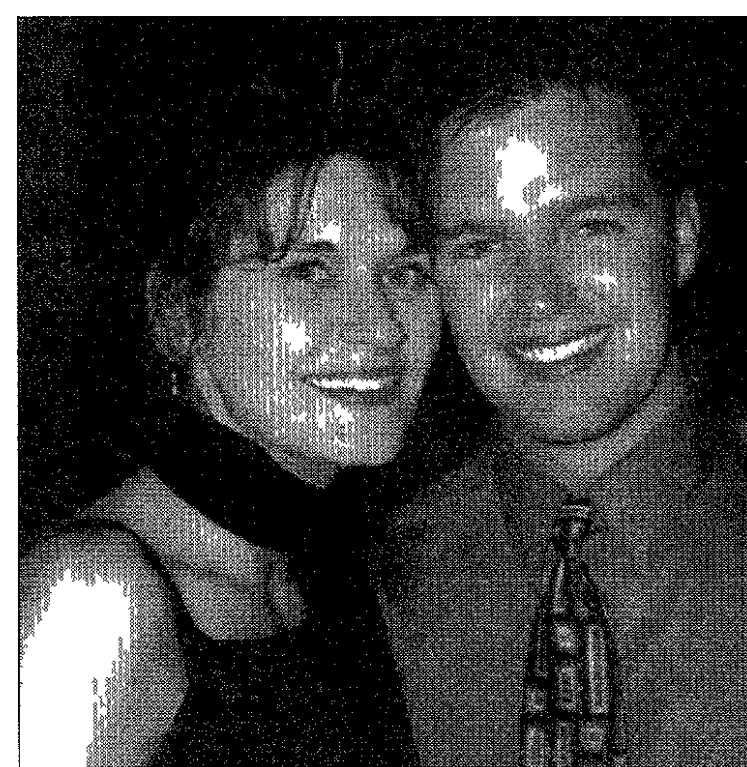
**Wheeler-Murn**

Jeff and Denell Wheeler of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Nicole Lynne Wheeler of Livonia, to George J. Murn Jr. of Canton.

The bride-to-be, Nicole, is a 1997 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is employed at Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé, George, is the son of George Murn Sr. of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marsha Murn. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed at Ford Motor Company.

The couple are planning a November wedding at Greenfield Village.



**Davis-Furkas**

Bill and Trisha Davis of Southgate announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer L. Davis, to Ryan Furkas.

Jennifer earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is a teacher at Southgate Anderson High School. Ryan is the son of Steve and Patti Furkas of Livonia. He earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and is a teacher at Southgate Anderson High School.

The couple are planning an October wedding in Trinity Wesleyan Church in Southgate.

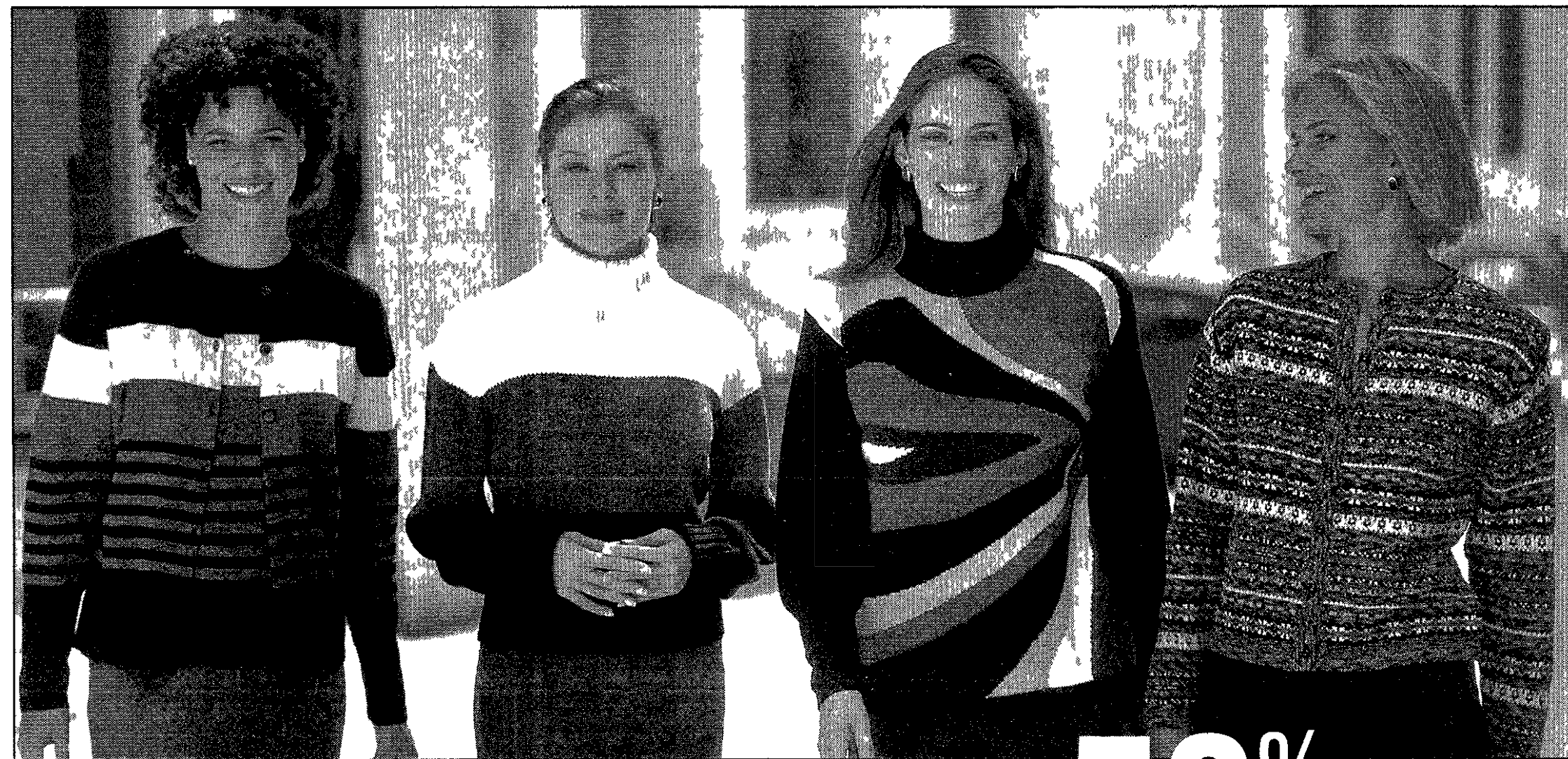
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# Operation ABLE will honor older workers, Ernie Harwell

Operation Able's 13th Annual Ability is Ageless Awards luncheon Oct. 30 will honor the area's top mature workers (50 years and older) and salute the Tigers veteran baseball broadcaster, Ernie Harwell, who recently retired after 42 years of Tiger announcing.

The luncheon, sponsored by Michigan's leading provider of job training and employment assistance for mid-career and older workers, will be held noon to 2 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. This celebration is an opportunity for employers to honor older workers who make a daily difference at their com-

panies through their experience, work ethic and commitment to excellence, said Karen Kosmiewski, president of Operation ABLE of Michigan.

At recent luncheons upwards of a hundred well-deserving workers have been honored by employers from all sectors of the business community, including manufacturing, construction, retail service, health care, banking, finance and the non-profit arena. Planners expect more than 500 people to attend the event.

This year, Harwell will be the event's guest of honor and receive the Neal Shine Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award, the luncheon's

top honor, is named for retired Detroit Free Press publisher Neal Shine, a former chairman of ABLE.

Ernie Harwell truly exemplifies that ability is ageless, said Kosmiewski. "His many accomplishments throughout his 60-year career in baseball are remarkable."

"We are delighted to present him with this award and know that many companies will want to have their outstanding mature workers honored along with him."

Often referred to as the Voice of Tigers Baseball, Harwell has broadcast Tigers games since 1960. He has covered more Major League

Baseball games than anyone in history. Now 84, the Hall of Fame broadcaster has maintained a rigorous schedule that includes calling all of the Tigers, writing a newspaper column, corporate endorsements and countless charitable appearances and community service commitments. He called his last game Sept. 29.

"I'm honored to be recognized by Operation Able and I'm looking forward to the event," said Harwell. Carmen Harlan, WDIV-TV news anchor, will serve as the event's emcee.

Each person nominated by his or her employer will receive a Certificate of Distinguished

Service and will be featured in the luncheon's slide presentation and program book.

Nine honorees will receive special recognition with Most ABLE Awards that will be presented by Harlan.

To be eligible, a nominee must live or work in Michigan, be 50 years of age or older by Oct. 30 and be currently employed with at least six months of service.

There is no limit to the number of employees a business or organization can nominate.

Most ABLE Award winners are selected by a panel of judges who use, in part, these criteria in evaluating nominees:

- exemplifies a positive work ethic
- contributes in a special way to the goals of the employer
- makes a special contribution to the well-being of others through work and/or in the community
- developed a specialized skill or worked in a difficult situation
- acts as a positive role model for other employees
- overcame difficulties to achieve present success

For event tickets, contact Operation ABLE at (248) 443-0370 or by e-mail at [able@amertech.net](mailto:able@amertech.net)

## REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person and a telephone number.

### REUNIONS

#### Allen Park High School

Class of 1962  
A reunion is being held at 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 19 at Park Cove which is located at 6736 Allen Road in Allen Park. For more information call (248) 524-0589.

#### Bentley High School

Class of 1967  
A 35th class reunion will be held Saturday Oct. 12. For more information click on [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com). GailRyd@aol.com or Diransom@aol.com or call Gail Morell (313) 336-3329.

Class of 1982  
A 20 year class reunion being held from 6:30 p.m. to midnight on Nov. 29 at the Italian American Banquet Center of Livonia. Visit [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) for ticket info or call Tod Truxell at (734) 261-6439. Space is limited. Get your tickets now.

**Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School**  
Class of 1972  
The reunion is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 30 at the Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy. The reunion begins at

6:30 p.m. and will cost \$55 per person. The reunion committee would like to send you an electronic registration form as well as additional information about the reunion. So please send your e-mail address to [mjones@mclease.com](mailto:mjones@mclease.com). If you have any questions call Mark Jones at (800) 966-0123 or Ken Karam at (586) 294-8800.

#### Catholic Central

Class of 1961  
For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit 40th reunion call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165.

#### Chadsey High School

Class of 1952  
A golden anniversary reunion is in the early planning stages. Alumni are being asked to call and share their interest in attending a reunion. Call Florence A. Azzopardi (313) 937-1246.

#### Denby High

Class of June 1962  
Reunion planned for Nov. 30 at the Lochmoor Country Club in Grosse Pointe. Call Joe at (248) 656-9616 or e-mail your address to Pam at [Nursepam@starband.net](mailto:Nursepam@starband.net).

**Detroit Western High School**  
Class of 1955 and 1956  
Reunion Saturday Nov. 2. Contact Miriam (Keppen) Winkler [mwinkler@att.com](mailto:mwinkler@att.com) (313) 383-3444 or Pat (Baratone) Levey (313) 381-2361.

Class of 1978  
Our 25 year class reunion is being planned for next year. For more information contact Donna Willingham Orozco at (313) 605-0377.

or e-mail [orozcodo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:orozcodo@sbcglobal.net)

#### East Detroit High

Class of 1957  
45th reunion Sunday Oct. 13 at Eastpointe Manor East Detroit. Call Brenda (586) 978-7829.

#### Farmington High School

Class of 1977  
A 25 year class reunion will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 26 at the Holiday Inn Farmington. For ticket information contact Sheri Lord Gabriele at (248) 669-2529 or [lordgab@aol.com](mailto:lordgab@aol.com).

#### Garden City High School

Class of 1962  
A 40th reunion dinner dance being held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12 at Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Hall in Garden City. Contact Peggy (Sinclair) Burklow at (734) 425-9826. Reservation deadline is Aug. 30, 2002.

#### Garden City East High School

Class of 1977  
25th class reunion Oct. 19. E-mail [GCEAST1977@aol.com](mailto:GCEAST1977@aol.com) or call Kim Gallinat Orsette at (734) 762-6357 or Julie Stapleton Edgar at (734) 762-6373.

#### Class of 1982

A 20 year reunion is being held Nov. 9 at Warren Valley Country Club at the corner of Warren and Beech Daly. For further information call Sandra Heintze at (248) 437-5795.

#### Garden City West High School

Class of 1982  
A 20 year reunion is being held Oct. 26 at Embassy Suite Hotel 19525 Victor Parkway Livonia. Phone (734) 462-6000 to reserve a room. Please register at [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) to receive further reunion information.

#### Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991  
Call (800) 677-7800 visit [www.taylorreunions.com](http://www.taylorreunions.com) or e-mail [info@taylorreunions.com](mailto:info@taylorreunions.com) or [culbertson@taylorreunions.com](mailto:culbertson@taylorreunions.com) or write Taylor Reunion Services P.O. Box 597 Dallas TX 75221-9929.

#### Holy Redeemer

Class of 1962  
Classmates call Frank S. Barkovich regarding the class reunion in 2002. Call (734) 397-8777.

#### Class of 1953

A 50 year reunion is planned for Oct. 11, 2003 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact Ellen McCarty Wright at [elleninredford@yahoo.com](mailto:elleninredford@yahoo.com).

#### John F. Kennedy High School, Taylor Heights

Classes of 1966, 67, 68 & 69  
A reunion is planned Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn on Northline Road. Taylor Contact Nancy Miller at (313) 291-3558 or (734) 374-1496 for further information.

#### Lamphere High School - Madison Heights

Class of 1977  
A 25 year reunion is planned for Saturday Nov. 30 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cranks Catering 27900 Hoover Road Warren. The cost is \$40/person until 10/15 and \$45/person after 10/16. Contact Julie (Johnson) Szuminski (586) 825-6518 for further information.

#### Lowrey High School

Class of 1954  
Reunion planned for 2004. In the works are various classmate committee meetings. Call Fay (Bolton) Reeves at (248) 349-2094 or send an e-mail to her at [fayree@aol.com](mailto:fayree@aol.com) or call Yvonne (Brid) Chavis at (313) 277-1175 or e-mail her at [bchavis@aol.com](mailto:bchavis@aol.com).

#### Marian High School

Class of 1996  
Contact Jennifer Latimer (248) 646-9060 or Tina Malloy (248) 433-1795.

#### Mcfarland Union High

Class of 1966  
Classmates are being sought for a 35th reunion. Call Karen (810) 573-7145. Vickie (517) 548-5133 or e-mail [msst27@aol.com](mailto:msst27@aol.com).

#### Mercy High School

Class of 1982  
A reunion is being held on Nov. 29 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact

Maureen Gilmore Asta at (248) 366-9884 with your current address if you haven't received notification yet.

#### Murray-Wright High School

Classes of 1973, 1974, 1975 & 1976  
Looking for alumni? Call to get your name on the list to Naomi (313) 567-8217.

#### New Boston Huron High

Class of 1976-80  
Reunion Saturday Oct. 19. Contact 1977 Lynn Doyle/Curl (734) 782-5356 e-mail [tcurl4@comcast.net](mailto:tcurl4@comcast.net) 1978 Linda Novak/Perry (734) 697-0868 e-mail [jwpf4x4@people.pc.com](mailto:jwpf4x4@people.pc.com) 1979 Sharon Lilly/Bokar (734) 941-3890 e-mail [usps481@aol.com](mailto:usps481@aol.com) or Monica Pachy/Tomlinson (734) 420-3411 e-mail [m2tomlin@aol.com](mailto:m2tomlin@aol.com). Contacts for 1976 and 1980 undetermined at this time.

#### Oak Park High School

Class of 1962  
A reunion is planned for Oct. 11 (Friday Night Canteen) and dinner Oct. 12 at the Excalibur in Southfield. For information contact [oph62reunion@aol.com](mailto:oph62reunion@aol.com) via e-mail. Class of 1982  
A reunion is being held Nov. 16 at The Palace of Southfield. All alumni and classmates are invited to attend. For information contact John McManus at (248) 723-2336 or Penny Burton at (248) 559-9125 or e-mail at [www.ophclass1982@aol.com](http://www.ophclass1982@aol.com).

#### Pershing High School

Class of 1962  
A reunion is being planned. Class of 1961 summer school grads also welcome. Call Carol Kraus (734) 878-6943 or e-mail [camigrz@ism.net](mailto:camigrz@ism.net) or Chaine Corso (517) 546-8145 or e-mail [chicoroso@ism.net](mailto:chicoroso@ism.net).

#### Pioneer Ann Arbor

Class of 1991  
The committee is updating addresses/phone numbers of class members. Call (800) 677-7800 visit [www.taylorreunions.com](http://www.taylorreunions.com) or e-mail [info@taylorreunions.com](mailto:info@taylorreunions.com).

(313) 291-6359

#### Pontiac Central High School

Class of 1977  
A 25 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 12 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Troy. Cost \$50 per person. Cash bar. Contact Marsha Easley Bell (248) 745-5780 e-mail [mebell@aol.com](mailto:mebell@aol.com) Terri Wright Covington e-mail [tlc004@aol.com](mailto:tlc004@aol.com) or Barry Z. Roberts (586) 986-9267 (work) e-mail [zurkell13@yahoo.com](mailto:zurkell13@yahoo.com).

#### Redford Union High School

Class of 1992  
A 10 year reunion being held 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday Oct. 26 at Sandtraps in Livonia (between Farmington and Levan on Five Mile Road). The cost is \$50/person which includes DJ dinner and cash bar. Contact Carrie Tokar at (248) 684-5159 or email [ctokar1@netzero.net](mailto:ctokar1@netzero.net).

#### Riverside High School

Class of 1968  
A 30 something reunion will be held Nov. 29 in Dearborn Heights. Call Cecilia (Kaczmarek) Mrock at (248) 656-1440 for more information.

#### Rochester Adams High School

Class of 1982  
A 20 year class reunion will be held Friday Nov. 29, 2002 at the Marriott Hotel Centerpoint Pontiac. Contact Lisa at (248) 650-1742 or Kathy at (248) 299-3864 for further info. Class of 1987

A 15 year reunion informal get together is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday Nov. 30 at Main Street Billiards 215 Main Rochester. RSVP to [kesmans@msn.com](mailto:kesmans@msn.com).  
**Southfield-Lathrup High School**  
Class of 1972  
30th reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12 at the Skyline Club 2000 Town Center Southfield. A Sunday brunch and possible tour of the high school is planned for Oct. 13. Contact Dan at (248) 788-2261 or register at [SLSHS.COM](mailto:SLSHS.COM).

## CHURCH RUMMAGE SALES

#### St. Genevieve

St. Genevieve School in Livonia will sponsor a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday Oct. 18-19 at 28933 Jamison (2 locks south of Five Mile and 2 block east of Middlebelt). Livonia Tools clothing furniture toys housewares books electronics sports and exercise items. Call (734) 425-4420.

#### St. Agatha

St. Agatha Women's Club will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov. 23 at the church 19750 Beech Daly between 8 Mile and Grand River. Redford Treasures

bake sale raffles and food. Call Sharon at (586) 939-4194.

#### Armenian Congregational Church

The church will hold a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday Saturday Oct. 25-26 at the church social hall. The Armenian Congregational Church is on 26210 W. 12 Mile. Southfield.

#### St. Paul Lutheran

The church located at 20805 Middlebelt will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Oct. 24 and Friday Oct. 25. A bag sale featuring a bake sale and light lunch will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Oct. 26. Call (248) 476-0841.

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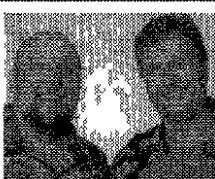
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Send entries to Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805

E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314, or e-mail [kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net) by Monday, Oct. 14.

Be sure to include a daytime phone number.

Two prizes will be awarded, and the winner will be notified by phone.

Sweetest Day was first celebrated more than 60 years ago in Cleveland. A man who believed that the

city's orphans and shut-ins were too often neglected and forgotten conceived the idea of showing them that they were remembered by distributing small gifts.

Over the years the idea of spreading cheer to the underprivileged was expanded to include everyone, and became a day for remembering others with a kind act or small gift.

Sweetest Day, according to material provided by the Retail Confectioners International, is an opportunity to remember not only the sick, aged, and orphaned, but also friends, relatives and associates whose helpfulness and kindness we have enjoyed. It is a reminder that a thoughtful word or deed enriches life and gives it meaning.

## Schoolcraft banquet promotes cycle safety

To help promote safe motorcycle riding and safe roads in general, plan to attend the Wheels of Tomorrow banquet Saturday, Oct. 19, at Schoolcraft College.

Profits help purchase new bikes for beginning-level safety classes sponsored by the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Consortium for Motorcycle Safety Education. Consortium classes train about 3,000 students annually in motorcycle

rider safety.

The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased in advance. The buffet dinner includes prime rib, chicken and shrimp, and the live and silent auctions will feature motorcycle-related items such as leather jackets and a child's rocking Harley.

The Consortium is the area's primary motorcycle education training organization, with classes at Henry Ford, Macomb, Monroe County, Oakland, Schoolcraft, St. Clair and Wayne County community colleges. One fleet of training motorcycles is used for classes at all the colleges.

To order banquet tickets, call 734-462-4400, ext. 5571. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

## State Federated Garden Clubs district to meet

The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc. District 1 will have its fall meeting Thursday, Oct. 24, at Farmington Hills Manor, 23666 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

This meeting is open only to members within District 1. District 1 is a member of the National Garden Clubs Inc.

The meeting offers an opportunity for attendees to meet with fellow garden club members, share ideas and experiences, and learn more about horticulture and floral design techniques.

The Livonia Garden Club will host the event. Mary Pulick will be the registrar.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. A brief business meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. A horticulture program, "New Plants for 2003," presented by George Papadellis of Telly's Greenhouses, will take place after the business meeting.

The afternoon program will feature Carolyn Manchester, Flower Show Judges Chairman from Ohio, presenting a floral design program, "Traditional and Creative Designs." The day will also include a luncheon.

## Garden City Hospital holds fall fundraiser

Slot car racing, food stations, raffles and a live auction will be among the activities planned for this year's Garden City Hospital fall fundraiser.

"Drive Garden City Hospital Into the Future" is planned 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available by calling (734) 458-4284.

Ticket prices for the race car-themed event include soft drinks, beer, wine with a cash bar available.

"I am proud of the work that the Fall Fund-Raiser Committee has put into making this year's event the best ever," said Gary Ley, president and CEO of the hospital.

"Board members, physicians and their spouses, as well as employees, have been working diligently in order to ensure a good evening's entertainment with proceeds going to help patients."

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## Lutheran Laymen hold convention Oct. 26

The 50th Annual Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002 in the Student Union Building at Concordia University, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor.

Rodger W Hebermehl, Executive Director for Lutheran Hour Ministries, will be the guest presenter.

As executive director, Hebermehl shapes and implements organizational policies, oversees the organization's headquarters and staff, reports to the International Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors.

The theme of the convention is "Call on Me" based on Jeremiah 33:3. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The opening service begins

at 9 a.m.

The first convention session starts at 9 a.m. and will be led to order by District President Phil Krauss II. District reports will be given during the session with updates on domestic and international LLL programs. Following lunch at 12:15 p.m., the second session will take place.

For further information, contact Phil Krauss II at (734) 261-4086.

Lutheran Hour Ministries, with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., is a service of the International Lutheran Laymen's League (Int'l LLL), a volunteer organization of 130,000 members. The Int'l LLL is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church-Canada.

## St. Mary Hospital holds depression screenings

Depression, a symptom of many different disorders, will be the focus of a screening day at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Thursday, Oct. 10 as part of National Depression Screening Day.

The free, anonymous mental health screenings will be 6-8 p.m. at the hospital, located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia, and will feature speaker Dr. Michael Czarnota at 6:30 p.m.

over everyday things and can be very hard to spot because it is not quite as dramatic an illness as its relative, post-traumatic stress disorder.

GAD is often accompanied by physical symptoms, such as nausea and sweating. This anxiety disorder can interfere with daily functioning, and often co-exists with depression.

### POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS

Experienced in the aftermath of trauma, this typically involves recurrent dreams of the traumatic event, outbursts of anger, inability to sleep, attempts to avoid anything reminding the person of the trauma and general numbness or detachment.

The symptoms of this disorder can appear at any time and often do not appear until several months after the incident.

Symptoms of depression are common.

Screening attendees will be able to hear an educational presentation about the disorders, complete a written screening test and talk individually with a mental health professional.

Those appearing to need further evaluation will be given referrals to local treatment services.

### DEPRESSION

Primary symptoms include feelings of sadness and hopelessness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, changes in sleep and appetite, vague aches and pains and thoughts of death or suicide. This extremely common mental illness affects 17-20 million people annually.

### MANIC DEPRESSION

Symptoms include depression symptoms, accompanied by mood swings - including pleasure, euphoria, tenseness and irritability in the "high" phase.

### GENERALIZED ANXIETY

This disorder, commonly abbreviated as GAD, is characterized by excessive worry

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

### EVENTS

**Blessing of the animals**  
There will be a blessing of the animals at St. Andrews Church 16360 Hubbard Livonia 7 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13. All are welcome.

**Mom's Sale**  
St. Edith Parish's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will have a Mom's Sale featuring gently used children's clothing, toys, books and furnishings as well as maternity clothes. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Oct. 12 in the parish hall of the church 15089 Newburgh Livonia. Call (734) 525-9190.

**Portrait drawing**  
The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington 25301 Halsted will present introduction to Portrait Drawing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 10 as part of its Lifelong Learning Forum. A free Thursday evening seminar series. Next week's subjects include Vincent Van Gogh in Arles, diet and holistic health and Reiki. Call (248) 478-7272.

**BrotherJack performs**  
The CrossWalk Community Church of the Nazarene 38600 Palmer Westland will present BrotherJack in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday Oct. 27. Admission cost is a \$2 suggested donation. Call (734) 721-5545.

**Trunk or treat**  
Go trunk to trunk instead of door to door at a Trunk or Treat Halloween event planned 6:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 31 at CrossWalk Community Church 38600 Palmer Westland. This event is intended for younger age children dressed in costume. Call (734) 721-5545.

**Family night concert**  
Faith Lutheran 30000 Five Mile Livonia will present a family night concert 7 p.m. Sunday Oct. 27. Performing will be Rainbow of Promise, a musical ministry team which travels throughout the United States. India and Nepal. Local members include Jason Moran, a Redford native.

**Organ recital**  
Steven Egler, professor of organ at Central Michigan University will perform a recital to dedicate the new sanctuary organ 4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494.

**Grief**  
Children ages 5-16 who have experienced a loss through death can attend Connections, a six-week series to help families (kids and adults) deal with grief. Series began 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday Sept. 30 but children can still sign up. Light supper. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Light & Life Free Methodist Church 33445 Warren Road Westland. Call (734) 522-4244.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

**OctoberFest**  
The Men's Club of St. Valentine 25881 Dow Redford will host the annual October Fest 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday Oct. 12 at the church's Outdoor Tent Complex (corner Beech Daly and Hope). Food, beverage and entertainment. Nominal charge. Advance tickets are \$5. Call (313) 532-4394.

**Lifelong learning**  
Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington 25301 Halsted Road (north of Grand River) is sponsoring The Lifelong Learning Forum, a free seven-week series exploring the mind, body and spirit, which began 7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 3. Call (248) 478-7272.

**Road Rally**  
Start your engines and sign up for the Garden City Presbyterian Church road rally 6 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12. Cost is \$6 per person. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Daddy/daughter dance** Women of the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus 30759 Ford Road Garden City invite you to attend a Sweetest Day Daddy Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 17. Hot dogs, chips and dessert. \$8 per couple. Call (734) 261-2603 or (734) 722-8360 for tickets.

**Coffee time**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth hosts Coffee for the Soul from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday Oct. 18. It's an evening of drama and music, both humorous and thought-provoking. Enjoy specialty coffees, cappuccinos and lavish desserts. Tickets are on sale at Trinity for \$2. Child care available. Trinity is located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gottfredson in Plymouth Township. Call (734) 459-9550 for details.

**Ladies seminar**  
Morning Star Ministries 28563 Pardo Garden City presents A Fresh Start in

a New Era 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 19. Cost is \$15 including continental breakfast, lunch, pampering area, Biblical message, special music and a goody bag. Call (734) 367-3029.

**Parenting seminar**  
Clarenceville Church 20300 Middlebelt Livonia is offering a six-week video series which began Sunday Oct. 6 by Dr. Kevin Leman. *Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*, continuing 6:15 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13, 20 and Nov. 3, 10, 17. Suggested donation of \$5 for workbooks. Call (248) 474-3444.

**Alzheimer's**  
St. Colette Parish Health Ministry will present a discussion on Alzheimer's 7 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 29 in the church social hall 17600 Newburgh (between Six and Seven Mile) Livonia. Learn the differences between normal aging, forgetfulness and Alzheimer's memory impairment. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

**Marriage encounter**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend for married couples to improve communication skills and deepen their love Oct. 11-13 at the St. John's Family Life Center 44011 Five Mile Road Plymouth. \$50 registration fee. The next weekend events planned are Nov. 15-17 and Feb. 14-16. Call Bill and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wme.

**Food and fun**  
Loia Valley United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware Puritan Redford will hold a Fall Feast 4-7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 26 with turkey, homemade pies, clowns, games and much more. Call Isabel at (313) 533-9266. The church will hold a Christmas Salad Luncheon & Boutique 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday

Nov. 19. Call Lynn at (313) 533-6609.

**Christian music**  
Faith Lutheran Church 30000 Five Mile Road Livonia will sponsor an evening of music, fun and friendship 7 p.m. Sunday Oct. 27. Call (734) 421-7249.

**Church ministries convention**  
The First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road Northville will host the International Christian Education Association's 56th Sunday School and Church Ministries Convention Oct. 25-26. Eighty work shops and seminars exhibit music all days, kids program, food. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

### HEALTH

**Blood drive**  
The Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday Oct. 14 at Plymouth Church of Christ 9301 Sheldon Plymouth. Call (734) 453-7630.

**Blood drive**  
The Red Cross will operate a blood drive at St. Edith Parish 15089 Newburgh Road Livonia 1-7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 10 in the church hall. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-2027.

**Health Festival**  
Unity of Livonia's second annual Health Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12 includes exhibits on aura photography, hypnotherapy, nutrition, Feng Shui and yoga. Also lectures on allergies, reflexology, meditation and managing stress. St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Oakwood Hospital and the Hearing Center will provide screenings for bone density, fat analysis, heart and hearing. \$5 admission. Unity is located at 28660 Five Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

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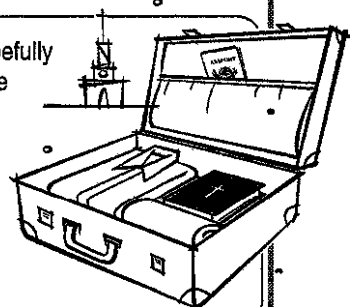
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## GO WITH GOD.....

Life is a journey! One does not arrive here a fully developed human being and the task of becoming fully human is often compared to a long and sometimes perilous though hopefully joyful and interesting journey. But it is a journey for the most part we don't know where we are going to end up or in many cases where we are likely to pass or even what we should pack for the journey. Some people are in the habit of packing a tool kit when preparing for a vacation to help deal with the contingencies of travel and particularly with the possibility of automotive breakdown. In the same way we should give some thought to what kind of "tool kit" we should carry with us on our journey through life. What virtues and values should we carry? What kind of education should we pursue and what are the lessons of faith to carry with us? Whatever else we take on our journey through we should always take God with us as a traveling companion and guardian of our lives. As our Spanish speaking friends say before a journey: *Vaya con Dios* or *Go with God*.

**There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of this world; R.S.V. 1 Timothy 6:6-7**





**BRODZIK**

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than the whole brain. According to Steve, things began going well until Judy started experiencing pain in her right arm, the cause of which doctors couldn't determine.

They gave her medication for the pain, but by December 2001, things were getting steadily worse.

In the late fall, doctors started her on her final treatment. She'd been on steroids to reduce swelling in her brain, but that caused weakness in her legs and fluid on her brain.

Through it all, her husband said, Judy never lost confidence that she'd beat the disease.

In addition to helping her own family get through it, she joined the Stephens Ministry at St. Kenneth's Church, an outreach program designed to help people through various problems.

It was the kind of spirit that endeared her to everyone, according to Laura Brodzik, Steve's sister.

"She was such a wonderful woman," Laura Brodzik said. "She never gave up, and she was out there helping everyone else."

"She was one of my best friends, and I miss her dearly."

By March 2002, the inevitable had hit home. The cancer was spreading, and doctors informed the Brodzik family there was nothing further to be done.

For the first time in four years, Judy Brodzik faced the truth.



Nicole, from left, Judy, Steve and Justin Brodzik enjoyed some time on the beach during a family vacation.

"All through those years she never believed it," Steve Brodzik said. "As long as she had a chance, she never did give up. When she was faced with the idea of dying, she accepted it. She had complete faith in God, and she knew there was nothing she could face that God wouldn't get her through."

Her passing in April brought out the best in everyone. Neighbors made sure Steve's family had food to eat. They arranged play dates for the Brodzik children.

And when a family friend called someone in the Brodzik family to suggest they participate in the walkathon, there was no hesitation.

"As soon as they brought up the walk, everyone was open to participating," Steve Brodzik said. "They wanted to memorialize Judy."

Judy Brodzik would have

enjoyed watching the family pull together that way, because, according to nearly everyone, that was the thing most important to her.

Even as she faced her own mortality, her mother said, Judy worried about what her death would do to her family.

Judy wasn't afraid for herself," Virginia Dul said, "but for the people she was leaving behind. That's the type of person she was."

So some 150 people will gather Oct. 19 to walk in her honor, in an attempt to raise awareness of the problem, "and also for other 'Judy's' out there," said her sister, Patty, "so maybe other women won't have to go through so much suffering."

It was Judy's handling of that suffering that so endeared her, especially in her final months, to everyone with whom she came in contact.

"I didn't realize at the time how brave she was," said another sister, Barb Barbaza. "All that she had to go through, she was awesome."

"I really miss her, and we're doing this for her."

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**Cancer walk helps raise funds**

According to the American Cancer Society, some 6,800 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Michigan this year, and some 1,400 of them will die from the disease.

ACS officials are once again turning to their annual fundraiser, the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, to help turn the tide.

The walk will be held Saturday at Belle Isle Park in Detroit, and Oct. 19 at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. The walkathon has been the American Cancer Society's rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer since 1993. Last year, some 350,000 walkers across the country collected more than \$26 million and, to date, more than \$104 million. Last year's Detroit event drew some 5,000 walkers who raised over \$500,000.

"Although great strides have been made in the battle against breast cancer, we have not yet won the war," said Megan

White, regional executive director of the American Cancer Society. "Too many women are being diagnosed with this disease and there is still so much that could be done to lower both the incidence and mortality rates of breast cancer, which is why we do Making Strides."

According to White, the walk has "helped change the face of breast cancer in communities across the nation" by ensuring research continues to yield progress, that more women know to protect themselves with annual mammograms and self-breast exams and that

those diagnosed will have access to quality care and community support.

"This is an exciting and empowering event we are proud to share in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month," White said. "All of the money raised goes toward life-saving breast cancer research and to support local educational and support programs for those facing breast cancer."

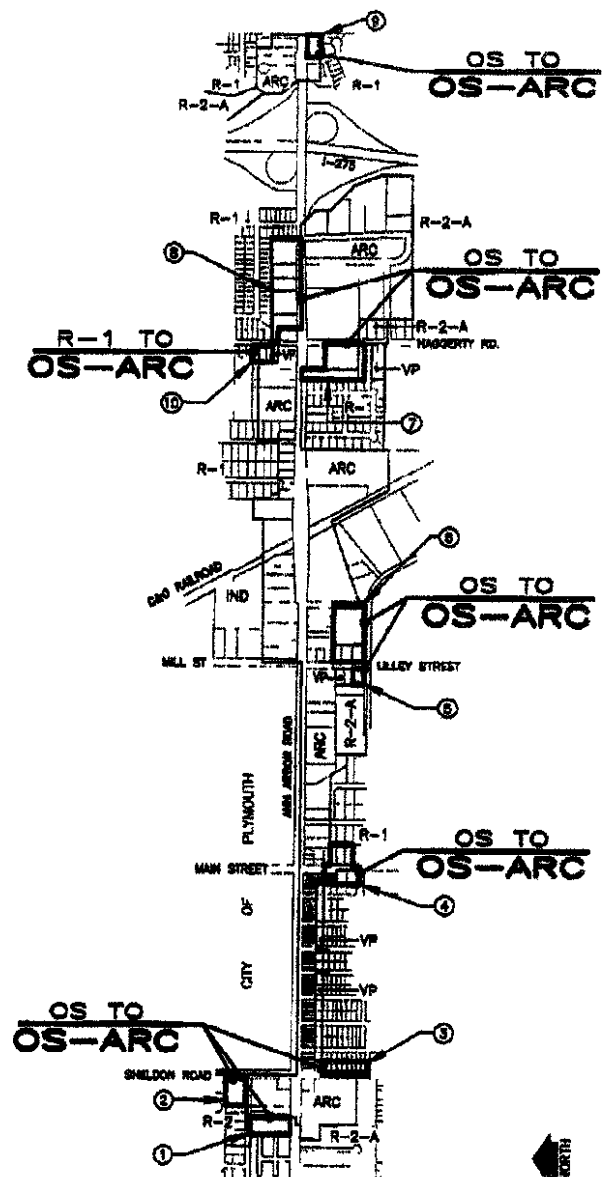
For more information on the walk, or on any other American Cancer Society programs, visit the ACS Web site, www.cancer.org or call (800) ACS-2345.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**TO REZONE FROM:** OS, Office Service District, Areas 1-9  
R 1 Single Family Residential District, Area 10  
**TO REZONE TO:** OS-ARC, Office Service Ann Arbor Road Corridor District  
**DATE OF HEARING:** October 16, 2002  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 PM  
**TIME OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall  
42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from OS Office Service and R 1 Single Family Residential Districts, to OS-ARC Office Service Ann Arbor Corridor District. Application #1740

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Tax ID Numbers
Area 1	R78 057 99 006 703 R78 057 99 006 704
Area 2	R78 057 99 002 005 R78 057-99 002 006
Area 3	R78 059 03 0646 004 R78 059 03 0648 001 R78 059 03 0650 001 R78 059 03 0652 001
Area 4	R78 059 01 0005 000 excluding lots 5, 6, Palmer's Re Sub R78 059 01 0012 000 excluding lots 18 Palmer's Re Sub R78 051 01 0001 000 R78 051 01 0002 000 R78 051 02 0053 000
Area 5	R78 061 99 0016 000
Area 6	R78 062 01 0001 000 R78 062 99 0003 000
Area 7	R78 065 99 0003 000 R78 065 99 0007 703 R78 065 99 0007 704
Area 8	R78 064-03 0154 000 R78 064 03 0158 000 R78 064 99 0002 000 R78 064 99 0003 000 R78 064 99 0004 000
Area 9	R78 066 01 0126 000
Area 10	R78 064 99 0010 000 R78 064 99 0011 000 R78 064-99 0012 000



**ORDINANCE NO. 83**

**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 134**

**PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734 453 8131 ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

**JOE BRIDGMAN** Secretary  
Planning Commission

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 Phone number (734) 354 3201 TDD users 1 800 648-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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**ENGAGEMENT**

Moore-

Gebhart

Mr and Mrs Robert F Moore, Sr of Villanova, Pa announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Suzanne Moore to Michael Shaun Gebhart, son of Mr and Mrs Beghart of Canton.

Erin is a graduate of the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur in Villanova, Pa and Villanova University. She is currently employed as a Portfolio Accountant at The Rittenhouse Trust Company in Radnor, Pa.

Michael is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the CLC in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. He is currently employed in the IT Department of Villanova University.

A February wedding is planned at the Church of St. Thomas of Villanova on the campus of Villanova University.



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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday October 22, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Chestnut Room of the Summit on the Park Community Center at 46000 Summit Parkway, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by GDM Tool & Manufacturing Inc to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #89-279 for real and personal property located at 8301 Ronda Drive from GDM Acquisition Inc the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 2 South Range 8 East, Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan commonly identified as Lot 18 also the West 265 feet of Lot 19, Canton Industrial Park No 2 recorded in Liber 100 pages 96 and 97 of Plats Wayne County Records Containing 3.556 acres Parcel No 005 02 0018 300

**TERRY G BENNETT,**  
Clerk

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request by GDM Tool & Manufacturing Inc to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-044 for real and personal property located at 8301 Ronda Drive from Greenfield Die & Manufacturing the legal description of which is as follows:

A parcel of land being that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 2 South, Range 8 East Canton Township, Wayne County Michigan commonly identified as Lot 18 also the West 265 feet of Lot 19 Canton Industrial Park No 2 recorded in Liber 100, pages 96 and 97 of Plats Wayne County Records Containing 3.556 acres Parcel No 005 02 0018 300

**TERRY G BENNETT,**  
Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 1, 2002**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday October 1, 2002 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy. Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomaro, Director Conklin, Chief Rorabacher, John Spencer and Gerri Svec. Staff Absent: None.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the Amended Agenda moving Item C 2 to General Calendar Item No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Set Public Hearing Date for GDM Tool & Manufacturing, Inc. Request for Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates #89-279 and #99-044.**

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to set the public hearing date for October 22, 2002, to consider the GDM Tool & Manufacturing Inc application to transfer the Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corp Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #89-279 and the Greenfield Die & Mfg Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-044 for 8301 Ronda Drive, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Budget Amendment for Purchase of Land/Land Exchange.** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendments for the purchase of land and land exchanges in the Cherry Hill Village Uptown PDD development.

GENERAL FUND	
<b>Increase Revenues</b>	Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$500,000
<b>Increase Appropriations</b>	Capital Outlay Land #101 200 971 0000 \$500 000

This budget amendment increases the General Government Division budget from \$878,393 to \$1,378,393 and the General Fund budget from \$23,130,318 to \$23,630,318.

FIRE FUND	
<b>Increase Revenues</b>	Appropriation from Fund Balance #206 000 699 0000 \$200 000
<b>Increase Appropriations</b>	Capital Outlay Equipment #206 336 977 0000 \$200 000

This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$7,118,852 to \$7,918,852.

Motion carried 6-1 Ayes: Bennett, Burdzik, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Kirchgatter. Nays: Shefferly.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 7:10 pm to move from regular session to study session for the purpose of the 2003 Budget Review. Motion carried by all members present.

**STUDY SESSION: Item 1. FY 2003 Budget Review.** The Board reviewed the proposed 2003 Canton Township Budget. Discussion took place regarding various line items within each department's proposed budget.

**Administrative and Community Services Department:** •Elected Officials •Administrative Services •Clerk •Finance and Budget •Leisure Services •Municipal Services •Public Safety •Treasurer

**Leisure Services Department:** •Overview •Parks Division & Cemeteries •Senior Citizen Programs •Recreation Division •Canton Softball Center •Community Center Fund •Golf Course Fund

**Municipal Services:** •Building and Inspection Services •Engineering Services •Public Works Drains Sanitation •Planning Services, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals •Water and Sewer Fund Budget •Fleet Maintenance Division •Capital Projects Road Paving Fund

**Public Safety Department:** •Fire Fund •Police Fund •Emergency Management •911 Emergency Services

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

[The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the combined regular and study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton. The full text of the approved minutes will be available in the Clerk's Office or on Canton's Web Site.]

**THOMAS J YACK,** Supervisor  
**TERRY G BENNETT,** Clerk

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# Cyclists' event raises money for March of Dimes

The regional March of Dimes first-ever motorcycle run drew about 175 riders on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Kim Streich, a M of D event coordinator from Canton, said they had sent invitations for the ride to biker clubs and motorcycle dealers to drum up support for the event.

"For the first year of the event we were pleasantly surprised at how many people came out to raise money for babies," she said.

The March of Dimes 55-mile run started at noon at the U-M Dearborn campus and ran up Hines Drive to Seven Mile, west on Seven Mile out to Pontiac Trail, south to Six Mile, back toward Wayne County to Napier Road.

Then they rode south on Napier to Five Mile, Five to Hines then back to U-M Dearborn.

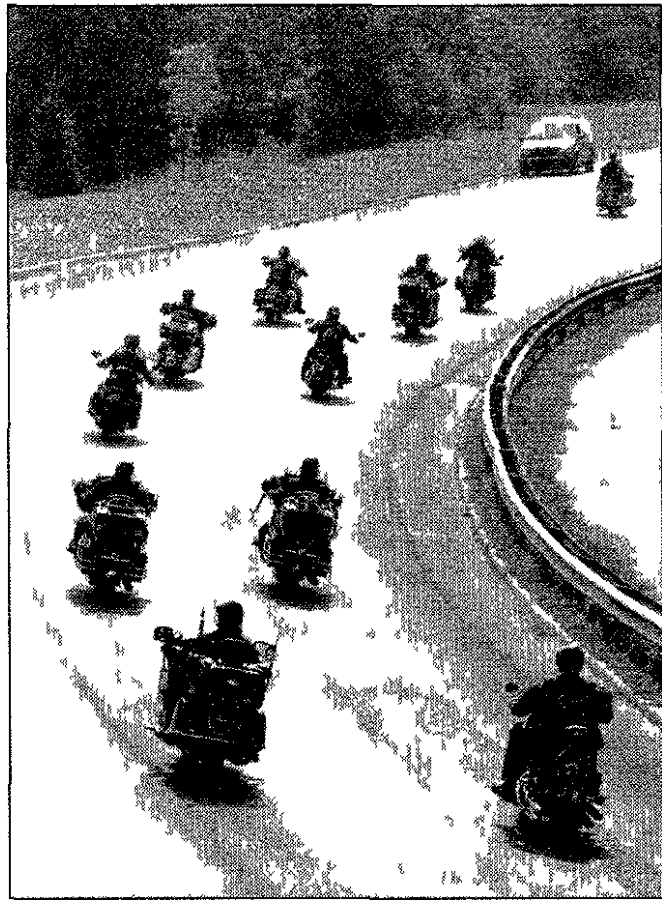
The bikers were escorted by Wayne County Sheriff's deputies on their departmental motorcycles. Dearborn, Northville and Oakland County police also gave a helping hand.

Donation/cost was \$25 for driver and \$25 for a passenger. A free lunch was offered at U of M Dearborn after the ride, donated by Big Boy restaurants and the corporation's Eventful Services division. Pepsi Corp. donated water and soda, and about 140 volunteers showed up to help with registration, a raffle and the picnic and cleanup after, according to Streich.

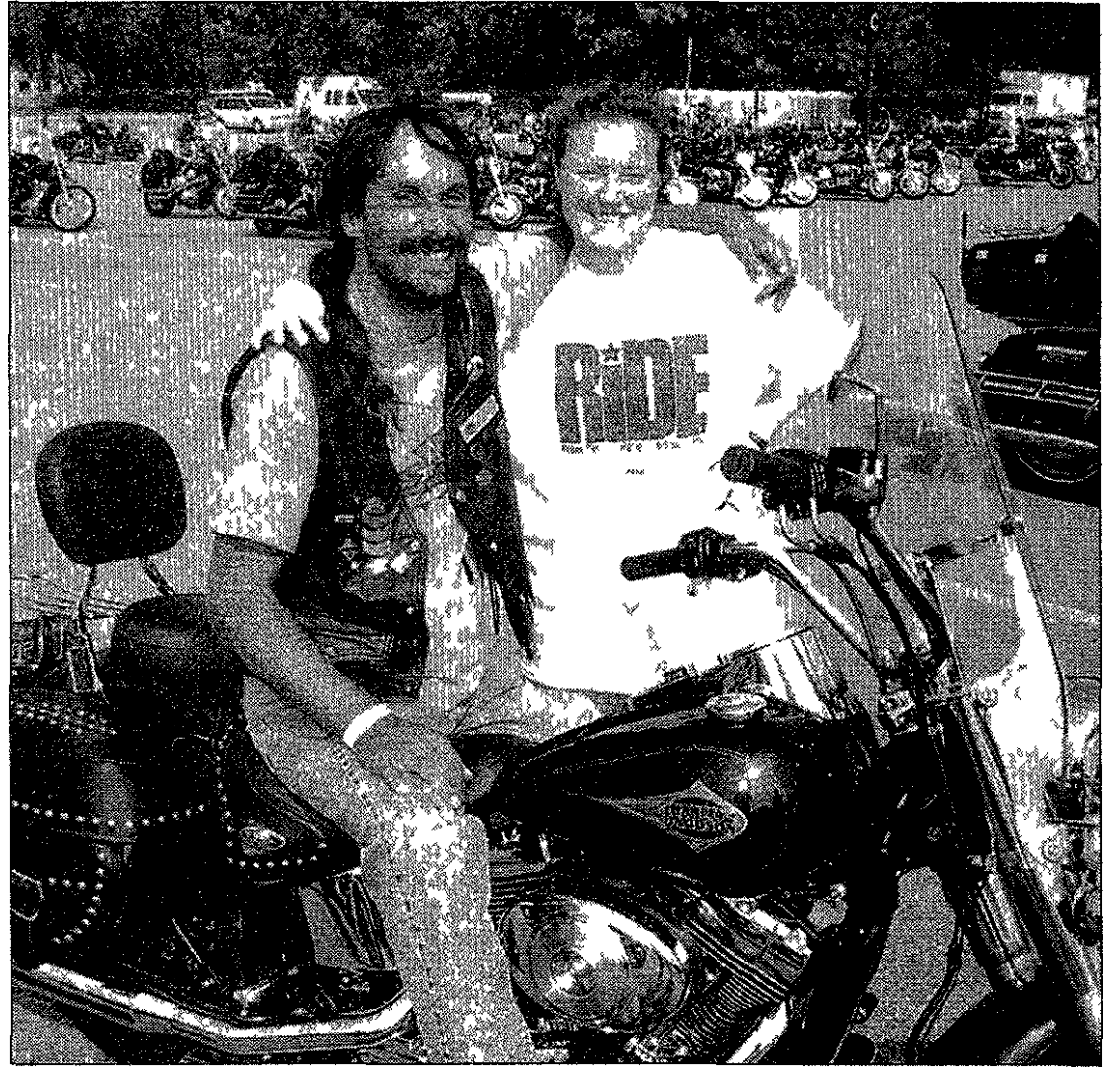
Streich said the event was successful enough to raise a few thousand dollars for the charity and will be repeated next fall on the last weekend in September.

The next March of Dimes event is Star Chefs, scheduled for November and will include an auction of a chef's talents for a day. Successful bidders can come to the chef's restaurant for a special meal or, if feasible, the chef will come to the bidder's house.

The regional March of Dimes is headquartered in Southfield.



The bikers make the turn in Hines Park near the railroad overpass in Plymouth Township.



DOUG JOHNSON | OBSERVER

Kim Streich of Canton was the organizer/event coordinator for a March of Dimes biker run the Sunday in September. She was aided in her efforts by various motorcycle clubs including Motor City HOG Chapter (Harley Owners Group) members such as Tom Gildersleeve of Redford.

## SINGLES MINGLE

Send items for consideration in singles calendar to Hometown Life, Observer Newspapers, 794 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, fax (734) 459-4224.

### EVENTS

#### Single Point Ministries

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church invites you to join over 500 single adults every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. Give us a try. For more information or to have a newsletter sent, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

#### Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. We meet in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and walk outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

#### Divorce Recovery Workshop

Being held Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 in Knox Hall from 7-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for those registering the first night, \$25 for pre-registration. For further information, call (248) 374-5920.

#### Metropolitan Single Professionals Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20 percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

#### Volleyball Co-Ed

Indoor volleyball is back by popular demand. The league will run for nine weeks, including playoffs. Teams are welcome if you do not have a team; come to the meeting and form or join a team. Intermediate meets Wednesdays beginning Oct. 2 in the gym at Bloomfield Hills Middle School. Competitive meets Wednesdays beginning Oct. 2 at the new fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School.

#### Selective Singles Social and Travel Club

For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, card playing, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club, call (248) 435-5320 or go to [www.ssstc.org](http://www.ssstc.org).

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## Sidelines

### Finnerty honored

Local soccer legend Bryan Goose Finnerty will be inducted into San Diego State University's Hall of Fame on Saturday as part of the 1987 Mens Division 1 soccer team

Finnerty played at SDSU from 1985-1989. During his reign as SDSU's starting keeper Finnerty went 40-9-8 with an overall 0.69 goals against average and 27 shutouts, earning him the nickname Goose, a reference to a shutout (or goose egg).

I was extremely honored and pleasantly surprised to hear about the induction said Finnerty. I can't wait to see my former teammates and reminisce about our glory days. It will be extra special for me because my family still lives in the San Diego area and will be there for the ceremony.

Finnerty went from SDSU to stardom in indoor soccer in the National Professional Soccer League with the Detroit Rockers, who drafted him in 1990.

Finnerty played 10 seasons for the Rockers, leading the team to an NPSL Championship in 1992 and earning himself MVP honors.

Finnerty was traded to Buffalo prior to the 2000-01 season. The Rockers folded after that season, but Finnerty - who serves as director of coaching for the Canton Soccer Club - remained tied to the community. A year ago he opened the High Velocity indoor soccer facility on Michigan in Canton.

Also being inducted into the school's Hall of Fame is Finnerty's former teammate and U.S. Mens National Team star Eric Wynalda.

### Lions win

The Canton Lions varsity upended the Lincoln Raisers Sunday 31-18. The victory improved the Lions' record to 2-3 overall, 1-2 in the Western Suburban Junior Football League.

The Lions' junior varsity unit dropped a 20-7 decision to the undefeated Raisers. The Lions who are now 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the WSJBL, scored their only touchdown on a 23-yard hook and ladder play that started with a D.J. Rotondo pass to Chris Fischer, who lateraled the ball to Brandt Thomas. Myron Puryear had a good rushing day for the Lions, running behind the strong blocking of Thadd Lincoln, Evan Ebner, Robert Bojanic and Chase Truscott.

The Lions' freshmen team lost its first game of the year 19-8. Now 3-1-1, the Lions got their only points on a 30-yard pass from Jake Peterson to Andrew Tidwell.

### Tryouts

Canton Cubs 12-year and under travel baseball tryouts will be from noon 2 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13 at Griffin Park, located on Sheldon north of Cherry Hill.

Those interested in trying out - players and in particular pitchers are sought - must be Plymouth or Canton residents. For more information, call coaches Steve Estes (734) 844-1233 or Larry Ott (734) 981-4280.

# Salem runners race to victory at County Invite

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

## CROSS COUNTRY

There were motivating factors for Salem's boys cross country team when it hosted the Wayne County Invitational Saturday at Willow MetroPark.

Two stood out: Dearborn Fordson and Northville, two teams that had beaten the Rocks earlier this season. Salem was planning a challenge for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, to transfer that hope to reality meant starting now.

Which is just what the Rocks did. With Chris Vraniak, their second-best runner and one of the league's best, back in the

lineup (he missed the early stages of the season with a leg injury), Salem proved unstoppable at the County meet.

The Rocks won easily, scoring 53 points to outdistance Fordson (82) and Northville (100). Dearborn Heights Crestwood was fourth (123), Dearborn was fifth (124), Livonia Churchill was sixth (136) and Canton finished seventh (179) in the 20-team race (see statistical summary).

"I thought they looked pretty good," said Salem coach Geoff Baker of his team's performance. "By this time of the

season, it's more a matter of discussing strategy before the race and then having them execute it.

"We knew Northville was tough and Fordson had beaten us twice before."

The Rocks could not afford to lose to either team again, and by the two-mile mark of Saturday's race, Baker was confident that wouldn't happen.

Justin Hajduk, Salem's frontrunner, went out fast and never relented, winning the 5,000-meter race in 16:06. But he wasn't the only Rock standout.

Vraniak showed a flash of his past form, finishing sixth in 16:52 as all five Salem runners placed in the top 21. Randy Bearden was 11th (17:02), Adam

Warner was 16th (17:13) and Bill Leddy was 21st (17:29).

"By the two, two-and-a-half mile mark the pace was real good and our strategy was working well," said Baker. "We were still running a good pace and the Northville kids were starting to drop off."

"We're definitely better with (Vraniak) On Saturday, it was a 25-point swing (in our scoring). It was nice to have him back."

Canton, the defending WLAA champs who lost one of their top runners, Aaron Lanning, to a leg injury suffered in a car accident, still performed well. Jon

PLEASE SEE CROSS COUNTRY, D7



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Salem's Kevin Savitskie (21) battles Canton's Dutch Morrell for possession. Savitskie scored twice in Salem's 4-1 win.

# Salem duo too much for Canton

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

One player can do it. One player with superior ability, an athletic phenom, can elevate an entire team, making a good team great, a great team superior, a superior team a champion.

The Salem soccer team doesn't have one player of that stature. The Rocks have two.

And make no mistake - they are difference-makers. In a game that usually transcends individual talents, that requires a workmanlike team effort to reap success - I'm talking about Salem vs. Canton - these two made certain their presence was felt.

Kevin Savitskie scored two goals and assisted on a third, while Brian Popeney picked up a goal and two assists to lead the Rocks to an easy 4-1 triumph over Canton Wednesday.

The win gives the Rocks a 13-4 record. Canton slips to 7-7-1.

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, D5

# Whalers win 2 of 3 on trip; LaRose lauded

Last weekend's road trip started with a strong offensive effort and ended the same way for the Plymouth Whalers. In between, however, was a bit of a glitch.

Not that it prevented Plymouth's Chad LaRose from being named the Ontario Hockey League's player of the week. LaRose, who led Plymouth with 32 goals last season, scored six goals and assisted on two others in the three games. The Whalers were 2-1.

## HOCKEY

for the weekend, improving to 4-2 for the season.

The Whalers opened with a 6-3 victory over the Oshawa Generals Friday in Oshawa. Karl Stewart led Plymouth with two goals and two assists, with Ryan Ramsay getting a goal and four assists, LaRose collecting a goal and an assist, John Vigilante picking up two assists, and John Mitchell and Jonas Fiedler contributing a goal apiece.

Plymouth, which converted on 3-of-4 power-play chances, led 3-0 with three power-play goals after the first period. The Whalers increased their advantage to 4-0 early in the second period before the Generals trimmed it to 4-2 heading into the third. They maintained that two-goal advantage the rest of the way, with Paul Drew in goal.

It was another story Saturday at Belleville. The Bulls got goals in each of the first two periods, by Cody Thornton and Adam Paement, then

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, D6

# Stevenson just too tough for Canton

C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

## SOCCER

This is what happens when experience meets novice.

The former meshes well, knowing what the other parts are capable of doing and how they will react to situations. The latter does some remarkable things, but they are singular and oftentimes out of sync. The result: Much ado that leads to nothing.

It's a fitting description of Monday's soccer match between Livonia Stevenson

and Canton. In the past, this has been a preview of the Western Lakes Activities Association final, the top teams in their respective divisions going at it.

Not this time. In the end it was Stevenson emerging with a 2-0 triumph over the host Chiefs, but the score wasn't indicative of how dominant the Spartans were.

Stevenson improved to 12-1-1 overall. Canton is 7-6-1.

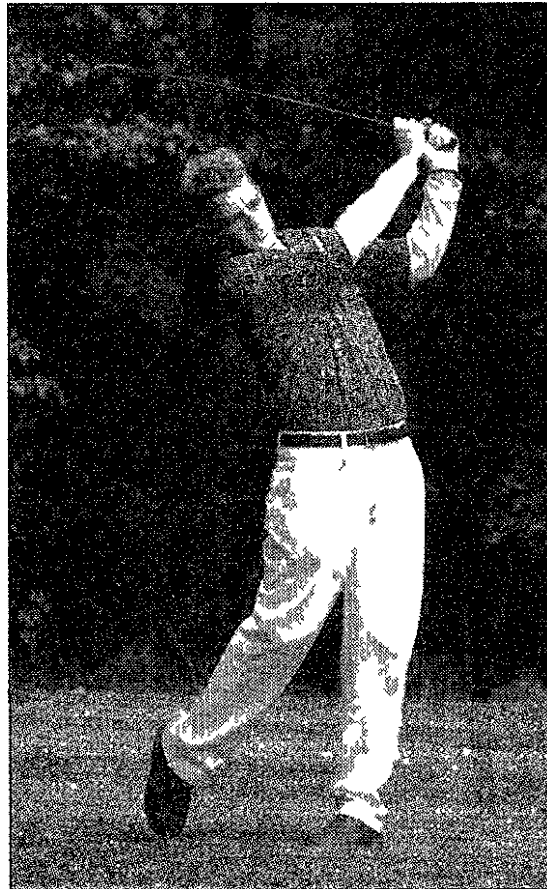
"I thought we played well," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters. "We were creative. I thought our finishing wasn't what it should have been."

The Spartans got on the board early in the match, Brady Crosby knocking in a set up from Paul Johnson. It remained 1-0 through the first half, although Stevenson had plenty of chances to add to its total.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Nik Djokic took possession on the

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, D6

Canton's Ryan McKendry got better as the tournament went on, shooting two-under par over the last nine holes to finish with a medalist-earning 71.



ERIC BRONSON | OBSERVER

# McKendry earns medalist honors at WLAA Final

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

In the final analysis, Walled Lake Central proved it deserved its top seed at the Western Lakes Activities Association Golf Tournament, held Tuesday at Hudson Mills.

The Vikings had five golfers shoot 78 or better to outdistance the field with a 308. Combined with their league-best 8-1 dual-meet record, that performance clinched first place overall.

There was a three-way tie for second place in the tournament at 312, which

was broken by each team's fifth-best golfer. Northville ended up second, with Walled Lake Western third and Canton fourth.

In fifth was Salem at 317, followed by Livonia Stevenson (318), Livonia Churchill (325), Walled Lake Northern (335), Livonia Franklin (351), Wayne Memorial (354), Westland John Glenn (356) and Plymouth (389).

The final standings, determined by both dual-meet and the tournament results, were Central first (18 points), Northville and

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# No. 1 CC upset by St. Mary's

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

It remains to be seen whether Orchard Lake St. Mary's can climb back into the playoff picture in the Catholic League. But for the host Eaglets, Saturday's stringing 13-0 upset of top-ranked Redford Catholic Central might render as anticlimactic whatever happens the rest of the way.

It was the first time St. Mary's defeated the Shamrocks since 1997.

For us it was like a playoff atmosphere," St. Mary's coach George Porritt said. "We had our backs against the wall."

Porritt said his team - now 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League - made the big plays at the right time, something lacking until Saturday.

"We've been a couple plays short all year," Porritt said. "This one was special for our seniors and our senior quarterback (Troy White), who was outstanding today."

White connected on seven-of-nine passes for 135 yards, hitting clutch senior receiver Matt Moyski five times for 86 yards. Running backs Mark Sisson (15-for-76) and Oji Cathey (8-for-24) each scored first-half touchdowns.

The St. Mary's defense was on top of things throughout, led by senior line-backer Alex Dinsler (11 tackles) and senior safety Morgan Trent (two interceptions).

Their defense was the key, Shamrocks coach Tom Mach said. "I don't think we were coming off the ball very well."

"We weren't getting the holes we normally would have gotten. I think it was due

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to the play of their defense. They played very tough and took away some of the things we normally would have gotten in the past."

CC could only muster 124 yards of total offense and just seven first downs in the game. Quarterback Dave Thomas was the Shamrocks' leading rusher with 20 yards, while junior Derek Brooks and sophomore Eric Vojtkofsky were each held to just 15 on the ground.

However, there was little room for comfort until the final seconds ticked off the clock against CC (5-1, 1-1). The Shamrocks only trailed 13-0 at halftime despite being outplayed badly by the hungry Eaglets.

Actually, the potential for a momentum shift was there when the third quarter started.

At the end of the second, CC stopped St. Mary's in the red zone and then the Eaglets' subsequent field goal attempt sailed wide left.

The Shamrocks' Kevin McKee took the second-half kickoff and returned it 45 yards to midfield, to give CC a boost toward making a potential comeback. McKee racked up 88 return yards in the game.

Thomas kept the drive going with a big fourth-down completion to Jeffrey McMichael, a 21-yard gainer to the Eaglets 16.

But the drive grinded to a halt, with senior safety Morgan Trent batting a pass down in the end zone and Thomas coming

up short on a fourth-down scramble.

In the fourth, Thomas again tried to get his team on the scoreboard. But his pass was intercepted by Trent at the goal line.

"We just kind of kept shooting ourselves in the foot," Mach said. "Every time we had an opportunity, something would happen and that's not usually like us."

St. Mary's managed to grind out most of the remaining time, with a big assist to junior Kenny Porritt.

He went in at quarterback late in the final frame, on a punting situation. But he drew the Shamrocks' offsides, staggering the cadence. The penalty gave the Eaglets another first down.

"I've watched them (CC) for years," George Porritt said. "If you give them time on the clock you're living dangerously."

Kenny Porritt said it was worthwhile to make such a contribution to the victory.

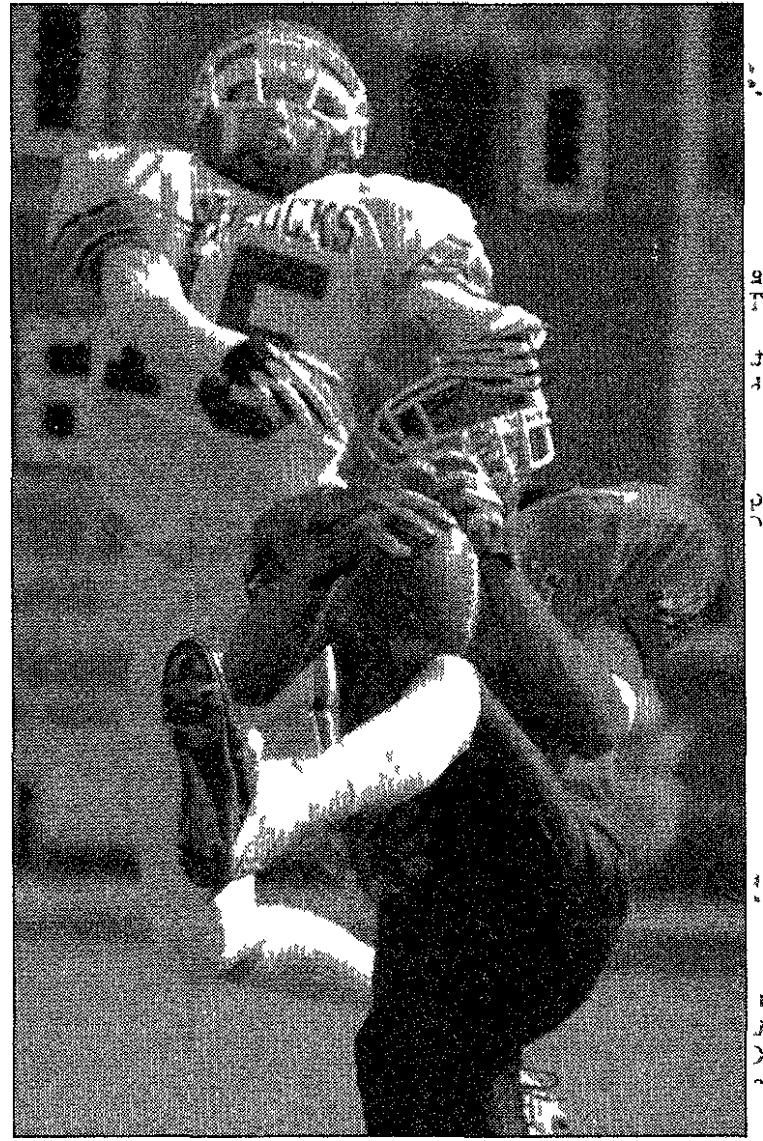
"It feels great," he said. "No one on the team's beaten CC before. We were ready for them. We wanted this one bad."

He said the team worked on the cadence during the week.

Trent's first interception of the game, in the first quarter, spearheaded the Eaglets' first touchdown, a seven-yard run by Cathey.

Key plays during the scoring drive included an 18-yard gain by Sisson and sliding 10-yard catch by Moyski.

Sisson increased the lead to 13-0 with 7:10 remaining in the first half. He took a pitch from White and raced around the left end for a 13-yard touchdown.



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Orchard Lake St. Mary's safety Morgan Trent steps in front of Catholic Central receiver Aaron Pauling for a key fourth-quarter interception during Saturday's game.

# Novice prognosticators give grid picks a shot

It's crunch time for most schools harboring playoff spots.

For some, it's a virtual certainty that they'll be in the postseason. For others, it might be a foregone conclusion that they'll be on the outside looking in.

But for the ones on the bubble, they'll have to remember that anything can happen.

It was only a year ago that Redford Catholic Central was 3-3 and needed to run the table

to just make the playoffs. Not only did the Shamrocks run the table, but they proved king of the mountain as they won the state title.

It can work the other way, too.

Last year, Thurston started 3-1 and thought playoffs. But the Eagles lost two games by a total of five points in weeks 5-6, a win in either would have sent them into the postseason. One win in any of Thurston's last three games will avenge that to a degree.

As for this year, welcome back to the playoffs for Westland John Glenn and its coach Chuck Gordon who in honor of his 200th win as a head coach, will be spared any smart-aleck comments from this corner.

Five other schools can make the grade this week with wins - though two of them should have already been there.

Thurston, CC, Canton and Livonia Clarenceville are all shooting for their sixth win and a spot in the postseason, while Redford Union, by virtue of its eight regular season games, is shooting for its fifth win and a playoff spot.

Some other schools need a little help for post-season play. A loss all but eliminates Churchill, and Lutheran Westland, while Stevenson needs two wins in its last three games to clinch a playoff spot.

And for the third straight year we have a little help for the picks. Braving Friday's monsoon, we went to the John Glenn-Salem game to ask students to help with this week's picks.

Their responses are below, followed by my predictions for

the week in parentheses.

They'll have to do better than those of us paid to make these picks - The Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and the Scarecrow, also known as myself, Brad Emons and C J Risak. (Feel free to decide which one is which character.)

Emons and Beaudry both went 7-4 overall and are 57-11 and 50-18, respectively.

Meanwhile, Risak, who said the mortal lock of the century was the Yankees over the Angels, was 6-5 and 50-18 overall.

This week has to be better, doesn't it? Oh, we'll tell you next week how our guest predictors did.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
(All games at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Garden City (2-4 2-4) at Monroe (3 3 3 3) Carina Parks 17 John Glenn Monroe because they have a better defensive line because Garden City's defensive line is pretty weak (Garden City) has a stronger offensive line though. (I'll bet that Mike Salter is pleased with the analysis of his offensive line. He probably won't be pleased with the game's final result.) PICKS Monroe Beaudry Emons Risak

Lutheran Westland (3 3 2 3) at Lutheran North (4 2 4 2) Jordan Burgess 10 Westland Lutheran Westland because Westland is cool and the Westland team is probably good. (Actually they're not too bad except for the loss to Clarenceville last week. But give the home field advantage some credit.) PICKS North Beaudry Emons Risak

Lutheran East (4-2 3-2) at Clarenceville (5 1 5 0), 7:30 p.m. Aaron Peterson 15 John Glenn Clarenceville but I couldn't tell you why I've heard of them but I've never seen them play. (I'll tell you why The Trojans are a win away from returning to the playoffs again and Lutheran East hasn't had a five wins in its first seven games since 1995.) PICKS Cville Beaudry Emons Risak

Canton (5-1 4 1) at Churchill (3-3 2-3) 7:30 p.m. Jon Wejroch 15 John Glenn Canton has a good running game. Churchill has no defense against it. (Yeah works for me.) PICKS Canton Beaudry Emons Risak

Stevenson (4-2 3-2) at Franklin (1 5, 1-4) 7:30 p.m. Becky Celesti 14 John Glenn Franklin because my friend goes there. I want her to win so she can feel good about

her school. (Maybe she'll feel a little better about her school next week.) PICKS Stevenson Beaudry Emons Risak

John Glenn (6 0 5 0) at Walled Lake Central (4-2 4 1) 7:30 p.m. Lauren Senia 14 John Glenn Glenn because our school is better than Walled Lake Central. I know some one who goes there and my school is better. (Like she was going to take WLC? Actually this will be the best game in the Western Lakes tonight and having it at Central will make it closer. But not close enough.) PICKS Glenn Beaudry Emons Central Risak

Wayne (1 5 1 4) at Salem (1-5 1-4), 7:30 p.m. Nicholas Stevens 8 Westland Wayne because I'm guessing they're a good team. (His mom told him to pick Wayne and he nodded his head. Mom's are usually pretty smart.) PICKS Wayne Beaudry Salem Emons Risak

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**

Lutheran Northwest (1 5) vs St. Agatha/Bishop Borgess (0 5) at RU's Kraft Field 1 p.m. Dakota Howell 12 Canton Oh my I don't know any of those teams. I guess Bishop Borgess/St. Agatha because it's two schools against one. (And if the Baggies don't get off the Schmeid this week against a team that has given up more than 200 points in six games they might not therefore.) PICKS Baggies Beaudry Emons Lutheran Northwest Risak

**SUNDAY'S GAME**

U D Jesuit (4 2, 2 1) vs Redford CC (5-1 11) at Wisner Stadium 1 p.m. Daniel McCall 12 Westland CC because they have good sports teams. No other reason really. They just have good sports teams. (And all good sports teams can also come up flat. Just like CC did last week. But two weeks in a row?) PICKS CC Beaudry Emons Risak



Prep Grid Picks

Paul Beaudry

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# 4th-quarter surge saves Salem; Agape gets its state ranking

It took Salem HS all four quarters of its Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game at Livonia Churchill Tuesday to get a win.

But, thanks to a big contribution from its sophomores, the Rocks managed it.

With sophomore Alyssa Guern hitting 5-of-6 free throws in the final 10 of the fourth quarter, Salem withstood the Chargers' comeback efforts and posted a 44-37 triumph. The win gives the Rocks a 6-5 overall mark, 4-1 in the WLAA. Churchill is 3-8 overall, 1-4 in the WLAA.

"It was a very competitive game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "They made five (threes) against us, but we had

good balance tonight."

The Chargers led 29-28 after three quarters, but were outscored 15-7 in the fourth. Churchill's Robyn Johnson led all scorers with 22 points.

"She played tough the whole game," Churchill coach Rod Windle said of Johnson. "She made some difficult baskets."

"They went on a 6-0 run to start the fourth quarter. We cut the lead to two, but they made 7-of-12 free throws down the stretch."

Guern led the Rocks in scoring, knocking down 15 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Stephane Philips, a senior, added eight points and seven boards and Ellen Canale, another sophomore, had seven points.

Agape 49 Light and Life 27 Canton Agape

## BASKETBALL

Christian (12-1) rose to the occasion and handed Taylor Light and Life (5-5) a loss at Taylor Tuesday. It was an important win for the Wolverines, who finally got the recognition they deserved and received a top 10 state ranking; they're eighth in Class D.

Amy Henry led Agape with 14 points, six assists and seven steals. We went into a full court press in the second half. Agape coach Chuck Henry said, "It broke the game wide open for us."

A.J. Creps added 12 points and nine steals and Lisa Ther had 10 points for the Wolverines. The Crusaders made a bit of a run to start the second half. Trailing by five at the break, they hit the first two baskets to trim the lead to 20-19.

Henry called time out and Agape responded with an 11-0 run that put the game out of reach.

Taylor was led by Allison Theison who scored 14 points in a losing effort.

Canton 62 Wayne 39 Chiefs coach Bob Blohm credited Wayne Memorial for its effort Tuesday at Canton, but the outcome was never in doubt.

They gave a great effort, but they were just outmanned, which can happen, said Blohm. His team improving to 9-2 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA. They came up short, talent-wise.

"I thought we did a solid job on the glass. We did a good job getting shots and getting second shots. I think the rebounding was the key factor - we got good scoring opportunities from 10 to 15 feet and if we didn't score on those, we got the rebound."

Kristen Lake led the Chiefs with 16 points, she also grabbed seven boards. Katie Cezat added 15 points with nine rebounds and Jessie Johnson had 12 points and six boards.

Renita Price had 15 points for Wayne (11-0 overall, 0-5 in the WLAA). Ashley Britton chipped in with 10.

Canton led 14-8 after one quarter and 30-20 by halftime. It was 45-33 after three quarters.

PCA 57 Zoe Christian 42. The second quarter was a disaster. Fortunately for Plymouth Christian Academy, there was a second half - and that was superb.

After connecting on just 3 of 19 floor shots in the second quarter to squander a 14-6 lead after one period, the Eagles righted themselves in the last two quarters and outscored host Warren Zoe Christian 34-15.

The win pushed PCAs record to 4-6 overall. The Warriors bounced back from that eight point deficit after one quarter to outscore PCA 21-9 in the second to take a 27-23 lead into half time.

"We struggled in the first half," said Eagles coach Annie Malcolm. "We couldn't hit the ocean (with our shots). And our defense was not where it needed to be in the second quarter."

So what did they change for the second half? "We came out and played better defense. Malcolm said, adding certain instructions were

given at the intermission.

Amanda Saagman was one of the consistent factors for the Eagles, scoring 21 points (nine in the first quarter) and grabbing 11 rebounds. Her two three pointers got PCA going in its 12-4 third quarter surge.

Kim Guilfoyle added 10 points and nine boards and Melanie Brady netted eight points - six in the fourth quarter when PCA outscored Zoe 22-11. Angela Rossilino led the Warriors with 10 points.

PCA hosts Southfield Christian in a key MIAC game at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Ladywood 41, DePorres 36. In an Catholic League crossover Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood (8-3) rallied in the final quarter with a 14-4 run to subdue Detroit DePorres (3-5).

Senior forward Ruth Sventickas scored a game high 25 points, 16 coming in the second half, 10 in the final quarter.

Senior guard Lauren Hesano added six points, eight rebounds and three assists for the Blazers. Senior guard Keisha Reese had 16 for the Eagles.

# Madonna remains perfect with 3-0 win over Seina Heights

Madonna University's volleyball team remained perfect in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 3-0 win against Siena Heights Tuesday at Madonna.

Tera Morrill led the team with 15 kills. Following closely behind was Shelley Stanton with 13.

Madonna (26-2, 7-0) won all three matches with a combined score of 90-39 and proved yet again that is worth its number one ranking in the NAIA Region VIII. Laura Lesko and Natalya Timna each added 7 kills a piece.

Natalie Sayre helped out all she could assisting with 37 sets.

Offensively the Saints had trouble getting anything going. They committed 28 errors on the attack, compared to only 21 kills. That left Siena Heights with a deplorable .077 attack percentage.

Madonna University's volleyball squad didn't mind sharing the host's responsibilities with the University of Michigan-Dearborn for last weekend's eight-team tournament. But the Lady Crusaders were in no mood to share the championship.

Which is why eighth-ranked Madonna swept to the title with-

out a glitch, never losing a single game en route. In Saturday's semifinal against Newman University, the Crusaders won 30-13, 30-20, 30-20.

That put them in the final opposite St. Francis (Ind.), and they responded with the same type of efficiency, a 30-19, 30-15, 30-19 victory that earned them the Collegiate Challenge title, co-hosted by Madonna and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Madonna improved to 25-2 overall with its 18th-straight match win.

Shelley Stanton led the attack with 19 kills and an incredible 85.7 kill percentage. Stanton also had nine digs and two blocks.

Hayley Myers added 11 kills (5.56) and five blocks, and Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) contributed nine kills (3.81), three service aces and 11 digs.

Natalya Timna added nine kills and seven digs, Amanda Suder (Plymouth/Salem HS) had 20 digs, and Natalie Sayre finished with 36 set assists and seven digs.

Morrill, Sayre and Myers were named to the all-tournament team. In the semifinal win over

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Newman (13-12 record), Myers (6.25), Stanton (4.55) and Laura Lesko (7.33) each had 11 kills and Morrill chipped in with another 10 (4.09). Morrill also had four aces and nine digs, while Lesko had three blocks, Stanton had 10 digs and Myers totaled four blocks. Timna had another nine kills (6.43).

Ashley Frost finished with 19 set assists and seven digs, while Sayre had 17 set assists, six digs and four blocks.

Madonna had few problems in its opening two matches of the Challenge, sweeping both Robert Morris College (Chicago, Ill.) and Adrian College.

In the win over the Eagles, Madonna had four players with 10 kills apiece: Morrill, Lesko, Stanton and Myers. The Crusaders hit 4.57 as a team.

Stanton also had four service aces and nine digs. Sayre added 23 assists to kills, two aces and nine digs, Frost had 18 set assists, Suder had 12 digs and Lindsey Buche finished with four aces and five digs.

In the win over Adrian, Stanton took command with 16 kills (60.9 kill percentage) and six blocks. Myers had eight kills (3.33), four blocks and two aces and Morrill had nine kills (5.00), three aces and 12 digs. Suder contributed 10 digs, Sayre had 26 set assists and Frost had 10 set assists. Madonna hosts Palm Beach Atlantic 7 p.m. Saturday.

## 2 WINS FOR SCRAFT

Schoolcraft College traveled to Toledo Owens Tech for a pair of matches Saturday against Owens and Sinclair College. The result was a two-game sweep of

Sinclair, 30-25 and 30-22 and a three-game sweep of Owens Tech 30-23, 30-22, 30-19.

The two victories improved SC's record to 27-9 overall.

In the two-game win over Sinclair, the Lady Ocelots were paced by Noelle Swartz (from Canton/Westland John Glenn) with eight kills. She also had two service aces and seven digs. Carly Szajnecka had seven kills (with a 5.00 kill percentage), seven digs and three blocks, Stephame Koslowski had six kills (6.00), Ioana Vescan had 16 set assists and five digs, and Desree Betts (Livonia Ladywood) contributed 11 set assists.

In the win over Owens Tech, Szajnecka's 14 kills (.522) led the attack. She also had nine digs.

Koslowski had 10 kills (.429), with two aces and five digs, Swartz finished with eight kills, seven aces and 14 digs, Betts had 21 set assists, Vescan had 22 set assists, two aces and six digs, Kerstin Marshall (Westland/Livonia Franklin) had six kills (.545), and Katie Drews (Livonia Stevenson) had six kills.

The Ocelots play at the Jefferson College Tournament in Hillsboro, Mo., Friday and Saturday.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday Oct. 11  
Lutheran East at Clarenceville 7:30 p.m.  
Canton at Churchill 7:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Franklin 7:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Central 7:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Salem (CEP) 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Oct. 12  
Luth Westland at Luth North 1 p.m.  
Sunday Oct. 13  
Redford CC vs. U. D. Jesuit (Wisner) 1 p.m.  
**PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday Oct. 10  
Clarenceville at Luth Westland 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville 7 p.m.  
Salem at John Glenn 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Wayne 7 p.m.  
Friday Oct. 11  
Birm Marian at Ladywood 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Inter City 7 p.m.  
Canton Agape at Novi Franklin Road 7 p.m.  
Southfield Christian at Ply Christian 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP BOYS SOCCER**  
Thursday Oct. 10  
Harrison at Redford CC 5:30 p.m.  
Friday Oct. 11  
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Franklin at Garden City 5:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at DeLaSa 5:30 p.m.  
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Saturday Oct. 12  
Church at Farmington 12:30 p.m.  
**PREP BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
Thursday Oct. 10  
WLAA Western Meet at Willow Metropark 4 p.m.  
WLAA Lakes Meet at Willow Metropark 4 p.m.  
Saturday Oct. 12  
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**PREP GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
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Saturday Oct. 12  
A.A. Richard Invitational 9 a.m.  
Monroe Invitational 9 a.m.  
**PREP GIRLS SWIMMING**  
Thursday Oct. 10  
Canton at W.L. Western 7 p.m.  
Salem at Northville 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne 7 p.m.  
**PREP GIRLS TENNIS**

Friday Oct. 11  
Division Regional at Stevenson 9 a.m.  
**PREP GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
Thursday Oct. 11  
A.A. Huron at Ladywood 4:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday Oct. 12  
Schoolcraft at Lakeland noon  
Madonna at Indiana Wesleyan 2 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday Oct. 12  
Schoolcraft at Florissant Valley (Mo.) TBA  
Sunday Oct. 13  
Schoolcraft vs. College of DuPage (Ill.) at Florissant Valley (Mo.) TBA  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Friday Oct. 11  
Schoolcraft at Jefferson (Mo.) Tournament TBA  
Saturday Oct. 12  
Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.) at Madonna 7 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Jefferson (Mo.) Tournament TBA  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday Oct. 11  
Plymouth Whalers at London 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Oct. 12  
Whalers vs. Brampton (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
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ERIC BRONSON | OBSERVER

Salem's Andy Thackaberry shot an 80 at Tuesday's WLAA Tournament which was instrumental in the Rocks fifth-place finish

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Western tied for second (15), Canton fourth (12), Stevenson fifth (11), Salem sixth (10), Churchill seventh (nine), Franklin and Wayne tied for eighth (four) and John Glenn 10th (two) Plymouth and Walled Lake Northern did not compete in all the dual meets

Overall, the tournament's medalist was Canton's Ryan McKendry. A senior co-captain, McKendry shot an even-par 71, bettering the next best score by three strokes

"He's one of those players that when the competition gets good, he bears down," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He told me once he doesn't like to practice that much, but he loves to compete. 'He's a gamer'"

McKendry, a four-year varsity golfer, wouldn't argue with that description. "I like pressure," he said. "I like playing in tournaments. A lot of people get too nervous playing in a tournament, but I like it."

For McKendry, his game started coming together at the ninth hole of Tuesday's tournament. "On the front nine, I didn't hit the ball very well at all," he said, "but my misses were in play."

On the ninth hole, he hit a strong second shot that allowed him to save par on the par-four hole and finish the front nine at two-over. He followed that by birdying 10 and 11, and that got him going en route to a two-under par on the back nine.

"My birdie putts weren't very long," McKendry said. "And I hit my wedges pretty good today. I was saving myself."

"I putted real well on the back nine."

Joining McKendry on the all-WLAA team were Western's Andy Baum, who shot 74, Joe Pomorski of Salem and Tony Rishell of Central (each at 75), and Scott Cendrowski of Churchill, Dave Oljace of Northville and Brandon VanHeyde of Northville (76 apiece).

As well as McKendry played, none of his teammates managed to break 80 — something their coach, Alles, thought they'd have to do to have a shot at Central. Scott Oljace and Steve Paul were the next best Chiefs at 80 (see statistical summary).

Rishell led Central with a 75. Sean McMahon was next best with a 77, with three Vikings scoring 78s.

Salem suffered through a similar fate as Canton. One

standout, the others trailing Pomorski's 75 was best, but the next Rock was Andy Thackaberry at 80.

Stevenson had even worse luck. Dru Girard (78) and Justin Zagata (79) broke 80 and Andy Byberg matched it, but the Spartans' next score was an 85.

The state regional tournament is Friday, with many Observerland teams traveling to the tournament at Oak Pointe.

"It's not a very long course," said McKendry, who qualified individually for the state tournament last year. "If I want to score low, I'm going to have to hit my wedges well and putt good."

He's done that in several clutch situations in his prep career.

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**GOLF RESULTS**

**WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Oct. 8 at Hudson Mills

**TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Walled Lake Central 308 strokes 2 Northville 312 (won tiebreaker) 3 Walled Lake Western 312 (won tiebreaker) 4 Canton 312 5 Salem 317 6 Livonia 318 7 Livonia Churchill 325 8 Walled Lake Northern 335 9 Livonia Franklin 351 10 Wayne Memorial 354 11 Westland John Glenn 356 12 Plymouth 389

**Individual medalist** Ryan McKendry (Canton) 71

**TEAM BY TEAM SCORING**

**W L Central** Tony Rishell 75 Sean McMahon 77 Rob Ulrich Steve Percha and Jim Scarpace 78 each Bob Gorman 86

**Northville** Dave Oljace and Brandon Van Heyde 76 each Jim Gates 79 Greg Jones and Ryan Gideon 81 each Lance Dehne 89

**W L Western** Andy Baum 74 Sean Moffitt 78 Justin Williams and Tim Roberts 80 Adam Head and Eric Hoffman 82 each

**Canton** Ryan McKendry 71 Scott Oliver and Steve Paul 80 each Greg Kubert 81 Bryan Wioncek 84 Ryan VanLoozen 88

**Salem** Joe Pomorski 75 Andy Thackaberry 80 Aaron Cheesman and Dave Stevens 81 each Charlie Suder 84 Pat Shaw 86

**Stevenson** Dru Girard 78 Justin Zagata 79 Andy Byberg 80 Sean Sachau 81 Matt Courtright 85 Brad Schmitz 86

**Churchill** Scott Cendrowski 76 Mike Dolmetsch 82 Matt Kruczynski 83 Kyle Hardey 84 Steve Robinson 85 Matt Robinson 86

**W L Northern** Kevin Naylor 80 Don French 82 Jonathan Smith 84 Mike Lemanski 89 Matt Smith 90 Mike Rogerson 95

**Franklin** Mike Bakun 83 Steve South 88 Kevin Miner 89 Brandon Spoutz 91 Paul Segun 92 Alex Gara 102

**Wayne** Bobby Clark 78 TeJay O'Connell 91 Michael Zimmerman 92 Justin Ables 93

**Kris Light** 96 James Congdon 97

**John Glenn** Mike Wright Jon Gwidzak and Mike Galunas 88 each Sean Fournier and Matt Haskell 92 each Ryan Rawson 99

**Plymouth** Ryan Hoeman 94 Nick Taggie 96 Alex Hseih 99 Bill Gauthier 100 Brian Lacrox 104 Kyle Horn 116

**ALL CONFERENCE** McKendry (C) Baum (WLW) Pomorski (S) Rishell (WLC) Cendrowski (LC) Oljace (N) Van Heyde (N)

**ALL DIVISION** McMahon (WLC) Girard (LS) Clark (WM) Percha (WLC) Ulrich (WLC) Scarpace (WLC) Moffitt (WLW) Gates (N) Zagata (LS) Byberg (LS) Naylor (WLN) Thackaberry (S) Oljace (C) Paul (C) Williams (WLW) Roberts (WLW)

**DIVISION STANDINGS**

**Western** 1 (tie) Canton and Northville 3 1 each 3 (tie) Churchill and W L Western 2 2 each 5 Franklin 0 4

**Lakes** 1 W L Central 4 0 2 Stevenson 3 1 3 Salem 2 2 4 Wayne 1 4 5 John Glenn 0 5

**FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

**(based on tournament-dual meets)**

1 W L Central 18 points 2 (tie) Northville and W L Western 15 each 4 Canton 12 5 Stevenson 11 6 Salem 10 7 Churchill 9 8 (tie) Franklin and Wayne 4 each 10 John Glenn 2

**Note:** Walled Lake Northern and Plymouth were only eligible for the tournament title

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 162**  
**PLYMOUTH SALEM 165**  
Oct. 7 at Fox Creek

**Stevenson scorers:** Matt Courtright Sean Sachau and Brad Schmitz 40 each Andy Byberg 42 Jason Fischer 45 Justin Zagata did not finish (back injury)

**Salem scorers:** Charlie Suder 37 (medalist) Andy Thackaberry 42 Aaron Cheesman and Pat Snow 43 each Dave Stevens 44 Chris French 48

**Dual meet records:** Stevenson 7.3 overall 6.3 Western Lakes Activities Association Salem 4.5 WLAA

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**Shamrock golfers runner-up in Catholic League tourney**

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central had hoped a win at the Catholic Leagues A-B Division golf championships would be a solid stepping stone for Friday's Division 1 regional.

The Shamrocks had a solid performance at Tuesday's meet at St. Johns Golf Course in Plymouth, but Pontiac Notre Dame Prep was even better as

the Fighting Irish nipped CC for the large-school title.

"They won and they deserved it," said CC coach Bill Hayes. "I think our team is better than what we showed. I'm not taking anything away from them at all, because they shot well."

CC shot a 309 on the day, thanks in no small part to three golfers who shot in the 70s. But Notre Dame Prep won the meet with 305 in a large part to the Praet brothers — Jason and

**GOLF**

David — who finished one-two in the meet with a 74 and 76, respectively.

Warren De La Salle was third in the meet with 312, while University of Detroit-Jesuit was fourth (318) followed by Dearborn Divine Child (319), Birmingham Brother Rice (327), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (349)

and Harper Woods Notre Dame (359).

"I think we had the capability of going one-two as well," said Hayes, whose team won the Central Division dual-meet crown. "Two of the last three years, we've won the dual-meet crown but not won on that course, I don't know what it is about that course."

His players knew. "I thought the greens were slow and bumpy and aerated, said Plymouth freshman Adam Hogue, who shot a 76 to tie for fifth with teammate Jack Kelly and De La Salle's Chris Fox. "I

shot well, I made four birdies, but had two doubles and a triple-bogey."

Kelly also struggled on the green, but felt his course management paid off.

"I thought I played smart and consistent," said the senior. "I was hitting it pretty well, but had a couple of bad holes. We just hope we can play well on Friday and make it to states."

Chris Elason shot a 77 on the day, while Jimmy Burns carded an 80, Tristan Lester shot an 83 and Mike King had an 86.

"I hit a lot of fairways, but I didn't putt too well," said

Elason. "I tried to play smart and laid up on a couple holes. I had a couple of double-bogies, but was still happy about the round."

The Shamrocks compete Friday morning at Oak Pointe in Brighton in the Division 1 regional. The top three teams advance to the state meet the following weekend at the Emerald in St. Johns.

Hopefully, we'll be one of the three who advance, said Hayes. "If we save our best for last, maybe we'll do very well."

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**Shutouts give SC tournament title**

Defense was the decisive factor at last weekend's fourth annual Ocelot Invitational women's soccer tournament, and the host Schoolcraft College squad had the best of it.

The Lady Ocelots captured the title with a 2-0 win over Central Michigan Saturday followed by a 4-0 victory over the College of Lake County (Ill.) Sunday. Both SC and Cincinnati State were unbeaten in the two-day tournament, but the Ocelots won the title by virtue of a better goal differential.

The win gave SC, ranked 14th in the NJCAA, a 10-2-1 overall

record.

Against CMU, SC took the lead in the first half on a goal by Christine Luther, assisted by Kelly Bush and Katie Howell (Garden City). Adrienne Willmuth scored in the second half to complete the scoring, with assists going to Sarah Plymale (Salem) and Liz DiPonio (Livonia Stevenson). Pam Dybowski went the distance in goal.

On Sunday, the Ocelots went against a tough College of Lake County squad, which reportedly had a 9-1-0 record coming into the weekend. Luther hit for the

first and eventual game-winning goal with assists from Willmuth and DiPonio. SC put the game away in the first half with two more goals by Tara Schreiber and DiPonio. Assisting them were Luther, DiPonio and Plymale.

The Ocelots added another goal to their total in the second half, Luther netting her second of the day and third of the tournament.

Pam Dybowski again went the distance in goal for our 10th shutout of the season.

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It was also the 10th-straight victory for Salem and considering the stature of the opponent, one must assume the Rocks have, indeed, elevated their game

"We do seem to be peaking at the right time," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "When we lost the DeLaSalle game, we were still hit hard by injuries. It's been a slow improvement since."

"If we can continue to improve at the conference final and at state, we should do well."

A big part of the improvement centers around Savitskie and Popeney, the two senior co-captains. When the season started, Savitskie was up top at forward and Popeney was the offensive midfielder. But after the first few games, McCarthy decided to shift some things around, and he put both players up top at forward.

The result has been remarkable. Popeney has 17 goals and 10 assists (44 points) thus far this season, Savitskie has 19 goals and seven assists (45 points).

I don't know if Salem's ever had two forwards together as good as these two, said McCarthy. "They complement each other very well."

But why did he do it in the first place? "Just to improve our offense," answered McCarthy. "And I thought our midfielders could handle it. But I never thought it would work this well."

Against Canton, the Rocks did what they've been doing effectively against every other team — including Livonia Stevenson, whose only loss this season was to Salem. They pressured the ball relentlessly, forcing mistakes that resulted in scoring chances.

The Rocks' first goal was a prime example, Popeney bouncing a shot that somehow eluded the Chiefs' defenders and got past keeper Kris Holowicki, making it 1-0 less than seven minutes into the

match. Brandon Ross assisted.

The best scoring chance Canton had in the first half came 90 seconds later, with Travis Augustine taking a corner kick that Dutch Morrell reached, heading it toward the Salem net — only to have it rebound off the crossbar.

With 27:11 left in the first half, Salem struck again with its unremitting pressure leading to a shot, and a goal, by Matt Wielechowski. Savitskie earned the assist.

Less than four minutes later, Savitskie and Popeney combined on a textbook give-and-go that started with a Savitskie steal near midfield.

He sent a short cross into Popeney, then sped toward the goal to take the return pass. Savitskie finished it, Popeney assisting, and it was 3-0.

"They created the mistakes," said Canton coach Don Smith. "They came right at us and took us right out of the darn ballgame."

"(Salem's) big and they're strong. And we can't give em any, either. We don't have the offense to overcome that. We might be able to come back from one goal down, but not four."

Of course, Canton did just that — gave Salem a goal — with 13:03 left in the first half. It started with Holowicki fielding a loose ball in front of his goal.

His attempted punt, however, hit one of his own defenders in the back.

Savitskie was only too happy to pounce on it, dodging one defender before burying the ball in the net for his second goal of the match.

Salem would not score again, nor would it need to. Canton seemed to adjust and make it an even game in the second half, its efforts at the offensive end finally paying dividends when Pat Zemanski wound through the Salem defense and pushed his shot past keeper Jeremy Boothroyd, making it 4-1 with 15:42 left.

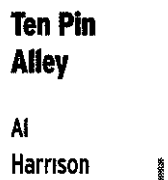
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Just a reminder:

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association 13th annual mixed tournament starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Hazel Park Bowl, located at 24211 Hughes Avenue, in Hazel Park.

Dave Bowman will be honored during the opening ceremonies.

There are still openings for some more mixed teams.

You can enter your mixed league team or form a team from the league members. I hope to see many of you there.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, call the GDBA office at (586) 773-6350.

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**SWIM RESULTS**

PLYMOUTH 118  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 114  
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Oct. 8 at Wayne

Lafayette Meghan Hagood, Katie Hughes, Jill Spangler 2:16.00  
200 freestyle Catalina Oprican (P) 2:29.15  
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**HOCKEY CONDITIONING**

The Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will host conditioning skates for those interested in joining the Salem HS or Canton HS hockey teams.

Salem's conditioning skates will be 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 1 through Oct. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Canton's conditioning skates will be from 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 1 through Oct. 24, at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

Cost for each session is \$15 (\$120 for all eight). A parent or guardian is mandatory prior to skating. Registration is on-site, or call Chris Wolfe (Canton) at (734) 453-8332 or Mary Maurer (Salem) at (734) 254-9234 for more information.

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Canton HS hockey tryouts are scheduled for 3-4 p.m. Oct. 28-30 at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. Salem HS will have its hockey tryouts from 7-8 p.m. Oct. 28, 5-6 p.m. Oct. 29 and 6-7 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

A sports physical must be on file with the school's athletic department prior to the tryout dates. Teams for the 2002-03 season will be selected Oct. 30.

Cost for tryouts is \$30 for all three sessions. On Monday, Nov. 4, there will be a mandatory Parent's Meeting for Salem and Canton team members at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

**PARENT-CHILD GOLF**

A Parent-Child Best Ball Golf Outing, sponsored by the Milford Police Department, is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet lunch and trophies.

Teams will be flighted by child's age: eight-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under, 18-and-under and 19-and-over.

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Livonia Clarenceville's Jeff Fioretti, a 5-foot-11, 193-pound junior tailback, rushed for game-high 125 yards in 24 carries as the Trojans improved to 5-1 on the season with a 13-0 Metro Conference victory over host Lutheran High Westland.

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# Madonna women bounce past Aquinas

The Madonna University women's soccer team gave Aquinas College the boot, 6-1 Tuesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match at Greenmead.

The Crusaders (9-2-2 overall, 2-1 in the WHAC) led 1-0 at the half when Lacey Catarino broke the scoreless tie with a goal. Madonna peppered Saints' goalkeeper Megan McGahey with 17 shots in the first half and 19 in the second.

Eventually she broke down in the second half, giving up five goals to Madonna strikers.

In a span of 33 minutes the Crusaders scored five times. The first goal came from Kelly Delaney, with goals following by Catarino, Emily Jackson, Christen Shull (from Salem HS) and Sarah Pack (Canton/Westland John Glenn).

The Crusaders didn't give up a goal until the final minute of the game, when

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Aquinas' Kalee Schwarz scored to run the shut-out.

**Siena Heights 1 Madonna 0 (women)** The Lady Crusaders came up short Saturday as host Siena Heights (11-1 overall, 3-0 in the WHAC) won a nail biter.

The game was scoreless and appeared headed to overtime when the Saints' Stacey Jacobs broke the tie with less than four minutes left to play.

Crusader goalkeeper Sarah Hartsell (Livonia/Churchill) made seven saves in a losing effort.

**Madonna 2, Aquinas 1 (men)** Madonna remained unbeaten in the WHAC with a victory over Aquinas Monday at Madonna.

The Crusaders built a 2-0 lead on the efforts of leading scorer Salvatore Piraine and Joe Boumaroun (Livonia/Catholic Central) who knocked in his first goal of the season.

Piraine started the scoring early in the second half when he took a pass from Dan Kurtnaitis and fired a shot over the head of Aquinas goalkeeper Christian Rodriguez to give the

Crusaders the lead for good.

Boumaroun added an insurance goal with 20 minutes left in regulation play.

Eddie Wierzbicki tried to spark an Aquinas comeback with a goal in the final seven minutes but Madonna held on to preserve the win. Goalkeeper Joe Suchara (Livonia/Stevenson) added nine saves to help preserve the victory.

**Madonna 1 Siena Heights 0 (men)** James Miller (Livonia/Stevenson) made the difference for the Crusaders as they played the rude guest and defeated the host Saints 1-0 Saturday.

Miller scored with a little less than 25 minutes to play to lead Madonna to victory. Suchara and the Madonna defense made that goal stand up as they shut down Siena Heights. Suchara only had to make three saves and the defense only allowed 11 shots.

**Schoolcraft 2, Herkimer 0 (men)** Goals by Salvador Odjeukeng and Will Friend gave Schoolcraft College (8-2) a split Sunday at the Cuyahoga (Ohio) Community College Tournament.

Both goals came in the first half. Odjeukeng's came on a penalty kick after teammate Andrew Rea was taken down.

The Ocelots lost their first game of the tournament, 2-0 to Keystone (Pa.) CC.

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Stevenson side of midfield and carried past several Canton defenders before taking a shot from about 20 yards out. The ball deflected off a Chiefs defender, changed direction and slipped past keeper Kris Holowicki to make it 2-0.

Which is how the match ended. Indeed, in the final analysis, the Spartans missed on more chances than the Chiefs created.

"I was real happy with the creativity and the overall play," added Richters. "We probably should have rewarded ourselves better, the way we played."

Canton coach Don Smith expressed a similar sentiment. Asked about his team's failure to get a good scoring chance, he could only say, "What are you going to do? They're hustling, they're scrapping. I can't

fault them for not playing hard. They work too hard to get chances to not finish them."

But the Chiefs have had that problem all season. Against good teams they move the ball well until it gets into the box, then something breaks down. The result? Not even a good shot at the net.

And a wasted opportunity, something an experienced side like Stevenson never squanders.

**Salem 7, W.L. Western 0:** Five first-half goals gave the Rocks a lead they would not surrender Monday at Walled Lake Western.

The win boosted Salem's record to 12-4 overall, 8-0 in the WLAA.

Steve Shull led the attack with two goals, one in each half. Brian Popeney contributed a goal and two assists.

Other first-half goal-scorers were Popeney (from Brandon Ross), Eric Vanston (from Steve Cox), Cox (from Nick Blackford) and Kevin Savitskie (from Popeney). Shull's first-half goal was unassisted, Popeney assisted on his second goal. Jeff Everal got the other goal in the second half, with an assist from Jeremy Boothroyd.

Tom Huls was in goal for the Rocks, earning his fifth shutout.

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withstood a late Whaler charge to gain a 2-1 victory.

LaRose's power-play goal 7:41 into the third period (from Stewart and Vigilante) was all the Whalers could manage. Drew had 15 saves in goal for Plymouth, Eric Tobia had 19 for the Bulls.

It didn't take them long to rebound. On Sunday against the hapless Mississauga Ice Dogs, the Whalers found themselves trailing 3-1 after one period. David Liffiton and LaRose helped turn that around, with Plymouth eventually pulling out a 7-4 triumph.

LaRose, who scored the first period goal, had four for the game and added an assist. He and Liffiton each scored in the second period to make it a 3-3 game.

Liffiton finished with two goals and an assist, and Stewart added a goal and an assist. Ramsay continued to pile up the assists, getting three more.

Rob Schremp had three assists for Mississauga.

Drew made 21 stops in goal to get the win for the Whalers. Miguel Beaudry was in goal for the Ice Dogs.

Plymouth plays at London Friday, facing the team that eliminated it from the OHL playoffs last season. On Saturday, the Whalers return home to Compuware Arena for a 7:30 p.m. game against Brampton.

## Twisters roll through Grizzlies

The Michigan Twisters (9-0) of the Lakeshore Football League advanced to the league championship game with an impressive 44-7 romp over the Glass City Grizzlies Saturday at Willow Run's Devin Stadium.

The Twisters capitalized on the running of Jason Gibson (Milan) and Jaquan Wright, who combined for 222 yards and five touchdowns.

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Offensively, the Twisters gained a total of 351 yards on 54 plays.

Michigan's special teams contributed an additional 255 yards, a majority of them coming from Dontu Hamilton (Ypsilanti) who returned four punts for 149 yards.

The defense was led by a strong linebacking corps. Kevin Smith and Aaron Brothers (both from Canton) led the team with seven tackles a piece.

The Twisters' next task is to take on last year's defending champion, the Central Ohio Lions (8-1). Earlier this season Michigan handed the Lions their only defeat, 23-19. However, the Lions beat the Twisters 22-19 in last season's championship game at Central State University in Ohio.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

**Oct. 5 at Willow MetroPark**  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1 Salem 53 points 2 Dearborn Fordson 82 3 Northville 100 4 Dearborn Heights Crestwood 123 5 Dearborn 124 6 Livonia Churchill 136 7 Canton 179 8 Dearborn Heights Annapolis 216 9 Dearborn Divine Child 225 10 Redford Catholic Central 8 242 11 Dearborn Edsel Ford 290 12 Detroit Holy Redeemer 414 13 Livonia Franklin 425 14 Garden City 437 15 Gibraltar Carlson 450 16 Plymouth Christian Academy 467 17 Taylor Kennedy 488 18 Detroit Southwestern 5 5 19 Wayne Memorial 529 20 New Boston Huron 601

**Individual winner** Justin Hajduk (Salem) 16:06 (5,000 meters)  
**Other Salem finishers** 6 Chris Vranak 16:52 11 Randy Bearden 17:02 16 Adam Warner 17:13 21 Bill Leddy 17:29 27 Erik Ness 17:39 32 Mike Horgan 17:51

**Churchill finishers** 14 Kevin Kane 17:09 24 Justin Brevic 17:35 25 Connor Schultz 17:36 36 Stephan Maxe 17:56 42 Tim Howse 18:04 62 Tim Francisco 18:36 5 Jason Black 18:47

**Canton finishers** 10 Jon Western 16:58 12 Steve Cheek 17:02 44 Steve Kress 18:07 54 David Galea 18:26 63 Tim Summers 18:38 67 John Madonna 18:44 83 Trey Wolfe 19:17

**Redford CC 8 finishers:** 26 Mark Rossiter 17:37 50 Mark Sova 18:21 55 Nick Reilly 18:28 57 Derek Zawislak 18:31 59 Dominic Piro 18:35 74 Bobby Ficano 19:01 87 Chris Sinutko 19:31

**Franklin finishers** 66 Tom Hocking 18:42 86 Robby Mills 19:29 91 Joe Mietke 19:36 100 Tim Tyson 20:21 101 Andrew Kent 20:22 111 Mike Miazgowiec 21:01 114 Matt Galbraith 21:09

**Garden City finishers:** 45 Rich Russell 18:11 85 Greg Legowsky 19:25 89 Jacob Davis 19:32 109 Matt Bowles 20:57 133 Josh Pike 23:07

**Plymouth Christian finishers** 9 Ben Welton 19:09 80 Matt Varney 19:12 116 Matt Stephens 21:14 122 Caleb James 21:56 127 Scott Brandt 22:18

**Wayne finishers:** 104 Dilpreet Singh 20:35 121 John Robertson 21:51 138 Thomas Hoehn 23:54 140 Jordan Janowitz 23:54 142 Shawn McNamara 27:11 144 Sean Mills 28:48

**Plymouth finishers** 7 95 Jeff Movsesian 19:45 Nathan Kostegian 20:31 John Zaccane 22:03

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Northville 31 points 2 Livonia Churchill 35 3 Canton 93 4 Salem 105 5 Dearborn Divine Child 191 6 Dearborn Edsel Ford 222 7 Harper Woods Regina 240 8 Plymouth 246 9 Southgate Anderson 249 10 Dearborn Heights Crestwood 256 11 Livonia Franklin 276 12 Garden City 290 13 Dearborn Fordson 312 14 (tie) Taylor Kennedy Lincoln Park Wayne Memorial and Taylor Truman no team scores

**Individual winner** Liz Hirvanak (Northville) 19:22

**Churchill finishers** 3 Nicole Schmidt 19:35 4 Sarah Westrick 19:45 5 Kylene Cieslak 19:52 9 Nicole Renaud 20:11 16 Gaby Gutierrez

20 44 24 Rachel Wodyka 21:08 27 Michelle Phillips 21:16

**Canton finishers** 8 Sarah McCormack 20:09 10 Jessica Levely 20:15 22 Rebecca McCormack 20:59 29 Sarah Stobbe 21:20 32 Carrie Oleszkowski 21:43 40 Kristin Ward 22:14 43 Mary Maloney 22:22

**Salem finishers** 12 Lauren Kane 20:24 17 Amanda Kassem 20:45 23 Liisa Keski Hynnla 21:05 25 Monica Przebrenda 21:09 36 Erin Jensen 21:57 38 Stephanie Hajduk 22:07 44 Lianne Griffiths 22:29

**Plymouth finishers** 31 Tiffany Burns 21:41 37 Nichole McLaughlin 21:58 55 Amy Ostrowski 23:29 58 Kat Harrison 23:43 76 Morgan Benson 25:35

**Franklin finishers** 14 Kirshian Tyler 20:40 57 Katie Wint 23:47 64 Pam Nagalski 24:24

70 Jennifer Kirk 24:57 71 Erica Johnson 25:06 74 Nikki Larsson 25:54 78 Melissa Anderson 26:41

**Garden City finishers** 19 Joelle Davis 20:51 50 Jessie Frendo 23:00 64 Jamie Davis 24:10 89 Emily Fairchild 28:30 91 Kaeli Czarnota 29:15

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**Boys individual results** 1 Adam Daoum (AAH A) 16:58 (5,000 meters) 2 Steve Cheek (PC) 17:02 3 Tim Davis (B) 17:40 4 Austin Riker (AAH A) 17:51 5 Timothy Howse (LC)

17:55 6 Connor Schultz (LC) 18:04 7 Scott Fysh (PS) 18:10 8 James Hamilton (AAH A) 18:10 9 Jacob Belknap (D) 18:30 10 Mark Kennedy (AAH A) 18:45 11 Ryan Rudy (AAH B) 18:47 12 Stephan Maxe (LC) 18:49 13 Thomas Gilcrest (AAH A) 18:52 14 Jimmy Walsh (PS) 18:58 15 Tom Hocking (LF) 19:01 16 John Van Tubergen (D) 19:02 17 Timothy Francisco (LC) 19:05 18 Adam Hamet (D) 19:02 19 John Israel (PS) 19:16 20 Brad Gray (JG) 19:16 21 Dominic Piro (CC) 19:19 22 Joe Rotherth (PS) 19:32 23 Greg Rost (CC) 19:37 24 Phillip Rinke (D) 19:38 25 Erick Donzila (PS) 19:50

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Northville 22 points 2 Plymouth Salem 66 3 Ann Arbor Huron 100 4 Livonia Churchill 126 5 Plymouth Canton 143 6 Dearborn 145 7 Birmingham Marian 172 8 Belleville 194 9

Westland John Glenn 196

**GIRLS individual results:** 1 Liz Hirvanak (N) 19:42 2 Kylene Cieslak (LC) 19:45 3 Kate McClyma (N) 20:24 4 Molly Gavin (N) 20:31 5 Andrea Moehle (N) 21:01 6 Asli Bashir (AAH) 21:14 7 Lauren Kane (PS) 21:29 8 Amanda Kassem (PS) 21:36 9 Bryn Smetana (N) 21:40 10 Kathryn McDonnell (M) 21:46 11 Kaitlin Meernik (M) 22:04 12 Lauren Medley (PS) 22:06 13 Katy Wozniak (LC) 22:11 14 Allison Springer (D) 22:18 15 Allison Oatley (AAH) 22:19 16 Meaghan Kelfer (N) 22:23 17 Monica Przebrenda (PS) 22:24 18 Tiffany Chudzinski (B) 22:33 19 Kristie Savage (D) 22:41 20 Laura Friedman (PS) 23:05 21 Anna McConnell (AAH) 23:09 22 Becky McCormack (PC) 23:16 23 Kristen Ward (CC) 23:19 24 Katie Swor (D) 23:34 25 Chelsea Baldwin (PS) 23:36

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Western paced the Chiefs, finishing 10th (16:58)

Steve Cheek was 12th (17:02), but Canton's next best finisher was Steve Kress in 44th (18:07)

Plymouth Christian Academy and Plymouth HS also had runners at the meet. Ben Welton led PCA, placing 79th (19:09) with teammate Matt Varney 80th (19:12). Plymouth's top finisher was Jeff Movsesian in 95th (19:45)

The WLAA Division Jamboree will be today at Willow MetroPark.

CANTON EDGES SALEM

There were a couple of duels in the girls race at the Wayne County Invitational Saturday at Willow MetroPark

In the first, Northville edged Livonia Churchill for first, scoring 31 points to the Chargers' 35

In the second, Canton nipped Salem for third place, 93 to 105

"It's a battle," said Canton coach John Venning "Northville and Churchill look like the class of the area, along with Livonia Stevenson. Now it's just a matter of who's going to get that next spot, Salem or us"

This time Canton won out. Sarah McCormack paced the Chiefs, placing eighth overall (20:09)

Jessica Levely was 10th (20:15) and Becky McCormack was 22nd (20:59)

Salem was led by Lauren Kane in 12th (20:24). Amanda Kassem was 17th (20:45) and Liisa Keski-Hynnla placed 23rd (21:05)

Plymouth also had its entire team at the race, placing eighth with 246 points. Tiffany Burns was the Wildcats best finisher in 31st (21:41), with Nichole McLaughlin 37th (21:58). Plymouth had been without Kat Harrison, who had been out with a leg injury, but she returned and placed 58th overall (23:43)

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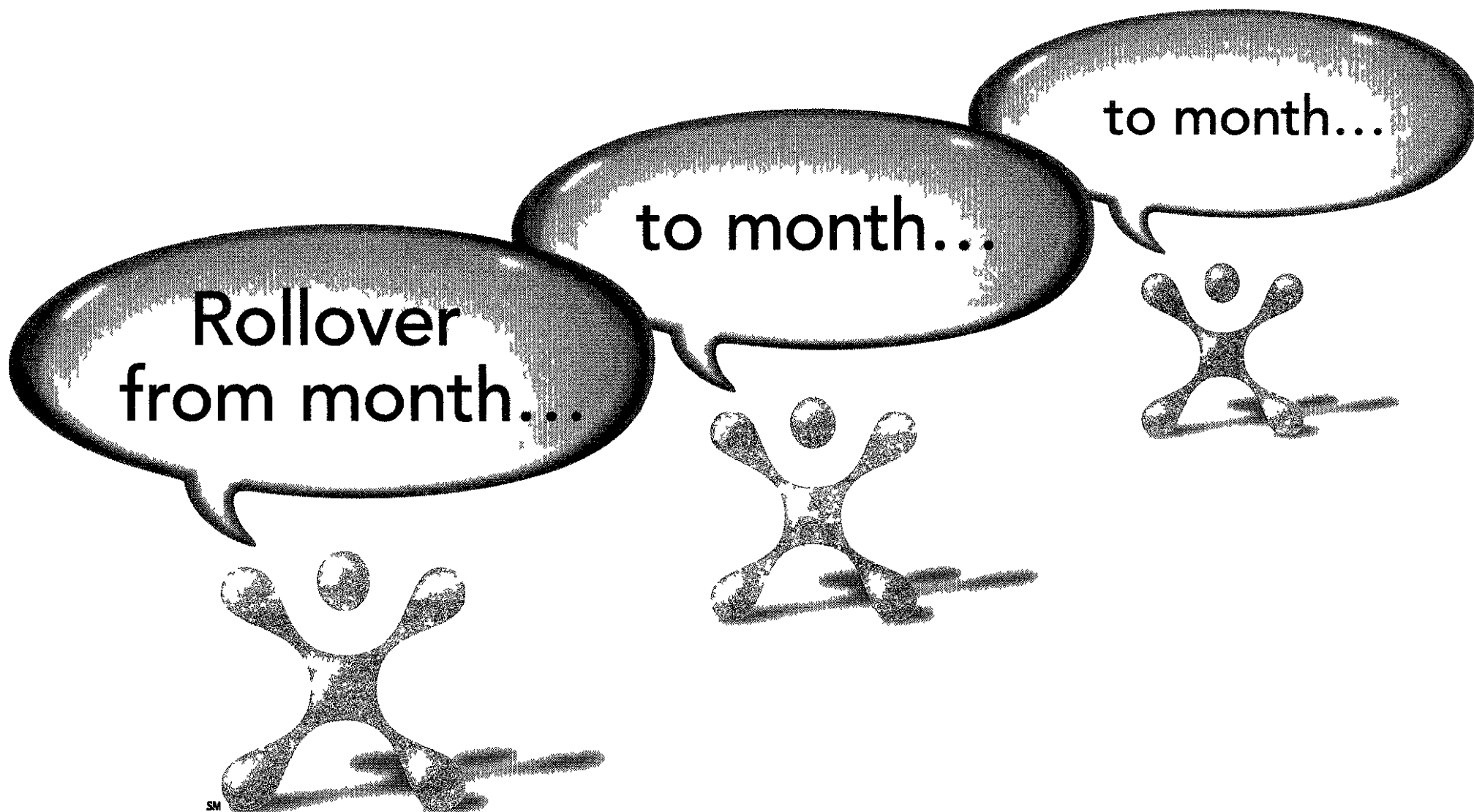
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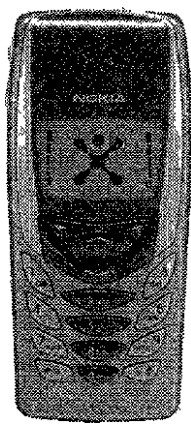
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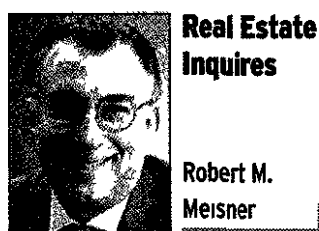
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Robert M. Meisner

## Close deal only after homework

I have a land contract which is a little over a year old with excessive charges and the seller refused to give me an explanation why there is such a disparity in the payoff and the appraised value of the property. What can I do?

It sounds like you didn't do due diligence before you entered into the land contract

To the extent you are being charged excessively, that should be a matter for your attorney to review when you take him or her the land contract

As to whether you paid a fair price, unless you can show fraud, you may have a difficult time extricating yourself from the land contract

Anyone purchasing property should get an independent appraisal of the property before they agree to purchase it

A good real estate lawyer should be able to give you a clear explanation as to what options you have with respect to your land contract

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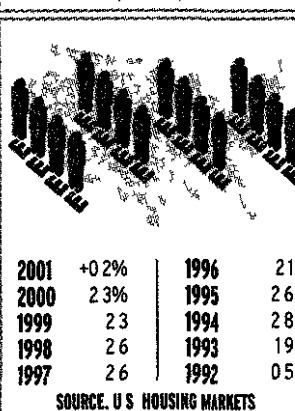
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## EMPLOYMENT

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# The icing on the cake



## Adding that extra touch!

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Prepping a home for successful sale means more than improving landscaping, washing windows so they sparkle, applying a fresh coat of paint, cleaning/replacing the carpet and getting rid of clutter

Attention to some of the less obvious elements of the home and property will improve the overall appearance much like accessories enhance a wardrobe

And that attention to detail just could make a difference when it comes to how quickly and how many purchase offers come in

"Keep it clean - clean and bright," said Jerry Morgan, owner of Home Works Inspection Service in Oxford "You have to give a pretty picture, lots of curb appeal"

A shiny kickplate on the front door, a new porch light, some brick pavers on the steps or walkway and newer shrubs can make a great first impression, Morgan said

"I believe people will buy a home before they even go in," he said "Inside just finishes the deal"

Everything starts at the front porch, agrees Shally Williams, a broker with Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse in Bloomfield Hills Most buyers can't get beyond scruffiness there, she said

"Scrub that door. Paint it, if you have to," Williams said "If the doorbell is broken, fix it. If the walk needs it, fix it up. Overgrown shrubs is another killer. Everything about the entryway to the house is super important"

Karen Camilleri, a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia, also is a big believer in curb appeal and first impres-

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Glenn Baird  
Realtor Century 21 Town & Country

sions  
"Neat and tidy - that tells what to expect on the inside of the house," she said "A real vibrant color on the front door is really exciting, with maybe a chair and a potted plant of mums maybe a pumpkin on the porch"

Setting a tone inside with low music, scent of vanilla extract dabbed on a lamp and decorative towels in the bath also impress, Camilleri added

"Turning into other peoples' senses - visually, hearing, smell - it brings a warm, fuzzy to them, maybe memories," she said

Marnie Chmielewski, affiliated with Real Estate One in Commerce Township, offers to walk prospective sellers through their homes before listing for sale to point out specifics that would make them more marketable

Almost everyone wants to know "They don't always do it," she said

"Faucets that look tired - that's not an expensive item to replace," Chmielewski said "People don't see their collec-

and gives a little better look," he said "Maybe a new throw rug would be a way to change the motif of a room"

When staging, Robert likes to set the nook or dining room table for eating - nothing elaborate - and make sure there's plenty of fresh flowers around

"Pay attention to your senses," he said

A well-decorated cake excites the taste buds, agrees Glenn Baird, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country in Troy

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"I think it's so important to have a very clear walkway through all the rooms so you don't have to go around furniture to get to a doorwall or jump over things. Freshly swept walks (outside) are important"

"Remove excessive clothing from closets and organize them in a proper manner to make them as big as you possibly can"

"I've always recommended a kitchen floor in like new condition. Clean or replace it"

"Remove dirty dishes from the kitchen sink and make the beds. You really have to reiterate this. A sensitive one for some people is remove dogs and cats," Baird said

Here are a few other tips

■ In older homes, change the decorative receptacle plates around electrical switches and outlets

■ How do the mailbox and/or porch address sign really look?

■ Sweep and organize the garage

tions as being clutter," she added "It's part of their lives, especially older sellers. I tell them, 'You're going to move it anyway. Pack it up and put it somewhere safe'"

"Even the placement of furniture can make a difference in how the size of a room looks," she said "Even new towels in baths and powder rooms. Having plants or fresh flowers around is visually nice. It goes back to fresh, bright, clean, new"

"Houses selling now in residential are the ones that they've done extra," Chmielewski said "There's nice competition out there"

John Robert, a Realtor with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, shares those sentiments "Every showing advantage you have, you take advantage of," he said

How would Robert accessorize?

"Maybe I would look at some light fixtures. Nothing has to be overly expensive. Maybe go to the local lighting center or Home Depot and look at some trends"

"A ceiling fan circulates air

## Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Free seminars make smart homebuyers

In his best-selling book, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*, author Robert Kiyosaki admonishes his readers to choose reliable sources for financial information. The idea is that you can listen to "broke" people or to rich people, depending on the results you wish to achieve. This concept applies especially in the area of home finance.

One local not-for-profit organization - the Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association - has set the stage for hundreds of potential homebuyers to gain insights into the otherwise bewildering matrix of home finance and they are doing it for free.

On two Saturdays this month, the MMLA will host complimentary "Homebuyer Education Events" for borrowers in southeast Michigan. The first event will be Saturday, Oct. 12 at Faith Lutheran Church on Detroit's eastside, and the second will be Saturday, Oct. 26 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Warren.

Both events are open to the public, and will feature volunteer real estate and lending professionals from various industries. The events will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Participating professionals will present group seminars and will provide attendees one-on-one coaching on issues specific to their respective situations. The schedule also includes a series of round table discussions with appraisers, home inspectors, lenders, title companies, and private mortgage insurers.

"Is there a chance that I can qualify for a home on my income? Why do I need a Title Insurance policy? What steps can I take to repair an old credit blemish? Can I use my appraisal from last year's refinance? What is PMI and why must I pay it?" If you don't ask the questions, you will probably never know.

Incumbent MMLA president, Mike Fontana, says, "these events will prove invaluable to those who choose to attend. I cannot think of a more convenient and fun way for homebuyers to learn about every aspect of the home-buying process." He adds, "Given that we will have no registration fees for either event, we are certain to have full houses for each."

For further information or for directions, you may call the MMLA at (248) 356-6857 during business hours.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797 5522 or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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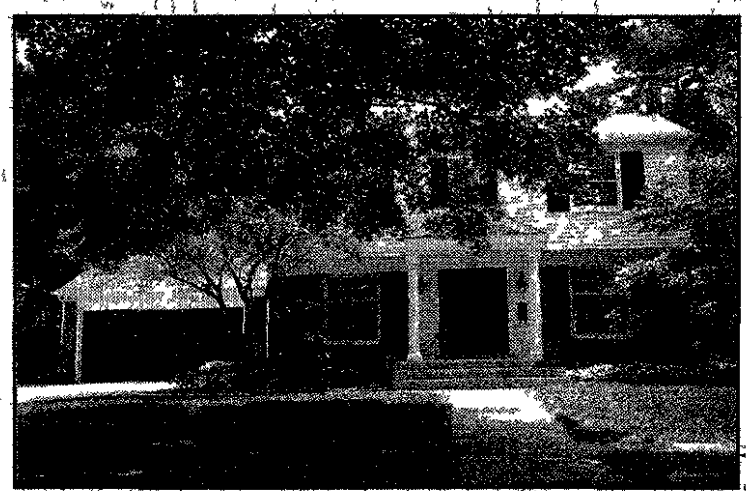
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## BUY HOME CLASS

Flagstar Bank and RE/MAX offer a free, no-obligation class for home buyers 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite 140, off Haggerty between Eight and Nine Mile, Novi.

To register, call Vicky Heaney at (248) 348-3000, Ext. 253.

## REMODELING SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 10th annual Fall Remodeling Show, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13, at the Novi Expo Center, Novi.

Road at I-96

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Cost is \$6, \$5 for senior citizens. No charge for children 12 and under. On-site parking is an additional charge.

For information, call (248) 862-1019.

## CAREER DAY

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales, noon to 1:15 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

## SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley, affiliated with Professional Real Estate Title, conducts a free class, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street north of 14 Mile, Clawson.

To register, call (248) 231-1041.

## INSURANCE CRISIS

The Institute of Real Estate Management Michigan Chapter 5 hosts a breakfast meeting, "Dealing with the Insurance Crisis," 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Westin Southfield-Detroit Hotel, 1500 Town Center, Southfield.

Cost, which includes breakfast, is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. To register, call Bea King at (248) 615-3885.

## BUY HOME CLASS II

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 Novi, and her financial services team present a free seminar for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite 140 (north of Eight Mile, west of Haggerty) Novi.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

## HOMEARAMA

The BIA sponsors HOMEARAMA Orion, six new houses for public view, Thursday, Oct. 17, through Sunday, Nov. 3, in the Turnberry Subdivision at Indianwood Golf & Country Club, Indianwood Road between Joslyn and Baldwin roads, Orion Township.

Hours are 2-9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Cost is \$7, with children under 12 free. Discount coupons are available at Standard Federal Bank branch offices.

For information, call (248) 862-1019.

## ARCHITECTURE

Hernan Diaz Alonso will speak on "Surfaces of Place" as part of a free lecture series sponsored by Lawrence Technological University, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the architecture building auditorium on campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

For information, call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880.

## BUY HOME CLASS III

Juliette Bauman, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia, and Colomel Mortgage present a free class for home buyers 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

To register, call Bauman at (734) 779-9977.

## BUY HOME CLASS IV

Standard Federal Bank offers a free class on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Bryant Community Center, 3-West Eden Court, Ann Arbor.

Participants may apply for a Standard Federal mortgage program that makes home ownership more affordable for buyers with low to moderate incomes.

To register, call (734) 994-

2722 or (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

## LAW SEMINAR

The firm of Howard & Howard offers a free seminar, "Law for the Real Estate Professional: What You Need to Know," 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Continental breakfast and lunch included. To register, call Sue Gates at (248) 723-0357.

## LOAN SEMINAR

The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association hosts a free seminar on the mortgage loan process 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at St. Mark Catholic Church, 4237 Barts, near the Nine Mile/Ryan intersection, Warren.

For information, call Mike Fontana at (248) 362-3338.

## BASEMENT REMODELING

Oakland Builders Institute and Walled Lake Community Education present a two-day class on basement remodeling 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 28 and 30, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

Cost is \$99, plus \$8 for a textbook. To register, call Walled Lake Community Education at (248) 956-5000.

## REAL ESTATE LICENSE

Schoolcraft College offers one-day continuing education classes required for annual real estate license renewals 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$48. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

## SELL HOME CLASS II

Birmingham Community Education presents a class on how to go about selling a home 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Berkshire Middle School in Birmingham.

Cost is \$12. To register, call (248) 203-3800 or visit the

Web at www.communityed.net

## REAL ESTATE FORUM

The 16th annual University of Michigan/Urban Land Institute Real Estate Forum runs Wednesday, Nov. 6, with lunch/presentations at Ford Field and visits to several projects under development in Detroit, and Thursday, Nov. 7, with a series of workshops in Ann Arbor.

Cost is \$250 for both days with registration before Oct. 21, \$280 after. A single day with lunch costs \$150. For students, it's \$25 per day.

To register, call Penny Tully at (734) 763-2582.

## EFFECTIVE PLANNING

Michigan State University Extension sponsors a series of classes on effective community planning 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, now through Oct. 30, at the Wayne RESA Building, 5454 Venoy, Wayne.

Topics include retaining tax base and community character, environmental issues with storm water management, developing brownfields, and eliminating nuisances.

Cost is \$35 per class. For information, contact Kristine L. Hahn at (313) 833-3417.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

## FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership is \$25 and basic organizational membership is \$50.

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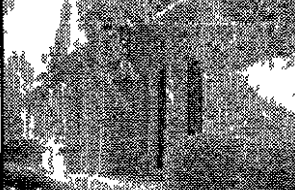


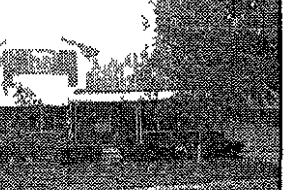
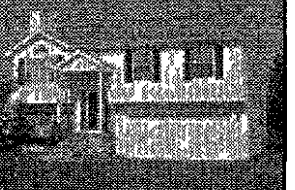









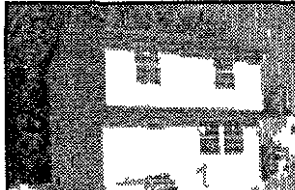



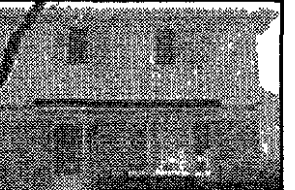
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# Be safe: Install outdoor lighting, timers, smoke detectors

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Fall and winter mean shorter days, colder weather, and less natural light to safely traverse paths outdoors and hallways indoors. The change in seasons also ushers in the need to fire up the furnace and-or stoke the fireplace or wood stove.

With reduced natural light and furnace and fireplace operation come a host of safety and security hazards, such as nasty falls, home burglaries, increased fire danger and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. There are, however, several simple and inexpensive upgrades that will improve safety and security and, as a bonus, improve comfort and energy efficiency.

## LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

A poorly lit path is an accident waiting to happen - especially when one is burdened with an armful of groceries or packages. Solve the problem by installing landscape lighting. Also called accent and

patio lighting, these low-voltage systems are more affordable, energy efficient and easier to install than ever. Although elements can be purchased piecemeal, most manufacturers offer a kit that contains everything needed to brighten up the exterior of your home - wire, transformer and fixtures. Besides improving path safety, these systems are a means of lighting dark, bushy areas that could serve as a hide out for an intruder.

While landscape lighting contributes to the safety and security of a home, it does have its limitations. Where more lighting 'horsepower' is needed, such as at the front porch, driveway or a poorly lit side or rear yard, consider motion-activated lighting. This type of light fixture turns on when a sensor detects motion - a feature that protects against intruders.

When motion-activated lighting first became popular, it was, for the most part, limited to a standard utility spot or floodlight. Today, decorative lantern-style fixtures automati-

cally light up otherwise dark porches and patios. A motion-activated sensor also can be retrofitted to most existing light fixtures. As with landscape lighting, motion-activated lighting is affordable and easy to install.

If you have a large area that requires much light and you want to accomplish it with a single fixture, a high-pressure sodium or mercury security light will do the trick. These fixtures pack a lighting punch. For example, a 70-watt sodium security light will illuminate more than 8,500 square feet, provide 6,300 lumens of light and last up to 12 times longer than a standard incandescent par floodlight. Add a built-in photo control and the light will automatically turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn with no timers or switches.

## TIMERS

Lighting upgrades shouldn't be limited to the exterior. You can improve safety and discourage prowlers by installing motion-activated lighting and

timers inside, as well. For example, a motion-activated light switch can come in handy when you travel through a dark hallway with an armful of laundry.

Timers are still another means of improving safety, security and comfort. A standard wall switch can be replaced with a digital timer that will turn interior or exterior lighting off at predetermined times. What's more, this style of switch will allow for random settings that give your home a lived-in look while you are away. A plug-in timer for a table lamp can also create the illusion of an occupied home and keep would-be intruders away. Timers are inexpensive and easy to install.

Besides providing improved safety and security, motion-activated switches and timers are highly energy efficient - especially if you have youngsters who frequently forget to turn lights off.

There are other ways of upgrading the safety of your home during fall and winter. Where there's smoke, there's fire - and carbon monoxide

This slightly altered familiar phrase is particularly applicable during fall and winter when home fires increase due to fireplaces and home heating systems being at maximum use. Every home and family should be protected by one or more properly operating smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors.

Many years ago building code required only one smoke detector in a home. Today, a smoke detector is required in each bedroom and on every level of a home. A carbon monoxide detector is not a requirement, though the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home with fuel-burning appliances - including fireplaces - be equipped with at least one.

If your home doesn't have smoke detectors, install them. If you have only one, such as in a hallway, install others in all bedrooms and in a central location on every floor of your home. A smoke detector is inexpensive and easy to install. A screwdriver, ladder and 15 minutes is about all you'll need.

The same holds true for carbon monoxide detectors.

You can have a dozen smoke detectors and still end up with little or no protection. Recent studies have revealed that smoke detectors that are 10 years old, or older, have a high rate of failure and should be replaced.

A poorly maintained or dirty smoke detector is useless. Use a vacuum with an upholstery brush to prevent dust and dirt from building up in the mechanism. Test the device's detector and alarm monthly to ensure that they both are working properly. The test button on the detector tests the alarm only.

Striking three wooden kitchen matches, blowing them out and allowing the smoke to waft up toward the unit will test the detector. Another means of testing a detector is with an aerosol spray that simulates smoke. Change batteries at least twice annually, and more often, if necessary.

For more home improvement tips and information visit [www.onthehouse.com](http://www.onthehouse.com)

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These are the Observer area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 27-31 2002 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	Garden City	Livonia	Plymouth	Redford	Westland
43632 Abbey \$263,000	419 Worthington \$218,000	34209 Ann Arbor Tr \$161,000	44627 Albert \$218,000	2530 Five M e \$77,000	27540 Ann Arbor Tr \$125,000
1624 Brookdale \$280,000	1216 Hen y Ruff \$65,000	19350 Antago \$260,000	48633 Chambury \$223,000	16910 Beech Daly \$190,000	6856 Apache \$157,000
1636 Brookdale \$33,000	29514 Marquette \$130,000	29537 Bretton \$293,000	13808 H Iltop W \$38,000	25396 Cathedral \$219,000	34768 Bock \$85,000
539 Canterbury \$285,000	44515 Savery \$135,000	9060 Deering \$292,000	47 44 Hunters PK \$130,000	11426 Centralia \$145,000	35887 Castlewood \$143,000
6689 Carlton \$256,000	679 Sorel \$291,000	15861 Foch \$168,000	42221 Old Pond \$190,000	18209 Garfield \$130,000	3007 Cooley \$157,000
43853 Chalmette \$161,000	41679 W d Tu key \$218,000	19470 Haage ty \$275,000	311 S Harvey \$158,000	10037 Grayf e d \$175,000	8337 Flam ngo \$164,000
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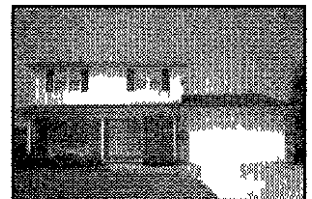
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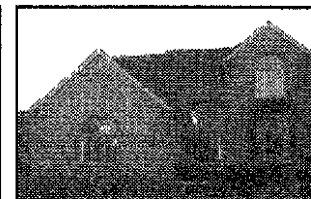
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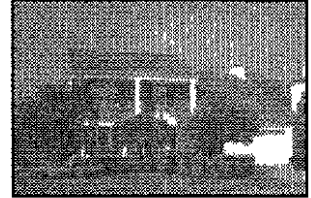
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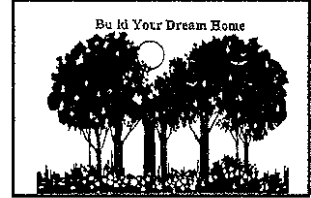
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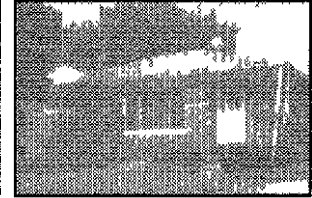
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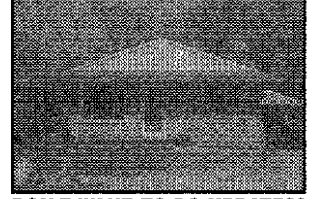
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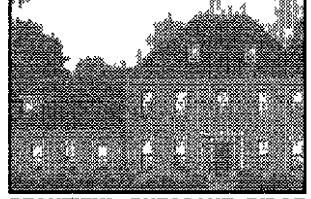
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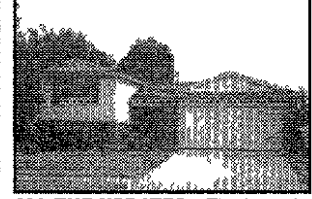
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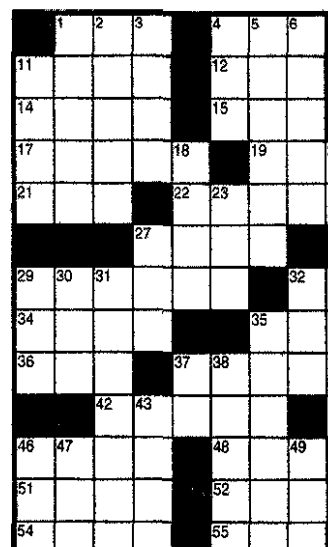
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**AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN** CRESTWOOD DODGE (734) 421-5700

**Auto Mechanics**

Immediate openings available for certified Auto Mechanics. Benefits bonus & retirement packages included. Please apply in person at 30250 Grand River Farmington Hills 248 474 0500

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We are seeking an individual with Lincoln Mercury Dealership experience. Reynolds & Reynolds computer experience a plus. Excellent pay plan. 401K. This is an excellent opportunity for a motivated individual.

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**BAR TENDER TRAINEES NEEDED**

\$250 per day potential Call 800 293 3985 ext 3098

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Apprenticeship. Must have good driving record be dependable. Canton area. (734) 459 9900

**BIRMINGHAM** 2 bedroom upper C/A hardwood 14 M Woodward \$900+security 248 643 0427

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3 yrs exp afternoons Troy area. Please fax resume 313 831 7479

**BUSY LIVONIA FLOWER SHOP** looking for experienced responsible individual for part time position. Sales exp a must. Apply in person. Flowers From Joe's 33018 W Seven Mile Livonia

**CARPENTERS ROUGH** Canton area Condo project 517 545 2900

**CARPENTERS COMMERCIAL** Benefits (248)427 1400

**CARPENTERS ROUGH** Insurance & benefit package 734 878 0010

**CARPENTERS ROUGH** 5 year experience Good benefit including 401K health insurance (248) 477 0750

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**Case Worker/Marketing/Care Coordinator** Full/part time For Livonia assisted care Word/Excel a plus Call 248 212 4740

**CASHIER STORE HELP** needed for a 7 11 store Great benefits flexiable hours Call after 5pm 734 612 9934

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**CHILDCARE**

**ASSISTANT LEAD CHILDCARE PROVIDERS** Needed for our All Day Preschool and School Age Programs. Applicants must have completed at least six semester hours of credit in Early Childhood with at least one year of experience. \$6.75 \$7.00/hour

**LEAD CHILDCARE PROVIDERS** Needed for our All Day Preschool and School Age Programs. Applicants must have completed CDA credential or 12 semester hours of credit in Early Childhood. \$8.25 \$9.29/hr

**SUBSTITUTE CHILDCARE PROVIDERS** Needed for our All Day Preschool and School Age Programs. All applicants must be at least 18 yrs of age with high school diploma or GED. Experience preferred but will train. \$6.40 \$7.49/hr

Qualified applicants should apply in person at the Dearborn Public Schools Human Resources 18700 Audette Dearborn MI 48124 (313) 730 0560 EOE/AE

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**CHILDCARE STAFF** Part time Permanent Open 7 days/eves MY PLACE (Just For Kids) 7305 Orchard Lk N of 14

**CLEANERS / JANITORS** \$7.50/hr Part time evenings Neat appearance Canton Plymouth Taylor (734) 283 6840

**CLEANING OFFICES** Part time Farmington Hills/Novi/Wixom Evenings available Start \$9/hr (248) 678 1012

**CLIENT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN** Westland based Internet customer service 2 people to answer support calls & emails about our Net software. Candidates should have a feel for the net, email & marketing. No sales. No cold calls. Call or email Rachel for more info 734 728 4500 x 204 or rachel@kcwabunaga.net

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**CNC LATHE OPERATORS**

We offer an excellent benefit package, air conditioned facility, steady overtime and an opportunity for advancement. Day and afternoon shifts available. Must be able to program and setup. Wages commensurate with experience.

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MOELLER MFG CO 43938 Plymouth Oaks Bl Plymouth MI 48170 Phone 734 416 0000 Fax 734 416 2200

**COACHES**

Crestwood Hgh School 1501 N Beach Daly Rd Dearborn Heights MI 48127

7th Grade Girls Volleyball 9th grade Boys Basketball Varsity Boys West ng Varsity Boys Tennis

Interested qualified persons may submit written applications and resume on or before 4:00pm Wed Oct 16 2002

Attn: Sean Maloney Athletic Director Fax 313 792 0202

**COUNTER HELP** Full or part time 8am 3pm Mon Fri Will train. Benefits 43227 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 248 335 5311 248 709 2815

**Counter Help** Mon Fri 5am 11am shift. Apply with the Looney Baker 13951 Farmington Rd Livonia MI 48150

**Creative Sales Person** Growing promotions & marketing co looking for a full time addition to its team. Must be enthusiastic fun & creative. Compensation paid Full time. Fax resume to 248 855 2464

**CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVES** Ground floor opportunity Full time pay for part time position. Be an owner representative with a fast growing NYSE Corp. Good phone skills a must. sales experience preferred. potential career position. NO COLD CALLING. Call Deanna (248) 735 8400

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REP Farmers Insurance** Full time insurance agency exp required \$12 \$15/hr depending on exp Ask for Tom at 248 349 5041

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE/ OPERATIONS AGENT**

Romulus freight forwarder seeking Customer Service/ Operations Agent for all shifts. Exp required. Exc pay/benefits & 401K. Send resume to P O Box 0395 Observer Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE Charter Twp of Northville LABORER I**

The Water and Sewer Division seeks a qualified person to fill a full time Laborer position at \$14.34 an hour with excellent benefits. Job responsibilities include lead install and repair water meters, maintenance and emergency repair to water/sewer mains and other duties. Qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent plus a current valid Michigan Operator's License and excellent driving record. Applications area available and returned completed to the Human Resource Department 41660 Six Mile Road Northville MI 48167 by 4:30p m Thursday October 31 2002. Resumes without applications will not be accepted. EOE

**DESK TOP PUBLISHING**

Part time position (25 hours weekly) available with non profit organization in Bloomfield Hills. Experience in Pagemaker, Photoshop, Word and Excel. Please respond to Observer & Eccentric News papers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150

**DIRECT CARE STAFF** for closed Head injury patients. Training available. Competitive wage. Benefits available. (248) 350 8323

**DIRECT CARE STAFF** For home in W Bloomfield 6



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DIRECT CARE STAFF Looking for qualified persons to work in the care giving field \$7.70 \$8.20 hourly wage benefits Call programs listed below

LIVONIA 248 474 6996

WAYNE 734 467 5667

Trained on call staff \$9/hr For further information call or leave message 313 255 6295

Direct Care Post on-site able working with people in their homes competitive pay & benefits all shifts paid training great people mean ingful work 734 728 4362

DISTRICT MAINTENANCE MANAGER Sun Communities Inc the nation's leading owner & operator of manufactured housing communities has an opening for a full time District Maintenance Manager in Canton Mich Responsible for overall maintenance and upkeep of community grounds and facilities at multiple projects High School diploma or GED 3 years of experience and 1 year supervisory experience required Sun offers competitive salary benefits free housing and utilities and 401(k) plan Send resume to 41021 Old Michigan #1 Canton MI 48188 Fax (734) 397 8307 EOE

DOOR TO DOOR APPOINTMENT SETTERS Home Improvement Co is seeking full time canvassers to join our crew Job involves door to door appt setting for estimates Mon Sat \$10/hr plus weekly bonuses Transportation provided Call Karen or Kevin 248 478 8600

DRIVER NEEDED For Canton mailing service Friendly outgoing no more than 3 points chauffeurs license paid vacation/holidays medical & dental Apply 734 455 9810

DRIVER wanted for local dry cleaning delivery route Metro Detroit area Apply between 9am 2pm Lustrre Laundry 9100 Central Detroit MI 313 933 7777

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DRIVER ALLIED VAN Lines has openings in electronics and trade shows Minimum 1 year o/tr experience Tractor Lease/Purchase program Call 800 634 2200 Dept ANMS EOE

DRIVERS HIRING EXP OTR Drivers Solo and Teams Start \$30 \$37.17 out 3 home Security w/ Gaiway Transportation 800 326 8889

Drivers for Landscape Co CDL required Year round employment Call 248 676 0700

DRIVERS WANTED Class A drivers wanted for local/OTR chn ng and tarp ng experience needed Good wage and benefit Apply at 13300 Levan Rd Livon a 1 800 442 2116

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To apply a mail resume with salary history to Theresaad@coverall.com or mail to Coverall of Detroit Attn Office Manager 21800 Hagerty Rd Ste 311 Northville MI 48167

FIELD SERVICE TECH Needed to trouble shoot & repair commercial restaurant equipment Basic plumbing & electrical skills and good communication skills a must Good driving record & ability to lift 70 lbs required Pay based upon experience Full benefits 401K paid vacation & holidays Apply in person Parkside Maintenance 25137 Plymouth Rd Redford or fax resume 313 532 6498

FLORAL DESIGNER Experienced Flexible schedule (313) 933 0081

FLYERS FOR DELIVERY Must have own transportation for the suburban area Call 313 792 2855

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FURNITURE DELIVERY PERSON Full time plus benefits must be responsible personable and reliable some heavy lifting required Must have good driving record Send letter of interest to P me PO Box 250676 Franklin MI 48025 or fax to 248 626 0338

GENERAL OFFICE HELP Part/full time auto broker in Wayne/Westland Will train 734 326 3844

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GROUNDS & LIGHT maintenance person experienced only for 172 unit apt complex Westland area 734 729 2242

EDWARD ROSE & SONS seeks to fill full time year round groundskeeper position throughout suburban Detroit Positions requires energetic responsible individuals who enjoy working outdoors Advancement available Please call 248 539 2130 ext 388 or fax resume to 248 539 7812

GUTTER INSTALLERS needed for rapidly growing company Experience preferred but will train right candidate Excellent wages with benefits after 60 days Please call 248 669 0660

HAIR STYLIST wanted full or part time benefits Paid 734 422 5730

For Creative Color Salon n L'vonia w/over wait clientele Great pay 734 261 5337

HAIRDRESSER Licensed/skilled technician Full benefit employment Birmingham location (248) 644 7135

Health Club Career position for neat & organized professional 4pm 1030pm Fax 734 591 1214

HEATING/A/C SERVICE COORDINATOR Computer & phone skills a must Exc benefits & competitive wages 248 352 4656

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HOUSEKEEPER Full time for independent senior living residence in West Bloomfield Apply 5859 W Maple Rd or call (248) 538 5283 call or fax resume 734 595 0149

HOUSEKEEPING Position available to clean vacant apartments in Canton area Some office work required Full time with benefits including 401(k) Call Renee at (248) 569 8830

HVAC Duct installers New construction Steady work Benefits 734 655 1363

HVAC EXPERIENCED INSTALLERS and service people are need ed immediately Minimum 2yrs in field Experience needed 401K health and other benefits Mickey at (248) 224 9081 or office at 800 245 9080

HVAC SERVICE TECH Experienced service tech for residential new construction in Wayne Livingston & Washtenaw Counties Competitive wage benefits & paid vacation Call 248 335 8201

ICE RESURFACER/ARENA MAINTENANCE 1 PART TIME The Charter Township of Redford is accepting applications for the part time position of Zamboni/Arena Maintenance 1 (ice resurfacing machine operator) The majority of hours worked will be on week day mornings or weekends An employee in this class will operate an ice resurfacing machine maintain the ice arena building furnishings and perform related tasks

SALARY Starting \$10.00/hr Maximum \$10.82/hr

AMONG THE REQUIREMENTS High school diploma or GED certificate

Completed applications only will be considered Apply in person from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at the REDFORD TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL OFFICE 15145 BEECH DALY RD REDFORD MI 48239 (313) 387 2760

or send a self addressed stamped envelope (\$0.60 of postage) to the address above

CLOSING DATE FRI OCTOBER 18 2002

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Industrial Assembly Salary commensurate with experience Benefit program Apply in person at 19414 Gerald St Northville MI 48167 For info please call 248 449 3620 EOE

INSTRUCTORS Home build ing & automotive electronics Teachers Assistants & Tradesmen may apply Fax 248 737 3915

INSURANCE CSR NEEDED for Bloomfield Hills Agency Commercial lines exp minimum 3 yrs Applied exp desired Exc pay/benefits fax resume to 248 333 2504 or email krossel@cap ins com

INTERIOR DESIGNER Award winning Bloomfield Hills residential architectural firm seeks degreed Interior Designer to join our team Some residential interior design experience desired If you are interested in joining a fast paced exciting environment with great opportunity to advance mail or fax resume to President DTA 1668 Telegraph Suite 300 Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 248 335 0944

JANITORIAL- Evenings 5 nights/week Must have car Competitive wages Troy & S Troy area Call 313 831 3070 before 5pm

JOIN A WINNING TEAM Try a job that can MAKE A DIFFERENCE Learn to teach & assist people with disabilities in their own homes We offer Blue Cross paid training paid sick & vacation time paid lunch & breaks free meals & opportunity for advancement \$8.05 \$8.55/hour to start w/over time available Positions available in Highland South Lyon & Rochester Hills Call (248) 486 5368

Laborer Needed for industrial construction company Dependable & reliable transportation a must Fax resume 248 473 5559

Laborer wanted for tree service Requires good physical condition valid drivers license Good pay for those willing to work hard CDL not required but will be a promotion 248 952 0283

LANDSCAPE CREW SUPERVISOR Experienced Must have valid drivers license Southfield Company 248 354 3213

LATHE HAND Experienced with large diameter turning Full time days with overtime Benefits Westland Please call 734 595 8400 or fax resume 734 595 0149

LAWN MAINTENANCE & SNOW PLOWING Employment Opportunities w/ growing Walled Lake Co Full or part time exp a + Call (248) 569 1980

LEASING AGENT Part time for West and area Fax resume to (734) 326 5912

LEASING AGENT Edward Rose & Sons seeks to fill leasing consultant positions in Detroit suburbs Positions require energetic individual with excellent communication skills Sales or customer service experience helpful Advanced available Please call Len at 248 539 2130 or fax to 248 539 2135

LEASING AGENT WEEKENDS For luxury apartment community in Farmington Hills Experience required Please call Lilly Mon Fri 9am to 5pm 248 626 4396

LEASING CONSULTANT Part time for West Bloomfield apartment community Great opportunity for right person Please call (248) 682 2950

LOSS PREVENTION SENIOR INVESTIGATOR ACC HARDWARE Full time position available 2 3 years loss prevention experience required Candidate should have knowledge of Michigan safety right to know laws and Haz Mat Super visor skills necessary Must be able to work flexible schedule including days weekends and nights Must have reliable transportation and excellent attendance record We offer a competitive hourly wage and full benefit package that includes medical dental 401K & Employee Discount Send resume INCLUDING HOURLY WAGE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTN Human Resources OELP 23333 Commerce Drive Farmington Hills MI 48335 2764 or visit our web page and see all of our career opportunities at www.aconhardware.com EOE

MACHINING Daikin Clutch Corporation a QS 9000 registered Tier 1 automotive supplier located in Belleville has openings for flywheel and Pressure Plate machining on 2nd shift These positions require 6 months or more of manufacturing experience In return we offer a competitive wage and excellent benefit package including the opportunity to earn \$11.81 within your first 12 months Qualified applicants can fax their resume to MFP at 734 397 6644 or mail to 8601 Hagerty Rd Belleville MI 48111

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MAINTENANCE Must have exp in hydraulics & pneumatics electrical & weld ing a plus Steady work 5 7 days/wk Overtime w/good benefits Please send resume to Maintenance PO Box 55689 Westland MI 83155

MAINTENANCE Talented maintenance person to perform interior and exterior repairs at luxury suburban apartment community Candidate should be experienced in plumbing electrical pool care and minor carpentry in addition heating skills plus type ID AC certification required This is not a Live in position however emergency on call will be required Salary plus 401K Health and Disability insurance Call 248 352 3800 ext 1236 or fax resume 248 352 6737

MAINTENANCE HELPER EQ a top notch environmental company seeks a reliable motivated individual to assist with routine building and grounds maintenance Full time position High school diploma or GED equivalent Fax resume to (734) 329 8143 send resume or stop by 36255 Michigan Avenue Wayne MI 48184 to fill our application EOE

MAINTENANCE Luxury apt community in Novi seeks experienced individual Maintenance & apt prep HVAC certification & 5 yrs experience Competitive wages Call 248 948 9640 fax 248 948 9210

MAINTENANCE PERSON For Canton/Livonia Apt community Exp in all aspects of Apt maintenance required Excellent housing insurance & salary package for individual with valid drivers license and willing to be on call Call Renee (734) 981 4924 or e mail to rsturgill@vanhoehuntley.com

MAINTENANCE PERSON Full time experienced for Dearborn Heights apartment community Great opportunity for right person Please call (248) 474 9500

CLASSIFIEDS WORK! 1-800-579-7355

MAINTENANCE Person needed for Novi & Westland apartment communities Must have basic skills in plumbing carpentry and HVAC \$10/hr or \$9/hr + drivers after 30 days Must have valid Driver's License and ability to pass back ground check Includes benefits and advancement opportunity Call Danielle at (248) 569 8880

MARKETING/LEASING COORDINATOR Senior apartment community in Oakland County is seeking an experienced Marketing/Leasing Coordinator to fill Full Time position We offer competitive wages and commissions Full time employees eligible for medical and dental benefits EEO Send resume to PM PO Box 255005 West Bloomfield MI 48325 or Fax resume to (248) 865 1630

MARKETING/LEASING COORDINATOR Waltonwood Senior apartment community in Rochester Hills is seeking an experienced Market/Leasing Consultant to fill Full Time position We offer competitive wages and commissions Full time employees eligible for medical and dental benefits EEO Send resume to 3250 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills MI 48309 or fax resume to (248) 375 0140

MATERIAL HANDLER/ HI-LO DRIVER Dark Klutch Corporation a QS 9000 Aftermarket Auto motive Supplier located in Canton is seeking exp Material Handler/Hi Lo Drivers Requirements include exp with a computerized HI LO inventory control shipping/receiving and auto motive experience Dark Klutch Corporation offers an excellent compensation and benefits package Qualified candidates can fax their resume to MH/HiLO at 734 397-6644 or mail to 8601 Hagerty Belleville MI 48111

MEAT DEPT Full & part time positions available Full service meat counter Call Mike or John at Holiday Market 734 844 2200

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WAREHOUSE CLERK Applicant needed to work with various mortgage lenders on credit lines checking in collateral packages and shipping them to end investors Please submit resume and salary requirements in confidence to MIAMI VALLEY BANK 24400 WALLEYWAY HWY #216 Southfield MI 48075 Attn Emma Erb or e mail to MIAMI VALLEY ACC@AOL COM Substance abuse testing may be a part of the employment process

FAMILY NURSE CARE 248 338 1016

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MAINTENANCE- Handyman electrical carpentry painting & misc repair work minor plumbing HVAC Must have own tools & truck 313 831 3070 ask for Antonio

MAINTENANCE/PREP Full time for Detroit Apts 313 341 0725

MANAGEMENT Positions available for Managers Assistant Managers Store Management Trainers for retail store chain Seeking career minded highly organized individuals with leadership abilities good communication skills and the ability to motivate Salary + Benefits Salary commensurate with experience Will train right individuals Send resumes to Heslop Inc 22790 Heslop Dr Novi MI 48375 ATTN M Nuenke

MANAGER Apartment Community Manager position available for large Farmington apartment community Must be experienced in all aspects of apt mgmt Great benefits package including bonus program and 401(k) Please fax resume including salary requirements to (248) 569 1508 or call Renee or Marty at (248) 569 8880

MANAGER Multi site Property Manager needed for a large suburban Detroit property management company Excellent opportunity for a strong individual with experience in multi site management Join a winning team great benefits with medical and 401(k) plans Send resume in confidence with salary requirements to Property Management Division P O Box 685 Southfield MI 48075

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OFFICE CLEANER NEEDED 15 20 hours a week in the Novi area (734) 947 4374

Office Cleaners Part time nights University St Rochester Hills \$8/hr 586 755 0810 586 756 5575

Oil Change Tech Full Time Needed Up to \$10 per hour for the right person Apply in person Colonial Oil Exchange 33710 9 Mile Rd Farmington

OPTICAL U S Vision has immediate full/part time and management positions available Exp help full but will train Willing to pay top \$\$ for qualified candidates Call 1 800 248 2255 EOE

OWNER OPERATORS Semi tractors needed for DEDICATED AUTOMOTIVE runs Call Corbin at Gimmorn Express 1 800 866 7713

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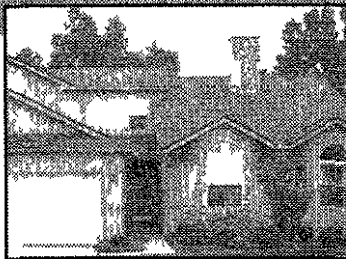
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**PLYMOUTH** – Charming Colonial! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial Large rooms spacious bedrooms newer roof in 2000 Updated kitchen counters & Pergo floors Neutral decor & carpet Large court location Two car attached garage \$299 900 (20ACA) 734-455 5600



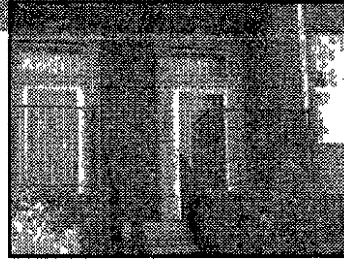
**CANTON** – Canton's best Condo Three bedrooms 3 baths just like new! Study & first floor laundry Kitchen updated Dining room with doorwall leading to deck overlooking woods Central air cathedral ceilings oak cabinets ceramic baths & 2 car garage Basement \$249 000 (40CHE) 734 455 5600



**SOUTH LYON** – Move in ready! Three bedroom 3 bath Colonial completely renovated in 2001! Maintenance free exterior Master on main floor or second floor Enormous kitchen with snack bar First floor laundry & deep lot \$224 900 (04LIB) 734 455 5600



**NORTHVILLE** – Prestigious Northville Condo Three bedroom 3 1/2 bath finished walk out lower level with kitchen Large master with alcove & loft All appliances stay + washer and dryer doorwalls patio & balcony central air and 1 car garage \$350 000 (44EAS) 248 349 5600



**DEARBORN** – Popular Georgetown Condo Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath luxury Condo Three sided ceramic fireplace Oak kitchen fabulous master bedroom & bath Balcony overlooks court yard Appliances \$182 900 (01OSB) 248 349 5600



**WESTLAND** – Gorgeous Condo Two bedroom 3 1/2 bath 2 story with first floor master First floor laundry & master bath Beautifully finished basement with full bath & a 2 car attached garage Great room also has doorwall to deck \$189 800 (34RAV) 248 349 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Walk downtown! Three bedroom 2 bath Colonial with 1920s chandelier Curved archways to living room & dining room with hardwood floors Sun room with 3 walls of windows Updated bath with claw tub Kitchen with maple cabinets Three car garage \$185 000 (28ADA) 734 455 5600



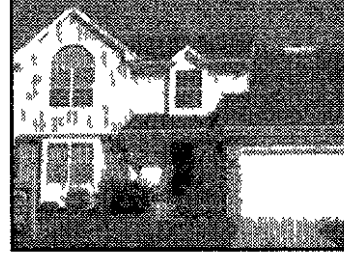
**LIVONIA** – Pillared Colonial! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath well maintained & clean with many updates within 6 years Roof furnace central air hot water heater driveway most windows baths kitchen brick patio off family room first floor laundry 2 car garage \$289 900 (22COM) 734 455 5600



**ALLEN PARK** – Rare find! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial located on a cul de sac Allen Park schools Formal living room dining room family room with fireplace open to kitchen Library & oversized master with bath & hardwood floors Basement \$289 900 (00NOR) 734 455 5600



**WESTLAND** – Beautiful Ranch Everything has been done in this super clean home Updated kitchen & baths all with ceramic tiling Newer windows & vinyl siding finished basement with additional bedroom & full bath Home warranty Livonia schools \$168 000 (40GLA) 248 349 5600



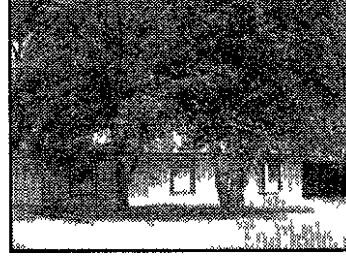
**CANTON** – Fantastic Colonial Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath home with a lot of oak & welcoming colors Master has cathedral ceiling walk in closet and 2 person whirlpool tub Extra large deck in quiet surroundings Two car attached garage & so much more to see \$262 000 (67PAR) 248 349 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – In town 4 bedroom 2 bath with living room dining room glassed in family room w/view of award winning landscaped lot Very private Fin lower level Att 1 car garage could be add'l living space 2.5 car detached gar C/A hot tub paver patio Park near by \$279 000 (60FAI) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Cape Cod in Plymouth Four bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Enjoy your almost 1 acre of treed property! Home has beautiful newer kitchen walk out basement some work to be done but well worth the investment! \$299 000 (35ANN) 734 455 5600



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** – Fabulous Ranch on nearly an acre! Updated custom kitchen with appliances & ceramic floor Formal dining room fireplace in living room and wood stove in family room Jacuzzi tub in bath and sky lights Eight car garage \$359 900 (17EVA) 734-455 5600



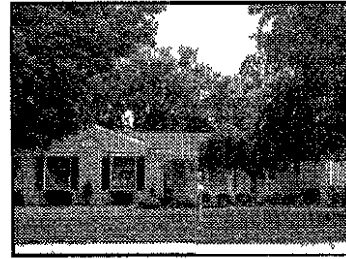
**CANTON** – Spacious Colonial Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath home with neutral colors Two person hot tub off master Cathedral ceiling family room has ceramic & oak fireplace Beautiful landscaping with brick patio & so much more \$272 000 (31RIV) 248 349 5600



**WESTLAND** – Sharp Westland ranch 3BR 1 5BA home features family room with fireplace hardwood floors updated kitchen w/oak cabinets 2 car garage large fenced yard full basement under family room \$159 900 (36AVO) 248-349 5600



**WESTLAND** – Peaches & cream! Three bedroom 1 1/2 bath Bi level Updates include windows & marble sills furnace & central air siding garage door & opener Bath with Corian surround updated kitchen steel doors covered patio \$131 900 (24BER) 734 455 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Quail Hollow! Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath brick Ranch Large bedrooms ceramic baths newer carpet Open floor plan & full basement First floor laundry Two car garage \$289 000 (01GRE) 734 455 5600

**PLYMOUTH** 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600  
**NORTHVILLE** 175 CadyCentre 248-349-5600

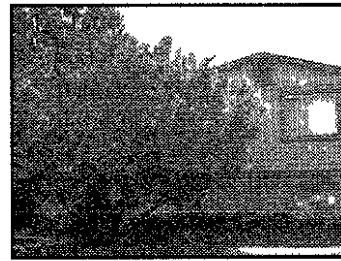
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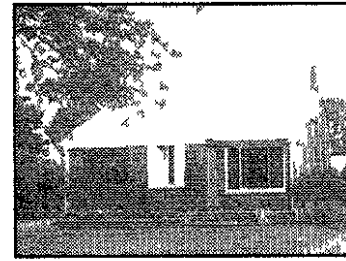
**BRIGHTON** – Welcome to your dream home Custom built Colonial on a wooded lot Three spacious bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Walk out lower level & first floor laundry 3 car side entry garage Gourmet kitchen with French doors to cedar sun room with hot tub Brighton schools \$439 900 (83SIL) 248-349 5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** – Well worth taking a look at 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch on approx 1 acre of total privacy Home does need a major face lift but has great potential Priced well below homes in area Bring all offers Immediate occupancy \$214 900 (23SHA) 248 349 5600



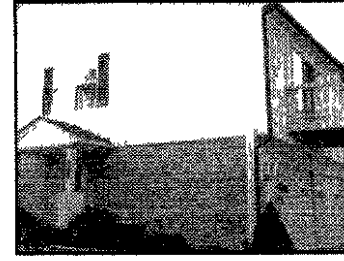
**GARDEN CITY** – Half acre lot 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Tri level with 2 ponds & waterfall! Large deck across back 3 1/2 car garage Shed Baths redone Some newer windows Patio glass doors Newer Florida room \$175 000 (25BOC) 734-455 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Country in Plymouth! Three bedroom Bungalow close to downtown! Deep lot with vegetable garden Cute home with refinished hardwood floors Newer kitchen & updated bath Copper plumbing & updated electrical \$189 900 (51HAG) 734 455 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Home tour candidate! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath 1910 built & recently renovated and restored with original charm and character! Living room with new cozy fireplace and 3 season finished porch for added square footage This is a MUST SEE! \$254 900 (81STA) 734 455 5600



**UPDATED RANCH CONDO** – Two bedroom 1 bath with open floor plan & cathedral ceilings in living room Decorated in neutral colors Large master with walk in closet Attached garage with direct access Doorwall to balcony remodeled bath newer Berber carpet Walk to Sims park \$128 000 (10HID) 248 349 5600



**CANTON** – Park like setting for 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Colonial Updated kitchen & hardwood floors Family room with newer mantle & large windows to the yard & deck Part finished basement for play area Neutral colors Shows like a model First floor laundry The perfect setting \$329 900 (19TER) 248 349 5600



**W BLOOMFIELD** – Pride of ownership Original owners have taken loving care of this 4BR Colonial w/country kitchen & many updates Lovely landscaping with walking paths to parks Large tiled mud room & foyer Painted inside & out Extra windows added \$299 900 (72GRE) 248 349 5600



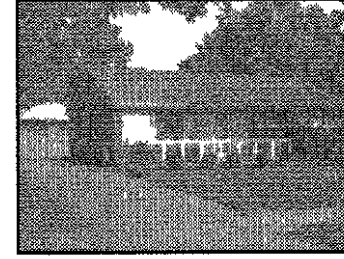
**REDFORD** – Super clean Ranch! Three bedroom 1 1/2 bath must see! Central air newer bath kitchen windows basement with glass block windows newer garage door with opener neutral decor all appliances stay & home protection plan \$119 900 (65BRA) 734 455 5600



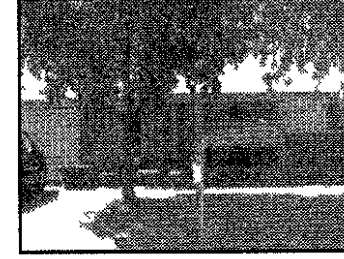
**CANTON** – Lovely Pulte built! Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial in Lexington Square sub! Huge patio updated kitchen with counter tops & sink Armstrong laminate wood floors Formal dining room living room with fireplace & basement Two car garage \$249 900 (52HAR) 734 455 5600



**CANTON** – On the 11th fairway! Two bedroom 2 bath end unit with a view of the woods Ceramic in foyer & hall Oper kitchen with appliances Fireplace in living room Master suite with cathedral ceilings jet tub & separate shower Xtra deep basement \$264 900 (22THI) 734 455 5600



**TROY** – Move in relax & enjoy Updates galore in this 3 bedroom 1 bath Ranch Too many updates to list Central air newer roof updated kitchen and bath Royal Oak schools \$159 900 (28KEN) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** – Under \$200 000 Super 3 bedroom 2 full bath brick Ranch on great lot with Novi schools Spacious living room den family room with gas fireplace & enclosed porch Kitchen updates with hardwood floors island & tons of cabinets Bath updates Cute & cozy \$189 999 (41WIL) 248-349 5600



**COMMERCE** – Ranch with lake privileges 3BR 1BA w/full basement & 2.5 car attached garage Very large fenced lot Doorwall to pleasant deck Beautifully landscaped C/A beach & boat association Walled Lake Schools Lovely setting \$176 000 (16HAV) 248-349 5600



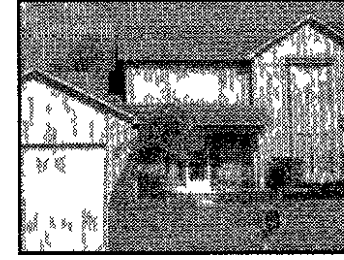
**PLYMOUTH** – Feels like home! Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath walk to downtown & parks! Living room with fireplace with marble trim family room door to screened in porch Formal dining room open to library or fourth bedroom with lav Updated kitchen 2000 newer roof \$279 000 (93BUR) 734-455 5600



**LIVONIA** – Stop the car! Three bedroom Ranch built in 1979 with Livonia schools Newer siding roof ceramic tile windows carpet kitchen paint & newer cement Professional landscape & 2002 built garage \$169 000 (20HOR) 734-455 5600



**REDFORD** – Circa 1926! Three bedroom 1 bath home with chandelier plus updates! Living room with cove ceiling natural fireplace newer carpet original ash wood woodwork Kitchen with newer cabinets counters floors Formal dining room Latticed deck \$149 800 (01WAK) 734 455 5600



**WIXOM** – Almost new Colonial 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath with ceramic formal dining & first floor laundry Newer carpet in family room with fireplace & cathedral ceilings Large deck over nature preserve Drywall carpet & tile in basement Newer hardwood in kitchen \$319 000 (52MIL) 248 349 5600



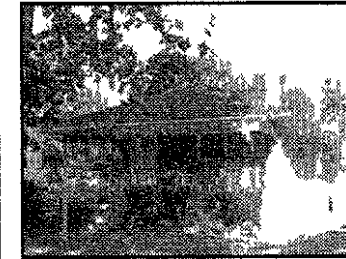
**HOWELL** – Southern style This house is beautiful so is the whole 10 acre + Porches front & back First floor master finished walk out lower level pole barn waterfall pond 100 sprinkler heads & stone fireplace Total of 6 bedrooms \$890 000 (ONE) 248 349 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Classic Plymouth Walk & enjoy downtown Plymouth from this 3BR 1 5BA Colonial w/hardwood floors 9 5 ft ceilings wood moldings beveled glass entry library overlooking garden & 2 car garage \$289 900 (32BLU) 248 349 5600



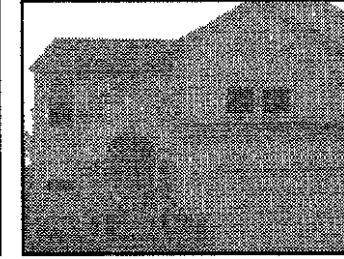
**PLYMOUTH** – Garden Stake award winner! Three bedroom 2 bath living room refurbished hardwood floors fieldstone fireplace kitchen with maple cabinets newer floors counters & appliances Formal dining ceramic bath treed yard \$279 000 (76BUR) 734-455 5600



**PLYMOUTH** – Downtown! Three bedroom 1 1/2 bath Ranch Close to parks & on a quiet street! Hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms Newer windows furnace & central air Updated electrical hot water heater part finished basement 1 1/2 car garage \$184 900 (73KEL) 734 455 5600



**GARDEN CITY** – Stunning 3 bed 2 bath Four BR Colonial on lot backing to nature trail Master with vaulted ceiling and full master bath First floor laundry Kitchen with center island fireplace deck & neutral decor Basement plumbed for bath & more \$227 900 (740AK) 248 349 5600



**YPSILANTI** – Stunning 2000 built home Four BR Colonial on lot backing to nature trail Master with vaulted ceiling and full master bath First floor laundry Kitchen with center island fireplace deck & neutral decor Basement plumbed for bath & more \$227 900 (740AK) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** – Backs to treed commons Lovable 2 story with plenty of space Library off entry Hardwood floors 4 bedrooms basement formal dining family room fireplace & wet bar First floor laundry Large deck off dinette Close to freeways & shops \$349 900 (10DUN) 248 349 5600



**SOUTH LYON** – Custom built ranch Luxury living in this 4BR 4 5BA 3 fireplaces & fin walkout lower level w/full kitchen & sauna Heated ceramic flooring Backs to the 3rd Fairway of Tanglewood Golf Community Many features \$649 900 (73STG) 248 349 5600

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SURROUND YOURSELF in ELEGANCE in prestigious Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings crown moldings gourmet kit w/granite magnificent mstr ceramic & hwdw flrs in d w/o bsmt Numerous amenities!(35WOO2)

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**NORTHVILLE \$1,175,000**  
MAGNIFICENT CUSTOM HOME IN FOX HOLLOW! 4 BR 3 1/2 baths cherry hwdw flrs & granite counters 12 x 12 entertainment/ bar area off GR Main flr BR w/private bth perfect for guest/in-laws & 2 staircases (01FOX2)

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**NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000**  
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings gourmet kit w/granite Magnificent mstr ste fin d w/o bsmt Numerous amenities!(54WOO2)

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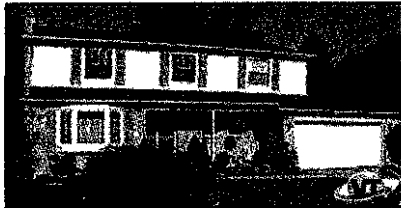
**NORTHVILLE \$429,900**  
TURN KEY CONDITION! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Lg home on lg lot with circular driveway 4 BR 2 1/2 baths brand new furnace & hwh Built in microwave & oven Near downtown Northville!(00NOR2)

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**CANTON \$399,900**  
LUXURY LIVING! Spacious col in a golf community 4 bdrms 2 1/2 baths 2 story foyer w/hwdw Light filled kit w/Island Formal LR/ DR FR w/rplc Brick paver patio 3 car gar (23M46491)

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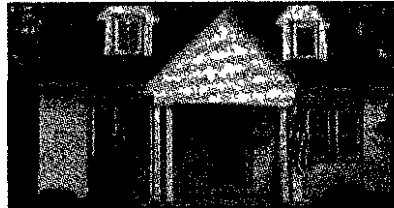


**NORTHVILLE \$334,900**  
SUPER 5 BR NORTHVILLE COLONY HOME! Updts incl win roof furn AC/siding Prof fin bsmt 2 phone lines beautiful yard brick paver patio close to shopping/x way Highly rated Nthville schls!(41POR2)

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**PLYMOUTH \$309,900**  
FALL IN LOVE with this gorgeous cape cod on a mature tree lined street in downtown Plymouth! Quality charm and updates galore! You will be delighted!(23A608)

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**CANTON \$264,900**  
SAY CHEESE, THEN PICTURE YOURSELF! Spotless 3 BR 2 bath Colonial FR w/studio ceiling 1st flr laundry prof Indcpd w/brick paver patio A perfect home clean/ready to move into! Priced to sell!(70NOR2)

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**LIVONIA \$262,500**  
CHARM, BEAUTY, PERFECTION! One of Rosedale Garden's finest 3 BR 1 1/2 BA 200 sqft brk colonial features overszd LR w/ FP formal DR w/bay wndw lg BR mstr w/ FP sun rm and much more!(C9611)

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**LIVONIA \$219,900**  
COVENTRY GARDENS! Private court setting on a huge lot Park in site distance Large FR w/fieldstone hearth Awesome fin bsmt w/full bath Great kit w/oak cabs and much more!(O33469)

734-591-9200



**PLYMOUTH \$190,000**  
PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW 1428 sq ft of quality living area 4 BR 1 BA LR w/FP Everything is new r/ wndws doors kit bath plumb turn w/ac elec 2 car heated gar w/wrk shp (A40758)

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**LIVONIA \$189,900**  
THIS IS WHAT EVERY BUYER WANTS! Location! Pool! 1/2 acre lot, master w/full bath large bedrooms updates galore Hurry!(W27995)

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**GARDEN CITY \$189,900**  
STEP BACK IN TIME 3 BR 2 bath Cape with finished basement and 2 car w/ workshop Spacious and ready for you (B323)

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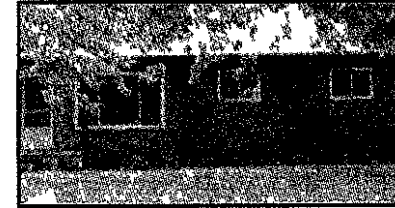
**REDFORD \$175,900**  
MOVE RIGHT IN TO THIS WELL CARED FOR 3 BR brk ranch 3rd BR currently used as a dining room family and mudroom addition newer furn r/ a/c wndws cement Must see to appreciate!(C25954)

734-591-9200



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$174,900**  
DON'T WAIT! HURRY BEFORE IT'S GONE! This 2184 sq ft brick colonial offers 4 BR 2 car attd garage & breezeway new paver walkway huge 21x12 eat in country kitchen that looks onto 66 acre lot!(S20969)

734-591-9200



**LIVONIA \$167,500**  
ENDURING BRICK RANCH on a 1/3 acre country lot 20x30 garage built in 95 with a workshop Maple kitchen updated bath furnace in 98 - windows in 97 Quick occupancy (23P18411)

734-455-7000



**WESTLAND \$159,900**  
YOU GET WHOLE BUILDING AND GOOD TENANTS to boot! Both units have newer updates furnaces C/A and Wallside Windows (S260)

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**WESTLAND \$155,000**  
WANTED BUYER WHO APPRECIATES VALUE for this 3 or 4 bedroom Colonial on large lot with family room fireplace 2 full baths newer roof and furnace and more (P359)

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**LIVONIA \$149,900**  
GREAT LOCATION IN LIVONIA! Nice park 1 1/2 blocks away! This ranch offers a nice lot w/private yd LR w/coved ceilings deck 20x30 garage and much more! Updated kit cabinets wndws r/ (A14984)

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**WESTLAND \$149,900**  
UPDATES ABOUND Windows kitchen bath etc 3 brick with basement & garage Large kitchen and living room Great opportunity (C116)

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**WESTLAND \$147,000**  
BEAUTIFUL ALL BRICK RANCH w/3 bed 2 bath Full finished basement w/workout/ office 2 car gar Lovely landscaped covered patio & gardener's shed Updated kitchen w/ custom cabinets (B343)

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**GARDEN CITY \$144,900**  
CITY HIDEAWAY 1300+ sq ft Ranch w/ basement & 2 car attached garage 80X133 lot w/pool Natural fireplace in living All for only (H201)

734-326-2000



**DEARBORN \$139,900**  
DEARBORN BUNGALOW! Brick 980 SF 3 BR many updates including windows roof electric & AC Professionally landscaped garage bsmt fenced yard & immediate occupancy (00MAD2)

248-348-6430



**YPSILANTI \$135,000**  
HOBBYIST, HOME BUSINESSES this home has room for his and hers work space Garage workshop & basement shop 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths (23H2005)

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**REDFORD \$134,900**  
SOUTH REDFORD BEAUTY! Move in condition 3 BR 1 1/2 BA fin bsmt brk ranch 2 car garage landscaped & fenced yd new r/ furnace w/ac updated elec & plumb (G12861)

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**GARDEN CITY \$134,500**  
GORGEOUS GARDEN CITY BUNGALOW 3 bed 2 bath Fabulous professionally finished basement new windows new furn/AC new roof and super sharp refinished hardwood floors (E294)

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**LIVONIA \$130,000**  
YOU WILL NOT FIND A BETTER VALUE in Livonia today - brick 2 BR 1 1/2 BA ranch with finished bsmt new roof & windows plumbing & electric all updated - move in condition (C9502)

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**REDFORD \$129,900**  
3 BR, 1 1/2 BATH RANCH! Central air fin d bsmt lots of storage and many upgrades Fenced yard & home warranty Immediate occupancy!(30HEM2)

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**REDFORD \$129,900**  
GREAT VALUE ON THIS full brick bungalow in South Redford! Full bsmt some newer wndws 2 1/2 car garage c/a upstairs BR w/adjacent 9x6 study area was finished 2 yrs ago Much more (N11416)

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**REDFORD \$127,900**  
JUST UNPACK - IT'S ALL DONE! 3 BR 2 full BA new vinyl siding gutters wndws drs gar r/ Kit is totally updated and lg fin bsmt has bar w/poss 4th BR Nice fenced yd w/shade tree (G20504)

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**REDFORD \$119,900**  
BEAUTIFUL HOME! This impeccable home will impress you! Gorgeous hwdw flrs updates in kitchen & bath c/a/ Office/ computer area off 3rd bdrml A must see!(09FIV2)

248-348-6430



**REDFORD \$119,900**  
LOVELY 3 BR 1 1/2 BA REDFORD BUNGALOW Hrdwd floors new pergo floor in DR & kit neutral carpet fresh paint new pc wind - poss 4th BR in part fin bsmt 2 car garage a must see! Warranty (F18507)

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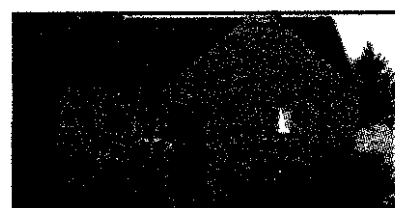
**WARREN \$103,000**  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR RANCH! Totally updated 3 BR brick & vinyl Ranch Remodeled kitchen and bath Neutral decor c/a newer furnace & hwh Nice deep fenced yard & home warranty!(30ANT2)

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**WESTLAND \$92,900**  
CHARMING 3 BEDROOM RANCH Many many updates including kit bath flooring carpet paint don't let this one pass you by! Bring the family they'll love this one (A181)

734-326-2000



**DETROIT \$89,000**  
JUST LIKE NEW! Beautiful 2 bedroom 1 bath home currently being converted to a 3 bedroom 2 full bath home Completely remodeled kitchen with vaulted ceiling & ceramic tile (23C7403)

734-455-7000



**INKSTER \$84,900**  
HOW SOON CAN YOU MOVE? This 3 BR Brick Ranch is ready today 2 full baths rec room 2 1/2 car garage w/opener (W736)

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**WESTLAND-GREAT VALUE! \$76,900**  
Bring your imagination and talents to this home Situated on a huge lot 3 BR DR and quiet location!(09SHE2)

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**LIVONIA \$272,900**  
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN GREAT LOCATION! 4 BR mstr ste w/bath & wic remodeled kit breakfast nook 1st flr laundry bsmt newer r/ wndws furn patio shed & more! Very clean! Don't wait!(W16717)

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**LIVONIA \$229,900**  
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Wooded 1/2 acre homeste 3 BR 2 BA 3 car garage w/workshop Many updates newer r/ & gutters vinyl siding skylights appliances plumb HWH & more (F15007)

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**REDFORD \$153,900**  
3 BR, BRICK BUNGALOW, PRICED TO SELL! Come ready to roll up your sleeves & discover the charm of this solid brick home New roof & gutters in 2000 Lg fenced yard w/deck (94BEE2)

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## ABOUT THE COVER

Furniture on the cover of this section was provided by the following:  
**Top:** This sofa from the Watch Hill Collection is available in different sizes and your choice of 700 fabrics at Newton Furniture in Livonia, Novi, Bloomfield Hills and Utica.  
**Second:** *Clocktower Cottage* by Thomas Kinkade is available in two sizes along with other works by Kinkade at Avenue Gallery in Birmingham, Rochester, Novi and Ann Arbor.  
**Third:** The Marla sofa from Key City Furniture is part of a unique collection of timeless upholstered furniture. A blending of today and yesterday, attic and antique, it is both functional and extremely comfortable. This furniture is an art form in its combination of fabrics, woods, cushioning trim and finishes. See the Zimmerman upholstery Collection from Key City Furniture at Walker/Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth.  
**Fourth:** Two piece wall system with French countryside styling in cherry features dramatic lighting, practical storage and room for a 36 inch TV and stereo/home theater system. Many other cabinet variations are available in oak and cherry. Wall system available at Wm. C. Franks Furniture in Wayne.

# Pegasus pieces offer style, support

Sleek, clean lines are all the rage as far as fashion is concerned these days. House of Denmark is on top of this trend with the introduction of an Ekornes furniture group that took the prestigious British Furniture Industry Award for best design this year.

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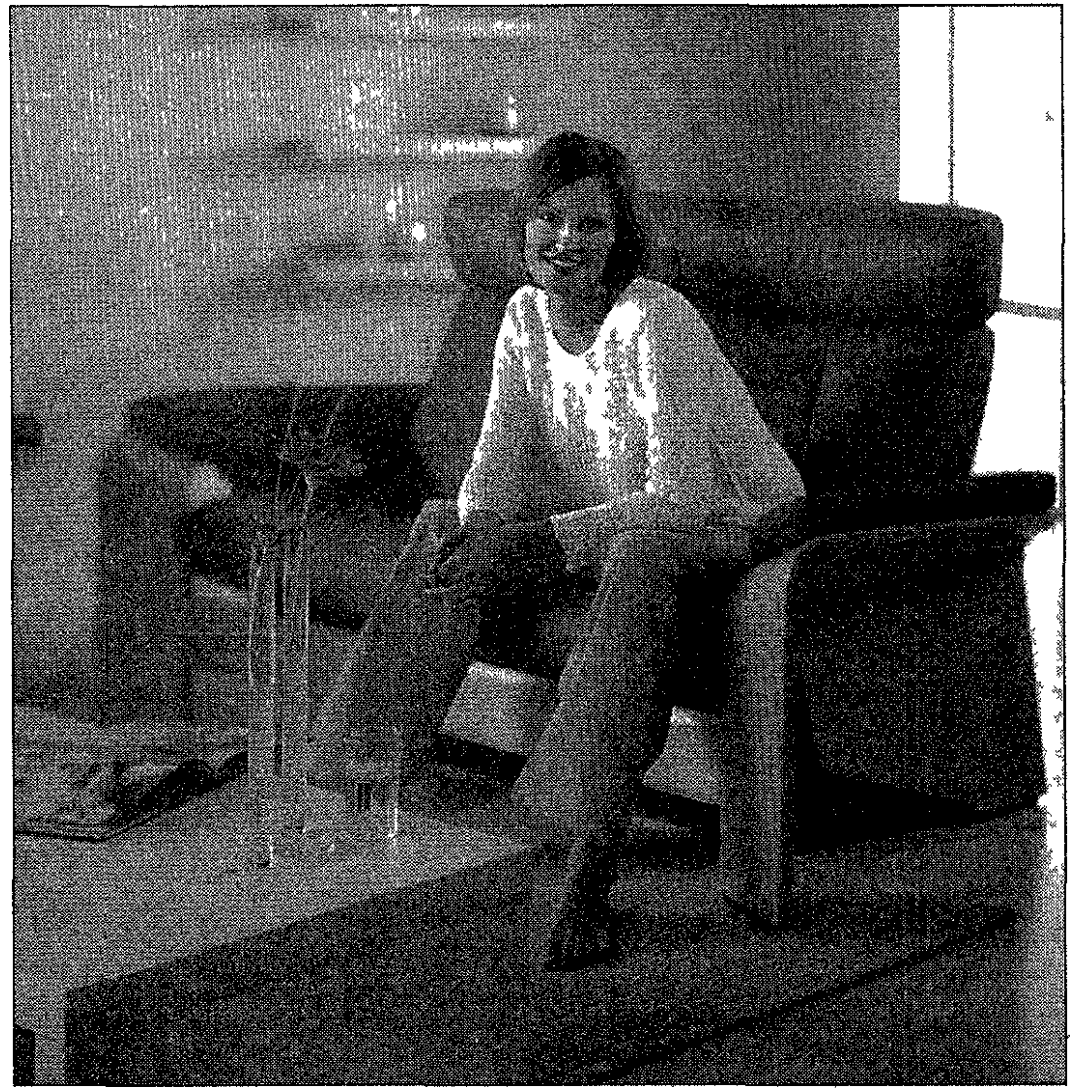
Local House of Denmark stores are in Rochester, Livonia and Keego Harbor/West Bloomfield.

"This group is a very important addition for us," said Margaret Whitcomb, buyer for House of Denmark.

"Younger consumers are looking for furniture that blends technology with function and comfort. There is a definite growing popularity for more elaborate and strong silhouettes characteristic of the Pegasus group."

House of Denmark is one of Michigan's larger specialty furniture retailers. The company retails transitional and contemporary furniture with Scandinavian and European influences.

It represents more than 250 different furniture lines, including Ekornes, Skovby, Natuzzi, Jesper, Baronet, Amisco and Elite.



The Pegasus furniture group, available at House of Denmark, features sleek, clean lines and lumbar support.

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Winning is easy. Each participating merchant has official Fabulous Furniture

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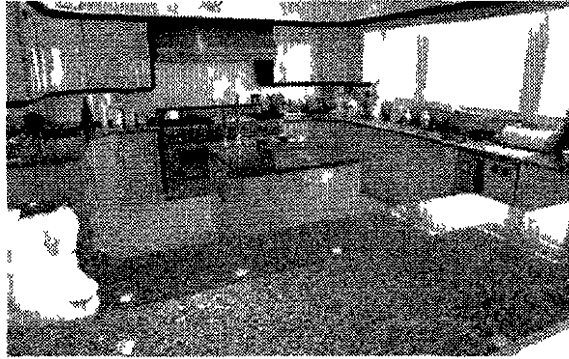
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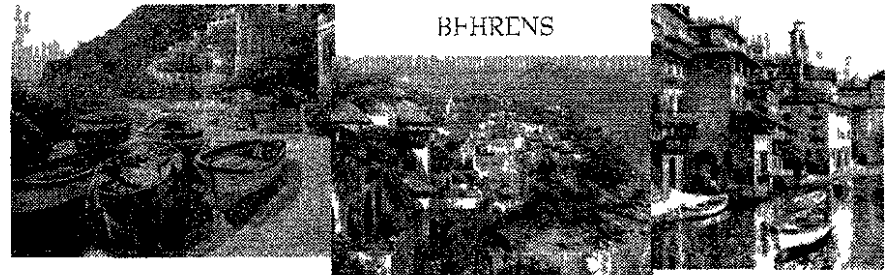
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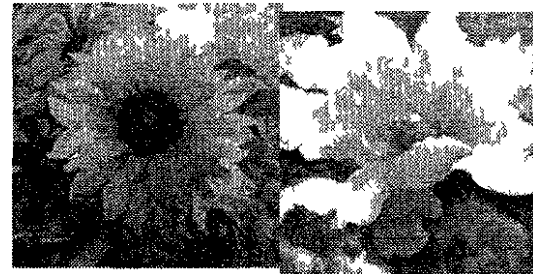
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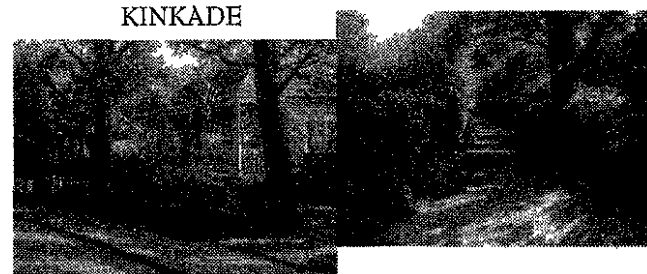
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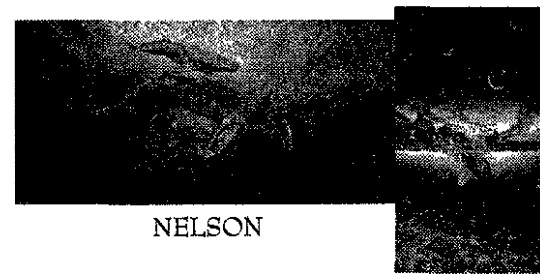
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## Purchasing a piano

Time, research, thought required

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Buying a piano is no small deal, whether the decision comes from a serious interest in playing or a desire to own one of the most elegant instruments in the world.

With prices ranging in the thousands of dollars, pianos, like automobiles, are "big ticket items." Add the fact most consumers are less-than-erudite about both the instrument and the piano industry. It's no wonder the process of shopping and buying a piano can be stressful and time-consuming.

As with any major purchase, educating yourself is the best place to start.

It's important to take some time to get some knowledge," said Rick Bowen, a registered piano technician and president of the Detroit-Windsor Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild.

### READ AND SURF

To start, Bowen recommends reading Larry Fine's *The Piano Book: Buying and Owning a New or Used Piano* (\$19.95 soft, \$27.95 hard, Brookside Press), a comprehensive, well-respected guide in its fourth edition.

The book's companion Web site makes available excerpts from the book and includes two

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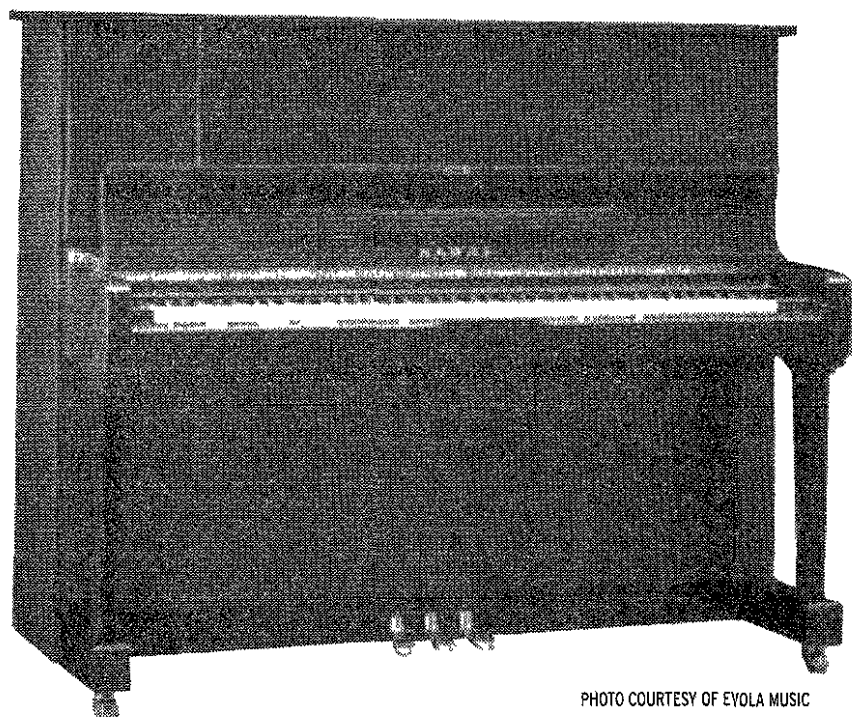


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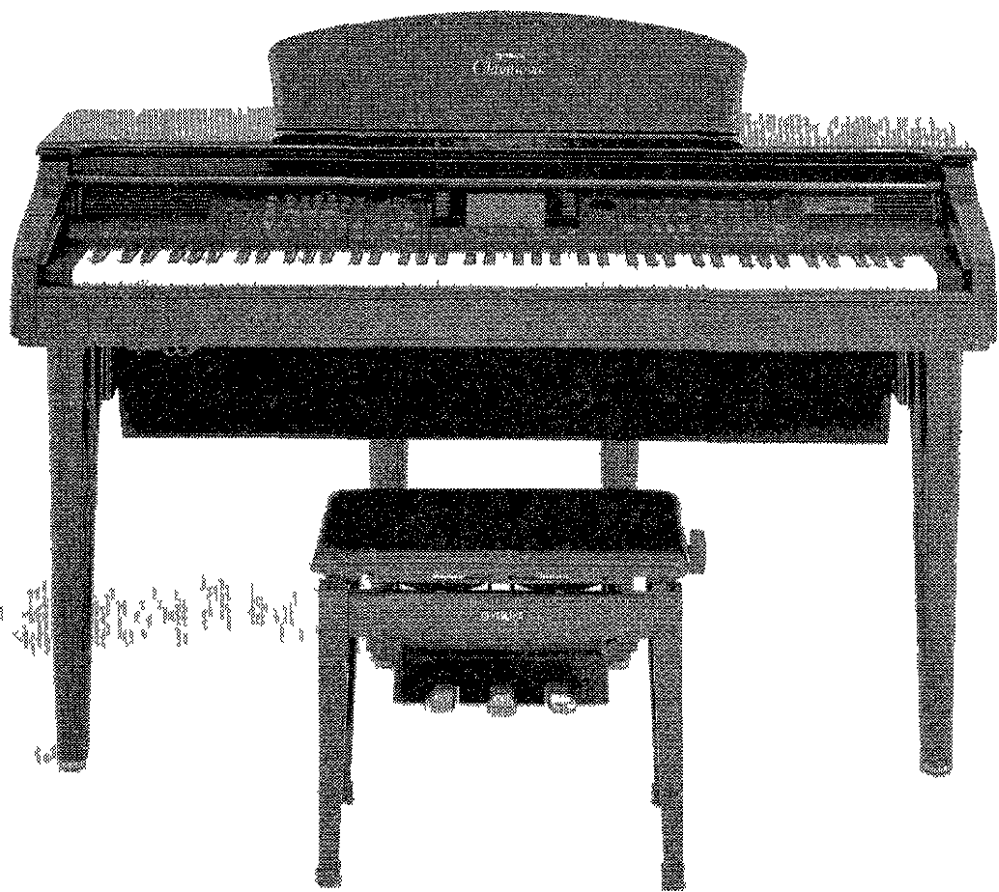


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Digital pianos are touch sensitive and have the standard 88 notes. This CVP model retails for \$9,995 at Evola Music. Digital pianos are priced as low as \$1,500. Parents with children beginning lessons often opt for a digital piano since today's "inexpensive" student piano costs about \$3,000.

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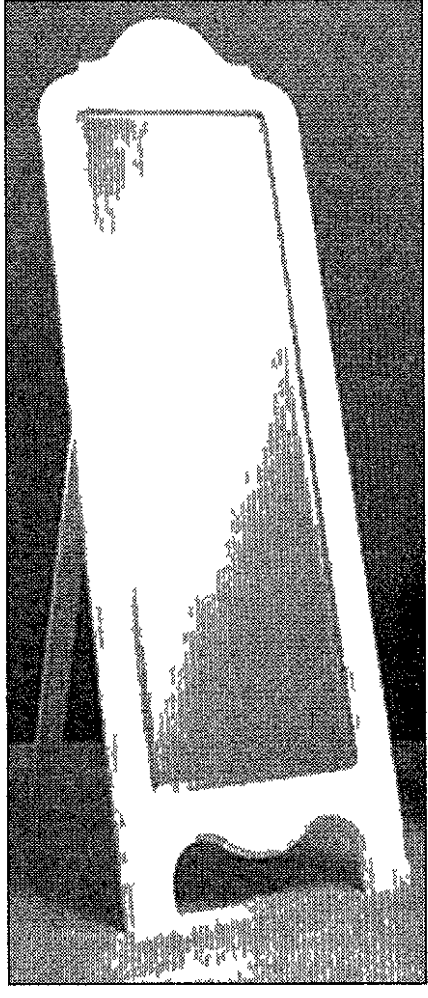
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## Dare to be different when accessorizing



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to accessorizing your home, think about using the usual in an unusual way.

For instance, bring a watering can in from the garage, fill it with plants, give it a perch on a laundry room cabinet, and the mundane becomes interesting, said Noreen Desiets, interior designer of Laurel Furniture in downtown Plymouth.

"Sometimes you have to look at accessories as having alternate purposes," she said.

Nice dishes don't have to be tucked away in cabinets. Show them off.

Tapestries have also found their way into homes as table scarves, decorating fireplace mantels, and hung with brackets on tall walls, said Sharon McGowan, interior designer of Ethan Allen in Livonia, Birmingham, Auburn Hills, Ann Arbor, Novi, Saginaw and Sterling Heights.

In fact, family photos and collages that are stored away in cabinets add an inviting, personal flavor when they're on display, especially in family rooms, she said.

"They help to make a house a home," Desiets said.

Keep in mind, too, the correlation of sizes between the accessories you place on tables.

If you have a big coffee table, don't use something small and squatty, said Lisa Wolfe, interior designer with Walker-Buzenberg in Plymouth.

"Especially in a tall room, you need to put something substantial on it," she said.

### LIGHT TOUCH

Adding greenery, from trees to flower arrangements, brings warmth to a room, Desiets said. Randomly placed ivy and other plants fill in empty space from the tops of the hard edges of the entertainment center to the ceiling.

Use mirrors to make rooms look lighter and bigger. Be creative and place the mirror just right to reflect something special across the room.

Adding accent lights is a more obvious technique to brighten dark corners.

Glass vases, bowls and other glass accents also offer an airy look, said Wolfe. She said she likes to use accessories in threes and fives.

For instance, on a fireplace mantel, she'll use three or five different sizes of candlesticks from various collections, grouping them together to add interest.

### RUGS

Rugs definitely are considered the heart of the room, said Kamran Karmpour, who owns Woven Treasures in Birmingham with his wife, Kristi.

He also sells and buys antique rugs, offers repair service and provides free verbal rug appraisals.

The best way to add a rug to a room is when it is the first piece and all the furnishings and accessories build around it, said Karmpour.

"If the room has already been decorated it's a little harder, because you have to find a rug to match the existing colors," he said.

"But, it's not impossible to do. We do custom-made rugs with original designs and in colors that they can usually find in a rug."

The rug defines the seating area and adds warmth to the room.

"And it's a great conversation piece, especially with Persian pieces," said Karmpour, pointing to designs that range from traditional to contemporary.

Some people are also using rugs in rooms that have wall-to-wall carpet.

"They use rugs to bring color and texture to the room," Karmpour said.

### MIX IT UP

Before you buy all your accessories, think about avoiding tendencies to make everything in the room have symmetry or match, Wolfe said.

Even though most of us grew up in homes where lamps always came in pairs, Wolfe said, break the rule here, too. Mix different styles, textures and colors throughout the room.

"You want it to coordinate, but don't be afraid to mix," said Wolfe. She said her pet peeve is pictures that are hung too high.

"I like it a little lower than usual, but you have to pay attention to the size of the wall, too," she said. "You don't want them too small or too large."

"And, I like to intermix pictures with mirrors. It adds a little variety and helps add your personality to the room."

Pictures should be hung 60 inches off the floor, which is generally at eye level, according to Lori Kopec, gallery director of Thomas Kinkadee Avenue Gallery.

"That will vary based on whether there's a piece of furniture under it," Kopec said. "People tend to hang pictures a little higher than need to, especially above a sofa or love seat."

If your walls are full or if you want to try something different, think about using easels to display your art, said Kopec.

The shops feature the work of Thomas Kinkadee, Howard Behrens, Anthony Benedetto and Simon Bull in downtown Birmingham, Rochester, Ann Arbor and Novi.

### THEME

If you're looking for a theme in your room, McGowan suggests using your biggest accessories as focal points.

"When people accessorize a lot of times they put in a bunch of small accessories instead of bigger visual pieces that are interesting to fill the space," Desiets said. "The room doesn't get as cluttered, but it gives an overall bigger visual impact."

On the other hand, Wolfe said, it's important not to take that logic too far and make the room look sparse by not adding enough accessories - especially in family rooms.

"Warm it up and make it look like you by giving it your personality," Wolfe said.

Take your time to find the right pieces and don't hesitate to change your idea and return an item or put that keepsake back into a cabinet, the experts warn.

Above all, Desiets said, don't expect to finish a project overnight - it's not as quick of a process as you might think.

Use mirrors to make rooms look lighter and bigger. Be creative and place the mirror just right to reflect something special across the room. This white bevel floor mirror from Kentwood Manufacturing Company, www.kentwoodmfg.com, is an example of the kinds of mirrors and other home accessories you'll find at Laurel Furniture in downtown Plymouth.

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1 Evaluate items for color,

perspective and height.

2 Accessorize one area at a time from the collection.

3 Vary the heights of the objects to be used together to stagger the altitude. Groups of three often work best. One of these can be greenery.

4 Don't line up two or more items of the same size unless you are arranging the interior of your china cabinet. Even in the china cabinet, you would want to break up the line of plates by placing teacups in front for dimension.

5 A clever way to add height to an item that is too small is to sit it upon two or three stacked books or a box.

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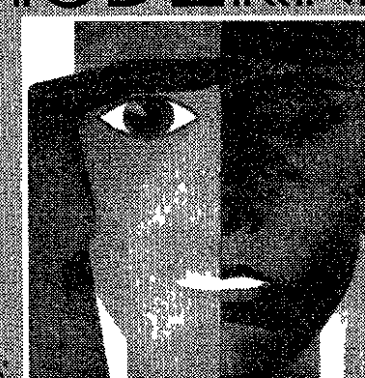
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## Floor fashions

### What's underfoot for the living room?

BY ALICE RHEIN  
CORRESPONDENT

If the hemline is the measurement of how fashion changes, then perhaps the home's equivalent is what's underfoot in the living room.

Homeowners before the 1950s mostly had hardwood to pad about upon. In the '60s and '70s, wall-to-wall carpet was hip, and in some homes, the shaggy, the better.

The '80s took a conservative turn, where wood and area rugs lived together happily. The '90s saw a rebirth of new types of carpets that were soft, plush and elegant. That plush elegance is still apparent now, but the pendulum is swinging once again to wood floors.

"We do a lot of tearing out of carpet in great rooms," said Lance Foster, owner of Forest Floors in Waterford. Rich deep wood warms up a house and improves the feel.

Dana Easton, owner of Woods of the World in Birmingham, says that in addition to introducing a slightly more formal feel, wood gives rooms a distinct sound.

Sounds seem muffled in a carpeted room, with wood, it seems crisper, she said.

In vaulted great rooms, some homeowners might find the acoustics too bouncy, but Foster likens it to the melodious echo of an acoustic guitar.

Sound quality aside, one thing that wood does offer is easy cleanup. And for those concerned with allergens in the environment, dust and pet dander are easy to remove from wood.

#### CARPETING

Jeremy Dantzer, a sales associate with F & N Floor Covering in Troy, says hardwood floors have shown the greatest increase in sales, but he also emphasizes carpeting is cost-effective.

"It's a matter of personal preference," he said.

One of Dantzer's best-selling carpets right now is frieze, a tightly twisted nylon yarn that wears well and maintains its shape. Though it's about 20 percent more expensive than other brands, it is excellent in high traffic areas.

Ed Barann, owner of Plymouth Floor Covering in Livonia, says he has seen a 15-percent increase in the sale of hardwood floors and area rugs in the past year. But he also notes that carpet is much more forgiving if you have small children and need a soft surface for landing.

Carpet is still an excellent value," he said.

And with good care, which includes regular vacuuming and professional cleaning every year, a carpet should last seven to 10 years.

Barann says that customers often look to carpet special spaces in something wild and daring, like animal prints, but generally, one neutral-colored carpet throughout the house will do. One color allows for lots of flexibility when it comes to redecorating.

Jack Baldner, manager of A.R. Kramer, with stores in Canton and Livonia, says that a popular choice for family rooms is Berber carpet.

There are many new patterns and colors, he said. He said that many people are choosing lighter colors because the technology of the fiber has made it easier to clean.

#### SPECIAL SPACES

For Easton of Woods of the World, designing special spaces is one of her company's mainstays.

At her 5,000-square-foot showroom on Lincoln in Birmingham, across from the ice arena, Easton can show you a sample selection of borders and inlays that she terms "floor art."

To make a living room more formal, we've used a herringbone design, she said.

When a customer came in with an antique to showcase, an area was created with wood to look like its own sitting area, with the wood inlaid to look like an area rug.

Woods of the World is an apt name for the company that literally gets its woods from all over the world. Amegra from Africa, White Ivory wood from South America and Rose River gum from Australia are just a few of the 125 varieties of its domestic and exotic woods.

Easton says she buys only from mills that pledge their product is from managed forests, not clear cutters. She says her most unique order was for African ebony, which sells by the pound.

Easton can do pretty much any kind of wood and any kind of design you want.

"A lot of times, people will mix different species around the hearth, or use a border around the room," she said. That's an easy way to tie a great room together.

Foster of Forest Floors says in addition to hardwoods, he's seeing wood flooring products come out faster than he can keep up.

"Engineered laminates,

unlike hardwood, are virtually impervious to stains and denting," he said.

And you can even get wood laminates that look like ceramic and exotic woods.

As far as cleanup, Foster's rule of thumb is, "If you wouldn't put it on your windows, don't put it on your wood floor." A mixture of vinegar and water rubbed out with a dry sock works best.

As far as cost, laminates can often cost more than hardwood, depending on the type of wood. While prices vary wildly based on product and installation costs, expect to pay anywhere between \$8 and \$20 a square foot.

#### AREA RUGS

The added option you have with hardwood floors is that you can add an area rug to soften up the space.

Ali Safaoui, owner of Value Carpet, which has stores in Detroit, Livonia, Eastpointe and Hazel Park, says area rugs are very popular with wood and ceramic floors.

"Area rugs are used to accessorize. When you change the color of a room, you can buy an area rug," he said.

And this fall there are many new designs, with prices ranging from \$200 for an 8-by-10 foot to \$3,000 and more for hand-crafted wool. Area rugs are also an excellent way to break up a great room into more intimate spaces.

Safaoui says that many of his customers come prepared to shop after having done their homework on the Internet.

"It does make it easier when they come prepared knowing what they want," he said.

Certainly with the wide selection of soft fiber carpets and the numerous ways to dress up a floor with wood, homeowners have plenty of options underfoot.

And it's only a question of time before the pendulum of floor fashion swings back to knee-deep shag. Be patient, or perhaps, be afraid.

#### SURFING FOR CARPET

The Internet is a great source to learn about floor covering.

■ Don't know the difference between a cut pile and level loop or a Saxony and Frieze? The Web site carpet.org features explanations of many types of cuts and fibers along with a guide to shopping for carpet choosing colors and removing stains.

■ Floorbiz.com is a portal to more than 50 carpet tile and wood flooring brands. It also features a product guide where you can search for

items such as cleaning and restoration equipment.

■ Floorfacts.com explains about fibers and manufacturer labels such as Wear-dated and Stainmaster. It also features virtual room designers and gives tips for choosing between a hardwood and laminate floor.

■ Carpetcave.com provides links to Mohawk, Shaw and Beaulieu of America brands, along with wood flooring and fiber manufacturers.

Other sites you can access directly include

■ Antron Dupont.com

■ Karastan.com

■ Millikencarpet.com

■ abbeycarpet.com

■ Mohawk-floorscopes.com

■ Stainmaster.com

■ The Carpet and Rug Institute Web site, carpet-rug.com, tells how to pick a professional cleaner and offers a guide for minimizing allergens.

■ The National Wood Flooring Association Web site is nwfa.org.

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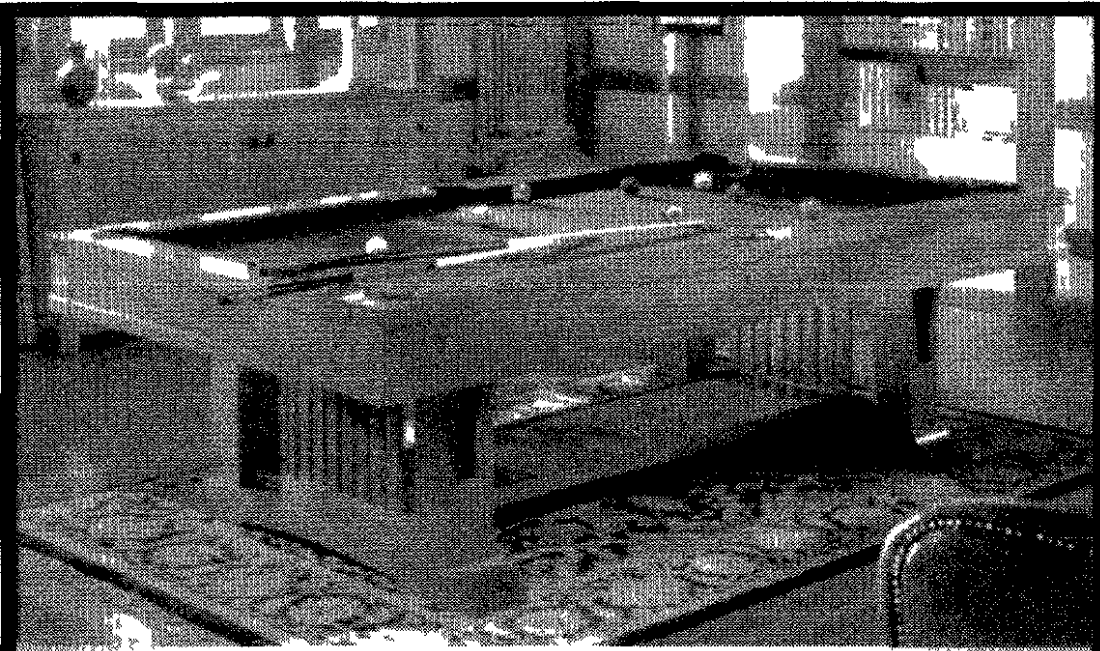
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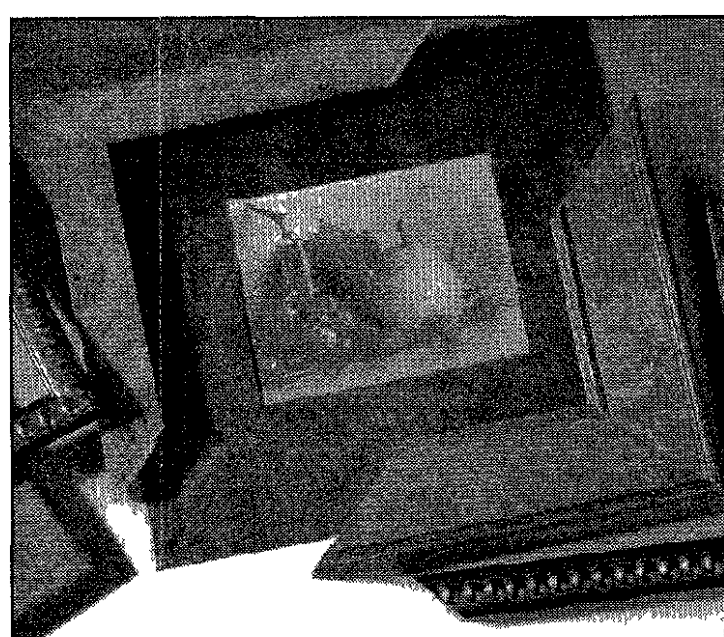
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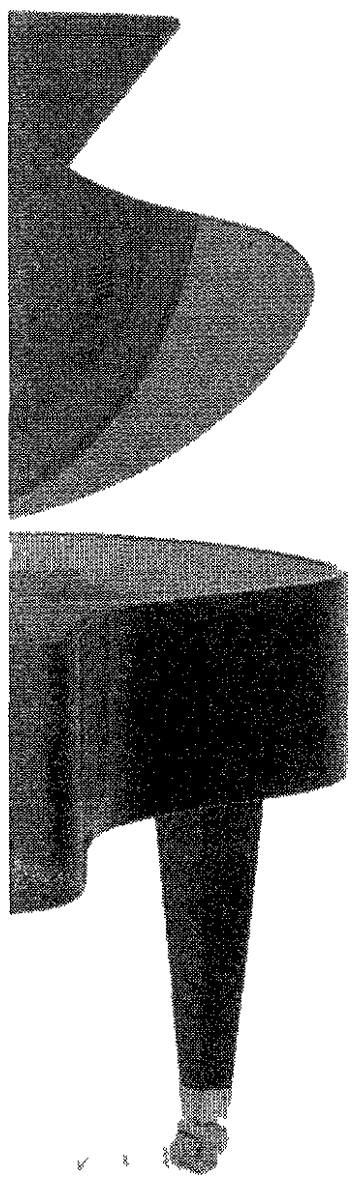


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The Bosendorfer 170 is priced \$79,180 at Evola Music, which has stores in Bloomfield Hills, Canton and Utica

## PIANO SHOPPING RESOURCES

Piano manufacturer Web sites enable consumers to obtain specific product information pre-shop and do comparison shopping at home. Some sites also contain general information about buying a piano. Here's a list of the major manufacturers' Web sites:

- Baldwin www.baldwinpiano.com
- Bosendorfer www.boesendorfer.com
- Estonia www.estoniapiano.com
- Kawai www.kawaius.com
- Mason & Hamlin www.masonhamlin.com
- Schimmel www.schimmel-piano.de/
- Steinway & Sons www.steinway.com
- Yamaha www.yamaha.co.jp/english/product/piano/home.html
- Weber www.weberpiano.com

The Piano Technicians Guild is another excellent resource for consumers. Its Web site contains a list of piano manufacturers (with direct links to corresponding Web sites). There's also a link to a list of written resources for piano buyers. If you're buying a used piano or would like an independent source for help in buying a new piano, you can hire a registered piano technician through the guild.

- The Web site is at www.ptg.org with a link to the Detroit-Windsor Chapter
- The local chapter can be contacted directly by calling (248) 524-4713

- For more information about Larry Fine's *The Piano Book* and consumer services, visit www.pianobook.com

## PIANOS

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fee-for-service links, a price guide for new pianos and a telephone consultation service.

"You're not going to know everything from reading Larry Fine, but you will perhaps have some questions to ask your salesperson to see how discerning they are," Bowen said.

To round out your basic education and determine what fits your budget, Bowen suggests exploring the Web sites of the major piano manufacturers.

The Web sites are a time-saver and give shoppers an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the major brands and their offerings.

If you plan to buy a used piano, consider Larry Fine's book required reading. Most important, don't buy a used piano without having a registered piano technician take a look first.

Technicians typically charge a fee based on their hourly rates, and the service is equivalent to an auto mechanic's check of a used car. Bowen charges \$70 and estimates the fee range to be \$60 to \$100.

"My opinion is that if you're buying a new piano you're probably not going to have a problem with the name brands," said Bowen. "It's quite a different ball game when you're buying a used piano versus new."

## SHOWROOM SHOPPING

Your education shouldn't end the day you step foot in a piano showroom.

Although piano retailers are in the business of selling, it's also their job to educate customers and guide them toward decisions that meet individual needs.

Reputable retailers make educating consumers integral to their services, said Bowen.

"When you go shopping for a piano, you can get confused by time," said Todd Brown, owner of Piano Nation, which has

stores in Ann Arbor and Novi with plans for a new location in north Oakland County.

So confusing is the process that Brown has created a written piano buyers guide with a list of all manufactured piano brands to hand out to shoppers.

The emphasis at Evola Music, which has stores in Bloomfield Hills, Canton and Utica, is taking the time to help customers find the right piano for their needs, said Rick Tkac, manager at the Bloomfield Hills store.

And take time you will. Tkac estimates the average Evola customer spends between three and six months before reaching a final purchase decision.

Rarely do people come into the store and say "That's a nice piano I'll take it," he said. "I've had customers that take up to a year and longer to learn about pianos, make a selection and a purchase."

More than anything Tkac and staff steer customers toward negotiating a balance of important factors, including piano use and finances.

## ESTIMATING USE

Assessing how you or your family plan to use a new piano is very important, said Tkac.

There are two ways that you approach the purchase of a piano, either as a short-term purchase or a long-term purchase.

For instance, many shoppers are looking for a new piano because a child is starting lessons. Since it's difficult to predict a child's future interest, a short-term, lower-cost purchase probably makes the most sense, said Tkac.

With today's "inexpensive" student piano costing \$3,000 to \$3,500, an appealing alternative for many parents is the digital piano. Touch-sensitive with the standard 88 notes, digital pianos cost \$1,500 to 3,000.

They also appeal to today's tech-savvy youngsters, said Tkac.

It's the computer piano of the new century. So in the face of all this state-of-the-art tech

nology, the child isn't bored with the piano."

## GRANDS AND QUALITY

Accomplished players, on the other hand, ought to be leaning toward making a long-term purchase - buying the best quality piano they can afford, said Tkac.

Grand pianos immediately come to mind when looking for quality in terms of materials, construction and tone.

"And, in general, the rule that grands are better in terms of quality is true," said Tkac.

However, quality is a relative term when looking at price.

For example, a Schimmel upright priced \$12,700 would cost about \$40,000 in a grand piano with equal tone quality, Tkac said. In general, grand pianos are about three-and-a-half times more expensive than verticals of the same quality, he said.

It's true grand pianos, which range in size from 5 feet for a baby grand to more than 9 feet for a concert grand, have unparalleled aesthetic appeal.

"That can be a pull," said Tkac.

And many shoppers are looking to buy a home accent, as well as an instrument.

"Aesthetically, it goes in their house," said Brown at Piano Nation. "These big houses that are going up all over the place, many have music rooms that need a piano."

And if you can't play a note and lack the desire to learn, you're not alone. One of the biggest sellers in the piano industry is the player piano, which unlike its counterpart from yesteryear operates unassisted on computer technology.

"It's a huge trend," said Brown. "Everybody wants one, but because of budget, not everybody gets one."

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## Design the living room for just that, living

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY  
CORRESPONDENT

Living rooms in the 60s and 70s were functional with a couch, coffee/end tables and television. Living rooms in the 80s and 90s were a tribute to luxurious fabrics, expensive artwork and beautifully crafted woodwork.

Today's living rooms are a fusion of function and aesthetics.

"People's lifestyles have changed," explained Christine Thurston, assistant General Manager of The Great Indoors of Novi. "People have bought into the whole electronics (market)."

Depending on one's budget, living rooms now may include everything from a big-screen television, complete with a DVD player, wall-to-wall stereo equipment, and a whole computer set-up featuring a scanner, laser disc burner and mini-cams. And while the electronics can be scaled down, experts agree that living rooms must be 1) inviting, 2) comfortable and 3) accessible.

"(Living) rooms are no longer a showplace," confirmed Dave Gorno, assistant manager and designer at Classic Interiors of Livonia. "When

people have friends over, they want people to be drawn into the room, not walk by it.

Durable fabrics are common in living rooms of 2002, especially if children live in the house. Mixed woods are also popular — an oak entertainment center, a maple end table, and a cherry coffee table in one room. Traditional style colors are warm, including burnt umber, lighter browns and darker greens.

According to Lynn Marie Smelser, an Ethan Allen designer in Livonia, "trends have been going to the traditional look since just before the millennium, at least in the Midwest market. People want the comfort of the past."

Accessibility is another key design element today. People want to 'live' in their living rooms, but they also want to conceal some things when company arrives. Newer entertainment centers and computer armoires allow families to hide things behind doors when not in use.

I have a client who is buying a big-screen TV but only wanted to see it when it was on, said Thurston. "We are designing a black screen that will allow him to watch television while it is on, but when it's off, it looks just

like a (decorative) black screen."

Gorno has a client who wanted baskets built into her living room design to accommodate quick pick-up of her child's toys when company arrived.

Living rooms today are designed to bring people together, both family and friends.

"Despite the belief that families are drifting, I get an awful lot of interest from people who want to invest in family time, said Thurston. She believes incorporating computers into the main living area is one solution.

"First, people can monitor what their kids are looking at on the Internet, but they can also be available to be a resource (of information) when the kids find something online," she said.

Sentiment is another feature of today's living room. Since all rooms need a focal point, or something that pulls a room together, many designers recommend a family heirloom.

"A lot of people have antiques that they want to incorporate, but they don't want it to look like their grandmother's house," Smelser said.

Planned placement of the antique, along with family photos, can bring warmth to the room.



Heckman is one of the many furniture lines you'll find at Classic Interiors Furniture in Livonia. This three-piece entertainment center with bookcases from Heckman's Cardigan Bay Collection features fluted columns with Georgian molding at top, and a hand-rubbed golden waxed finish.

## Anything goes with lighting styles

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY  
CORRESPONDENT

Traditional, retro or nouveau, anything goes in lighting as long as there is a lot of it.

"People are designing lighting space for their lifestyles," said Michelle Edmonds, buyer for Ray's Lighting Center in Troy. "This means lighting at different levels to make the room comfortable."

People need to incorporate overhead lighting, eye-level lighting, and lower-level lighting in every room possible.

According to Edmonds, how you accomplish the illuminating effect will differ in every house because everyone has different lifestyles and decorating preferences.

While Edmonds has noticed an increase in crystal chandelier sales and a huge comeback for wall sconces, Gerry Greene, owner of A Shady Business in Walled Lake, has sold a lot of stained glass lamps.

Greene attributes the high sales volume to the lamps' ability to add softness and ambiance to a room.

Recessed lighting is not soft, she said.

Around the corner in Novi however, Christine Thurston, assistant general manager for The Great Indoors, said her customers prefer fun lighting (retro) or the edgy design of light-colored metal lamps.

There's a huge demand for contemporary lighting. They're smaller,

sleeker, made of chrome and glass," she said.

Pewter and nickel lamps are also popular.

### A NEW LOOK

Just as everyone has a preference in light sources, people also have preferences for shades and finials (the knob holding the shade to the lamp,) according to Greene.

"Just putting on a new shade or finial can upgrade a room," she said.

It can also be less costly than buying a new light fixture.

Many cost-conscious shoppers are trading in their black chandelier shades for cream or white shades. Likewise, they are replacing the stan-

dard circular floor and table lamp shades for squares, hexagons and pagodas.

It used to be that manufacturers would just plunk the same shade on every lamp, but now they are thinking the design out more, said Greene.

### CONTROLLING THE LIGHT

One aspect influencing shade design is the amount of light passing through the shade to the ceiling.

"It's all about controlling the light, breaking up the dimension of the room," said Edmonds.

For instance, living rooms may use indirect lighting in coves designed by the builder or in shelving to create ambiance. A torchiere lamp in the

same room provides general illumination and a very different mood.

At the same time, recessed lighting in that same living room will draw attention to wherever the light is focused — such as on a piece of art, a fireplace or a special piece of furniture.

Each light source serves a separate function, and can be used individually or in conjunction.

New light switches have even been designed to accommodate this new three-tier light system.

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The trend represents casual lifestyles lighting, said Edmonds.

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## Resale shops offer bargains, benefits

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

The lure of great finds at "less expensive prices" is enough of a lure for Angela Wallace of Waterford to visit consignment shops at least once a week.

She finds things for her home, children and friends. Her most prized find at Recherche Fine Consignment Furniture in Waterford was a TV cabinet.

When you go to consignment shops, she said, you can't get disappointed if you don't find what you're looking for the first time.

"Eventually you will find what you're looking for," she said.

Consignment shops and estate sales are for avid shoppers who like surprises and getting deals well below retail value.

"We tend to specialize in higher-end things for the most part," said Dana Demski, owner of Recherche.

He sells furniture, art work and home accessories focusing on designer brands, such as Drexel Heritage, Thomasville and Baker, as well as custom made furniture in like-new condition.

Shoppers never know what they might bump into on a given day, like a 1920s antique cabinet or a wooden medicine



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Dana Demski (right), owner of Recherche Fine Consignment Furniture in Waterford, talks to a customer

man complete with clothes from Kenya.

"People are looking for good deals on good things," Demski said. "A person could come to the store and get it for half for what it might sell for new. People who like to shop like the store because we get new and different things all the time."

Demski advises, however, that shoppers should know the value of items before they start visiting resale and consign-

ment shops. Those are the shoppers who find antiques at bargain prices, he said.

Demski gets his stock from people who want to sell furniture and accessories, but they don't want the hassle of dealing with customers and opening their homes up to the public.

Oftentimes, Demski said, they're trying to downsize, they're moving, they're going through a divorce, or maybe there's a death in the family.

Sometimes they simply want to make room for new decor and instead of giving away their things, they decide to try to make some money.

The seller gets a percentage of the sales at Recherche. Recherche picks up items from the seller's home and delivers them to the buyer's house.

"I don't just take anything," Demski said. "I'm pretty picky. My rule of thumb is that if I wouldn't be proud of it being in my home, I don't want it to be in my store. People coming to shop know they're only going to find nice items."

### DOING GOOD

Other resale shops are profitable vehicles for fund-raisers, such as the American Cancer Society Discovery Shops in Livonia, Plymouth, Rochester, and Sterling Heights. A new Discovery Shop is expected to open in Birmingham in late October.

"People generally feel good when they buy something here," said Brenda Deneau, manager. They're doing something good.

Owned and operated by the American Cancer Society, the store is staffed with more than 50 volunteers. Merchandise includes furniture for the entire home, women's and men's wear, antiques and accessories, from pictures to lamps and mirrors. "It really is pretty unique," Deneau said.

The items that are sold have been donated, which raises nearly \$200,000 annually in gross sales at the Livonia store alone. The money raised goes toward cancer research, education, prevention programs, services and advocacy work.

Donations are accepted daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday at all the Discovery Shop locations.

Cancer survivors, their family members and friends often

## Surprises as well as savings in store

DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

There's something intriguing about never knowing what you're going to find when you go to consignment shops.

Maybe it's the chair for the foyer you've always hoped to get. Or the solid desk for the den. There's even a chance you won't find anything you like.

But if there wasn't a chance for failure, the big finds wouldn't be as sweet.

"You never know what's coming in," said Ken Barthelette, owner of Yankee Consignment Inc. in Farmington. "It's always a surprise every day."

The Farmington store offers up-to-date furniture in very good to excellent condition, as well as antiques and accessories.

At Re-Sell-It Estate Sales in Farmington, Haig and Florence Jevahirian split the sale price 50-50 with sellers.

"We take art and furniture of all kinds for any room at all," Jevahirian said, pointing to bedroom sets that he said might not fit in other, smaller consignment shops.

A lot of people might not understand that the quality of furniture is much higher than they would find at most discount retail stores, Jevahirian said about the things he sells.

The \$400 sofa here might have been a \$2,000 sofa, said Jevahirian, a certified appraiser who also conducts on-site estate sales.

"An \$8,000 dining room set could be \$2,000 to \$3,000 in our showroom and virtually in excellent condition."

If the item is dated - for instance, crying of the 1970s with greens, golds and rusts - it won't be accepted at Yankee Consignment, Barthelette said.

"We take pianos, sofas, chairs, love sets, bedroom sets, and most anything that goes with the home, like lamps, pictures, mirrors and chima," Barthelette said.

Customers come from all over the metropolitan Detroit area to both shops and some make it a weekly ritual.

"They're looking for something unusual or something that they might need," Barthelette said.

The person who is selling the item foregoes the hassle of dealing with people and not knowing who they're bringing to their front door.

"The headache is gone," Barthelette said. "They don't have to worry about phone calls and people who say they're going to show up and don't. Or the wrong person coming to the door."

Re-Sell-It Estate Sales and Yankee Consignment have trucks and employees who pick up and deliver furniture. One of the most unusual items Barthelette said he had was a large picture of local television celebrities John Kelly and Marilyn Turner.

There was a beautiful frame that it was in, he said. Some customers mistakenly believe they're walking into a retail store that sells new items when they're at Re-Sell-It Estate Sales, Jevahirian said.

"We take in better furniture from an upscale clientele, he said.

hear about the shops from one another.

"Most of the time that's how people find their way here," Deneau said. "Half of the volunteers are cancer survivors and the other half have had someone go through the cancer ordeal. There's a lot of empathy here for those people."

### ESTATE SALES

After visiting the consignment and resale shops, some bargain hunters make it a weekend ritual to attend as many estate sales as possible.

It's the ultimate treat for the curious-minded who are invited to meander from room to room and are encouraged to open drawers and look into closets.

Everything in the house is for sale - from dining room

sets, to patio furniture, to antiques and refrigerators to wedding dresses, jewelry and even the smallest items, like hand cream.

"Sometimes people find things that I don't even find," said Elly Barnett, owner of Funder's Keepers in Farmington Hills.

"They dig them out," she said. "People like to dig into boxes and find their own little treasures."

The prices range from 25 cents to thousands of dollars.

"Sometimes it's sad, because you get intimate with the person you're doing the sale for," Barnett said. "They're not there, but you feel close to them. Some people travel all over the world and that's what's left in the end."

"There's something for everyone," Barnett said.

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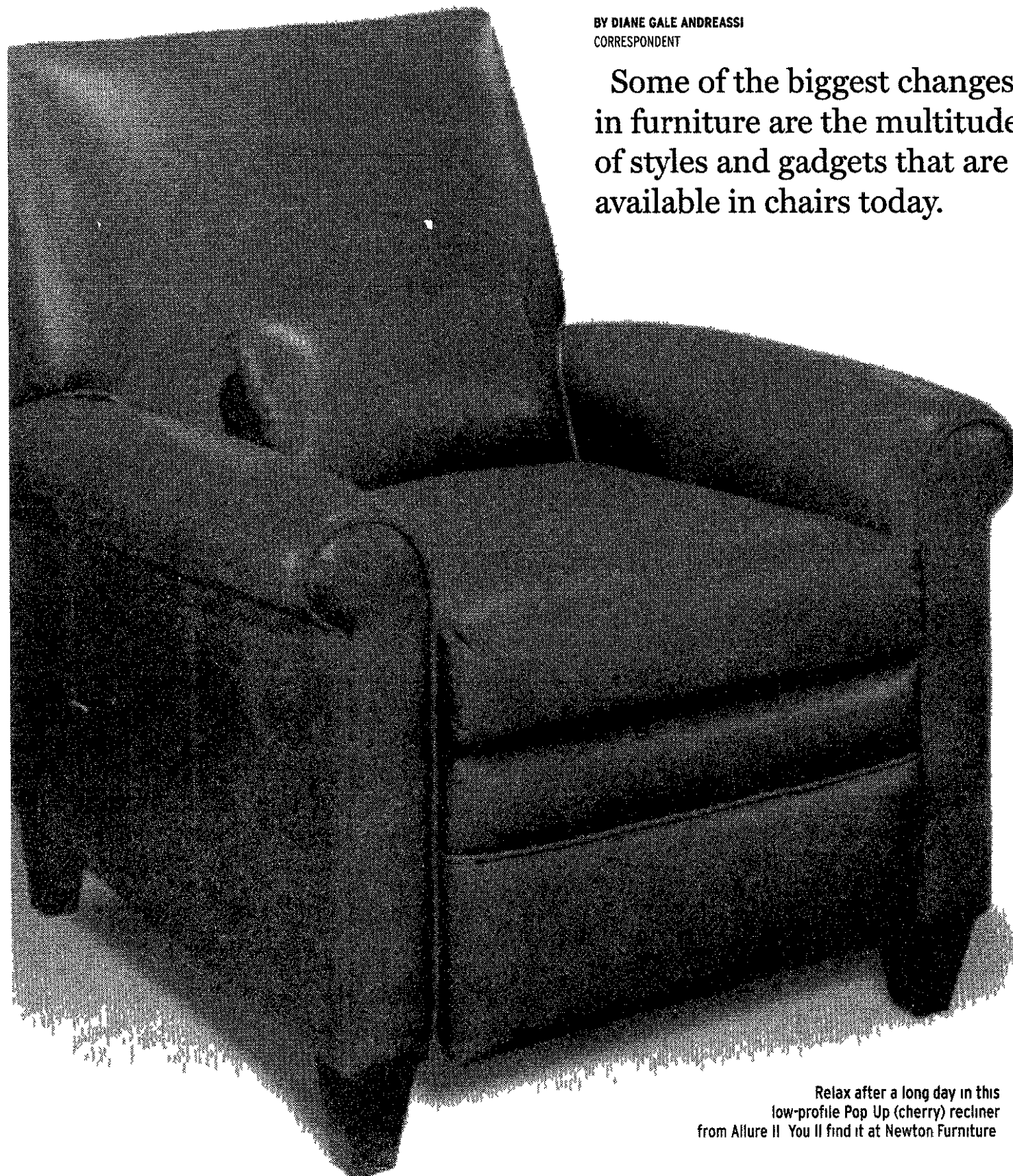
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## Chair styles reflect change in furniture



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Some of the biggest changes in furniture are the multitude of styles and gadgets that are available in chairs today.

Homeowners can bring an island resort inside their homes with the right kind of furniture

"We're trying to get a room indoors that looks like outdoors," said Seamus Cassidy, general manager of Jimmies At Home

The stores in Livonia, downtown Birmingham, Novi and Shelby Township are offering customers a taste of island life

Seagrass chairs with mahogany frames, as well as wicker and rattan chairs dominate the showrooms Adding formal fabric marries the casual with the formal

"It's a real laid-back look with beautiful styling," Cassidy said "When you put these in the house it looks like you're going on vacation It's more relaxed and more exciting

Every chair looks like a piece of art It's a chair that you want to find a place for in your home"

While noting that the store also offers some traditional chairs, Cassidy said most customers are looking for something different

"They have seen those chairs before," he said "They want something that their father and mother didn't have They want a new look They want to relax"

Noreen Desilets, a designer who works with Laurel Furniture in Plymouth, likes to add chairs to rooms as accent pieces

"There's much more variety in chairs today and there's a lot of nice side chairs with a greater choice of fabrics," she said

She uses chairs as conversation pieces in foyers, off to the side of a room and just about anywhere at all in a home

"It's nice to use them as a complement in the room," she said

"Things are much more eclectic in mixing wood grains and styles In a lot of the bigger

homes you can create a separate seating area using accent chairs behind the main seating area"

### REDEFINED

Even the traditional chairs, like the recliner, have been redefined

"La-Z-Boy has attempted to make inroads to attract a new client that has not been in the recliner market," said Nancy Christiansen, merchandise/marketing manager of La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries with stores in Canton, Novi, Ann Arbor, Taylor, Warren and Sterling Heights A new store is scheduled to open by the end of October in Auburn Hills

The large recliner of the past is still popular, but new choices are coming out to fit smaller, female comfort needs, too

They're made trimmer and more fashionable, coming in lots of styles and fabrics with exposed wood and bent arms

Geared toward the affluent, female audience, the updated design has been nicknamed "the new generation recliner," Christiansen said

"But, that's not to suggest that the male consumer won't find these chairs equally comfortable or attractive," she said

"We haven't walked away from the tried and true recliner We've just gone in another direction to make a more recliner-friendly chair for the female consumer"

### FIT

Everyone needs a fitted chair, the same way you require a shoe in the right size, said Bill Wolf, chief operating officer of Newton Furniture in Livonia, Bloomfield Hills, Novi and Utica

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## CHAIRS

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ent sizes, Wolf said. "Some like a small chair, some like a narrow chair. Some like it so you can get in and out of the chair. You get them custom-ordered to fit the size of the person."

Recliners are also available packed with gizmos, like storage arms with compartments that can hold anything from videos to remote controls and tissue paper.

Other high-tech options include telephone and computer jacks to allow the truly connected person to work and play on their computers without leaving their recliner.

For the comfort-minded,

powered chairs have heat and massage.

"The point is that while we don't want to do anything to hurt or limit our brand name, we are making every effort to break out of that old perception," Christiansen said. "Just because you have a recliner you don't have to sacrifice style and fashion."

### RECLINERS, ROCKERS

Manual recliners are by far the top selling chairs, according to Matt Tomlinson, salesperson with William C. Franks Furniture in Wayne.

Recliners provide the comfort of a chair and ottoman, but don't take up the same space when the person isn't sitting.

"The industry right now is in home theaters, family rooms



Monaco, one of the designs in the Omnia leather recliner collection, is available at Newton Furniture.

and great rooms and the recliner fits the bill - whether you're watching television or entertaining," Tomlinson said. "More and more people are staying home versus going out and they like to be comfortable."

Glide rockers, which sit on tracks at the base, are giving rocking chair enthusiasts an option from the traditional up and down motion.

"It's more comfortable than a regular rocker," Tomlinson said. "Once you get it going you don't have to keep it going. It's a gentle rocking motion."

Look for the accompanying ottoman glider to match, Wolf said. It allows for coordinated swinging for the feet and body.

### COMFORT

Chairs, like most furniture, are coming in smaller sizes, not only to accommodate the size of the person, but to fit small sitting rooms.

"They're reducing the size of chairs, but they're making them just as comfortable," Wolf said. "A lot of times people were ordering these big heavy sofas that didn't fit through the front door. Sectionals are more and more popular."

Chairs to fit special needs are available, too, Tomlinson said. People who need a little extra help getting in and out of their chairs, can buy lift chairs that can be raised to help the person ease down. It can be lowered, too, to make it easier getting out.

"It helps, especially older folks, lift themselves out of it and when they return to sit on it they can lean on it and it lowers them into the chair," Tomlinson said.

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"It's almost like what a chiropractor has," he said.

Comfort is key, Wolf said. "A lot of times women of different heights will sit in a chair and their feet won't meet the ground," Wolf said.

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Rich colors and textures, like on the fabric shown here on the St. Germain sofa from Ethan Allen, are very popular. One prominent upholstery trend is toward furniture that looks acquired, not new. The loose pillow back gives this sofa a "relaxed look."

## Rich hues, textures among upholstery trends

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY  
CORRESPONDENT

Fashion trends come and go with the spring and fall lines. Upholstery trends typically don't move as fast as those of the fashion industry, but the two have something in common with each other. They both cycle back to what's old is new.

"The Old World look - a combination of French and English styles - is very popular right now," said Carol Krynski, interior designer Ethan Allen in Birmingham. One prominent upholstery trend is toward furniture that looks

acquired, not new.

Rich colors and textures, including damask and tapestry, that are typically conceived as very elegant, are being utilized in much more casual looks.

Chemille fabric is a definite favorite, offering comfortable elegance without sacrificing durability.

It adds to the Old World, vintage trend in fabrics and furniture, said Dave Buzenberg, co-owner and president, Walker Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth. "It's a look of antiquity where distressed pieces reflect people's more casual lifestyles of today

Many of today's upholstery colors were in vogue 10 years ago. Reds and greens are making a comeback.

"Green isn't avocado," said Krynski. "It's sage. Greens now have more yellow, not blue. Celadon is a nice color."

"Earth tones are peaking," said Buzenberg. "We're seeing more reds - orange and paprika all the way to burgundy. Blue is an upcoming color, but still not prominent. Sage greens, beiges and browns are all popular earth tones."

"This fall, we're featuring a collection that consists of a mix of fabrics," said Buzenberg. "Six fabrics, one on tone

damasks mixed with chenilles and florals - are featured in various patterns on the sofa, down cushions and throw pillows. The pieces are fringed and trimmed differently to highlight the variations. The collection has an Old World antique look that's very comfortable."

Buzenberg says that hip, contemporary, slipcover sofas in wicker rattan with an Asian influence are becoming more prevalent. Consumers are choosing an eclectic mix of pieces with off-white and black fabrics.

Stiffer, more traditional looks in shimmer fabrics are in less demand. However,

Krynski says that there will always be clients searching for this more formal look.

"We're also seeing fewer customers looking for large floral patterns," Krynski said. "I use them in window treatments and accents - not in large pieces of upholstery."

Trends come and go, but classic design sticks around. Krynski advises consumers to be current. Good design is good design.

Animal prints came and went. In most cases, I used them sparingly in pillows and accents instead of upholstering an entire piece of furniture. Upholstery colors and fab-

rics are long-term decisions. Consumers are more careful in their selections than they are with the purchase of a black dress or a classic suit.

"A furniture purchase is a five- to 10-year decision," said Buzenberg.

Consumers have to like what they buy because, unlike the article of clothing they grow tired of, they simply can't put it in the back of the closet.

"You can change the jewelry, but the black dress stays," said Krynski. Six months from now you might not want to wear the same jewelry to a party.

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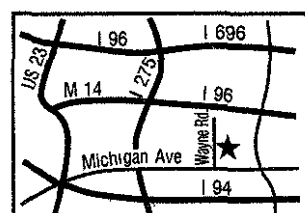
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## Sink into the security of a sofa

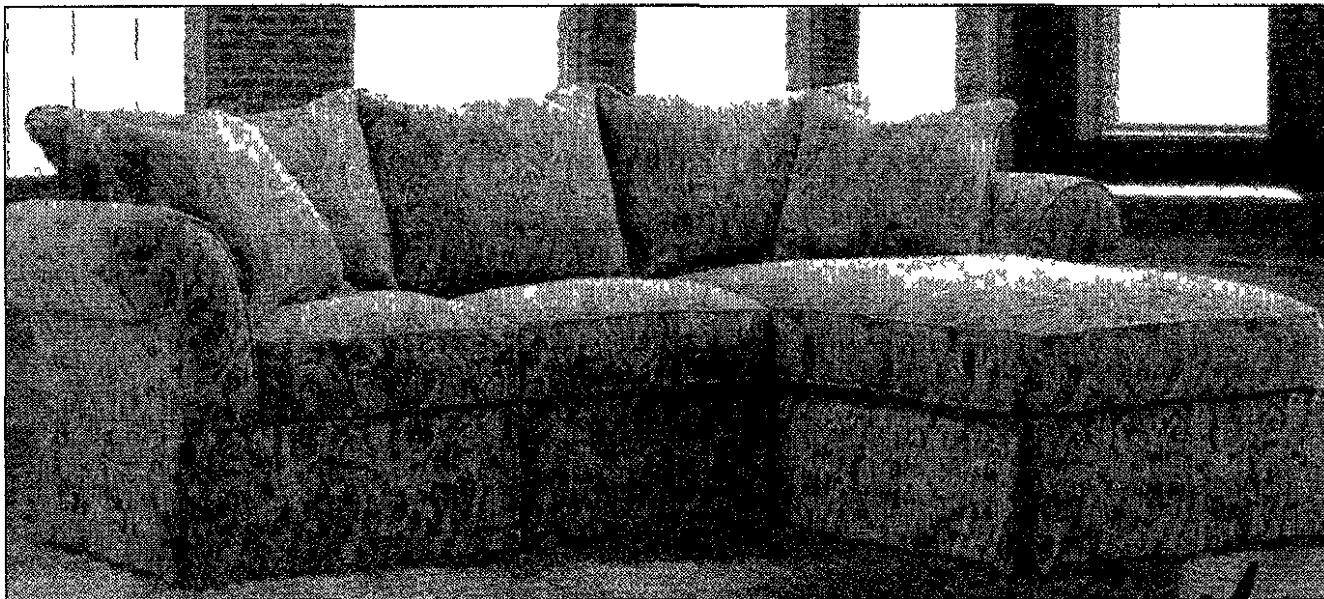
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With the unsettling rainbow of warnings that alert us daily to our unsafe world, Americans are staying home more with family. Home brings warm predictability, and sprucing up the nest seems a natural way to seek order and security.

No piece of furniture speaks more to comfort and reassurance than the trusty sofa. And when it's time to re-outfit the living room, family room or great room, the sofa is a great place to start.

Once relegated to the front parlor, perhaps even sheltered in plastic, the sofa is no longer unapproachable. In unpredictable times, the sofa is consistently ready to embrace.

But where do you begin? Between fabric, style and frame, a near infinite number of sofa samples exists.



This left arm sofa with chaise by Bernhardt is perfect for any great room. It's stylish and comfortable, yet durable. You'll find it, along with other furnishings to fit your lifestyle, at Walker Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth.

### LIFESTYLE

"You need to choose a sofa that will fit your lifestyle," said Lasa Wolfe, an interior designer with Walker Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth.

Do you have children? Pets? Messy significant others? That will determine how durable a fabric you will need.

How would you characterize your decor? A shabby chic couch will look like an unkempt bed in a more traditional room.

What about color? A sofa that's well-cared for should last at least 10 years, so choose a color you not only like now, but that you'll like a decade from now.

According to Pat Roubie, an interior designer and regional trainer for Ethan Allen, one common mistake that people make when looking for a sofa is to say that they want a certain style.

"They might say they want shabby chic for the comfort, but don't like the wetting and wrinkled effect," she said. In that case, a sofa with crisper and cleaner lines might better suit their style.

Many furniture stores, including Ethan Allen, offer a service where a designer will assess your needs and your home's decor and make suggestions. Oftentimes this service is free

or the fee is subtracted if you buy a sofa.

Kevin Konat, owner of Classic Interiors in Livonia, says the first thing he recommends is that the sofa be comfortable for everyone who will be using it. Then, think about fabric.

"It amazes me that some people spend one to three years to find the style and fabric they want. They're depriving themselves of something because of an exact idea," he said.

But with more than 10,000 fabrics to choose from at his store alone, it's only the most finicky customer who wouldn't find a sofa to please.

### SIZE, FABRIC

Size is another consideration — especially since sofas, like fast food, have supersized over the years.

Jean Kim, owner of Up Country in Birmingham, says that a full-size sofa is 90 inches, which is a great size in a great room. But if your living space is a bit more diminutive, then, she says, a condo sofa is a good option. It still seats three, but is 80 inches in length.

Kim says regular vacuuming is key to a sofa's longevity, and of course, choosing a durable fabric from the start.

A very pet friendly and child friendly fabric is Sensuede. It is also

the most expensive, but it's very durable," she said.

A fabric trend that has been receiving more attention lately is upholstery combos, which entails using different fabrics for different sections of the sofa, or using reversible cushions.

Seamus Cassidy, general manager of Jimmie's At Home, which has stores in Birmingham, Novi, Livonia and Shelby Township, says that there's a casual elegance involved in mixing fabrics. Jimmie's At Home sells many designer lines, including Jessica McClintock and Tommy Bahama.

With the McClintock sofas, the customer chooses from 11,000 fabrics to coordinate five fabrics on one sofa. The base is one color, back pillows another, accent pillows yet another fabric, and so forth.

"They all coordinate, and these are overstuffed. When you sit on them, they swallow you up," said Cassidy.

### STYLE, PRICE

One trend that Cassidy has also been noticing is the desire to bring the outdoors inside. His store also carries couches that have a tropical wood frame with wicker and tapestry, which customers often mix with weathered black or white tables.

"People never want to be too far from the outdoors," he said. "So we have glass and stone table tops and other natural elements."

At Walker Buzenberg, Wolfe says that most customers choose a solid pattern for a sofa, and jazz it up with pillows and perhaps a patterned chair.

"On an odd occasion we'll get an order for an orange sofa, and that's a lot of fun to take that order," said Up Country's Kim.

But she also says her most popular colors are sage, taupe and gray.

"It's a lot easier to change a wall color than a sofa," she said.

While neutrals and greens are popular, Wolfe says she's seeing more reds and has even noticed a resurgence of blue. In homes with open plans and great rooms, the key is to have colors that correspond and correlate.

"You want your rooms to flow," Wolfe said.

Ethan Allen's Roubie says that it's not just fabric, people also look for texture. And she's not surprised that customers often end up choosing leather.

"Leather holds up well, but natural leather does show bites, range marks and barbed wire scratches," she said. "Corrected leather shows less of these characteristics. Brushed leather is

wonderful, but it has a nape to it and pet hair will adhere to it."

Leather is also typically a good choice if allergies are a concern.

"Make sure stuffing is man-made and not cotton," said Roubie. "Man-made fabrics are more hypoallergenic and less likely to absorb moisture and create mold."

At Classic Interiors, Konat says that leather is "very in."

"Families buy it because it outlasts other fabrics 20 to one," he said.

And price-wise, the same size leather sofa will typically cost less than twice the price of fabric. If a fabric sofa costs \$1,300, its leather counterpart would be close to \$2,000.

Though sofas obviously have a wide price range depending on make, style, fabric and frame, an average sofa will run about \$2,000.

While there are stores that sell floor models for the customer who need it yesterday, most furniture stores encourage the customer to choose the exact colors and style they want. A typical wait once the order is placed is from six to 10 weeks.

But before you get overwhelmed by choices, do your homework. Do you like a traditional look? Then a sofa with a pleated skirt, an attached back and a rolled arm will probably suit you.

A style popular with the age 25 to 35 crowd is the transitional style. It's not quite contemporary, but more hip than traditional. A sofa in this genre would have no skirt, perhaps show a tapered leg, have a squared-off back and have a flat arm.

Contemporary style is very free-form, is void of pillows for the most part, often has ultra-colorful fabrics, and may mix steel on the legs.

And if you're just not sure what you want, don't be afraid to ask.

Many designers are so familiar with the areas they serve that they know the layouts of houses in subdivisions. They know how to ask the right questions about room size, and, more importantly, can help guide you to the sofa that's right for you.

And when you sink into your new sofa after a long, hard day on the planet Earth, whether it has flat arms, rolled arms or sleek contours may not matter. What does count is that those arms will always be ready to unfold you with a big embrace.

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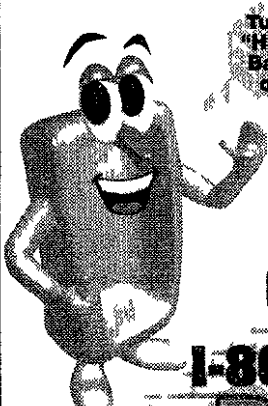
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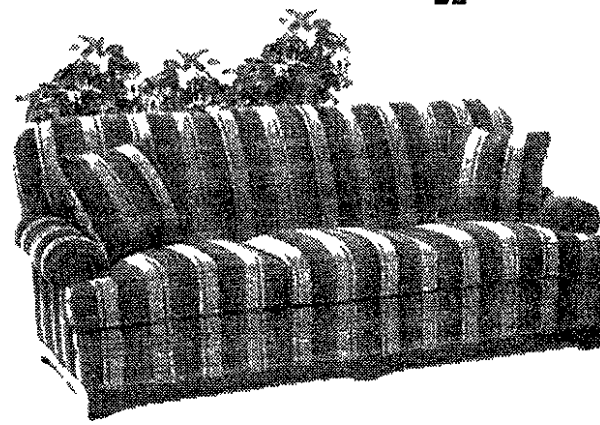
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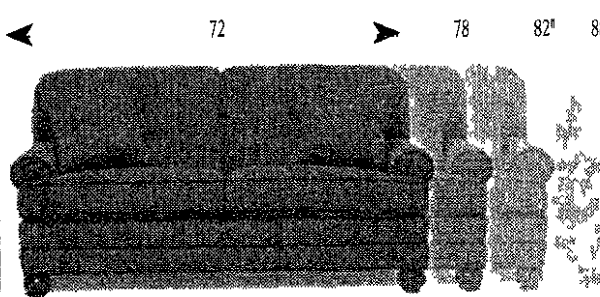
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